



Erster Brief des Governors Gerhard Hellmann Juli 2015



Dear Friends in Rotary!

Many of you probably enjoy the long awaited and well-deserved holiday. My first Governor's Letter shall hopefully – wherever you are – brighten your day. True to the motto: „Be a gift to the world“.

Nearly one month ago a new rotarian year began and I would like to express my thankfulness to those Rotary Clubs I already visited (here with the [friends of RC Mürzzuschlag-Semmering](#)). Thank you for your cordiality and hospitality. It was fantastic start into the Governor's office.

As we are part of the extended family of **Rotary International** I would like to share news from RI with you. Please make use of the various online tools which you will find on the website www.rotary.org. You have to register first and enter "My Rotary". In case of any questions please follow the [step by step instruction](#). Worth reading is the [monthly message](#) from our RI President, K.R. „Ravi" Ravindran. Slowly but surely we are getting closer to our main aim - the eradication of polio. Find out more in the latest [report](#) of Terry Ziegler (District 5890, Rotary Foundation Committee Chair).

In our District, Assistant Governor Wolfgang Schinagl will take care of the Polio plus program. I would like to acknowledge that last year, in Wolfgang's presidency, he collected more than 10.000 € for End Polio Now. Congratulations!

Now, let me turn to our **District 1910**:

On July 22nd, the established financial committee met and viewed the documentation of the last three years (starting with the Governor year of Paul Jankowitsch and closing with the year of PDG Heinz Schwarzl). The committee consists of regional representatives from Vienna, Carinthia, Styria, Lower Austrian and the Burgenland as well as from Bosnia and Hercegovina. Please welcome to our team: Birgit Cserny, Jutta Hufnagl-Kleinfelcher, Ulrike Kopp-Pichler, Franz Zauner and Amira Žmirić. By September 15th, the committee will finalise the review and further information will follow.

All facts and figures regarding our District you will find on our platform www.rotary.at

Also [District and Club events](#).

Please note that we organise [issue specific seminars](#) regarding the avenues of service and other workshops related to Rotary and our District. We will try to implement more seminars in BiH but nevertheless we invite you to join our meetings in Austria, too.

Nota bene: nearly all activities are stated in the [itinerary](#). Therefore I kindly ask you to incorporate the events into your annual Club program.

As communication is not a one way street we are dependent on a constant flow of information. Only if YOU share WE may publish! So, do not hesitate and [send](#) us your invitations, stories, projects, pictures, news, etc.

Though it is summer I would like to announce the following events: RC Weitra's [duck run](#) (August 15th), [Interact Club Donaultal's](#) report about the trip to BiH (August 17th) and the [Rotary tables](#) in Alpbach (August 27th and 28th) organised by RC Graz-Burg.

Please save the following dates for autumn: [meeting](#) of the Inter Country Committee (ICC) Austria, Czech Republic and Slovakia; two RYLA seminars in [Vienna](#) (in English) and [Graz](#); the [charity concert](#) of the RAC Bijeljina and our President's Conference in Tuzla (further information will follow soon).

In this spirit I wish you all a relaxing summer and I am looking forward to a fruitful autumn.

Yours,

Gerhard Hellmann
District Governor 15/16
District 1910

PS: The Rotary office will be closed between August 10th and 21st.