

DISTRICT 2241 NEWSLETTER

ROMANIA AND THE REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA

SEPTEMBER 2016

Dear friends,

October gives us the opportunity to reflect more on one of the principles governing the Rotarian activity: the vocational service. This is the activity that allows each of us to value our personal professional experience in order to contribute to carrying out the projects of the team from the clubs we belong to. Professional expertise made available to a community is what laid the foundations, among other things, for building an organization as strong as Rotary International. Luckily, District 2241 can provide so many examples of people who have made themselves noticed in time for their personal dedication and involvement in various projects meant to help local communities. It would be physically impossible for me to list here names or projects having changed the destiny of some of our fellow men and women. They are people among our ranks, whose available know-how we should try to put to good use every day. I encourage you to disseminate during club meetings those actions and projects which made our colleagues stand out, actions which highlighted the principle governing this month of the Rotary year 2016-2017. Share those experiences with the youth from the structures of District 2241, because this is how we will succeed in revealing the future generation. They are undergoing an advanced professional training stage, and any positive example makes them more valuable. Debates on this topic will certainly be more detailed during the Vocational Forum that will take place at the end of October in Cluj Napoca.

With deep friendship,
Mircea Stefan Solovastru
Governor 2016-2017
District 2241 Romania and the Republic of Moldova



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- Assistance for students
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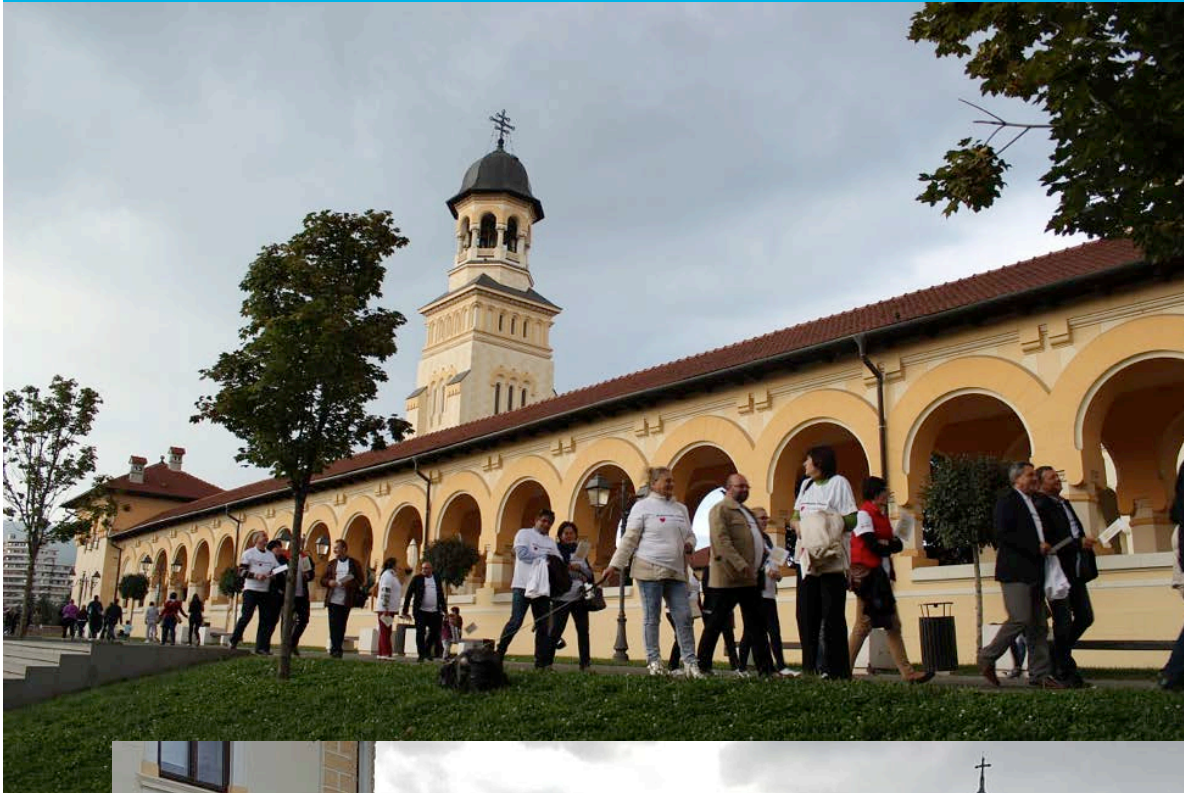


