



Barry Rassin President 2018-19

**December 2018** 





It's traditional that the first *Rotarian* magazine of the Rotary year carries a profile of the incoming RI president and his or her family. I've always read those profiles with interest, never giving much thought to the possibility that one day, I might be the one bringing a writer from the magazine to my Rotary club meeting! I have never liked a lot of attention, and the idea of

a writer from the magazine to my Kotary club meeting. I have never fixed a fot of attention, and the idea of having my picture on the magazine cover made me a bit uncomfortable. But when I saw the photo the editors chose, I smiled. Because the star of that picture definitely isn't me, or even my wife, Esther. It's the flock of flamingos, none of which could care less about Rotary, all strutting past us in the same direction. All of them - except one.

I couldn't think of a more appropriate image to reflect the message I want to convey to Rotarians. That one flamingo, going the other way, represents so much of what we need to do in Rotary. That flamingo knows everyone's going one way. She sees it. But she also sees that maybe the path they're on isn't the best path. Maybe, just maybe, there's a better path over there, and she wants to get a good look before she goes marching on with her friends. And if, when she does stop and look, that new path does seem better, she'll call the rest of the crew to come over and check it out with her. And maybe, just maybe, they'll all choose that better path together.

Change is hard. And the longer we've been going one way, the more friends we have with us, the harder it is to be the one who turns around and does it differently. But change — not change for its own sake, but careful, considered, goal-directed change — is essential for any organization that wants to evolve, stay relevant, and move forward in the right direction.

So take a look at that picture, but don't look at me. I'm not the one that cover's about. That cover is about the flamingo. It's about having the curiosity, the courage, and the conviction to look at different paths that might be better — whether you're out for a stroll on a beautiful Bahamas morning, or helping chart the course for our organization.

Rotary vision: For the individual Rotarian to realize.... You are *Rotary! Live it! Express it! Expand it!*, Rotary is without reality until men translate it into their lives and the lives of others. In short, you and I are Rotary." - J. Edd McLaughlin

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#### **DG Message**

#### **DECEMBER 2018:** "Disease **Prevention** and Treatment Rotary Month and more!"

#### Dear friends,

granted me the opportunity to meet, during my official first time the entire amount released for District almost ALL clubs in Armenia, Bahrain, Grants. Bravo! visits. Cyprus, Georgia, Lebanon and UAE. DGE Shawkat Tadros with AG Michel Fasheh have visited Palestine RCs and AG Esmat Mehaimed will visit the Club of Khartoum in Sudan. [ would like to thank Shawkat, (Sheikh) Michel and Esmat. I wish I could visit those two countries where I will make good fellowship.

These meetings, as well as the district events, financially support within the Annual Funds – EREY seminars, training sessions, and zone institute for 20B Program-, PolioPlus program where the amount of and new zone 21, were instrumental to enjoy seeing 100.000 USD is our District goal. You have been part each other and exchanging ideas. They have further of the Rotary Friendship Exchanges. Rotarians confirmed my conviction that we are a powerful and from Lebanon visiting Tunisia, while Jordanians and mature district, with extraordinary colleagues who Lebanese Jordanian were visiting Egypt and Rotarians humbly contribute their time, skills or talents to their from 7 countries visiting Lebanon! communities. Congratulations and thank you for everything you have accomplished till now as part of During the Month of December our District will Rotary!

pleasure to address you, the 2,090\* Rotarians of till 2020-2021. For more information, please visit the District 2452 (\*Based on the membership transactions District 2452 website: as of 31 October 2018). This year has put me in front of many challenges. I hope you can see your activity http://www.rotaryd2452.org/new/index.php/ in Rotary from the same angle and that through the component/content/article/9-uncategorised/153-newinitiatives in your communities where succeeded to change preconceptions, bad attitudes and show that the Rotarians of District 2452 are united in their willingness to be helpful, creative, passionate and inventive.

