



# Annual Report

For the year ending 30 June 2022

**"Having fun, doing good"**

Rotary Club Prague International (RCPI) is registered as a non-profit association (spolek) in the association register of the Municipal Court in Prague, number L10165 with identification number (IČO) 697 80 269.

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# 1. President's report



The year ending 30 June 2022 turned out to be a very eventful, even dramatic year for all of us, developing in ways we could not have foreseen.

We finally emerged from the Covid 19 crisis and resumed our in-person club meetings in July 2021, much to the relief and joy of most members. We engaged with energy in our programme of regular events and activities and added some significant ones.

In August we started the programme Speechless Reconciliation. A summer development camp was organised for 24 children without parental care from former Yugoslavian countries. It turned out to be much more intense, rewarding and successful than we could have hoped.

In September, Prague was host to the Rotary Institute which brought together Rotarians from all across Europe and even further to share experiences, knowledge and to listen to RI President Mehta. Several of our members were very actively involved and our own past district governor Irena Brichta was the official Rotary Institute chair.

In October, another great project was launched when we established the Peter James Association as a partner project to provide support for Kenyan mothers caring for children with cerebral palsy, autism and other neurological conditions.

When war broke out in Ukraine on February 24<sup>th</sup> a major new programme was quickly set up. Because of the war, Prague was faced with having to accommodate and care for a flood of refugees from Ukraine. The response of our members was truly amazing as we quickly organised accommodation, provided practical help to those in Ukraine as well as some financial support to others in Prague caring for refugees. Our Disaster Aid Europe project partner was and still is very active in collecting vital supplies and delivering them to help those that remain in Ukraine. Our Rotary district became very active in organising Disaster Relief Grants from the Rotary Foundation and thereby channelled enormous support to the Ukrainian people.

The war broke out on the same day that a large group of us arrived in Kenya, a trip that turned out to be memorable in so many ways. We took part in Peter James Association pageant activities and visited a hospital, a village school and dispensary and met with local Rotarians with whom we may partner on new projects.

Despite the unexpected, we continued to do many of our regular projects, including two Dragon Boat Charity Challenge events and more besides.

You can read more about all our activities in the section 'Events and Activities' below.

We offer our sincere thanks and gratitude to all the organisations and individuals that supported our activities and helped us to help others in this most turbulent year. It was indeed a year to remember for many of us individually as well as those we were able to help.

Yours in Rotary,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to be 'G. Tipple'.

Gerry Tipple

President of Rotary Club Prague International for the Rotary year 2021-2022

## 2. About the Club

The club's objective is to bring like-minded people together to provide humanitarian service in the spirit of friendship and fun. The club unites individuals from many different countries and backgrounds, including expatriates who live in Prague as well as Czech members who enjoy our international experience.

Raising funds to help others through events is a large part of what we do, but we also use our skills, energy and enthusiasm to help others by more direct action. Activities such as our refugee housing programme, or our Speechless Reconciliation project require a broad range of skills and knowledge to carry out successfully. Our club members have a wealth of talent ranging from management, design, finance, accountancy, language skills, coaching, literary, legal skills, social work and many more and we are proud to be able to use these skills in the name of Rotary to help others.

Being part of Rotary is more than just giving back to the community by volunteering. It is also about using your leadership skills, experience and enthusiasm to help Rotary thrive. Along the way we make lifelong friends and try to have fun in whatever we are doing. Our club is a friendly, informal place where we meet, discuss and listen to speakers from a wide range of backgrounds who share their knowledge, increasing our social and cultural understanding. If you visit one of our events or meetings you will immediately feel the sense of camaraderie and fun in an English speaking and truly international environment.

RCPI became a chartered Rotary Club in January 1998 and is the only English-speaking International club in Prague. We are part of the Czech and Slovak Rotary district no. 2240 which has more than 70 other member clubs.

