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Dear Rotarians,
Dear friends,

The Almanac you are opening is a renewed edition of the already published one in the Rotary year 2015-16. During this short for the history period of time, a few new Rotary clubs were born in our district, and new District and Global grants were implemented with the help of the Rotary Foundation. The Almanac is result of the realized good deeds of the Rotary clubs in District 2482 Bulgaria and each one of them shares on one page new facts of its history, service projects that it is proud of, presents its programs and partners.

The Rotarians are professionals, successful people with different experience of life and vocational experience. The community where every Rotarian serves has its uniqueness and different momentary need, and that is why the implemented projects, good deeds of the Rotarians – the people of action – cover wide range of activities. Difference is one of the distinctive features of Rotary, giving the possibility for clubs to have members without limitations in sex, age, religion and nationality, which is reflected in the various implemented projects. The shared values of friendly relations, provision of various experiences and possibilities for sustainable transformation of communities and the world, unites professionals in every Rotary club. The inspiration of the Rotarians makes a positive difference in service to humanity.

The efforts made and the work done are rewarded only by the smiles on people's faces to whom we have helped, by the opportunity to change people's lives, to make new friends, to leave good after ourselves and grow as humans.

The period from the restoring of Rotary in Bulgaria till now is a short moment in the development of humanity. Our history is full of contradictions and vicissitudes that have left their mark on our communities' development and society since the establishment of the first Rotary club 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. Tsuyatko 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.

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 it 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, Tsuyatko 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 Northern Macedonia. 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, the Zone Rotary Institute was held in Sofia. During these years, we were visited by the Presidents of Rotary International Wilfred Wilkinson (twice), D.K.Lee, John Kenny, Gary Huang, the RI President elect for 2011-12 Kalyan Banerjee, and many Rotary leaders from all over the world, among them John Germ and Sam Owori.

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 89 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 socio-economic development of our communities.

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 over two million 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 1050 Paul Harris fellows; the members of the Paul Harris Society are increasing, and ten Rotarians are honored with the „Major Donor“ award. Four Rotary clubs -RC Vidin, RC Stara Zagora, RC Shoumen and RC Sofia-Vitosha are honored with the special award „100% Paul Harris Fellow Club“.
With our donations to the Rotary Foundation, the investment in the future of our communities and the world, we play our part in peace keeping and conflict prevention, in disease prevention, 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 36 Rotaract clubs and 54 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. Every year, many clubs of district 2482 sponsor participants in the programs International Youth Exchange and Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA). We believe that thus, Rotary in Bulgaria works for Bulgaria’s future and for a better world of responsible leaders.

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.

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 INSPIRES, SERVES HUMANITY AND BRINGS THE WORLD CLOSER.

Thus, we leave good deeds as our heritage, grow as people and inspire our communities.

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

Veselin Dimitrov
District Governor 2018-19
Rotary District 2482
Bulgaria
About the Club

As of 1.1.2019, the club has 24 members. The club has rallied people with various professions, united in our striving to develop a more successful club that will implement sustainable service projects for the benefit of community. For the development of the club, we focus on increasing club knowledge and training. The club implements successful service projects, has social and community activities, cares for the cultural and historical heritage, contributes to the Rotary Foundation. Big part of our members received the PHF award.
We believe that the best way to achieve a better future is to invest in young people. That is why our main goal is to support and help children of school age via implementing projects mostly for pupils and students.

Major Projects

Training Site for Traffic Safety
The club built a training site for traffic safety. The ground is equipped with 8 active traffic lights, 42 road signs and the necessary markings. Open classes with children can be held there. It is located next to one of the schools in the town.

Student Competition “National Enlighteners and Me”
The club organized and held a competition on the topic “National Enlighteners and Me”. Students from all schools in town participated in it. The competition was held in 2 stages: internal for each school to determine the winner class and a final one between the winner classes of all schools.
The Rotary club of Assenovgrad was chartered at the time when Bulgaria was part of the Balkan international District 2480. Assenovgrad 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. Kirik” 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 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.

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 grounds 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 Assenovgrad 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 Assenovgrad.
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) and the work with clubs from Moldova verify club’s willingness to strengthen international relations, good will and peace, and thus the search for new opportunities to improve the level of life in our 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.

We have to mention some of the most important club projects: Traditional - now 11 years – marathon “No to Drugs”, the drinking water purifying systems at 4 schools on the territory of the Municipality of Balchik, Preventing and combating diseases of the musculoskeletal system implemented in Balchik for 550 children aged 12 to 18; Prevention of glaucoma – we made examinations together with our friends from Mangalia using our equipment: in Balchik for 820 children aged 6 to 18 and in Mangalia, Romania, to 1250 children that were met with extremely high interest and gratitude by the community in Mangalia.

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 T-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. Extended to the village of Ohrochishte by over 650 students and the village of Senokos over 150 students.

Annual Tree Planting

Every year, we plant 10 trees during the period of 20-25 May in the town of Balchik. We have a special alley, and the trees are bought with the funds of the club members. When a tree dries, it is replaced.
About the Club

The Rotary club 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, as well as of distinguished residents of Bankya. Among the Rotarians of Bankya are prominent leaders in the fields of construction, geodesy, and production of doors and 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

Every year since 2014, RC Bankya implements 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 every year organize together Christmas holidays in Bankya. Additionally to the cultural program, the members of RC Bankya give for free over 800 portions of beans. All funds from “Christmas holidays in Bankya” that Rotary Club Bankya collects will be used for the initiative “Hot Lunch” and for the benefit of the local community of Bankya.
Interactive Boards at Schools

In 2016, RC Bansko-Razlog successfully implemented its project “Donation of Interactive Boards” in five schools in the towns of Bansko and Razlog. The boards together with projectors were installed in the classrooms upon school’s choice. The teachers were trained freely how to work with the interactive board. An open class will be provided by each school that will be attended by Rotarians from the club.

Prevention and Control of Diabetes among Adolescents

The project aims the early diagnosis and prevention of diabetes, increase of awareness about diabetes and encouragement of healthy way of life. It includes training of the medical professionals at schools and kinder gardens, purchase of supplies, organization of blood glucose study for over 2500 children. Free blood glucose study for the citizens of both municipalities, followed by extension of the project to the municipalities of Belitsa and Yakoruda. The project was implemented with the assistance of the municipalities of Bansko and Razlog, the National Association of Children with Diabetes, the company “Liveda med 2000” and with the support of the Ministry of Health.

Equipment of AG Ward

AG Ward of the Hospital in Razlog received new medical equipment that will serve the municipalities of Razlog, Bansko, Belitsa and Yakoruda. It includes 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 equipment and the training for working with it were provided by Assist International, USA. The project unites the efforts of the Rotary club of Bansko-Razlog, twelve Rotary clubs from USA, Hungary, Romania, Greece and Northern Macedonia, and got the support of the municipalities of Razlog and Bansko.

About the Club

RC Bansko-Razlog was chartered in 2003. Sponsor club of the newly established RC Bansko-Razlog is the Rotary club of Sofia-Vitosha. The decision of the club in 2010 to unite friends from two neighboring towns plays key role for the future success and most of all for the club stable development. Currently, the club consists of 33 active members. Through its active work on the territory of the four municipalities (Razlog, Bansko, Belitsa and Yakoruda), the club rapidly gains popularity in the region and becomes preferred partner for many organizations and institutions as well as for the Municipalities for the realization of projects with great public significance for the region.

During the years of its work, the club implemented numerous projects in the fields of healthcare, education, and actively supported the social policy of the Municipalities. The club writes its name with golden letters in the history of Rotary in Bulgaria by implementing the Global grant projects related to the provision of new equipment in various wards in the Hospital of Razlog. The projects united the efforts of 12 Rotary clubs from Bulgaria, USA, Hungary, Romania, Greece, and Northern Macedonia. Following the example of the Rotary club, our young Rotaractors rapidly gain recognition and just three years after their chartering, they are announced for the Rotaract club of the year. The ambassadors of Rotary from RC Bansko-Razlog are example how people with various interests, professions and experience unite their efforts in the name of community service.
Rotary Club of Berkovitza

Chartered on 17/08/2004, RI No 66276
Sponsor: RC Montana
Weekly meeting: Wednesday, 7.30 p.m.

Restaurant “Vodenitsata”, 1 Pirotski pat str.
www.rotary-berkovitsa.org
e-mail: rotary_berk@abv.bg

About the Club

The club is established in 2000 and chartered on 17.08.2004 with sponsor club Montana. While doing its strategic planning of its goals, the club included a number of tasks, the most important of which is the support for the growing of new better and more intelligent generations. For this reason, most of the implemented club service projects are directed to increasing of educational culture of children in the kinder gardens and schools. One of the main rules of the club is keeping friendship inside it. For this purpose, we organize periodical family meetings and other events like wine tasting, balls and committing of personal family time to cleaning community spaces where Rotary families take part for the mutual cause and getting closer.

Major Projects

Traffic Safety on the Streets for Children
Training of children from the kinder gardens and schools to recognize road signs, and increasing of trafficking culture of children. The project includes: asphaltling of alleys in the park on G.S.Rakovski street, placing educational road signs and street marking in the park and training of children aged 4 to 10. Over 600 children were trained in traffic safety.

First Look at Eye Health of Children
The initiative “First Look at the Eye Health of Children” started on 24.11.2016 with organized free eye examinations for children from kinder gardens in the Municipality of Berkovitsa. It began with examination of children from the village of Barzia. Dr. Vanya Mankova examined the eyesight of 257 children, and problems were found in 44 of them, which were found out at an early stage and can be treated on time. The project is one of the most sustainable club projects and every year about 150 children are examined. Eye diseases were found in approximately 30 % of them that are at an early stage and can be treated without lasting consequences.
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

Playground for Children

Through our project “Playground for Children”, 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 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 complied with all the safety requirements. The sport facility became favorite place for those who like extreme jumps and bicycle riding and skateboarding.
About the Club

The Rotary club of Botevgrad was chartered in 2009 as part of District 2482. Charter president - Philip Philipov. The club is formed by the 25 citizens from 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

New Playground for Children

The club built a new playground for the children in Botevgrad using funds from donations.

The Tree of Happiness

The “Tree of happiness and love” in front of the Ritual Home Botevgrad is a gift for the young families of Botevgrad and the whole municipality with one single aim – to make them happy in the happiest day of their lives when they enter into civil marriage. The stalk of the tree keeps the padlocks locked by the newly-married wishing them to have a marriage as strong as the padlock they placed themselves.

Solar Road Signs

Solar warning signs for pedestrian crossings are installed. Total 13 signs are placed near schools and kinder gardens in the Municipality of Botevgrad. The signs are bought with funds collected at a fundraising ball organized by Rotary club and lady’s club “Inner Wheel” in Botevgrad. The initiative aims to increase traffic safety. The LED road signs work via solar supply. With blinking light, they signal the traffic participants and further sharpen their attention on the road.
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 club 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.
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 five 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. Proactive club with active members, with many implemented sustainable service projects.

Major Projects

Donating Opportunity

A project planned as annual activity is “Donating Opportunity”. It is aimed toward support and improvement of talented children, distinguished sportsmen, scientific clubs, schools and organizations.

RYLA Seminar

Our club organizes a RYLA seminar every year.

Youth Exchange

Another significant project which is attended by participants from all over the world is the International Youth Exchange.
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 club, 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

Prevention of Stroke “No Ictus”

Together with the Rotarians from the Rotary clubs of Sofia, Plovdiv, Rousse, Bourgas and Italy, we initiated our participation in a global grant for the prevention of stroke. Through this project, together with RC Bourgas and RC Bourgas-Pyrgos, we provided technics valued USD 23,300 for our town – a portable Doppler of the highest technology class and ECG device.

Building of Outdoor Training Center for Children with Special Educational Needs

This project is designed for the students of the “Center for Special Educational Needs “Otets Paisiy – Bourgas”, and we shall provide the reconstruction of the school yard and the building of a playground with specialized apparatus that will calm down the children. With the support of RC Bourgas, RC Bourgas-Pyrgos, the Municipality of Bourgas as well as other community and business organizations, we shall provide comfortable environment and atmosphere for the children in order for them to have their classes outdoors.
About the Club

The sponsor club of the restoring is RC Kavala. Restoring president – Ivan Voynov. As of 1.1.2019, the Rotary club of Varna has 39 active and 3 honorary members (35 men and 4 women). The average age of the club is 58. Every month, the club has one “outside” meeting.

Major Projects

Chess Tournament for Children

A Chess Tournament for children was held at the beginning of the Rotary year under the aegis of RC Varna, and more than 160 children aged 8 to 16 from over 30 chess clubs from the entire country participated in it.

Kid’s Corner for Relaxation

In September, we donated a “Corner for relaxation” to the school for children with visual impairment “Prof. Dr Iv. Shishmanov”.

Christmas Ball for Interact Varna

On 8 of December, we organized and hosted a Christmas charity ball, and we granted the raised funds to Interact Varna for the organization of their spring concert.
About the Club

The Rotary club of Varna-Galatea was chartered in 2003 and is the second Rotary club serving on the territory of the city of Varna. In 2018, the club celebrated its 15th birthday and is one of the centers of Rotary life in the city. Who are we? The club unites 24 distinguished persons from various professional fields – education, public relations, healthcare, law, finance, consulting business, IT services, fashion, etc. What connects us is the faith in Rotary principles and the desire to use our professional and leadership skills to serve the community we live in and raise our children. The wide range of professionals – members of the club gives us the possibility to have dynamic club life and implement interesting service projects.

Our Strategic program has two basic priorities:
1. Service to the young generations through active work with the young generations and their professional realization in Bulgaria and building of strong connections between business and Bulgarian education;
2. Vocational service through building lasting friendships and partnerships and club life oriented towards personal and vocational development.

