

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL



Heinz O. Schwarzl
Governor 2013/2014
District 1910

30. June 2014

11th and 12th Governor's Letter

Dear Friends

The end is not far off!

Besides the visits to all Rotary Clubs I tried to attend several other Rotarian events, as for example the PETS/SET in Seggauberg and in Mostar, Presidential conferences which took place in all regions, the seminars dealing with our avenues of service which were organised by our District representatives, and many more.

As I am a member of a rural Club, far away from the capital, I was amazed by the wide range of different **projects**, as for example

- the fundraising project „Pediatric Heart Surgery Sarajevo“ of RC Perchtoldsdorf
- the integration project „ VS Haebergasse“ of the Rotary Clubs Wien, Wien- Stadtpark und RC Wien-Süd
- the project „Kinderhände“ of the Clubs RC Wien-Nordost, Wien-West und Wien-Hietzing
- the Global Grant „Mammography for BiH“ of DGNN Joerg Nairz
- and many more ...

In September, we were invited to a talk show - **Hangar 7** in Salzburg. We discussed the development of children and youngsters and the TV station Servus TV broadcasted live the show.

At the outset of my mandate I had the great pleasure to welcome 33 new friends. That was on the occasion of the Charter of RC **Gleisdorf**.

We did an excellent job regarding our **Youth Service**. We have achieved the charter of the following Clubs:

- IAC Graz,
- IAC Donautal,
- IAC Lukavac,
- RAC Lukavac,
- RAC Tulln-Krems

Very special thanks are due to our friends Juergen Menedetter and Laurenz Maresch.

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I attended three **Charter jubilees**:

- 10 years Charter of RC Sarajevo International Delta,
- 15 years Charter of RC Wien Graben,
- 60 years Charter of RC Spittal/Drau

10 days ago, the president of RAC Graz gave me a call informing me that the Rotaract Club collected 12.000 € in form of food plus 5.000 € in cash. The fundraising action is part of our **flood relieve efforts** for BiH. A fantastic result from our young friends!

The ongoing **catastrophic floods** in BiH were a huge challenge for our District and the Governor. After receiving the first emergency calls from the Clubs RC Banja Luka and RC Sarajevo the District succeeded within a couple of days, only, to deliver 5 tons of baby food, nappies and water.

In parallel we initiated a District-wide call for donations. Up till now we received 135.000 €. We would like to express our appreciation and gratitude to all donators.

It should be mentioned, however, that, in the past Rotarian year we had further, very successful fundraising campaigns. Among other things we could collect over 150.000 € for the ShelterBoxes which were sent to the Philippines. More than 100.000 € were collected for the flood victims in Lower Austria and Styria. Recently, the pastor from Trieben sent a letter of thanks to Gerhard Hellman. Thank you to all of our donors and of cause, thank you to our project coordinators Armin Fiedler and Fritz Lošek.

The Governor's visits to foreign countries:

Towards the end of the Rotarian year your Governor attended the following Rotarian event:

- District conference in Hungary
- District conference in Slovenia
- RI Convention in Sydney
- „Rotary cycling“ in Frankfurt
- Rotary Institute in Israel

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District conference:

It can be rightly affirmed that, our District conference which took place last weekend was an outstanding success. The conference was a colourful event providing a friendly and informal atmosphere.

A significant contribution to the success were

- over 80 Interacter and Rotaracter from BiH
- over 40 exchange students
- various music groups
- guest from our neighbouring Districts
- and many more.

Particular thanks are due to our REP, PDG Heimo Nummela, our keynote speaker Dr. Rabl-Stadler, Presidents of the Salzburg Festival and High Representative Valentin Inzko who received a cheque in the amount of 120.000 € symbolising our flood relief efforts in BiH.

Thank you:

At the end of my Rotarian year I would not want to let this opportunity go by without expressing my gratitude and appreciation to my team. Only within the team it was possible to manage all activities we had to observe in the District.

Thank you very much, my dear friends!

Thanks to all of you for your projects, the teamwork, and your willingness to donate. Thank you also for your understanding and merciful attitude, even if the Governor hasn't met your expectations a hundred percent.

It now only remains for me to wish my successor, Wolfgang Stalzer, every success for the future!

It was a wonderful year with all of you! I will miss you!

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Heinz Schwarzl".

Governor Heinz Schwarzl