To find out where and when our meetings are held and for more information, visit our website [www.rcpi.club](http://www.rcpi.club) and check out our facebook page, "Rotary Club Prague International"

## About Rotary International



*"Service above self".*

Rotary International is an international service organization whose stated purpose is to bring together business and professional leaders in order to provide humanitarian services, encourage high ethical standards in all vocations, and to advance goodwill and peace around the world. It is a non-political and non-sectarian organization open to all people regardless of race, colour, creed, religion, gender, or political preference. There are more than 35,000 member clubs worldwide, and more than 1.2 million individuals, have become Rotarians. The Rotary International motto is

More information about Rotary International can be found on the website: [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org)

### 3. The Rotary code of conduct

## ROTARY CODE OF CONDUCT



### As a Rotarian, I will

1. Exemplify the core value of integrity in all behaviors and activities
2. Use my vocational experience and talents to serve in Rotary
3. Conduct all of my personal, business, and professional affairs ethically, encouraging and fostering high ethical standards as an example to others
4. Be fair in all dealings with others and treat them with the respect due to them as fellow human beings
5. Promote recognition and respect for all occupations which are useful to society
6. Offer my vocational talents: to provide opportunities for young people, to work for the relief of the special needs of others, and to improve the quality of life in my community
7. Honor the trust that Rotary and fellow Rotarians provide and not do anything that will bring disfavor or reflect adversely on Rotary or fellow Rotarians
8. Not seek from a fellow Rotarian a privilege or advantage not normally accorded others in a business or professional relationship





## 4 Events & activities

### 4.1 Help for Ukrainian refugees

When Ukrainian families were forced by war to abandon their homes and even their country for the safety of their children, the club was quick to organise action to support some of the millions that flooded into the Czech Republic and neighboring countries.



Thanks to a generous donation from one of our members we were able to move quickly to secure accommodation for many Ukrainian families.

When they arrive the refugees have many needs from basic necessities to schooling and medical care.

Thanks to our many volunteer Rotarians and others we have been able to help our guests with all their needs to be safe and well cared for in our country.



The Ukrainian refugee housing project continues to work to meet the needs of our Ukrainian friends as the war continues into 2023.

### 4.2 Speechless reconciliation

The project Speechless reconciliation was started by young Rotarian Matěj Keka who joined the club only in February 2021. It is an ambitious project that has become one of the two largest projects that are organised and implemented directly by our members.



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The ambition of the project is to bring together young people from homes for those without parental care from the nations of the former Yugoslavia to create important international friendships and to have a chance to design their future.



The first camp took place in the wonderful nature of Beskydy where 24 young people came for a week of friendship and intensive work on developing their plans for their own future.

The project team has actively followed up those plans and the results have been truly remarkable according to the organisations that have full time responsibility for their care.



### 4.3 Burgerfest

We were again able to have our regular Burgerfest stall in September 2021 and many of our members volunteered again to prepare and serve our famous Dragon Burgers to an eager public. The event earned some funds for our Speechless project but more importantly, gave the club a lot of visibility in a well attended public venue.



### 4.4 Rotary International Institute

It was an honour for our club and for our District that The Rotary International Institute was held in Prague from 14th to 19th September, 2021 and was the first large in-person gathering of Rotarians since the start of the Covid 19 crisis in January 2020.

In the picture from left to right, our Rotarian Veronicah Kinyanjui, Irena Brichta, PDG and Rotary Institute Chair, President of Rotary International Shekhar Mehta and his wife Rashi, Fernanda Escobar Illoldi and Immediate Past President of Rotary International Holger Knaack.





## 4.5 The Rotary Dragon Boat Charity Challenge

Our Dragon Boat Charity Challenge is one of our biggest fund raising events which enables us to support many local charities. Because of Covid 19 we were unable to hold this popular event in 2020, breaking a 10 year tradition.

We made up for it by holding the 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> Dragon Boat Charity Challenge in August 2021 and in May 2022. This meant we were again able to give significant financial support to local charity partners as well as enjoy the fun and team spirit which this event always conjures up.

