

Presidential Message



Barry Rassin President 2018-19 September 2018





Imagine if we could take a snapshot capturing all of the work Rotary does on a given day. No one – except Rotarians – would believe that a single organization was capable of accomplishing so much. In that snapshot you would see dedicated volunteers working to eradicate polio, setting up microloans, providing clean water, mentoring youth, and countless other actions.

We can do all this thanks both to our geographic reach and to the fact that our clubs are made up of people who are engaged in their communities. As a part of the community that you serve, you know the needs, you have the connections, and you're able to take immediate action. That's why every Rotary club's membership should reflect the diversity of its community.

We've made great strides in this. In Egypt, Indonesia, and Kenya, Rotary is approaching 50 percent female membership. We're also expanding the age diversity of our clubs. In each of our communities, young professionals are eager to contribute their talents, give back, and learn from mentors. Let's share with them what Rotary is all about. The Engaging Younger Professionals Toolkit at Rotary.org has an action plan to help you reach young leaders and Rotary alumni in your area.

Another resource that can help us better reflect our communities – one that is global like us, is a quarter -million members strong, and already shares our values of service and leadership – is Rotaract. Rotaractors are our partners: Team up with them on projects, ask them to speak at your events, and invite them to join your club. Dedicated Rotaractors worldwide are becoming members of Rotary and even starting new Rotary clubs while still serving as members of Rotaract.

The world needs Rotary, and Rotary needs strong clubs and engaged members in order to do more good. It is our responsibility – yours and mine – to make sure everyone who shows an interest in joining Rotary gets an invitation. Make use of the Membership Leads tool at Rotary.org, which helps people who are interested in

joining Rotary connect with a club that's right for them. And let's ensure that every member has a reason to stay. By building strong clubs that engage in meaningful projects and have fun along the way, we provide value to our club members that they cannot find anywhere else.

Let's not keep Rotary's story – the story captured in those snapshots of service – to ourselves. I challenge you to invite leaders of all ages, men and women, who are looking for a way to give back. By doing so, you will *Be the Inspiration* in your community and help Rotary continue to do good in the world.

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September 2018: "Basic Education and Literacy".

Dear fellow Rotarians and friends,

First, I would like to welcome four new Rotary Clubs that have been initiated in May/ June 2018, growing up our Clubs to 83, namely: 2 Clubs in Armenia [Vanadzor, 16 May 2018 and Yerevan Panarmenian, 30 May 2018], one club in Lebanon [Chtaura-Bekaa Gate, 19 June 2018] and one in Jordan [Amman Metropolitan, 22 June 2018]. On the other hand, I am so sad to announce that the RC of Dubai-Deira has been terminated on 16 May 2018.

September is dedicated to "Basic Education and Literacy", one of the Six Areas of Focus of the Rotary Foundation of RL

Rotary insists on the necessity of basic education for both children and adults, as well as both genders. Rotarians work hardly in order to enhance the capacity of communities to consequently support basic education and literacy, reduce gender disparity in education, and increase adult literacy.

It's impossible to imagine the sum of sorrows all around us, especially in the Middle East. The civil war, destruction, human slavery, refugees, displacement and other social problems are all a result of lack of civic education, as well as spread of high destructive behaviors. Our mission here lies, we have set our priorities, since our communities are now suffering from lack of civism and lack of positive peace.

I believe that together we can be the inspiration to our communities, to our world. Together we can turn our ambitions into life-changing reality. If we have set priorities to respond to our communities' urgent need of civism and peace, that is because we can be the influencers...the goodwill agents.

So, for the current RY 2018-2019, we have customized a DistrictAOF, merging "Education" (civic) and "Peace" (building).

Today, as 2018-2019 Governor of District 2452, which brings together, under common values and forward vision, nine countries across 3 continents of 6 different languages, I would like to invite you to join the District 2452 pilot project "Civic education for Peacebuilding" merging two areas of focus "peace" and "education" into one.