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THE PATH TO HEART HEALTH – JOINT ACTIVITY IN SEPTEMBER

ALBA IULIA

Rotary Club Alba Iulia and Rotary Club Civitas Solis together with CardioPrevent Foundation, a member of the National Prevention Forum, in partnership with PROFi supermarket network and the Romanian Heart Foundation have continued the “2016 Path to Heart Health” programme to mark the World Heart Day. Thus, on Sunday, September 25th, the members of the two clubs together with their families, friends, acquaintances and visitors from Alba Iulia Fortress took a walking tour to promote open air exercise for a healthy life. As every year, the tour included the tourist area of Alba Carolina Fortress.



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CRAIOVA and TÂRGU JIU

Rotary Club Craiova, DJTS Dolj and Asociația de Sprijinire a Cardiologiei of Oltenia supported by Craiova City Hall and together with their partners have continued the “*Path to Heart Health*” programme started two years ago to mark World Heart Day. “The Heart cross” was organized on September 25th for boys and girls from two age categories, under and over 18 years old. More than 300 persons aged between 3 and 83 took part in it being invited by the organisers to exercise and to promote a healthy life style meant to protect the health of the heart and body. The event was simultaneously organised in Târgu Jiu by the Rotary Club through a cross on the island found on the banks of Jiu river, part of the park exhibiting Constantin Brâncuși’s artistic works.



PATH TO HEART HEALTH – JOINT ACTIVITY IN SEPTEMBER

DEJ

Dej Rotary Club and Dej Town Hall have once again organized this year's activity as part of the "Path to Heart Health" project which aims to encourage citizens to exercise as a means to prevent cardiovascular diseases. While anticipating World Heart Day which is celebrated each year on September 29th, the fourth edition of the "Path to Heart Health" took place on Sunday, September 25th, on an accessible 2.2 km long route, from Bobálna Square to the Big Park passing through some of the town streets.



PATH TO HEART HEALTH – JOINT ACTIVITY IN SEPTEMBER

DROBETA TURNU SEVERIN

Drobeta Turnu Severin Continental Rotary Club organized for the first time on September 25th an activity within the “Path to Heart Health” project. Starting in front of Queen’s café, a partner of the event, more than 150 locals covered a 3 kilometre route through the streets of the town. They also organized a tombola in which 50 prizes were awarded. The involvement of several private entities and public institutions was highly appreciated. Together they managed to organize a special event that already motivates the Rotarians in Drobeta Turnu Severin to think about the 2017 edition.



PATH TO HEART HEALTH – JOINT ACTIVITY IN SEPTEMBER

IAȘI

Iași Rotary Club organized the “2016 Path to Heart Health” in Iași. Colleagues from Interact Iași, Rotaract Iași, and other Rotary Clubs of Iași joined in the activity: Curtea Domnească, Iași 2000, Copou. The event managed to draw the attention on the problems caused by an unhealthy life style.



PATH TO HEART HEALTH – JOINT ACTIVITY IN SEPTEMBER

ONEȘTI

For the fourth consecutive year, Onești RC organized the dynamic Path to Heart Health in collaboration with Onești Town Hall and Interact Onești. Hundreds of locals walked on a 3 kilometre route, each one at their own pace and animated by the wish to demonstrate that physical exercise for health is not only mere talk. Following a tombola, the lucky participants received T-shirts, blood pressure monitors, table tennis bats, tennis rackets, badminton rackets and the ever-present apple bags.



