

# Amanac Of The Rotary Clubs In Bulgaria



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### Dear Rotarians, Dear friends,

The Almanac you are opening is a result of my offer to each of the Rotary clubs in District 2482 Bulgaria to share on one page some facts of its history, to tell about the projects it is proud of, to present its programs and partners. What we finally got was a colorful picture, a series of fascinating stories because every club is unique community of successful people of different professions and experience. They are united by their shared values of fellowship, by their willingness to prove themselves as leaders desiring to apply their various experiences and perspectives in order to solve sustainably problems in their communities and all over the world. These are efforts and work that only pay off, yet

generously, by shared friendships and human interaction, by the chance to change human lives, to leave good deeds as our heritage and thus grow as persons.

This year, we shall celebrate 25 years of the restoring of Rotary in Bulgaria. Interesting and controversial history is behind us, evidence of turns and changes in Bulgarian society from the 30s of the 20th century till today.

Even back in 1915 we have Bulgarian Rotarian – he is Sabo Nikolov from Panagyurishte.

On 22 April 1933, in Sofia, the first Rotary club in the country was chartered. Memorial for the Rotarians are the names of the very first founders: Dr. Nikolaev, Dr. Todor Nedkov, eng. Tsvyatko Kadiyski, Petko Boyadzhiev, Boleslav Taucher, and Veliko Hristov. Only two years later, the Rotary club already unites prominent figures of Sofia society then.

The club has exceptional merits for breakthroughs of the isolation, which is imposed to Bulgaria after the unfortunate end of the wars, and all this without compromising Rotary tolerance, consistently defending national interests ,and reminds injustices of the Treaty of Neuilly. Some of the first in Europe mixed Rotary committees are established together with the clubs of Yugoslavia, Romania, and Greece.



Opening of the monument of the first Bulgarian-Rotarian Subo Nikolov



Opening of the first district conference in Sofia in March 1940



The first meeting of the Rotary club of Sofia, 1991



Mario Grassi - campaign "Polio"



Visit the RI president Herbert Brown

Rotary extends outside Sofia as well. As of 1940, there are clubs in Varna, Bourgas, Rousse, Pleven, Gorna Oryahovitsa, Veliko Tarnovo, and Plovdiv. By resolution of Rotary International in 1939, the separate District Bulgaria is established with the first governor prof. Lyuben Bojkov. Faithful to the principles and values of Rotary, the club members oppose the racial theories of the Nazis. At the conference of Rotary in Cleveland in 1940, the Bulgarian Rotarians vote in favor of the resolution to support the innocent victims of war.

A star moment of the Rotarians in the fight against racial and national hatred is when the three members of Parliament Rotarians signed the Declaration of Dimitar Peshev, which initiated a rescue of Bulgarian Jews.

The development of Rotary in Bulgaria was interrupted twice. The first time is prohibited by the Law for protection of the nation in 1941, and the second — by the authorities in power in 1951, as the reasons for the ban are diametrically opposed - the first time as an anti-fascist, and the second as a pro-fascist organization.

Along with the social changes in the country in 1989, the Rotary idea returned. Kalcho Hinov, Simeon Kondov, Stefan Stoyanov, Tsvyatko Kadiyski-son, and Dimitar Stefanov in Sofia, Atanas Chaushev, Stoyan Chervenkov, Petar Neychev, Nasko nachev and Lambrin Atanasov in Plovdiv, were among the first to establish initiative groups and with the help of our Greek fellows, they opened a new page in Rotary history.

By mid-2007, Bulgaria was in the same Rotary district together with Northern Greece, Serbia and Montenegro, and FYROM. By this multinational district, Rotary proved to the world once again that it is ahead of politicians and can unite people from the business sector, experts professionals, intellectuals and leaders in an organization that set as its highest goal to serve society.

We are proud that our first district governor in our most recent history — Kalcho Hinov — announced the motto of his activities in the multinational district "Peace and Understanding in the Balkans". By our actions, we proved that we can be ahead of all political powers and can work for making Bulgaria guarantee of peace in Eastern Europe. We are proud that the Bulgarian composer Stefan Dragostinov wrote "Peace Symphony", by which the eightieth anniversary of Rotary International in Maracaibo, Venezuela, was celebrated.

On 1 July 2007, Bulgaria became separate District 2482 and now we are worthy part of the global Rotary community.

During all this time, we held two Presidential conferences: "The Contribution of Rotary to the Peace in the Balkans"and "Children of Bulgaria and Rotary". In December 2010, in Sofia, the Zone Rotary Institute was held. During these years, we were visited by the Presidents of Rotary International Wilfred Wilkinson, D.K.Lee, John Kenny, the RI President 2011-12 Kalyan Banerjee, for 2014-15 Gary Huang and many Rotary leaders from all over the world.

Since 1995, Rotary magazine is issued in Bulgaria and it is successor of the bulletin "Rotary in Bulgaria" that was issued only in 1940. It is recognized by Rotary International as regional for the Slavic countries of the Balkan Peninsula. We are proud that the Bulgarian Rotarians have their own anthem "The world was created by goodness", that they sing with great pleasure during their weekly meetings.

Now, in Bulgaria there are 85 Rotary clubs with over 2.000 Rotarians in almost every big town. Every year, hundreds of worthy projects are realized through events for fundraising with the aim to support better education and literacy, protection of child and maternal health, prevention of major diseases, sustainable socioeconomic development of our communities.



The great charter



Chartering of District 2482



RI President Wilkinson opens memorial stele commemorating 75 years since the establishment of Rotary in Bulgaria



Training Rotaract and Interact



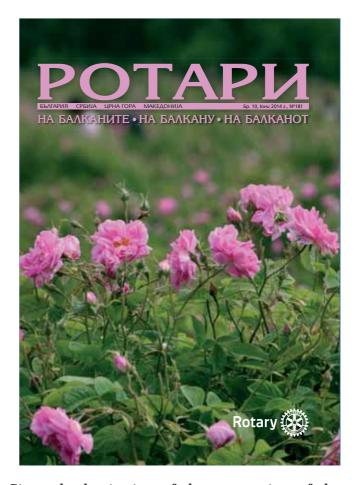
Award "Paul Harris Fellow"



District governors



PET seminar



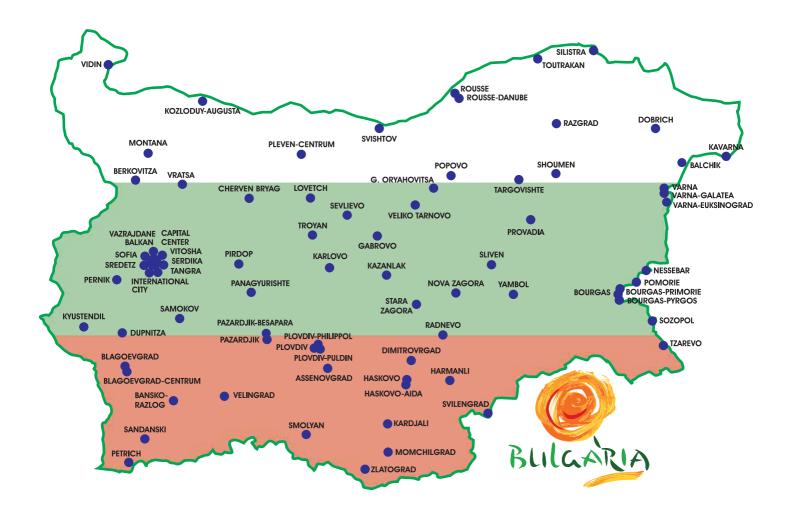
Since the beginning of the restoration of the Rotary movement by now, the Bulgarian Rotarians have implemented projects and programs for the benefit of their communities valued at over a million and a half dollars. This became possible with the participation in and support to the Rotary Foundation.

The Bulgarian Rotarians are among consistent donors of the Rotary Foundation. Recognition for this is the fact that currently there are over 800 Paul Harris fellows; over 20 members of the Paul Harris Society, eight Rotarians are honored with the "Major Donor"award. The Rotary club of Vidin is honored with the special award "100% Paul Harris Fellow".

With our donations to the Rotary Foundation we play our part in eradicating polio worldwide, the mission of Rotary, the achievement of which is very close.

Our pride is youth programs sponsored by the Rotary Clubs. United in 41 Rotaract clubs and 45 Interact clubs, young people grow up under the friendly guidelines and assistance of the Rotarians as people with values, mindful of the needs of other people and their communities. We believe that thus, Rotary in Bulgaria works for Bulgaria's future and for a better world of responsible leaders. For the twenty-five years since Rotary returned to Bulgaria, we became one of the fastest growing Rotary communities. This is so because the values of Rotary are typical of our spirituality as Bulgarians because entrepreneurial-minded people, people who want a better future for Bulgaria, found in our clubs friendly environment for communication and interaction for professional and personal growth, for own contribution in solving important to their communities needs and problems.

### District 2482 Bulgaria



Rotary around the world gives example of a better organization of society, for the possibility good people, competent and concerned professionals, intellectuals, entrepreneurs to come together, guided by values. We spend time and money; we mobilize our professional expertise to permanently change human lives for the better.

This is how ROTARY IS SERVING HUMANITY.

Thus, we leave good deeds as our heritage, grow as people and become GIFT TO THE WORLD. I believe that the picture of the Bulgarian Rotary revealed in this almanac is impressive and motivating for everyone who unfurls its pages. I hope it will contribute for new partnerships, new ideas and multiplying the best thing we do together.

I thank greatly to Spas Popov of RC Plovdiv Puldin for the work on its creation. I want also to express special thanks to PDG Nasko Nachev for his editorial interference and to our friend Tsvyatko Kadiyski, to whom the history of Rotary in Bulgaria has become a mission.

Nina Miteva District Governor 2015-16 Rotary District 2482 Bulgaria

### **Rotary Club of Aitos**



Weekly meeting: Tuesday, 7 p.m.

Restaurant "Starata kushta" (The old house)

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### About the Club

The Rotary club of Aitos is relatively young club. For its six years of exhistance, it proved to be one of the serious and stable clubs in Bulgaria.

The projects that are being implemented by the Club are directed to: youth, education, healthcare, social activities, vocational qualification improvement, club events, and cultural and historical heritage protection.



### **Major Projects**



Children – Our Future

The main project of the club is working with the children of the Municipality of Aytos. The project aims to support young people in their physical, health and spiritual development. Various events are organized within the project: traditional bicycle races, first school day celebration, prophylactic examinations, lectures on various topics and others.



**Safe Streets** 

The project is related to a number of activities on securing key crossroads and safe crossing of pedestrians. A series of lectures and discussions about traffic safety enrich the knowledge of learners.

### Rotary Club of Assenovgrad



Ohartered on 10/03/1999, RI No 51814 Sponsor: RC Plovdiv

Weekly meeting: Tuesday, 7 p.m.

e-mail: kamenovk@abv.bg

Hotel "Sani", Asenovgrad

### **About the Club**

The Rotary club of Assenovgrad was chartered at the time when Bulgaria was part of the Balkan international District 2480. Asenovgrad is situated at the foot of the Rhodope Mountains and is known for its more than 1,000 monasteries and chapels - in and around the town.

The Club meets in one of the most picturesque venues of spiritual community in the area — "Sv. Sv. Kirik and Yulita" monastery. This is one of the reasons the Greek district governor 1999-2000 to choose "Sv. Kirik" for the organization of the PETS hosted by the members of the Asenovgrad club. Thus, they had the opportunity at the very beginning to meet many Rotary leaders from Bulgaria and neighboring countries. The first Paul Harris Fellows in Bulgaria were announced at the seminar. Now, the club has 15 members and needs to attract young people and women as well.

### **Major Projects**



### **International PETS**

The meeting of current and incoming club leaderships with representatives of the district is connected to discussions on the new tasks and theme of the year as well as with the most important in Rotary practice — continuity.

Host clubs of the seminar were RC Assenovgrad and the sponsor club RC Plovdiv. The conditions of the architecture complex of "Sveti Kirik", the hospitality of its manager the Rotarian Nedyalko Peev and the excellently prepared materials for the seminar were the foundation of fruitful and interesting work.



### **Group Study Exchange**

A team of business ladies in the field of wine production from Canada and USA, D-7090, under the Group Study Exchange program visited RC Asenovgrad as well.

Special time was devoted to visiting old vineyards of grapes and Mavrud wine typical of this region.

The exchange was successful because the team enjoyed the ancient history, high agrarian culture and hospitality of the citizens of Asenovgrad.

### Rotary Club of Balchik



Weekly meeting: Monday, 6 p.m.

Reception room – Municipality of Balchik, "Geo Milev" str.

e-mail: rotary\_balchik@abv.bg

### **About the Club**

RC Balchik is one of the worthy representatives of the Rotary society. Uniting within itself vocational skills and positive emotions of its members, the Club successfully serves the society of the town of Balchik. Led by Rotary goals, the Rotarians of Balchik every week share ideas, discuss projects, listen to professional lectures, or just have a few hours of quality friendly conversations. Friendship



relations with RCs of Romania (Mangalia), Turkey (Ataşehir — Istanbul), and Israel (Karmiel) verify club's willingness to strengthen international relations, good will and peace in this small and beautiful town of Balchik. Project implementation directed to youth in the community enables promoting us as a humanitarian organization and achieves empathy in adolescents to the ideas of Rotary. The club actively seeks to maintain and increase membership among young people.

### **Major Projects**



"No to Drugs"

Athletics cross is the final stage of the project which the club implements each year. It comes after a series of lectures and discussions, film and printed materials about different problems related to the "scourge" of modern society. Once a year, the White City whitens by the hundreds of young participants dressed in traditional white shirts with the inscription "No to Drugs". This project is a small part of the work of the Rotary club done for the young people in the town.



# For Clean Drinking Water at School

The project includes the installation of 4 drinking water purifying systems at 4 schools on the territory of the Municipality of Balchik. The aim of the project is to avoid the consumption of "hard" and polluted water in the water supply network. More than 1200 children every day drink the purified water freely and at easy to access places.

The project is an expression of friendly empathy – it is implemented with the support of the Municipality of Balchik and RC Mangalia, Romania.

### Rotary Club of Bankya



Ohartered on 17/05/2013, RI No 85121 Sponsor: RC Sofia - Balkan

Weekly meeting: Wednesday, 7 p.m.

Hotel "Bankya Palace"

www.rotarybankya.org

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### About the Club

The Rotary clubs of Bankya is relatively young club chartered on 17.05.2013. The club was established by a group of friends, long-term members of other Rotary clubs, distinguished residents of Bankya and the capital. Among the Rotarians of Bankya are prominent leaders in the fields of construction, geodesy, and production of doors, windows, ventilation systems, and trade. Most of the club



members are employers providing livelihoods to hundreds of residents of the capital. The Rotarians of Bankya commit their personal time, resources and efforts to the community service, engaging themselves with various social projects in active cooperation with the local municipal management. The implemented by RC Bankya projects address all social groups, from infant and maternal health, through promotion of Rotary via social events for small and grown-ups, to care about disadvantaged elderly people.

### **Major Projects**



# Donation of Infusion Devices

On 18/02/2015 in the First AG Hospital "St. Sofia" in the capital, at the "Pathology of Pregnancy" ward, representatives of the Rotary club of Bankya and the restaurant "Druzya" donated infusion devices for prevention of premature birth. The funds were raised at the Spring Ball organized by the club.



**Hot Lunch** 

RC Bankya launched the "Hot Lunch" project. The project provides free lunch, including a soup, a main dish and bread. The group of disadvantaged people is selected by the municipal administration and RC Bankya provides the financing of the project.



### Christmas Holidays in Bankya

The Rotary club of Bankya and Sofia Municipality Region Bankya organized together for the first time Christmas holidays in Bankya. All funds from "Christmas holidays in Bankya" that Rotary Club Bankya collects will be used for the initiative "Hot Lunch" and 25th "Izvorche" Kindergarten.

### Rotary Club of Bansko-Razlog



Weekly meeting: Tuesday, 7 p.m.

A Hotel "Martin", town of Bansko

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Sponsor to: Rotary club of Gotse Delchev, Rotaract club of Bansko - Razlog

### About the Club

RC Bansko-Razlog was chartered in November 2003. The most significant projects are implemented on the territory of the Municipalities of Bansko and Razlog, particularly noteworthy is what was done in the Hospital Razlog. For its successfully completed project that provided the most advanced medical equipment to the Intensive sector of the Internal Diseases ward in Hospital Razlog in 2012, RC Bansko-Razlog was appointed for Club №1 in District 2482 Bulgaria. In 2014 RC Bansko-Razlog implemented another medical project that contributed to timely care for mothers and newborns in the municipalities of Bansko, Razlog, Belitsa, and Yakoruda. Hospital ward in Razlog has new monitors for simultaneous monitoring of vital signs of mothers and newborn, fetal monitors, central computer system, incubators, lamps for newborn, ultrasound equipment, birthing table and supplies. The project was mutually funded with 11 clubs from USA, Hungary, Romania, Greece, FYROM, and the Municipalities of Bansko and Razlog. The Hospital in Razlog has new medical equipment, which is the equivalent of medical equipment in university hospitals in the US and meets the latest requirements for diagnostics and monitoring. By these projects of RC Bansko-Razlog, approximately 80 thousand people of the municipalities of Bansko, Razlog, Belitsa and Yakoryda are served.

### **Major Projects**



### Medical Device Equipment

The General Hospital of Razlog has brand new medical equipment and meets the latest requirements for diagnostics and monitoring after a successfully completed project aimed at intensive sector of internal department of the hospital of Razlog. RC Bansko-Razlog was appointed club Nº 1 in Bulgaria.



# **Equipment for Obstetrics** and **Gynecology Ward**

RC Bansko-Razlog fulfilled its second medical project aimed to facilitate timely care for mothers and newborns in the municipalities of Bansko, Razlog, Yakoruda and Belitsa. The ward has new monitors for simultaneous monitoring of vital signs of mothers and newborns.



# Prevention and Fight against Diabetes

Within the implemented project so far over 5,000 children from the municipalities of Bansko, Razlog and Yakoruda were examined for any signs of diabetes and 50 persons suffering from the disease diabetes were consulted. The Rotary club Bansko-Razlog donated a unit for the study of glycosylated hemoglobin laboratory in the town of Razlog.

### Rotary Club of Berkovitza



Weekly meeting: Wednesday, 7.30 p.m.

Restaurant "Vodenitsata", 1 Pirotski pat str.

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### About the Club

The Rotary club of Berkovitza strives to take its place among the leading clubs in Bulgaria. The club members build club image that fully meets the ideas of Rotary. The main part of the club members are PHFs through donations to the Rotary Foundation. Through its implemented projects, the Rotary club of Berkovitza raises and works toward the promotion of Rotary in the community. The club is twin club with the Rotary club of Prokuplje, R. Serbia.



The Rotary club of Berkovitza focuses on continuous work with its members to implement club service projects organizing meetings, club holidays and initiatives for making Rotary part of each member's life.

### **Major Projects**



# Charity Christmas Pavilion

On the initiative of RC Berkovitza, we annually put a Charity pavilion in the center of the town on 23, 24 and 25 of December under the motto "The money donated by you will be doubled by Rotary!" With the funds raised, we buy presents and food that we donate to single mothers, families with many children and socially deprived families in Berkovitsa.



### **Planting of Trees**

For the Centennial of Rotary, RC Berkovitsa initiated the planting of 100 trees of valuable sorts. Since then, the club has been annually organizing activities of forestation in alleys and parks in the town of Berkovitsa. The trees are bought with members' funds.



# Talented Children of Berkovitsa

Annually, RC Berkovitza organizes Christmas and Summer Balls with the aim of fundraising to support talented children of Berkovitsa; purchase of wind instruments for children's brass band at the community center "Ivan Vazov 1872" and folk costumes for the children's dance group at the community center "Ivan Vazov 1911", village of Barziya.

