

TO ALL MEMBERS
OF PARTNER CLUBS ABROAD

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Dear Rotary Friends,

The **WEEK OF ROTARY IN PRAGUE**, celebrating 20 years of our District 2240, will take place from 11th to 19th May, 2019 in the city whose historic centre is one of the most extensive city areas to be included in the UNESCO heritage list. During this event, all the various entities of Rotary District 2240 connected by the Rotary wheel, will gather under 'one roof'. The culmination will be on Saturday 18th May, 2019 at the District Conference of both Czech and Slovak Rotary Clubs, as well as their partner Rotaract clubs.

This will happen on the 30th anniversary of the fall of the communist regimes in Europe which allowed the return of Rotary to Central Europe after 40 years. At the same time, we want to remind ourselves that during the 10 years following the Velvet Revolution, Rotary became so developed in former Czechoslovakia that in 1999, our Rotary District (previously existing in years 1927-1939 and 1946-1948) was re-established. Also we want to focus on the reality that after many years of effort by Rotarians around the world, we are in the final phase of our global Rotary project END POLIO NOW.

Rotary International President Barry Rassin is sending to our District Conference, his representative, John Germ, his predecessor for Rotary year 2016-2017, who is also a present Trustee of The Rotary Foundation.

We would love to also welcome you to our week of celebrations; you, who have helped us either on occasions or throughout all the 30 years, to develop international cooperation between Rotary Clubs. It doesn't matter if these were a bilateral relationship, or relationships in the widest sense, for example through The Rotary Foundation's Global Grants.

This celebration of our District is a way of thanking all Rotary Clubs beyond the borders of former Czechoslovakia, mainly those in Austria and Germany, who during the years 1990 to 1999 contributed to the return of Rotary to our region. Without this help, it would not have been possible! More information and registration can be found in english on

<https://www.rotaryprague2019.cz/index.php/en/>.

I am sure we will spend together a few wonderful days, if not the whole week, of fellowship, meeting old friends and making new ones! You are all sincerely invited to join us!

Be the Inspiration!



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