

# ANNUAL REPORT OF RC & PRESIDENTIAL TERM 2021/2022

by RC President / Mr. Miha Murn





Rotary Club Ljubljana International consists of people / members, acting by action and not reaction. Our members, young as well as middle-aged ones, are focused on connecting with Rotary clubs from abroad and working on international business connections. In our club, we support diversity. Both women and men are welcome. Characteristics of our club are thinking, quick response, looking to the future, servitude to others, and new original and sustainable solutions.

In the club, we operate by talking to each other, we respect and complement each other. Connections are being established with Rotary clubs around the world from England, the Czech Republic, Northern Macedonia, Thailand, Singapore, Serbia, USA, Brazil, Georgia and Hong Kong, among others. The club operates with clearly defined values, in which openness, honesty, clear opinion and uprightness are valued personality traits. Several languages are spoken in the club, the official language is English.

Members of our Rotary club are professors, diplomats, doctors, businessmen, artists, specialists and other prominent Slovenes as well as foreigners. All club members are welcome to collaborate and / or sponsor joint projects in education, culture, counselling and assistance to the surroundings through the connections of their institutions as well as the business of their companies. Our association respects tradition, punctuality, orderliness, agreements and legislation. Our club is a club of prudent people, supporting help and international stories.





#### WORD FROM PRESIDENT

As the founding member and the first President of Rotary Club Ljubljana International I am extremely proud of our club's work during the past year. It is always a challenge to start a new establishment, but with the group of our devoted members, who are acting by the true Rotarian values, nothing was difficult to achieve. We have carried out many projects successfully, and have many more ongoing projects which will continue in the future as well. I am honoured to have been leading such an outstanding group of individuals with whom we significantly helped the society, those in need and the environment we live in. I am looking forward to our future work and projects in the next Rotarian year!

Mr. Miha Murn, President



With President of the Republic of Slovenia, Mr. Borut Pahor



With Ambassador of the Republic of Poland to the Republic of Slovenia, H.E. Mr. Krzysztof Olendzki



With Ambassador of the Republic of North Macedonia to the Republic of Slovenia, H.E. Ms. Suzana Zelenkovska

#### MISSION

We honorably serve and promote integrity and diversity building cooperation in international environment and ensuring sustainable development. We are connecting international business and community leaders through loyal friendship.

#### VISION

We see our future where people unite to create positive change in our communities and in ourselves as well as to enhance international business.

In setting the goals of our club, we follow the set guidelines of our Rotary District 1912 and consequently the goals of the world Rotary organization. As Rotarians of the Rotary Ljubljana International Club, we want to proactively help and positively influence society and the wider environment in which we live. Our set goals strive for sustainability and create positive effects for all stakeholders. Precisely because of the high ethical and moral standards, we pay special attention to the selection and pursuit of goals. Our club is focused on development and progress, the condition of which is to meet the needs of current generations without negatively affecting future generations in pursuing their needs.

#### **OBJECTIVES AND GENERAL GUIDELINES**

- care for environment
- health care
- care for morals / ethics, culture and art
- caring for fellow human beings





The first official club meeting at the Radisson Blu Plaza Hotel Ljubljana



The initiators for the establishment of the Rotary Club Ljubljana International were Mr. Miha Murn, Mr. Milan Lapajne, Mr. Peter Ilgo, Mr. Iztok Marenče and Mr. Igor Gregorčič. The idea of establishing the Rotary Club Ljubljana. International was confirmed on July 20th 2020 by the Governor of the 1912 District, Mr. Iztok Seljak who confirmed the establishment of the club under the mentorship of Mr. Janez Podobnik, RC Idrija.

#### MEMBERS OF ROTARY CLUB LJUBLJANA INTERNATIONAL

- 01. Miha Murn
- 02. Milan Lapajne
- 03. Peter Ilgo
- 04. Igor Gregorčič
- 05. Iztok Marenče
- 06. Una Süssinger
- 07. Bojana Zarnik
- 08. Varja Dolenc
- 09. Lucija Mulej
- 10. Pamela Campoblanco
- 11. Eva Aljančič
- 12. Darjono Husodo
- 13. Peter Skuber
- 14. Barbara Gorjup
- 15. Marta Berglez
- 16. Gonzalo Caprirolo
- 17. Janko Ignjatovič
- 18. Jakob Lozej
- 19. Fred Uduma
- 20. Renato Mosca
- 21. Jamal Nashawati
- 22. Saša Leskovšek
- 23. Bojana Košnik Čuk
- 24. Andrej Kocet
- 25. Miha Kač
- 26. Janez Podobnik
- 27. Iztok Seljak
- 28. Anton Končnik



Many activities took place in the Rotary Club Ljubljana International in 2021/2022. First of all, it was necessary to organize the operation of the club itself, later began the process of getting to know the members, and also the "Charter event" took place in May 2021, when the newly established club officially presented itself for the first time.

