



12. Governor's Letter June 2016



Dear Friends

And now the time has come: an unbelievable exciting year came to an end. It can be rightly affirmed that I have never experienced such incredible and intensive 12 months in my life. All friends in the Rotary, Rotaract and Interact Clubs were part of it. Thank you so much!

The [District conference](#) in my home town Bruck/Mur was a crowning end, not only because of your participation. Thank you my dear friends from Bosnia and Hercegovina for undertaking long journeys to come to the conference. With Dr. Michael Lehofer's keynote speech we learned that we could be happy though we have money. But he made clear that sharing and caring makes friends. As Rotarians, we were affirmed that our engagement is necessary and that we make the world a little bit better.

It was a great pleasure to charter the [Rotaract Clubs Kapfenberg sm@rt](#). During the whole year it was my intent to support the youth. And with the charter of the [RAC Weinviertel](#) I could round down my Governance.

Right after the conference our president, Ravi Ravindran and his wife Vanathy, visited our District. We had the possibility to present our District, our projects, our youth and our focal points. The [gala dinner](#) and the [evening](#) with our youngsters were a great success.

I am very sorry that I could not come to the Rotary Train organized by the [RC Bihać](#). I really do hope to see you there next year! What I would like to continue and improve is the cross border relationship between Clubs in our District. A very nice example is the joint project of [RAC Lukavac and RC Graz-Süd](#).

By July 1st we will not only have a new Governor but also a new **Foundation** Chair. In case of any questions, Günter Greindl (RC Korneuburg) and his [team](#) – you all know Amira Žmirić from RC Banja Luka Gloria already, will be at your disposal. In the Rotarian year 16/17 we will also celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Rotary Foundation. Please take this important event into consideration when planning the upcoming year. All information regarding the grants you may find on the [website](#). Please log in with your email address and our personal password. Do not miss the opportunity to apply for a District or Global Grant!

The presidents and all interested friends I invite to save the date for the **President's conference** in Sarajevo (**October 29th**). After the conference we will join the legendary **Rotarijanka** in Tuzla.

Last but not least, I would like to wish Paul Jankowitsch, my successor, all the best for his Governance. I ensure my full cooperation and loyalty. I kindly ask you to support Paul wherever he needs a helping hand.

One again, I would like to say thank you for a fantastic, amazing und unforgettable year. Enjoy Rotary!!

Yours,

Gerhard Hellmann
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