

MONTHLY LETTER DISTRICT 4250

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Rotary Youth Exchange

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My Fellows Rotarian:

The month of May, dedicated to the youth, makes us reconsider the role that Rotarians must play in the community.

This year we are already concluded as Governor of district have tried to support our youth, starting our period by inviting them to participate in our Pets, activity that was replied this year the Governor-elect, Julio Grazioso.

Rotary invites us to offer youth programs that offered to develop leaders in the community and club, boosting the Rotaract and Interact clubs and developing Ryla programs and scholarships for young people.

Just month and a half to conclude our period I encourage you to put all yours effort to reach the presidential citation, entering to Rotary Central the results of this year.

Many of your respective clubs have already reached the goals, but it is necessary to be registered, particularly those related to the incorporation of new partners.

In the same way I invite you to make donations to the annual fund and Polio before 30 June, in order to enjoy the benefit of the Fund share within 3 years.

In relation to membership, until the month of April we have experienced growth which could be larger if during the month of June we intend to enter new members that is lacking for us to keep our club with net growth as was established by President Germ.

As was sent by the Secretary of the District, we have obtained the prize for greatest percentage attendance at the International Convention of the 21 Zone, thanks to the participation until today of 92 registered.

Thanks to all of you who has made an effort to participate in the celebration of the centennial of our Rotary Foundation.

I will see you in Atlanta

Carlos Flores
District Governor

John F. Germ

President 2016-2017

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As you read these lines, final preparations are well underway for our 108th Rotary International Convention, 10-14 June in Atlanta. We're looking forward to one of the biggest and best Rotary conventions yet, as we celebrate not only a wonderful year of *Rotary Serving Humanity*, but a full century of Doing Good in the World through The Rotary Foundation.

If you haven't already made plans to attend, it's not too late to register at riconvention.org. There is simply no better way to round off another great year in Rotary than by coming together with 40,000 or so of your fellow Rotarians to share ideas, find inspiration, and have a great time together.

We're excited to have Bill Gates, a friend and partner in our work to eradicate polio, speaking at our convention this year. And it's worth arriving early to attend a special Presidential Peace Conference, scheduled for 9-10 June and featuring Bernice A. King, daughter of Martin Luther King Jr. and Coretta Scott King.

I'm proud to host a convention that is practically in my own backyard: Atlanta is a vibrant, modern state capital just a two-hour drive from my home city of Chattanooga, Tenn., and it's a great place to experience the famous hospitality of the American South. Our Host Organization Committee has a great week planned, starting with the "Blue Jeans and Bluegrass" kickoff event on Saturday night.

Come on over to Centennial Olympic Park, right across from the House of Friendship, and get in a dancing mood with Grammy Award winner Ricky Skaggs and his Kentucky Thunder band. Meet up with friends old and new at the Centennial Celebration Block Party or on the Peace Tour of Atlanta. Roll up your sleeves for the Habitat Home Build, or tie up your laces to take part in the 3K Walk/Run to End Polio Now. And before you say goodbye, come back to the House of Friendship for one more party: our Foundation's 100th birthday party, with (of course!) cake and ice cream.

It's going to be an incredible experience, and Judy and I are looking forward to celebrating with you – or, as we say in the South, with y'all! See you in Atlanta!



KALYAN BANERJEE

Trustee Chair 2016-17

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As we near the end of our yearlong celebration of The Rotary Foundation's 100th anniversary, let's stop to think about what the world would be like if Rotarians had never created an endowment fund for doing good in the world.

I think we can say for certain that without Rotary's historic PolioPlus program, the world would not be on the verge of eradicating polio.

Although public health officials and governments would have carried out routine vaccination efforts, it was Rotary's leadership and support that provided the impetus to move beyond containment of the virus to global eradication.

And let's consider the other diseases our Foundation grant projects have prevented and treated by providing access to health care, clean water, and adequate sanitation. Malaria, cholera, HIV/AIDS, Guinea worm – the list goes on and on. How many thousands of people have avoided suffering and even death because Rotarians carried out projects?

Without the Foundation, many more people would have remained illiterate and many others would not have the vocational skills needed to earn a living and provide for their families.

And then there is our quest for peace. In 2002, the first peace fellows started class at the Rotary Peace Centers. Today, hundreds of our graduates are using their skills to prevent and mediate conflict and help those whose lives have been devastated by war.

In villages around the world, you see hundreds of signs identifying Rotary Foundation projects. They stand beside water wells and are affixed to clinics and schools. When I see one of these signs, I feel proud to be a Rotarian and I think, "My contributions helped make this happen."

Let's never forget that behind every one of these signs is a story of the people whose lives have been touched and perhaps even saved. It is their stories that demonstrate conclusively how much better the world is because The Rotary Foundation exists.

We will see you in Atlanta to celebrate our 100 years of doing the good in the World

METEPEC FORUM

During the month of March from 24 to 26 is development in Metepec, Mexico the 1st Forum of young Rotarians, these being proposals developed.



How to get younger to Rotary

Proposal of Rotarians in zone 21A

1 Establish a goal according to the strategic membership plan, for each Rotary club, and follow up on its compliance

Create clubs for young professionals; Of 40 years old or less, mixed, and that all the partners have a professional or business activity

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3 Identify service-oriented friends to invite them to join Rotary

Design an aspirational public image aimed at college students and young professionals to join our Rotary clubs

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5 Identify a database of alumni of Rotary and the Rotary Foundation and make contact with them to invite them to Rotary clubs

Establish strategies in each Rotary club to enter Rotaract partners aged 25-30

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7 Design and implement successful service projects involving volunteers, who are then invited to join Rotary clubs

CAN I ORGANIZE A ROTARACT CLUB?

Yes, of course. Do not operate a club at your University or community, you will need the following to form one:

- A sponsor Rotary club, which will provide support and collaboration
- A consultant, either as a University Professor or member of the sponsor Rotary club
- Young people from 18 to 30 of the University community who wish to belong to the club
- Leaders for organizing the club, attract partners and plan for good projects

In the Rotaract Handbook you will find all information to organize, establish and manage a club.

CAN MY ROTARY CLUB TO SPONSOR A ROTARACT CLUB?

Through Rotaract, help the local youth to acquire leadership skills, forge friendships and create positive change. The good news is that not only Rotaract will transform their lives but that also will inject energy to your Rotary club with so competent and enthusiastic partners in the service.

¿ WHAT ARE THE ADVANTAGES?

CONNECT WITH LEADERS IN YOUR COMMUNITY AND AROUND THE WORLD TO:

- Expand your network of professional contacts and exchange ideas with leaders of truth
- Improve your professional skills through the leadership development
- Get discounts on travel, hotels and products with Rotary Global Rewards, the program of benefits for partners of Rotary
- Connect with the international community of Rotaract meeting pre-Convention and the Rotary International Convention held every year