



## DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S MONTHLY MESSAGE

MAY 2021

***Dear Rotarians, Rotaractors and Interactors in D-2482, Bulgaria,***

I like the adopted discrepancy of the beginning of the Rotary and calendar years. Here—the Rotary year starts to the beginning of the next one just when nature wakes up for the new spring life! In this cycle, let us indulge in the optimistic mood and faith in the future, when what we have started will be completed by our successors!

In the streets, parks and in my own yard, the intoxication of the already grown light green shoots, leaflets, uncracked blossoms reigns. It is unlikely that at other times thought would go more naturally to our young generation—Rotaractors and Interactors.



The current year 2020-21 will be remembered with the announced new position of Rotaract—already an equal and full partner of Rotary! This was received equally positively by both Rotarians and Rotaractors in our District. For the first time, we trained the two District teams together. We invited Rotaractors to join the work of Rotary District Committees, and they began to do so. We have jointly improved the financial rules for Rotaract operations in the District ensuring convenience and transparency.

Even in the severe pandemic conditions, the Rotaractors showed their activity, either independently or together with Rotarians and Interactors: RAC Kardzhali with the project to help first graders, RAC Veliko Tarnovo with “Donate and the Emotion of a Book You Give” and together with 20 other Rotaracts clubs—with the project “With a Flower in Hand against Reproductive Problems”, RAC/IAC Dobrich with the realized volume inscription in the city center, RAC Varna with the project “Beer for Garbage”, RAC Varna—Evksinograd with the project “Next Step” and both clubs together—with the project “Give a Hand—Save a Paw”, RAC Sofia—Serdika with the project “Where to now?” and together with RAC Sofia—Vitosha, RAC Sofia—Vitosha—Izgrev and RCC Nadezhda with the project “Plant a Tree—Give Life”, RAC Plovdiv—Filipopol with the projects “Give a First Aid Kit” and “Professions Day—We Share Experience”, RAC Svilengrad with the projects “Caps for Future” and “Give Dinner”, RAC Sofia-City with the project “Christmas in Children’s Eyes”, RAC Sofia with the competition “Bulgarian Folklore”, RAC Sofia—Vitosha with the competition “Purple Feather”, RAC/IAK Kardzhali with the donated books, RAC Karnobat with the donated martenitsas, etc.

I thank Teodora Vulkanska, DRR 2020—2021 for the understanding and I wish Borislava Dineva, DRR 2021—2022 to continue what has been started—I expect the convergence process to be upgraded.

For its part, Interact, which remains Rotary's only youth program, has gained added value. The Interactors also showed their activity both independently and together with the Rotaractors. Despite the pandemic, the sponsoring RC Pirdop succeeded in chartering the newest IAC Etropole—Pirdop. Congratulations to Bozhidar Angelov, DIR 2020-21 for the activity and I wish Maria Popova, DIR 2021-22 inspiration and new successes!

The events of RYLA and the International Youth Exchange could not take place due to the pandemic. However, together with the Youth Generation and Finance Committees, we have developed Rules to determine the share of expenditures subsidized by the District budget when organizing a RYLA and IYE club event. This is a step towards regulating this inspiring activity.

The Committee for Service of the Young Generations, chaired by Boyana Bankova, tried to optimally alleviate the pandemic complications.

Dear Rotarians and Rotaractors,

With the help of the Rotary National Award Committee in Bulgaria and an expert group attached to it, the Past Governors Advisory Board and the Board of Directors of the District 2482 Association at RI, a Rotary National Award has already been established in Bulgaria, the Award Regulations have been approved (available on the Governor's website) and the Nomination Campaign has been launched by me with a deadline of 16 May. I call on Rotary and Rotaract clubs—be active in the nomination! Only with joint efforts will we be able to impose the Award as a powerful tool for enhancing the positive public image of Rotary in Bulgaria!

Dear friends,

I congratulate you in advance on the Day of the Holy Brothers Cyril and Methodius, the Bulgarian alphabet, education and culture and Slavonic literature—May 24! Speak and write correctly in our rich language and contribute to the popularization and improvement of the only Rotary magazine in the world in Cyrillic—"Rotary in the Balkans"!

This is another way we help to implement our current motto: Rotary opens up opportunities!



A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Iliyan Nikolov". The signature is fluid and cursive, written over a light blue horizontal line.

Arch. Iliyan Nikolov  
District Governor 2020-21