

DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S MONTHLY MESSAGE MARCH 2021

Dear Rotarians, Rotaractors and Interactors in D-2482, Bulgaria, Dear Rotary Friends in R. North Macedonia, Romania, Moldova, Greece, Serbia, Albania and around the world - who celebrate the first of March,

Happy Baba Marta !!!

Touch wood !!!



Coronavirus—out!!!

Dear Rotarian, Rotaractor and Interactor ladies, female members of Rotary community corps, and Rotary alumni, I support the recognition of the social achievements of the 'weaker sex' and *congratulate you on March International Women's Day*!

Dear young friends in D-2482, *congratulations on the International Rotaract Week*! We must work together to establish the new principles of equality and partnership! It is a pity that you will not be able to realize the planned March Rotaract Europe Meeting (REM) in Sofia, but I believe that the future will bring us compensatory satisfaction!

Traditionally, at this time in Rotary we pay special attention to one of our most focused areas—*water supply and sanitation*. Bulgaria ranks 6th among European countries in terms of fresh water resources per capita, 99% of us use central water supply systems, and in over 95% of cases, the quality of drinking water meets the standards. At the same time, one third of the population is not connected to a wastewater disposal system, only half of the joined ones are also connected to a treatment plant, and at the level of current capital expenditures it will take more than 35 years to reaching European purification standards. One of the big problems is the anthropogenic impact, expressed in different types of water pollution. It seems to me that the attention of the clubs should be attracted by the problems in this area of focus as well!

Dear friends,

I admire again all the members of our Rotary family who, even in pandemic conditions, bravely exercise their selfless service in aid of their communities!

Thank you for your responsiveness to my ongoing series of virtual official visits to Rotary/Rotaract/Interact clubs in the district.

I would like to remind you that the campaign for appointing representatives of the clubs in the district correspondent network is currently active—I expect to move the work with the correspondents indicated by you (during this and the next Rotary years) for successful realization of the new ideas related to IDIS (Integrated District Information System) improvement.

Because Rotary opens up opportunities!



Arch. Iliyan Nikolov District Governor 2020-21

Watch also a video version of the address published on the district's website: <u>www rotary-bulgaria.org</u> —under the head of the site, or at: <u>rotary-bulgaria.org/Дистрикт гуверньор 2020-2021/Месечни послания</u>