A big thank you to all the teams that took part in this special event.



## 4.6 Disaster Aid Europe

The Rotary International Global Grant project for the Rehabilitation of ICU of Rosary Sister's Hospital following the disastrous port explosion in Beirut culminated in our Rotarian Stuart Amesbury, DAE's Operations Trustee travelling to Beirut on Saturday 7th May 2022, for the Inauguration of the ICU of the Rosary Sisters Hospital Beirut. This was a major project involving many trips to Beirut and working with other Rotarians in Lebanon and we were able to supply Czech made hospital beds and spare parts as well as contribute financially.



Our sister project Disaster Aid Europe with past experience of providing aid to people suffering after a disaster in Lebanon, Albania and other places was quickly into action collecting medical, hygiene supplies and water filtration equipment which was delivered to Ukrainian Rotarians in Uzhhorod. Six trips were made to Slovakia and Ukraine in 2022, each a journey of more than 1000 kms.



Below on left Rotarian Stuart Amesbury with Ukrainian Rotarians in Ukraine.



Above, water filtration equipment donated by Rotarians in Australia for Ukrainian relief.

## 4.7 The Peter James Association

Rotarian Veronicah Kinyanjui, another new member, was already very actively working to support mothers in Kenya that had been left to bring up children living with autism, cerebral palsy, down syndrome and other neurological conditions. As a mother herself of two autistic children, Veronicah understands well the difficulties and the needs of these mothers.



In October 2021 The Peter James Association, named after one of Veronicah's sons, was established as a project of our club.



**Peter James Association**  
Embracing Neurodiversity in Africa

The project has already achieved a lot in raising awareness and providing practical support to mothers in Kenya.

Below is the scene from the Little Mr. and Miss Neurodiversity pageant that was organised by The Peter James Association. It attracted a lot of positive media coverage and brought joy to the many who took part.





## 4.8 Indian Schools project

Our longest running project is supporting primary education in rural India, specifically in the Rajsamand district of Rajasthan. For 18 years we have worked with local people to

supply children with some essential educational needs like uniforms, books and writing materials, but also to provide the schools with equipment and resources that are badly needed. These include desks, mats, cupboards, chairs fans, computers and some music and sports equipment.



The year 2021 was no exception and we again supported one rural school in Rajsamand with 150 pupils and helped to motivate



both students and teachers. We also provided one school with sewing machines so that the senior girls could learn a useful skill before leaving school.

## 4.9 Cycling for the Trees

The club now boasts a vigorous and environmentally minded cycling club which each year raises money through cycling and then organises through Partnerstvi the planting of an 'alej' of trees commemorating an important place or piece of history.

In 2021, trees were planted for an Alej of Freedom in Přebíram, a place where political prisoners were held and made to work in Uranium mines during the communist years.



Rotarians also assisted the city authorities to plant a row of plum trees in Seberov where a former orchard was long ago cut down and ploughed over in the name of collective farming.



## 4.10 Kenyan Adventure



A group of Rotarians and family members travelled to Kenya in February to enjoy the national parks as well as meeting other Rotarians and developing new humanitarian activities.



Many donations were collected and taken to Kenya to support the activities of Peter James Association as well as bringing supplies of books and other materials to a rural school in Nyandura county.

The club has since started a project to support talented children from poorer families that studied in this school to help them get a high school education.

Our first trip to Kenya certainly opened many more opportunities to serve.



## 4.11 Just for fun

Throughout the year we organise events that are 'just for fun' or for interest. Often these are activities that the whole family can take part in. We encourage our members to bring their families to all our activities and here are a few from our 21-22 year.



In July we organised a Zoo Quiz event in Prague zoo which was great fun in glorious weather and very much enjoyed by all.



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Our traditional dawn ride takes place around Prague at dawn on the longest day of the year. It finishes with the equally traditional and delicious breakfast together. It really is the best time of the year to experience Prague on a bicycle.



