



## Sixth Governor's Letter December 2015



Dear Rotarian Friends

With sadness we communicate a tragedy that touched all of us: Our Rotarian friend and our correspondent of the Rotary Magazin, Heinrich Marchetti-Venier, died suddenly on November 21<sup>st</sup>.

I would like to thank PDG Barbara Kamler-Wild for her very personal and touching [obituary](#).

I would like to use the opportunity to express my gratitude to Peter Birkmayer. For years, he was a permanent member of the District's team; firstly as Assistant Governor, then as our District Secretary and the Chair of the Club Service. Peter decided to spend more time with his family. We wish you all the best – thank you Peter!

My letter shall not deal with farewells, only. I'd like to focus positive news.

Congratulations to Jürgen Menedetter an „his“ Interacter. [IAC Wien](#) celebrated the 5<sup>th</sup> anniversary and collected 2.500. € for the children's cancer research at St. Anna Kinderspital.

Jürgen also helped a lot in the founding process of the *Interact Club Srebrenica*. The hard work paid off: thanks to the efforts of Nada Marković, Nedeljko Simić and Christian Klug we now got the 17th Interact Club in our Multi District! The date of the Charter ceremony will be fixed soon.

Together with Laurenz Maresch, the [Interact Club Graz](#) packed presents in shoe boxes and wrote personal Christmas cards. The boxes will be handed over to disadvantaged children all over Europe.

Congratulations for having such a [media presence](#), dear members of the RC Sarajevo! Your concert "[Rotary za izvrsnost](#)" was indeed a great success.

The [RC Banja Luka](#) invited to its traditional bal. The revenues will be handed over to ambulance "Sveti apostol i evanđelist Luka". Congratulations!

Breaking barriers, crossing borders, building bridges – this should be the motto of the following news:

The [Rotaract Club Sarajevo](#) signed a twin club agreement with the RAC Beograd-Čukarica.

The [RC Sarajevo International-Delta](#) and the Rotaract Clubs Sarajevo had a common booth at the Diplomatic Winter Bazaar. Mulled wine, coffee and 'Christmas Stollen' were sold. The net income will be donated to the Bosnian Special Olympics Team to cover travel and equipment expenses related to the Winter Games in Austria in 2017.

Some members of the [RC Tuzla 99](#) visited the RC Eerbeek-Zutphen (NL). Besides the fact of deepening their friendship they raised funds in the amount of 10.000 € for the elementary school Slavinovići.

A wonderful project of [RC Hollabrunn-Weinland](#) will have a high impact: the members collected tons of winter cloths. The cloths were given to refugees in need. Furthermore the Club donated 7.000 € for German courses and furniture. Thank you very much for your support.

Last but not least: Do not miss the traditional basket tournament of the [RAC Lukavac](#) and/or the Beer Pong Party organized by [IAC Banja Luka](#).

It is time to thank you all for your support during the last six months. I wish you and your families a healthy 2016! Looking forward to our second half of the Rotarian year!

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