The club holds its weekly meetings every Tuesday from 6.00 p.m. at the emblematic for Varna hotel "Cherno more" (Black Sea). If you choose Varna for your summer vacation or visit it for business purpose, certainly you have to visit us. Additionally to the fact that we work hard, we, the members of Rotary club of Varna-Galatea are known by our hospitality and wonderful mood.

Major Projects

Bulgarian Achievements in Science - Twenty Reasons of Being Proud to Be Bulgarians

On 1 of November 2012 – the Day of National Enlighteners, the Rotary club of Varna-Galatea presented the exhibition “Bulgarian Achievements in Science - Twenty Reasons of Being Proud to Be Bulgarians”.

The exhibition included twenty pieces of art located at the central foyer of Mall Varna where visitors could learn interesting facts about Bulgarian discoveries and inventions of global significance, some which are made outside our state borders. In July 2016, the second part of the project was implemented. On Terminal 2 of Varna Airport, besides 20 great Bulgarian scientists, 20 Bulgarian sportsmen were presented with their unique global achievements and records.
Clear Drinking Water for 30 Schools in Varna

The project is funded by a Matching grant of 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.

A Bus for the Home for Children and Young People

Donation of a minibus to the Home for Children and Young People with Mental and Physical Disabilities “St. Ioan Zlatoust” Varna amounting USD 16,400 as implementation of a Global grant 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.
The Rotary club of Veliko Tarnovo is chartered on 13 November 1938 at the Home of the Army. Charter president - Georgi Georgiev. In 1941 as a result of the Law for the Protection of the Nation, the club terminates its activity for 60 years. On 30.11.2001, with the sponsorship of RC Gabrovo, the club revived and resumed its Rotary work, and starts actively to provide humanitarian activities as well as the implementation of numerous social and community service projects, increasing the number of its active members. Restoring president is Kolyo Damyanov. As a result of its active work in the sphere of community and cultural life of the town, the club deserved the place of the most numerous and significant “service club”. In the Rotary year 2018-2019 and on the occasion of the 80th anniversary of its chartering, the club started a number of projects related to the restoration of the so called Bagrilov inscription in town; Creation of provisional and working project for restoring of the Solenn hall at the Home of the Army; placing of Time capsule. 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. In the Rotary year 2016-2017, the club also sponsored a Satellite Rotary club of Pavlikeni-Byala cherkva that for a few years turned into reliable partner for the local authorities in the realization of various humanitarian activities. From the very first year of its establishment, our friends from the Satellite club implemented a number of projects aiming to support the activity of sport clubs in the Municipality of Pavlikeni. Let’s also note the installation of filters for clear drinking water at the Nursery of Pavlikeni and the Kitchen for small children of Pavlikeni serving all settlements in the municipality.

About the Club

For the Talented Children of Veliko Tarnovo

It has become a tradition for the club to support the prominent children who have won prizes at national competitions and/or contests. Except for recognition for the achieved results, young people receive money awards through which their development is encouraged and their attention is focused toward RI youth programs and the opportunity of making new friendships and membership.

With Care for Your Heart

The successfully implemented project providing prevention of cardiovascular diseases had as its goal to purchase two modern ECG Holter devices and a Stationary ECG device that will be used by the Cardiologic ward of the Hospital “Dr Stefan Cherkezov” AD – V. Tarnovo. The total amount of the project is BGN 14,000.

Breathing Is Life

The most significant of all initiatives is the project “Breathing Is Life”, which the club, for the first time since its establishment, is ambitious to transform to a Global grant. The aim of the project is to purchase a Bronchoscope Diagnostic Unit for the needs of the Pulmonary Hospital “Dr Treiman” Ltd – V. Tarnovo, equipment for a cabinet for bronchoscopy and training of personnel. The field of the project is treatment and prevention of diseases and its estimated value is BGN 80,000.
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 compiled with the Rotary calendar and it is rich in meetings, cultural events and entertainments, which makes our club life more interesting. 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. Additionally, to the sustainable project “Rainbow over Kleptuza”, 6 years ago, the Rotary club of Velingrad supported the first steps of the Musical Film Festival “Nikolay Gyaurov”. We gladly joined the “dance” together with the organizers of the festival “Spring Folk Dance”, and from this year – “Folk Dance around the water spring”...

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

**Major Projects**

**Rainbow over Rakitovo**

In 2010, the Rotary club of Velingrad together with Rotary club of Oxtend and NGO Rakitovo launched its first international project amounted $ 35,000. The project is directed toward vocational qualification of young people in difficult social situation and without the necessary education. A kitchen at “Vasil Levski” school was fully renovated and equipped with the project funds and courses of cookery and confectionery started, later – for bartenders, waiters, masseurs, administrators, chambermaids – professions that tourist business in Velingrad seeks. The project continues as of today, and by now, over 80 students were trained.

**Talent of Youth**

“Let’s help talented children from the municipalities of Velingrad and Rakitovo”. In December 2008, we organized the first of totally 13 Christmas balls held under this motto. Donations were received by over 180 young talents from the municipalities of Velingrad and Rakitovo. We also donated brass instruments to the orchestra with cheerleaders ‘D. Mechev’, we helped for the issue of a CD on the occasion of the 20th anniversary of “Zvanche”, we provided funds for drama and folklore ensembles, etc. The value of donations is not only financial. More important is the respect for the efforts of young people and their teachers, leaders and trainers, for the selflessness of their parents.

**Rainbow over Kleptuza**

The club is among the founders of the International festival for young performers of popular music “Rainbow over Kleptuza” and for 7 seven years now, it has been providing awards for the best singers and groups from the municipalities of Velingrad and Rakitovo.
Rotary Club of Vidin

Chartered on 20.07.1998, RI No 51357
Sponsor: RC Haskovo
Weekly meeting: Monday, 6.00 p.m.

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.

Sponsor of: Interact club of Vidin

Major Projects

Building of Social and Educational Center (SEC)

The 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 for 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, 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 toward information technologies.
About the Club

Through the years of its existence, the club has implemented a few sustainable projects: 3 years in a row eye examinations for all the children in the 4th groups of the kinder gardens in the Municipality of Vratza for over 350 children, 5 annual scholarships for talented children amounted BGN 500 each (10th year in a row), Students games “Rotary” for 10th consecutive year for a period of 1 week with over 450 children, on the occasion of the 20th anniversary of the club, we are implementing a project amounted BGN 6,000 for traffic safety – placing of 10 solar road signs near schools in Vratza, and on 22 of April, 200 blood glucose meters amounted BGN 6,000 will be donated (joint project with our partners from the town of Pleven).

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 “Asen Zlatarov” and “Mother and Baby” Unit in Vratsa.

Help for Mizia

RC Vratza 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.
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 maintain the dynamics and good results in club activities. All five 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.
The fifth Bulgarian Rotary club was founded in Gorna Oryahovitsa in 1937. 
Its president is the member of the Parliament Philip Mahmudiev – one of the saviors of the Bulgarian Jews declared an honorary citizen of Gorna Oryahovitsa after the suggestion of local Rotarians.
The chartering of the restored Rotary club of Gorna Oryahovitsa-Lyaskovets happens on 10.12.2004. Sponsor is RC Gabrovo. Currently, the active members are 19 and there is one honorary member. Five of them are PHFs. RC Gorna Oryahovitsa-Lyaskovets is also a good example for being open for women. After the initially purely male club opened for the gentle sex, women were admitted and they are now among the most active members of the organization. This Rotary year, they are our leaders – president is Mrs Tatyana Sotirova, and secretary – Mrs Milena Toncheva. Main goal for the local Rotarians is to be inspirers for their citizens for deeds that will make both municipalities a better place for living. The club is a good example for this because for many years now it has chosen for its cause the support of young talents from Gorna Oryahovitsa and Lyaskovets – till now over 300 young talents were supported by totally BGN 75,000 from Gorna Oryahovitsa and Lyaskovets.
Among the most significant projects implemented by its members are: the building of a multifunctional playground for children; renovation of the memorials of Nikola Petrov – the first Bulgarian world champion, of Georgi Izmirliev – an apostle of the April Uprising, of Elena Grancharova – prominent enlightener; restoration of Knyaz Batenberg’s bas-relief on the Alexander’s Bridge on the Yantra River; participation in the building of chapel “Sv. Trisvetiteli”; sponsorship of a book about the local history; funding of a campaign about prostate cancer prevention at Hospital “Sv. Ivan Rilski”; long-term sponsorship of an aeromodelling club; as well as our latest initiative – the exhibition competition “Youth Technical Creativity – Gorna Oryahovitsa” where developments of young people in the field of electronics, electrical engineering, mechanics, software, machine building and other are presented.

**Support for Talented Children**

Undoubtedly, the most significant project that RC Gorna Oryahovitsa – Lyaskovets since its chartering in 2004 is the awarding of young talents of both municipalities. On the eve of June 1st, now 15 years, the Rotarians encourage talented children by awarding scholarships for their achievements during the relevant year in the fields of science and culture. For this period, over 300 children are recognized, and funds provided are over BGN 75,000. The last years, ceremonies are held in the Town Art Gallery “Nedyalko Karaneshev” in the presence of the prize winners, their teachers, principals, parents, representatives of local authorities and, of course, the club members.

**Exhibition Competition “Youth Technical Creativity”**

One of the newest projects on which the Rotary club of Gorna Oryahovitsa – Lyaskovets works is the Exhibition-competition “Youth Technical Creativity”. Its third consecutive edition was in 2018 and over 310 exhibitors of 56 teams took place in it. The developments were in the fields of electronics, electrical engineering, mechanics, software, machine building and others.

In the hall of 1,000 sq.m, there is an incredible atmosphere of contacts and cooperation between young people with open eyes for the engineering science. A respected committee of the Technical University professors allots the awards in each category that are serious motive for future growth of the ones who have decided to commit themselves to technics.
The club was founded in 2008 on the initiative of Stoil Karailiev who is the charter president of RC Gotse Delchev. On 30.03.2019, the club will celebrate its 10th anniversary. Through the years, the club membership – despite the leaving or release of its members as well as the acceptance of new ones – is relatively constant – 22 people. RC Gotse Delchev is united and recognizable by the community club due to its fellowship and active work that engages and unites club members in campaigns like: “Antidrug”, prevention of diabetes and prostate for men; celebration of the Day of National Enlighteners when local students from local schools participate in competitions for poems, essays, drawings and others on topics related to the holiday; the Day of Child is celebrated every year on June 1st by a ceremony for big and small children where young talents perform and there are sweets and balloons; Christmas charity evening; cleaning of the eco-path from Gotse Delchev to the picturesque village of Delchevo, and others. Through the years, while implementing its numerous projects, the club actively works with representatives of the Municipal administration in the region, with the director of the regional hospital "Ivan Skenderov", with school principals, with the Police. Not long after its chartering, RC Gotse Delchev establishes Interact club that works extremely actively till today. The club is proud with its youth that represent it worthily by its numerous initiatives for the community.

Major Projects

**Renovation and Repair of the Space around the Roundabout in Gotse Delchev**

The project was implemented in 2014 on the initiative of the Rotary club of Gotse Delchev and with the support of the municipal administration. With the collected by RC Gotse Delchev funds, renovation activities were done in the most important crossing in town, which is the gate for the four municipalities in Nevrokop area and for our Southern neighbor Greece: change of lights, installation of irrigation system, grassing, flower planting and placement of illuminated advertising of the town of Gotse Delchev.

**Modern Playground for Children in the Center of Gotse Delchev**

The playground for children was built with funds collected by RC Gotse Delchev at the traditional Christmas charity evening and with the help and donations of local businessmen.
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 “Draeger”, maternity bed and phytolamp 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. Renovation of the exhibition hall “Assen Krayshnikov”
6. Building a monument to Apostol Karamitev – the Municipal Drama Theater in the town is named after this eminent Bulgarian actor;
   “For our future” – purchase of 15 air purifiers for kinder gardens in town.

Campaign “Sport for our Children” – purchase of sports T-shirts and tracksuits for 400 sports children and students in 12 sports clubs

Major donation initiatives of the club - Christmas Ball and Charity Ball of the Annunciation on March 25, and the amount of the donation is approximately BGN 180,000.

### 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.

**For our Future**

The club bought 15 portable air purifiers for kinder gardens in Dimitrovgrad.

**Sport for our Children**

Over 400 sports T-shirts and tracksuits for sports clubs in Dimitrovgrad were bought and given with club funds.
Rotary Club of Dobrich

Chartered on 14.06.1997, RI No 50288
Sponsor: RC Varna
Weekly meeting: Monday, 6.00 p.m.
Restaurant “Central”, 4, Nezavisimost str.
rotarydobrich@gmail.com

Sponsor на: РК Sponsor of: RC Kavarna

About the Club

The idea of the establishment of the Rotary club of Dobrich appeared at the beginning of 1995. On 21 of April 1995, the non-profit organization “Rotary club – Dobrich” and two years later, it was chartered by RI. Sponsor is RC Varna. United people from various ages and skills, for 19 years the club has been developing active work in community service. Members are respected citizens and representatives of various professional circuses. Founders and new members keep Rotary friendship and find joy in communication. Numerous are the projects implemented by the club alone or in partnership. Together with the Municipality of Dobrich, we built a temple “St. Archangel Michael”, two sports playgrounds; we also organize traditional Christmas and New Year concerts “Darovania” (talents). The event every year pays respect to the children that distinguished themselves in competitions and contests and who all gather in a colorful palette of talents for the joy of the people. Annually, there is a competition for drawing for children in memory of the artist Rotarian Hristo Gospodinov – Pechkata. The event is expression of respect to the person, creator, and our friend. The development of education is lasting priority of the club. Knowledge, skills and good manners of the growing-ups are the focus of work of our fellows. That is why this year, the club committed itself to a great extent to the establishing of Interact and Rotaract clubs under the youth programs of Rotary. Both clubs started to work with enthusiasm supported and tirelessly guided by Rotarians!