PATH TO HEART HEALTH – JOINT ACTIVITY IN SEPTEMBER

RÂMNICU VÂLCEA

Râmnicu Vâlcea and Râmnicu Vâlcea Cozia Rotary Clubs continued in 2016 as well the “Path to Heart Health” programme, a project that started two years before. The attendance in this event rejoiced us and made us hope that our message, aimed at encouraging the town population to exercise as a means for the prevention of cardiovascular diseases, was understood by the population of Râmnicu Vâlcea. “Every 30 minutes, a Romanian has a myocardial infarction. One out of three Romanians suffers from high blood pressure. Seven million Romanians suffer from one of the generalized manifestations of cardiovascular diseases. All these diseases may be prevented, and daily exercise is the key element” – Dr. Dan Gaiță.



PATH TO HEART HEALTH – JOINT ACTIVITY IN SEPTEMBER

TÂRGU JIU

Târgu Jiu Rotary Club together with the Romanian Heart Foundation organized the Path to Heart Health on Sunday, September 25th, 2016. This year once again the partners were Târgu Jiu Town Hall, Gorj Sports and Youth County Directorate, CardioPrevent Foundation, the Romanian Heart Foundation, and Rotary National Prevention Forum. The walking tour took place on September 25th 2016 on a route set up on the Little island, all inhabitants of Târgu Jiu being invited to participate. The first 50 registered participants received a T-shirt, and all those who covered the entire route were given participation diplomas.



PATH TO HEART HEALTH – JOINT ACTIVITY IN SEPTEMBER

TURDA

The activities within the “Path to Heart Health” project carried out by Turda Rotary Club in partnership with PROFI supermarket network and the Romanian Heart Foundation, Rotaract Turda, Oprișani Polyclinic, Dr. Ramona Soporan Private medical practice took place on Sunday, September 25th. In a dedicated area, passers-by were given a routine medical checkup performed by specialized health professionals and they received recommendations for a healthy life style. Through such projects Turda Rotary Club will try to change inhabitants’ attitude towards the problems of adopting a healthy life style and being aware of the fact that prevention is part of the medicine of the future.



PATH TO HEART HEALTH – JOINT ACTIVITY IN SEPTEMBER

VASLUI

The Romanian Heart Foundation together with Vaslui Rotary Club and with the support of Vaslui City Hall organized for the third consecutive year an action within the “Path to Heart Health” project. The event took place on September 25th in Copou Park and involved easy jogging on a 2 kilometre distance. A large number of people aged between 4 and 80 participated. All cross participants were given T-shirts bearing inscriptions that recommend the healthy physical exercise.



PATH TO HEART HEALTH – JOINT ACTIVITY IN SEPTEMBER

VIȘEU DE SUS

On Sunday, September 25th, Vișeu de Sus Rotary Club launched the “Path to Heart Health”, a project aimed at raising awareness on the importance of physical exercise as a means for cardiovascular disease prevention. Vișeu de Sus Rotary Club joined the event and invited Vișeu locals of all ages to a promenade on the route from the Cultural Centre to Mocăniței railway station. From very young children brought by their parents up to old people, everyone honored the invitation and gathered in front of the Cultural Centre on Sunday morning. There, the organisers prepared T-shirts and informative materials on heart diseases, the importance of physical exercise for prevention and for each heart disorder separately, the information being supplied by Dr. Aniela Saplonțai-Pop, a cardiologist.