### Rotary Club of Blagoevgrad-Centrum



Weekly meeting: Monday, 7.00 p.m.

hotel "Alen mak"

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Sponsor of: Interact club of Blagoevgrad- Center, Rotaract club of Blagoevgrad- Center, RC Petrich

### **About the Club**

The Rotary club of Blagoevgrad-Centrum organizes its work in five avenues: active club service, community service, vocational service, international service and service to the new generations. For their club development, the Rotarians from Blagoevgrad-Centrum focus in increasing club qualification and training; preservation and development of the club and folk traditions by organizing meetings and joint



projects with twinned clubs, implementation of joint projects with Rotaract and Interact clubs directed to the progress and education of new generations as well as adopting the standards of Rotary as part of every Rotarian's life.

The club implements successful service projects, contributes to the Rotary Foundation, develops social and community activities, manages strictly its funds and pays duly its financial obligations.

### **Major Projects**



### **Children Playground**

Through our project "Children Playground", we enabled parents and their children to enjoy safe and protected environment. The playground is situated in the central Town garden with an area of about 500 sq m and can be easily accessed by all citizens and guests of the town. The children playground is the place where children can have fun: to climb on jungle gyms, to dig into sandbox, to swing, to run, so that they are under the supervision of their parents.



# Ramp for Skateboarding and Bicycles

For the needs of children and young people of Blagoevgrad, the club delivered and installed a ramp for skateboarding and bicycles situated just in front of the building of the Municipality of Blagoevgrad and complies all the safety requirements.

The sport facility became favorate place for those who like extreme jumps and bicycle riding and skateboarding.

### Rotary Club of Botevgrad



Weekly meeting: Tuesday, 7.00 p.m.

Office building, 6 Svoboda str.

www.rotarybotevgrad.org

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### About the Club

The Rotary club of Botevgrad was chartered in 2009 as part of District 2482.

The club is formed by the 25 citizens of the town of Botevgrad — business men and professionals proven leaders in their professions and a significant part of them working in the city of Sofia. United by the ideas of Rotary, the club members practice the principles of Rotary, namely the implementation of



high ethical standards in their professional activities and business relations and Service above Self to the community and the people and striving to make the world a happier place.

### **Major Projects**



**Equipment for Pediatric Ward** 

On the Day of Health Workers, the Rotary club of Botevgad supported by women's Inner Wheel club donated three units of inhalers, and infusion and aspiration pump for the Pediatrics ward at the hospital of Botevgrad. The total amount of the equipment is 2,000 BGN and is provided with the help of many citizens. Much of the funds were collected on the traditional Charity Ball on March 14 this year.



**Exhibition for the Day of Europe** 

Organizers are the Rotary Club of Botevgrad and the Union of the Bulgarian Artists - representation Botevgrad. The exhibition "Contemporary trends of Bulgarian textile" was opened in the lobby of Hotel "Botevgrad". It was dedicated to the Day of Europe, and involved 16 of the biggest names in modern Bulgarian textile, students and followers of the work of world famous Bulgarian artist in this field prof. Marin Varbanov (1932-1989).

### **Rotary Club of Bourgas**



Weekly meeting: Monday, 6.30 p.m.

Hotel "Bulgaria", Capitan hall

www.rotary-bourgas.org

e-mail: admin@rotary-bourgas.org

Sponsor of: Interact club of Bourgas, Rotaract club of Bourgas, Rotary clubs: Yambol, Sliven, Nessebar, Pomorie, Bourgas-Pyrgos, Bourgas-Primorie, Sozopol, Tsarevo, Sofia-City, Karnobat and Aytos

### About the Club

The Rotary club of Bourgas is chartered as one of the first in Bulgaria on 14.02.1937. It was restored on 4.10.1991. In its activity, RC Bourgas follows the principles of Rotary for providing humanitarian help mostly through organization, coordination and implementation of integral humanitarian projects for the benefit of the people of Bourgas and the region.

In the first fifteen years after its restoring, the club has been directing its efforts mainly toward the social sphere both via providing medicines and equipment for social and healthcare institutions, and via reconstruction and support.

The clubs develops active work regarding the educational institutions as well, both through supporting the improvement of educational infrastructure and through implementation of youth educational programs. The club works actively for the development of local museums. Very important priority of the club is the advancement of club service and leadership development for Rotary has become tradition.

Twice in its history – for its work in 2003/04 and 2005/06, the Rotary club of Bourgas received the prestigious award "Presidential Citation" of RI Presidents for the relevant years.

### **Major Projects**



# Help for Educational and Social Institutions

In the period 1995-2004, RC Bourgas implemented a few projects for reconstruction of the Orphanage "Al. Georgiev – Kodzhakafaliyata" via Matching grant and contributions from RCs Plymouth, Lekkerkerk and Shade with total amount of \$50.300, € 50.000 and £ 8.000. The second and third floors of the building are fully reconstructed and renovated. A computer hall in the secondary school "Sv. Kl. Ohridski" was equipped together with RC Exmouth, and with the help of Christine Dagwell over 200 computers, cloths and basic necessities were delivered to schools and social institutions.



# **Support for the Museums of Bourgas**

In 2013, RC Bourgas made a big donation to the Natural History Museum in Bourgas renewing entirely the exposition "Minerals" including with the personal donation of eng. Ilko Bonev, president of RC Bourgas 2012/13 and with his donation the National museum "Earth and People" granted to the museum in Bourgas one giant crystal that is the emphasis among the exhibits in "Minerals" hall.

In 2015, the three Rotary clubs in Bourgas united and collected funds to purchase rare types of fossils saved from leaving the country.

### **Rotary Club of Bourgas-Pyrgos**



Weekly meeting: Thursday, 6.00 p.m.

Hotel "Mirage"





Sponsor of: Interact club of Bourgas-Pyrgos, Rotaract club of Bourgas-Pyrgos

### **About the Club**

The Rotary club of Bourgas-Pyrgos has rallied people of different ages and different professions united by their desire to preserve and develop a successful and effective club that implements sustainable service projects. We strive to preserve the function of the club as a place for personal and professional growth of each of our members as well as our young friends from Rotaract and Interact.



The club strives to actively work on the fife avenues of service: club service, community service, vocational service, international service, and youth service.

We believe that the best way to achieve a good future is to invest in young people. That is why the subject of Rotary club of Bourgas-Pyrgos is to support young talents.

### **Major Projects**



### **Donating Opportunity**

The project aims to improve the environment and conditions for the implementation of schoolage children organized in club activities of interest and to give them greater opportunities to express themselves.



# **Drawing Competition for Children**

The competition titled "I, my City and the Sea" is organized annually together with the Municipality of Bourgas and the Municipal Children Complex for children aged from 6 to 19. The competition aims to foster love for the hometown and sea as a natural resource.



# RYLA Seminar and Youth Exchange

They are organized together with District 2482. It provides opportunity to outstanding young people to develop their leadership and conscientious citizens' skills, to learn about the values of Rotary. Foreign participants in the program Youth Exchange also explore Bulgaria.

### Rotary Club of Bourgas-Primorie



Weekly meeting: Tuesday, 7.00 p.m.

A Hotel "Aqua" - Bourgas

www.rcbsprimorie.org

e-mail: club@rcbsprimorie.org

### **About the Club**

The Rotary club of Bourgas-Primorie follows the main principles of Rotary for community service. To achieve our goals, we develop and participate in programs for the improvement of healthcare, education and culture, youth exchanges, providing scholarships for training, organization of seminars. Significant part of the professions under the Rotary classification is represented in the clubs, and



everyone strives to apply the ideal for service in their personal, vocational and public life.

The members actively participate in the administration of District 2482 and contribute for the strengthening of Rotary as a prominent organization.

The Rotary club of Bourgas-Primorie meets the requirements for successful and effective Rotary club, developing young leaders, supporting youth programs Rotaract and Interact, organizing successful and sustainable projects, supporting the Rotary Foundation and transparently managing its finances.

### **Major Projects**



### **Sports Playground**

The most successful independent project of the Rotary Club is building a playground with six fitness appliance outdoors in the Sea Garden of Bourgas. This happened on 05.12.2008. The fitness playground was granted to the Municipality of Bourgas and due to the great interest among the citizens, the management of the Municipality decided to build similar sites in different locations of the town.



# **Exploration and Mapping of Spring Waters**

The project is related to the exploration and evaluation of water quality and the mapping of spring water fountains on the territory of Bourgas region. The project aims safe use of drinking water by the population on the territory of Bourgas region and promotion of unknown among the population sources of water with good and useful indicators for drinking and health goals.

### **Rotary Club of Varna**



Weekly meeting: Monday, 6.30 p.m.

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www.rotary-varna.org

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Sponsor of: RC Dobrich, RC Shoumen, RC Targovishte, RC Silistra, RC Varna-Galatea, RC Varna-Euxinograd, RC Elena

### About the Club

The Rotary club of Varna is one of the Bulgarian clubs with history before the World War Two. Established in 1935 and restored on 10.06.1993, it is the third Rotary club in Bulgaria. Sponsor clubs is RC Kavala. In September 2010, the 75th anniversary of Rotary in the town of Varna was officially celebrated.

People with various professions are members of the club, proven professionals in their respective areas



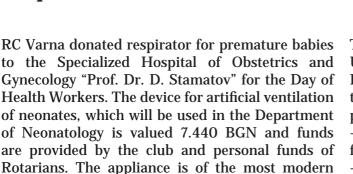
led by the indisputable leader Dr. Boris Kornovski. The goals of Rotary are related to the establishment and support of personal service for the community.

### **Major Projects**





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Varna Cooks

This project is inspired by the theme of the World Universal Expo Milan 2015 "To feed our planet. Energy for Life". For the first time in the center of this spectacular event food is placed as a reason for problems of humanity:

- Food safety and access to sufficient amount of food:
- Environmental, social and economic stability of the food chain:
- Conservation of taste and food culture.

functioning of the ward.

### Rotary Club of Varna-Galatea



Chartered on 19.05.2003, RI No 62217 Sponsor: RC Varna

Weekly meeting: Tuesday, 6.30 p.m.

Restaurant "Akaciite"

e-mail: rcvarnagalatea@gmail.com

Sponsor of: Interact club Varna-Galatea at Foreign Language school "loan Ekzarh" Varna

### **About the Club**

Following the trend of the extension of Rotary in Bulgaria and particularly in Varna, RC Varna-Galatea was chartered in May 2003 with the sponsorship of RC Varna.

Young and ambitious club, RC Varna-Galatea initiated and implemented numerous service projects, some of which are:

Grant project together with our fellows from RC

Kensington, London - Duodenoscopy for the Hospital "St. Anna ";

Donation for 2 crosses for the temple "Sv. Sv. Konstantin and Elena" in Edirne.

The goals of the club are related to the reunification of current and attracting new members following the principle of a wide variety of professional classification, the chartering of a new Interact club Varna-Galatea in 2016 and establishment of Rotaract club. Active participation in the events planned for 2017 when Varna will be European Youth Capital.



### **Major Projects**



# New Van for the Children from Karin Dom

Caring about children with special educational needs in the area, RC Varna-Galatea implemented a project for the purchase of a new specialized van for the children of Karin Dom at the value of 30.000 euro.

Grant project together with RC Kensington, London, and with the big personal help of Mr Ivan Stanchov.



# 20 Reasons to Be Proud to Be Bulgarians

Our joint project with RAC Varna reached thousands of citizens of Varna, and due to the great interest — to thousands of citizens of Bulgaria. The idea for the project was promotion of some of the most significant discoveries of Bulgarians who have changed the world. We chose 20 of all significant discoveries and made panels that toured important places in town organized as exhibition. The idea was recognized by the clubs outside Varna and they hosted the exhibition as well.

### Rotary Club of Varna-Euxinograd



Weekly meeting: Tuesday, 6.30 p.m.

Hotel "Splendid"



www.rotary-euxinograd.org



e-mail: president@ rotary-euxinograd.org

Sponsor of: Rotary club of Provadia, Rotaract club of Varna-Euxinograd, Interact club of Varna-Euxinograd

### About the Club

Fundament in club development is the maintenance of active club and project activity aiming to achieve actual results and to attract more active members.

The main directions for realization of the club strategy follow the Fife avenues of service of Rotary International and they are expressed in:

Encouraging the making of acquaintances as possibility for community service and performing useful work;

Establishing and applying of high ethical standards in business and professions, recognizing the significance of each occupation as well as the effort to protect good reputation of all professions;

Support and encouragement of young generations in Rotary.

RC Varna-Euxinograd is the only club in Bulgaria selected to participate in the program of Rotary International "Innovative and Flexible Rotary Club Pilot" for 2 Rotary years — 2015/2016 and 2016/17. This gives the opportunity to apply and test in practice new working rules of Rotary club and if they are approved by the Council on Legislation of Rotary International they shall be introduced as standard rules for the future in Rotary worldwide.

### **Major Projects**



## Clean water for 30 schools

The project is funded by the Rotary Foundation and is amounted \$ 57.000, with the participation of the Rotary clubs from Japan, Germany and England, and it includes delivery and installation of water filtering devices in 30 schools in Varna as well as campaign about the benefits of drinking water that was held among 10.000 pupils.



# Minibus to the Home for Children

Donation of a minibus to the Home for Children with Disabilities "St. Ioan Zlatoust" Varna amounting USD 16.400 and implemented by RC Varna-Euxinograd and the English RC Howden with the support of the DDFs of D-2482 Bulgaria and D-1270 England.



### Annual Secondary School Awards

The project has become club tradition since 2008 and awards outstanding students who have achieved high results in international and national competitions and contests in the areas of social, humanitarian, natural sciences, mathematics, art and technology.

### Rotary Club of Veliko Tarnovo



Weekly meeting: Thursday, 6.30 p.m.

Hotel "Panorama"

www.rotaryvt.org

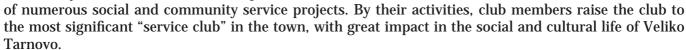
e-mail: office@rotaryvt.org

Sponsor of: Interact club Veliko Tarnovo, Rotaract club Veliko Tarnovo

### **About the Club**

The Rotary club of Veliko Tarnovo is chartered on 13 November 1938 at the Home of the Army on square "Mother Bulgaria" in the town of Veliko Tarnovo. After forced termination of its activity in 1941, 60 years later — on 30.11.2001- the club revived and resumed its valuable work.

The club starts actively to provide humanitarian and charity activities as well as the implementation



RC Veliko Tarnovo sponsored and chartered both youth programs — Rotaract club Veliko Tarnovo and Interact club Veliko Tarnovo actively encouraging and supporting the implementation of the projects of the young generations.



### **Major Projects**



### Eternal Flame at the Monument "Mother Bulgaria"

The project was implemented in 2001 by the founders of RC Veliko Tarnovo.

The images of a laurel wreath and two crosses from Bulgarian royal medal "For bravery" are used as symbolic elements. There are two inscriptions: "They died for you, Bulgaria..." from the poem of the Bulgarian poet Ivan Vazov. The aim is through the construction and maintenance of "eternal flame" and the monument "Mother Bulgaria" symbolically to maintain the flame of the Bulgarian spirit for all generations.



# For New Generations and Talented Children of the Town

RC Veliko Tarnovo constantly supports the young generations and talented children of the town. Together with the youth programs Rotaract and Interact clubs, we realize and successfully implement various service projects on the main avenues of Rotary International, together with small, but significant for our town projects.

Annually, we grant scholarships for talented children who achieved good results at national and international competitions and contests.

# Rotary Club of Velingrad



Chartered on 25.06.2006, RI No 73463 Sponsor: RC Pazardjik

Weekly meeting: Thursday, 7.30 p.m.

Hotel "Olymp"

e-mail: rotary\_velingrad@abv.bg

### About the Club

The Rotary club of Velingrad was established by members fascinated by the ideas of Rotary and that is why we continue to work following the goals of the organization.

We follow a plan complied with the Rotary calendar and it is rich in meetings, cultural events and entertainments, which makes our club life more



We try to strengthen the essence and integrity of the club.

We implement service projects of social prominence in order to have higher awareness of our fellow citizens. We attract new members.

We have strong connections with twin clubs from England and Montenegro.

### **Major Projects**



### **Training of Young People**

The Rotary club of Velingrad together with Rotary club of Oxtend and NGO Rakitovo works on a Matching Grant project for training of young people aged 17 to 27 years with the aim to enable them to find a job. The project lasts 3 years and is amounted \$ 35.000, and our club will participate with \$ 300. Every year, we make three trainings. The project was accepted with great interest both by the employers and candidates for job, that is why we all are satisfied and work with pleasure.



### **Awards for Talented Children of** Velingrad

Through fellowship to serve society - this is one of the main objectives of the Rotary club of Velingrad, said Boriana Beluhova to the audience in the conference hall of the hotel "Olymp" on March 2, 2010. The occasion for the gathering of Rotarians was traditional cash prizes and certificates presentation that the club gives each year to talented children from Velingrad.

### Rotary Club of Vidin



Weekly meeting: Monday, 6.00 p.m.

Restaurant "Neshev"



Sponsor of: Interact club of Vidin

### **About the Club**

The Rotary club of Vidin strives to be worthy part of the big Rotary family. Implementing a number of significant service projects, it is on the road to change positively the lives of many citizens of our region. Being close to the borders with two countries, it strives to actively have international cooperation becoming twin club with clubs from Romania and Serbia with the goal of implementing joint projects.



The club has significant contribution in the biggest project of Rotary – the eradication of polio. The club is the first one in Bulgaria whose members are 100% Paul Harris Fellows.

### **Major Projects**



### **Building of Social and Educational Center (SEC)**

he project of RC Vidin for SEC is totally completed and includes building of premises for the personnel, kitchen block, medical and dental offices, Sunday school, storage rooms...This became true with the help of the Municipality of Vidin and the Rotary Foundation through a joint e-Matching grant together with RC Lathrop, California, USA, to which we owe the equipment of the kitchen, galley for the poor and dining room amounted approximately USD 15.000. The complex is announced for a monastery by the Bulgarian Patriarch Maxim.



# Humanitarian gesture towards people with disabilities

This project addresses education and people with disabilities. Together with the Municipality of Lozana, Switzerland, and the Association "Marie Curie" for the third year now, we donate computers and laptops to socially weak, people with disabilities and schools. We covered the organizations of people with disabilities, the Roma organization DROM, as well as part of the schools in the region. The project aims to create conditions for training people with lower material possibilities and formation of interest in children to information technologies.

### **Rotary Club of Vratza**



Chartered on 13.11.2001, RI No 56796

Sponsor: RC Sofia

Weekly meeting: Monday, 6.00 p.m.



Restaurant "Hemus"





### About the Club

The members of the Rotary club of Vratsa have donated 28 thousands BGN under various forms only for the last year for different initiatives and organizations in the region. The old and new leaderships presented part of their work during the past Rotary year and plans for the current. The Rotary year starts on July 1 and ends on June 30. Among the initiatives of significance organized and supported by the club are: the renovated shelter near the passage of Vratsata, sport games for students, support for the Club of Cultural Activities, donations for the orphanage "Asen Zlatarov" Vratsa for temporary home, donation for the monument of Vasil Kanchov, etc.

We established and granted the first two scholarships dedicated to the name of our fellow Valeri Vachev for children with high achievements in the field of music. The scholarships are 500 BGN each and are presented once a year.

Since this year, the Rotary club of Vratsa intends to grant additional two scholarships for children with achievements in science and education. The children will receive 50 BGN monthly. Thus we continue the tradition for supporting hard-working and gifted children. For 15 years this scholarship has been given to Petroslav from Vratsa, until he graduated the Music Academy in Plovdiv.

