



7th Governor's Letter January 2015



Dear Rotarian Friends

Hopefully you had a great turn of the year.

Though it started one month ago, I wish you all the best and *Prosit Neujahr!*

On January 6th, I was invited to join the New Year's Concert of the RC Tulln. More than 500 guests enjoyed a brilliant start to the year. The Minorite church is regarded as one of the country's most important late baroque buildings and it offered a beautiful surrounding for the youth orchestra of Tulln's music school.

Another highlight were the [Pre-Games of the Special Olympics](#). The Pre-Games are a trial run for the major event in Schladming in 2017. The Styrian state governor, Hermann Schützenhöfer, invited a delegation of our District 1910 to a festive reception. The touching opening ceremony was definitely a special moment for all of us.

If you are interested in the Host-Town-Program, please do not hesitate to contact our coordinator [Laurenz Maresch](#) directly. As many Clubs already decided to participate in the program I would like to express my appreciation for your initiative!

Equally emotional: The Charter ceremony of our new [Rotaract Club Bihać](#). It was a great pleasure to welcome 20 young women and men, full of vim and vigor, to our Rotarian family. I take the opportunity to say *HVALA NAJLJEPŠA* to the initiators and the supporters of the Rotary Club Bihać.

Believe it or not – the charity concert, organized by the [Interact Club Wien-Eins](#) brought a considerable amount of donations: 11.000 € (!) will be handed over to the initiative „Support Ethiopia“. Congratulations!!

The [Interact Club Lukavac](#) captured the media's attention. In a TV interview our youngsters informed the public about the values of Rotary and about their engagement for the (local) civil society. Thank you very much, my dear young friends!

The Presidential theme for the next Rotarian year is „[Rotary serving humanity](#)“

The announcement and the presentation was made in San Diego, USA. All details and further information may be found on www.rotary.org (MyRotary). Please use our IT tools for communication, cooperation and information. It is necessary to keep the databases always up to date. Detailed information for the updates will be send to you soon.

If some of you should be in Austria I would be pleased to meet you at one of the following events:

[President's conference](#) (February 12th in Vienna), [Intercity-Meeting](#) (February 23rd in Eisenstadt), [Charter Ceremony of IAC Vienna City](#) (February 26th in Vienna).

Please enter the following date straight into your calendars: March 5th Charter Ceremony of RAC Brčko!!

It is my personal intention to invite you to my [District Conference](#). As already mentioned a few times, it will take place in my home town Bruck/Mur on June 10th / 11th. The invitation is aimed to all members of our huge Rotarian family and to all supporters of our idea. Find out more in the program.

With kind regards,

Yours,

Gerhard Hellmann
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District 1910