Fellow Rotarians,

We have to be leaders by implementing our core values in our communities, in our business & professions. Equally important, it is a must to strengthen these values in our schools by developing the skills and attitudes of our youth in order to promote the Rotarians' slogan "youth is our future".

We can see the benefit of civic education through the civic knowledge attainment. We can notice that youth aged between 11 and 14 years old receiving high-quality of civic education, within the training of the Rotary core values, are more confident in dealing with others, and more involved in extracurricular activities, as well as engaged in community service... In short, young students attaining civic knowledge are ready to engage with the society components and to treat other equally.

Here are some recommendations, explained in the booklet that is prepared by the District committee and will be posted starting 15th of September 2018 on the District 2452 website http://www.rotaryd2452.org/new, for adopting Civic Education in your community or school to the next level to reach peaceful relation:

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Use the 5 Rotary core values and the 4-way test to achieve measurable improvement in civic knowledge, skills, and dispositions.

- Seek out schools interested in implementing this pilot project and sign a MOU by providing ideas on how to set effective goals and strategies for meeting them.
- Provide materials and detailed explanation on the Rotary core values and the four-way test, including the Object of Rotary and the club community service or Civic Education for Peacebuilding projects. We cannot expect schools to deliver high-quality results without informing them about us - the club/the rotaryand making them understand our motto "Service Above Self".
- Develop and implement projects or events that support the five core values and the 4-way test.

At the end, special thanks for the District Area of Focus Committee Chair Dr. Ghada Ayoub and all the members for the time and efforts to make this pilot project see the light.

As President of Rotary International 2018-19, Barry Rassin says, "Rotary is not only a model but an inspiration".

Michel P. Jazzar District Governor, Rotary International District 2452.







6th District 2452 Conference Beirut, Lebanon, 1st- 4th May 2019

For online registration please visit: http://www.rotaryd2452.org/new/ Promotional video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rPMcpAxkFKO&feature=youtu.be

IMPACT TRACKER as of 27th September 2018 (www.rotary.org)

Total volunteer hours

> 71,172,885 Hours

Number of volunteers

13,107,545

People

Total cash contributions

> 883,873,107 **USD**

Total in-kind contributions

366,588,245

USD

From 125861 projects added since Showcase launched in 2013

The President Corner



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September is the traditional month of returning to normal life in Bahrain, as the schools open for the new school year and people drift back from their summer vacations and get back to their routine schedule, the world of Rotary puts things in higher gear. RCA is no exception as we are getting quite busy and buzzing with many activities for the Rotary Year 2018-2019.

To start things off; the "Second life of plastic Bottle" event was one of the most inspiring and fun events where we all enjoyed watching the kids making a colorful mess with plastic bottles along with their hands and their parents cloths. The "back to school back bag" distribution was very rewarding and heartwarming initiative. There is nothing more fulfilling than seeing the smile on our kids' faces other than the fact that it was a joint effort done by all the Rotary Clubs in Bahrain completed in a very short period of time. For these two wonderful efforts, I'm very proud of the Rotarians who rolled up their sleeves and answered the call.

There was the Official Visit of the District 2452 Governor Michel Jazzar and his lovely wife Dr. Diah's to Bahrain and to our club in September also. Their brief visit was filled with fellowship, constructive meetings and tours with officials and inspiring work. The District Governor's encouraging words and praises of what we have accomplished so far is a testament to the hard work and dedication of the club members' effort to make it a splash year.

The march toward our **Cricket Tournament fundraising event** has intensified in the month of September with promises of a solid built up for the money collection. The **Diraz Park Restoration Project (DPRP)** is our cause this year and everyone is so excited to have this meaningful and wonderful goal as our cause for this year.

In September, our RCA family has grown with the addition of two fabulous ladies who were inducted to the clubs; Rtn. Faten Al Ali and Rtn. Fadia Mubarak have joined us with great enthusiasm and eagerness to contribute to their communities. I encourage all members to congratulate them and make them feel welcomed in the club.