### **Major Projects**



Campaign "Martenichka"

The Rotaract club of Vratsa implemented very successfully the project "Martenichka" on the occasion of 1 March. The campaign had a charitable nature and aimed at raising money by selling Martenitsas, and the collected money was donated to a home for children deprived of parental care "Zlatarov" and "Mother and Baby" Unit in Vratsa.



**Help for Mizia** 

RC Vratsa decided to help people in the town of Mizia after the devastating floods. Led by the noble causes for service, the club members collected more than 3,000 BGN. The initiative was embraced by our friends from the Rotary club of Montana, who collected 1,000 BGN. Thus essential goods for retired and other destitute people in the town were bought.

### **Rotary Club of Gabrovo**



Weekly meeting: Tuesday, 6.00 p.m.

Restaurant "Mall Gabrovo"

www.rotarygabrovo.org

e-mail: club@rotarygabrovo.org

Sponsor of: RC Troyan, RC Sevlievo, RC Gorna Oryahovitsa, RC Veliko Tarnovo, RAC Gabrovo, IAC Gabrovo

### **About the Club**

The Rotary club of Gabrovo is registered by a decision of the Regional Court from 22.06.1993. This makes it one of the oldest clubs in Bulgaria. By 2006, 84 fellows have been members. Eleven club members are Paul Harris Fellows.

Sponsor of the club is the Rotary club of Plovdiv. The club maintains active connections with all Bulgarian clubs as well as with clubs from USA,



Germany, Austria, Greece, and Russia. RC Gabrovo is sponsor of the clubs in Sevlievo, Troyan, Veliko Tarnovo, Gorna Oryahovitsa.

The support for the youth programs of Rotary allows to fully maintaining the dynamics and good results in club activities. All fife avenues of service of Rotary International are covered.

The Rotary club of Gabrovo is the first Bulgarian club that has its own anthem, lyrics by Bojidar Stoykov and composer – Hari Bogdanov.

### **Major Projects**



# Facade Lighting of the Temple

Wall art lighting of the church "Assumption", donation for citizens of Gabrovo on the occasion of Easter 2005.

Amounted of BGN 14.400, it is innovative for its time realization which emphasizes the dignity of this monument.



### Chapel "Sv. Great Martyr Panteleimon"

Building of a chapel "Sv. Great Martyr Panteleimon" at the Hospital "Dr. Tota Venkova", opened and sanctified by metropolitan bishop of Tarnovo in the presence of RC Garovo. The construction was followed by a donation for the hospital — medical equipment and material to the amount of BGN 1.400.000 with the help of six Rotary clubs from USA.



### Assembly of Flags on Saint Nikola Peak

The beginning of this project was set in 2011 with the placement of the rock as a sign of deep tribute to the fighters who took part in the August fighting 1877 on Shipka peak. After that, an assembly of ten flags of the countries who participated in the fights on Shipka is built. The project continues its development...

# Rotary Club of Gorna Oriahovitza-Liaskovetz



Weekly meeting: Monday, 6.00 p.m.

Hotel-restaurant "Tirolia"

e-mail: rotary\_club.go@gmail.com

### **About the Club**

The Rotary club of Gorna Oriahovitza-Liaskovetz is successor of one of the oldest Bulgarian clubs founded in 1937. After its restoring in 2004, the club actively participates in Rotary life as well as in the processes forming the local community. There are numerous service projects implemented by the Rotarians of Gorna Oryahovitsa and Lyaskovets: support for young talents in both municipalities;



restoration of historical monuments; building playgrounds; preventive health; sponsorship of books; involvement in civic initiatives to benefit society. Certainly, informal club life is taken care as well: meetings, celebrations, balls, sport competitions all of which strengthen fellowship among club members.

### **Major Projects**



# Support for Talented Children of Gorna Oryahovitsa and Lyaskovets

For more than 10 years now, the project stimulates financially outstanding young talents from both municipalities distinguished themselves in national and international competitions in the field of education and science, culture and the arts. The number of scholarship holders exceeds 200 supported by the club with over BGN 70.000. This project also included the provision of an award of BGN 1.000 for the winner in the vocal competition "New Music". Sport club "Modelist" - where children acquire skills and dexterity in the airplane and rocket modeling - also enjoys Rotary support.



# To Preserve Our Historical Memory

For the period since our chartering till now, the monuments of Georgi Izmirliev and Nikola Petrov have been restored and artistically sanctified. The relief of Prince Alexander of the first memorial dedicated to the liberation was also restored, located on the bridge near the village of Parvomaytsi.

Together with the Municipality of G. Oryahovitsa, commemorative plate of the savior of the town Elena Grancharova was erected. A few historical books about the past of the region were sponsored.

### Rotary Club of Gotse Delchev



Weekly meeting: Monday, 7.00 p.m.

Hotel-restaurant "Baroto"

e-mail: rotary\_gd@abv.bg

Sponsor of: Interact club

### About the Club

The Rotary club of Gotse Delchev unites businessmen and professionals who foster high ethical standards in all vocations and contribute for good will and peace in the world. Through its Service above Self, the club strives to make the world (particularly our region) a better place for living. Members of the club are 25 Rotarians, and the number of women among them is 10. All they are united by the ideals of Rotary and are motivated first of all to be gift to the world.



Professional diversity enlivens the social atmosphere in the club and is a rich source of professional experience in implementing club projects. The club sponsors, supports and guides Interact and teaches leadership and responsible citizenship.

### **Major Projects**



### We have given something to the World too

RC Gotse Delchev commemorates the Day of the National Enlighteners, November 1, with competition between students from 1st to 12th grade in schools in Blagoevgrad region. The competition aims to educate the young generation in the spirit of patriotism, historical and ancestral heritage, national identity and self-esteem.



**Diabetes Prevention** 

With the assistance of the National Association of diabetes for children and young people in Gotse Delchev, 2.800 students were examined. The campaign ended with a lecture "Diabetes and Me" with parents and students, which provoked lively discussion about healthy lifestyles.



### Maternal and Child Health

On the occasion of the Day of Maternal Care, 21 January, the Rotary Club presented modern maternity bed to the Maternity ward in the hospital "Ivan Skenderov" in the town of Gotse Delchev. It, along with donated previously taper pumps and surgical tools will serve to provide better medical care.

### **Rotary Club of Dimitrovgrad**



○ Chartered on 23.11.2001, RI No 56901 Sponsor: RC Kardjali

Weekly meeting: Tuesday, 7.00 p.m.

♠ Complex "Planeta-Payner"

e-mail: rotarydimitrovgrad@gmail.com

Sponsor of: Rotaract Dimitrovgrad

### **About the Club**

The Rotary club of Dimitrovgrad was established in November 1999 and admitted as a regular member of Rotary International on a charter ceremony held in Boyana Residence on 23.11.2001. Seven club members are Paul Harris Fellows.

Through the years of its existence, the Rotary club of Dimitrovgrad implemented a number of service projects like:



- 1. Building a ramp for disabled people in front of the District Court Dimitrovgrad, the Labour Office, the Department "Revenue" of the municipality of Dimitrovgrad;
- 2. Donation of an incubator for the hospital "Saint Catherine" Dimitrovgrad;
- 3. Construction of a fountain in one of the parks in the town;
- 4. Construction of a playground for children;
- 5. Building a monument to Apostol Karamitev the Municipal Drama Theater in the town is named after this eminent Bulgarian actor;

Major donation initiatives of the club - Christmas Ball and Charity Ball of the Annunciation on March 29.

### **Major Projects**



### **Give Life**

In connection with the holiday of the Annunciation, a Ball was held to raise funds to purchase medical equipment - an incubator for premature infants, automated maternity bed for the needs of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at the Hospital "Saint Catherine" Dimitrovgrad.



### Fountain in a Town Park

At the traditional Ball for fundraising on the Annunciation, it was decided that the funds collected shall be invested in building a public fountain in one of the parks of the town. It is located between the train station and the bus station.



# Children of Dimitrovgrad

Organizing and holding balls has become a tradition for RC Dimitrovgrad. The funds from the last ball allowed us to realize the club project to build playground for children up to 6 years and to grant it for stewardship to the municipality of Dimitrovgrad.

# Rotary Club of Dobrich



Chartered on 14.06.1997, RI No 50288

Sponsor: RC Varna

Weekly meeting: Monday, 6.00 p.m.

"Jilfond-invest" Ltd





e-mail: rotari\_dobrich@abv. bg

Sponsor of: RC Kavarna

### **About the Club**

The last two years were marked by amplified charitable activities of the Rotary Club of Dobrich.

The most significant was the fundraising campaign after the disaster that befell our town in

July 2014. All the funds were directed to prevent damage from flooding. They were invested in beds, mattresses, cupboards, curtains and other supplies for two kindergartens.

For several years, our charitable mission is aimed at teenagers. We believe that investment in the education of the younger generation is an investment in the future.

The introduction of modern interactive teaching methods increases the interest of students to classes and active participation in the learning process itself. Such practices are not new in other European countries. Our other commitments are organizing a competition for young artists "Hristo Gospodinov," granting scholarship for a "Young doctor". Every year at Christmas we present food packages to people with disabilities. If you walk into the Old Dobrich Complex at noon, you will hear the bells of the clock tower at precisely twelve o'clock. Maintenance of the clock is work of the club.

### **Major Projects**



Investment in the Future

boards for five more schools will happen.

For several years now, our charity mission is focused on the education of adolescents. At the beginning we equipped interactive classroom at the Regional Library "Dora Gabe." Then, we donated  $interactive\ boards\ to\ a\ few\ schools-"Hristo\ Botev",$ "Dimitar Talev", "Panayot Volov", and the School of Mathematics. This year, purchase of interactive



Friendship as a Helping Hand

Especially indicative is the donation campaign organized after the natural disaster that hit our town in July 2014. All the funds were directed to prevent the damages from the flooding. The amount of BGN 30.000 was invested in beds, mattresses, cupboards, curtains for two kindergartens. Part of the funds came from both the Rotary clubs from Bulgaria and from the District.

### **Rotary Club of Dupnitza**



Weekly meeting: Thursday, 7.00 p.m.

Restaurant "Rilena"

e-mail: s\_balinova@yahoo.com

Sponsor of: Rotaract club of Dupnitsa

### **About the Club**

RC Dupnitza is the first club in South West Bulgaria and the most active non-governmental organization on the territory of the municipality of Dupnitsa. All club members are proved professionals and prominent public figures that serve together for the local community and support the global projects of Rotary worldwide through the RF. During its 15-year history the club has realized tens of service



projects in line with the main objectives of Rotary International: twice preventive examinations for pupils of primary schools of the municipality; three donations of specialized equipment for the Pediatric ward of multiprofile municipal hospital; preparation and printing of a brochure with instructions for responding to various disasters for children from 1-5 grade; two inter-school sports competitions to encourage students to engage in sports for health; building of two fountains; logistics in transferring the donation of 20,000 tons of books to community center library and many others. The sponsored by the local Rotarians Rotaract club has realized many service projects and initiatives with focus - problems of young people from the municipality.

### **Major Projects**



### **Cabinet for Reception of Children** to the Emergency Center Dupnitsa

The project includes repair and equipment of the specialized room for children at the Emergency center in Dupnitsa serving 6 municipalities in the region and aiming the reception of children needing separate room in order to save them the view of hard cases that can traumatize child's psyche as well as to get the necessary care, diagnostics and treatment. Such children's room is made for the first time in Bulgaria (outside private clinics and specialized hospitals).



### Lesson in Patriotism

The project includes preparation and printing of 5.000 leaflets for the pupils of the primary schools with short and funny history of the town of Dupnitsa titled "The town of the Silver valley". In addition on May 24, 10 portraits of Bulgarian Enlighteners were given to all schools, and an essay contest on "My Hometown" was conducted. A committee of writers assessed the works, and the Rotarians provided many attractive awards for the winners and all participants.

### Rotary Club of Elena



Weekly meeting: Monday, 7.00 p.m.

♠ Complex "Tihiya Kat"

e-mail: rotary.elena@gmail.com

Sponsor of: Rotaract Elena

### **About the Club**

The members of the Rotary Club Elena, defending the principles of kindness, tolerance and humbleness, raised and strengthened Rotary as an organization, not only to the local community but also to all guests and friends of the club. The club successfully develops community and social activities, encourages and builds both club leaders and worthy citizens of the town of Elena and of Bulgaria.



### **Major Projects**



### Let's Keep the History of Elena

This project aims to re-publishing of old books describing the history of the town of Elena, to make monuments of prominent people of Elena and promote the history of the town as a whole.



# Rotary Weekend of Hunting and Relax

The project "Rotary weekend of hunting and relax in the mountains near Elena" aims to create conditions to explore and maintain the fellowship of the Rotarians from RC Elena with other Rotary Clubs.

### **Rotary Club of Zlatograd**



Weekly meeting: Monday, 6.00 p.m.

Restaurant "Alexandrovi kushti (houses)"

e-mail: rotary\_zlatograd@mail.bg

### **About the Club**

The first meeting for the establishment of the Rotary club of Zlatograd was officially held on 18 of January 2005. The official chartering of the Rotary club of Zlatograd is on 26.02.2005. The chartering is done with the big help and support of the sponsor club Rotary club of Smolian. During the official charter ceremony of the club, the same day a memorable fountain was opened which was built by the Rotary club – Zlatograd – Nedelino.



### **Major Projects**



# Support for the Community Center in Nedelino

The club has donated funds for the purchase of synthesizer for the needs of the community center in the town of Nedelino, purchase of an apparatus for the hospital in Zlatograd, helping needy children in difficult conditions, donations to the church in the town of Nedelino, donations in connection with the floods in the town of Smolian.



**Sports Day in the Base of Yagnevo** 

On the occasion of the fifth anniversary from the chartering of the club, sports festival is held annually in base Yagnevo.

# Rotary Club of Kavarna



Weekly meeting: Monday, 6.00 p.m.

Park-hotel "Otdih"

www.rotary-kavarna.com

e-mail: kavarna\_rotary2005@abv.bg

### About the Club

Rotary Club of Kavarna develops the idea of community service as an organization of businessmen and professionals that provide humanitarian aid. Its members strive to create acquaintances as an opportunity to be useful and serve. High ethical standards in all professions are supported in the club, and the desire of every Rotarian to protect the name of their profession



and serve the community. The Rotary Club of Kavarna contributes every year to the Rotary Foundation with contributions to PolioPlus. Incredible friendly atmosphere reigns in the club that is strengthened at joint holidays, tours, meetings with external speakers. The worthiness of all useful events is recognized. International understanding and peace are supported through fellowship.

### **Major Projects**



# Dance Sport Tournament

The initiative Dance Sport for the Cup of RC Kavarna has an eight-year history. It takes place at the beginning of each summer, and from the year 2014/15 it is with international participation. The aim of the event is to show the beauty of the sport and everyone to enjoy the incredible talent of children.



**Eye Screening** 

The project of RC Kavarna for eye screening has been implemented for two years now. Prevention of eye health in children from first to fourth grade shall be done every three years, which will enable children to be examined twice in the primary school.



### A Sports Playground Outdoors

The outdoor fitness is fun and beneficial occupation. The construction of the playground is done jointly with the Mayor of Kavarna and already has many fans, because in addition to physical satisfaction it brings very emotional one too.

### Rotary Club of Kazanlak



Chartered on 08.03.1999, RI No 51812 Sponsor: RC Plovdiv

Weekly meeting: Monday, 6.00 p.m.

Restaurant "Kazanlak", sq. "Sevtopolis"

www.rotarykazanlak.alle.bg

e-mail: rotary.kazanlak@abv.bg

#### **About the Club**

Rotary Club of Kazanlak is part of the global family of Rotary International for 20 years now. During these years, the club members built a real atmosphere of friendship and a real community service. Rotary Club of Kazanlak is empathetic with a number of social, infrastructural and humanitarian projects in the region.



Our main focus is working with the younger

generation, talented children of Kazanlak. We develop a number of projects related to education and sport. The name of the Rotary Club of Kazanlak is linked to the performance of hundreds of children in national and international events - the children of Kazanlak and the future of Bulgaria.

Rotary Club of Kazanlak is balanced with personalities from different vocational fields who have extensive experience and a clear vision for future public commitment to service above self.

## **Major Projects**



**Bicycle Holiday** 

Hundreds of kids from first to eighth grade from Kazanlak, on the eve of International Children's Day take part in the bicycle holiday organized by the Rotary Club of Kazanlak and Inner Wheel club Kazanlak. All participants are united by the idea of active sport and fair play, which is part of the mission of Rotary.



Talented Children Fund

Over the past five years more than BGN 70,000 are the funds collected into "Fund for support of talented children" through which RC Kazanlak has helped hundreds of young pianists, mathematicians, physicists, artists, athletes and others, for their participation in international competitions, contests and festivals.



Photo Contest "The Man next to me"

The photographic competition "The Man next to me" already has 8 years of history, and as to the moment 1602 authors from around the country took part with 4629 works. The theme is close to the ideas, objectives and commitment of Rotary, mostly to individual person. Rotary Club of Kazanlak has established a special award.

### Rotary Club of Karlovo



Weekly meeting: Monday, 6.30 p.m.

Restaurant "Karlovo"



#### About the Club

Chartered on September 5, 2006, from its establishment the club is a symbol of fellowship and service above self based on mutual trust and faith in the good and noble impulses and aspirations of man. As of 2016 the club consists of 15 people. Our membership in Rotary makes us good citizens of the community in which we live and an opportunity to contribute to the good education of young people in



our community and in our country, so that they, realizing their own identity, to build personalities as self-confident citizens of the world.

#### **Major Projects**



#### Monument of Evlogii and Hristo Georgiev Brothers

In 2013 RC Karlovo took the initiative for reviving the memory of their fellow citizens Evlogii and Hristo Georgiev. The two brothers are the richest Bulgarians, most successful entrepreneurs and bankers in native history and last but not least, they rank among the most generous patrons in European history.



Evlogii and Hristo Georgiev Awards

In 2014 RC Karlovo established "Eulogies and Hristo Georgiev" Award for contribution to the Bulgarian society in education, philanthropy and business. The aim is to encourage the return of society to the values of business success in an honorable way, good education, solidarity and social mission and responsibility.



**Easter for Every Child** 

On the eve of Easter RC Karlovo granted to their fellow citizens a huge Easter egg and launched its noble initiative "Easter for Every Child". The painted egg is an idea of the President of RC Karlovo and made by the artist Miroslav Asenov. Placed in the park in front of the stadium "V. Levski", it is "a symbol of beauty, good and eternal creation".

## Rotary Club of Karnobat



○ Chartered on 20.04.2008, RI No 78873Sponsor: RC Bourgas

Weekly meeting: Wednesday, 6.30 p.m.

Hotel "Park"

www.karnobat.rotarydistrict2482.org



#### **About the Club**

The basis of the activities of the Rotary Club of Karnobat is the promotion of RI as a worldwide organization. Through its initiatives the club helps to create a safe living environment and sports, to preserve history of the town, motivation and support for outstanding young people in their activities.



### **Major Projects**



# Historical Book "Karnobat through the Ages"

After the idea of RC Karnobat, a research team led by Associate Professor Dr. Dimcho Momtchilov, wrote a book about the history of the city. The book is luxurious, black and white edition with a separate bibliography reference.



# Center for Social Integration and Rehabilitation "Saint Anna"

The partnership between RC Karnobat and the Center for Social Integration and Rehabilitation "St. Anna" is permenant. It includes securing the playground, buying equipment for children with special educational needs.

# Rotary Club of Kozloduy-Augusta



Weekly meeting: Monday, 7.00 p.m.