Major Projects

Clear Drinking Water for Children

RC Dobrich launched the initiative for supplying all schools in town with drinking water purifying systems. Calcareous water of Dobrudja area and its long way to the town are precondition for its pollution, which needs care. With the help of the Rotary Foundation, children will have better water at school where they spend most of their time.

Rotarian Efforts for Beautiful Urban Environment

The town of Dobrich is in a process of renovation of its pluming system which significantly aggravates the life of society. The streets are under repair, the tension is great. The Rotary club of Dobrich, in its strive to give good example to people, took under its care two main groups of pavement railings in the area of two schools and a market place. Rotarian work with paints and brushes in hands gives the obsolete over 150 iron canvases a fresh and welcoming look in blue and yellow – the colors of Rotary! Due to the good cooperation with the town governance, this gives opportunity for promotion of club activities and principles.

Nature needs us!

Every year, the week of the forest is the reason for a pleasant walk in beautiful nature. Every year, new trees start their life on selected places due to the Rotarians! The club members invite their relatives, friends and adherents to participate in this initiative and make the good deed into a small holiday. Children are inseparable part of it!
Rotary Club of Dupnitsa

Chartered on 13.04.2001, RI No 55298
Sponsor: RC Sofia
Weekly meeting: Thursday, 7.00 p.m.

Rotary Club of Dupnitsa

About the Club

RC Dupnitsa 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; donations of specialized equipment for the Pediatric ward of multi-profile municipal hospital; preparation and printing of a brochure with instructions for responding to various disasters for children from 1-5 grade; 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 volumes 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 brief 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.
The day of September 11th was chosen by the Rotarians from Elena for their official ceremony of joining the big Rotary family. 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.

Even as preliminary Rotary club, the members from Elena organized a few initiatives just for a few months. On the Christmas Eve, at a charity ball under the motto “Children of Elena”, total amount of BGN 4,312 was raised. The money was granted to the kinder gardens in Elena, Konstantin, Maysko, Bebrovo, Palitsi and Kamenari. For the Christmas holidays, the Rotarians from Elena donated foods to the Orphanage for Children in the village of Ilakov rat, and sponsored performances of children’s groups.

**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. This is a small contribution of the Rotarians for the patriotic upbringing of young people.

**Rotary Weekend of Hunting and Relax**

Very attractive club project is the “Rotary weekend of hunting and relax in the mountains near Elena”. The main goal of the initiative is meeting and creating fellowship of the Rotarians from RC Elena with other Rotary Clubs.
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 - the Rotary club of Smolian. The first elected president of the Rotary club of Zlatograd is Vladi Giritliev – charter president. Alexander Matushev is the elect president. 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. Various donations are made like purchase of synthesizer for the needs of the community center of the town of Nedelino, purchase of apparatus for the Hospital of Zlatograd, support for the needy children, donations for the church in Nedelino, donations related to the floods in the town of Smolian. Renovation of sports playground, donation to the school “Antim I” on the occasion of its 50th anniversary.

Major Projects

Outdoor Sports Playground

A joint club project of the Rotary club of Zlatograd-Nedelino and the Interact club of Zlatograd: building of a playground with sports facilities through collection of secondary raw materials for the purchase of the sports equipment.

Fast Walk Marathon

On the occasion of the Day of the town of Zlatograd – 21 of November, again in partnership with the Interact club, we held a marathon on fast walk dedicated to the leader of Zlatograd Delyu Haydutin, as the song about him flies in Space as a message for alien civilizations.
About the Club

The establishment of RC Kavarna happens with the sponsor RC Sofia-Vitosha. The Rotary Club of Kavarna develops the idea of community service as a base of worthy undertaking. Its members strive to create acquaintances as an opportunity to be useful and to 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 and 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. One of the especially valuable club projects is the one for diabetes prevention. It covered all kinder gardens and schools in the municipalities of Kavarna and Shabla, together with the Association of children and young people with diabetes. Another project directed toward children is the one of providing clearer drinking water. Water purifying systems were installed in the schools of Kavarna and Shabla. Our obligation is to maintain them, so that they are used longer. The initiative for the tournament of sports dances for the cup of RC Kavarna has 8 years of history now. It is held at the beginning of each summer and since 2014-15, there is international participation.

Major Projects

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.

Good Education for Children

The last two years, we have been supporting the outstanding children in certain fields together with the Minyo Balkanski Foundation, so they are trained and relax in the beautiful and cozy environment of the summer camp near Stara Zagora.
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 an integral part of the life in the Valley of roses and Thracian rules for 20 years since its establishment. Through the years, we have supported the development of children with scholarships. With over 70 thousand BGN, we have helped talented children from the region that have represented Bulgaria at various forums on the 5 continents. The club participated in the realization of a number of infrastructural and social projects in Kazalak. We support the publishing of many important for our town books related to known persons. The club life is extremely intensive. It goes from various sports competitions till organizing of hikes in nature. The Rotary club of Kazanlak organizes a number of events whose goal is to inform parents and children about harm from drug use and the fight against the invasion of new synthetic drugs and others.

Major Projects

Bicycle Holiday

Every year in spring, the Rotary club of Kazalak realizes “Bicycle Holiday”. Hundreds of children together with their parents take part in it. The idea is to turn the day into a holiday for families and reason to do sports. The event is extremely popular in the town of roses.

Talented Children

Traditionally, the club supports the realization and participation of talents from the region in national and international competitions and festivals. Young people in the fields of science and arts are supported. For this reason, a special fund is created and is filled annually.
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 2019 the club consists of 13 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. By the projects we implement, we want young people to realize their own identity, to build personalities as self-confident citizens of the world.

Major Projects

Monument of Georgiev Brothers

Monument of Evlogii and Hristo Georgiev. In 2010, RC Karlovo took the initiative for reviving the memory of their fellow citizens Evlogii and Hristo Georgiev. On 3 of October 2013, the president of the Rotary club of Karlovo – Zdravko Kostadinov and the mayor of the municipality of Karlovo – Emil Kabaivanov opened the monument made by the sculptor Boris Borisov and the architect Flamen Tsanev. An honorary company of the 61st Struma Mechanized Brigade and the Military Wind Orchestra took part in the ceremony.

Evlogii and Hristo Georgiev Awards

In 2014 RC Karlovo established “Evlogii and Hristo Georgiev” Awards 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. On 24 of May 2016, in the ceremonial hall of the Sofia University at a solemn ceremony, the awards of the first winners were delivered – prof. Minko Balkanski for “Education”, Sofka and Jelyo Jelevi for “Worthy Bulgrians” and Vasil Terziev for “Business”.

Bronze Model of Karlovo

On the eve of the New 2019 year, RC Karlovo donated to its fellow citizens a bronze 3D model that presents 43 cultural historical landmarks of Karlovo, among which the monument of Vasil Levski, the two churches “Sveti Nikolay” and “Virgin Mary”, Kurshum Mosque, the monument of Evlogii and Hristo Georgiev brothers, community center Vasil Levski and others. The model is located on the renovated pedestrian street “Vodopad” and is made by the sculptor Boris Borisov.
Rotary Club of Karnobat

Chartered on 20.04.2008, RI No 78873
Sponsor: RC Bourgas
Weekly meeting: Wednesday, 6.30 p.m.

About the Club

The Rotary club of Karnobat was founded together with the new Bulgarian District 2482 by a group of enthusiasts led by Dr Georgi Kolev. The basis of the activities of the Rotary Club of Karnobat is the promotion of RI as a worldwide organization of professional leaders, willing to serve above self to society. 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 education and vocational realization.

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 permanent. It includes securing the playground for children, buying equipment for children with special educational needs.
About the Club

The Rotary club of Kozloduy-August 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.
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 the improvement 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 Kardjali.

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 Kardjali 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.
The first meeting with the sponsor RC Sofia of the preliminary club is on 13 of March 2002 in restaurant “Mistral” in the town of Kyustendil. The last few years, RC Kyustendil keeps a strong core of 10-12 fellows that have built trust and reciprocity. In our club, there are five representatives from the legal circles, three medical doctors, two producers and one banker, economist, owner of hotel and restaurant, teacher, entrepreneur, vendor and engineer-geologist. Rotary Evgeni Pavlov is the member with the longest membership in the club – since its chartering. After the last rotation, we admitted for membership the grown-up son of a former member, which shows the continuity in the club of Kyustendil. As the years went by, RC Kyustendil turned out to be the most feminized club in the District which is result of the desire to break the “too male presence”. Now, we have decided to make efforts to attract more men Rotarians and to seek for a balance both in the proportion men-women and in age.

Last years, there is increased interest for membership on behalf of foreigners having property on the territory of the area. This opened new doors for contacts of the club, for meetings and friendships outside the District. We had one such visit and participation at the annual picnic of RC Venezia Mestre in October 2013. The invitation was from the host of the estate Giancarlo Vesko who was guest of our ball on the occasion of the 10th anniversary of the club chartering. We also held annual picnic at the end of the summer in the villa of one of our foreign friends. The last 5 years, we are regular guests of the events of RC Vranja, Serbia. In October 2017, we signed fellowship agreement on their club’s birthday.

We also continue our good relations with RC Nim Sent Jill, France, with which we implemented joint project to support the material base of Hospital “N. Vasiliev” in the town of Kyustendil.

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**Major Projects**

**Children and Diabetes at school. Let’s Talk about Diabetes**

The Rotary club of Kyustendil supported the campaign of the National Association of children and young people with diabetes and “Liveda med 2000” – “CHILDREN AND DIABETES AT SCHOOL. LET’S TALK ABOUT DIABETES” that was held for two days in the territory of the municipality of Kyustendil. About 2,960 children aged from 1 to 12 school grade were examined. The Rotary club of Kyustendil is one of the first in the country that did this screening and with relief we can say that there was no case of diabetes in this campaign.

**Tree Planting**

The club participated in the national campaign “1 million planted trees by volunteers” in November 2018. We planted summer oak saplings.
About the Club

We are a group of people who are connected to the town of Lovech. In 2008, we celebrated 15 years of the chartering of our club. Our activities are realized mainly in the directions:
1. Maintenance of the cultural and historical and architectural heritage.
2. 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 and have international cooperation with RC Gökdere, town of Bursa, Turkey. 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

Let us Protect Children on the Road

There are 20 illuminated signs placed at pedestrian crossings in Lovech. The initiative is of the Rotary club of Lovech and the value of signs and equipments in approximately BGN 14,000. The funds were raised at a charity ball “Let us Protect Children on the Road”. The signs are installed mostly at pedestrian crossings near schools.

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 that is presented at different places in the country by the Rotary clubs and various institutions.

Sudoku Tournament

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

Currently, there are 11 members of the Rotary club of Lyubimets. All fellows are members from the establishment of the club. Through the years, the club has realized various initiatives for the citizens of the municipality of Lyubimets – purchase of computers for the schools in the town, modern electrostimulation apparatus for the municipal hospital, and building of fountains at various places in the town. The last two years, the club initiatives were directed toward women and children in our town. In 2017, free examinations for breast cancer were made with the funds raised at the Christmas charity ball of the club, and in 2018, examinations for vertebral distortions in children from 5th to 12th class in school “Jelyazko Terpeshev” in Lyubimets were made. The organized by the Rotary club of Lyubimets “Tennis tournament” and the Wine Holiday “Trifon Zarezan” have become traditional. We can gladly note that the initiatives organized by the club meet great support on behalf of the community in the town and the villages within the municipality. They actively participate both in fundraising and the realization of our initiatives. During the current year 2019, the main initiative of the club is again directed toward the children in town. During the months of April and May, there will be examinations of children from the two primary schools in the town for oncological diseases.

Major Projects

Wine Holiday

Rotary Tennis Tournament
About the Club

The club is with 10 years of history and members that 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 every Christmas for 10 years now, the Rotary club of Mezdra donates Christmas trees and festive decorations to schools and kindergartens of the town and villages, as well as to the children’s ward of the municipal hospital. The initiative is carried out with the assistance of the State forestry, which grants for free the beautiful trees.

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

RC Mezdra planted 105 chestnut trees on the new pedestrian alley on boulevard “Al. Stamboliyski” 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!
About the Club

The Rotary club of Momchilgrad is chartered on 18.11.2001 with sponsor club RC Kardjali as a result of the efforts of the founder Rotarians and the charter president Gyunay Mehmed who is Paul Harris Fellow. Right after its chartering, with the funds of its members, a fountain is built in the center of Momchilgrad. In old Rhodope custom, a fountain is built when you want something to be remembered by people and for the future generations. This fountain marked the beginning of Rotary idea in Momchilgrad.

As of the beginning of 2019, the Rotary club of Momchilgrad has 14 active members and 4 invited new members who are about to be admitted for membership. For 17 years, in the Rotary club of Momchilgrad many initiatives were born and realized, mainly for education and healthcare of children as well as for improvement of the urban environment. Helping distinguished and socially disadvantaged students. Organization of sports events and tournaments under the auspices of the club. In 2014-15, new medical equipment for the obstetrics and gynecology department in the town hospital “Dr Sergey Rumyantsev” was purchased. A diabetes survey for all children from kindergartens and schools in the municipality of Momchilgrad was funded as well as for prevention of children and young people from the disease. The examined children numbered 1475. We donated glucose meters and test strips to all schools and kindergartens. The club has implemented and continues to organize club functions to unite club members and their families as well as meetings with outstanding persons and artists. The last few years, has become a tradition for the Rotary clubs of the region – Kardjali, Smolian, Zlatograd, Momchilgrad – to close the Rotary year by mutual ceremonies. The club maintains connections with the Rotary clubs in the country and the twin-clubs from abroad – Turkey, Greece and Northern Macedonia, via the organization of mutual visits and participation in annual and charity initiatives of these clubs. Through the years, the members of the Rotary club of Momchilgrad also attended the conventions of Rotary International held in Portugal, Australia, Korea and Canada.