You have shown your commitment for the first five around you. months of the RY 2018-2019, so take the same steps in the future and ensure the sustainability of your club Speaking of family, as family goes first in our Rotary projects; you've managed to cover a wide range of life, it could mean the greater family within which we issues in key areas, the six areas of focus. I hope you carry out our professional activity or the Rotary famiare pleased with what you have accomplished and I ly. I want to bring your attention to your own families. encourage you to achieve even more in the remaining Let's dedicate this month, first and foremost, to our six months starting January 2019.

You have demonstrated your positive attitude to the District pilot project "Civic education for Peacebuilding" mainly in Jordan and Lebanon.http:// www.rotaryd2452.org/new/index.php/component/ sppagebuilder/?view=page&id=109. The District AOF team was overwhelmed by your support. We have



received welcome and praise from schools for this project's curriculum and all related documents. Our vision has been gratified by the schools' support. I would like to thank the District team and its advisory committee of Non-Rotarian qualified spouses, Clubs The past five months have involved schools and partners. We have spent for the

> You have done more! Support has been provided to The Foundation, our Rotary Foundation: High participation at the seminar held in Dead Sea in conjunction with TRF Zone seminar, invitation to the DRFFC and TRF Country chair for lecturers and GMS, using the DDF, doing Global Grants,

launch the first "New Generations Service Exchange," a program between Lebanon and As the year 2018 comes to an end, it gives me great Jordan. It is a pilot program for three years 2018-2019

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This month, we celebrate in Rotary Disease Prevention and Treatment and we renew our love to our family because of Christmas and the New Year 2019. Therefore, I urge you to pay more attention to those

dear ones: our spouses, our children, our grandchildren and our parents, because, for good reasons, they've been neglected at certain times over the year. Let's remember they are those who support us in achieving our objectives, both in our careers, as in Rotary. Don't forget to send your wishes to Rotarians.

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This month, let's also remember to have our true friends close to us and to spend pleasant moments together - these moments will bring new ideas for 2019, for what we aim to accomplish personally and professionally.

December is the month dedicated to Disease Prevention and Treatment. Disease Prevention and Treatment is one of Rotary's Six Area of Focus. Prolonged severe illness may result in loss of employment and income. It affects families. It affects quality of life and the sustainability.

Rotary and Rotarians are committed to helping people to live healthy lives. Our signature project in this area is Polio Eradication. But polio is not the only disease or aspect of healthy living on which Rotarians have There are more expended energies. than a dozen Rotarian Action Groups (RAGs) committed to disease prevention and treatment. Do you have a passion in one of these areas? Can you contribute your knowledge, skills and expertise to one of these RAGs? Check it out today. This is another way in which we can serve as Rotarians in the focused area of Disease Prevention and Treatment.https://my.rotary.org/en/ take-action/empower-leaders/join-rotarian-actiongroup.

One way in which Rotarians have elected to provide attention to an area of concern is through a Rotarian Action Group (RAG). A Rotary Action Group (RAG) voluntary organization that functions is a independently of Rotary International. Each RAG establishes its own rules, dues requirements, and administrative structure. RAGs are composed of Rotarians, family members, program participants and alumni who are experts in a particular field. Group members share their expertise by collaborating with I hope 2019 will bring you all that you could wish for! clubs and districts on service projects.

15 December — Early registration discount ends for the Rotary International Convention, our District has exceeding its goal by 270%! Go online and register, Hamburg from 1st till 5th of June 2019. Information could be downloaded directly from the RIC website. PP Rita Gebran is glad to help you as she is the RIC promotion chair in our District.

31 December – Early registration special fees will reach the deadline for the 6th D2452 Conference which will be held in Beirut between 1st and 4th of May 2019. You pay 400\$ only per person for registration which include panels and coffee breaks, meals, conference's registration kit, venues transportation, welcoming at the airport, fun and entertainment. This 6th District 2452 Conference will be a strategic one, because we are moving from a zone

#### (20B) to another new zone (21)....Don't miss it!

In the Rotary District 2452, the year 2019 will be full of challenges and responsibilities, as we will celebrate 90 years since the creation of first Rotary Club in the previous D.2450, a highly anticipated moment of the year. My dream is to let our District one of the best in the Rotary world. According to what is achieved by the 83 Clubs in 9 countries, during the first 5 months, we are not too far to fulfill this dream and to announce our achievements and results during the 6th District 2452 Conference. http://www.rotaryd2452.org/new/ index.php/conference/district-conference.