Piano bar (next to pizzeria "La Rocha")



#### **About the Club**

The Rotary club of Kozloduy-Augusta functions in the atomic capital of Bulgaria. Due to the compact urban structure and professional connectivity members know each other very well, and also a significant part of the population. They are easily recognizable and well-known personalities. Everyone has the opportunity to directly communicate with local and state institutions. Club members participate in various by nature local events. There are friendly relations. Charities in emergency cases and for people in need are recognized by everyone. Special attention is paid to the young generation through joint projects with the Municipality of Kozloduy and schools.

The club service focuses on strengthening fellowship and effective functioning of the club. Rotary Club of Kozloduy-Augusta has an active policy of promoting social and humanitarian messages and information campaigns aimed at the younger generation. In recent years, the club focuses on prevention campaigns of aggression, violence and drugs with the main objective to reduce and overcome the aggressive behavior among children and young people.

### **Major Projects**



#### Town without Aggression

"Town without Aggression" is a project with main focus: prevention of violence among children and teenagers; competition for logo and motto of the campaign, a series of trainings and meetings, conducting happening and athletics cross for the International Day of Friendship on June 9.



**Town without Drugs** 

"Town without Drugs" conducting of an athletic cross
and outdoor concert on June 26,
the International Day against
Drug Addiction; competition for
development of the logo. The
campaign is a joint program
together with the Municipality
of Kozloduy and is supported by
schools in the municipality.



**Christmas Charity Ball** 

The annual Christmas Charity Ball is part of the initiatives that involve co-financing of the second edition of almost missing book "The Way of the Thirty-sixth Kozloduy Infantry Regiment during the wars" and use of the funds from the Charity Ball for social institutions.

### Rotary Club of Kardjali



Weekly meeting: Monday, 6.00 p.m.

Hotel "Arpezos"

www.rotarykardzhali.org

e-mail: secretary@rotarykardzhali.org

Sponsor of: Interact club of Kardzhali, Rotaract club of Kardzhali

#### About the Club

The Rotary club of Kardjali is chartered in 1996 – twenty years of committed service for Rotary.

Driven by the awareness that the world will become a better place to live, RC Kardjali annually sets goals and objectives in this direction. Today RC Kardjali has established traditions and active participation in local public life with the responsible attitude of its members towards all planned activities.



In addition to community service, tournaments, competitions, seminars and trainings, club visits around the country and abroad, RC Kardjali focuses on the work with the RF, with Interact and Rotaract clubs sponsored by it. Important priority of the club is improvements of its public image and support of the activities for mutual aid among members. For the development of the club, its members strive to improve club culture and financial discipline following a basic goal — extension of fellowship with other clubs in the country and abroad, community service above self and loyalty to the humane ideas of Rotary.

### **Major Projects**



# **School for Young Mothers "DAR"**

This is a project of RC Kardjali for 2014-15 co-funded by the DDF of District 2482. The goal of the project is access to information through training and exercises for pregnant, birth and parenting. Raising awareness to reduce complications associated with pregnancy and prevention of breast cancer.



# Orpheus – the Symbol of the Club

A project for restoring of the sculpture of the mystical Thracian singer Orpheus and for fundraising of its new exhibit started in the Rotarian year 2003-04.

Over the next Rotary year, DG Kalcio Hinov cut the ribbon of the monument, which was placed at the entrance of the town of Kardzhali.



# Helping Children and Mothers

In the Rotary year 2008-09 under the motto "Let's give life to dreams, to reduce child mortality of age 0 to 5", a donation campaign of RC Kardzhali was held for the donation of modern medical equipment to the Hospital "Dr. Atanas Dafovski". Together with the Rotary club of Bursa and our fellow Aleksander Elinov, funds for two incubators were provided.

### Rotary Club of Kyustendil



Chartered on 13.12.2002, RI No 60624 Sponsor: RC Sofia

Weekly meeting: Tuesday, 7.00 p.m.

Hotel "Lazur 1"

e-mail: rotary.kn@abv.bg

#### **About the Club**

On 7 of December 2012, the Rotary club of Kyustendil officially celebrated its 10th anniversary. For this jubilee, the club was honored by almost all of its former members, guests from RC Venezia Mestre -Italy, and local business and administration. As it is accepted for a birthday, there were gifts – souvenirs for every guest. A lottery was held where pictures and Christmas presents were given on behalf of



the club. The club president, notary Milena Milenkova, reminded the projects that the club implemented during these 10 years: the chapel in the courtyard of the hospital "H .Vasiliev", the cycle path; renovated fountain of rare pink marble part of the architectural complex in the town center and others. In her speech she expressed her hope that the ideas generated by Rotarians in the name of community will be soon implemented. In this sense, the vice president of RC Mestre Dr. Giancarlo Vesko reached out his hand in friendship between the two clubs, and expressed a proposal for future joint projects. As a start, he invited us to their annual meeting and picnic conducted in the first week of October, bringing together clubs from many countries.

### **Major Projects**



#### A Fountain in Kyustendil



A Chapel in the Yard of a Hospital

The Past District Governor Krassimir Ganchev and the Mayor Petar Paunov opened the renewed urban fountain in the center of Kyustendil.

The fountain was renovated with funds of the club. The pink marble from which it was built was cleaned up; spouts photocells and CCTV camera were placed.

Prompted by the spiritual needs of people, the Rotary Club of Kyustendil helped for the building of a chapel in the courtyard of the hospital "Dr. N. Vasilyev." There, in a small building with icons and a brand new iconostasis and much needed prayer candles, hope and consolation will be sought not only by patients and their families, but by medical workers too.

## Rotary Club of Lovetch



Chartered on 27.05.2003, RI No 62296 Sponsor: RC Sofia-Vitosha

Weekly meeting: Wednesday, 7.00 p.m.

Restaurant "Drakata"

www.rotary-lovech.com

e-mail: rotary\_lovech@abv.bg

#### About the Club

RC Lovetch is a group of businessmen and professionals who are connected to the town of Lovech through their lives and deeds. Our activities are realized mainly in the directions: maintenance of the cultural and historical and architectural heritage and support for talented children.

This is connected to the activities of the club members in service projects of local and national



significance. We maintain warm friendly relations with the most Rotary clubs in the country. We support their activities and enjoy friendly assistance from them. As a result of our activities, sport facilities are built, bridges are designed, and historical monuments are restored. Films and theater performances are realized. Historical books are issued. National exhibitions and tournaments are organized. We have done all these for achievement of a better world.

## **Major Projects**



#### Reconstruction of a Rope Bridge on the River Osam

The project aims to reconstruct the ruined rope bridge of the town of Lovetch over the river Osam connecting the central town part with the park "Stratesh". The latter was part of the emotional world of its citizens years ago.



#### Life and Work of Khan Tervel

The project aims to systemize facts from the life and work of Khan Tervel, which is of great importance for the preservation of the European civilization. The club possesses exhibition and supports the production of a historical short film.



**Sudoku Tournament** 

The project aims to organize and realize national Sudoku tournament. Participants of all ages are attracted. In recent years athletes of world class have recorded their names. Arrangements were made to expand the event internationally.

## Rotary Club of Lyubimets



Weekly meeting: Wednesday, 6.00 p.m.

Restaurant "Borovete"



#### About the Club

The Rotary club of Lyubimets is young club from historical view, but it has many initiatives and socially engaged members, that with much energy organize their events in the community and are involved in the initiative of the non-profit organization.

The Rotary club of Lyubimets sets as priority working with the future generations, extension of their humanitarian activity and improvement of the



public image and awareness of Rotary. The basic goal of the club is strengthening of its development, attracting new members, keeping club traditions, maintaining and development of friendly relations with the clubs in the country.

## **Major Projects**



# Water – Priceless Gift and Source of Life

A fountain in the center of the town was restored and we also purchased and installed four new fountains at children sport playgrounds. We built this fountain because last longer than us and water is forever.



#### Rotary and Young Generation

Purchase of multimedia and computers for children with special needs. Money was donated to children with health problems in the Municipality of Lyubiments. Poles for the national flag were bought and installed at all schools in the town of Lyubimets. Sport equipment was donated.



# Belief in the World and Its Integrity

Purchase and installation of Christian cross for the dome of the church "St. Mother of Jesus" in the town of Lyubimets.

### Rotary Club of Mezdra

Weekly meeting: Tuesday, 6.00 p.m.

Restaurant "Rodina"

e-mail: rotary\_mezdra@abv.bg

#### **About the Club**

The Rotary club of Mezdra is one of the youngest clubs in the district. Founded several years ago, until recently it had the status of preliminary club. By decision of the Board of Directors of Rotary International at the beginning of the year, it was accepted as a regular member of the largest humanitarian organization in the world. The members of RC Mezdra are ambitious and



responsible leaders, experts in their professions, willing to serve the community and give their knowledge and experience for the sake of a better world.

## **Major Projects**



## **Christmas Trees and Festive Decorations**

On the eve of Christmas the preliminary Rotary club of Mezdra donated Christmas trees and festive decorations to ten schools and kindergartens of the town and villages, as well as to the children's ward of the municipal hospital. The idea to rejoice the youngest arose spontaneously at one of the regular weekly meetings. The initiative was carried out with the assistance of the State forestry, which granted for free 11 two-meter-tall trees.



105 Chestnut Trees on the Occasion of the 105th Anniversary of Rotary International

105 chestnut trees were planted by RC Mezdra in the new pedestrian alley on boulevard "Al. Stamboliiski" on the occasion of the 105 years since the establishment of Rotary. True to the motto "Service above Self", the representatives of the largest humanitarian organization in the world decided to do something useful to their hometown following the idea of its founder Paul Harris to live in a better world. And what better thing than this wonderful alley with trees that will make it an even nicer place to walk!

# Rotary Club of Momchilgrad



Чартиран на 20.11.2001 г., № в РИ 56894
 Sponsor: RC Kardzhali

Weekly meeting: Tuesday, 7.00 p.m.

Hotel complex "Makaza"

e-mail: rotaryclub\_momchilgrad@abv.bg

#### About the Club

The Rotary club of Momchilgrad strives to develop social and public activities, towards rising of public significance of Rotary membership. The members of the Rotary club of Momchilgrad work to increase club awareness; keeping and development of club traditions through organizing of meetings, celebrations, trip aiming better knowledge of history, traditions and customs; maintenance and development of the relations with twin Rotary clubs.



### **Major Projects**



# Swimming across of the Dardanelles

On 30 August every year, in Canak Kale, Turkey, international racing for swimming across the Dardanelles is organized, under the patronage of the local RC Canak Kale. The Rotary club of Momchilgrad is twin club with RC Canak Kale for two years (April 2014). In 2014, we were guests at this international racing and celebration.



**Maternal Health** 

Since 2014, RC Momchilgrad is organizer of charity campaign aiming to raise funds for organizations and citizens for purchasing medical equipment and repair of some of the hospital wards. Thus, a gynecological chair was purchased and the obstetrics and gynecology hospital ward was renovated.



**Diabetes Prevention** 

The project was implemented together with the National Association for Diabetes Prevention for children and young people and started at all schools in Momchilgrad on 15.11.2015 and will gradually continue in 2016. The organization of the examinations of children is entirely undertaken by RC Momchilgrad.

# **Rotary Club of Montana**



Chartered on 18.12.2001, RI No 53881 Sponsor: RC Sofia

Weekly meeting: Monday, 6.00 p.m.

Confectionary "Ogosta"

e-mail: rumen.tsenov@gmail.com

Sponsor of Rotary club of Berkovitsa

#### **About the Club**

In the Rotary club of Montana, we share our ideas and exchange opinions. Friendships grow outside our direct professional contacts. Our mutual desire to serve our community and town unites us. The main motto of Rotary is "community service". The idea of helping for humane reasons is old as the world itself. There were always people willing to work for the common weal. Today, the Rotary club



of Montana is one of the few organizations in our town that continue to work in this direction. The strength of the Rotary organization is in tradition and that is why we shall always have future. During the years, through our charity activities, we helped schools, kindergartens, hospital wards in our town; we built playgrounds for our children. The Rotary club of Montana helps and will continue to help Montana, our fellow citizens, local institutions.

## **Major Projects**



# **Electrical Maternity Bed and Reanimation Table**

Electrical maternity bed and reanimation table in accordance with the latest standards in the obstetrics and gynecology ward at the hospital in Montana. The donation to the value of BGN 15.000 is part of the Rotary initiatives that on a national level are focused on the maternal and child health. The new maternity bed is a multifunctional, except for the birth room it can be used for transportation and reanimation of mothers.



# Three New Playgrounds for Children in Montana

Facilities for playing and entertainment on kids in the park near the church "St. St. Cyril and Methodius", known as "The Priest garden" in "The Sunny Garden" in residential area "Mladost 1". For the building of the playgrounds, BGN 70.000 is invested. RC Montana took part in the building of the facilities organizing charity ball for fundraising under the motto "Be a gift to Montana". "We want to support the youth and the spirit of Montana!" stated the mayor of the municipality at the opening of the sites.

### Rotary Club of Nessebar



 Chartered on 20.04.2001, № RI 55356 Sponsor: RC Bourgas

Weekly meeting: Tuesday, 6:00 p.m.

Hotel "Mariner" Sunny Beach resort

www.rotary-nessebar.org

#### About the Club

Rotary Club of Nessebar was founded in 2001. Since then over the years, we strive to maintain an image of the club based on Rotary principles. We develop and enrich our service with social and community activities, realize successful service projects, actively support the Rotary Foundation. During the years the club keeps its membership together, unites and develops it through various kinds of lifestyles, with meetings, holidays, and travels. Our relationships with other Rotary clubs enrich us, creating new friendships.



#### **Major Projects**



# International Youth Exchange

For over 10 years RC Nessebar organizes and conducts international Youth exchange. Every year in high summer we meet young people from all around the world as our guests. During their stay, we let them know our lifestyle and culture, scenery and landmarks. We hold meetings with the members of our club and the guests get acquainted with our activities.



# Rotary beach volleyball tournament

In late summer we organize beach volleyball tournament for friends from other Rotary clubs. The event often involves foreign clubs from abroad. So we build international relationships and friendships, combined with active sports for health and pleasure.



Majestic Balkan Mountains
- Spring cleaning

In the spring our club organizes cleaning of the eco paths over the town of Sveti Vlas and its resort. This is the eastern part of Stara Planina - the area of cape Emona. The project involves our families and friends, sympathizers of the club, people who love mountains. We include also our children in order to know, even as little ones, that the nature must be actively preserved and protected.

# Rotary Club of Nova Zagora



Chartered on 23.04.2002, the, № RI 58138
 Sponsor: RC Sliven

Weekly meeting: Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.

Club-restaurant "Mercury"

www.rotary-nova.bg

) e-mail: rotary\_nova@mail.bg

#### About the Club

The Rotary Club of Nova Zagora seeks to keep Rotary traditions and values in Bulgaria. More than half of its members are founders of the club.

For the development of the club the Rotarians from Nova Zagora focus on the preservation and enrichment of their club life, preservation and development of the club's traditions by organizing meetings with prominent public figures, joint family holidays, excursions; maintenance and development of relations with twinned clubs; implementation of projects in all areas.

### **Major Projects**



Gift to every first-grader

Children's book with Bulgarian folk tales is received by each of the first graders in Municipality of Nova Zagora on the first day of school.

On September 15 - the first day of the new school year, the Rotary Club of Nova Zagora brings joy to every one of the first-graders in the municipality of Nova Zagora giving them children books. The aim is to introduce Bulgarian folklore to our children and help them be stimulated in entering their life at school.



**Presidential scholarship** 

Presidential scholarship is given to a graduate high school student with the best result at the matriculation.

The club prepares and the president personally delivers a premium to a prominent student from the municipality. The idea is to help the transition of young people in the field of higher education.

### Rotary Club of Pazardjik



Chartered on 12/06/1994, № RI 30479
 Sponsor: RC Plovdiv

Weekly meeting: Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.

Restaurant "Elegant"

www.rotary-pz.tripod.com

e-mail: rotarypz@gmail.com

Sponsor of: RC Besapara Pazardjik, Rotaract Pazardjik

#### About the Club

On December 6, 1994, the Rotary Club of Pazardjik was officially accepted as a member of Rotary International and its charter d was received. Our Godparents clubs become Rotary Club of Plovdiv and the Rotary Club of Kavala. The euphoria was great. The event became known to the public in the city, Rotarians have received congratulations from various organizations and prominent personalities. RC Pazardjik is the eighth in Bulgaria, i. e. one of the first and that is the pride of our town and for us, the Rotarians. The official celebration was held in January 1995 in the presence of Kalcho Hinov as a representative of Rotary International. Greek friends and especially district governor John Tsiflakos were our guests too and since then they remained great friends of the club and regularly visited it in the coming years. At the chartering ceremony of the club, some very prominent persons from the town and the district, and also many guests visited us. This is the time and the event, which allows the general public to understand that there is such an organization in the town of Pazardjik and to start being interested in Rotary and to attend activities of the club.

### **Major Projects**



#### **Rotary marathon**

Organized in honor of the day of Bulgarian Independence - September 22, this is an Event of Rotary Club of Pazardjik, Rotary Club of "Besapara"-Pazardjik, Rotary Club of Panagyurishte and Rotary Club of Velingrad. The Rotary Marathon was held for the first time in 2006. The main idea of the marathon is to promote Healthy Lifestyle. This Marathon is the successor of Tour "Aleko", which is over 30 years old in our tradition too.



Restoration of the old clock tower

In the first years of the club, our friend architect Hristo Gerasimov launched the idea of reconstruction and renovation of the architectural city monument "Old Clock Tower", which is one of the oldest in Pazardjik. This idea was adopted with the approval of all members of the club. We realize that this is an expensive event and therefore it has been postponed for several years, but never decommissioned from the agenda and now the due time has come to realize this idea.

## Rotary Club of Pazardzhik-Besapara



 Chartered on 20.08.2007, № RI 77009 Sponsor: RC Pazardjik

Weekly meeting: Tuesday, 6:30 p.m.

Grand Hotel "Heber"



#### **About the Club**

The Rotary club of Pazardzhik -Besapara is the second Rotary club in the town. It tries to work on sustainable and traditional service projects, respecting the recommendations of Rotary International and The Rotary Foundation. Our club develops social and community activities, assists people with disabilities, as well as elderly people, and children at risk. We cooperate fully with RAC



Pazardzhik-Besapara in initiatives and events such as donating clothes and food to orphanages and old people. Particularly important for the club are literacy and work with young people. We participated in the project "Business Class", which aims to orient graduating students in choosing a profession, as well as providing scholarships to talented children. The club also works on projects related to child and adolescent health.

### **Major Projects**



**National Enlighteners and I** 

Project "National Enlighteners and I" goes on for the fourth consecutive year and it is one of the most significant projects of the club because there is no higher purpose than this - to educate our children in a spirit of national pride and patriotism. We sincerely hope that the interest in our national dignitaries, provoked by the project "National Enlighteners and I," conducted by our club, has left a sense of national pride in all participants, and has restored the traditional homage to these worthy Bulgarians.



**Screening of Thyroid Gland** 

Screening of thyroid gland in children and adolescents is designed to detect the disease at an early stage to prevent further complications and to this end we provide the necessary number of medication supplies and drugs in schools as well as the examination of students by specialists in the field

## Rotary Club of Panagyurishte



- Chartered on 23.11.2001, № RI 56903
   Sponsor: RC Pazardjik
- Weekly meeting: Monday, 7:00 p.m.

- Hotel "Kamengrad" hall "Rotary"
- www.rotary-pan.com
- e-mail: rotary\_pan@mail.bg

Sponsor of: Interact Club of Panagyurishte, Rotaract club of Panagyurishte

#### About the Club

The foundations of the Rotary movement in Panagyurishte are being set in October 1998 as a Provisional Rotary Club in the area of District 2480. The Charter was handed over by the President of Rotary International - Richard D. King.