Major Projects

Town Fountain in the Center of the Town of Momchilgrad

It is the symbol of the establishment of the Rotary club of Momchilgrad and represents the club logo in stylized form. It is located on the central street of the town very close to all the four town schools. It is built in 2002 and in 2016-17 is entirely renovated.

Traffic Safety Training Site

Under a project of 2008, a Traffic safety training site was built with the funds of the Rotary club of Momchilgrad, funding from the Rotary Foundation, and the partnership between the Municipality of Momchilgrad, town schools and RC Momchilgrad, and it is designed to be used by four schools and three kinder gardens.
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

The project includes the provision of 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.

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”.

Chartered on 18.12.2001, RI No 53881
Sponsor: RC Sofia
Weekly meeting: Monday, 6.00 p.m.

Confectionary “Ogosta”
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About the Club

Rotary Club of Nessebar has 19 active and 5 honorary members. We all – friends united by the ideals of Rotary make our contribution to the benefit of society. Filled with the hope of fulfilling our plans, we inspire each other to achieve a better tomorrow for all.

Major Projects

Rotary beach volleyball tournament

In late summer during the month of September, 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.

Safe Traffic

At a special celebration together with Traffic Police officers of the Police Station of Nessebar we gave light-eyed vests to 250 children from 3 and 4 grades of school “L. Karavelov”. When the children wear the light-eyed vests coming home after school or play during the dark hours of the day, it is easier for the drivers to notice them from afar. Thus we increase their safety.

“I Love my Club, my Town and my Homecounrty”

There was a drawing contest for children “I love my town”, some of the children were awarded, and together with the Municipality of Nessebar, we issued a calendar for 2017 with the pictures of the children. In honor of March 3 and 140 years since the Liberation of Bulgaria, a celebration was organized jointly with the Municipality, attended by residents and guests of the Municipality, dressed in national costumes who rejoiced together in the square. At the celebration, 140 Bulgarian flags were given by RC Nessebar.
About the Club

The Rotary Club of Nova Zagora seeks to keep and promote Rotary traditions and values in Bulgaria. More than half of its members are founders of the club. They are prominent leaders and experts in their professions committed to community service.

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 avenues of service.

Major Projects

Gift to every first-grader

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 town giving them children books with Bulgarian folk tales. The aim is to introduce Bulgarian folklore to our children and help them be stimulated in entering their life at school.

Presidential Scholarship for an Excellent Graduate High School Student

The club prepares and the president personally delivers a premium to a prominent student from the municipality. The idea is to help young and ambitious people who have achieved excellent results in secondary schools and to continue their education in higher education institutions.
About the Club

In November 1992, three enthusiasts – Nikolay Antov, Mihail Opalchenski and Malin Komsiyski start the building of the club. For a short time, 14 followers were involved. When the members became 25, together with our friends from our sponsor club we submitted the documents to the Headquarters of Rotary International.

On December 6, 1994, the Rotary Club of Pazardjik was officially accepted as a member of Rotary International and its charter was received. Our Godparents clubs became Rotary Club of Plovdiv and the Rotary Club of Kavala. 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. The charter is delivered to the charter president of the club – Kostadin Zyapkov by John Tsiflakos – district governor of District 2480. This is 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. The activity of the club in each subsequent period is full of dignity, with concern for the problems of the individual citizens, of the municipality, of our country, of the whole humanity. One of the numerous projects that we are especially proud of is the project Computers for Pazardjik. It is implemented from 2006 till 2009 with the support of our fellow citizen, at that time student at the Stanford University and Rotaractor, Angel Kanchev. Participants in the project are the Rotary Foundation, RC at the Stanford University, RC Palo Alto, RC Bellevue from USA and RC Pazardjik. Every grant was amounted USD 25,000, totally for the four years USD 100,000. At every stage, we bought 35 computer configurations plus 2 laptops for teachers and 2 video projectors, and with all of them we equipped 2 computer cabinets at the Mathematics school, the Language school, the town library, High school “Aksakov” and the High school of Mechanical Engineering.

Major Projects

Construction of Sanitary Facilities in Primary School “Sv. Kliment Ohridski” in the Village of Aleko
Together with Rotarians from Germany (Brad Pyrmont, Hameln and Holtz Minden) we bought stoves, blinds and furniture for the classrooms. A design was prepared by the municipality of Pazardjik to solve the biggest problem (outdoor toilets). After a contest, we signed a contract with the company that provided the best offer (amounted BGN 90,724). Our club gave BGN 4,000, and the personal contributions from Rotarians value BGN 10,825 (BGN 8,000 of them are from the past president Roman Tsvetkov). The rest of the funds were provided by our partners of RC in Germany and by a District grant. The construction is completed in rough form and the finishing works begin. The deadline for completion is May 2019.

Restoration of the old clock tower
The tower was built in 1741 as part of the biggest inn on our territory – Kurushima Han (inn) erected in 1574. The design for the restoration is of the Rotarian architect Hristo Gerasimov. Although only the foundations were left, using historical data and photography made by prof. Ivan Batakliev, the tower was quickly built to its original appearance. The project was implemented under the leadership of our president Nina Liskova, and its value is BGN 110,000. The funds come entirely from donations – from the Rotarians of RC Pazardjik, Lion’s club, Municipality of Pazardjik and adherents. The major donors are the Rotarians Yordan Bonchev, Trifon Koev and the Municipality of Pazardjik.
About the Club

The Rotary club of Pazardjik -Besapara is the second Rotary club in the town. It tries to work on sustainable and traditional service projects, respecting the guidelines 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 Pazardjik-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 Me

Project “National Enlighteners and Me” 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 Me,” 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.
About the Club

The foundations of the Rotary movement in Panagyurishte are being set in October 1998 by a group of enthusiasts as a Provisional Rotary Club in the area of District 2480.

On 23 of November 2001, the club of Panagyurishte was chartered. The Charter was solemnly handed over on 18 of December 2001 personally by the President of Rotary International - Richard D. King at “Boyana” residence.

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. Subo Nikolov is well-known as being hard worker. Destiny sets us to be worthy followers of his in community service. Our sustainable projects are in service to the community like the project for prevention of diabetes for the children of all schools in the municipality of Panagyurishte and municipality of Strelcha, and prevention of prostate diseases for men aged over 50 years in the municipality of Panagyurishte and municipality of Strelcha.

Rotary is a Friendship! Reaching out a hand! Being humane! To go ahead! To turn dreams into reality! This is the minimum to work in the service of society.

Major Projects

Monument of the First Bulgarian Rotarian Subo Nikolov

In 2005 a project was realized for building a monument of the first Bulgarian Rotarian Mr. Subo Nikolov. He was born in 1870 in the town of Panagyurishte. When he was 16, he went to USA where he got his education and established his own company. He is known for his donor initiatives. Subo Nikolov was admitted to Rotary Club of Worcester, USA in 1915.

Donation to the Historical Museum - Panagyurishte

On the 1 of November 2018 – Day of National Enlighteners, the Historical museum – Panagyurishte received a very valuable donation. The Rotary club of Panagyurishte with current president Mr Histor Hainov donated to the museum institution a Phototype edition of the London Four Gospels of Tsar Ivan Alexander. The donation is valued BGN 350. There are 950 copies printed of this precious manuscript. Each one of them has a unique number of recognition. The edition given to the museum is under the number 324. The copy is of extremely precise workmanship, with a cover of red velvet with gold plating. The donor’s will is that the unique copy is used for the needs of the Historical museum – Panagyurishte and the whole community.
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 of the authority of Rotary. Through its service above self, 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: a playground for children; volleyball field, outdoors fitness ground, restoration of the museum- house of the famous national herbalist healer Baba Vanga, scholarship for a 5-year educational program at South West University for a girl who is a full orphan; support for children’s art groups, children’s sport teams and an orphanage home. As successful projects are also considered: purchased incubator for the maternity ward of the Southwest Hospital in Petrich, repair and purchase of modern medical equipment of the AG ward of the same hospital, the installation of drinking water purifying systems in 8 schools in the municipality of Petrich, purchase of a drug-testing rider and donated to the Petrich Police Station.

The Rotary club of Petrich sponsors supports guides and participates in joint projects with Interact and Rotaract clubs of town of Petrich educating them in leadership and responsible civic self-awareness.

The club is proud of having own anthem created by club members.

Major Projects

Southwest Hospital

Provision of equipment for AG ward in the hospital.

Maternity compartment

We have purchased incubator for maternity compartment; laparoscopic equipment and lead aprons for the surgical ward.

For the Children with Disabilities

Opening of Home “Nadezhda (Hope)” for Disabled children in the town of Petrich and outdoor fitness site.
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, Northern Macedonia, and in 2016 the twinning with RC Pirot, Serbia, will happen. 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.
About the Club

The Rotary club in Pleven was established in 1937. Charter president was Georgi Bakalov. 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 and the Rotary club of Pleven ceased its activity. Rotary in Pleven was restored at the beginning of 1993. Rotary International restored the date of the first club’s chartering 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 of Pleven, 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

Traditional Tennis tournament

The first tournament in tennis was in September 2002. On the courts in the park “Kailuka” the Rotarian players from clubs in our district meet. Thanks to this tournament a very good and lasting friendships between competitors had been created. Since 2007, 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 the Medical University of 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.

The value of this project is BGN 23,000 – BGN 15,000 of them comes from the Rotary Foundation.

Equipment for the Neonatology Clinic

The Rotary club of Pleven Centrum granted to the Neonatology Clinic at the Hospital “Dr Georgi Stranski” in Pleven a videolaryngoscope needed for optimization of breathing in premature babies. The funds for this device were collected within the donation campaign “Let’s help for the first breath of air for the premature babies” from the club members and their friends. The clinic is the first one in the country having such a device.
About the Club

The Rotary club of Plovdiv is restored on 12 of May 1992 and is the successor of the first Rotary club in the town founded on May 20, 1939. As early as 1990, three separate groups in Plovdiv began operations to restore Rotary in the town, led by the pioneers and restorers of Rotary in Bulgaria Atanas Chaoushev, Lambriyan Atanasov and Stoyan Chervenkov, and united their efforts for the chartering of the Rotary club of Plovdiv. These are the first activities in Bulgaria after the democratic changes for the restoring of Rotary movement in Bulgaria. The first minutes of club meeting after the unification of the three initiative groups are dated September 8, 1991. On 12 of May 1992, the Rotary clubs of Plovdiv is officially chartered with the first president Atanas Chaoushev, vice president Lambriyan Atanasov and secretary Stoyan Chervenkov. The charter ceremony is attended by the Speaker of the National Assembly Stefan Savov, the Minister of Exterior Stoyan Ganev, the Minister of Trade Alexander Pramatarov, the Minister of Industry Yordan Bikov, the Mayor of the town Garabed Tomasyan, the Arial Administrative Governor Stefan Stoyanov, and members of the Parliament, ambassadors and guests from a few European countries. The first Bulgarian donors and winners of the award “Paul Harris Fellow” are from our Rotary club of Plovdiv as well as the first district governor of the autonomous Bulgarian D-2482. The club is sponsor of the Rotary clubs of Plovdiv-Puldin, Pazardjik, Smolian, and Asenovgrad, as well as the Rotaract club of Plovdiv and Interact club of Plovdiv. The Rotary club of Plovdiv is proud with the fact that our wives founded on 7 of June 1997 the first Inner Wheel club in Bulgaria. The club is twinned with Rotary clubs: Kemerburgas Istanbul, Goksu-Istanbul, Istanbul-Beyogli, Kavaklidere-Ankara. Since 1990 till today, the Rotary club of Plovdiv has participated in community service projects to the total amount of over USD 1,000,000. Through the years, members of the Rotary club of Plovdiv have been a few town mayors, many ministers, a chief prosecutor, and regional administrative governors, members of the parliament, ambassadors, artists, medical doctors, university professors, lawyers, businessmen, economists, and industrialists.

Major Projects

25 years of RC Plovdiv

The Rotary club of Plovdiv celebrated solemnly its 25th anniversary.

Scholarship “Atanas Chaoushev”

Maya Chaoucheva and Nikola Karnolski deliver the scholarship “Atanas Chaoushev” after the name of the unforgettable first president of Rotary club of Plovdiv.

The Youngest Rotarian

One of the pioneers of Rotary in Bulgaria, Lambriyan Atanasov, symbolically delivered his Rotarian pin to the youngest member of the club Vasil Shimerov.
About the Club

The Rotary club of Plovdiv International is the 4th club in the City under the hills and 88th in the list of the chartered clubs in Bulgaria. The idea of the establishment of the club comes in the summer of 2017 from friends who embody Rotary principles and pillars. The club consists of men and women of various ages and with different professions, and the interesting thing is that an active Rotaractor is invited as a club charter member for the first time in the history of District 2482 and becomes member both of Rotary and of Rotaract.

As the youngest club in District 2482 Bulgaria, the club strives toward service above self to the community through all its projects, supports the Rotaractors in their activity, and it also strives to make contacts outside the district and for less than a year our banner reached even Australia.

Major Projects

COUNT to 10

"COUNT TO 10" – this is a campaign related and directed toward prevention of aggression and violence among teenagers as well as at driving. We had the pleasure to present it at the National stadium “Vasil Levski” – Sofia in May 2018, including athletes in this undertaking. The campaign gains more and more popularity. Citizen buy and stick our especially made stickers, you can see them in the most schools and administrative buildings in Plovdiv. We have a website of the campaign: http://countto10.bg/

Laryngectomy Guide

Our first project that appeared before our official chartering is "Laryngectomy Guide" translated and published in the web on Bulgarian and English with free access.
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.

In 2007, the club nominated Nasko Nachev elected by the multinational D-2480 for the first district governor of the autonomous Bulgarian D-2482.

The club and its supporters raise the public importance of Rotary membership as a sign of commitment to the common ideas. The Rotarians from the club Plovdiv-Puldin support and create new traditions, showing their active position and responsible attitude towards all the initiatives of the nonprofit organization.