October is also shaping up to be a great month of fellowship, hard work and exciting projects. If you haven't got the RCA fever, come and see us every Monday evening at 6:30 at the Diplomat Hotel.









RCA CLUB ACTIVITES:

RC Adliva Social Evening 27th Aug. 2018.







روتـــارى العدلية بدشين حملة تبوعبوبية للحضاظ عبلي البيئ

لتعرض نادي روتاري العدلية مشاريعه المستقبلية والحالية خلال الاجتماع الذي عقد مساء أمس الأول بقندق الديبلومات برئاسة ىرى أناسى، وحضور الشيخ عبدالله آل خليفة رئيس نادي روتاري السلمانية، ورثيس تأدي روتاري المنامة شيتان بهاتيا ومعثَّل مُحا منطقة الروتاري أميرة أسماعيل، ومطلة تمكين مها السيد، وعدد كبير من أعضاء النادي وضيوفهم من مختلف قطاعات العمل في البحرين وبهذه المناسبة تحدثت مها السيد مندوبة تمكين عن برامح الدعم جديدة التي تقدمها تمكينُ في مجال ريادة الأعمال مثل برامج الدعم القربية التدريب وبرامج الإرشاد المهني والعملي. ومن جانبه قام رئيس نادي روتاري العدلية للعام ٢٠١٨-٢٠١٩ دري اتاسي بعرض نَبِدُهُ عَنَ مَشَارِيعَ الفَادِي الحَالِيةِ وِ المستقبليةِ كَمَشُرُوعَ التَوْعِيةَ البِيئيةِ لإعادة استعمال العبوات البلاستيكية بطريقة قنية، والذي بدأت فعالياته بالتنسيق مع جمعية ايزيك الشبابية وسوبر ماركت اللولو في مجمع الرملي ومشروع ترميم حديقة الدراز، والذي يتم بالتنسيق مع كل من المحافظة الشمالية وبلدية المحافظة الشمالية خلال الأشهر القليلة القادمة، وقد أنهى رئيس النادي عرضه بالقركيز على دور النادي في المساهمة والمشاركة في العشاريع الشموية والاجتماعية لما فيه منفعة عامة للوطن والمواطن.

Rtn. Mrs. Amal Kooheji was the guest speaker at the meeting of regular RC Sulmaniya on 15th Aug. 2018 Meeting the Governor of Northern Governorate, Kingdom of Bahrain

Rotary Club of Adliya President Durry Atassi along with Vice President and Past District Governor Nijad Alatassi and Past President Talal Almannai recently met with the Governor of Northern Governorate Mr. Ali Al-Asfoor to discuss the restoration project of Diraz Park as part of RCA's commitment for social and civic participation for the year 2018-2019.



تطوير حديقة الدراز وجعلها مصدر رزق لذوي الاحتياجات

إسادة تأهيسل الحديقة جبراء عمليات التخريب في العنام 2011، فيمنا نوه العصفور إلى داجة الحديقة إلى الفضالة، وبحضور كل من دري إصادة تعرفي البنى التحتية ودعم الأتاسي ونجاد الأتاسي ممثلين عن روتباري العدلية في التبرع بتقديم نادي روتاري العدلية اللتباحث حول ألماب الأطفال، وتتشيط لجنة أصدقاء الحدائق بالتعاون مع الجمعية الأملية، ونادى الاتفاق الثقاق والرياضي، وسادي الانعماق التعلق والرياضي، وإعدادة المديقة إلى سابق طبيعتها لمساهمتها كمنتفس الأهالي وخصوصا كبار السن منمه، وتتمية الأكشاك وجعلها مصدر رزق لذوي الامتياجات الخاصة.

