

VOCATIONAL SERVICE MONTH



Rotary dollar = 0,82 €



Rotary Opens Opportunities

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- 18.2. District Leadership Team seminar
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- 27.3. PETS and District Assembly, Vihti

Additional information on the D1420 homepage ([D1420-homepage](#))

ROTARY CONVENTION IN TAIPEI, JUNE 12–16, 2021

The Rotary Convention is a yearly main event in the Rotary world, and it is open to all Rotaries and their families. You can register for the event with the discounted participation fee – 365 USD – until February 15, 2021. RI will be monitoring the coronavirus situation closely and we will make the final decision on whether to organise the event in the near future.

<https://convention.rotary.org/en/taipei/register>

Learn about event organisation and the venue by watching the video.

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TRAINING FUTURE PRESIDENTS AND SECRETARIES ON THE FINNISH PART OF OUR DISTRICT

The district trains upcoming presidents and secretaries for their duties in several stages. Trainings start with the preparatory task sent in connection with the PrePETS invitation. The PrePETS are organised as three online events with identical content on Feb16, Feb 23, and Feb 25. Participating in one of these events is enough. All training sessions cover the duties of, among others, the president and the secretary, the club year clock, and the Rotary data systems. Everyone invited to the training will receive a personal invitation. PrePETS and PETS have advance assignments that are handled on February 2 in Zoom meetings that start at 5 and 6 p.m. At the same time, we make sure that the participants are able and know how to use Zoom. The training will continue later in the spring at the actual PETS that is planned to be held on March 27 before the district conference. Due to the coronavirus situation, we may postpone PETS until May. The training will help you plan and successfully run club operations.

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TIME TO ROLL UP OUR SLEEVES!

For several years now, the number of Rotary members has decreased in Finland and in most other European countries. This decrease led to the joining together of two Finnish districts at the start of this Rotary year. In our own district, member count has dropped by 20 since the start of the Rotary year, so we currently have 2,542 members. Two clubs have ceased operations during the first six months and there are plans to join these clubs into one. My warm thanks to the clubs who have engaged in active member recruiting. During this spring, the very first satellite club will also be set up in our district!

Opening new clubs is one of the top priorities for RI and also for our district. With new clubs we have the possibility to expand our member base. The Rotary movement is needed, maybe now more than ever if that is possible. On one hand, we need to return to our roots (service concept) and on the other hand modernise our operations so that we can interest more people in joining. Rotary's ethical foundation is strong, and it appeals to more people than we might first realise.

January is the month of professional service. It reminds us of Rotary's original idea of bringing professionals from different fields together. That is why we all have and occupational classification that stays with us even after retirement. I encourage our club to expand the member base by adding representatives from new professional areas!

If starting a new Rotary or satellite club interests you, please get in touch at [erkkisakarikarjalainen\(at\)gmail.com](mailto:erkkisakarikarjalainen(at)gmail.com)

Let's do this together!

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APPLYING FOR DISTRICT GRANTS FOR THE 2021-2022 SEASON

Clubs operating in the District 1420 area can apply for grants from the district to promote humanitarian, youth work, or environmental protection related projects that primarily follow the Rotary principles. You can now send the application to the district's Rotary committee, either by email to erkki.ilus@gmail.com or by postal mail to Erkki Ilus, Harakkamylyntie 17, 00920 Helsinki. All applications must be received by March 31, 2021.

You can find instructions for creating the application on the district Web site at <https://rotary.fi/d1420/>, section For members > District Material > Projects (Foundation Committee).



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In the autumn of 2020, the Vihti Rotary Club organized a photo competition for young people with an immigrant background. Bijoux Kabangu won the series over 18 years with his photo *Silent Moment*.

NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR THE FINNISH ROTARY SERVICE COMMITTEE PRESIDENTS

The Board of the Finnish Rotary Service has announced, for application for or proposal, presidencies for the following committees for a triennial starting on July 1, 2021:

- Youth Exchange and Rotary Foundation Committee, also acting as multidistrict organisation

Right of proposal: Committee itself and districts

- Publication, Training, Translation, and Communications Committee

Right of proposal: Committee itself, districts, clubs, and membership

Time of application/proposal: January 2 – February 13, 2021

For more information about the duties, please contact Secretary General Harry Hedman, email: harry.hedman@outlook.com or harry.hedman@elisaneet.fi, phone number +358 40 742 8063.