Major Projects

National Enlighteners and Me

The project “National Enlighteners and Me”, initiated by our long-term member Kircho Atanasov, aims to introduce and teach young people to know the names and activities of those Bulgarian enlighteners and great Bulgarians that have left their mark in the creation, growth and prosperity of our country.

Rotary Park

Since 2002, the club has been taking care of the growth and maintenance of the Rotary Park in the town. A monument of RI founder Paul Harris, a Rotary fountain, and an outdoor stage are built. Except for the Rotarians of Plovdiv, guests of the clubs also plant trees as sign of Rotary fellowship.

Seminar for Painting Outdoors “The Creator”

Our town is known as an art-center 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 our country and all around the world. The last few years, young artists from the town art schools take part in the project.
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 scholars of Rotary. It is the first and single pilot club in the RI program for innovative and flexible Rotary clubs. A former district governor, an assistant governor and many other officers - leaders of the district committees are members of the club. Currently RC Plovdiv-Philippopol has 21 members, and 11 of them are women. 12 members of the club have the award Paul Harris Fellows and two are Major donors.

Major Projects

No Stroke Bulgaria

The Global grant “No Stroke Bulgaria” No 1756434 with partners District 2100 Italy; Districts 4310 and 4590 Brazil; District 2482 Bulgaria and the Rotary club of Istanbul-Yeniköy, Turkey. The main goal of the project “No Stroke Bulgaria” is to decrease the number of cases of ischemic stroke via screening of high-risk population groups.

Literacy through Reading

The Rotarian read fairy-tales, books and facts from encyclopedias to pupils in order to increase their interest in reading and knowledge. The project is realized since 2016-2017.

Book of Rotary Philippopol

Our friend Nedelcho Nedelchev with the support of the club made a stone book with inscriptions “ABC” and “Rotary Philippopol” in the school “Chernorizets Hrabar”.

Chartered on 21.08.2007, № RI 77005
Sponsor: RC Plovdiv
Weekly meeting: Tuesday, 9:00 p.m.

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Sponsor of: RAC Plovdiv-Philippopol, IAC Plovdiv-Philippopol
About the Club

The Rotary club of Pomorie was established by the Rotary club of Bourgas in December 2001. Currently, the club has 28 members, 12 of the members of RC Pomorie are Paul Harris fellows, and two of them have one sapphire and one – with two sapphires. Through the years of its existence, the Rotary club of Pomorie has worked for the benefit of its local community and has implemented a number of service projects – the first of which is building road signs at the two entrances of the town of Pomorie. Our next projects are aimed at improving social and living conditions for children in the municipality of Pomorie, some of them are: repair and furnishing of the kindergarten in the village of Medovo; in the Municipal Children Complex in Pomorie - a hall equipped with computers; in the village of Bata - a design and construction of the Chapel “Annunciation of the Virgin Mary”. During the period of 2008/2010, RC Pomorie implemented several projects and donated facilities for games - 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. In the period of 2013-2017, the Club provided young people in the town of Pomorie with two fitness play grounds with outdoors appliances in the courtyard of Vocational School for Tourism and in the residential area “Sveti Georgi”. Two functions of the Rotary club of Pomorie became annual – the “Race on master cycling” for the day of the child and “Christmas Barbeque” in December in support to the social projects of the Rotary club of Pomorie for children and adults. The club implemented four District projects of total value of $40,000. The club initiatives meet the broad support of municipal institutions and local community.

Major Projects

Sensory room for children with special educational needs (SEN) in the school “Ivan Vazov” in Pomorie

The Rotary club of Pomorie in partnership with the Municipality of Pomorie created a sensory room for the needs of children with SEN. The Municipality provided a class room and the club delivered and mounted the necessary facilities and furnishing for the room. Within the project, consultations with children and parents are conducted. There is training organized for teachers/educators that will be led by a qualified psychologist. The goal is to focus on the role of teacher as a mentor in the educating process for children with SEN. The project is to the amount of BGN 13,000 and is funded by a District grant and is implemented within 5 months.

“Christmas Barbeque” in support to the projects of the Rotary club of Pomorie

“Plant a Tree” Action
About the Club

To establish such a prestigious formation as a Rotary club in a humble provincial small town like Popovo is a real adventure. The Rotarians from Popovo started this adventure in 2000 with the sponsorship of our friends of the Rotary club of Rousse. After the chartering, the club rapidly established its authority of a leading NGO in the town and the region.

The six founders of the club were clear that a basic pledge for the vitality and sustainability of the club was the maintenance of the Rotarian spirit of sincere friendship among the members, not the overarching coverage of prestigious qualifications “boss and above”. Maybe because of this, despite the difficulties in this devastated demographically and economically region, our club continues to be united always in service of the community we live in.

The club is invariably present in the life of the community: we started with the well-known Place for relaxation with a fountain – now it is an important accent in the town center, and we continue with various service projects in healthcare, education and upraising of young people, sports, urban environment. Many of the club initiatives have lasting, sustainable character through the years: Competition for drawing and essay “Third of March - Bow and Memory - Day of Bulgarian Liberation” conducted in all the schools in the municipality for 12 years now, the awards for the best graduates of the Professional High School “Hristo Botev” have been handed for 7 years. The last few years, the Competition for homemade wines and appetizers organized by the club in honor of the Wine and Love Day – it has already become “compulsory” celebration for the whole town. Last year, we started building a Sports complex “Outdoor Fitness”, the first fitness equipment “complex cross trainer, air walk and exercise bike” is now a fact. This year, we continue with new sports equipment. And so on – our Rotary adventure continues!

Major Projects

Sports complex “Outdoor Fitness” in Popovo

We started the project by building the first equipment: “complex cross trainer, air walk and exercise bike” amounted BGN 3,500. With the help of our friends, citizens of the European Union living here, the necessary funds were raised at two charity sales of goods. Thus, the first stage of the project is fact: the combined fitness equipment on the green space in front of the Home of Culture is now the favorite place of young people. This year, we continue with the next equipment!

Competition “Third of March - Bow and Memory”

It is held annually since 2008 together with Community Centre “St. Cyril and Methodius” and the Municipality of Popovo. Participants are students from all the Schools in the town and the municipality. According to a regulation that we have adopted, the competition is in two categories - for drawing and for essay, in different age groups - from 7 to 19 years. All prizes /mostly proper books/ are provided by the Rotary club of Popovo. The awarded drawings are shown in a special exhibition and the awarded essays are published in the local media.
About the Club

On 23.06.2012, on a ceremony in the restaurant “Ovech” in the town of Provadiya in the presence of about one hundred people – current and future Rotarians, their friends and guests, the charter of the Rotary club of Provadiya was delivered. The club is officially admitted to the big Rotary family by a decision of Rotary International from 05.06.2012 that is considered the official day of club’s joining to the organization, and it received Rotary ID number 84551. The sponsor club is RC Varna-Euksinograd whose president at that time was Georgi Georgiev.

Major Projects

Water for our Children

The project includes the installation of four filtering systems. The purifying systems will be mounted in the central foyer of each school.

To Sport with Mom and Dad

To sport with mom and dad – on the occasion of the Day of Europe, 9 of May 2019, the Rotary club of Provadiya organized a sport holiday with participants: children, parents and teachers from the kinder gardens “Snejanka” (Snow White) and “Prolet” (spring). The school “Dimitar Blagoev” was the host.
About the Club

The club established with the help of the sponsor RC Stara Zagora successfully serves the community of Radnevo, by pooling together persons with different professional skills and cultural interests. Guided by the goals of Rotary, every month, we share ideas, discuss future projects or meet friends from other clubs looking for new opportunities to improve the level and quality of life in our town.

The implementation of our projects gives opportunity of promoting our humanitarian organization and achieves sympathy of our fellow citizens for the ideas of Rotary. We focus on projects for the young generations, keeping and developing club traditions.

Major Projects

For better living conditions

With the cooperation of the Municipality of Radnevo, we have provided photocatalytic air purifiers for all the groups in the kinder gardens on the territory of our town.

Site for Street Fitness

On 25.06.2018, the world famous athlete Yordan Yovchev, as our guest, officially opened the built by the Rotary club site for street fitness in the yard of the Professional High school “Sv. Ivan Rilski” – town of Radnevo.

Clear Water for our Children

Through its project “Clear water for our children”, in 2019, the Rotary club of Radnevo will install systems for purifying of drinking water in all kinder gardens in the town of Radnevo.
About the Club

As of 1.1.2019, there are 25 members in the club. Established with the sponsorship of the Rotary club of Shoumen, the Rotary club of Razgrad quickly gains strength and for a short time forms a valuable club with meaningful club life. The club quickly legitimizes itself in the public of the region, and the fountain built by the Rotarians and donated to the municipality gives joy to the citizens of the town and its guests with its beauty, harmony and sense of empathy. We have focused our efforts on activities that are relevant to the everyday life of our fellow citizens. The spring planting in many green areas within the boundaries of the town became tradition and over time, not only members of our families have joined, but also children, students, citizens.

We pay considerable attention to the celebration of the Day of National Enlighteners convinced that today the enlightening has new dimensions; that an example is needed and the followers will increase. Our first appearance is under the heading ‘The Rotarians and their teachers’. It was a meeting filled with lots of emotions, but also some sadness.

Over the next years, at the celebration of the National Enlighteners, we turned our look at young people – we met with distinguished children, we organized an excursion for disadvantaged children with the motto “An autumn walk through the past of Ludogorie area”, we organized an exhibition “Twenty reasons to be proud of being Bulgarian”; we visited the Yard of the Cyrillic Alphabet in Pliska together with students and young teachers.

Full of high energy, self-confident and purposeful, young people show remarkable creativity. We can learn a lot from them and find ourselves in our ordinary workday. In this regard we are still debtors – we haven’t organized Interact and Rotaract clubs, but this is one challenge ahead of us. More than 1/3 of the club members are Paul Harris fellows, and in 2013-14, we were awarded with a special banner for a club with the most receivers of PHF award for the year.

Major Projects

Twenty reasons to be proud of being Bulgarian

In the Rotary year 2013-14, we implemented a project “Twenty reasons to be proud of being Bulgarian”. We realized the idea with the help of our fellow Rotarian from the town of Varna. Worthy Bulgarians, scientists of various generations that contributed for the progress of humanity were presented on 20 photoboards. In the days after the 1 of November, the exhibition was shown consequently in the high schools of the town, in different organizations and institutions, and thus it gave the possibility to maximum number of citizens and guests of Razgrad to see it.

Outdoor sports playground

After the idea of a Rotarian and initiative of the Rotary club of Razgrad, the beautiful facility was designed and carried out within short deadlines with the key cooperation of the municipality of Razgrad. The total value of the project was over BGN 50,000, and all the club members took part with personal contributions. The project is expression of our understanding that we can and must change life for the better not only of individuals, but also of communities.
About the Club

The Rotary club of Rousse was chartered on 04.12.1936. Charter president – Rene Amtsae. In 1941, it was terminated under the Law on Protection of the Nation. It is restored on 31.05.1994. His sponsor is RC Sofia. Charter president of the club is Dr Boris Katsarov and the first secretary – eng. Stoyan Brezovski. The words of B. Katsarov at the club chartering are kept: “The Rotary club of Rousse has risen after half a century of prohibition. It revives and renews the Rotary tradition among leading persons in town. Our efforts are focused for spiritual rise of our fellow citizens. As soon as possible, they have to go over social lethargy which was prompted by the many years of suppression of civic enterprise. The Rotary club of Rousse stands behind every humanitarian, cultural and business initiative. Our goal and dream is for our town to become symbol of Europeanism and support of Rotary International in the region of low Danube”. All the following history of RC Rousse verifies the rightness of this characteristic. The club has been dynamically developing over the years, complying with the classification principle to include in its membership outstanding leaders from various professions with positive image in society and proven desire for volunteer activity with humanitarian focus. When the current membership of RC Rousse was formed, one of the basic Rotary principles was kept - equal representation of different professional groups. The club activities are developed in the 5 avenues of service.

For the last 25 years, RC Rousse has implemented dozens of humanitarian initiatives for the local community. The club projects include both traditional activities giving the specific view of RC Rousse and new initiatives created in response to the changing community needs of the town. The Rotary club of Rousse functions with the full Rotary configuration: Rotaract club of Rousse chartered in November 2001; Interact club of Rousse chartered in 2006; Inner Wheel chartered in 2007.

Major Projects

Prevention of ischemic stroke

The global grant project No 1756342 with partners of District 2100 Italy, Districts 4310 and 4590 Brazil, District 2482 Bulgaria and the Rotary club of Istanbul-Yeniköy (Turkey). The project is amounted $ 98,858,00 for the purchase of 4 ultrasounds with Doppler and electrocardiograph of General Electric. One of them was donated to the hospital “Kanev” – Rousse, and the rest three to hospitals in Sofia, Plovdiv and Bourgas. The apparatus was provided with funds under the project “No Stroke Bulgaria”. The first examinations in Rousse started on 21.12.2018.

Donation to Hospital “Kanev” - Rousse

The coordinator of the donation from England is Christine Dagwell from RC Hull (United Kingdom). She has organized a few English clubs to collect humanitarian help. The donation is carried out through both Rotary clubs in Rousse. Two containers were sent and they included hospital equipment, medical supplies, specialized hospital beds, mattresses, toilet chairs, walkers, wheel chairs and technics for cleaning amounted over BGN 800,000. The received humanitarian aid was distributed to the hospital wards according their needs.

