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BE THE  
INSPIRATION

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**Be together, Be the inspiration.**

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I am pleased to address you on the occasion of the republishing of club's newsletter "Adliya Echo", and the beginning of the Rotary Year 2018-19 under the RI President Barry Rassin's theme "Be the Inspiration".

I am extending my appreciation, my support and my warm congratulations to the leadership of your club, and the dedication of all its members to serve better while responding to the needs of our communities and to be inspired by the District theme for RY 2018-19, "Youth is our Future".

Being Rotarian is not only a matter of services rendered in the club, in the country, but also on to lend a hand to others as well, as "citizen of the world" believing that "Humanity is one"!

"Citizen of the world"? Which world? A world of Peace! Peace? Which Peace?

The "Positive Peace", the social peace, where we can be involved through the 6 Rotary Areas of Focus - squeezing the 17 SDGs collection of global goals set by the UN - built on our core values of diversity, service, leadership, fellowship, and integrity which are integral part of the RY 2018-19 District Area of Focus "Civic Education and Peacebuilding" merging Education and Peace areas by which they are mostly needed today; civic and building!

The "Positive Peace" in which we stand for by our attitude and our results in doing our services to our communities. An attitude of respect, of justice, of fairness, of truth reaching results, accomplishments and achievements rather of tasks and actions, all **together** Rotary clubs, Rotary Districts, local governance and humanitarian associations.

Allow me to tell you two personal stories that explain my emotional feelings to the Kingdom of Bahrain, its people and to my fellow Rotarians and Governors.

## Story 1:

When I was President of Zgharta-Zawie Club, in Rotary Year 1989-90, we have signed a twinning with Adliya RC in a ceremony during the District 2450 [on that time] Conference in Manama and we have implemented **together** the first project of the first Rotary Community Corps\_RCC in Kfarhawra, Zgharta-Zawie area. 30 years after, I come as District Governor to thank you again for your support and your inspirational example on how we can succeed **together**.

I do believe that the spirit of unity in diversity of traditions, way of life, way of thinking, different languages and histories, will prevail in this "unique" District 2452. It is my certitude! Doing it that way, we reach our vision to be one of the best District in the Rotary world composed of 200 countries.

## Story 2:

We were relaxing (it is an exception and not the rule!) a friend of mine and I, on the sea shore of the Mediterranean Sea, listening to the sound of waves that crashed on the pebbles of the beach [same waves of the RI theme 2018-19]. He said "We Lebanese are lucky to have such a sea [a sea="bahr" in Arabic], to which I replied: "We Rotarians, in District 2452, are luckiest for having the two seas" [Bahrain = two seas in Arabic].

God bless you all.

*Michel P. Jazzar*

**Michel P. JAZZAR**

**District Governor 2018-2019**

**RI D.2452**

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## The President Corner



**Durry Atassi**  
**President 2018-2019**



I signed up to be a Rotarian because Rotary International stands for a cause I strongly believe in. I hope I'm not alone in feeling this way because I truly understand how noble this organization's cause is. Mahatma Gandhi said once: ***"You must be the change you want to see in the world"***, his words could not reflect a more adequate reality, for it is not enough for one to simply yearn the need to serve others, aid the needy, empower the helpless or save lives. One must work and work hard on these yearnings, and that is why we are all members of Rotary Club of Adliya.

I have been hearing a lot about the great past achievements of the club, along with all the successful projects and all the accomplishments that the club members have worked so hard to achieve. I, also, have been hearing a lot about the fellowship and the amazing friendships that were once flourishing among the club members and their family members, and I wonder where did all that go?

As I embark on a new challenge in leading the club into new set of goals, the reality is I'm simply here to restore the glory days of the club (the RCA club) and to bring back some of the wonderful feelings of fulfillment in giving. We are proud members of this great society in Bahrain, we have signed up to contribute to our community at large, so roll up your sleeves because we will be doing just that; we will bring back the glory days of fellowship, service and fulfillment together.

I consider myself the luckiest president of any club because I have an amazing group of individuals who accepted the challenge to work with me on the board this year. This board is committed to work as a cohesive unit to achieve our goals, and that is a promise.

