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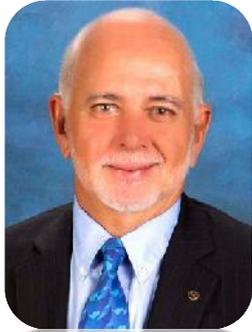
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BE THE INSPIRATION



## Presidential Message July 2018

**Barry Rassin**  
**President 2018-19**



One year ago, your Rotary International Board of Directors adopted a new vision statement, reflecting our aspirations for our organization and its future. It reads, “Together, we see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change – across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves.”

That simple sentence distills so much of what is essential about Rotary. We **unite**, because we know that we are far stronger together than we could ever be alone. We **take action**, because we are not dreamers, but doers. We work to **create lasting change** that will endure long after our involvement has ended – **across the globe** and **in our communities**. And perhaps most important of all, we work to create change **in ourselves** – not just building a better world around us, but becoming better people ourselves.

A quotation attributed to French writer Antoine de Saint-Exupéry goes: “If you want to build a boat, don’t begin by collecting wood, cutting boards, or assigning tasks. Begin by awakening in the souls of your workers a longing for the vast and boundless sea.” Each of us came to Rotary because we had a longing – to have an impact, to make a difference, to be part of something larger than ourselves. That desire, that vision for a better world and our role in building it, is what drives us in Rotary. It’s what made us become members, it’s what motivates us to serve, and it’s what led me to choose our theme for this Rotary year: **Be the Inspiration**.

I want to see Rotary *Be the Inspiration* for our communities by doing work with a transformational impact. It’s time to start moving forward, by removing the barriers that are holding us back. Let’s make it easier to make adjustments in our clubs or start new clubs that suit different needs. Let’s work to strengthen Rotaract and smooth the transition from Rotaract clubs into Rotary. Let’s give all Rotarians the flexibility to serve in the ways that work best for them, so that every Rotarian finds enduring value in Rotary membership.

Truly sustainable service, the kind of service we strive for in Rotary, means looking at everything we do as part of a larger global ecology. This year, I ask all of you to **Be the Inspiration** for sustainable service by addressing the impact of environmental issues on our work. The environment plays a key role in all six of our areas of focus, and that role is only becoming greater as the impact of climate change unfolds. It’s time to move past seeing the environment as somehow separate from those six areas. Clean air, water, and land are essential for healthy communities – and essential for the better, healthier future we strive for.

**Be the Inspiration** – and together we can, and we will, inspire the world.

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## Presidential Message



**Barry Rassin**  
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A well-known saying goes, "If you want to change the world, go home and love your family." That doesn't mean people should ignore the needs outside their own homes; instead, they should pay attention to the needs within.

It can be tempting, when our priority is service, to focus only on the things that look like service: the projects, the planning, the work that yields a visible benefit to those who need it. But to do that work effectively, we need to keep our own house in order. In Rotary, that means conducting ourselves in accordance with the principles of Rotary, treating others with respect, and following The Four-Way Test. It means maximizing our impact by planning carefully and stewarding our resources wisely. And it means looking after the long-term health of our organization by ensuring that our membership is strong, engaged, and healthy.

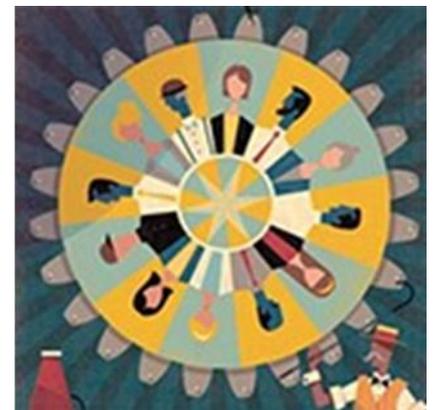
Our membership has hovered around the same 1.2 million mark for 20 years. We aren't growing, and our membership is getting older. We have too many clubs that don't have the knowledge or motivation to have an impact: clubs that don't know what we're doing on a global level, clubs that don't know about our programs or our Foundation, that don't even know how to get involved. And with a membership that is still mostly male, we clearly aren't doing enough to become the organization of choice for women who are seeking to serve.

We are a membership organization first. If we want to achieve the goals we've set for ourselves, we need to put membership first. All of us have a responsibility to take membership seriously, not only by inviting prospective members, but also by making sure new members are welcomed into clubs that offer them something of value. If you see someone walk into a meeting and hesitate, be sure that person has a place to sit and is part of the conversation. If you're enthusiastic about a Rotary program, make sure your club knows about it and knows how to get involved. If you see a need in your community, talk about it at this week's meeting. If we want to be part of an organization that's strong, that's active, that's having an impact – start at home, and *Be the Inspiration* in Rotary.