EXCHANGE STUDENTS' MEETING – YEP

The first exchange students' meeting in Romania, in 2016-2017, took place in Brăila on September 23rd-25th. They exchanged impressions and opinions regarding the coming year, how they should make new friends and integrate into families. But the training was the most important moment for the exchange students: together they reviewed what they can do or cannot do, what they must do and must not do this year. They are currently the ambassadors of the countries they come from and as of 2017 summer they will be Romania's ambassadors: Shirley – Taiwan, Yurina – Japan, Ashlee and Julia – the United States of America, Astrid and Chava – Mexico, Danielle and Milena – Brasil. **Ioana Safirescu**, YEP Committee Inbound Counselor



BUCHAREST RC – SUPPORTS VALUE

Bucharest Rotary Club together with other prestigious partners such as Accademia di Romania-Rome supports the tour of “Sunetul muzicii” children’s choir wishing to contribute to the promotion and recognition of these very talented children in the choral art. The Italian audience mostly made up of Italian Rotarians had the chance to meet these valuable Romanian children that deserve to be promoted and appreciated as genuine ambassadors of the Romanian culture.



THE FIRST ROMANIAN SCHOOL – BRAȘOV KRONSTADT RC

Shootings have started for the first professional video dedicated to the First Romanian School Museum of Scheii Brașovului. The initiative is part of a bigger cultural project of national interest through which Kronstadt Brașov and OCTO Bucharest clubs wish to support and to promote the First Romanian School. The British film and publicity company “This Is Insomnia” held by brothers Anda and Dragoș Tegaș, who live in London, was selected to make the spot. The concept of the spot starts from the idea that the “First Romanian School is the place where the Romanian language took the shape of printed words. From the “word” and the significance it has, we have developed a video concept that might appeal to simple emotions we all feel regardless of our age.” The video will be ready at the beginning of December.



REHABILITATION OF CHISINAU PNEUMOLOGY UNIT

The month of September reunited in Chisinau the representatives of Rotary Albi Club of France and Râmnicu Vâlcea Rotary Club within the project of refurbishment of the pneumology unit of “Mother and Child Centre” hospital of Chisinau, the Republic of Moldova. This project was completed in the 2016 summer under the auspices of the



French Alliance of Chisinau. The meeting ended with the exchange of pennants. They showed their intention to extend this collaboration for a joint project at “Mother and Child Centre”.



VISUAL IDENTITY MATERIALS

We encourage the event organizers within District 2241 clubs to make use of the resources provided by Rotary International by accessing the www.rotary.org web page.

From the website you can download various materials which observe the Rotary visual identity while also being easy to use.

In this manner, we will communicate to the community as one and enhance the image of the organization.

“I AM TOO YOUNG TO DRINK” - PREVENTION CAMPAIGN

Chişinău Rotary Club together with other partners supported the project organized in September by the Public Health Centre of the Municipality of Chişinău which was an information-educational activity among the population of the municipality. The event in “Ştefan cel Mare și Sfânt” Public Garden aimed at drawing the attention on the risks of alcohol consumption so harmful for mother and child health.



BOOKS FOR THE REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA

During the visit of DG Mircea Solovăstru in Chişinău the foundations were laid for a collaboration with the Romanian Embassy in the Republic of Moldova through His Excellency Daniel Ioniţă, in order to support the local community. To begin with, children and adults on the other side of River Prut will enjoy more books donated by the Rotarians of District 2241 during the events held in the coming months. The first action is scheduled to take place on the occasion of the Vocational Forum of Cluj Napoca, when each participating Rotarian is asked to bring one or more books.



BUCHAREST TRIUMPH RC – THE DUCKLING RACE

1537 ducklings competed to change the lives of three children. More than 150 spectators were present at the project organized by Bucharest Triumph RC on September 10th, an original contest of the plastic ducklings. The ducklings floated for an hour on Dâmboviţa river trying to finish the race as soon as possible. Each duckling represented a person who donated 10 lei for the purchase of auditive prostheses for 3 children.