Fellow RCA members, you have elected me to lead the club this year, and I thank you for putting your trust in me, so this is my pledge to you all; I will work as hard as I possibly can to serve the club and serve our community but I need you to help me. The journey to success is long and hard and it may take us one, two or even five years to get there, but just like before, we need to do it all together. *Durry Atassi*

**“ Together, we see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change – across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves.”**

**Rotary's Vision Statement**



## Message from the Outgoing President Larry Domingo President 2017-18



Rotary Year 2017/18

They say all good things come to an end. Well, not exactly an end, but twelve months seem to have gone by so quickly!

Yes, it's that time again – changing of the guards.

My time as President of our club has been interesting, challenging at times, but also quite rewarding and I hope in some ways, we have made a difference. Looking back, I can definitely say that it has been a worthwhile experience. Our meetings have perhaps not been as fully attended as we would like them to be, but it has always been full of fun and fellowship in the true spirit of Rotary.

To my mind, 2017/18 was a year of reflection and rekindling for Rotary Club of Adliya. Because the year started during the Ramadan period, we did not have the usual Gala Dinner and hand-over, so I particularly pleased that this year we are going to have a Gala Dinner and I look forward to seeing as many RCA members there as possible.

We had some sad times during the year with the passing away of some notable Rotarians, including RI President-elect Sam Owori. We also had some good times and wonderful news like our very own Incoming President Durry Atassi getting married!

In spite of our challenges to getting weekly attendance numbers to where we would like them to be, we were successful in attracting a number of new members to the club – members who I believe would make a significant contribution in the years to come, and who are already making great contributions to the life of RCA.

We had some memorable meetings, and a few that stick in my mind were the presentations by Mary-Justine Todd on Domestic Violence, Dr Maitland Hyslop on Business Resilience, Ahmed Fadhul on The Thinking Mind, our own PDG Nijad on The Rotary Foundation, Dr Sherin Goubran on Emotional Intelligence, the visit from our District Governor, and not least of all, the splendid Iftar we had with the elderly.

I have great hope in the new team that take over the direction of our club. They have already shown their enthusiasm and commitment, and I hope and look forward to the support we will all give to President Durry and his board for Rotary year 2018/19.

*Thank you for all your  
love and support.!!*

*Larry Domingo*



Members bid adieu to the Rotary Year 2017-2018 with the last regular club meeting on 25<sup>th</sup> June 2018.





## My Rotary Story Rtn. Yusuf Adenwala Member RC Adliya

Greetings everyone! You all know me but you probably don't know 'My Story'. So here it is. Enjoy!



In 2010 I was going through a very rough time at work and was rethinking my whole life. Up till then, I had been a workaholic and life was only work and family but I guess events conspired to force me to come out of that shell and engage with the wider world.

I joined Toastmasters and found a way to express myself and be authentic, where in business you tend to lose that aspect and fall into the 'I am the Boss' mode of engagement. It also helped me to be more social and confident and to communicate better, which in itself was important for what comes below.

Next I was fortunate to become part of a community of like minded individuals who shared my core values of fellowship and common purpose for a greater good, of expanding our horizons to include the whole of humanity. You have probably guessed by now who I'm referring to. You guys, the Rotary Club of Adliya! You have given me over the last so many years more than I could have asked for. I am going to be brutally honest and say that I have yet to give back as much as I have gained, but I'm definitely going to try harder now. ***Let's all work together for a stronger, brighter RCA! Yusuf Adenwala***



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***"What is Rotary? What is it all about? ... Beneath Rotary's many and varied activities, there is unchanging undertones of goodwill, goodwill and goodwill." – Paul Harris***



## 2 Joint Ghabga 2018

The 3 Rotary Clubs (RC Manama, RC Sulmaniya & RC Adliya) and the Rotaract Club of Bahrain organized the 1st **Joint Ghabga** on 22nd May 2018 at the Gulf Hotel. The yearly event during the Holy Month of Ramadan is significant in terms of friendship, fellowship, trust and togetherness - the Rotary remanence that encourage all Rotarains to work unitedly for the betterment of the clubs and communities.



