

**DGE 2018 2019 Michel JAZZAR remarks**  
**At the 5<sup>th</sup> District 2452 Conference, Paphos, Cyprus, 28 March 2018**

**“The wonderful Rotary District 2452”**

**Fellow Rotarians,**

I can't tell you how absolutely thrilled I am to be leading the Rotary District 2452 starting 1<sup>st</sup> of July 2018 as your new District Governor, and I would like to thank all Rotary Clubs for your faith, your support and your trust in me, especially my Home-Club of Kesrouan.

With the yearly change in leadership in Rotary, the District Governor represents, in many ways, the link between Rotary International, Rotary administration and the Clubs belonged to one District. This is an enormous responsibility, and I want to assure you that I will do all that I can to fulfill that role with integrity, transparency, accountability, good judgment, enthusiasm, Joy, respect and with a deep appreciation of our past, yet coupled with a keen desire to explore and implement new, bold, and innovative measures to take Rotary in our 9 countries into its new Achievements. I will do it not alone, but with those among the 2100 Rotarians and especially with the close “guards”, my teamwork in the DG Board and in the District Leadership Plan\_DLP.

I would also like to thank my wife and Rotarian fellow, Diah, for her steadfast support, her inspiration and enthusiasm as we embark together as a **couple-team** on this new and exciting challenging adventure. Diah will be my partner during my governorship year; she brings to me the beauty [as she is my beautiful half part] and the magic needed to my mission as District Governor.

Now, I am thankful for the opportunity to address you, the members of Rotary Clubs. The number and diversity of Rotarians at this gathering is in itself a testament to the strength and global reach of one of the world's great institutions, Rotary International, which is taking on some of the world's greatest development challenges targeting Area of Focus and getting a picture of how Rotary is working to create the social and economic conditions that encourage Positive peace.

RI President Elect “Barry Rassin” wants from us to “*Be the Inspiration*”. He stressed the power of Rotary's new vision statement, “*Together, we see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change — across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves.*”

Diah and I have been privileged to meet so many of you during the, International Assembly, Brainstorming sessions, DTTS and PETS and have been deeply moved by the warm welcome that you have extended to us. Thank you!

I am looking forward to meet you again during my official visit to all clubs of the District, at the Rotary events, like the “Polio world-Day” on 24<sup>th</sup> of October 2018 to celebrate 30<sup>th</sup> GPEI anniversary and accomplishments, Rotary Seminars and at the 6<sup>th</sup> District Conference that will take place in Beirut between the 1<sup>st</sup> and the 4<sup>th</sup> of May 2019.

As I look out from this stage and see the faces of hundreds of Rotarians, *People of Action*, united by the call to service and good works, I feel a sense of wonder and amazement at who you are and what you will Accomplish with **Joy** and **Respect**.

I am well aware that I have a great deal to learn, to absorb, and to understand, and I would like to thank past Governors for their willing in supporting me about the many facets of District's concerns so that my Mission will follow the right way.

Today I pledge to you that, as your District Governor Elect, I will invest every ounce of my energy to ensure the Rotary flag is always very high, the flame burns ever brighter so that, working Together, we can continue to make the world a better peaceful place — for our families and friends, for our communities and countries, and for future generations to come, within the District theme: "*Youth is our Future*".

**Fellow Rotarians,**

Look well into my eyes, as I am doing in yours:

You know that our District comprises of 9 countries, spreads on 3 continents, speaks 7 different languages, have different traditions and cultures. District 2452 is so unique in our organization.

You are well aware of why our region and our countries are so unique! Simply because they respond to these questions:

It is where the human civilization history began.

It is where the Alphabet shined.

It is where the sun and sky luminosity found refuge.

It is where wealth is found not only underground and under the sea but on the ground, through our geniuses in literature, music, architecture, medicine etc.

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Are you ready to the new challenge of keeping our District a wonderful one?

If you agree, say a big "YES"!

Fellow Rotarians,

We are the District of "Diversity", so we are an example of a Rotary core value

We are "Fellowship", and we know how to express our brotherhood.

We are "Leadership", as we are ONE in performing as one team of Action

We are "Service", as Service is part of our cultures and traditions

We are "Integrity", because we are growing safely within Rotary membership

SO

Are you ready to the keep these Core values in our Rotary way of life for 2018-2019?

If you agree, say a big "YES"!

I am blessed and I am proud of you. Thank you.