THE NEW GENERATION FORUM

The Rotary New Generation Forum took place at the beginning of September in Mamaia and brought about the meeting of special young people who make Rotary District 2241 Romania and the Republic of Moldova have the necessary energy to develop ambitious projects for the communities where they carry out their activity. The young people tried to accumulate as much information about Rotary as they could and about the way in which they may help in the achievement of the organization's goals. The young people also took advantage of the presence of some experienced Rotarians for a useful exchange of ideas.



COMMUNITY SUPPORT – BUCHAREST RC

In the period September 30th- October 2nd, Bucharest RC, in partnership with Zell am See RC, Alba Iulia RC, Piatra Neamț RC and Vaslui RC, offered support for the disadvantaged families from Almașu Mare commune, Alba County. More needy families received clothes, footwear, school supplies, bicycles, computers, TV sets and school furniture from the Rotarians. An extremely important help came from Zell am See RC, the Austrian club twinned with Bucharest RC. Bucharest RC members transported the donations to Romania, by sorting and preparing the goods for donation. “Our thanks go to the



colleagues and friends from Vaslui, Piatra Neamț and Alba Iulia, who joined the event and supported the project considerably not only financially but also by identifying the concrete needs of the village as well as making the list of the most needy families” says Ruxandra Toma, president of Bucharest RC.

GENEROSITY FOR THE PUPILS OF DOLJ – CRAIOVA RC

The day of September 13th was a special one for Filiași Secondary School, Răcarii de Sus structure. The joy of meeting again at the beginning of the new school year was followed by the joy of giving some objects very necessary for pupils: schoolbags, special notebooks, pencils, ball-point pens, pens, and modelling clay. Children’s smile and their enthusiasm



convinced us that our action was a successful one. Together with their parents, the children thanked us by smiles, songs and their positive attitude specific to this age. This celebration was possible due to the generosity of some organisations and exceptional people such as Craiova Rotary Club, “Frații Racoțeanu” Association, and Filiași Town Hall.



SIBIU ROTARY CLUB – “GRAB THE GUITAR”

On Saturday, September 24th, 327 young people from the whole country showed us how much they love the guitar. They came to the Small Square of Sibiu to take part to "Grab the guitar" project. They were also joined by Paul from Antract band, Ștefan Boldijar, the leader and soloist of Semnal M band, A. G. Wienberger and Adrian Corlaci, the inhabitant of Sibiu who has recently impressed the jury of "Vocea României" show and has joined the team of Tudor Chirilă. Sibiu Rotary Club was the main partner of this project by supporting the carrying out of activities, and they also want to support some



youngsters from the care homes of Sibiu who wish to attend music courses. "Sibiu Guitar Meeting" project also hosted children bands from Sibiu, Iași, Craiova and Cluj that gave a concert on the stage under the slogan "The Rock Generation salutes the Folk Generation".

AUTUMN SYMPHONIES – SUCEAVA BUCOVINA RC

Autumn symphonies, the most awaited cultural event in Suceava, has reached its fifth edition. Suceava Bucovina RC gave the community an exceptional show appreciated and applauded by more than 7000 participants. The National Opera of Iași together with the Opera Choir and the Ballet troupe enchanted the inhabitants of Suceava. 6,300 Euros were collected during the event, money that was used to buy new musical instruments for the students of "Ciprian Porumbescu" Art College of Suceava.



DEJ RC – EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT

In September, Dej Rotary Club launched the “School for everyone” project aimed at 10 children (1st- 4th grades) coming from families that have a precarious financial situation from Dej and the neighboring villages. The goal of this social project is to prevent school drop-out by providing material support throughout the school year 2016-2017, a support consisting in giving children schoolbags, school



supplies, clothes and footwear, and also providing a hot lunch (or food packages in the villages) and specialized assistance by an after-school programme for those lagging behind with their studies. Last but not least, the Rotarians of Dej also focus their attention on the parental counselling and monitoring the families that take advantage of this action.