## August 2018 - Membership and New Club Development Month

### Everyone's a winner, in Rotary's membership game

When it comes to finding new members for his Minnesota club, Tom Gump doesn't just walk the walk, he trots the trot: the turkey trot. Gump is a former president of the Rotary Club of Edina/Morningside, which makes boosting membership a priority. That's actually the fourth item on a list of 10 tips to attract and retain members which the club practices.



Read more at: <https://www.rotary.org/en/tips-increasing-club-membership>



AUGUST 2018

Rotary



Dear friends,

In Rotary International, **August** is celebrated as '**Rotary Membership Month**'. We should use this time to reflect on our contribution to the organization we are a part of, as well as to encourage other people to join Rotary. Are we only people of Action or people of results and achievements as well?

### The District 2452 goals are:

- **Two new Rotary Clubs**
- **One Satellite Rotary Club**
- **60 new members.**

**District Membership Seminar** that is organized in Armenia, on the 30<sup>th</sup> of September 2018, by the M.D District Chair PDG Nijad Al-Atassi and his great team.

These goals will be elaborated by PDG Nijad in his message that is attached to the issue #2 of the GML.

The main pillar of Rotary is its members, the people. They successfully implement community projects in the different fields of the **Six Area of Focus** requiring attention by using their skills and competences. Without them and their involvement in the community, it would be very difficult to see successful and sustainable projects through. It is these very people who have a duty to use their Rotary experience to build stronger clubs and develop the organization.

During club meetings, I encourage you to focus more on fellowship and cooperation and to identify new opportunities for growth for members with less Rotary experience, we need quantity in quality new members. Help new members with useful information and suggestions so they can offer their support in implementing club's projects. A strong team is always more efficient and given its experience, it will serve well over the coming years. Engage the community by communicating the results of your initiatives through all existing tools.

You have countless resources at your disposal on the Rotary International website [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org), and on our District 2452 website <http://www.rotaryd2452.org/new/>. Ask your country chairs for Membership Development subcommittees, Assistant Governors. Discuss ideas that might come up during weekly club meetings. Invite the country trainer, the RLI Chair [if a section is available in your country]. Through dialog, action, and achievements together we will fulfill the mission we took on when becoming Rotarian: Support the community, respond to needs, serve with Joy and Respect and **be the inspiration!**

With deep friendship,

**Michel P. Jazzar**  
Governor 2018-2019  
Rotary International District 2452



The President Corner



Dear fellow RCA family members,

If you are in Bahrain, then you are feeling the heat, not the one generated by the ozone layer, but the heat generated by the club activities in its first official Rotary month of this Rotary Year. The club board of directors have managed to get us excited by having two very good speakers in both July meeting and August meeting along with excellent attendance rate. The meetings now have more energy, more interaction and certainly more fun.

August month is traditionally the **Rotary Month of Membership and New Club Development** and I'm happy to tell you that we are hoping that every month of this Rotary Year will be viewed as a month of opportunity for membership growth and development, which means we all have to keep inviting leaders of the community in Bahrain to attend our meetings and participate in our activities.

We are also embarking on our flagship fundraising event at the end of October, the buzz is already there, the expectations are huge and the pressure is on, the preparation for our traditional **RCA Cricket Tournament** is in full swing and all we need is your help in any possible way, the date is set (**October 26**), the venue is already booked (**Rugby Club of Bahrain in Saar**) and the committee is working harder than ever. Please, be part of this wonderful event.

And Finally, I'm very happy and excited to announce the formation of the **RCA Heritage Committee**, this committee which is co-chaired by PP Dr. Khaled Tabbara and PP Dr. Ali Follad will be bringing to life some of the great achievements and accomplishments of RCA journey of serving the community. Most of us don't know much what the club has done since its establishment and now, this committee will inspire us to do more of what we have already signed up to do when we joined RCA, so help me wishing this committee all the success.

I would like to wish all of the club members a blessed and happy Eid Adha Mubarak and close my remarks with a quote from Henry Ford: **"If everyone is moving forward together, then success takes care of itself."**

*Durrey Atassi*  
*President*

*"Rotary exists for the purpose of developing the individual member and thereby increasing his capacity to serve." - Paul Harris*

**IMPACT TRACKER as of 15<sup>th</sup> August 2018 (www.rotary.org)**

Total volunteer hours	Number of volunteers	Total cash contributions	Total in-kind contributions
<b>70,095,948</b> Hours	<b>12,388,039</b> People	<b>821,315,693</b> USD	<b>364,509,437</b> USD

**Note of Gratitude from the Immediate Past DG**



**Christina Covotsou-Patroclou**  
**Governor 2017-18 - District 2452**

**May I request club Presidents to forward to their club members**

Dear Club presidents and Fellow Rotarians of D2452,

This is the last day of my team in office for Rotary Year 2017-2018.