Wine tasting is another always popular activity and on this occasion we welcomed a guest vintner from Austria that we had met on one of our trips cycling the vineyards of Moravia. Good wines were tasted, purchased and we raised a small sum for our projects in the process.

### 4.12 Inter-Club Friendships

Our club is always open to new international partners and during the year we sealed two new inter-club friendship agreements.



Rotary club Shepperton and Sunbury contacted us during the long Covid hiatus and we shared some entertaining on-line meetings. When they were able to travel they came to Prague and we were very happy to see them in person and sign a club friendship agreement.

When we organised a fund-raising dinner for our Speechless Reconciliation project we invited Rotary Club Zagreb International as we hope to work with them on that project. We were very happy that they also wanted to have a friendship agreement with us.



## 5. Youth Service

Our club has an active youth service programme within the framework of Rotary International's New Generation focus. Our Rotary District 2240, The Czech Republic and Slovakia, is particularly active in the youth exchange programme and our club is a strong supporter of that programme.

### WHAT IS ROTARY YOUTH EXCHANGE?

Rotary has been organising youth exchanges for over 60 years, providing incredible opportunities for young people to see the world, experience a different way of life, maybe learn another language, make international friends and discover a lot about themselves whilst acting as an ambassador for their own country.

Parents and guardians can be assured that Rotary is committed to maintaining a safe environment through policies designed to ensure the health, safety and welfare of all participants in the programmes.

Each year, worldwide, over 8000 young people enjoy the experience of a lifetime through Rotary Youth Exchange and for many, perhaps the vast majority, this is an amazing voyage of self-discovery which changes their lives forever.



This amazing programme was severely disrupted by the Covid 19 pandemic and Rotary International decided that no exchanges would take place during the 2021-2022 Rotary Year. However, preparations including the selection of students to travel abroad in August 2022 did go ahead and our club selected 3 students to take part. This means that we do again have three exchange students visiting us now.

Seen here are three students that visited us in an earlier year and had wonderful experiences with their host families and with other exchange students in the Czech and Slovak republics.

If you would like to know more about the programme please contact [youth@rcpi.club](mailto:youth@rcpi.club)

## 6. Charitable donations & club projects

Donations made by the club to independent organisations during the financial year ending 30 June 2022 and the prior year

Organisation	Donations CZK Year ending 30.6.22	Donations CZK Year ending 30.6.21
Nadace Naše dítě	50,000	40,000
Život 90	135,000	62,800
VDV - Výbor dobré vůle	30,000	-
Partnerství	100,000	-
Múzy dětem	57,476	-
APLA	50,000	-
Sananim	40,000	-
Nadace Bazalka	50,000	-
Ictus	-	76,950
Indian schools	200,831	29,929
Disaster Aid Europe *	112,553	119,546
Peter James Association *	50,188	-
The Rotary Foundation ++	142,500	52,565
Other	-	35,000
<b>Total for the year</b>	<b><u>968,548</u></b>	<b><u>416,790</u></b>

\*Note that these donations include funds collected from 3<sup>rd</sup> parties

Other donations made may include funds received by the club in earlier years

Net Income and Expenditure on club internal projects in the year, including projects continuing after 30 June 2022. [\*Negative figures are net expenses.]

Project name	Net 2021-2022	Net prior year
Ukraine refugee support	676,017	-
Speechless Reconciliation	148,671	-6,552*
Kenyan student sponsorship	17,400	-
<b>Total these projects</b>	<b><u>842,088</u></b>	<b><u>-6,552*</u></b>

## 7. The Rotary Foundation ++

The Rotary Foundation is the charitable foundation of Rotary International and it is funded mainly by the gifts of Rotarians.

