

SUMMARY



Substantial extension and development of membership in the district

Antanas Čepys, District Governor of RI District 1462 states that constant and steady development as well as extension of membership in the independent district remains one of the most important activities even though the number of clubs and members in the district is not vitally important any longer. Membership development in Rotary clubs is not the goal in itself. We do not need just members. We need members that fully understand our values and are resolved to serve the society. Therefore, the requirements set for membership in our clubs are and will remain very important, A.Čepys claims.



World Peace Scholarship - visionary initiative of Rotary

Arnoldas Pranckevičius, advisor for the chairman of the European Parliament, former scholar of World Peace Scholarship, writes that thirteen years ago he was the first and so far the only Lithuanian who was fortunate to get the World Peace Scholarship and become the first graduate of the program.

Today the program has become very popular and can make boast of the first fruit - 911 program alumni are scattered all over the world and are working in the five continents.

„We have become members of the Rotary world peace society not only for the two years but actually for the whole life. This is our agreement. The agreement not only with the Rotary Foundation but most importantly - with our consciousness and conscience - to foster peace and understanding wherever we go and whatever we do“, - claims A.Pranckevičius.



Suicide prevention - the concern of Lithuanian Rotary clubs

Past District Governor for District 1462, the Suicide prevention program inspirer and coordinator Vyngintas Grinis tells how this initiative started and introduces its perspectives.

The District's project „Preparation of the Suicide prevention model and its application in the municipalities of Lithuania“ would be a 4-5 year project aiming at tangibly decreasing the number of suicides for a 1000 inhabitants (currently over 30) in Lithuania, especially in critical municipalities.

Resolution encouraging to solve the problem of suicides

At the conference of Rotary International District 1462 that took place October 23-24, 2015 the resolution was adopted unanimously „For the more active and varied action solving the problem of suicide Lithuania“.

This resolution was sent to all most important governmental institutions of Lithuania. The text of the resolution is published in this issue of the magazine.



Rotary and religion

Dr. Juozas Šarkus, District 1462 instructor shares how the relations between Rotary and the Catholic Church were developing.

In the history of Rotary activities the relations between Rotary and the Catholic Church were not good from the very beginning but eventually distrust turned into respect and understanding. In 2015 the first official historical meeting of Rotary leaders in Lithuania with the chairman of Lithuanian Bishops' Conference G.Grušas who expressed the support for Rotary activities took place.



Interact - the school of a young leader

Egidijus Buika, chairman of Interact committee in Rotary International District 1462, tells about the future of Rotary movement - Interact clubs meant for young people from the age of 12 to 18.

The District should be proud having 9 Interact clubs. The history of Interact in Lithuania is counted since 2009. „Every Lithuanian Rotary club could and should have a club uniting schoolchildren under the Interact flag. The education and mentoring will be one more very important ongoing project of your club“, - claims E.Buika.