I would like to thank you all, for the work you have done to make our world a better place to live in. I'm sure we have made a difference.

I would like to extend a very special note of appreciation to PDG Nijad Al Atassi for his continuous support all through the year and for upholding a difficult committee during this year 'Policies and Procedures' with and job excellently done. I wish to also thank him for supporting every single Rotary event in the district and outside.

A special thank you to PDGs Emad Almoayed and Khalil Al Sharif for their valuable advice and to DDG Majeed Al Shafea for his support to the Bahrain clubs.

Wishing you all a great success in the future. With most Sincere Rotarian Regards

*Christina Covotsou-Patroclou*

**My Rotary Moment**



*By PRID afak Alpay, Member of the Rotary Club of Istanbul-Sisli, Turkey*

About ten years ago, an ambitious literacy campaign was started in our region using the **Concentrated Language Encounter (CLE)** method. Like all other clubs, my club Sisli participated with great enthusiasm, running a course for women in one of Istanbul's slum neighborhoods.

On graduation day, one young woman who was among those to receive their certificates captured everyone's attention. She had both her lower arms missing, and as her certificate was placed under her armpit, Emine timidly asked her instructor to get the sheet of paper she kept in her pocket. It was a thank-you letter written to the person who taught her to read and write.

We couldn't help but think, "She could read, yes, but how could she possibly write?" The instructor thanked her for her lovely letter, and also thanked the friend who had helped her write it, at which point Emine was



furious.

"I wrote it myself," she protested, "give me a pencil and a piece of paper, and I'll show you how."

And to our amazement, she wrote down the first sentence of her letter using a pencil she clutched between her toes. As we tried hard to hold back the tears and overcome our astonishment, her classmates were cheering and applauding.

A Rotary moment is when the magic happens. If you're curious, the sequel to this story went like this: The Istanbul Rotary Club fitted Emine with state-of-the-art prosthetic arms, which operated by receiving and interpreting signals from her brain. She started to wear a watch, something she had longed for all her life. She continued to work hard on her literacy skills, and finally become a CLE teacher herself.

Emine writes with her feet, in a photo from the July 2006 *The Rotarian*. Photo by Monika Lozinska. *The Rotarian* published [Emine's story](#) in 2006, and she was invited by 2006-07 RI President Bill Boyd to the Convention. Her address made many more Rotary moments for members in the audience.

*Adapted from a speech given at the 2014 International Assembly in San Diego, California.*



## Joint Presidents' Handover Gala Dinner

The 3 Rotary Clubs and Rotaract Club in Bahrain organized the Presidents' Handover Ceremony with a Gala Dinner at the Gulf Hotel, Manama, Bahrain Bay on 28<sup>th</sup> June 2018. The ceremony marks the passing of the baton from the Outgoing President to the Incoming President, celebrating successful year gone-by and welcoming the new Rotary Year with more enthusiasm and zeal.

For more pictures please login to:

<https://instagram.com/p/BksE2nCHdTD/>

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CLUB ACTIVITES

RC Adliya—First meeting of the Rotary Year 2018-2019



Rotaract Bahrain

Eid el Adha came early for a dozen orphan children from Al Kawther Society and Al Sanabil Orphanage. Thanks to Rotaract Club of Bahrain. On 11<sup>th</sup> August 2018, the Rotaract members organized an event for the Bahraini children aged between 3-10 years old at City Center Mall in Seef Area of Manama. The children were partnered up with one or two of the Rotaract members, where they first took the children to a store in order to pick out clothes and toys for Eid, according to the child's choice. The kids were then taken to the local arcade and were given the chance to play with their big buddies during that time. Lastly, the club ended the day by sharing late lunch at the food court with the children.

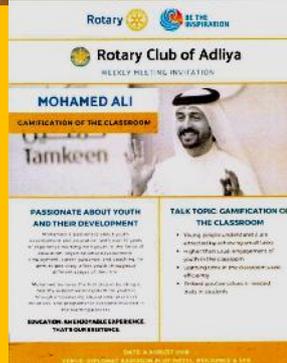


RC Adliya Meeting 6<sup>th</sup> August 2018

Guest Speaker: Mr. Mohamed Ali

Topic: Gamification of the Classroom

- Young people understand & are attracted by achieving small tasks
- Higher than usual engagement of youth in the classroom
- Learning time in the classroom used efficiently
- Embed positive values & needed traits in Students



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