Since it was founded more than 100 years ago, the Foundation has spent more than \$4 billion on life-changing, sustainable projects. It has the highest 4-star rating from Charity Navigator. Our club supports the foundation with personal donations from members and funds collected at our regular meetings. Find out more at [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org)





## 8. 2016 Financial Summary

Summary of financial results for the year ending 30.6.2022

	Rozvaha			Balance sheet		
		Koncový stav	Počáteční stav		End of year	End of prior year
	Aktiva	30.6.2022	30.6.2021	Assets	30.6.2022	30.6.2021
22x	Peněžní prostředky na účtech	2,150,897	1,584,226	Funds in bank accounts	2,150,897	1,584,226
2xx		2,150,897	1,584,226		2,150,897	1,584,226
31	Pohledávky	60,000	133,800	Receivables	60,000	133,800
38x	Přechodné účty aktiv	10,200	7,379	Prepayments	10,200	7,379
3xx		70,200	141,179		70,200	141,179
	<b>Aktiva celkem</b>	<b>2,221,097</b>	<b>1,725,405</b>	<b>Total assets</b>	<b>2,221,097</b>	<b>1,725,405</b>
	<b>Pasiva</b>			<b>Liabilities</b>		
32x	Závazky	0	0	Financial obligations	0	0
37x	Jiné pohledávky a závazky	0	0	Other payables	0	0
38x	Přechodné účty pasiv	676,879	387,053	Suspense accounts	676,879	387,053
3xx		676,879	387,053		676,879	387,053
91x	Fondy	1,653,450	1,258,305	Reserve funds	1,653,450	1,258,305
93x	Výsledek hospodaření	-109,232	80,047	Profit or loss	-109,232	80,047
9xx		1,544,218	1,338,352		1,544,218	1,338,352
	<b>Pasiva celkem</b>	<b>2,221,097</b>	<b>1,725,405</b>	<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>2,221,097</b>	<b>1,725,405</b>

	Přehled o příjmech a výdajích		Statement of income and expenses	
		Běžné období		Current year
	<u>A. Příjmy</u>	30.6.2022	<u>Income</u>	30.6.2022
60x	Prodej výrobků a služeb	682,760	Sale of products and services	682,760
64x	Ostatní vynosy	151,535	Donations received	151,535
682x	Přijaté dary	1,447,543		1,447,543
684x	Přijaté členské příspěvky	370,075	Membership dues	370,075
	<b>Příjmy celkem</b>	<b>2,651,913</b>	<b>Total income</b>	<b>2,651,913</b>
	<u>B. Výdaje</u>		<u>Expenses</u>	
50x	Materiál	24,742	Materials	24,742
51x	Služby	889,459	Services	889,459
545	Kursově rozdíly	4,079	Exchange differences	4,079
546x	Dary na charitu	1,481,336	Donations to charities	1,481,336
549	Bankovní poplatky	4,303	Bank charges	4,303
582x	Poplatky distrikt 2420 + R.I.	357,226		357,226
	<b>Výdaje celkem</b>	<b>2,761,145</b>	<b>Total expenses</b>	<b>2,761,145</b>
	<b>Rozdíl příjmů a výdajů</b>	<b>- 109,232</b>	<b>Income - Expenses</b>	<b>- 109,232</b>

Notes:

1. Financial statements are prepared according to Czech accounting principles
2. Donations to charities in the Income statement include accrued payments of funds collected from our Dragon Boat event which were paid out in July 2022

## 9. Club Officers and Positions

The members of the Club elect a president who serves for one Rotary year, plus a secretary and a treasurer that may serve for 3 years. These three officers along with other officers appointed in accordance with the RI Constitution and the club Bylaws form the Board of Directors. The Club is represented by its President. All club activities are governed by the Board of Directors.

During the year ending 30 June 2022, the following members served as the elected officers.

Office	Members serving from July 1 <sup>st</sup> to June 30, 2022
President	Gerry Tipple
Secretary	Radka Rajská from July 1st Alica Koblovská from October 25th
Treasurer	Soňa Kysel'ová

Elected officers and other members of the board can be contacted via the club's website: [www.rcpi.club](http://www.rcpi.club) or by email to [info@rcpi.club](mailto:info@rcpi.club)

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