



Fifth Governor's Letter November 2015



Dear Rotarian Friends

The last October week in I spent in Bosnia and Hercegovina. I enjoyed exciting, varied and instructive days. In particular, I am fascinated by the Rotarian youth. Their engagement, enthusiasm and spirit are radically opposed to the economic situation. With relatively modest funds they realise great projects.

In times such as these, we have to focus even more on our youth. Therefore, I am more than pleased that the Rotaract [conference in Bijeljina](#) led to incredible synergies. Club and District wide cooperation opportunities were fixed. For example, the charity concert of Dušan could be a fundraising possibility for all Rotaract Clubs in the region and abroad.

A young friend from Lukavac said: „Stay tuned!“ I am taking over his statement and I promise to do my best for the youth and that I will keep you in touch with all further actions and projects.

The [President's Conference](#) in Tuzla was inspiring, too. At this point, I would like to thank the organising team and all participants. After the conference we celebrated the 15th Charter anniversary of RC Tuzla. Part of the ceremony was the traditional [Rotarijanka](#). I would like to thank [Adi Rifatbegovic](#) for his hospitality and congratulate again for the Paul Harris Fellow award!

As pictures say more than a thousand words, here a few impressions of my [Club visits](#)! Please have a look at Tuzla's [November](#) meeting and at the project ["jedan slatkiš, jedno dijete"](#) realized by RAC Doboje, too.

Would you like to learn more about our ambitious youth!? Don't miss the various possibilities: 5th Charter celebration of the [IAC Club WIEN](#), 10th Charter celebration of [RAC Wien-Oper](#), charity concert by [RAC Wien-Albertina](#).

I would like to express my gratitude towards all Clubs for the warm welcome. Regardless of the occasion I felt more than comfortable. I meet the friends of [RC Liezen-Rottenmann](#) at their Charter celebration, I learned more about the Rotaractors in [Vienna and Graz](#) and I was pleased to hear about the new initiative called [Intarconnect](#). The aim is to establish a better connection and cooperation between Interact and Rotaract. I am sure that we will have the possibility to talk about this idea and the implementation in Bosnia and Hercegovina, too. Though I know now that the Austrians could learn from you! I have clearly recognised that all of you cultivate the spirit of one Rotarian family.

I'd like to encourage you to visit each other, to cement your friendship and to cooperate in all matters. So, do not miss the upcoming opportunities of the [humanitarian ball](#) in Banja Luka and the [charity concert](#) in Sarajevo.

A few days ago I met representatives of the Rotary Club Klosterneuburg. Regarding the transport of medical equipment they want to re-activate the successful project. On behalf of the Club I want you to participate as much as possible in this project and I count on your support.

I count on you at my [District Conference](#), too. Soon we will send the official invitations, but nevertheless, I invite you to save the date: 10th and 11th June in Bruck.

Last but not least I would like to remind you on the update of our databases (www.rotary.org and www.rotary.at). As in the last years we will do our best to assist you as much as possible. Therefore – do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours in Rotary,

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