We, the Rotarians of Panagyurishte, are descendants of the first Bulgarian-Rotarian Mr. Subo Nikolov, a native born in the town of Panagyurishte. Today we

all pay tribute to him and put our destiny to be his followers.

Rotary is a Friendship! Reaching out a hand! Being humane! To go ahead! To turn dreams into reality!



#### **Major Projects**



#### Monument of Subo Nikolov

In 2005 a project was realized for building a monument of the first Bulgarian Rotarian Mr. Subo Nikolov who was admitted to Rotary Club of Worcester, USA in 1915. He is known to the citizens of Panagyurishte as a donor for many public initiatives.



Clean water

In implementation of the project "Access to clean water", we, the Rotarians from Panagyurishte, built a fountain and facilities of mineral drinking water for free for all the people in the town.



**Education** 

In the beginning of 2016 the Rotary Club of Panagyurishte provided a donation of seven computers for foundation and development of a Career Development Center incorporated in the children's center - Panagyurishte.

## Rotary Club of Petrich



Chartered on 21.06.2005, № RI 68940
 Sponsor: RC Blagoevgrad Center

Weekly meeting: Monday, 6:30 p.am

Complex "Avalon"

e-mail: dimhar@abv.bg

Sponsor of: Interact Club of Petrich

#### **About the Club**

All members of the Rotary club of Petrich are exceptional leaders in their fields, known names in the municipality, who by their personal example assist the development and strengthening the authority of Rotary. For the 10 years of its existence, the club with the assistance of friends, supporters and donors, was able to realize a number of projects for the benefit of the citizens of the town and municipality, a few of which are:



We built a playground; volleyball field, outdoors fitness ground. We supported the restoration of the museum- house of the notorious national herbalist healer Baba Vanga, and built a glass bas-relief of hers. We supported children's art groups, children's sport teams from the municipality and an orphanage home. We granted scholarship for a 5-year educational program at South West University for a girl who is a full orphan; we have our own club anthem created by club members.

## **Major Projects**



# In support of the public health

The club regularly carries out projects to support Health in the municipality: We have purchased incubator for maternity compartment; laparoscopic equipment and lead aprons for the surgical ward; we carried out renovations, repairs and other support and we purchased new equipment for three examination rooms in the maternity ward of "Rockefeller" hospital.



#### **Social integration**

- We bought appliances for Physiotherapy and Rehabilitation in Day Care Centre "Nadezhda (Hope)" for Disabled people;
- We bought a car for help of socially deprived people by which 120 people from the municipality will receive hot food daily;
- We bought assistive facilities for the Help Center "Sun" for Children with Disabilities.



# In support of gifted children

Annually we conduct contests for essays among the students in all schools in the town of Petrich, and as a reward we grant the first three with a laptop, tablet and camera respectively;

On an official annual ceremony we award with diplomas and books the students from the municipality of Petrich, who graduated with honors their secondary education.

### **Rotary Club of Pirdop**



 Chartered on 11.02.2005, № RI 67580 Sponsor: RC Sofia-Balkan

Weekly meeting: Monday, 6:30 p.m.

Restaurant "Garden"

www.rotary-pirdop.com

e-mail: rotary\_pirdop@mail.bg

Sponsor of: Rotaract Club of Pirdop, Interact Club of Pirdop, Interact Club of Pirdop- Zlatitsa

#### **About the Club**

RC Pirdop has a ten-year long history and brings together entrepreneurs, managers, experts, engineers, insurers, physician doctors and teachers from all settlements in the region of Srednogorie - the towns of Pirdop, Zlatitsa, Anton, Chelopech, Chavdar, Mirkovo, and Koprivshtitsa. The club has completed service projects worth over 500 thousand BGN funds and has a reputation of a respected institution in good deeds making in the region of Srednogorie.



A broader assessment beyond the specifics of statistics and mere figures leads to justified self-confidence and satisfaction of our local Rotarians. There are dozens of ventures from public nature for the benefit of the citizens of our municipal, regional and national level, hundreds of individual cases of material and moral support to individual citizens, needy or in impasse.

RC Pirdop appreciates international service and fellowship among Rotarians from different communities. In 2012 we twinned with RC Ohrid, Macedonia, and in 2016 yet with RC Pirot, Serbia.

Caring for younger generations is an important priority for the Pirdop's Rotarians. The club actively supports the operation of three youth clubs in Rotary programs "Rotaract" and "Interact."

## **Major Projects**



# Rotary Park "Druzhba (Fellowship)"

The first draft project of our RC Pirdop in the period 2005-2009, was a recovery of the urban park in the town of Pirdop. There are now: children's playground with attractions, tennis court and street fitness playground, beautiful alleys and alcoves and corners with benches for rest. Fully renovated and equipped by resources of Rotarians, the park is opened for the local community.



A good man among us

An annual campaign of RC Pirdop for a "Personality of the Year - a good man among us" selection, is being held since 2006 for a prominent local citizen appointed by the public of the Region of "Srednogorie" for a man who has given free help or support to people in need. Winners of the award are ordinary people - adopters of children, educators, doctors and others.



Street gym tournament

An annual sports tournament in Street gym is organized in the town of Pirdop since 2014 with over 40 participants from all over Bulgaria each year with categories of boys, girls and adolescents. The project is a joint initiative of Rotaract Club of Pirdop with IAC Pirdop. For the Rotary year 2015-2016, it is part of the Rotary calendar of Events of District 2482.

### **Rotary Club of Pleven-Centrum**



Chartered on 14/05/1937, № RI 55633
 Sponsor: RC Sofia-Vitosha

Weekly meeting: Monday, 6:00 p.m.

Hotel "Rostov", Hall "Art"

www.rotary-pleven.com

e-mail: rcplevencentrum@gmail.com

Sponsor of: Rotaract club of Pleven, Interact Club of Pleven-Centrum

#### **About the Club**

he Rotary club in Pleven was established in 1937. RC Pleven ceases its activities (documented by RI - on April 7, 1941). Together with the other clubs from District 86 "Bulgaria" they had been under the prohibition of the "Law on Protection of the Nation" from December 1940. The Rotary club of Pleven resumed in early 1993. RC Pleven-Centrum is their first and direct assignee in 2012. Rotary International restores the date of the chartering of the first club as of May 14, 1937.

The club has worked over the years on service projects for child and maternal health, helping disadvantaged people and on other humanitarian activities. In cooperation with the Municipality, the town singing clock has been restored and one can listen now to some tracks of our compatriot, the famous pop singer Emil Dimitrov.

Our club contributes to the preservation of some cultural heritage in Pleven, as one example of this is the restoration of the external frescoes of "St. Nicholas" church in cooperation with friends from the city of Kaiserslautern, Germany.

There are five annual awards in the field of education, culture, management, and others that are awarded on our traditional Christmas balls of the club to individuals and organizations from Pleven for their noble and humane work. The club members are united by the Rotary principle "to serve the community."

### **Major Projects**



#### **Tennis tournament**

The first tournament in tennis was in September 2002. Since then, every autumn the courts in the park "Kailuka" meet Rotarian players from clubs in our district. Thanks to this tournament a very good and lasting friendships between competitors had been created. The tournament was included in the Calendar of International Tennis Fellowship of Rotarians (ITFR).



# Educational and training hall equipped with a Maternity simulator

This is a Matching Grant (79289) project: "Birth Simulator" and it is intended to improve maternal and child health in our region. In 2013 this MG project was completed and it was the first project of RC Pleven-Centrum. It was realized in Medical University Pleven and designed to train students from the faculty "Health care" and the "Obstetric care." The project is implemented by RC Pleven-Centrum with the assistance of our friendly clubs - RC Rostov on Don and RC Craiova Probitas.

## Rotary Club of Plovdiv



- Chartered on 12/05/1992, № RI 28749 Sponsor: RC Kavala
- Weekly meeting: Thursday, 6:30 p.m.

- Hotel "Maritza", hall "Sky Plaza"
- www.rotaryclubplovdiv.org
- e-mail: rotary@rotaryclubplovdiv.org

Sponsor of: Rotaract Club of Plovdiv

#### **About the Club**

RC Plovdiv is the successor of the club, founded on May 20, 1939. It had only a three years period of work, after which all Rotary clubs in Bulgaria were prohibited. After the democratic changes in 1990, an Initiative Group of Plovdiv began operations to restore Rotary in the town, led by Atanas Chaoushev and supported by Rotarians from Greece, France and Venezuela. So Plovdiv was the town, which created the second Rotary Club in Bulgaria.



Over the years, the Rotary club has been sponsoring and assisting the establishment of clubs in the towns of Pazardjik, Gabrovo, Smolyan, Asenovgrad, and two new clubs in Plovdiv. Immediately after the chartering our club founded the first youth Rotaract formation. The first Bulgarian donors and winners of the award "Paul Harris Fellow" – the Rotarians Peter Neychev and Konstantin Madjarov - were in 1999 and from our Rotary club. In 2007, the club nominated Nasko Nachev chosen by the multinational D-2480 to be the first district governor of the autonomous Bulgarian D-2482. Member of RC Plovdiv was the first district secretary Angel Angelov. The club is twinned with Rotary clubs: Kemerburgas Istanbul, Goksu-Istanbul, Istanbul-Beyoglu, Kavaklidere, and Ankara.

### **Major Projects**



#### **Rotary Park**

In honor of the 100th anniversary of Rotary on March 21, 2004, 100 Rotary and Rotaract members planted 100 trees in residential area "Trakia" and so they laid the foundation of the project Rotary Park of Plovdiv. Now the park extends over 46 acres, with a fountain in it, which bears the sign of RI; many playgrounds, paths and facilities. The park gradually became the most desirable place for the residents of the newest neighborhood of the town.



# **Bulgarian-German joint project**

In 1998 we started cooperation with RC Koblenz, Germany. Mr. Wilbert, president of the Chamber of Crafts, helped to equip training facilities in crafts at the Professional school of Public cooking and catering service; to restore the ethno museum "Danchova house" - one of the most beautiful houses in the Old town of Plovdiv. In the coming years as a joint project with the help of Rotary clubs of Zerbst and Koblenz, Rotarians replaced the Plovdiv Plumbing installation in Special Kindergarten for deaf children "F. Urbih".



# Matching Grant in 2008

Along with RC Hague-Metropolitan, Netherlands, and with RC Sofia International, our Club works in Matching Grant project to build a Crisis Center at Home for Children without Parental Care "Olga Skobeleva."

### **Rotary Club of Plovdiv-Puldin**



 Chartered on 27.11.2001, № RI 56904 Sponsor: RC Plovdiv

Weekly meeting: Tuesday, 6:30 p.m.

Hotel "Maritza", hall "Sky Plaza"

www.rotary-puldin.com

e-mail: secretary@rotary-puldin.com

Sponsor of: Interact Club of Plovdiv, Rotaract club of Plovdiv-Puldin

#### About the Club

The Rotary club of Plovdiv-Puldin strives for a leading position among the clubs in Bulgaria. Its members maintain the image of the club, which entirely meets the requirements of effective Rotary clubs - implements successful service projects; supports the Rotary Foundation, develops social and community activities, develops and promotes club leaders and has proper stewardship of its finances.

The club and its supporters raise the public

importance of Rotary membership as a sign of commitment to the common ideas.



### **Major Projects**



# Our National Enlighteners and me

The project aims to introduce and teach young people from 11 to 18 to know the names and activities of those great Bulgarians. They have left their mark in the creation, growth and prosperity of our country. In the form of competition the young people learn more about their family and homeland.



**Bowling tournament** 

In an atmosphere of Rotary Fellowship and professional performances the traditional bowling tournament is held more than 13 years. With its increasing international participation it gave the occasion for us to create the International Fellowship of Rotarians playing bowling.



# Plovdiv created by the Creator

Our town is known as an artcenter and a place of inspiration for many artists. The seminar "Plovdiv by the Creator is created" is a continuation of a 40-year old tradition, collecting famous artists from all around the world. They find their subjects from our history, people and streets of the city.

### Rotary Club of Plovdiv-Philippopol



 Chartered on 21.08.2007, № RI 77005 Sponsor: RC Plovdiv

Weekly meeting: Monday, 6:30 p.m.

Hotel "Maritza" hall "Sky Plaza"

www.rotary-pfilippopol.com

e-mail: rotary-pfilippopol@gmail.com

Sponsor of: RAC Plovdiv-Philippopol, IAC Plovdiv-Philippopol

#### About the Club

The Rotary club of Plovdiv-Philippopol was founded and chartered with the establishment of the independent Bulgarian District 2482 in 2007. It is the third club in the town and in its very beginning it was envisaged to attract many young people who passed through Rotaract clubs or being sponsored by scholarships of Rotary. It is the first and single pilot club in the RI program for innovative and flexible Rotary clubs. Two



former district governors and many other officers - leaders of the district committees are members of the club. Currently RC Plovdiv-Philippopol has 24 members, and 10 of them are women. 12 members of the club have the award Paul Harris Fellows and two are Major donors.

A global grant started this year with the working title "I want a healthy child," which involved two other Rotary clubs and some NGOs from the town.

## **Major Projects**



#### Children center "Solar House"

It is a result of the joint work of the club with RC Carolina Forest, South Carolina, USA D-7770. Children's center deals with teaching children English, music, and arts. The center gives focuses on the development of children between 3 and 6 years. The center today is self-financed by the fees only.



**Touching or not** 

It is a project prepared with Trakart Cultural Center and the National Center for rehabilitation of the blind people in Plovdiv. A helping textbook made by the club allows for blind people with visual disabilities to know the opportunities which were offered them at the touch of different materials - stone, molted glass, ceramics. About 60 percent of the participants were fully blind.



Day of professions

The first ever Day of professions in Plovdiv was organized by RC of Plovdiv-Philippopol on 20.02.2016. The ambitious project gathered in the largest auditorium of the Medical University of Plovdiv more than 200 students from 23 high schools. Students from VIII to XII School grades were able to learn about the most desirable vocational specialties in the world and in our country.

### **Rotary Club of Pomorie**



Chartered on 28/04/2002, № RI 58209 Sponsor: RC Bourgas

Weekly meeting: Monday, 7:30 p.m.

Hotel-Restaurant "Zeus"

www.rotarypomorie.org

e-mail: yaniskumov@gmail.com

Sponsor of: Rotaract club of Pomorie

#### About the Club

The Rotary club of Pomorie was established in December 2001 and on April 28th, 2002, was officially accepted to the big family of Rotary. For these 14 years the club took a permanent place in the public life of the town and of the municipality. RC Pomorie has done charity work for the benefit of children and disadvantaged people, and also accomplished a number of projects, most of them



aimed at improving social conditions for children in the municipality: in the kindergarten in the village of Medovo - internal repair of the building, complete furniture of the bedroom, replacement of lighting fixtures, provision of portable equipment for games; in the Municipal Children Complex in Pomorie - a hall equipped with computers; in the Social Professional-Learning Center; in the village of Bata - a built Chapel "Annunciation of the Virgin Mary"; and many other donations. Seven members of the RC Pomorie have won the highest award "Paul Harris Fellows", three of them with a sapphire.

### **Major Projects**



# **Entrance signs of Pomorie**

On 25.03.2005, the first entrance sign of town of Pomorie in the "Lahana" area was opened. On 07.05.2008, the Rotary club of Pomorie opened the second entrance sign of the city that is located in the output direction to Sunny Beach.



# **Facilities for Games in kindergartens**

During the period of 2008/2010, RC Pomorieimplementedseveralprojects anddonatedfacilitiesforgames-slides, swings, sandpits, benches, playground for football with small goal-frames to the kindergartens in the village of Bata, and village of Poroy, and Kindergartens "Detelina" and "Veselushko" in the town of Pomorie. One of the projects was funded by the Rotary Foundation, in partnership with PC Lowestoft.



# Fitness playground outdoors

In the period of 2010-2012 the Rotary Club of Pomorie realized the district grant for providing young people in the town of Pomorie with a fitness play ground with outdoors appliances in the courtyard of Vocational School for Tourism in the town of Pomorie.

### **Rotary Club of Popovo**



 Chartered on 22/03/2002, № RI 57787 Sponsor: RC Rousse

Weekly meeting: Tuesday, 6:00 p.m.

Hotel-Restaurant "Popovo-INN"

e-mail: rotarypopovo@dir.bg

#### **About the Club**

The Rotary club of Popovo successfully passed the test of the time and established its authority of a leading NGO in a region that seemed doomed to wear forever the effects of a heavy demographic and economic crisis, and in that situation our club compensated all the difficulties with friendly unity of Rotarians united in the service of community. We started with the construction of a "Place for Dining,"



relaxation and reflection," which for 13 years now adorns the heart of the town. Now the calendar of the whole community in the town would be unthinkable without the established over the years initiatives of ours: "Blessing of Epiphany"- seven years; Competition "Trifon Zarezan's Day — feast of the vine and wine"- five years; Competition "Third of March - Bow and Memory - Day of Bulgarian Liberation" - nine years; and some others also approved by the society initiatives in conjunction with the national celebration; annual awards to the best graduates from high school in Popovo and others.

#### **Major Projects**



# Competition "Third of March - Bow and Memory"

Students from all the Schools in the municipality in a period of nine years in a row, show their knowledge and abilities in different formats (essay, drawing, poem) and in several different age groups - from 7 to 19 years. This competition is held in cooperation with the Municipality of Popovo and Community Centre "St. Cyril and Methodius" as approved by the club Regulation. All prize money is provided by the club. So now hundreds of books donated by us, fill the libraries of the people in Popovo, educate and train young people to be good Bulgarians and good Europeans.



# Annual awards for graduates in high school "Hristo Botev"

So, we encourage the best graduates in the leading secondary school in the municipality. The competition is held according to previously adopted regulation made public at the beginning of the school year in the media and school. The prize fund of 1,000 BGN is provided by the club and is distributed in three main and additional prizes in individual profiles /Humanitarian, Natural-mathematical and so on/. The awards are given to the students at the celebration marking the completion of graduates. In high school, we maintain a constantly upto-date information board to acquaint students with the club activities.

# Rotary Club of Provadiya



Chartered on 05.06.2012, № RI 84551
 Sponsor: RC Varna Euksinograd

Weekly meeting: Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.

Provadia, Office building TPK

e-mail: dimo\_di@yahoo.com

#### About the Club

The Rotary club of Provadiya is the youngest among the Rotary clubs of zone 15 in District 2482. In the four years of its existence it found its place in the Rotary family in the region of Varna city. The club has formed and stabilized its membership and aims to operate in the five Avenues of Service. Its popularity has grown as has the role of the club in the life and among the people in the town and



municipality. Rotarians are among the most popular and welcomed visitors and partners in all social and cultural events in the community. We have accomplished the first international contacts with clubs RC Rokishkis - Lithuania and RC King's Lynn - England.

### **Major Projects**





On the day of "St. Peter" at the fortress Ovech in Provadia at the foundation of the Metropolitan Church a ritual ceremony is performed for transmission of the necklace of the presidents of the clubs in the area and induction of the new officers. The Rotarians in Provadia have chosen this place not by the mere coincidence - here the sunrise is born as well as each new day of Provadia. Here begins the long and glorious history of this area. This place is really a symbol of the Beginning, and everyone present could feel the magical power of the ritual.



**Helping Children in Need** 

For children suffering from cystic fibrosis; Help for children from the Boarding school in the village of Krivnya; children with special educational needs from the Second elementary school, Provadia, and people with disabilities from home for the elderly – Provadia.

### Rotary Club of Radnevo



Chartered on 17.05.2005, № 69 341 RI Sponsor: RC Stara Zagora

Weekly meeting: Monday, 6:00 p.m.

