

RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED
AT THE 77TH DISTRICT 2450 CONFERENCE
IN LIMASSOL, CYPRUS, 4-7 APRIL 2013

THEME: “A HEALTHY ENVIRONMENT IN A PEACEFUL SOCIETY”

The participants in the 77th District 2450 Conference in Limassol, Cyprus, representing ten countries, namely (in alphabetical order) Armenia, Bahrain, Cyprus, Egypt, Georgia, Jordan, Lebanon, Sudan, Palestine and United Arab Emirates, resolve as follows:

1. VOTES OF THANKS AND MESSAGES OF APPRECIATION

(a) To thank District Governor Kevork Mahdessian and his spouse Vart for the great efforts exerted during the year in making this Conference a successful one, and DG Kevork for presiding over the Conference with leadership and grace.

(b) To thank all PDGs for their presence at the Conference and their contribution and services during the sessions.

(c) To send messages to those PDGs who were absent from the Conference for personal or health reasons, conveying to them the very best wishes of all participants.

(d) To especially thank DDGE Christina Covotsou-Patroclou, Chairperson of the Conference Organizing Committee, and all Committee Members, for the dedication and hard work deployed for the success of the Conference.

(e) To thank the Rotaract and Interact Clubs of Cyprus that contributed to the success of the Conference.

(f) To thank all speakers, volunteers, artists and performers, and sponsors for their contribution to the success of the Conference.

(g) To thank most warmly RI President Sakuji Tanaka and his spouse Kyoko for assigning as Special Representative to the Conference PRIP Luis Vicente Giay and his spouse, RI Director Elect Celia Cruz de Giay.

(h) To thank most warmly PRIP Luis and Celia Giay for their gracious presence, valuable contribution and wise advice throughout the Conference.

(i) To thank most warmly Trustee, Past RI Director, Samuel Owor and his spouse Norah for their gracious presence, and Trustee Sam for addressing the PHF luncheon during the Conference.

2. ZONE INSTITUTE/GETS IN JERUSALEM IN OCCUPIED PALESTINE

(a) To strongly object to the decision of RI to hold a joint Institute/GETS/Foundation Seminar for Zones 14, 19 and 20 (A and B) in November 2013 in Jerusalem, in occupied Palestine, in spite of the call by the Governor, PDGs, DGEs and DGNs of D2451 and D2452 to consider the sensitivities related to the unfortunate choice of venue and move this international event to another city and provide another location out of Israel and occupied Palestine for the entire Zone 20B.

(b) To inform RI that its decision to host the said international event in the said venue has seriously damaged further the public image of Rotary in Zone 20 countries in the Middle East and Northern Africa, and has led to hundreds of Rotarians in these countries resigning or contemplating resignation from Rotary.

(c) To ask RI to consult with the Zone and the districts concerned in all matters pertaining to such sensitive issues.

(d) To request that District Governor Kevork Mahdessian addresses a letter to RI informing the Board of this resolution.

3. COOPERATION BETWEEN THE TWO NEW DISTRICTS

(a) To reaffirm that the long-standing association, friendship and fellowship that have underpinned the close cooperation and intimacy among the Rotarians of District 2450 shall maintain their momentum under the new district structure.

(b) To call upon the Governors Elect and Governors Nominee of the two new districts to formulate a protocol of cooperation between D2451 and D2452 and present it to the next respective district conferences for approval.

(c) To strongly encourage the two DGEs to start joint activities, pending the approval of the protocol of cooperation.

4. COMMITMENT TO NEW GENERATIONS

(a) To reaffirm that Youth and New Generations symbolize the hopes, dreams and aspirations of society and that taking care of Youth is essential if the world is to become a home for all people.

(b) To increase the service of Rotary in D2451 and D2452 to New Generations through projects that address illiteracy, hunger, drug abuse and homelessness.

(c) To support in every possible way the setting up and sustainable functioning of new Rotaract and Interact clubs in both new districts.

(d) To call on all Rotary clubs in the two new districts that sponsor Rotaract clubs to each contribute the amount of USD 200 in the year 2013-14, to be administered by the District Governor's financial committee, in support of programmes for Rotaract.

5. DISTRICT GOVERNORS 2014-15

To endorse the Nominating Committee's selection of Ahmed Saada to serve as Governor of D2451 and of Khalil Al Sharif to serve as Governor of D2452, in the Rotary year 2014-15.

6. ELECTION OF DISTRICT GOVERNORS NOMINEE 2015-16

(a) To proceed to the election of the Governors-Nominee of both new districts for the year 2015-16 by respective nominating committees composed of the last five (5) PGDs, the District Governors in charge, and the District Governors Elect of the respective districts.

(b) For D2452, all other relevant matters will be determined by the new District Policy Manual.

7. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS RECEIVED SINCE LAST DISTRICT CONFERENCE

(a) To confirm the approval by the District Assembly of the audited financial statements of the District 2450 Fund and Rotaract-Interact for 2011-12.

(b) To thank PDG Usama Barghouthi for these statements.

8. DISTRICT 2452 FUND

To confirm approval by the District Assembly of the 2013-14 budget for the D2452 Fund submitted by DGE Jamil Mouawad, setting the per capita fee at 15 USD.

9. DISTRICT MAGAZINE

(a) To express satisfaction for the publication to date of three (3) issues of the district magazine during the current Rotary year.

(b) To extend a word of thanks to the district magazine executive board, contributing editors, technical and support staff, correspondents, advertisers, sponsors and contributing clubs.

(c) To welcome the decision of D2451 to continue publishing the District Magazine and maintain the subscription at USD 8 per year.

(d) To urge each club in D2452 to decide whether to subscribe to the aforementioned district magazine or to any other RI-recognised magazine until D2452 determines its course on this matter.

10. D2450 PAUL HARRIS SOCIETY

(a) To approve the constitution of the Paul Harris Society of D2450.

(b) To thank the founding members of the Society.

(c) To encourage all PHF to join the Society.

11. ATTENDANCE AT THE 77TH CONFERENCE OF D2450

(a) To note and appreciate the attendance at the Conference of 951 Rotarians, spouses and guests from the countries of D2450, as follows:

Armenia: 28

Bahrain: 49

Cyprus: 376

Egypt: 214

Georgia: 3

Jordan: 80

Lebanon: 182

Palestine: 4

Sudan: 4

U.A.E.: 11

(b) To note and appreciate the attendance at the Conference of eleven Rotarians, spouses and guests from outside D2450, as follows:

Argentina: 2

Brazil: 2

Greece: 1

Uganda: 2

UK: 2

USA: 2

12. FIRST CONFERENCES OF THE TWO NEW DISTRICTS

To accept with warm thanks the cordial invitations of District Governor Elect Yasser Assem to the 1st District 2451 Conference to be held in Port Ghalib, Red Sea, Egypt from 7 to 10 November 2013, and of District Governor Elect Jamil Mouawad to the 1st District 2452 Conference to be held in Beirut, Lebanon from 3 to 6 April 2014.

13. DISTRICT AWARDS

(a) To award, in application of the adopted rules and criteria and on the basis of a careful evaluation of all entries by the Judging Committee, the District Awards and Merit Certificates to the clubs of D2450 listed in the attachment to these Resolutions.

(b) To thank and congratulate the chairman and members of the District Awards Committee for their hard work in calling for and evaluating the numerous entries.

Sunday, 7 April 2013.