

GOVERNOR'S MONTHLY LETTER

D1420 2020-2021, DG Sakari Karjalainen, Southern Finland and Estonia

IMPORTANT!

The Rotary District 1420 has a brand new website:

<https://rotary.fi/d1420/>

Remember, please, to update the links in your club's own website!



JULY IS THE NEW LEADERSHIP MONTH



Rotary dollar = 0,89 €



Rotary Opens Opportunities

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CONGRATULATIONS TO NEW PRESIDENTS AND OTHER NEW FUNCTIONARIES!

The new Rotary year started at the beginning of July. At the same time the clubs, Rotary districts, and RI (Rotary International) got new leaders. The clubs' new presidents and secretaries have been trained to their duties during spring. Plans of action and meeting schedules have been prepared under the supervision of the new presidents. For many clubs, the Covid19 pandemic put most activities on hold in the spring but now we have a chance to start having meetings more or less normally. Several clubs successfully tried holding meetings over remote connections in the spring. Remote meetings are no match for a face-to-face encounter, but they are a good addition to the different ways in which clubs can get together.

I wish all new presidents and other new functionaries a lot of success in your duties! By having clear plans and inspiring leadership, we can engage our current members more actively, carry out impressive service projects, and acquire new members to our clubs.

EMPTYING AND ACCOUNTING THE END POLIO NOW COLLECTION BOXES (FINNISH CLUBS)

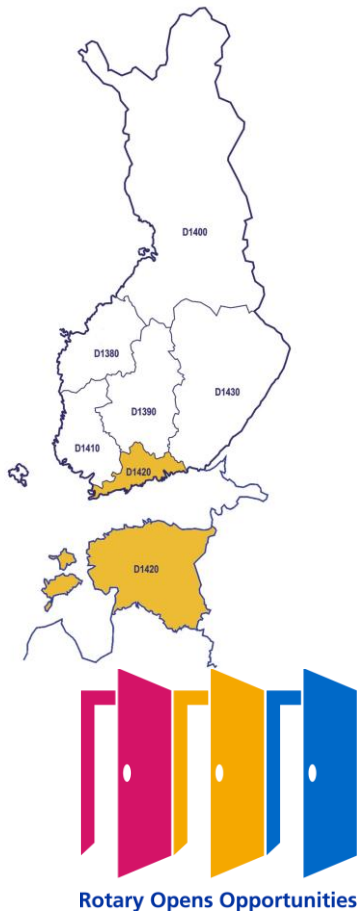
In Finland, Rotary District 1420 has a collection permit to raise funds for the eradication of polio. The current permit is valid until October. I am requesting the clubs to see that all collection boxes in their possession are emptied and accounted by the end of August. IPDG Tommy Wegge will deliver a key to open the boxes to all the assistant governors on our district's Finnish side. Jaana Hertell-Amokrane from the Rotary office also has a key. Please use the following information to account the collected funds:

Rotary District 1420 ry / EPN collection account
FI83 1555 3000 1185 48

Write the club's name in the space reserved for additional information.

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ROTARY ACTIVITIES IN ESTONIA FOR 90 YEARS

Tallinn Rotary Club was founded on August 2, 1930. Accordingly, this year we are celebrating 90 years of Estonian Rotary activities in our district. Due to the Covid19 pandemic and related restrictions, we were unable to arrange the party in July as we originally planned. We will celebrate this milestone many times over the year and learn about the rich Rotary tradition in Estonia. We send our warmest regards to Tallinn RC and all our Estonian Rotary sisters and brothers!

EVENTS FOR WORLD POLIO DAY, OCTOBER 24, 2020

October 24 is World Polio Day. In 1986, Rotaries launched a global campaign to rid the world of polio. Together with the World Health Organization and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, we have almost reached our objective. When paying our membership fees, each of us is donating seven euros a year to the Rotary Foundation for work against polio. More investments are needed, though! This year, we are arranging the second End Polio Now gala to raise funds for global eradication of polio. On the same day, we are organising a box collection in Helsinki centre and also informing passers-by of Rotary operations. In addition, at noon there will be a webinar for all Rotaries and their friends where experts discuss polio eradication and other topical issues related to infectious diseases. On this day, there will also be a district meeting starting at 2pm. More information regarding the day's events and enrolment instructions will be published in August. As Governor, I will award a prize to the club with the highest number of gala participants!

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YOU ARE WELCOME TO JOIN DISTRICT ACTIVITIES

There are dozens of Rotaries managing and working for our district. But there is always room for new people, now or later. In particular, I wish to hear from people who are interested in communications, Rotaract activities, and developing RYLA training and warmly welcome them to join our operations. If you are interested, please contact me (District Governor) at: +358 400 818 910 or erkkisakarikarjalainen@gmail.com.



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ROTARY LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE (RLI) IN AUTUMN 2020

Our district's training committee will organise a second "Advanced Rotary Coaching" event in three parts during autumn. The preliminary training dates are October 17, November 7, and November 21. The planned training venue is the Helsinki French-Finnish School in Munkkivuori. This training is suitable for all Rotaries, both new and old members. The training is free of charge, but each participant must pay for their own lunch. We will start accepting enrolments in August, keep an eye on the district Web site. This training has received very good feedback and is run by training committee members specifically coached for this task.

Later, we will also organise advanced Rotary coaching in Estonia.

ROTARY INSTITUTE

The Rotary Institute is an international event organised yearly and meant for – in our case – Rotaries in zones 17 and 18 as a training event. This year the event will be led by RID Virpi Honkala in Oulu between September 11 and 13. The discounted enrolment price is available until the end of July. The Rotary Institute is a unique chance to get to know Rotaries from all over northern Europe and to discuss topical issues in the Rotary movement. For more information and enrolment instructions, please visit

<https://www.rotaryinstitutefinland2020.org/>

INTERNATIONAL RYLA

Leadership is one of Rotary's values. We have paid particular attention to developing leadership skills among the young through our Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) activities. At the Oulu Rotary Institute, we provide international leadership training to young people of about 25–30 years and who have recently graduated and already have some working experience. For information about how to apply and the costs, please visit

<https://intrylazone1718.org/>. I urge all clubs 1) to market this unique opportunity to suitable young persons, and 2) to provide financial support to enable participation for a suitable applicant. The course only accepts 25 young people.