“Buy and Donate”

The project was implemented in December 2018 with the active cooperation of RAC Rousse and IAC Rousse. Through it RC Rousse helped 340 families.
About the Club

The Rotary club of Rousse-Danube was chartered on 21.12.2004 with 25 members. Sponsor: RC Rousse. At the moment the club consists of 22 members. Members of the club are people of different professions with an established positive image in the community. In its activities, the club has focused on projects related to children of Rousse and Bulgaria. Through the years, the club has implemented over 10 projects amounted approximately BGN 200,000. Among them is renovation of 7 school sport halls and facilities and recovery of urban fountain. Many talented children are helped. Currently and in the near future, the club will be working to support nurseries in town. The symbolic traditional club events are the annual sailing on the river Yantra and Danube barbeque.

Major Projects

Renovated gymnasiums for schools

Over the years, RC Rousse-Danube has equipped and renovated 7 gymnasiums and sports sites in schools of Rousse. Their total value is over BGN 100,000.

New Sports Playgrounds for the school “Vasil Levski” in Kishinev

For the period 2017-19, the club implements a big project for the building of a new multifunctional sports playground in the biggest Bulgarian school outside Bulgaria. The students of the lyceum “Vasil Levski” in Kishinev, R. Moldova, will be able to sport in good, modern conditions.

Traditional sailing with kayaks on the river Yantra

Annually, the club organizes Rotary kayak descents on the river Yantra. The sailing aims to train young people to paddle with kayaks and communicate with nature. The sailing is also a good occasion for a meeting of Rotarians and followers in the open and in informal environment.
About the Club

As of the current moment, the club members are 19 and within the next 2-3 weeks we will admit another member. With good organization the previous half-year, we conducted and carried out many events and functions for the students and children of Samokov (Donation of copying printer machines, multifunctional devices), support of students that won national awards in the field of natural mathematic sciences. We also won district grant for 2018-19 amounted USD 2,330. We called it “I study and play, I know everything with the technologies” directed to technological development and training of pupils of the primary educational course of the primary school of “Hristo Maximov” Samokov.

Major Projects
About the Club

The club was established with the sponsorship of RC Sofia. The members of the Rotary club of Sandanski are respected citizens of the town of Sandanski. They are representatives of different professions, organizations and business branches. We actively participate in the community life of the town of Sandanski and the whole municipality. Through the years, under the auspices of Rotary, a number of initiatives and projects in the municipality are implemented and they leave a mark in the vision of the town space and in the development of community relations. Our initiatives and projects are prominent and significant, from sports playgrounds and sport events till support of students and schools. Every year, we organize a basketball tournament for children with the participation of children from the country and abroad. This tournament is conducted in a playground built by the Rotary club of Sandanski. We support with scholarships prominent students in disadvantaged position during the month of May every year. We equip school cabinets, support urban and school libraries. Annually, we organize Christmas charity initiatives through which we support our service projects very successfully.

Major Projects

Natural Sciences Cabinet
Equipment of cabinet in natural sciences at the school “Yane Sandanski” in the town of Sandanski.

More books in the town libraries
Donation of books for the libraries in the town of Sandanski.

Annual basketball tournament for children
About the Club

In 1998, Hristo Yanev, Hristo Shterev, Kostadin Grozev, Rosen Rusev and Trifon Petrov founded RC Svilengrad, based on the provisional Rotary Club. On June 3, 2001 the club was officially chartered at an official ceremony in the restaurant “Svilema”.

In 2002 in honor of the 90th anniversary of the Liberation of Svilengrad, the Rotary club of Svilengrad granted to the town two Memorial tablets of the first mayor – Spas Razboynikov and of Petar Stanchov who gave the name of the town. The tablets were made of granite and were placed in front of the building of the municipality. In honor of the Centennial of Rotary International, a memorial pedestal with the Rotary emblem was placed on the main street of Svilengrad. The unveiling of the pedestal was honored by all the Rotarians, citizens, and guests.

Every year a day before Christmas, RC Svilengrad organizes the Feast of wine. Participants are manufacturers of homemade wine. A committee of industry specialists evaluates the wines and does the ranking. The first three receive awards and traditionally, the award for the first place is a 100 liter barrel of Strandzha oak. The nearby wine factories of Lyubimets, Sliven and Stara Zagora and others have their own stands. Representative of RC Svilengrad every year participate in sport events organized by other Rotary clubs in the country. The most massive is the participation in the traditional football tournament in Haskovo Mineral Baths organized by the Rotary club of Dimitrovgrad. Our football team is supported by many friends from the club and their wives.

In 2007, the Municipality of Svilengrad opened the newly built municipal market. The Rotary club decided to restore with own funds the fountain with the Thracian woman that over the years has been a symbol of fertility and hard work.

RC Svilengrad annually participates in organized events of RC Edirne, Turkey. In 2007, a huge group of Rotarians from Svilengrad and their friends of Edirene visited the ancient cities of Ephesus and Troy.

RC Svilengrad sponsored the publishing of the poetry collection “Songs for Old Wine” of Ilaylo Balabanov. Many Rotarians of the country have copies of this unique collection.

Major Projects

Memorial of Gen. Nikola Ivanov

For the Day of Svilengrad – 5 of October – the club implemented 2 of its projects related to the organized functions for the whole town. The first project is related to the participation of the club in the co-funding of the memorial of General Nikola Ivanov, Commander of the Second Bulgarian Army that liberated Svilengrad from the Ottoman rule in 1912. The Rotary club funded entirely the preliminary design of the memorial amounted BGN 3,000. Additionally, the local Rotarians participated with their personal contributions as well in the finding of the memorial building.

“Cross Flag”

The Rotarians of Svilengrad brought wreaths to the monument-ossuary on the peak Sheynovets and on the cross “Cross flag” near the river Maritsa. This cross is built by the Rotary club in memorial of the dozens of Svilengrad citizens who were killed by the Ottoman army at its retreat from Svilengrad in 1913.

Let’s Clean Bulgaria

On 15.09.2018, the Rotary club of Svilengrad, the Rotaract club of Svilengrad and the Interact club of Svilengrad participated in the campaign “Let’s clean Bulgaria”.

About the Club

The 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:

- Deepening the Networking partnership with Rotary Club of Alexandria, Romania. 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. Support for Projects of Rotaract and Interact.

The most significant project of RC Svishtov is “Let’s improve the life of the children from Social educational and professional center “Sv. Kliment Ohridski” in the village of Ovcha mogila. The project is implemented during the period 2015-2017 amounted 100.000 euro with the support of RC Neckertal – Switzerland, RC Würzburg – Germany as well as of 10 Bulgarian clubs.

A very successful club project in 2017-18 was the one for the prevention of spinal distortion for children of first to fourth school grade. Initial examinations of over 600 children were done and part of them got prescriptions for specialized therapy.

The other two club projects for 2018-19 are Police Academy for Children (with the support of the Police Department of and of the Municipality of Svishtov) and Support for talented children that are traditionally realized by the club.

Major Projects

Cleaning of the Rotary forest


Opening of the Renovated Boarding House


Prevention of spinal distortion

The past president of RC Svishtov Borislav Borisov handed the certificate of gratitude to Dr Momchil Ivanov who made for free all the examinations of children under the project for prevention of spinal distortion.
**About the Club**

RC Sevlievo is chartered in 30.11.2001. Sponsor club: RC Gabrovo. 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. Every year, the children from the primary schools in the municipality of Sevlievo pass control examinations for early diagnosis of eye and pulmonary diseases; an annual street ball tournament is held for children and young people from the town of Sevlievo and its region. The Rotary club of Sevlievo for over 16 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 Orthodox Chapel “Sv. Mina”; 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**

**Escape to history**

“Escape to history” is the title of the joint project of Rotary, Interact and the Municipality of Sevlievo. After the idea of the young people of Interact club, informational boards in Bulgarian, English, German and Russian were placed in 17 tourist sites on the territory of the municipality. The goal is to have the citizens and guests of the Municipality get acquainted in an interesting way with the history and significant persons of our area.

**Restoration the Clock Tower**

Restoration of the oldest building in our town, namely the Clock Tower. According to the specialist, the year written in Arabic figures over the entrance door corresponds to the year 1779 of the Christian chronology.

**Renovations in the Hospital “Dr Stoycho Hristov”**

Building of a representative room for the ceremony of newborns leaving the hospital and repaired manipulation and doctor’s cabinet in the Pediatric ward of the Hospital “Dr Stoycho Hristov”.

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Chartered on 30.11.2001, № RI 56860  
Sponsor: RC Gabrovo  
Weekly meeting: Monday, 7:00 p.m.  
Hotel “Helios”  
www.rotarydistrict2482.org/club/59/Sevlievo  
e-mail: RotaryclubSevlievo@gmail.com
About the Club

The formation of the Rotary club of Silistra started in 2000, but the charter was received two years later. The club is the first one of its kind in the area of Silistra and three years after becoming official, it became sponsor club of a second club in the part of Dobrudja area near the Danube River – the Rotary club of Tutrakan with whom we carry out joint initiatives for the community. RC Silistra has partnership with the Romanian town of Calarași.

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. For the first time the club has its representative ADG for Zone 13 – the past president Nikolay Kostov. The clubs raises the funds for its projects mostly via charity balls at the eve of Christmas and Easter – every year since 2005 till today, and we have already held nearly 30. Besides, there were 12 wine events for producers Rotarians and 4 Rotarian picnic with the participations of Rotarians from other neighboring towns – Rousse, Varna, Dobrich and others. The club has implemented, including with the participation of its sponsored Interact club, service humanitarian project – education, culture, healthcare, sports and social care. The last of them are; building of playground for children in one of the town residential areas; mounting of 3 eco fountains in two primary schools and in one secondary school in the town, and there are funds collected for 3 more. For more than ten years, till its closure, the Rotarians used to cooperate with the Orphanage, and in 2010, the club bought kitchen equipment for it. Among the last projects is placing illuminated warning road signs.

Major Projects

Wine Forum in Silistra  
Support of sport for children
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 Rotary, 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

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 various social and cultural 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 for 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.
Winter holiday of Rotarians and their families, Rotaract and Interact

This holiday is the event with the most massive participation in District 2482 organized by a single club. 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. The goal of the holiday is to encourage friendship among Rotarians, to show their sport spirit and their joint efforts to serve the community.

Computer hall

In 2017, RC Smolyan implemented the project “Equipment of computer hall in the school “V. Levski” amounted over 10,000 leva, it attracted many other donors and this secured competitive conditions of students in computer science in the school.
About the Club

The Rotary club of Sozopol is established with the sponsorship of RC Bourgas and for thirteen years now it has presence in the Bulgarian and Rotary society. As a club territorially located on the Black Sea coast, it is an attractive as a team, but also with the possibility of contacts with friends outside the country that we meet all the time.
The club has implemented many service projects - educational, humanitarian and vocational. They all meet the needs of the local community - selfless service to society.
Our club promotes Rotary among the young people. An indicative fact is the membership of our young friends in the club, filled with plenty of willingness to work.
We support the Rotary Foundation through financial contributions.
We maintain friendly relationships with the clubs in our country.
The Rotary Club of Sozopol works closely with the local authorities that are our partners in implementing all projects.
The Rotary Club of Sozopol fulfills its goals focusing on working with the new generations and improvement the image of Rotary in society.

Major Projects

The alley of the clocks

The last three years, RC Sozopol works for the creation of an “Alley of the clocks” on the coastal street of the town of Sozopol. Our goal is to make this alley a key place of the town that annually is visited by of thousands of Bulgarian tourists and tourists of the whole world. Our idea is to place various types of clocks – from ancient to contemporary. Respected master watchmakers help us as well as a famous and proven Bulgarian artist. As for now, we have placed two – the one is traditional and the other – ancient – sun clock. We are in a process of making of a third one related to the sea and the fisherman’s protector – Saint Nikola.
About the Club

The Rotary club of Sofia is the first Rotary club in Bulgaria, established on initiative of Dr N. P. Nikolaev (club 3596 in RI). Forbidden twice – by the pronazi government (1941) and by the communist authorities (1951), the club rose in 1991. In October 2014, the RI president Huang signed a replacing charter where RI recognizes the date of its initial founding as its birthday.

In 2004-2005, the club received Presidential Citation of RI President Glenn Estess for “Membership development”. There are twin club agreements with the clubs Legnano “La Malpensa”, Roma EUR (Italy); Saint Gilles Camargue, D’Eguilles (France); Beograd (Serbia).

Among the dozens of implemented club projects, let’s highlight a few:
- Healthcare: conducting mass vaccination against polio in 1994 within the Rotary program “Polio Plus” (over 500,000 children reached); joint project with RC Koblenz the complete reconstruction of the children’s pulmonology clinic in Alexandrovska Hospital.
- Humanitarian projects: donation of a lorry to the shelter of Father Ivan in Novi Han; equipment of sports hall to the Home for blind children in Sofia.
- Education: the club provides annual scholarships – awards to a graduate student of the Pharmaceutical faculty of the Medical academy and for a master in the Faculty of Mechanical Engineering at the Technical University; development of the project “Planning of sustainable future” for fostering and development of management programs for high school students (together with RC Kitzbühel and the Rotary Foundation).
- One of the biggest and comprehensive sustainable programs of the club is “Culture and historical heritage”, one of the peaks of which was the return to Bulgaria of three pictures of the painter Stanislav Dospevski, three – of the great Boris Georgiev, the fire alarm installation in the basilica “Sveta Sofia”.
- For the promotion of Rotary, the club keeps a permanent informational window display in the subway “Ancient Serdika” in the center of Sofia.

Major Projects

Prevention of thyroid diseases

In 2016, RC Sofia launched the sustainable project “Prevention of thyroid diseases”. The club bought mobile ultrasound and secures highly qualified doctors who make screening for deviations in the structure and study of the thyroid hormones. Additionally to early diagnosis, the project has educational importance and teaches children about early prevention of diseases. Up to now, over 1000 children and teachers were examined.

Annual mammary gland examinations

In 2012, RC Sofia bought (together with clubs from districts in France and Spain) a mobile mammography for provision of free examination of the mammary glands and over 2500 mammographies in the whole country are done annually. Up to now, over 15,000 women have undergone this examination, mostly in small towns and villages.

