

## BASIC EDUCATION AND LITERACY MONTH



Rotary dollar = 0,85 €



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### EVENTS ON WORLD POLIO DAY 24 OCTOBER 2020

On 24 October, we will celebrate World Polio Day. Rotary International launched the global campaign to eradicate polio in 1986. Working together with the World Health Organization and the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, we have almost achieved the campaign's objective. Through the membership fee, each Rotarian donates EUR 7 a year to the Rotary Foundation to support work aimed at eradicating polio. But more help is needed! This year, we will host the second End Polio Now gala, where we will raise funds to eradicate polio worldwide. On the same day, we will organise a box collection in the centre of Helsinki and introduce Rotary activities to passers-by. At noon, all Rotarians and their friends can join our webinar, where experts will discuss the eradication of polio and other topical issues related to communicable diseases. The district meeting will take place that same day starting at 14.00. More information about the day's events as well as instructions on how to participate has been sent by e-mail to every member. As Governor, I will reward the club with the most participants in the gala!

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC6k1eydy9EwPYsdfI\\_w9I2Q](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC6k1eydy9EwPYsdfI_w9I2Q)



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## ORIENTATION OF NEW MEMBERS

One way to combat the drop in membership is to ensure a good orientation of new members. The District's Education Committee has produced orientation material to support the clubs in this objective. The material is available from Assistant Governors.



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## ROWING FOR HERRING POSTPONED TO 3 OCTOBER 2021 – CLUB OUTDOOR EVENT IN AUTUMN

The organising committee for the Rowing for Herring event has announced that it will postpone this year's event.

“Due to the coronavirus pandemic and the increased risk of infection, we have decided to postpone the Rowing for Herring event this autumn until next year on 3 October 2021. At the heart of this annoying decision is our desire to act responsibly, safely and without the slightest risk to participants. Many of our partners have found themselves in the same situation regarding meeting rooms, safety boats and seminar arrangements. We have also tried to find alternative arrangements without success.

Work for our local waters and the Baltic Sea continues, despite the pandemic! We encourage Rotary clubs to organise their own outdoor event, the Herring Hike, as an alternative to the traditional weekly meeting. It can even be a walking tour organised by the club, with the participation of the whole club and all family members. At the same time, you can help water bodies by collecting rubbish. The excursion gives you strength from the autumn nature; you can enjoy a cup of coffee and fry sausages by the campfire. If the club has good outdoor terrain in the surrounding area, you can also invite neighbouring clubs to join. There are plenty of options.

We propose an event participation fee and a donation of €20 for local waters and the Baltic Sea. More can be donated! The donation can be made to the Silakkasoutu account IBAN FI82 1351 3000 1331 21, Vantaa Myyrmäki Rotary Club. We'd love to hear what kind of experiences and enjoyment came from club events.”

So, the next Rowing for Herring event will be on **3 October 2021 – save the date in your own and your club's calendars!**

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RID Virpi Honkala, her husband PDG Matti Honkala (in the top right) and Rotarians from Estonia and Finland (D1420).



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## OULU NORTHERN LIGHTS ROTARY INSTITUTE 11–13 SEPTEMBER 2020

Rotary International Director **Virpi Honkala** organised Oulu Northern Lights Rotary Institute, the annual rotary institute for Zones 17 and 18, on 11–13 September 2020 in Oulu. The Institute was preceded by training sessions for governors-elect and district officers. Due to the COVID-19-related restrictions, the number of participants was smaller than expected, but the programme was successful and the atmosphere excellent. It was good to see so many participants from our District, both from Estonia and from Finland! You can access the presentations and highlights from the event here:

<https://sites.google.com/view/rotaryinstitutefinland2020>

## DISTRICT GOVERNOR NOMINATIONS FOR 2023–2024

In accordance with the rules of Rotary International (RI), it's now time to launch the nomination process for the 2023–2024 District Governor's post. In order to select a District Governor Nominee (DGN), I'd like to ask clubs to submit proposals using the attached form. Clubs may only nominate their own members to the post.

The Governor is an officer of RI, and the qualification requirements and duties are laid down in the RI bylaws. All necessary information can be found in the RI Manual of Procedure, which contains up-to-date RI regulations and operating instructions. The DGN must be a member in good standing in their own club and they must have served as club president for a full term. In addition, the DGN must demonstrate willingness and commitment to fulfil the duties and responsibilities of the office of Governor.

The form shall be signed by the president, the secretary and the candidate. Please submit the nominations by Monday 30 November 2020 to this address: DG Sakari Karjalainen, Länsipellontie 2–6 A 1, 00390 Helsinki. Mark the envelope with "Governor nomination".