



9th Governor's Letter
March 2016



Dear Rotarian Friends

Decades of commitment and engagement against **Polio** lead to a historically unprecedented success: in 2015, we registered less than 100 infections. In April 2016 a new, improved vaccine will be used for the protection against infantile paralysis. For many years now, Past District Governor Franz Zeidler is our Polio specialist and he managed that the EU Parliament supports our common efforts by signing a declaration which will help us to eradicate the virus. I would like to draw your attention to an [article](#) which was published in the well-known and renowned *New England Journal of Medicine*.

Since March, we have had a respectable growth. Our Rotarian family got bigger! We chartered two **Interact Clubs** - [Vienna City](#) and [Tuzla 99](#), as well as a **Rotaract Club** - the [RAC Brčko](#) and a **Rotary Club**, i.e. the [RC Graz-Süd](#). Welcome all!!

Shall someone turn up his nose at the so-called "youngsters from today" ... He or she should take a gander at *our* youth! These girls and boys are unstoppable! Personally, I benefit whenever I am surrounded by our young members. Therefore, is a matter of great concern to welcome Rotarians, Rotaractors and Interactors at my [District Conference](#). Take the opportunity to register now!

Furthermore, I would like you to note the date for the *President Elect Training Seminar (PETS)/ Secretary Elect Training Seminar (SETS)*. It will be in Bijeljina on May 14th. Further information will follow soon.

As the deadline for the **database update** is coming soon, I'd like to take the opportunity to remind you on the necessity of correct and current contact information. Thanks to our IT-Team, Adnan Slomić, Andrej Andrejević and Herbert Pfeiffer, you already got a manual how to update the database www.rotary.at. Nevertheless, Dijana Bajrović will be at your disposal for any further questions.

Step-by-step instructions how to update Rotary International's database are published on www.rotary.org.

Rotary has many connotations. One of them is friendship. A perfect tool to nurture friendship is the mutual visit to **Club events**. Do not miss the opportunity to be part of the [MDPC](#) (Multi Districts Presidential Conference for Rotaractors) in Tuzla, the Charter celebration of the [Interact Club Srebrenica](#), the [Rotary gala ball](#) in Sarajevo and the [Rotary Train](#) in Bihać. All other events are published on our [website](#).

Yesterday I visited the 90th Club. I invite you to take a look at the [pictures](#), as they perfectly show the spirit of friendship.

I am looking forward to seeing you soon and I wish you all the best for the upcoming period.

Yours,

Gerhard Hellmann
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