Restaurant "The three spouts"

e-mail: sotirovat@abv.bg

#### About the Club

he Rotary club of Radnevo encourages and fosters the ideal of community development and realization of activity in extreme favor of the society by pooling together persons with different professional public and cultural interests.

By encouraging personal and friendly relationships between the club members for the sake of the public interest, we observe the rules of high ethics and



professionalism in the exercise of any profession and occupation. In favor of the exclusive benefit of society, we conduct activities aimed at achieving the nobility of every profession and vocational occupation. We stress to projects aimed at the younger generation, preservation and promotion of our club traditions.

#### **Major Projects**



#### Development and Improvement

The Rotary club of Radnevo recovered three drilling probes in the town and made beautiful the area around them. Annually we plant deciduous and coniferous trees in the town. We have made the art lighting of the bridge on the river in the town.



# Working with Younger Generations

RC Radnevo implemented some projects that become a tradition: the award "Vladimir Sotirov" - for graduates among the children with disabilities; we provide special support for gifted children.

The project "Time of Rotary" started this year - a meeting of all students in the town with friends of the club.



**Patriotic education** 

At the entrance of the town of Radnevo, RC Radnevo raised up a 22 meters tall pylon with Bulgarian national flag. This year we launched a poetry competition "We remember the heroes ...", which will become an annual contest for students from the whole municipality.

### Rotary Club of Razgrad



Chartered on 29.06.2006, № RI 73598
 Sponsor: RC Shumen

Weekly meeting: Monday, 6:00 p.m.

★ Hotel - restaurant "Les(Forest)"

e-mail: s\_bojanova@yahoo.com

#### About the Club

RC Razgrad is an example of sustainable and meaningful club life. Chartered in 2006 and sponsored by the Rotary club of Shumen, the club quickly legitimizes itself in the public of the region by its activity. The club and his supporters raise the public significance of Rotary membership as a sign of commitment to the common ideas. Over the time some initiatives were adopted as traditional, e.g.



the celebration of the Day of National Enlighterners; the Spring planting in many green areas within the boundaries of the town with the participation of children and students; tasting domestic wines; and a variety of other initiatives, reinforcing the reputation of the club and friendship among the members. For the 10th anniversary a project was accomplished to build a youth sport playground. For the development of the club, the Rotarians focus on raising club's culture; preservation and development of the club's traditions by organizing meetings, holidays, excursions; maintenance and development of relations with the twin Rotary clubs.

## **Major Projects**



**Day of National Enlighteners** 

Over the years, the project has had different initiatives and covered the different groups of people related to education. Beginning with a celebration of retired teachers, special attention to children with special needs, rewarding the talented children of the town, the club as well organizes excursions to sites related to science and enlightenment for students and pupils, creating an exhibition of Bulgarian discoveries, which has been shown in all schools in the county.



**Rotary forest** 

The project originated as a joint initiative of the club and the children from the club "Ecology" of the center for special work with children. Spring planting of green areas within the bounds of the town is held annually with the participation of children and students. The aim is to form creativity and empathy in the children, as well as love to work and responsibility to the community in which they live.

### Rotary Club of Russe



 Chartered on 31/05/1994, RI № 30206 Sponsor: RC Sofia

Weekly meeting: Monday, 16:30 p.m.

Restaurant "Anna Palace"

e-mail: presidentruse@rotarydistrict2482.org

Sponsor of: RC Rousse-Danube, RC Popovo, Rotaract club of Rousse, Interact Club of Rousse

#### About the Club

The club marks dynamic development over the years as a keeper of the respected qualifying principle to include in its composition prominent leaders from different professions with an established positive image in the community and demonstrated willingness to volunteer in activities with humanitarian profiles. The club's projects include both traditional initiatives, giving specific aspect of



RC Rousse and new activities designed to meet public needs of the town of Rousse and its citizens.

### **Major Projects**



# Early diagnosis of prostate cancer

The goal is more men at the risk age, who live in some remote areas, to be examined free of charge, in order to detect and reduce the disease. Since the beginning of the project 10 years ago, we have examined so far more than 2,000 men. Since 2013 screenings of breast cancer for the women were added to this initiative.



# Benches and bins in schools of Rousse

evelopment and installation of benches and bins in the yards of a few schools in Rousse - the goal is children to receive normal conditions for recreation and to acquire hygienic habits for environmental preservation. The first stage of the project was completed successfully in School "Vasil Aprilov" in Rouse at the Day of National Enlighteners -November 01, 2015



# Stained glass for the church "Saint George"

Club members helped the stained glass of the church "St. George" in the town of Byala to be replaced.

## Rotary Club of Rousse-Dunabe



Chartered on 21.12.2004, № RI 67296
 Sponsor: RC Rousse

Weekly meeting: Monday, 6:00 p.m.

Hotel "Danube Plaza"

e-mail: rotaryrusedunav@dir.bg

#### About the Club

The Rotary club of Rousse-Danube was chartered on 21.12.2004 with 25 members. At the moment the club consists of 19 members. Members of the club are people of different professions with an established positive image in the community. The club operates in the following main areas: active club activities; community service, vocational service, international activities and support of the



younger generation. In its activities, the club has focused on projects related to the young people of Rousse.

## **Major Projects**



# Renovated gymnasiums for schools

Over the years, RC Rousse-Danube has directed its projects to help young people. They are given an opportunity to play sports and develop their physical training. Renovated by the club are 7 gymnasiums in schools of Rousse.



# Restoration of the fountain

Restoration of the fountain near the Town Market Hall in the town of Rousse.



# Traditional kayak descents

Traditional kayak descents on the "Yantra" river.

# Rotary Club of Samokov



Chartered on 25.11.2003, № RI 63870
 Sponsor: RC Sofia

Weekly meeting: Tuesday, 7:00 p.m.

Hotel "Arena Samokov"

e-mail: rotarysamokov63870@abv.bg

#### **About the Club**

The Rotary club of Samokov develops public and humanitarian activities in service of the community. As a nonprofit organization, the club creates a good environment for the expression of its members and leadership development among them. Highlights of the club are in the field of art and culture: building carvings of famous personalities with national importance in Bulgarian history and culture; the



club participates in the publication of books; organizing exhibitions, literary competitions for students, one-time scholarships for students; public and club appearances: organizing meetings; balls for humanitarian purposes; excursions; donations to schools and hospitals. The club annually participates via cash-contributions in the fight against polio. Since its inception, the club is the initiator and active participant in the Youth Exchange. International events: participation of club members at annual conferences of Rotary in Denmark, Portugal and Australia.

### **Major Projects**





#### A Drop of knowledge - A sea of life

The project "A Drop of knowledge - A Sea of Life" has intended to teach parents to learn more and get the literacy to take information-based decisions about the need to vaccinate their children.

No to drugs

The main objective of the project "No to Drugs" is teaching children to prevent the use of drugs.

## Rotary Club of Sandanski



Chartered on 30.10.2004, № RI 66275 Sponsor: RC Sofia

Weekly meeting: Monday, 7:00 p.m.

Interhotel Sandanski, Red Salon

e-mail: rotaryclub.sandanski@mail.bg

Sponsor of: Rotaract Club of Sandanski

#### **About the Club**

The main objective of the activities of the Rotary club of Sandanski is to serve the community and to promote the development of the Municipality of Sandanski. The club has carried out many initiatives and programs:

Monument to General Georgi Todorov - founder of the park "St.Vrach" which in 2016 has its centenary; Fountain of mineral drinking water next to the healing spring "Myrroto (Chrism)" and the gentrification of the surrounding area; Repair of an Orthodox church in the village of Gorna Ribnitsa, where first monastery school in the region was located; Donations of computers to the Sunday School in town of Sandanski and one of the primary schools; Repair of the rooms in the hospital "St.Vrach" and purchasing equipment in the center for hemodialysis in the hospital for 12,000 BGN; Representative marble monument at the entrance of town of Sandanski with the emblem of the municipality; Each year, the Rotary club of Sandanski assists with funding of 10 school graduates with honors - chosen on proposals of directors of local schools.

Our latest project is the construction of an observation platform about one of the natural phenomena - waterfall in Popina Luka. The Rotary club of Sandanski organizes each year a Christmas charity event in which dozens of entrepreneurs from the town and the region are contributing to the objectives of the club.

### **Major Projects**



# Playground for volleyball and basketball

In June 2013 in Park "St.Vrach" a multifunctional playground for volleyball and basketball was opened. It was built for 100,000 BGN, and 80,000 of them were collected by charities of Rotarians and 20,000 from the municipal budget. The site is managed by the local authorities and its equipment is high-end, delivered from Poland.



#### Basketball Tournament

RC Sandanski, has organized so far two basketball tournaments (in 2013 and 2015) and has the ambition to make this competition a tradition, featuring teams from Blagoevgrad and neighboring states of Greece and Macedonia. The tournaments take place in close cooperation with the local sports community and schools.



Pond with fountain

Next to the playground, the Rotary club of Sandanski refreshed the pond and provided it with fountains in front of Day Centre "Sveta Nedelya". The funds were also collected from charities of Rotarians. The contribution of the club is the amount of 11,000 BGN.

# Rotary Club of Svilengrad



Chartered on 25/05/2001, № RI 55727

Sponsor: RC Haskovo

Weekly meeting: Tuesday, 6:30 p.m.

Restaurant "Mosta(Bridge)"



Sponsor of: Interact Club of Svilengrad

#### **About the Club**

In 1998, a few friends founded RC Svilengrad, based on the preliminary Rotary Club. On June 3, 2001 the club was officially established. The Charter of the club was presented at an official celebration, and personally by the District Governor of District 2480 North Greece-Bulgaria, which is in zone 10 for Central Europe and East Africa. The club maintains good relationships with Rotary clubs from Greece and Turkey. Traditional projects: Every year before Christmas, RC Svilengrad organizes the Feast of wine. Participants are manufacturers of homemade wine and nearby located wineries which present their stands. RC Svilengrad is a sponsor of the traditional relay race on the celebration of the town - October 5. Members of RC Svilengrad annually participate and perform well at sports events organized by other clubs in the country. RC Svilengrad annually participates in organized events and joint activities with RC Edirne, Turkey.

## **Major Projects**



#### 100 years of Rotary International

In honor of the 100th anniversary of Rotary International on the main street of Svilengrad, a pedestal plate with the sign of Rotary - the gear and the typical Rotary colors - was opened.



# Restoration of the fountain

In 2007 the Municipality of Svilengrad launched the renewal of the vegetable market in the town. In this connection RC Svilengrad restored the iconic Fountain "Thracian woman", a symbol of the love to the productivity and the fertility. Also, the signs of Rotary International and RC Svilengrad are easy to be seen on it.





# The Cross next to the River Maritsa

It is a Project "100 years since the liberation of the town of Svilengrad". In this regard the idea and design were from RC Svilengrad and on October 05, 2013 the Cross was raised near the Maritsa River and was sanctified in memory of the innocent victims who died in the war.

### **Rotary Club of Svishtov**



Weekly meeting: Tuesday, 7:00 p.m.

Hotel "IVANOFF"





Sponsor of: Rotaract Svishtov, Interact Svishtov

#### **About the Club**

On the eve of its 20th anniversary, Rotary club of Svishtov has established traditions, well developed club culture open to innovation and new partnerships with clubs in the country and abroad.

Besides striving for better service of the community, our club sets additional objectives as: 1) Deepening the Networking partnership with Rotary Club of Alexandria. Reciprocal visits are organized between



the clubs at the beginning and at the end of the Rotary year, participations in joint charity projects, balls fundraisings and more. 2) Maintenance of a Rotary forest. It was planted on the occasion of the 100th anniversary of Rotary and restored partially and expanded in 2014/15 Rotary year on the occasion of the 110th anniversary of Rotary; 3) Support for Projects of Rotaract and Interact and work on leadership development, environmental projects and others.

## **Major Projects**



# To improve the lives of children in SEPC in Ovcha Mogila

In 2015, the Rotary club of Svishtov completed a twoyear project "Improving the life of the children in Social educational professional center "St. Kliment Ohridski" in the village of Ovcha Mogilla" associated with the repair of the hostel in the village of Ovcha Mogilla. The project has a total value of 98.000 Euros. In its realization other clubs were involved: RC Nekertal in Switzerland, RC Würzburg in Germany, Rotary Club of India, RC Bourgas-Pyrgos, RC Pleven-Centrum, RC Rousse, RC Rousse-Danube, RC Pazardjik-Besapara, RC Veliko Tarnovo, RC Sofia-Vitosha.



#### Therapy of Children in Need -Responsibility of all

A specialized electrical lift for patients was purchased as well as some additional rehabilitation aids needed for the Daily center for children with disabilities - Svishtov.

### Rotary Club of Sevlievo



 Chartered on 30.11.2001, № RI 56860 Sponsor: RC Gabrovo

Weekly meeting: Monday, 7:00 p.m.

Hotel "Helios"

e-mail: RotaryclubSevlievo@gmail.com

Sponsor of: Interact Club of Sevlievo

#### **About the Club**

For the years of its existence, the club has established its place in the life of the municipality of Sevlievo with its own community and charity initiatives. By the idea and by the means of the club, a book is printed about "Hotalich - medieval city-fortress nearby Sevlievo" written by the discoverer of the archaeological site Simeon Simeonov. The club also works intentionally for years to promote this



tourist attraction. In another project, an annually street ball tournament is held for children and young people from the town of Sevlievo. The Rotary club of Sevlievo for over 14 years has paid the scholarships to students from the town of Sevlievo. With funds from Rotarians and friends, our club built and improved some significant characteristic objects in the municipality such as making a model of the Fortress Hotalich in front of the municipality of Sevlievo; gasification and spectacular lighting of the church "Holy Trinity" in Sevlievo; and spectacular lighting of the church "St. Ivan Rilski" in the village of Sennik.

The club is cooperating with many public events in the municipality, and all Rotarians give their donations to the international projects of Rotary International.

### **Major Projects**



#### A representative hall for Newborns

Building a representative hall for newborn in Hospital "Dr. Stoycho Hristov" in the town of Sevlievo was our initiative. The hall was officially opened and made available to use on 11.11.2015. The funds for it were collected from donations by Rotarians and friends of our traditional Easter Ball.



# Eye and Lung Examinations

For several consecutive years, children from the primary schools in the municipality of Sevlievo undergo checkups for early detection of eye and lung diseases. As a result of this some students suspected and diagnosed with medical problems were referred for more extensive research or treatment.



#### Orthodox chapel "St. Mina"

The temple is located in Residential area at the entrance of the town of Sevlievo. Dedication ceremony took place on 11.11.2005 performed personally by the Bishop of Veliko Tarnovo the Metropolitan Gregory in the presence of many citizens of the municipality. It is already a tradition every year at the feast of Saint Mina - November 11.

### **Rotary Club of Silistra**



 Chartered on 22/03/2002 on, № RI 57788 Sponsor: RC Varna

Weekly meeting: Monday, 5:30 p.m.

Hotel "Drustar"

e-mail: rotarysilistra@gmail.com

Sponsor of: Interact Club of Silistra

#### **About the Club**

The Rotary club of Silistra as a humanitarian organization seeks to show and nourish the hope that it is possible to achieve a rising standard of living, and social justice through showing respect for basic moral and spiritual values in our everyday life and in business, and through voluntary community service. Thanks to the club and its realized projects, and joint projects with the sponsored Interact Club,



the logo of Rotary International is a respected and recognized symbol in the town of Silistra. Over the last several mandates, our club has successfully launched a program to attract young and enthusiastic members with the hope for a successful implementation of international grants.

## **Major Projects**



**Christmas ball** 

Rotary Christmas Ball and the Easter Ball are regularly held to raise funds for the charitable initiatives of the club - a total of 20 years long tradition. Rotary Winery fest has 9 annual editions. Rotarian picnic has 4 annual editions.



**Help to Libraries** 

In the last 5-6 years Rotarians from Silistra donated to the public library a multimedia system, two computer configurations, a copier. We participated in two donation campaigns for books, including 600 volumes of literature from the personal library of the club's secretary Yordan Georgiev. Two books are sponsored and printed in the publishing house of Past-President Veliko Velikov.

### Rotary Club of Sliven



Chartered on 03/31/1999, RI № 51947 Sponsor: RC Bourgas

Weekly meeting: Monday, 6:00 p.m.

Hotel Evropa "National"

e-mail: rotary@slivenbg.net

Sponsor of: Rotary Club of Nova Zagora

#### **About the Club**

The Rotary club of Sliven is known in the town and the region as a trusted partner and reliable friend in all causes of socially significant goals. As a friendly organization in the town of the Blue stones, keeping the principles of the Rotary Foundation, our club has always strived to be a symbol of ethics, humanity and empathy to the problems of the majority of our fellow citizens. Thanks to the best practices and



experiences gained in the large family of Rotary, the club has carried out projects which are appreciated and warmly welcomed by the people in the region. In carrying out their activities, the club members and leaders always fulfill their duties based on financial transparency and discipline, focus on young people, to build teams and attract new followers.

#### **Major Projects**



The Art heals

The project aims to donate the ability of people with mental problems, to experience the magic of theater, film and dance by building a theater for social events and conducting of holidays.



Forward and up

Annual sports event for speed climbing of the area of "Hammam hill." The event has become a sports festival for students in Sliven - a town of a hundred chieftains and is accompanied by much pomp, rewards and good mood.



Children's games - a mirror for us

Project aimed at the little ones, to enrich their worldview and encourage their love of the nature. We have built playgrounds in the area of Karandila for the kids and their companions, which have given them an opportunity for recreation and relaxation among flowers and trees.

## Rotary Club of Smoljan



Chartered on 11/11/1994, № RI 30445
 Sponsor: RC Plovdiv

Weekly meeting: Monday, 6:00 p.m.

Hotel "Kiparis Alfa"

e-mail: rotary.smolyan@mail.bg

Sponsor of: RC Kardzhali, RC Zlatograd, RAC Smolyan, IAC Smolyan

#### About the Club

RC Smolyan is one of the first clubs in Bulgaria after the recovery of Rotary in 1991, and for more than 20 years has been an important part of the public life in the region of Smolyan. The club implemented sustainable service projects; promotes friendship in the club and in the district; supports the Rotary Foundation; develops leaders beyond club level. RC Smolyan is a sponsor of two active Rotary clubs;



supports youth programs and has sponsored Rotaract and Interact clubs. The club is twinned with three clubs from Turkey, Romania and Russia. The Rotary club of Smolyan is actively working in several areas: 1) social programs - to support children in disadvantaged families, 2) education programs - an annual student scholarship, and other projects related to literacy, 3) projects in healthcare - prevention of socially significant diseases; prevention of child and maternal health, 4) international activity through twinned clubs, 5) with particular concern the club refers to the development of youth programs Rotaract and Interact through the development of younger generations as worthy citizens and future leaders committed to social problems.

### **Major Projects**



Winter holiday C

It is annually held in the resort Pamporovo since 2000. Always in the month of March and includes race in giant slalom in 10 age groups, and team competitions in tug of war. The day ends with a charity dinner and awarding of the participants. The funds collected are used by RC Smolyan in projects for disadvantaged children.



#### Children's parties

We organize traditional celebrations for Christmas and the World Children's Day for disadvantaged children, which aim to give a ray of hope and human warmth and affection for homeless children and parents and disabled children in Smolyan. We organize celebrations, sports and other games for children, visits to the theater, concerts and more.



# Prevention of children's vision

RC Smolyan organizes annual screening of vision in children 5 years of age in kindergartens in Smolyan, whose goal is to diagnose potential diseases in the period, which is not covered by the national health care system, but is important to prevent further complications.