DORFEST FESTIVAL

Chişinău Rotary Club was the partner of the first international festival in the north of the Republic of Moldova. DorFest Festival took place at the beginning of September in Gordineşti, Edinet rayon. Being at its first edition, DorFest Festival had a complex programme dedicated to the visitors of all ages. The event hosted a historical moment of twinning of three villages from the Republic of Moldova, Romania and Ukraine. During the entire festival, the atmosphere was created by young talents and also by the musical-artistic troupes from the area and the neighboring countries.

BUCHAREST RC – A VISIT TO MONTENEGRO

A trip to Montenegro was organized in September to keep the annual tradition of Bucharest RC of having closer relations among its members and discovering new places. It was a wonderful occasion to spend time in the genuine Rotarian spirit. We may say it was just a preamble to the next year event when Bucharest Rotary Club will celebrate 25 years since re-charting.



CHIȘINĂU RC – “DARE2CHANGE” MENTORING PROGRAMME

The first stage of Dare2Change mentoring social programme was organized in Chișinău, at the beginning of September. The goal of the project is to change the perception and attitude in the society, and also to raise the awareness about the potential and skills of the women belonging to marginalized and vulnerable groups. This programme aims to increase the access to education, employment, and the development of entrepreneurial opportunities of the young women having special needs. In the period September-December 2016, 21 women who demonstrated their leadership skills during the previous events held under the auspices of DARE will become mentors, by sharing their



experience with 25 young women aged between 16 and 23, girls with special needs and from socially vulnerable families. During a 3-month training session, the female participants will learn how to develop their feminine power and to become leaders, to know their rights and to discover their inner force by art therapy. The programme also includes training sessions on personal development, finding a job, and entrepreneurship.

THE BIG AUTUMN CLEANING SESSION – RÂMNICU VÂLCEA RC

“The big cleaning session” in partnership with the Town Hall of the Municipality Râmnicu Vâlcea took place in September. Participants were given T-shirts with the action dates. The town streets, and the banks of Olănești river crossing the city were cleaned. The participation was significant – the civil society, pupils, students, Râmnicu Vâlcea Rotary Club, Râmnicu Valcea Cozia Rotary Club, Rotaract and Interact. They did not forget the Rotary Park of Râmnicu Vâlcea either, which was sanitized.



FOR A CLEAN SIBIU – SIBIU ROTARY CLUB

The first actions within “For a clean Sibiu” project organised by Sibiu Rotary Club in partnership with Rotaract Sibiu and Interact Sibiu took place in September. Among these activities carried out under the motto “Your dog made a mess ... you must clean it” the organisers wish to inform the pet



owners about the ways of cleaning the feces, the negative influence on the environment and the health of other people. The action took place mostly in the promenade areas of Sibiu pet owners, and they distributed more than 250 dispensers and spare bags to dog owners. Activities will continue in October – November too, and larger bag dispensers are going to be placed at the entries to the areas where pet owners come, in order to provide them with such materials.

PIATRA NEAMŢ RC 2005 – SCHOOL FURNITURE DONATION

This year we celebrated 100 years since the birth of the priest and prose writer of European notoriety Constantin Virgil Gheorghiu, the author of the famous novel “The 25th hour” published in Paris in 1949. On this occasion, a touching reverential manifestation took place at Războieni, the writer’s birthplace. The event took place at the secondary school bearing his name. The meeting marked the success of a new project of Piatra Neamţ RC 2005: the donation of school furniture (desks, chairs, blackboards) for 3 classrooms. It is the second consecutive year when such events take place in Neamţ County on the initiative of our colleague Paul Popescu and with the special support of the Rotarian friends from Zell am See RC and Bucharest RC.