من جانبها، أكدت مدير عام بلدية المنطقة الشمالية لمياء الفضالة على التعاون بين كل الجمات التي تسعى لتطوير البيئة مشيدة بجمود المعافظ وكوادر المنافظة، وكذلك مثنية على التعاون مع مؤسسات المجتمع المدلى وتحقيق الأستدامة في برامج التطوير، عبرت عن كامل الاستعداد للتعاون ذُلُكُ أَن الاهتمام والتشجير يأتي في قائمة الأولويبات لجماليات المش وإزالة التلوث البصري، وتحسين الشوارع وفق الإمكانات

وتم الاتفاق على تشكيل فرية.

تتكامل لتصل إلى دعم برامج الأمم واستعرض العصفور ما تم وستعرض المعتصور عن الم تنفيذه لتطوير مدخل وحديقة الدراز منـذ شـهر فبر اير من العـام 2016، حيث كانت فكـرة الانطلاق مي تطوير المواقـع وتنميتهـا وفق حاجـة الناس

الشمالية أمس اجتماعًا بحضور مدير عـام بلديــة المنطقــة الشـمالية لمياء

مشروع المرحلة الثابية من تطويس حديقة الدراز، وأكد محافظ الشمالية علي

العصفور التعاون المتبادل بين

المحافظية ويلدية المنطقة الشوالية

المجتمع المدني، مهنئًا الفضَّالة بالثقة

الملكية السامية بتعيينها مديرًا عامًا

للبلديسة، كما أثنى على السدور الذي

يلعب نادي روتاري العدلية في خدمة

شرائح المجتمع غسمن برامح تتمية

متنوعة على مستوى العالم، لاسيما في حالات الكوارث والأزسات، وهي أيوار

سات النضع العنام ومنظمنات

والشمالية، تستضيف فريق العمل المشترك لتطوير حديقة الدراز

and RC Manama on 26th Aug. 2018 where she highlighted the up-coming news projects Meeting 17/09/2018 of RC Adliya for the youth and young people.









RCA CLUB ACTIVITES: RC Adliya along with Association Internationale des Étudiants en Sciences Économiques et Commerciales (AIESEC) Bahrain organized the 'Second Life for Plastic Bottles Event', an awareness program to make Bahrain more environment-friendly by reducing or reusing waste plastic bottles in innovative ways. The event was held on 7th September 2018 at Lulu Hupermarket Ramli Mall. The event was so successful the event is being repeated on 14th & 27th September 2018.

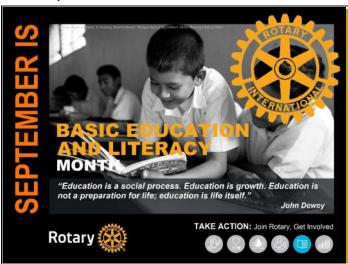


ROTARY IN BAHRAIN JOINT PROJECT

The 3 Rotary Clubs and the Rotaract Club in Bahrain (District 2452) participated in a joint project of distributing school bags to 9 charity societies in Bahrain for the orphan children who cannot afford to buy school bags. The Rotarian and Rotaract members jointly distributed over 600 school bags to children of Al Sanabel Orphan Care Society, Bani Jamra, Society, Barbar Charity Society, Tree Of Life Charity Society, Al Hedaya Society Association, Riffa Woman Culture and charity society, Dar Society.







More than 775 million people over the age of 15 are illiterate. That's 17 percent of the world's adult population. Rotary goal is to strengthen the capacity of communities to support basic education and literacy, reduce gender disparity in education, and adult literacy. The Rotary Foundation supports education through scholarships, donations, and service projects around the world.



"Literacy is a bridge from misery to hope."

- Kofi Annan

International's Rotary New Website and **Story on Literacy**



Rotary International launched a much anticipated new website this month. The Rotary Leader January newsletter mentions five reasons to check out the new site, but I must admit that my main reason to look at it right away was the story on literacy because I knew it Thumpakhar", Nepal. would feature a great Nepal project.

The literacy story talks about the importance of training teachers. It features several great projects, but the one I know well is implemented by NTTI (Nepal Teacher Training Innovations) and PHASE, two great NGOs my club is working with together with the Rotary Club of Kathmandu Mid-Town. The aim of the project, which will hopefully soon benefit from a grant, let me know! global grant, is to improve instructions in Nepal's primary schools.

