



Second Governor's Letter August 2015



Dear Friends in Rotary

What would Rotary be without its Club projects?

It is true – we are not the Red Cross, the Caritas or another classical charity organisation. But, due to our professions, the associated concentrated experience and expertise, due to our cosmopolitanism, our aspiration for friendship and due to our wish to make the world a better place, we are able to realise fantastic things.

Therefore I would like to point out some projects in our District.

Since 2008, Armin Fiedler, RC Unteres Drautal-Paternion, indefatigably fights for the success of the [ShelterBox](#). The green survival box provides emergency shelter and vital supplies to support communities around the world overwhelmed by disaster and humanitarian crisis. Most recently, Clubs from the Districts 1910 and 1920 donated 118 boxes (value € 88.500) for people in Nepal.

Apropos Nepal: Bernhard Pribyl, RAC Graz and Zsófi Kulcsár, RAC Westminster, founded the facebook group ([Rotaract United for Nepal](#)). Until now, they collected more than € 17.900. The aim is to reconstruct four schools and buy equipment.

It is of particular importance to me to point out two projects in Bosnia and Hercegovina: the transport of [medical equipment](#) and the [raspberry farms](#) in Srebrenica. Both projects enable a sustainable, extensive improvement of life quality. With your help both projects can be preceded. The coordinators are Dieter Primavesi and Gerhard Loschnigg (RC Klosterneuburg). The great success was possible because of the support of you - the Rotary / Rotaract Clubs in BiH!

Thank you for every helping hand!

Is it possible to combine art and charity?! Yes, it is. Michael Schmidt-Ott (RC Wien-West), Becker-Unger and Walter Unger (both RC Fürstenfeld) set up the [Challery](#). All objects are donated by the artists and when buying a piece of art the selling price is forwarded to the Hospiz Rennweg.

Mario Rehulka (RC Wien-Hofburg), together with the RC Seaside, Oregon (D5100) and the RC Moshi-Mwanga (D9211), will apply for a Global Grant. The money shall finance [drinking fountains](#) in Tansania. Considering that more than one billion people do not have access to clean water it is not astonishing that Rotary International declared "Water and Sanitation" to one of the [six areas of focus](#).

Further information about the [Rotary Foundation](#) you will find on our website.

„Mother/child health“ belongs to the areas of focus, too. For years, the [Rotary Action Group for Population and Development](#) (RFPD) fights for better health conditions around the world.

Please let me turn your attention to the following events:

From September 8th until 11th I will be in BiH (Mostar, Srebrenica and Sarajevo). Beyond my official visits to the Clubs I would like to use the opportunity to learn as much as possible about your wishes and desires. So, please do not hesitate to contact me or Dijana for any kind of appointment.

SAVE THE DATES: [Conference and charity concert](#) organised by RAC Bijeljina (October 24th), Presidents Conference and Rotarijanka in Tuzla (October 31st) – information will follow soon.

Sorry, but it is not possible to mention all projects in one letter, only. Therefore I kindly ask you to use our communication platforms as [Rotary Show Case](#), [facebook](#) and the Clubs websites.

Summer is slowly coming to its end and I am looking forward to meeting you in autumn.

Yours

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