SUPPORT FOR PUPILS –TÎRGU MUREŞ RC

Since the Romanian education just like the education all over the world must be supported more by deeds or money and less by words, Târgu-Mureş Rotary Club, in partnership with Rotary International District 2241 Romania and the Republic of Moldova and Herlitz Romania, distributed a wide range of school supplies to Romanian pupils in the period September 7th-8th. A team of young pupils from Interact Târgu-Mureş, in quality of "experts" helped by their older colleagues from Rotaract Târgu-Mureş Transilvania and members of Târgu-Mureş Rotary Club, prepared the supplies necessary for the youngsters of II Temporary Hostel of Oneşti, Vaslui and Câmpia Turzii, to support some groups of young pupils coming from disadvantaged families. The school from



Idicel Pădure whose pupils received the supplies necessary for a beautiful new school year by means of Rotary Community Corps Dacia Porolissensis was not forgotten either.

RYLA CAMP- LEADERSHIP IN RÂNCA

The 7th edition of Leadership RYLA Camp took place in Rânca, Gorj County, on September 7th-10th organized by Craiova and Târgu Jiu Rotary Clubs. 20 youngsters from Rotaract and Interact Clubs of Craiova, Târgu



Jiu and Slatina took part by showing their appreciation towards the programme, the topics selected as well as the content and the delivery of the training sessions, the networking, the partners and the discussions. Assistant professors with international experience, high professionalism and practical expertise taught the young leaders serving their communities and the Rotarian spirit. Experienced Rotarians participated as well to the event by sharing their knowledge with the new generations, and creating bridges between generations and communities.

THE CARAVAN OF MEDICAL CONSULTATIONS - TÂRGU JIU RC

Târgu-Jiu Rotary Club continued the project entitled "*The caravan of medical consultations*" in September, at Padeş, by which the club members who are physicians and their friends who are also health professionals provide free consultations in collaboration with family doctors in the identified areas, at the end of the week, in their own time. Specialized medical fields: ophthalmology, NET, cardiology, orthopedics and dentistry for the poor and marginalized communities of Gorj County. About 100 outpatient consultations were provided, and there was a huge request for cardiology services, with a vast pathology that was neglected by many patients until this medical checkup.



TURDA RC – PREVENTION OF CERVICAL CANCER

Each year 40,000 Romanian women receive the diagnosis of cervical cancer, this being the fourth cause of mortality by cancer in women in Romania after the breast cancer, the colorectal cancer and lung cancer, but the first among young women aged between 15 and 44. Almost every case of this kind might be prevented by screening, because if it is discovered in an incipient stage the cervical cancer is treatable in most cases. Thus, the idea of a collaboration between Turda Rotary Club and "Ion Chiricuța" Institute of Oncology of Cluj-Napoca, by dr. Florian Nicula, the coordinator of the Centre for cancer prevention and control, in order to prevent the cervical cancer among the women in the rural areas, emerged. The action started on September 11th, in Tureni commune, by an information and education campaign. Then, the screening



programme took place between September 13th-16th in Comșesti, Mărtinești, Ceanu Mic and Tureni localities.

VIȘEU DE SUS RC PARTNERSHIP WITH PARIS CONCORDE RC

On September 10th in France, at Sevres nautical base in the Parisian area, one of the most important events of Paris Concorde RC: **Handivoile** took place. At the invitation of their friend Vasile Tomoiagă, a member of the Parisian club, Vișeu de Sus RC took part to this event that aims at creating a connection with the people with deficiencies



by means of the nautical activities, the improvement of the daily life and the facilitation of social integration. Activities such as darts workshops, bollywood dancing, nautical knots took place here and congratulations were exchanged. The people with deficiencies had the possibility to sail on rowing boats and canoes on the Seine. The governor of district 1664, Jean Tassone, and the president of Paris Concorde RC, Patrice Brard, welcomed the presence of Vișeu de Sus RC and the partnership created between the two clubs.