## **Rotary Club of Sozopol**



 Chartered on 26.03.2006, № RI 72416 Sponsor: RC Bourgas

Weekly meeting: Wednesday, 6:00 p.m.

Hotel "Villa List", town of Sozopol



#### **About the Club**

The Rotary club of Sozopol has a ten-year old history in our Rotary society. As a "sea-side" club it is an attractive and appealing site with its business team of professionals and leaders, with the possibility of contacts with Rotarians, supporters from the district in Bulgaria and abroad, as well as because of the location.

The club develops and implements educational, humanitarian and vocational projects each year and they all meet the needs of the local community - selfless service to society. Our club promotes Rotary as an organization for the young people in the community. We develop and implement plans to support the Rotary Foundation through both financial contributions and program participation. We maintain friendly relationships with the clubs from the area, country and other Districts. Rotary Club of Sozopol fulfills its objectives in the five Avenues, paying particular attention to the Fifth Avenue - working with new generations /Youth Service/.

### **Major Projects**



#### **Building a bell tower**

Building a bell tower and buying a bell to the church of "St. Nicholas" in the town of Chernomorets, in the municipality of Sozopol. The project is a kind of community service, improving the quality of life in the municipality.



# Children's playgrounds

Construction and installation of playgrounds: first: in the town of Sozopol in the New Town; second: in the town of Sozopol in the Town Park, between the new and the old town; third: Sozopol — new town; fourth: village of Atia, which is in the municipality of Sozopol; fifth: Sozopol - the old town. All project documentation has been delivered to the Municipality of Sozopol.



#### Construction of "St. George" chapel

We organized the construction of "St. George"- chapel in the town of Sozopol, in the new town. All project documentation has been delivered to the Municipality of Sozopol and to the Orthodox Church board in the town of Sozopol.

## Rotary Club of Sofia



Ohartered on 01.10.1991, RI No 28356 Sponsor: RC Thessaloniki, Greece

Hotel "Rila" www.rotarysofia.org

e-mail: contact@rotarysofia.org

Sponsor of: Rotary clubs of Vratsa, Kyustendil, Montana, Rousse, Samokov, Sandanski, Sofia-Vitosha, Sofia-Serdika, Sofia-Sredets, Cherven bryag

#### **About the Club**

Weekly meeting: Monday, 12:30

The Rotary club of Sofia is the first Rotary club in Bulgaria, established on April 22, 1933, by 16 friends that signed the protocol for the establishment of the first Rotary club in Bulgaria. The first meetings were in "Union Club", and then - in the hotel "Bulgaria". In May 1933, the telegram from the European Commissioner of Rotary International, Dr. Potar, was received and by this message the Rotarians in Sofia were informed that on 25th the same month the club was adopted unanimously as a member of RI under  $N^{\circ}$ 3596.

On November 4, 1933 the club charter was presented at an official ceremony.

The club is in close relationships with the clubs from the neighboring countries - RC Belgrade, Ljubljana, Zagreb, Thessaloniki, and Athens. In less than five years four RI presidents visited Bulgaria. One of them - Maurice Duperrey, was awarded personally by Bulgarian King Boris III with senior medal "in recognition that there is Rotary movement for the integration of Bulgaria to the world and its economic and cultural development."

Today the club has close ties with twin clubs in Italy - Rotary Club of Malpensa; in France - Rotary clubs of Eguilles and Saint Gilles; in Greece - Rotary Club of Thessaloniki; and in Turkey - Rotary club of Edirne.

# **Major Projects**



# For children with talents in the village of Rusalya

With joint efforts and funds collected from RC Sofia and Rotaract club of Sofia a professional printer was purchased and donated together with its supplies for the children in 'the school of arts and crafts' for disadvantaged children "Dimitar Ekimov" in the village of Rusalya. This school has several buildings and operates as a boarding house too, where children live till the 12th grade.



#### Mobile Mammography

One example of sustainable design in the history of RC Sofia is the "Mobile mammography" program and it ensures access to medical examination of the mammary glands for women in the country side far away from big hospitals. The latest data about the implementation of this project show that over 12,000 women have undergone this very much needed examination.



**Road Safety** 

One of the latest projects of RC Sofia is aimed at the development of original educational videos that convey the right message about the need for safety on the roads and careful driving. The project is in its very beginning, but it is to achieve high scores in a field with a lot of potential for improvement.

# Rotary Club of Sofia-Balkan



Weekly meeting: Thursday, 6.30 p.m.

Hotel "Central Park"

e-mail: Rotary\_Club\_Sofia-Balkan@yahoogroups.com rotarybalkan@gmail.com

Sponsor of: Interact club of Bankya, Rotary club of Pirdop

#### About the Club

The Rotary club of Sofia-Balkan is one of the leading clubs in Sofia. Through the years, it has proven to be one of the serious and stable clubs in Bulgaria. The projects on which the club works on are directly related to community, social and economic support of community groups and their social integration. The Rotary club of Sofia-Balkan sponsors three Interact clubs- IAC at Sofia Mathematics School,



IAC at the Spanish Language School, IAC at the 73th School - and one Rotaract club - RAC Sofia-Balkan. We are twin clubs with the Rotary clubs of Trikala and Dronninglund.

### **Major Projects**





#### **Basketball Clubs for People in Wheelchairs**

The basketball team for people in wheelchairs "Sofia-Balkan" is established in 2007 by the Bulgarian Basketball Federation, the National Sports Academy, the Rotary and Rotaract clubs of Sofia-Balkan. The team helps the integration of disadvantaged people and allows them to feel full members of society. The team enables the players to share their love for sports, basketball and to jointly develop their skills, power and will. There are 18 players and three coaches in the basketball

team "Sofia-Balkan". Trainings are conducted every Tuesday and Thursday from 8.00 p.m. in the hall adapted for wheelchairs in the National stadium "Vasil Levski".

## Rotary Club of Sofia-Vitosha



Weekly meeting: Thursday, 7.00 p.m.

Hotel "Marinela", "Vitosha" Hall

www.rotarysofiavitosha.org

e-mail: info@rotarysofiavitosha.org

Sponsor of: Rotary club of Sofia-Balkan, Rotary club of Sofia-Center, Rotary club of Pleven Centrum, Rotary club of Lovech

#### About the Club

The Rotary club of Sofia-Vitosha was chartered on 10.11.1998 and was sponsored by RC Sofia.

The club has two Rotaract clubs: the Rotaract club of Sofia-Vitosha and the Rotaract club of Sofia Vitosha — Izgrev. It also has two Interact clubs: the Interact club at the American Collage and the Interact club at the National Financial and Economics High School. Other implemented projects of the Rotary



club of Sofia-Vitosha are: Restoration of the clock tower of the building of the National Finance and Economics High School; Developing and installing a monument of the journalist James Bourchier on the boulevard having the same name; Planting of Japanese cherry trees in the park Borisova Gradina. Three district governors come from the Rotary club of Sofia-Vitosha: PDG 2004-05 Kalcho Hinov (current Vice-president of RLI), PDG 2009-10 Plamen Minev, and PDG 2011-12 Anelia Dosheva. Many club members have held various positions as district officers. The club is among the ones contributed highest amounts to the Rotary Foundation donating over 87.000 USD.

# **Major Projects**



**Pond with Lilies** 

The pond and the fountain with three children figures were restored on the occasion of the visit of the President of Rotary International Wilf Wilkinson to celebrate the 75th anniversary of the establishment of the organization in Bulgaria.



**Cup of the Governor** 

Annually, we organize a friendly football tournament for all clubs in Bulgaria under the name "Cup of the Governor." The team is four-time champion of the Rotary football tournaments in the district.

## Rotary Club of Sofia-Vazrazhdane



Chartered on 16.05.2014, RI No 85809

Weekly meeting: Tuesday, 7.00 p.m.



Hotel "Ramada"



e-mail: azrazhdane.rc@gmail.com

### About the Club

RC Sofia-Vazrazhdane is the youngest club in District 2482. From the moment of our chartering, we actively joined the rows of Rotary movement. Some of our friends are Rotarians with serious experience and reputation in our District and abroad. They attracted as our members worthy representatives of our community, proved professionals and persons. The club members are active in various fields of social and vocational life and through their professional and moral qualities contribute to the development of Rotary idea in Bulgaria and abroad. The club entirely meets the requirements of Rotary. We are strict to maintain correct finances, which contributes to our actual participation in Rotary projects and club life.

In our daily activities we seek to serve the public, making it in more effective and sustainable manner. Our attention is focused on developing both Bulgarian projects and participation in international ones. The support for the Rotary Foundation is important to us as an important channel for the activities of Rotary worldwide. We unswervingly care about our relations and friendships within the club, because for us it is like a flower that requires our daily attitude. We do it when we are together not only in service but also in meetings, trips, holidays, in twinning with other clubs.

### **Major Projects**



#### For Children without **Parental Care**

From the moment of chartering we took care of children from the "Home for Children without Parental Care" in the village of Dren. We have contributed for their summer vacation, training football, and initiatives for their free time, buying games and computers. The latter was possible after donating the proceeds from a charity performance of Boyka Velkova.



#### Recreation Area

With the help of our friend Stoimir Veselinov, we built a recreation area (solid oak benches and tables) for about 50 people at the foothills of Vitosha Mountain. At opening, the rock singer Milena Slavova and dance ensemble at the community center in Simeonovo participated. event was dedicated to supporting the children from the Orphanage.



#### International **Cooperation**

Our club contacted RC Findikli, Istanbul. Along with it we took part in an international project to provide water in Uganda. We are the only ones in the district to participate in such a project. We supported and flood victims in Serbia.

## Rotary Club of Sofia-International



Weekly meeting: Wednesday, 6.45 p.m.

Hotel "Hilton Sofia"

www.rc-si.org

e-mail: info@rc-si.org

Sponsor of: Rotaract club of Sofia International, Interact club of Sofia International Meridian 22

#### About the Club

Friendship, mutual assistance and members' taking care of each other are the most important things in the Rotary club of Sofia International. The club is proud of its members who willingly share their time for the benefit of various charitable causes. Professionalism of the Rotarians from the club can be traced in the annual projects such as wine and whiskey dinners, Puppet Theater for children from



orphanages, supply of medical equipment for hospitals and numerous others.

### **Major Projects**



# **Puppet Theater for Children without Parents**

For 10 years the Rotary club conducts Christmas charity campaign for children deprived of parental care. The most exciting over the years remained the Christmas celebration, including breakfast at McDonald's, visit to the puppet theater and handing out Christmas presents from Santa Claus in person.



Wine It! и Blend It!

Charity evenings to raise funds for the annual club's projects that have become traditional events, gathering many friends and guests, in addition to supporting the causes of the club we have fun and find new acquaintances.



# **Project for Professional Training**

Global grant with partners from Districts in the UK for vocational training of young people living in sheltered housing after the age of majority. The project aims to create social catering enterprise in which young people learn a craft and how to earn their own living.

# Rotary Club of Sofia-Capital



Weekly meeting: Wednesday, 7.00 p.m.

Restaurant "Lebed"

🧌 www.rotaryclubsofiacapital.org

e-mail: info@rotaryclubsofiacapital.org

#### About the Club

The Rotary club Sofia- Capital is a relatively young symbiosis of successful Bulgarian entrepreneurs, intellectuals and public figures. Club members are examples of leaders with integrity and high professional success in their respective fields of activity. The club holds discussions with guest speakers on issues concerning both present and future of the Bulgarian society. Humanitarian



activities are mainly aimed at securing funds and supplies for a project, and focus groups are mainly children, youth and adults. The areas of activity - prevention of conflicts and building dialogue in the communities; support for education, science and cultural activities of communities; creating arenas for economic recovery; minimizing risk sections of road infrastructure.

## **Major Projects**



Road is not a Track

Initiative to support pedestrian infrastructure in the region of Samokov road. This happened after the traditional charity tournament in monopolies and cashflow. 11 existing walkways have been renovated and repaired from the ring road of Sofia to the exit sign of the village of Kokalyane towards Samokov.



# **Rotary Working Positions**

This is Rotary board of job positions enabling professionals from certain fields to more easily find work. The idea is the companies related with Rotarians to provide information about jobs and so to ensure quality working relationships and conditions. www.rabota. rotaryclubsofiacapital.org



# Rotary Tournament in Monopoly and Cashflow

RC Sofia-Capital organized in September traditional tournament in the games of monopolies and cashflow with the aim to have more people oriented to play and learn medium complex economic and financial mechanisms to self-improvement. The goal of the tournament is also fundraising for various causes and projects of the club.

## Rotary Club of Sofia-Serdika



Chartered on 30.10.2001, RI No 56703

Sponsor: RC Sofia

Weekly meeting: Tuesday, 7.00 p.m.



Hotel "Arena di Serdika"





Sponsor of: RAC Sofia-Serdika, IAC Sofia-Serdika at 22nd School "Georgi Stoykov Rakovski" Sofia

#### About the Club

Currently, there are seventeen active members in the Club, among whom eight are women. Four district officers are members of the club – PDG 2014-15 Ilario Astinov, the treasurer of the district 2013-16 Tanya Karabasheva as well as two PADG. The Lord Mayor of Sofia Mrs. Yordanka Fandakova is honorary member of the club for 2015-16.

The club realizes its activities on the territory of the city of Sofia, with priority the area of Sredets.

Among the activities of the club is the longtime project "Dobrolyubie" of a humanitarian nature as well as establishment of already two long-term scholarships for talented young musicians. In carrying out its activities the club seeks cooperation with other organizations, an example for which is the implemented with the famous "Strategies" National Contest "Benefactor of the Year", which was launched in 2004.

The club is twinned with RC Roma Nord Ovest – one of the four Rotary clubs in Rome, and together we granted 2 international youth scholarships for cultural exchange. In continuation of this tradition, currently the club is strengthening its contacts with RC Napoli.

# **Major Projects**



#### The Program Polio+ and Sofia Airport

Funds are raised through boxes collection of banknotes and coins placed in locations consistent with the management of the airport. The boxes are with equipped permanent stickers indicating the purpose of the donations. For the first three years of the project, 7.000 USD were collected and transferred.



#### **Diabetes Control at School**

The project aims at prevention of diabetes among students, by carrying out tests to determine blood sugar levels. At the same time, an information campaign was organized among students, parents and about the need to monitor and control for timely prevention of complications.



**Donation of Used Assets** 

The goal of the project is the mediation of the Rotary and Rotaract clubs of Sofia-Serdika to assist in the free provision for second use of movable tangible assets (FTA) to needy socially disadvantaged groups of persons on the basis of clear rules and criteria for transparency and fairness of the selection.

## **Rotary Club of Sofia-City**



Weekly meeting: Tuesday, 7.30 p.m.

Hotel "Best Western Sofia City"

www.facebook.com/RotaryClubSofiaCity

rotary.sofia.city@gmail.com

Sponsor of: Interact club of Sofia-City "William Shakespeare", Rotaract club of Sofia-City, Rotaract club SU Klument Ohridski

#### About the Club

RC Sofia-City consists of young and motivated people - proven professionals in their fields, funny, seeking and active. We spend our time and expertise to serve the local communities to support and train them.

Club activities range from organizing fundraising events in support of local initiatives, meeting new people and interesting speakers, exchanging



ideas and other humanitarian projects. We work actively with younger generations for their professional and career guidance and development.

Our club plays an active role in support of Rotary and encourages and fosters the ideal of service as a basis of worthy occupation. All of our members are united by the idea to help wherever and however they can as to selflessly serve the community and bring the friendship and spirit of Rotary in their communities.

### **Major Projects**



"Protect Children"

The project aims to provide children properly and safe crossing of streets marked footpaths and especially ones where there is no traffic lights installed. Our studies showed that in many cases road infrastructure in areas around schools does not provide appropriate child safety and pedestrian trails are the places with the most incidents with children and adolescents. The project is aimed precisely at protecting the lives of our children by helping to reduce accidents at pedestrian crossings.



**Chess outdoors** 

The project aims to create interest in chess game among younger generations as a form of cultural and personal development, to develop intellectual potential of children stimulating their creative and imaginative thinking "because chess is like love and music, it has the power to make people happy." It is necessary for children to learn that chess develops valuable qualities like foresight and insight, logic, intuition, math skills, and many others.

## Rotary Club of Sofia-Sredets



Chartered on 17.05.2005, RI No 69355 Sponsor: RC Sofia

Weekly meeting: Wednesday, 1.00 p.m.

Hotel "Arena di Serdika"

e-mail: c.kadiyski@abv.bg

Sponsor of: Rotaract club of Sredets, Interact club of Sredets

### **About the Club**

Chartered in 2005, the club is one of the small, but very active clubs of Sofia. Together with the traditional Rotary projects in healthcare — free ophthalmological examinations, support of pediatric pulmonology, vaccinations against hepatitis for groups in risk, in education — annual scholarships, awards for young leaders in their vocation, donation of childish and teen books for school libraries and community centers, humanitarian - to support the Home for orphan children and single mothers in Novi Han. Support of the SOS village in Tryavna and promotion of Rotary — informational showcase in the center of Sofia, planting alley "Paul Harris", placing plaques for the people and events associated with Rotary. The club has one specific program — "Culture and historical heritage" within which it supports protection and promotion of historical monuments in Sofia - restoration of the tomb of Honorius in Sofia — together with RC Rome. Donations for Sofia's cultural institutions - books, equipment, archival documents, paintings; sponsoring exhibitions; organizing dinners for Bulgaria in London, Cluj, Rome

Koblenz; Patronage over the gallery to the Sofia Philharmonic Orchestra. With the programs Rotaract and Interact we have the opportunity to attract young people and to actively work with them. The club is twinned with RC Rome EUR.

# **Major Projects**



Reach out a Hand



Be a Leader



**Memory of Sofia** 

Together with RC Koblenz we made happy father Ivan donating a car needed for the functioning of the Home in the village of Novi Han. Hundreds are the books donated for libraries and schools, and thus children and teenagers got acquainted to a whole new world. The elevator for heavily ill children facilitated the work of doctors and nurses.

Three annual awards of the club are established (for contributions to biological science and promising career start for young people in engineering and pharmaceutical sciences). The support of young talents in art gave them new avenues of creative expression.

The opening of the restored tomb of Honorius became a memorable event in the cultural life of the city in 2015. The traditional cooperation with Sofia Museum of History is very much appreciated by the Lord Mayor of the city Yordanka Fandakova.

# Rotary Club of Sofia-Tangra



Ohartered on 20.05.2003, RI No 62293

Sponsor: RC Sofia

Weekly meeting: Tuesday, 8.30 p.m.

★ Hotel "Rila"

e-mail: rotary.tangra@gmail.com

Sponsor of: Rotaract club of Sofia-Tangra, Interact club Sofia-Tangra FELS, Interact club of Sofia-Tangra at Italian Liceum

#### About the Club

We, the Rotarians of the Rotary club of Sofia-Tangra are united by the ideas of Rotary to serve community; every one of us applies the ideal of serving in their personal and professional lives. The Rotary club of Sofia-Tangra is among the leading clubs in Bulgaria and organizes its work in several directions: club service through implementation of projects, vocational service and youth service



through his sponsored Rotaract and Interact clubs of Sofia-Tangra. We strive to successfully implement our project ideas and ideas of our young friends, to develop and support leaders among our members, and enrich ourselves through the participation of various leading personalities and leaders as speakers at our weekly meetings.

#### **Major Projects**



**Early Diagnosis of Prostate Cancer** 

By applying the methods for early diagnosis and more particularly prostate specific antigen in men over the age of 50 and rectal examination prostate. In implementing the project, assoc. prof. Krasimir Neykov, Head of Urological Oncology Clinic at the Hospital of Sofia, Dr. Julian Shterev, urologist from the town of Rousse, Dr. Dimitar Bushandrov, urologist from the town of Sliven, Dr. Stoycho Katsarov, Dr. Bushka Zaharieva from BODIMED laboratories and others took actual participation. They were provided funds for early diagnosis of approximately 5,000 men in three municipalities in the country - Sofia, Rousse, Svishtov, Sliven, Stara Zagora and Yambol.



