

# GOVERNOR'S MONTHLY LETTER

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

## MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH MONTH

District Assembly on 8th May 2021 through ZOOM

Due to restrictions on gatherings, the District Assembly (or the spring gathering for Rotary District 1420 ry) will be held virtually through ZOOM on Saturday, the 8th of May 2021 at 16:00. The meeting will address, among other things, the next year's action plan, budget and membership fees. Clubs will receive a separate invitation along with the link to the scheduled meeting.



Rotary dollar = 0,85 €



Rotary Opens Opportunities

### Important dates:

2021

- PETS April 27th and May 8th (ZOOM)
- May 8th, District Assembly (ZOOM)
- May 15th, Virtual District Conference (together with three other districts in Finland)

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

### 2021 Virtual Rotary International Convention

#### ROTARY OPENS OPPORTUNITIES

Registration for the 2021 virtual convention is now open. This event will replace Rotary International's Taipei convention that was cancelled due to the pandemic.

The event will take place between June 12–16, 2021. The discounted participation fee of 49 USD (ca. 42 €) is valid until May 7, 2021. After that date, the fee will be 65 USD.

The convention will be preceded by a pre-convention between June 10–11 for the functionaries of international committees (ICC), Rotaract, and Rotary youth exchange. Each of these will pay an extra 20 USD (ca. 17 €) in addition to the normal participation fee.

All fees include entry to the virtual exhibition of House of Friendship.

You can stay in touch with other Rotaries attending the virtual convention on Facebook. Facebook also provides event news and showcases programme highlights!

<https://www.facebook.com/events/315599316507109>

You can register for the convention here:

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

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YHDESSÄ

TULEVAISUUS KÄSISSÄSI – TÄSSÄ JA NYT

PIIRIEN  
KONFERENSSI

15.5.2021

- Host/juontaja: DG Sakari Karjalainen
- 9.00–9.10 DG Teijo Räsänen avaa  
PRID Mark Krawczynski, Poland: *We Care for Our World*
- 9.10–9.30 Piirien esittäytyminen videoin  
DG Ilkka Nikmo esittelee RID Virpi Honkalan
- 9.30–9.50 RID Virpi Honkala: *Jäsenet, korona ja ympäristö* (live Helsinki)
- 9.50–10.10 Johtaja Milla Bruneau: *Keskisuuret kaupungit ratkomassa globaaleja haasteita*
- 10.10–10.20 Lasten- ja nuortenteatteri Hermannin (Kuopio) ympäristölaulu musikaalista *Tulikettu*
- 10.20–10.40 Prof Petteri Taalas, Secretary-General, World Meteorological Organisation:  
*Climate Change and its Mitigation Perspectives*
- 10.40–11.00 DG Venanzia Rizzi interviews RIP Holger Knaack
- 11.00 Farewell



## Joint virtual convention for districts on May 15, 2021 between 9–11 a.m.

Instead of each having a convention of their own, four Rotary districts operating in Finland and Estonia (districts 1385, 1390, 1420, and 1430) will organise a joint virtual convention on **Saturday, May 15, between 9.00–11.00 a.m.** This virtual convention will be provided on the verkkorotary platform at <https://us02web.zoom.us/my/verkkorotary> (Password: [1111](#)). Please find enclosed the convention programme that focuses on environmental issues. Among the speakers or interviewees are: RI President **Holger Knaack**; RI board member **Virpi Honkala**; Professor **Petteri Taalas**, Secretary-General for the World Meteorological Organization (WMO); and **Milla Bruneau**, who runs the Lahti – European Green Capital project.

Everyone is welcome to join, no advance registration required! The first 300 to join can attend the convention. We bid you a warm welcome!

## Dear Rotary, join the Rotary Foundation activities!

Only by working together can we – your club and our district – improve the quality of life both in your own community and globally.

*(Vision statement of Rotary International: “Together, we see a world where **people** unite and take action to **create** lasting **change** — across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves”. The vision statement realises Rotary's motto of “Service above self”.)*

**Vision statement of The Rotary Foundation (TRF) of Rotary International:** The Rotary Foundation will transform your donation to the foundation into service projects that create permanent change both locally and globally.

**The mission of The Rotary Foundation** is to enable Rotarians to advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace. This we will do through the improvement of health, the support of education, and the alleviation of poverty.

**The mission of the Rotary Foundation Committee, District 1420** is to locally coordinate and promote all means of fund-raising by the Rotary Foundation and event participation in our district. The Foundation Committee's duties include, above all, supporting and encouraging clubs in launching projects either on their own or together with other clubs. Our duty is to train and help the clubs to succeed in all their projects, smaller local ones and larger projects alike. How do we operate? We make the subcommittees' duties and responsible persons under the district's foundation committee visible as we welcome the clubs to join the activities. Our aim is to offer the chairpersons and members of the clubs' foundation committees - as well as other interested parties - a chance to participate in the committee operations by organising webinars on topics that interest the clubs.

We will provide “hands-on” support to clubs in grant projects. In our view, the versatile training and the “hands-on” support, particularly in GG (Global Grant) projects but also in district grant projects, increases the clubs' interest in launching projects. We hope to receive the plans and ideas for district grant and GG projects well in advance so that the district's foundation committee can ensure providing reasonable support and project funding (plans for 2021–2024). The district's foundation committee aims to modernise training by utilising new methods. The goal is to carry out online, as so-called webinars, all our seminars and trainings related to grant application, administration, and club certification. In addition, we will offer 1–2 GG workshops (possibly as Zoom workshops) that provide tips and hands-on guidance from experienced experts.

The division of responsibilities for season 2021–2022, that is, the foundation committee's primary tasks are: **Erkki Ilus** and **Maritta Turunen** (district grants) , **Erkki Teräväinen** (Global Grants), **Fredrik Pressler** and **Rein Liivoja** (donations for the foundation), **Markku Nieminen** (Scholarships & Peace Fellowships), **Merja Roivainen** (PolioPlus), and **Irmeli Viherluoto-Lindström** as Chairperson for District 1420 Rotary Foundation Committee. We would like to get reinforcements for our foundation donation team in Finland.

The foundation's strategic aims state that we need to significantly increase the monetary objectives for the voluntary EPN and other TRF donations so that we can allocate reasonable grants to club projects in our district.