The Foundation "Der Rotarier" offers International Study Scholarships for Students from Central and Eastern Europe to study in Austria or Germany. The program is dedicated to promote international views, tolerance in all its aspects, intercultural encounters and the concept of international understanding. To that end, study scholarships are awarded to especially qualified students from Central and Eastern Europe (in D2452: Armenia and Georgia). Also necessary periods of practical training for a study program can be financed. Details are listed under: http://de.rotary.de/stiftung-der-rotarier/ download.php.

The program intended for Armenia and Georgia RCs is published on the District website. Qualified students may apply; they must be sponsored by a Rotary Club in (good standing) of our District. The deadline is 31 December 2018.

Fellow Rotarians.

My wife **Diah**, and me present you our best wishes to spend a Merry Christmas, happy holidays with your beloved family and friends.

Warm regards, DG Michel P. Jazzar



Is it the TRUTH? Is it FAIR to call concerned? Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER **FRIENDSHIP**? Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

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**The President Corner** 



#### Durry Atassi President 2018-2019

Dear Fellow Rotarians,



One of the **5** Avenues of Service of Rotary, we – as Rotarians – have to provide is "serving our community", and for me this is the most important type of service and the reason I joined Rotary in the first place. Community for me personally is represented by the greater Bahrain; this small collection of beautiful islands located

in the heart of the Arabian Gulf. Bahrain might be the original and the only home for many people here, but it also the adopted home and the community of choice for many of us who moved here, decided to start – or raise a family – and fell in love with the culture and the people and simply called it home.

The month of December has two significant celebrations that are close to my heart, the first one is the **Bahraini Woman Pride Day** which means a lot to me. As a son, a husband and a father, I'm surrounded by wonderful women in my life who support and encourage me, but above all inspire me to be a kind and compassionate man, and for that I'm grateful, but I'm not alone, Bahrain is full of exceptional women who signify the amazing achievements of the society over the years. I'm honored to represent a club that values the ladies' contribution to the community so much so, that they are represented with over one third of the general membership body.

The second big celebration in the month of December is the Red and White day AKA the **Bahrain National Day**. I normally enjoy the festive mood that comes during the national day, the fun outings and special events that light up our lives, but it is not just about watching these events taking place around us, it is about the participation and the fulfilment that comes every time we - at RCA - plan or execute a small project for our community at large here.

My love for Bahrain started from the day I visited it after moving to the Eastern Province in Saudi Arabia, but it wasn't until two years after that that I decided to relocate in Bahrain and started calling it home, with its magical blend of people, mosaic culture and rich heritage I finally found my last station, my last destination to start a new family and build a new business.

The National day is a reminder of what giving and receiving is all about, this land has given us the beauty of its natural resources and the endless coast of its shores, it is our turn now to preserve these precious natural resources or at least what is left of them, the call to keep the island green and maintaining its natural resources should not just come during its Red and White day; but it should be on our minds and in our hearts every single day we enjoy the tranquility and calmness of its water.

I want to wish everyone a joyful and safe holidays and remind you all of the joy of giving in our lives. Now let's go and make a difference in someone else's life today.

IMPACT TRACKER as of 15 <sup>th</sup> December 2018 (www.rotary.org)			
Total volunteer hours	Number of volunteers	Total cash contributions	Total in-kind contributions
92,914,417 Hours	13,463,770 People	930,660,417 USD	413,494,744 USD
	Fro	m 133584 projects added sinc	ce Showcase launched in 2013

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## **RCA CLUB ACTIVITIES: RCA Regular Meeting 26<sup>th</sup> November 2018:** Guest Speaker: HE Justin Siberell, US Ambassador to the Kingdom of Bahrain Topic: HE's career and vision for Bahraini-American relations.