# Informational Campaign " & I know!"

he project national informational campaign for the examination and early diagnosis of HIV/AIDS "& I know!" started in 2010 and became annual. The campaign "& I know!" started as a response to the alarming statistics related to HIV in Bulgaria that shows extremely small number of examined people for various reasons. The campaign was organized by the Rotaract club of Sofia-Tangra with the cooperation of the Rotaract clubs from the whole country, STING AD and National patient organization.

## **Rotary Club of Sofia Center**



Chartered on 15.11.2005, RI No 71178

Sponsor: RC Sofia-Vitosha

Weekly meeting: Wednesday, 7.30 p.m.

Hotel "Ramada Sofia"

e-mail: rotarysofiacenter@gmail.com

Sponsor of: Rotary club of Sofia-Capital, Rotaract Sofia-Center, Interact at the 1st German Language School

#### About the Club

The Rotary Club of Sofia-Center is one of the clubs with ambition for sustainable and successful development in community service and in promoting mutual care and fellowship among Rotarians at the club, as well as all other Rotarians.

All projects in which the club works are for the benefit of the community. All members invest personal effort, time and other resources, experience, professional skills and contacts, high moral and social commitment to the successful implementation of humanitarian service projects and to promote and improve the image of the Rotary Foundation.

The club develops active club work: weekly friendly meetings, meetings with guest - lecturers and with other clubs from Sofia and the country. It develops international cooperation and appropriately manages its finances. In support to the young generation the club is actively working to assist the activities of both youth programs Rotaract and Interact and skillfully encourages development of leadership skills, guides and supervises successful realization of their projects.

The Rotarians from RC Sofia-Center financially support the Rotary Foundation and participate in projects financed by it, and with its active and responsible attitude work for its public importance. To strengthen the friendship and closeness in the big family of Rotary in which Rotary is a way of life, we organize meetings, trips, cultural events and general holidays.

### **Major Projects**



#### **Being Citizen**

In the Rotary year 2010-2011 together with the foundation "Prosveta" the implementation of the project "Being Citizen" started. It is a leaning tool for civic education of children from 1st to 4th grade that enables teachers in the form of entertaining games, analysis and testing to build sustainable ethical, generic and national values in children, to prepare them as worthy citizens of Bulgaria and the world.



**Rotary Forest** 

Main in scale and sustainable development club project is the creation of "our" Rotary forest. We are proud that in the mountains Vitosha - the "lungs" of Sofia - in the Ofelia area small trees grow and will become a great forest. With the fresh air and coolness, they will make happy numerous generations of citizens and guests of Sofia in the years ahead. The project started in 2007/2008 and totally 38 acres of woods were planted by 2016.

## Rotary Club of Stara Zagora



Weekly meeting: Monday, 6.00 p.m.

Complex "Verea"

e-mail: rotary.st.zagora@gmail.com

Sponsor of: Rotary club of Haskovo, Rotary club of Radnevo, Rotaract Stara Zagora, Interact Stara Zagora

#### About the Club

The Rotary club of Stara Zagora has over 20 years of history. The fifth in order after the revival of Rotary in Bulgaria club was chartered on 31 of May 1994. The Rotary club of Stara Zagora is proud to have the first citizen of the town as District governor of District 2482 Bulgaria Valentin Stoyanov, as well as the five assistant governors — Stefan Terziev, Todor Grudev, Nikolay Gadzhev, Valentin Stoyanov and



Nikolay Shopov – and a number of other district officers.

The members of Rotary club of Stara Zagora actively helped for the establishment of other clubs in the Rotary family. Special attention was paid to young people coming after them – Rotaract and Interact – and not least to the gentle presence of ladies in the Inner Wheel Club.

## **Major Projects**



#### **Restoration of Sensory Room**

With the implementation of a Global grant supported by the Rotary Foundation and jointly realized by the Rotary clubs of Stara Zagora, Sint-Pieters-Leeuw — Belgium, Krushevac — Serbia and Nova Zagora — Bulgaria and in partnership with the Municipality of Stara Zagora, the most modern sensory room in South Bulgaria was restored where over 100 students will be trained annually.



# Fetal Monitors for the OG Clinic

The Rotary club of Stara Zagora completed its project in 2016 within the area of focus "Maternal and Child Health" providing two fetal monitors including one adjusted for twins. They were granted to the OB clinic in the town on the occasion of Midwifes' Day.



# Annual Scholarships for Distinguished Youth

Every year the Rotary club of Stara Zagora grants scholarships to distinguished students in various fields of science and art. Supporting new generations, the club improves its positive public image of Rotary for the development of local community and stimulates talented children of Stara Zagora.

## **Rotary Club of Troyan**



Weekly meeting: Tuesday, 7.00 p.m.

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www.rotary-troyan.org

) e-mail: rctroyan@gmail.com

#### About the Club

RC Troyan is a club with 15 years of history, and consists of 31 active members and 3 honorary members. The club implements successful service projects, raises the public image of Rotary, supports the Rotary Foundation as well as the Polio program.

Since the beginning of its existence, the club has worked hard on projects concerning the protection of cultural heritage, and supported cultural and educational institutions and talented children and students.

# **Major Projects**



#### Maternal and Child Health

The club in partnership with the Municipality and the hospital works on programs for improvement of maternal and child health. The neonatal sector of the Obstetrics and Gynecology ward of the hospital in Troyan received valuable donation at the end of February — new bilirubin meter and supplies for examination of C-reactive protein.



# **Support for Culture Activities**

Support of cultural activities in the town and promotion of Rotary programs. Organizing art plein-airs and at participation in traditional municipality events, the club supports children's creativity and promotes the program Polio.



# **Support for Talented Children**

The club has established scholarship programs for talented children and students in the fields of culture, academic knowledge and innovations.

# Rotary Club of Tutrakan



Weekly meeting: Wednesday, 8.00 p.m.

♠ Restaurant "Priyateli" (Friends)

Sponsor of: Interact club of Tutrakan

### **About the Club**

Since 2005, the Rotary Club of Tutrakan unites people filled with enthusiasm to change for the better the environment around them. The club consists of successful professionals of two municipalities — Tutrakan and Glavinitsa. The highlights activities are aimed at younger generations, from birth and improvement of health through education to projects related to



developing leadership qualities and skills. The Rotary club of Tutrakan maintains and develops active relations with friendly and twin clubs from Bulgaria and abroad. The sense of community and acceptance of the values of Rotary International is important and the Rotary club of Tutrakan actively works for the cultural, historical, health and ecological identity of the region.

### **Major Projects**





# Incubator and Reanimation Table for the Neonatal Ward

Tutrakan is an established destination for maternity care and maternal health. In 2009 the Rotary Club of Tutrakan decided to give a chance to more premature born babies and problem pregnancies to begin their lives normal.

**Clock Tower** 

On the occasion of its 10 anniversary, Rotary club of Tutrakan decided to give to the town a clock tower. This tower together with the near Roman fortress has all chances to become one of the symbols of Tutrakan.

## Rotary Club of Targovishte



Weekly meeting: Thursday, 6.00 p.m.

Restaurant "Nova Mizia"

🜓 e-mail: t\_tv@mail.bg

#### About the Club

The Rotary Club of Targovishte was chartered on 30.11.2001. The average number of its members through the years is 30. During the past years, we have implemented over 40 significant service projects striving to involve in their implementation many collaborators among the local authorities, business and civic organizations. Our initiative were in support of maternal and child health, cultural and



historical heritage, tourism, prevention and treatment of diseases, etc. Due to our variety of professions, our ideas happen easily. By now, we have implemented by our own recourses donation campaigns, we did not participate in grant projects, but we would love to.

### **Major Projects**



#### Two Tourist Lodges "Rotary"

The book is luxurious, black and white edition with a separate bibliography reference. The Rotarians built two tourist lodges in Targovishte in the last three years. They are located in the area of the park and on the road to ancient historical town Misionis. The lodges have open fire places and spaces with benches and tables, making them favorite spot for tourists for picnics and recreation.



Soldier`s Monument Returned Brilliance

Soldier's monument, which is the earliest work of our famous sculptor Lyubomir Dalchev and perpetuates the 900 victims of Targovishte in wars for national unity, was restored in 2015. The idea and funds come from RC Targovishte. To revive the historical memory, BGN 15,000 was donated and information boards were placed, an alley and artistic lighting were made.



**Eco Action** 

Caring for nature, RC Targovishte held a campaign for cleaning the shores of the dam "Polyanitsa." Participants in it were10 scouts from local club "Geril Voyvoda", 11 students from the basketball team "Svetkavitsa" at sports school, led by their coaches. Motivated by the good example in sanitation, some fishermen spontaneously joined us. Over 150 bags of waste were exported.

## Rotary Club of Harmanli



Weekly meeting: Wednesday, 7.00 p.m.

Snack bar "Klasik"

e-mail: rkharmanli@abv.bg

#### About the Club

The most significant projects were implemented on the territory of the town of Harmanli: cardiograph purchased for the hospital of Harmanli; bell, throne and glasses purchased for the chapel "St. Trifon" near the town of Harmanli; Purchase of shroud for the church "St. George" in Edirne; two new passengers' buses granted to the Municipality of Harmanli for transportation of students under Matching grant project in partnership with RCs from Spain and France;



air conditioning for the hospital of Harmanli; computers and orthopedic beds for the hospital of Harmanli donated by a RC from France; a mobile mammography purchased together with RC Sofia; Restoration of the fountain near the area "Little Star"; On the occasion of the 10th anniversary buying and placing clock in the center of Harmanli; playgrounds for children in the town of Harmanli and the village of Biser; purchase and donation of books for the town public library; together with the foundation "Bulgarian Memory" purchase of interactive boards and computers for schools in the town; planting trees and bushes at the town stadium; wall-painting and equipment of a room for religion classes in school "Neophyte Rilski".

### **Major Projects**



**Evening of Wine and Friendship** 



For the Children of Harmanli

Especially popular became the Evening of Wine and Friendship, conducted in November each year. Wines produced by all wineries in the blessed Southern region of Sakar are presented.

Partial funding for the reconstruction of the infirmary to the Emergency aid; supporting successful sports clubs in the town - athletics, canoe-kayak (boat purchase); Purchased DVD players for all kindergartens in the town; study maps purchased for the schools in the town; Sponsoring the issuance of a CD of Bulgarian folk songs group; As project this year, RC Harmanli will support and promote the "Prevention and Fight against Breast Cancer."

# Rotary Club of Haskovo



○ Chartered on 11.04.1996, RI No 31494

Sponsor: RC Stara Zagora
Weekly meeting: Monday, 6.00 p.m.

Hotel "Haskovo"



e-mail: rotaryh@gmail.com

Sponsor of: RC Harmanli, RC Vidin, RC Svilengrad, RC Haskovo-Aida, Co-sponsor of RC Dimitrovgrad, Rotaract Haskovo

#### About the Club

RC Haskovo was established on 23.04.1995 and was admitted as regular member of Rotary International on 11.04.1996. The club charter was delivered at an official celebration held on 08.06.1996. Initially, the club was within District 2480 Northern Greece — Bulgaria, Zone 10 Central Europe — East Africa. RC Haskovo is the eleventh Rotary club in Bulgaria. RC Haskovo has 13 members who are Paul Harris Fellows. Member of RC Haskovo is PDG Lyuben Atanasov. Currently, on a position beyond the club level our fellow Dinko Atanasov is involved in his service of Assistant district governor.

In international aspect, RC Haskovo is twinned with two clubs outside the country – RC Edirne, Turkey, and RC Alexandroupolis, Greece. Traditional projects:

- 1. For the new school year, educational materials school bags, notebooks, markers, pencils, pens and school kits are donated for the Orphanage "Asen Zlatarov".
- 2. "March 3th" Football tournament pupils from schools of Haskovo and the region
- 3. Material support to graduates who have demonstrated excellence in the learning process and have financial difficulties.
- 4. Success Box collected during the year funds by which to support student or study group of interest, whose activities have won national or international competition.

### **Major Projects**



# "March 3th" Football Tournament

In connection with the national holiday of Bulgaria and promoting the health of children by additional physical activity, this sports festival takes place. Football is the favorite game of children, and through it they learn and reinforce sports spirit and consistent achievement of objectives.



# Ritual Fountain in the Courtyard of a Church

In connection with the Christian holiday of Holy Baptism the mentioned ritual fountain was built and the yard of the church "St. Dimitar" in the town of Haskovo renewed, so that citizens of our town could easily participate in this ritual. President Ivan Stanchev and with the assistance of "Water construction- Haskovo" AD.



#### Get to Know Your Motherland and Care for Her

Introduction of historical events of the homeland, historical monuments and natural resources to children from the school "Sv. St. Cyril and Methodius" village of Konush with the aim of bringing their patriotism, love and care for motherland and birthplace. Planting trees for the purpose of taking care for nature. President Toncho Tonchev.

### Rotary Club of Haskovo-Aida



Chartered on 07.02.2004, RI No 67180 Sponsor: RC Haskovo

Weekly meeting: Thursday, 6.00 p.m.

Restaurant "Rodopi"

e-mail: secretary@rotary-haskovo-aida.org

#### About the Club

Rotary brought us different and unfamiliar, but made us friends! There is nothing more valuable than that! – Rotary club of Haskovo-Aida. It was chartered on the occasion of the Centennial of Rotary.

In 2004, the club gathers professionals with high ethics and integrity, with many personal qualities and skills, united by the idea of service above self to the community. During all the years until today in the club there is atmosphere of friendship, understanding, gradation of good ideas and of course many projects implemented. Praiseworthy is the activity of each club member, everyone is involved in various projects and activities of the club with enthusiasm, fascinating passion and great desire. The club has a good public image in the local community and tries each project to be sustainable, significant and beneficial to the community. In the club, we grow up as leaders beyond club level too. We participate regularly with contributions to the Rotary Foundation and 13 members were honored PHFs, we also participate in district events and seminars, in regional meetings and national programs. We do international service through twinning with Rotary clubs from Serbia and Turkey.

Everything we do is motivated by our desire to serve humanity!

For us, Rotary is friendship, Rotary is a circle where we all are equal, Rotary is devotion in which we all take part!

## **Major Projects**



Flag Monument

On the occasion of the 100th anniversary of RI and the chartering of the club in 2004 we built a "Flag monument" with a charter plate in the center of the town of Haskovo. This was our beginning. We take care of this monument where our history is encoded and which educates younger generations in patriotism and national pride.



**Rotary Forest** 

"Plant a tree and give life" – under this motto we created a "Rotary forest". We planted 100 trees of Canadian red oak in the park "Kenana". This project united the entire Rotary family in our town – Rotarians, Interactors, and Rotaractors. We take care of it with great love – for clean air and ecological environment!



**Charity Balls** 

With unique programs of the talents in the club, these balls turn into a celebration of joy and friendship. We conduct annual spring and Christmas balls to raise money for social activities, programs on health, environment, education, for disadvantaged children.

## Rotary Club of Cherven Bryag



Weekly meeting: Thursday, 7.00 p.m.

Hotel-restaurant "Taganrog"





#### About the Club

The Rotary club of Cherven bryag was chartered on 18.12.2001. Sponsor club is RC Sofia, with the active participation of Dr. Nikolay Boltadjiev.

One of the biggest projects of the club is the annual sponsorship for the hospital of the town of Cherven bryag with medicines and medical supplies (beds, wheelchairs, etc.) amounted to approximately 100 to 500 thousand BGN, which is implemented with the kind assistance of the Rotary club of Aix-en-Provence – France.

Our Rotary club succeeded to establish and charter a Rotaract club, but, unfortunately, we could not keep it due to the serious number of young people leaving the town.

# **Major Projects**



#### **Movable Mammography**

In 2012, with the assistance of 5 Rotary districts, 4 Bulgarian Rotary clubs and 16 French clubs, through the ICC France-Bulgaria, RC Sofia represented by its then- president donated to the hospital in Cherven bryag mobile mammography worth 70.000 Euros. Screening of breast cancer is already carried out even in the smaller towns and villages in the region.



**Helping Foster Families** 

Another major project is the annual sponsorship of foster families in the municipality of Cherven bryag with clothes, blankets and pillows. This project is supported by the local representative of the company Kalinel, whose manager is a member of our club. The club performed many other small projects which are essential for the community in which they are implemented.

# Rotary Club of Shoumen



Weekly meeting: Monday, 6.30 p.m.

Hotel "Kontesa"

) e-mail: rotaryshumen@mail.bg

#### About the Club

The Rotary club of Shoumen is officially chartered in 1999, but loyal to the ideas, the followers of our fellow citizen Dr. Nikloay Nikolaev realize the first regular weekly meeting in 1996. During the last 20 years, the club showed how one must and can work to serve community. The existence of exceptionally active Interact and Rotaract only confirms the continuity and understanding of the important



links between past and future. The implementation of many significant projects contributes for the name of Rotary to be mentioned with admiration, respect and gratitude.

## **Major Projects**



#### Helping Elderly People

Thanks to this project, the House for elderly people in Shumen got modern kitchen equipment. The funds were provided together with our friends from Scotland and the Foundation of Rotary International.



# **Lighten the Past to See the Future**

In 2005-2010, decorative lighting was built on a number of high profile buildings and monuments. The beginning was set with the illumination of one of the first Bulgarian community centers "Dobri Voynikov". It was followed by the monuments of Panayot Volov, Vasil Levski, etc.



# New Brilliance to the Old Hall

This is one of the projects of great importance for preserving both the traditions and the places that make the town in which we live, appealing to young people. After a major renovation of the only of its kind hall, the attendance at various dance, singing and sports events grew up multiple times.

### **Rotary Club of Yambol**



Weekly meeting: Monday, 6.00 p.m.

★ Hotel "Diana Palace"

e-mail: rotary\_yambol@abv.bg

Sponsor of Interact Yambol

#### About the Club

RC Yambol was chartered on 19.11.1997, which makes it the 14th chartered club in the most recent Rotary history. On 14.03.1998, the Governor of District 2480, Panagiotis Tzoumas, solemnly handed the charter to the first president of the club Yuri Chobanikov. In the following nearly two decades of existence of the club, its members are among the most prominent personalities of



Yambol, proven and leading professionals in their field of activity. The main directions in the activity of RC Yambol development, financing and implementation of initiatives aimed entirely at community service and development of culture, education, health care and improving the aesthetics of the urban environment in Yambol. Over the years, we built clock tower, fountains in front of the churches "St. George" and "St. Nicholas", implemented the project Day center for rehabilitation of visually impaired persons, donated specialized medical equipment to hospitals in town as well as educational materials and hardware schools in the region.

## **Major Projects**



#### Memory for the Enlighteners

RC Yambol is founder of awards and student scholarships, which are delivered each year for the Day of National Enlighteners. Award receivers are outstanding figures of culture, art and education from Yambol with contribution to the cultural life of the town. Awards and scholarships are granted to talented children and young people as well.



# "No to It" – against Drug Addiction

Every year in early May, RC Yambol, together with the Interact club organize social event against the spread and use of drugs by young generations. The event is a celebration where young people, with music, songs and themed advertisements, gather to demonstrate commitment and will to live without drugs.



#### **June Prevention**

Every year in June, the club organizes days of prevention of diseases of the prostate gland. For men over 50 years in Yambol get examinations by the urologist, ultrasonic and immunological diagnostics which are held in University Hospital "St Ivan Rilski" - partner of the club for 10 years. The club donated immunoassay analyzer.















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