Project for decrease road victims “Give a way to life”

The idea of the sustainable project “Give a way to life” is to avoid road accidents through increase of awareness and motivation of students and young people about safe, tolerant and non-aggressive behavior on the roads with the goal of decreasing victims and injured on the streets and roads. All the Rotary clubs in Sofia took part in the project as well as the Ministries of education, of interior, the Union of Bulgarian teachers, the New Bulgarian University and media partners National Bulgarian TV, bTV and Darik radio. More than 100 trainers are prepared now, leaflets and other materials are printed, video-clips are broadcasted, so the real mass training of children and young people can start this autumn.
About the Club

The Rotary club of Sofia-Balkan is one of the proactive and leading clubs in Sofia. Founded in 2003, the Rotary club of Sofia-Balkan 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 has established and supports its youth structures – Rotaract and Interact that successfully implement their own projects and initiatives.

Major Projects

Basketball team of RC Balkan

The Rotary club of Sofia-Balkan created and supports the first in Bulgaria basketball team for people in wheelchairs bearing the name “Sofia-Balkan”. 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 project 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.

Christmas bazar in Sofia

The Rotary club of Sofia-Balkan participates with its own small house in the German Christmas bazar in Sofia – Deutscher Weihnachtmarkt Sofia.

The award of RC Balkan

The Rotary club of Sofia-Balkan has established and delivers annual award-recognition which the Rotary club gives to a master graduate student from the Faculty of Fine Arts of the National Arts Academy.
About the Club

The Rotary club of Sofia-Vitosha is founded in 1998 and today it has 40 members. The club is 100% Paul Harris Fellow. Among the flag projects of the club, we can mention the restoration of the clock tower in the building of the National Finance and Economics High School, the placement of the memorial of James Bourchier on the boulevard of the same name, planting of Japanese cherry trees in Borisova garden, restoring of the statues in the fountain in the pond of lilies in Borisova garden (together with the other clubs in Sofia). Together with RC Sofia, the club is sponsor for the restoring of the oldest saved car in Bulgaria (kept in the Sofia Historical Museum).

The Rotary club of Sofia-Vitosha is sponsor of RC Balkan, RC Pleven-Centrum, RC Lovech, RC Bansko, RC Kavarna, RC Sofia-Center, RC Svishtov, the first Rotary e-club of Nextum.

The Rotary club of Sofia-Vitosha has 2 Rotaract clubs – Sofia-Vitosha and Sofia Vitosha Izgrev, and 2 Interact clubs – Sofia Vitosha National Finance and Economics High School and Interact American College.

Major Projects

Books for the children of Bulgarian Diaspora

Collecting and delivering of books in Bulgarian language from Bulgarian authors for children aged between 6 and 14 years living abroad. The goal is to keep language culture and Bulgarian traditions among children of Bulgarians living abroad as well as keeping contact with Bulgarian cultural centers and schools.

Green Life

Stimulating contacts between Rotarians and Rotaractors through annual events like planting trees in parks and residential areas.

Support for a home for abandoned children in the village of Dolna Bania

A joint project with other clubs from Sofia for the building facilities on a territory with concentration of Gipsy populations – “Fakulteta”, Sofia.
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. Among the valuable projects, we have to mention the joint project on a Global grant with RC Findikli, Turkey, for the purchase and donation to a Bulgarian hospital of an apparatus for transcranial magnetic stimulation used for diagnosis and restoring in neurological and psychiatric diseases. Another more unusual project - in April 2018, a donation of some hundreds of books was made to the prison in Vratsa.

Major Projects

Recreation Area

In June 2015, with the great help of our friend Stoimir Veselinov, RC Vazrazhdane built a recreation area (solid oak benches and tables) for about 50 people in the locality “Okoto” in the area Simeonovo of in Sofia. It became a place for relaxation for dozens of people seeking tranquility in the mountains. In June 2015, RC Vazrazhdane organized a solemn opening with the participation of the rock singer Milena Slavova presenting her new album, the dance ensemble at the community center in Simeonovo participated as well. The event was dedicated to supporting the children from the Orphanage that received treats, books, football balls and money.

Computer Center for Teachers

Participation in a project together with RC Capital in August 2018 – donation of 10 computers to the Balkan Institute for Training of Teachers.

Safety for Children

Participation in a project of RCs in Sofia “Give a Way to Life” and training of trainers in Kyustendil and Stara Zagora.
About the Club

A unique club – the only one in Bulgaria uniting over fifteen different nationalities. It also is the first club in the District whose working language is English. The convenient location of the club weekly meetings, the active online presence, the diverse and engaging lecturers and guests are attractive both for the Rotarians from the country and numerous friends from all over the world visiting Bulgaria. All this combined with active community engagement of the members, relations with friends in clubs from the entire globe, numerous social events that the club organizes outside its regular weekly meetings, contributes for the promotion of Rotary and the principles followed by the organization. Sponsor of: Rotaract club of Sofia International, Interact club of Sofia International Meridian 22.

Major Projects

Sitting Volleyball Team “Sofia Owls”

The purpose of “Sofia Owls” – the first club for sitting volleyball in Bulgaria – is to integrate people with disabilities via their participation together with healthy people in a sport and to give them new perspectives for life and work. Our not that humble goal is to qualify a Bulgarian team for the Paralympic Games in Paris 2024. The intention is to inspire other people, other Rotary clubs in the country to start their own volleyball clubs and thus to create a national league. “Sofia Owls” and the Rotary club of Sofia International will support morally and organizationally all efforts in this regard.

Project “Butterfly People”

A project for DEBRA Bulgaria in support of people suffering of Bullous Epidermolysis. The club raised BGN 3,900 at its traditional wine evening – Wine It! All the funds were used for purchasing medical supplies for “Butterfly people” – patients suffering of Bullous Epidermolysis. Thanks to one of our club members, we could negotiate with the company producing some of the best products for relief of this disease to also support the cause and to make a significant discount. All the supplies were sent directly to the homes of needy patients.

Winter Shoes for Needy Children

As usual in December, the club organizes Christmas party for its members and their families. This event aims both to gather the fellows outside the regular weekly meetings and to raise funds. The amount collected this year was given as response to the cry for help from the national fund “Saint Nikola”. All the funds were spent for the purchase of 90 pairs of shoes for needy children delivered to them personally by the president and club fellows.
About the Club

This is the first in D2482 e-club intensively using information technologies both for its working meetings and for its overall activity. Meetings are held mixed - live with teleconferencing included to members who are not physically present at the moment. This way of working allows club members to participate in its work no matter where they are, as long as they have access to the Internet. Those wishing to visit the club can do it virtually - through the club’s website or traditionally by attending regular meetings. Regardless of their “young” age, the members of the club are a major engine in the development of a Global grant GG1756342 titled “Rotary; No Stroke Bulgaria”, partners under which are 7 clubs in D2482, D2100 from Italy, D4590 and D4310 from Brazil and RC Istmbul-Yeniköy.

Major Projects

“Rotary; No Stroke Bulgaria”

The project is funded by the Rotary Foundation through the Global grant GG1756342 of total value 98,858,00 USD. The purpose of the project is stroke protection. Bulgaria is the EU country with the most suffered and died from stroke people. Club members participate in the project from its very beginning – as its creators and as volunteers in its implementation.
About the Club

The Rotary club Sofia Capital (RCSC) was founded by experienced Rotarians and new members living in Samokov and Sofia. RCSC has established itself as an attractive place for people with diverse ideas and businesses; innovative projects and free thinking. The Rotary club Sofia Capital unites people with different professions like engineers, economists, lawyers, humanitarians, medical professionals, art experts, philologists, cosmetologists, etc. The club has more than 20 members with a tendency to increase its membership. One of the first club projects in the year of its chartering (2015-2016) that turned to inspiration for many clubs in their regional projects and maybe national project of the Rotary clubs in Bulgaria was “Traffic Safety”. It is a regional project aiming the renewal and building of warning lights and solar batteries on 9 pedestrian walkways from the village of Kokalyane to the Ring road (the entrance of Pancharevo). This project was funded by donations of the charter members of RCSC. In 2018, the municipality of Pancharevo included in its plans the maintenance of walkways. The reason for the project was the black statistics with pedestrians – every year one person died on this road. From the building of the pedestrian walkways till now, no one died on this road. The project is amounted BGN 37,000,00. The club participated in the joint project of the Rotary clubs in Sofia “Give a Way to Life” for the increase of traffic safety. A club member is a volunteer instructor for working with children in schools. RCSC gathers in one place leaders, professionals, entrepreneurs and good friends who voluntary commit their time and skills to serve the community, Bulgaria and the world. It is pride for each member of RCSC to actively participate in club work, to attend trainings at PETS and international Rotary events trying every day to be the inspiration.

Major Projects

Digital Interactive Education

The digital interactive education – for the last two years, 4830 Leva in support of the introduction of new digital technologies in education and repainting of 6 class rooms in 83rd school “Elin Pelin” in Pancharevo.

Reconstruction and Refurbishment of the National Student House

Reconstruction and refurbishment of the National Student House – interior paints for the painting of 1000 sq. m inside walls and ceilings were provided in partnership with the company Vitex and their total amount was 3500 Leva.

Equal Chance for All

Equal chance for all – funds and service to the amount of BGN 27,000 in support of children in sheltered housing in the area of Gorna banya with the help of the famous journalist Niki Kanchev, Darik Radio and the model Evgenia Kalkandjieva.
About the Club

The charter members of the club gathered in March 2000 (sponsor RC Sofia) and the core of the charter members exists till today. Through the years, a number of respected specialists are club members and among them some became district leaders: Miladin Boyadjiev – ADG (2003-4), Iliyan Nikolov – ADG (2009-12) and DGN (2020-21), Ilario Astinov DG (2014-15), Kristin Gaydarov – District Rotaract Representative (2014-15), Konstantin Yanakiev – ADG (2017-20), Tanya Karabasheva - district treasurer (since 2013), Desislava Vasileva – District RCC Committee Chair (2019-20). The Lord Mayor of Sofia Mrs. Yordanka Fandakova is honorary member of the club since 2015. The club is dominated by young people and half of the current members are women.

In the history of the club, distinguished projects are: humanitarian projects “Dobrolyubie” (2001-8 including the project “Scholarships for talented young musicians” 2006-8); implementation of the National Contest “Benefactor of the Year”(2004-10 together with the famous “Strategies”); twinning with RC Roma Nord Ovest (2003-4); fundraising for the program “Polio Plus” (with the support of “Airport Sofia” EAD for the period 2012-18, the club has contributed to TRF over 15,000 USD and was announced for club with the highest contribution to the “Polio” fund in the District for 2016-17 – over 4000 USD).

After 2015, the club focuses most of its activities on the territory of “Triaditsa” area in our capital city.

Major Projects

Diabetes Control at School

For the early detection of deviations from the norms, the club organizes regular studies of blood glucose levels, jointly with “Liveda Med 2000” and the Children’s Endocrinology Clinic (which summarizes the results and takes care of children with abnormalities) and with the support of the National Association of Young People with Diabetes, along with measuring the height, weight and waist of young people in the schools of “Triaditsa” area in Sofia. The project is implemented since 2015.

Grandmother and grandchild

Retired women (often former teachers, social workers) in good physical condition are hired for 3-4 hours per day to take care for two children in social institution with individual approach and love. The close relationship with children improves their physical development, decreases emotional deficiency and they become more open, communicative and happy; this decreases aggression in children and tension in the homes, and women feel needed, appreciated, with higher self-esteem and desire for social contacts. The project is implemented from 2017 together with RC London and Foundation “Tabita”. Currently, there are “grandmothers” in social institutions in the towns of Dupnitsa, Botevgrad, Vratsa and Samokov.
About the Club

RC Sofia-City unites 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-Tangra

Chartered on 19.05.2003, RI No 62293
Sponsor: RC Sofia
Weekly meeting: Monday, 8.30 p.m.

Hotel “Arena di Serdika Residence”, hall “Terra Antiqua”
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 Lyceum

About the Club

The Rotary club of Sofia-Tangra is chartered by the Rotary club of Sofia on 19.05.2003. There were years when the club membership was over 80 fellows, but currently there are only 14 fellows. The club is sponsor of Rotaract club of Sofia-Tangra, Interact club Sofia-Tangra First English Language School, Interact club of Sofia-Tangra at Italian Lyceum and sponsor of the first in the District Rotary Community Corp.

Major Projects

Our forest
Buy and donate
For a Greener Sofia

Planting of 3,000 acres of trees on the mountain Vitosha.
Christmas charity initiative of Interact club of Sofia-Tangra from the English Language School under the motto, together with the Rotary club of Sofia-Tangra in Sofia.
Tree planting in “Knyajevska Garden”, in the yard of “Alexandrovska Hospital” and South Park in Sofia.
Rotary Club of Sofia-Triaditsa

Chartered on 03.06.2017, RI No 88428
Weekly meeting: Monday, 7.00 p.m.

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About the Club

Rotary is a global network of friends, leaders solving problems. People who see a world of unification and take action to make lasting change – in the world, in their communities, within ourselves. Our friendship and community service as part of youth programs of Rotary is the base for the formation of the Rotary club of Sofia Triaditsa – one of the youngest clubs in Bulgaria with sponsor club RC Sofia-Tangra. Solving of real problems requires real engagement and vision. Passion, energy, knowledge, professionalism, action are the base of sustainable projects. The Rotary club of Sofia Triaditsa implements projects related to the Prevention of eye diseases for children, Support of talented children, Green projects. For the first two years of its establishment, the club has realized two Rotary programs – Rotary Young Leaders Award /RYLA/ and Rotary Community Corp Fakulteta.