BISTRIȚA NOSA RC – RFE MEETING

The first stage within the Rotary Friendship Exchange between Rotary International 7430 USA și 2241 Districts, Romania and the Republic of Moldova in Rotarian year 2016/2017 started at Bistrita in the period 29.08.-01.09. The programme included a welcome dinner, a trip to Sucevița Monastery, a visit to “Ioan Grămadă” Ethnographic Museum, a visit to Castel Dracula Hotel from Piatra Fantanele, a meeting with the mayor of Bistrița, the visit of Bistrița town, a visit to Bistrița Năsăud County Museum, a visit to Bistrița aerodrome, and on the last evening, a weekly meeting of Bistrița Nosa Rotary Club. On September 1st, the American delegates, together with members of Rotary Bistrița NOSA met at Dej with the members of the Rotary Club of this locality and with members of the Cluj Napoca Transilvania Rotary Club. From Cluj Napoca, the team of District Rotary 7430 Pennsylvania will also visit Buziaș and Alexandria, where they will



meet th Rotarians of these localities. In the period 01.05.2017 – 13.05.2017, a team of District 2241 Romania – the Republic of Moldova will visit District 7430 Pennsylvania.



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ROTARY DISTRICT 2241 PLANTS 1 MILLION TREES

Less than one month to go until the planting of this autumn, plenty of time to organise “Rotary plants” events in District clubs. Oradea RC will plant 10,000 seedling plants from their own budget and 10-20,000 more seedling plants from sponsors. This project may be an opportunity to celebrate the centennial of Rotary International Foundation. The district electronic platform "Rotary plants" has been completed: <http://rotaryplanteaza.ro/> "Rotary plants" is a complex and unique platform that comprises useful elements for the District image and clubs with the purpose of a project with district and international involvement. The good news is that this platform can be improved following future suggestions. It will be useful for at least 200 years when the Rotary secular forests grow. I want to thank my District colleagues who answered my request for help and are perfect Rotarians from the vocational viewpoint: Mircea Solovăstru, Daniel Bucătariu, Irinel Dimitriu, Filip Stoica, Daniel Tănase” says Marian Neagoe, the programme initiator.

CLUJ PARC ROTARY CLUB SUPPORTS "CLASA DE SUFLET"

Cluj Parc Rotary Club organized in September an event dedicated to the pupils in the rural environment supported by Cluj Rotarians throughout the school year. "Vin cu Dar" gathered 200 people in La Salină wine cellar of Turda. The annual event wishes to offer an alternative to the involvement into the community by bringing together those who want to contribute to the improvement of it, and also to find the joy of the time spent in the open air. All the funds collected from the individual donations are for the support of Clasa de Suflet, a project carried out in partnership with the Computer Science High School of Cluj. Thus, financial support is granted to some pupils having a potential but who also have a poor financial situation. More than 150 pupils coming from the rural environment and having extraordinary academic performances have been selected in the programme since 2003. By the donations collected at the third edition, Vin cu Dar supports the new generation of young people who were admitted in Clasa de Suflet in September. "Over the years, most of the pupils in Clasa de Suflet attended the courses of a university. The fact that some of them already have a job and are satisfied of what they do speaks about the quality of the programme and makes us happier", says Cerasella Blaj, the project coordinating teacher.



ROTAKIDS – CHARTING CEREMONY AT CHIȘINĂU

The first Rotakids Club in the Republic of Moldova, sponsored and coordinated by Chisinau Rotary Club, was chartered at the end of September, in the presence of the Governor Rotary District 2241 Romanian and the Republic of Moldova, Mircea Solovăstru, and Assistant Governor for the clubs of the Republic of Moldova, Iosif Ienei, through the vesting of 13 children (aged between 7 and 12) as founding members of Rotakids Club of Chisinau, united by voluntary work in the carrying out of beautiful projects for the community. The ceremony comprised Rotakids oath: “As a Rotakid I promise to be correct with everybody, to serve my community, and to show respect to the others.” The children received the member badge, books and sweets.



In order to have materials published in the Rotary District 2241 newsletter and the District 2241 magazine, you may submit texts (1 page) and a few pictures at the email address below: comunicare@rotary2241.org, by the 10th of the following month.

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