The 2nd **Joint Ghabga** was held on 3rd June 2018 at Bushido Hotel Manama.

The joint event strengthen fellowship and cooperation among Rotarians who believe in the concept of '**Service Above Self**' that all share and believe to serve the community.





### Visit to Al-Sanabel Orphan Society:

A delegation of Rotary Club of Adliya and their family members visited the Al-Sanabel Orphan Society In Bsaiteen last Thursday (the last day of Ramadan) to participate in the festivities and celebration of Eid El Fitr. The Club members handed out toys, games and books to the orphans and wished them all a blessed and festive Eid Holiday.

Rotary Club of Adliya is once again asserting its role in the community by bringing joy and happiness to the underprivileged kids, and according to the club incoming president, the club will be more active in the local societies throughout the Kingdom of Bahrain in the coming years.

*Durry Atassi*

### نشاطات نادي روتاري العدلية

قام مجموعة من أعضاء نادي روتاري العدلية في آخر يوم من أيام شهر رمضان الكريم بزيارة مركز السنابل لرعاية الأيتام في مركزهم بالبسييتين حيث شاركوا باحتفالات قدوم عيد الفطر السعيد. هذا وقد قدم أعضاء النادي و أفراد عائلاتهم بتقديم هدايا و ألعاب لأطفال المركز احتفالاً بقدوم العيد.

هذا و يعتبر النادي أن المساهمة في إدخال السعادة الى قلوب أطفالنا في البحرين هي من أهم أهدافه كنادي عالمي يهدف الى التنمية الاجتماعية في البحرين و قد وعد المساهمون في نادي روتاري العدلية بأن تزيد فعاليات و مشاركات النادي في الأنشطة الخيرية و الاجتماعية





## About the President Barry Rassin



**President 2018-19**  
**Rotary Club of East Nassau**  
**New Providence, Bahamas**

Barry Rassin earned an MBA in health and hospital administration from the University of Florida, and is the first fellow of the American College of Healthcare Executives in the Bahamas. He recently retired after 37 years as president of Doctors Hospital Health System and continues as an adviser. He is a lifetime member of the American Hospital Association and has served on several boards, including the Quality Council of the Bahamas, Health Education Council, and Employer's Confederation.

A Rotarian since 1980, Rassin has served Rotary as director and is vice chair of The Rotary Foundation Board of Trustees. He was an RI training leader and the aide to 2015-16 RI President K.R. Ravindran.

Rassin received Rotary's highest honor, the Service Above Self Award, as well as other humanitarian awards for his work leading Rotary's relief efforts in Haiti after the 2010 earthquake there. He and his wife, Esther, are Major Donors and Benefactors of The Rotary Foundation.

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## About the District Governor Michel P. Jazzar

**DG 2018-2019 – RI D.2452**



- Dental surgeon and Oral implant.
- Member of Kesrouan Rotary Club, Lebanon.
- Married to Dr. Diah, Rotarian and University professor.
- District 2452 Governor Elect 2018-19.
- Rotary International Representative to United Nations-ESCWA.
- Chairman first Polio Conference, RI D.2452, Beirut 6<sup>th</sup> September 2015. 100.000US\$ has been raised RY 2015-16 for PolioPlus Program.
- District PolioPlus Subcommittee Chairman 2013-2017
- RI Peace Centers selection Committee member 2009-2011
- "Site visitor" for the biennial visit to peace center of Chulalongkorn [Bangkok Thailand] 10-11 March 2011.
- Assistant RRFC Zone 20B for 2009-2010, 2010-2011 and 2011-2012.
- Awarded by TRF Trustees the "Citation for Meritorious Service".
- Awarded "Regional Service Award for a Polio-free World".
- Awarded "Rotary Leadership Institute Pioneer".
- PHF +9, Benefactor.
- Major Donor including his wife Diah.

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| Total volunteer hours      | Number of volunteers        | Total cash contributions  | Total in-kind contributions |
|----------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|
| <b>63,653,468</b><br>Hours | <b>12,103,655</b><br>People | <b>802,430,327</b><br>USD | <b>353,082,637</b><br>USD   |