



**YOUTH IS  
OUR FUTURE**

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*“I believe we are going to see new ideas coming from Rotaract showing Rotary how important and how equal Rotaract is to Rotary” - RI President 2018-19 Barry Rassin*

All clubs in District 2452 are invited to include the following highlights into their program.

### **1-DG Michel Jazzar key notes**

- **“Be the inspiration”** for New Generation.
- Youth is our “agent of change”.
- Youth is not only a matter of age, but of spirit as well.
- Rather than letting young people work in isolation, inter-generational joint projects are evidence of mutual trust.
- To serve society together and give young people the opportunity to shape the future in different aspects: education, health, peace, environment ...
- Young people and Rotarians to tackle together the common problems
- Give NG, young professionals and young entrepreneurs to meet inspirational mentors, to build their capacities for leading actions to communities with accomplishments and lasting results.
- Reduce the gap between generations in Rotary Clubs.

### **2-RY 2018-19 Strategy for RI District 2452:**

A program is designed, by the DG and the District youth committee, to help bring Rotary's young and senior generation closer together. The percentage of the younger generation, in District 2452 membership, is very low. To increase this percentage, we need the enthusiasm of the Rotary Clubs to proceed in:

**a. Increasing the proportion of young people** knowing that we would not be able to reverse the current situation within our District within a year ... but we can certainly improve it.

**b. Instilling youthful spirit** in senior people so that we can foster common activities among Rotarians of all ages and allow youth involvement in Rotary clubs and with Rotarians.

**c. Motivating Clubs in performing the Youth Program**, DG has appointed PP Ralph Sayah [RC Beirut Hills Ashrafieh, Lebanon] as “District 2452 theme” committee chair, and a Governor Representative for youth [PE Mohamed Talhouk, RC Aley, Lebanon]. Rotaractors/Interactors shall improve their leadership as NG coordinators in DLP\_ District committees.

**d. Awarding a Youth innovative activity:** A prize is to be given to a Rotary Club to recognize and reward its innovative action with achievement/s intended for youth.

### **3-Program’s highlights:**

#### **EarlyAct:**

- EarlyAct™ is a school-wide service club for elementary students **from ages 7 to 12** sponsored by the local Rotary clubs where the school is located.
- EarlyAct™ is not an official RI Program, still tentative in many Rotary countries under two different names “Rotary Kids” and “EarlyAct”.
- The mission and operation of EarlyAct™ are closely linked to the ideals of Rotary and provide the foundation and natural succession into Interact.
- The purpose of EarlyAct™ is to provide young students with the opportunities to participate in active citizenship in a culturally diverse democratic society within an interdependent world.
- We will organize a new EarlyAct in our District, and the DG has appointed an EarlyAct Representative [PP Litsa Aresti – Cyprus and RTN Samer Slim - Lebanon] to help Clubs in the formation and support those which are already sponsors’ clubs.

#### **Interact:**

- Interact is a school-wide service club for elementary students **from ages 13 to 17**
- Build awareness and sponsor more Interact clubs
- Have a dedicated budget to support Interact
- Invite Interact President to participate in Rotary meetings
- Encourage Interact/Rotaract joint projects and meetings
- 20,372 Interact clubs, 468,556 Interactors, 159 countries with Interact clubs

**Rotaract:**

- Rotaract is a university and community-wide service club for students **from ages 18 to 30**
- Have the Rotaract president as an observer at Rotary Club.
- A delegate member from Rotary Club has to participate in all Rotaract meetings to support.
- Have an orientation session between Rotary and Rotaract
- Have at least one common project per year
- Recruit new members from Rotaract
- 9,522 Rotaract clubs, 291,006 Rotaractors, 177 countries with Rotaract clubs
- Try to form a “Rotary Satellite Club\_RSC” by past Rotaractors 30-40 years old. PP Kamal Ahmadiéh [RC Aley, Lebanon] has been appointed as DG Representative for RSC to help the formation of new RSC within the RI D2452.

**RYLA: Theme 2018-2019 is “Building Capacities”**

- Help organize a RYLA for Rotaract and RYLA for Interact Clubs
- Improve the credibility of RYLA [academic patronage, selection criteria]
- Sponsor more participants
- Promote RYLA to non Rotaractors / Interactors

**4-And more...**

- Include Youth activities support in RCs sponsors budget (RYLA, RAC-IAC-EAC-UN day)
- Youth Role in DAOF\_District Area Of Focus: “Civic Education and Peacebuilding”
- New Generations Service Exchange\_NGSE [inbound/outbound between Lebanon and Jordan 3 young people 21-25 Years old]
- Rotary-Rotaract-Interact day: Sunday 21 October 2018 in Aley– New Format as a Rotary festival [1:00pm]

- PolioPlus program and 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the GPEI, by a Mini Marathon in Aley under the theme of “Youth runs for Polio Eradication”. Sunday 21 October 2018 at 8:30am.
- Beirut Marathon on 11 November 2018. Rotary-Rotaract and Interact will join other and participate for Polio and Peace.
- **Rotary day at United Nations** will take place in Nairobi – Kenya, (10 November 2018).
- **First Youth pre-district 2452 conference**, 1<sup>st</sup> of May 2019, morning 9:00am-1:00pm. NG, Young professionals and Entrepreneurs will interact with International guest speakers
- **Participation to the 6<sup>th</sup> D2452 Conference** 1<sup>st</sup> till 4<sup>th</sup> of May 2019.
- Bridging the generation gap through mentorship and pro-bono activities c/o District Committee chaired by PP Elias Sarrouf.
- District training/RLI and RAC Academy common training seminar/s.
- Vocational Service is to be enhanced by direct participation to the vocational program chaired by PP Simon Karam.

## 5-Conclusion: RI Vision

En. «Together, we see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change — across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves. »

Fr. « Ensemble, nous voyons un monde où les gens s'unissent et agissent pour créer un changement durable - à travers le monde, dans nos communautés et en nous-mêmes. »

Ar. "معاً، نتطلع نحو عالم يتّحد فيه الناس، ويعملون لإحداث تغيير دائم - عبر العالم ، في مجتمعاتنا وفي ذواتنا ."

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