



**Presidential Message** 

**Barry Rassin President 2018-19** 

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clubs

transforming their communities. When I attend their women in that remote region. meetings, I can feel the energy. When I meet their members, I can see they are people of action. And when I look at their communities, I can recognize the impact of their work.

be that way. Fortunately, there's a simple approach increase your impact. And then take action. that I believe can help revitalize any club.

it happen. It has the power to change people's lives — participate in Rotary events. completely.

It doesn't take millions of dollars. One of the most everything else will follow. Members will be engaged, transformational projects I've been a part of involved and new members will be eager to join you. providing a Jeep to a group of midwives in Haiti. We Fundraising will be easier: People love to give when had asked the midwives what we could do for them, they see how their money is making a difference and and they told us they needed a way to reach expectant when they know the organization is accountable. Your mothers in a remote part of the country. We supplied a club will be vibrant, relevant, and alive — and it Jeep, painted it pink, and put the Rotary logo on it. will Be the Inspiration to those within its ranks as Three years later, we went back to see how they were well doing. They were excited by the outcomes: They told community it serves. us that the mortality rate for mothers and infants in that region had dropped by 50 percent.

"With the growth of understanding, concepts of superiority and inferiority vanish. We are all God's children. As one member of a family is essential to the others, so is each nation in the family of nations essential to all other nations."

- Paul Harris





That's what I call transformational service.

But Jeeps don't last forever, and after eight years on In my travels over the past year, the road, that vehicle was on its last legs. So we I've visited many strong, vibrant bought a pink Land Cruiser. It's still on the road, and districts that are allowing the midwives to provide prenatal care to

What makes a project transformational? It doesn't have to involve a lot of money, but it has to reach people and have a major impact in the community. That is the key, and that is where careful planning and I've also visited communities with Rotary clubs that thorough research come in. So do your research. were hardly more than social clubs. It shouldn't ever Leverage your resources. Seek partnerships that can

Of course, service is only part of what a strong club I'd like to challenge every Rotary club to come up must offer. It must also have good speakers, provide with at least one high-impact service project. Each leadership development, involve Rotaract and Interact, club already has the potential, the resources, to make and bring value to its members and reasons to

If your club is transformational and well-organized,

as to

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# **DG Message** February 2019:





**February** is the month dedicated to one of Rotary six area of focus: (**Peace and Conflict Prevention / Resolution**).

Want to learn how Rotary projects address the structural causes of conflicts? Click here for English Promoting Peace (<a href="https://www.rotary.org/en/our-causes/promoting-peace">https://www.rotary.org/en/our-causes/promoting-peace</a>).

Découvrez comment nos actions traitent les causes structurelles des conflits en cliquant ici for French Promotion de la Paix

## How is your club celebrating Rotary's anniversary?

On February 23<sup>rd</sup>, Rotary will mark its **114<sup>th</sup> year**. We will be showcasing images of clubs celebrating within the District 2452. S end us HR photos (.jpg attachments) of your events by 20 February, along with a brief description and photos credit information to the District Secretary PP David Zein daoudzein@gmail.com to be considered for our photo gallery in the Governor Monthly letter for the month of March 2019 and to be posted on the District website (<a href="http://www.rotaryd2452.org/new/">http://www.rotaryd2452.org/new/</a>) and District 2452 Social Media (<a href="http://www.rotaryd2452.org/new/index.php/contact-us/contact-us-3">http://www.rotaryd2452.org/new/index.php/contact-us-3</a>).

### February 2019 Monthly letter

When Jean Paul Escolar (<a href="https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100005172105946">https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100005172105946</a>) was the Governor for Rotary District 1650, he asked me to write the Editorial of his Monthly letter for February 2015 (<a href="http://rotaryd2452.org/new/images/newsletters/Feb2019/fevrier-2015-D1650-GML.jpg">https://rotaryd2452.org/new/images/newsletters/Feb2019/fevrier-2015-D1650-GML.jpg</a>). It was a great honor for me and a gesture of confident and trust from Jean Paul.

Now, it is my turn to ask **PDG Jean-Paul** to give me this honor to introduce him to you, and award him the same gesture of confidence from my side.

Who is PDG 2014-2015 **Jean Paul ESCOLAR**, District 1650 Bretagne-Mayenne France?

- Born 20/07/1947, married to Martine. Member of Rotary club of Rhuys-Vilaine, France, 2003
- Club President Rhuys-Vilaine 2006-2007
- Assistant Governor 2010-2011, 2012-2013
- D.1650 Governor 2014-2015
- New Generations District Chairman (DNGC) since 2017
- Institution's director Last professional activity.

His message on the occasion of Peace's Rotary month, is related to Youth and Positive Peace, according to his role as "New Generations District Chairman" (DNGC) since 2017.

Read his full message on:

http://rotaryd2452.org/new/images/ newsletters/Feb2019/Edited-Young-peopleand-positive-peace.pdf



## **The President Corner**



## Durry Atassi President 2018-2019

Dear Fellow Rotarians,

When was the last time you had an honest one-on-one session with yourself? How often do you have a "me alone" moment during your busy and hectic daily schedule?