Below is a brief excerpt of the story as it relates to NTTI. The tory is featured on the "supporting education" section of the new website:

"Before taking part in the NTTI program, one teacher relied heavily on memorization, having her students copy words off the blackboard. After training, the teacher made her lesson on animate and inanimate objects more interactive, says Ashley Hager, NTTI's director. The teacher asked children to point to objects and describe how they were different. She then listed the differences on the board and paired students up to discuss them. As a final exercise, the class went approached the teacher with a live ant in her hand Above Self. and inquired, "This is an animate object, yes?" The https://rotarianeconomist.com/2017/01/11/rotary-

asked, "Is it still an animate object now?" Caught by surprise, the teacher asked the rest of the students thought, and a lively conversation what they followed. Other teachers agree that the training taught them the value of interactive teaching. "It's transformed my way of teaching and given me brilliant ideas to employ the best teaching practices I have learned," says Goma Khada, who teaches fourth grade at Shrijana Higher Secondary School in

The literacy story is available at the following link(https:// www.rotary.org/en/ teaching-teachers-keyliteracy). If you would like to contribute to the global

This story is just one of many great stories on the new website. Stories are provided for each area of focus of the Rotary Foundation. Other stories focus on what it means to be a Rotarian or other topics of interest to clubs. So please check the new website out!

And just for the sake of completeness, let me end by mentioning that the five reasons highlighted in the Rotary Leader January newsletter to visit the new website are (1) Better organization; (2) Improved readability; (3) Compelling storytelling (what I just focused on); (4) Prominent calls to action; and (5) Enhanced metrics.

From Rtn. Quentin Wodon's website ROTARIAN outside to find examples in nature. One student ECONOMIST Analysis and Commentary for Service

teacher agreed. The child then squashed the ant and internationals-new-website-and-its-story-on-literacy/

24TH OCTOBER WORLD POLIO DAY

END POLIO NOW: COUNTDOWN TO HISTORY





How You Can Celebrate World Polio Day

View

- Mark your calendar to tune in for Rotary's World Polio Day event on 24 October.
- Watch the event on 24 October on endpolio.org (or anytime following the event).
- Follow the event on social media and share it with your network.

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- Share the sample Facebook posts, Instagram images, and tweets on our website.
- Use the #endpolio hashtag to follow and join the global conversation on social media.

- Follow End Polio Now on Facebook and Twitter.
- Update your Facebook cover photo and Twitter avatar, using the graphics provided.

Host

- Host a viewing party for friends and club members to watch the World Polio Day event.
- Invite local media, elected officials, and community leaders to a viewing party to show new audiences and potential members the power of what we can accomplish as an organization.
- Dedicate a club meeting to World Polio Day, and update your website with information about the event.

 Organize a fundraising or community event. Every \$1 you raise for polio is matched 2-to-1 by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.

Write

- Email or call local reporters and pitch a story about World Polio Day and your club's contributions to the effort.
- Write a letter to the editor of your local newspaper about the importance of ending polio. Send it to the op-ed or editorial features editor for consideration.
- Write your government officials asking for their continued support of polio eradication efforts.
- When stories are published, send us links and share on social media. Also link to our media page, which shows other coverage of Rotary's work.



#endpolio | endpolio.org

The world pledges to end polio

At the 2017 Rotary International Convention in Atlanta, Georgia, USA, global leaders pledged \$1.2 billion to end polio. Rotary committed to raising \$50 million per year over the next three years through the **End Polio Now: Countdown to History Campaign.** Bill Gates, who gave the convention's keynote address, announced that the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation will match Rotary's new commitment 2 to 1. This match will triple any donation made to PolioPlus, adding up to \$450 million to the fight against the disease. The funds will support eradication efforts, such as disease surveillance, outbreak response, and polio immunizations.