#### **RCA Regular Meeting 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2018:**

Guest Speaker: Ms. Sanaa Haji. Business Development Manager, BIBF, Bahrain Topic: Fit to Lead



Ms. Sanaa Haji, Business Development Manager at BIBF, Bahrain discussed the importance of building and energizing future leaders for positive impact. In celebration of Bahraini Women's Day, female members of RCA were recognized for their valuable contribution to society.

RCA Regular Meeting 10<sup>th</sup> Dec. 2018 Rotary 🛞 Se THE Guest Speaker: Ms. Mahnaz Kadhemi Rotary Club of Adliya Topic: The Blue Cold-Water WEEKLY MEETING INVITATION Ms. Mahnaz enlightened the attendees TALK TOPIC THE BLUE GOLD - WATER MAHNAZ KADHEMI about the value of water and why it is important to save and preserve water so the future generation do not suffer from water scarcity. WATER IS THE DRIVING FORCE OF ALL NATURE. Leonardo da Vinci

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تبرع من نادى روتارى العدلية لعمل جزء من سياج الحماية في حديقة مركز الوفاء. Rotary Club of Adliya contributed for the fabricatation of

safety guards in the garden of Al Wafa Center





PP Fareed Bushehri on his recent trip to Cairo, Egypt, attended RC Heliopolis Sporting's club meeting in the presence of D2451 DG Abdul Hamid El Awa, Club President and members. PP Fareed exchanged club banners and briefed the attendees about the projects of RC Adliya—especially Career Taster and 7ewar.

Rotary Club Partner





Rotaract Bahrain held their Board Meeting on 2nd Dec. 2018 at Gulf Hotel Bahrain Convention & Spa



Rotaract Bahrain 19th Nov. 2018 **'Sustainopreneurship Green Bueiness Opportunities'** highlighting the global shift towards creating a more sustainable future and variety of ways Bahrain can play a role in moving towards a greener lifestyle and environment.

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## Adliya Echo











# "Life isn't about finding yourself. Life is about creating

## yourself."

GEORGE BERNARD SHAW Playwright and Nobel Prize Laureate Write your own book instead of reading someone else's book about

success.

Herb Brooks



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#### **DECEMBER- DISEASE PREVENTION AND** TREATMENT MONTH

#### FIGHTING DISEASE:

Our health is everything. Yet 400 million people in the world can't afford or don't have access to basic health care. We believe good health care is everyone's right.

Disease results in misery, pain, and poverty for millions of people worldwide. That's why treating and preventing disease is so important to us. We lead efforts both large and small. We set up temporary clinics, blood donation centers, and training facilities in underserved communities struggling with outbreaks and health care access. We design and build infrastructure that allows doctors, patients, and governments to work together.

Our members combat diseases like malaria, HIV/ AIDS, Alzheimer's, multiple sclerosis, diabetes, and polio. Prevention is important, which is why we also focus on health education and bringing people routine hearing, vision, and dental care.

#### HOW ROTARY MAKES HELP HAPPEN:

Disease does not prevent itself. We educate and equip communities to stop the spread of life-threatening diseases. Rotary members have hundreds of health projects underway around the world at any given countries but also created a system for tackling myriad time.



#### The Rotary Foundation is changing the world by providing grants for projects and activities around the globe and in your own backyard.

Rotary makes amazing things happen, like:

Providing clean water: Rotary has worked with partners to provide more than 80 percent of Ghana's people with clean water to fight Guinea worm disease. **Reducing HIV infection:** In Liberia, Rotary members are helping women get tested for HIV early in their pregnancies. They used prenatal care to reduce new HIV infections in children by 95 percent over two years.

**Ending polio:** Rotary members have played a key role in bringing the world to the brink of polio eradication. Their efforts have not only ended polio in 122 other health priorities, such as Ebola.



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