Studies have shown that the people who spend quite time reflecting on their thoughts and feelings tend to have more meaningful relationship with others (family members, friends and colleagues) and manage their lives in a much better way. Let's think about that for a second, the only thing we have control over in our lives is our words, our actions and behaviors, but how often we sit down and analyze, and examine what we say and do in life. Most of us spend more time judging our family members, assessing (or appraising) our employees and our colleagues and of course teasing or criticizing our friends, but we don't do the same thing in a positive constructive manner with ourselves, hence comes Emotional Intelligence.

"Emotional Intelligence" concept has many definitions, but it is basically the mechanism of which we understand our emotions, manage our actions and behaviors, and develop an understanding of other people's feelings so we can have better relations with those around us. Trust me, this is a process and not a quick switch that you can flip.

I have a list some quick steps that can help in improving our Emotional Intelligence awareness overall:

<u>Be aware of what makes you angry</u>, you really need to understand your own feelings and emotions and then acknowledge the type of person you are on the big scale of the personality traits chart, different type of personalities have a different way of coping with unpleasant things outside their comfort level, it is very important to be informed about who you really are.

**Be honest with yourself**, we all have areas of strength and points of weakness, you need to come to peace with yourself about your weaknesses and admit that there are areas you need to work on, if anger is one of them, then acknowledge that.

<u>Learn how to manage the negative feelings</u>, we are all entitled to our feelings, no one can deny us that, but how we don't have the right to act upon them if we end up hurting or inflicting pain on to others especially loved ones.

**Be empathetic**, many people don't even look beyond their own emotions, you need to be considered of other people emotions and their circumstances, you need to take the time to understand people around you as you want them to be considered of your own emotions and feelings.

<u>Manage your relationships based on all the above</u>. In allying all the principles and understanding that, it is fundamental to really care about others as we wish they care about us.

I wish this topic "Emotional Intelligence" gets a fair-share of our discussions and dialogues on the social and educational circles, our millennials should be enlightened about it. It breaks my heart to see most of them isolated and living in their virtual world, but for now I will table that discussion for a later date.

So for now, just relax and treat yourself to a cup of cappuccino, life should be a breeze.



### **RCA CLUB MEETING:**

RCA Regular Meeting 4<sup>th</sup> February 2019: Guest Speaker: Ms. Aysha Mutaywea, Resident Partner MENA Chambers Bahrain Topic: Exploring the Legal Demographic of Bahrain



"Life is a place of service, and in that service one has to suffer a great deal that is hard to bear, but more often to experience a great deal of joy. But that joy can be real only if people look upon their life as a service, and have a definite object in life outside themselves and their personal happiness."- Leo Tolstoy

### **RCA CLUB MEETING:**

RCA Regular Meeting 11<sup>th</sup> February 2019: In-house Speaker: Rtn. Rula Husseini Topic: Self Awareness









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> TALK TOPIC SELF AWARENESS

The session will explore the importance

DATE: MONDAY,11 FEB 2019
VENUE: DIPLOMAT RADISSON BLUE HOTEL, RESIDENCE & SPA
TIME: 6:00 - 6:30 PM NETWORKING
6:30- 7:30 PM MEETING

# 6th District 2451(Egypt) Conference - 28<sup>th</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2019 Sharm El Sheikh, Egypt



For further information please visit <a href="https://portal.rotaryd2451.org">https://portal.rotaryd2451.org</a>

CELEBRATION OF 114<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF ROTARY INTERNATIONAL The 3 Rotary Clubs and Rotaract Club in Bahrain jointly celebrated the 114<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Rotary International on 20<sup>th</sup> February 2019 at the Ritz Carlton Bahrain.



# RC ADLIYA PROJECT FOR YOUTHS—"CAREER TASTERS"



"The youth is the hope of our future" - Jose Rizal



### **BREAK MYTHS**

Hunted for body parts and isolated by fear, Tanzanians with albinism are finding new futures through Rotary programs that fight pervasive myths and stigmas.

# **PROMOTING PEACE**



### REBUILD LIVES

Canada Rotary clubs are helping refugees from Syria start new lives.



#### **EDUCATE REFUGEES**

A university president and Rotary club fight Boko Haram to educate refugees in Nigeria.

https://www.rotary.org/en/our-causes/promoting-peace

## **PROMOTING PEACE**

Conflict and violence displaced more than 68 million people in the past year, and half of those are children.

We refuse to accept conflict as a way of life. Rotary projects provide training that fosters understanding and provides communities with the skills to resolve conflicts.

#### HOW ROTARY MAKES HELP HAPPEN

Through our service projects, peace fellowships, and scholarships, our members are taking action to address the underlying causes of conflict, including poverty, inequality, ethnic tension, lack of access to education, and unequal distribution of resources.



**BUILD CULTURES** 

Rotary Youth Exchange student learns understanding and appreciation of another culture and the key to global citizenship, progress, and peace.



**EMPOWER YOUTH** 

Young people from Rio de Janeiro's infamous favelas find an outlet for their energy – and a chance at Olympic gold – through Rotary.



STOP DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Australia Rotary clubs raise awareness and funds to prevent domestic violence and support its victims.