

DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S MONTHLY MESSAGE JUNE 2021

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

The Rotary year, in which we realized that Rotary can exist in different way, is coming to an end. I express my admiration for most of the clubs in the District, which in the frightening conditions of the pandemic Covid19 have managed to bravely adapt to this different way! And they remained useful to their communities and their own members.



We realized how life-saving the modern achievements of global

digital transformation can be. Achievements that we will continue to use with increased understanding in post-pandemic times.

We found that our volunteer activity and our Rotary friendship were not hollow concepts.

In the District's practice, we expressed the understanding of interconnection and necessary improvement of the elements of an Integrated District Information System (IDIS—including the regional magazine Rotary in the Balkans, the District newsletter, website, social media profiles, digital archive, digital archive, contacts with local and national media, correspondent network), the useful role of an up-to-date Guide to conduct our district training seminars, the need to place a new focus on six Rotary topics (expressed in six Info-sheets), the hope for purposeful development of the newly established Rotary National Award in Bulgaria as a powerful tool for enhancing our positive image, the timeliness of compiling a written history of Rotary in our country in honor of the upcoming 30th anniversary of the restoration of Rotary and many others.

I hope that with the motivated support of worthy members of our Rotary family, this year's themes will seek development in the coming Rotary years as well.

I am sincerely grateful for the hospitality of the Rotary, Rotaract, and Interact Clubs in the District, which host my official visits (1/3 'face-to-face', live, and 2/3 virtual). I was sincerely satisfied with the avoided administrative sound of the meetings and the friendly contacts dedicated to the true Rotary values.

Dear friends,

A virtual XIV District Conference will be held on June 9 (Wednesday) to discuss issues related to our operations during the expiring Rotary year. The program of the event is spread among the clubs. I look forward to your participation.

On June 10 (Thursday) a virtual District Legislative Meeting / General Assembly of the NGO District 2482 at RI will be held. The notice and program of the event are officially spread among the Rotary clubs. I expect all legally appointed delegates to take a prepared part.

A virtual Rotary International Convention will be held from June 12 to 16 in three plenary sessions (Opportunities for Reflection, Opportunities for Growth, and Opportunities for Service) and additional meetings of Rotaract representatives, Inter-Country Committees (ICC), the Youth Exchange Officers and, of course, the virtual House of Friendship. Don't forget to join with personal registration through www.rotary.org!

Remember that at the end of the year the deadline for entering (at <u>www.rotary.org</u>) the club reports for the previously stated goals achieved by you (min. 13 of the proposed 25) expires, which leads to receiving a Rotary Citation. Don't miss the fulfillment of this prestigious challenge!

Dear friends,

The period of one Rotary year turned out to be too fleeting in my experience. And instead of wanting to rest after the end of the year, my appetite for activity increased as the end of my mandate approached...

Thanks to everyone who, even in these difficult circumstances, helped us lead our Rotary life this year across our difficulties! This turned out to be possible—it was proven that Rotary opens up opportunities!



Arch. Iliyan Nikolov District Governor 2020-21

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