Major Projects

Prevention of Amblyopathy

The Rotary club of Sofia Triaditsa purchased specialized mobile device – autofractometer for preventive eye examinations for children. Together with the municipality of Sofia and Triaditsa area, informational campaign was carried out about the disease and why it is so important for us to make examinations in children’s institutions. Teams of the “First Hospital Sofia” EAD and “Alexandrovska Hospital” EAD make the examinations in every kinder garden. As to the moment, the mobile device is given to the specialists in child ophthalmology in “Alexandrovska Hospital” EAD.

CFC RYLA Plovdiv /Lead by Example

Totally 33 participants, 4 countries, 5 presenters – professionals in their fields, many international guests, 2 sponsors – the Rotary Young Leaders Award /RYLA/ is the Program that provides to young people of age 14 to 30 years the opportunity to develop skills and qualities immersed in Rotary values, high ethical standards and peace message. Through the experience and friendship in Rotary, RYLA teaches in leadership, responsibility and personal development. Within four days, together with the friendly clubs of CFC, we carried out the first international RYLA in Bulgaria.
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

Adoption of Alley network “Dragalevski Monastery”

In 2015, between Natural Park (NP) Vitosha and RC Sofia-Center, an agreement was signed for the adoption by the club of “Alley network Dragalevski Monastery” in NP Vitosha. In 2019, the agreement was extended for additional 3 years. In coordination with representatives of NP Vitosha, every year since the beginning till now, regularly and mainly in spring and autumn, several alley cleaning activities are organized. Wooden constructions, railings, bridges, tables and benches are being repaired and varnished. The children from the sports club “Roma”, area of Fakulteta, (within the Rotary Community Corp) take part in these activities as well.

Rotary Community Corp (RCC) in the residential area of Fakulteta

For a few years, the Rotary clubs of Sofia-Center, Sofia-Vitosha, Sofia-Triaditsa, Sofia-Tangra and Sofia-Serdika jointly sponsor RCC in Fakulteta. It actively assists for the creation of circumstances for improvement of social environment and increase of educational activity of the children in this Roma area. With the joint efforts of RCC and the Rotary clubs we managed to register a cultural center and to get a building to the cultural center. We are working for the organization of repair and equipment of the building. We support the development of sport activity – the extension and growth of the football section with children from the school. We are also striving to get sustainability for development of educational and cultural activity.

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.
About the Club

The Rotary club of Stara Zagora has over 25 years of history and is the fifth in order after the revival of Rotary in Bulgaria. Sponsor of the club was RC Kavala, Greece. 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 first District Rotaract Representative with parallel membership in Rotary and Rotaract club of Stara Zagora Vasil Demirev. The members of Rotary club of Stara Zagora actively helped for the establishment of other clubs in the Rotary family. It is sponsor of: Rotary club of Haskovo, Rotary club of Radnevo, Rotaract Stara Zagora, and Interact Stara Zagora. 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. All of them develop successfully in order to serve above self.

Major Projects

Restoration of Sensory Room

With the implementation of a Global grant valued 56,000 USD 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.

Streets with unknowable names

A joint project with the Rotaract and Interact clubs. We placed informational boards on popular and visible places along the streets that inform the citizens and guests of the town about the contribution of local activists of the past after whom the street are named. On both sides of the boards, respectively in Bulgarian and English, the name, years and the most important things of life of each one of them are written, and a special QR code tells more about their deeds that will leave them forever in the hearts of the citizens of Stara Zagora.

100% Paul Harris Fellow Club

The Rotary club of Stara Zagora received its well-deserved recognitions for the Rotary year 2017-2018 after the club achieved its goal – 100% of the members are Paul Harris Fellows and we were recognized as Club No 1 in Rotary District 2482 under the criteria for most contributions per capita of club member.
Rotary Club of Stara Zagora Beroe

Chartered on 23.12.2016, RI No 44181
Weekly meeting: Tuesday, even week, 7.00 p.m.

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About the Club

One of the youngest clubs in D2482 Bulgaria, chartered at the end of 2016. The club members are respected professionals, men and women with good standing in society willing to create a better world with more possibilities. 90% of club members are new Rotarians with extraordinary enthusiasm and curiosity for Rotary, for club projects, new Rotarian friends. Thank to this, the club projects are formed professionally fast, they are easily funded, the implementation is 100% successful. The club projects are extremely diverse — charity events, donations, support for social activity and so on. The club is active in the international cooperation, and it already has a twin club from Edirne with many meetings, joint initiatives and visits.

Major Projects

Promotion of Bulgarian folklore in the local community. Participation in mummer group in “Augustiada 2018” - a folk dance contest between dance groups. Guests were our friends of RC Edirne Mimar Sinan. The project is funded entirely by the club.

Folklore Inspiration “Thracian Steps” 2018

Celebration of the 114th birthday of Rotary. A Gala concert in the State Opera of Stara Zagora — a gift from RC SZ Beroe for all fellow citizens. Arias, overtures and duets of Verdi, Catalani, Bizet, Offenbach, and Mozart were performed at the concert as well as ballet motives from the Nutcracker of Tchaikovsky.

114 years of the Magic of Rotary

Purchase of equipment for a kitchen for socially weak to the temple “Sv. Paisiy Hilendarski”, which will allow once-a-week purchase of food with the available monthly amounts for catering for 30 people and, with on-site meals, the number of meals to be increased to 300 lunches per week.

Equipment for Social Kitchen
About the Club

Rotary movement in Troyan has its beginning from 11 of September 1998 when four enthusiasts: Hristo Varchev (lawyer), Dr Krasimir Guneshki (dentist), Tsanko Lingorski (pharmacist), eng. Milko Vachev (chemist) and Nikolay Staykovski (artist) gathered with the wish to create a friendly circle and to serve society and later the Provisional Rotary club of Troyan is formed. Own constitution and bylaws are adopted and the positions in the club are determined.

The club in Troyan is the first chartered within the region of Lovech, and Troyan is the third town in Central Northern Bulgaria after Gabrovo and Pleven, and the Rotary club of Gabrovo became the godfather of the club. The club emblem is deed of the artist from Troyan Ivan Hadjiyski - the winner of the competition among five artists. A visible sign for the presence of the Rotary club of Troyan in the town is the town clock granted by us and unveiled officially on 16 of December 2011. The new acquisition is mounted next to the water cascade on the central town square.

Major Projects

Playground for Children in the Village of Oreshak

The children of Oreshak enjoy a modern and secure playground for games and entertainment built by the Rotary club of Troyan. It is carried out after the initiative “Let’s give an enchanting playground to the bright children of Troyan” that was launched at the end of 2016. The official opening happened on 21 of October 2017.

Awards for Graduate Students

Every year, the club delivers awards to the excellent student graduating the five high schools in the municipalities; they also support the winners in the competitions in Bulgarian language, mathematics and informatics of the schools “Vasil Levski” and “Kliment Ohridski” in Troyan.

The Fortress “Sostra”

The archaeological site of Sostra (from ancient Greek - belt, bandage, barrier) is a priority of the Rotary club - Troyan. Sostra is a Roman fortress built on the ruins of a Thracian settlement. It is located Southeast of the village Lomets, 12 km North of the town of Troyan and 28 km South of the town of Lovech, in the valley of Osam river. Rotary Club - Troyan is the main initiator and supporter of the archaeological excavations activities and the permanent program of the club necessarily includes the support of this archaeological project of local significance.
About the Club

The established with sponsor RC Silistra Rotary Club of Tutrakan unites people with different professions and successful professionals of two municipalities – Tutrakan and Glavinitza. It also sponsors the Interact club of Tutrakan. The club projects are for the benefit of the community. 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. As for now, we implement the projects with own funds and fundraising campaigns, but the tendency for us is to participate in projects of the Rotary Foundation. The Rotary club of Tutrakan maintains and develops active relations with friendly and twin clubs from Bulgaria and abroad. Good relations with the local authorities are important item for the implementation of the projects in the fields of culture, history and healthcare in our region. This Rotary year – 2018-2019 – we organized for the first time the handing over of the presidential necklaces between the four RCs of Zone 13. We were the hosts. Our major projects implemented by us so far: incubator and reanimation table for the Neonatal ward, renewal of the clock tower, illuminated pedestrian signs at key places where children cross; three water purifying systems in three schools – two in Tutrakan and one in Glavinitza.

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.

- **Car for the Hospital in the town of Tutrakan**
  We helped for the purchase of a car for the hospital of the town of Tutrakan.
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 50 significant service projects striving to involve in their implementation many collaborators among the local authorities. Our initiative were in support of maternal and child health, cultural and historical heritage, waters and sanitation, prevention and treatment of diseases, etc. Unfortunately, we have implemented them by our own recourses, and we did not participate in any grant projects.

Major Projects

Tourist Lodges

The Rotarians built two tourist lodges in Targovishte in 2011 and 2015. They are located in the area of “The Park” and on the road to ancient historical town Misionis. The company of the entrepreneur and Rotarian Toshko Raychev took up the construction. The municipal company “Adapt” granted for free the architectural designs and the marble indicating plates were made by the stone-cutter Kaloyan Antonov. Near the lodges, there are spaces for recreation with open fire places and with benches and tables. The new lodges “Rotary” are now favorite spot for tourists for picnics and recreation. We, the Rotarians, hope that they will last and will make happy the citizens and guests of our town.

The Monument of the flag-bearer in Botev’s cheta (band)

With the donor support of the Rotary club of Targovishte, the brightness of the monument of Nikola Simov-Kuruto, the flag-bear in Botev’s cheta, was restored. The monument was washed with pressure washer by employees of the construction entrepreneur and Rotarian Toshko Raychev. Three old poplars and wild vegetation that overshadowed the image of the revolutionary were removed. Part of the fence and the flooring of the stairs were restored. The broken marble plates around were renewed. Artistic lighting lit up and informational board was placed.

Soldier’s Monument Returned Brilliance

Soldier’s monument, after 40 years of oblivion, was restored and for this the club contributed 15,000 Leva raised from membership dues, donations and charity balls. The monument is the earliest work of our famous sculptor Lyubomir Dalchev and perpetuates the 900 victims of Targovishte in wars for national unity. In the foundations of the monument there is a casualty list of the 47 officers and 194 soldiers from the town. The composition “Ustrem” depicts bronze figures of a non-commissioned officer and a soldier on concrete, lined with red limestone. On the walls of the pedestal, there are attached metal reliefs representing important battles of the wars.
Rotary Club of Harmanli

Chartered on 23.11.2001, RI No 56902
Sponsor: RC Haskovo
Weekly meeting: Wednesday, 7.00 p.m.

Restaurant “Klasik”
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About the Club

The Rotary club of Harmanli is chartered on 23.11.2011. As of 1.1.2019, the club consists of 29 members.
Our club is organizer and host of one of the biggest Rotary events – “Evening of Wine and Friendship”.
Every year in December, Rotarians from the whole country come to our town and together, supporting selected by us cause, we have fun in one of the greatest Rotary events.
Since its establishment, the Rotary club of Harmanli implements a number of service projects among which air-conditioning of the town hospital, purchase of school buses, building of two playgrounds for children – in the town of Harmanli and in the village of Biser, planting of 110 white pines on the occasion of the 110th anniversary of Rotary International, participation in the purchase of mammograph for diagnosis of breast cancer.

Major Projects

Flower of Friendship
Outdoors Chess
Child-teen cross

Creation of a site for outdoors chess.
Organization of annual child-teen cross with the participation of children from all the schools in the town of Harmanli.
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. 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. The project was implemented 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.
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”

Restaurant “Rodopi”
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About the Club

Rotary brought us different and unfamiliar, but made us friends! There is nothing more valuable than that! The Rotary club of Haskovo-Aida 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 commitment 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

Chartered on 18.12.2001, RI No 56900
Sponsor: RC Sofia
Weekly meeting: Thursday, 7.00 p.m.

Hotel-restaurant “Taganrog”

About the Club

It is a small club with sponsor RC Sofia, but with contributions to the community where it was founded – the town of Cherven bryag as well as to the international contacts of the District through the years. Some of the most prominent citizens of the municipality have been members of the club and each one of them has contributed for the development of the largest municipality of the region of Pleven.

Major Projects

Town Hospital

The most significant club project is the continuing for many years relation with the Rotary club of Aix-en-Provence, France, and a significant donation for the local hospital comes from there every year at the end of spring and it includes medications, medical devices, toys for children and others valued hundreds of thousands Leva.

Foster families

Another huge project is the annual sponsorship of the foster families on the territory of the municipality of Cheven bryag with clothes, blankets and pillows. This project is implemented with the cooperation of the local representation of the company Calinel whose manager is our member. The club implements a number of small projects and this is essential for the community where it was established.
About the Club

The Rotary club of Shumen is officially chartered in 1999, but loyal to the ideas, the followers of the founder of Rotary in Bulgaria and 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

Lighting for the monument “Creators of the Bulgarian State”

On the eve of 1.7.2016 one of the symbols of Shumen and a preferred tourist site, the monument “Creators of the Bulgarian State” shone with new artistic illumination in the three colors of the national flag. The project includes replacement of the old lamps with three LED projectors of 50W each with directed ray. “The new technology allows us to achieve significantly higher effect and the expenses for electricity have decreased eight times”, Nikolay Mladev from the Rotary club of Soumen shared.

100% Paul Harris Fellow

In the Rotary year 2017-2018, the Rotary club of Shoumen achieved the award “100% Paul Harris Fellow club”. The last awards were delivered to club members at a ceremony on the occasion of the Day of Rotary on 23.02.2018.
About the Club

RC Yambol was chartered by a decision of the Rotary International Board in Evanston, Illinois, 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 are 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 to schools in the region; renovation of the unique cave chapel to the temple “Sv. Alexander Nevski” in the locality Bakadjik; a project “Clean water for healthy childhood” was implemented in kinder gardens in Yambol and villages from the Municipality of Tundja. The club is sponsor of Interact-Yambol.

Major Projects

“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 fully 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. Through the years, the complex examination became extremely popular and in order to increase the quality of the health care service, the club donated immunoassay analyzer for the carrying out of the examinations.