



Report for the [Rotary Club Dobož](#) for the year 2019/20

Already at the start of the pandemics we halted organizing regular meetings. Activities related to the work of the Club were reduced to a minimum. In the beginning we cancelled all activities planned for the month of March, and afterwards we cancelled all activities until further notice, i.e. until the end of the pandemics. We were in contact via phone and viber group, and later in the month of April we started holding online meetings via Zoom. In the beginning meetings were scarce, but already by the end of April we had regular online meetings.

Simultaneously we established online communication (ZOOM i JITS!) and have participated in several conferences - meetings with friendly clubs abroad. We held several meetings with RC Hassfurt (District 1950), several group meetings with association (RC Zagorje Kum District 1912, RC Zrenjanin District 2483, RC Ulcinj District 2483, RC Brčko District 1910), and several conferences organized by clubs from Serbia (RC Čukarica Beograd, RC Pančevo, District 2483).

Currently we are still holding online meetings, and the first meeting in person is planned for 15th of June, pending the epidemiologic situation.

We planned series of activities for this period. We planned visit of membership educator, Mr. Bulat Marijan from Croatia for the end of March, and for April we planned an eco-action of cleaning of all bus stops and mini landfills along the M-17 highway in our municipality, followed with media coverage of our idea of ecology and environment. We planned to visit numerous events in other clubs for March, April and May, a delegation to visit the District Conference in June was formed. At the end of May, specifically the 30th of May, we planned to organize our 16th Anniversary, [Charter Celebration](#), where we awaited your visit as well. All of these events have been cancelled because of COVID-19 pandemics.

In this time period we completed and reimbursed all previously taken obligations and participations in humanitarian actions of other clubs we are in friendly relationships with, with obligation to finance our obligations until the end of the year. Clubs mentioned are: RC Pančevo (District 2483) with an event „Bike for babies“ aiming to procure a mobile incubator for the hospital in Pančevo; RC Stari grad Beograd (District 2483) and their action of procuring anesthesiological device for „Institut za majku i dete- hirurško odeljenje (Institute for mother and child - surgery department)“ in Belgrade.

As for events related to COVID-19 pandemics we didn't have any large events. We intended to submit for grant funds with our District, but after discussing it with our Dijana Bajrović, we were not able to financially participate and have not fully developed the idea and therefore we decided to give up. Several of our members who own small businesses have donated funds to our local community, municipality, to a fund established for COVID-19 pandemic response, some members made promotional materials and printings related to healthcare facilities free of charge, my colleague Dr Siniša Đuričić and myself have been fully working in the hospital without a single day of break. Most members of the club volunteered in their communities and contributed to relieving the situation in their own ways. Previously, within the event of „Leteći doktor (Flying doctor)“, using grant funds of the District and our own funds, we donated an emergency vehicle to the hospital with the most advanced mobile ventilator which is still being actively used in the hospital. PPE, as important as they are, were very hard to procure at the start of the pandemics, and given our situation we were unable to procure them. Later, when procuring PPE became a little bit easier, the need for it didn't stay as dire as it did before. At the moment we are considering procuring thermal cameras for facilities in our city that could be used in the future, and this could become one of our next big projects.

When we talk about the first half of the year and pre-Coronavirus times, we have done quite a number of events.

1. July 2019 - we sent five (5) children to Youth Rotary Camp Mojca in Slovenia.
2. August 2019 - we sent two (2) young tennis players to tennis camp in St.Pölten, Austria.
3. During International Handball Tournament in Doboj, the biggest sport event in our community, we organized a friendly visit with players and management of handball club "Eurofarm Bitola" from Northern Macedonia, in an attempt to collect funds and sports memorabilia for a charity raffle on our charter celebration.
4. We were hosts for a few days to a boy Rayan Walker from US, who was visiting RC Banja Luka Glorija, so he stayed with us for three days, where we accommodated him. He also participated in our meetings and all events.
5. November 2019 - we organized a [concert](#) of the Cultural and Art Society "Krnjin", as a fundraiser to replenish costumes for folklore groups and new choreographies for our cultural and art society.
6. We completed fundraising for the event "Bunar-Afrika" (**BRIFA**) and forwarded the funds to our District.
7. December 2019 - Together with our friends from [RC Hassfurt](#) (District 1950) we raised funds for procuring new year's candy bags for members of Foundation for children with disabilities.
8. also December 2019 - completion of a joint event with RC Hassfurt, a donation of school furniture from Germany. We jointly provided, transported and delivered school furniture (50 school desks and 100 chairs) and textbooks (about five hundred books in German language) for Elementary School „ Vuk Stefanović Karadžić“ Doboj-department in the village of Kostajnica. The event was covered in the media appropriately.
9. February 2020 - As an event for [Rotary Day, 23rd of February](#), we organized a tour of the delivery room and provided gift bags for mothers and their newborns, there were three newborns on 23rd of February.

In the first half of the year we worked a lot on reorganizing the club, new Statute of the club has been adopted, we made changes to formats of meetings, we improved the work of several committees. We selected a candidate for a new member, who has completed needed club residency, and he will be accepted as a member. We lost several members of the club, one of them went to another club, some of them left the club on their own, and one member had their membership removed.

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