Last year, a presentation of the Rotary Club Ljubljana International was held for the Rotary Club District 1912, and club presentations to others Rotary clubs abroad took place as well. The club has also participated in various district events. We definitely have to mention the year-round participation in the district project Glassy Classy. Additionally, the club supported the purchase of picture books for children for a tree planting project in Madagascar. Rotary Club Ljubljana International also supported the shelter for horses in Slovenia with a donation. In 2021, a project was launched that is still ongoing, namely the repatriation of Venezuelan Slovenes in which the club helps repatriates in terms of assistance in finding a job, learning Slovenian language and establishing social contacts. In 2021/2022, 15 official club meetings with lectures, guest presentations and member networking were carried out as well.

The club is actively working on the new project to help the Ukrainian refugees in the similar sense as we help the Venezuelan Slovenes, and in the field of cultural connection between Slovenia and the Czech Republic. We have established partnerships with more than 10 international clubs around the world and gathered 23 club members and 9 sponsors.



The second official club meeting at the Radisson Blu Plaza Hotel Ljubljana







RC official meeting at the Residence of Brazilian Ambassador to Slovenia

### **1.** Establishment of the club

- Club Establishment Act
- Club Statute
- Club Code
- Rules of conduct for guests
- System of agendas for formal meetings
- Corporate identity of the club
- RC bell
- RC presidential chain
- Club flags (desktop and protocol)
- Printed materials (folders, nameplates and presentation leaflets)
- Roll up stands 2x and RC masks
- Club website, domain and official mail / www.rc-ljubljana-international.com
- Linkedin club page / www.linkedin.com/company/rotary-club-ljubljana-international



Charter event of RC Ljubljana International

### **2.** RC Ljubljana International Charter

On May 20th 2021, Rotary Club Ljubljana International held its Charter event in Antiq Hotel Ljubljana. The event was attended by founding members and their spouses, Governor of District 1912 Mr. Iztok Seljak (2020-21), Past Governor of District 1912 Mr. Janez Končnik, Mentor of RC Ljubljana International Mr. Janez Podobnik and other invitees. We also had a conversation with Rotary International President Mr. Holger Knaack (2020-21) through videoconference. All members received Rotary badges, the President Mr. Miha Murn was given the RC presidential chain by PDG Mr. Iztok Seljak. The programme was accompanied by music performances of several international musicians.



Group photo from the Charter event of RC Ljubljana International





Photos from Charter of RC Ljubljana International







Charter event photos and meeting for interview of Mr. Iztok Seljak, PDG and Mr. Miha Murn, RC Ljubljana International President





### **3.** Repatriated Integration Project

Due to the complex humanitarian crisis in Venezuela, the Venezuelan Slovenian community together with the Slovenian authorities decided to carry out the Repatriation Project. The process of submitting repatriation applications began in the third quarter of 2019 and in December of that year, the first group of returnees arrived to Slovenia. So far, 75 people have been repatriated and the project is still ongoing. Our club decided to help the repatriates in various ways: spending time together for socialization, offering repatriates internships at the companies of the Rotarian network, organizing Slovenian language courses and workshops for personal and professional development, providing them legal consultancy and through the Rotary network, help them in the job search process (we created a database with their CV and a form of their job profile to facilitate the matching of their skills with a possible employment).











Meeting with Venezuelans, Letter of Intention at RC dinner with our supporters, Meeting with Mr. Dušan Peterkovič DG



## 5. GlassyClassy.eco initiative

Within the framework of Rotary Slovenia, the GlassyClassy.eco initiative was launched in 2020, the goal of which is to make Slovenia the first country in the world to completely abandon the use of plastic bottles for water and other beverages by 2025. The pilot project will be extended to other countries as an example of good practice within Rotary International. GlassyClassy.eco is also a charity project. A part of the income from the GlassyClassy.eco bottles sold is donated to Rotary charity projects aimed at protecting the environment and human health. By purchasing a GlassyClassy.eco bottle, in addition to caring for the environment and our health, we also help those who need our help the most.





The GlassyClassy.eco bottle







Charter event and lecture of Ms. Lucija Mulej at RC official meeting



# 5. Ukraine project

In the current situation when human lives are at stake, we at our Rotary Club Ljubljana International have decided to help refugees from Ukraine coming to Slovenia. We are providing them with basic foodstuffs, help with accommodation and socialization, assist them with finding jobs and offer Slovenian language courses.



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Rotary International President Mr. Holger Knaack (2020-21) with RC Ljubljana International President Mr. Miha Murn



RC President Mr. Miha Murn and Club master Mr. Peter Ilgo with Ambassador of Brazil to Slovenia, H.E. Mr. Renato Mosca de Souza



### As a Rotarian, I will

1. Exemplify the core value of integrity in all behaviors and activities

2. Use my vocational experience and talents to serve in Rotary

**3.** Conduct all of my personal, business, and professional affairs ethically, encouraging and fostering high ethical standards as an example to others

**4.** Be fair in all dealings with others and treat them with the respect due to them as fellow human beings

**5.** Promote recognition and respect for all occupations which are useful to society

6. Offer my vocational talents: to provide opportunities for young people, to work for the relief of the special needs of others, and to improve the quality of life in my community

**7.** Honor the trust that Rotary and fellow Rotarians provide and not do anything that will bring disfavor or reflect adversely on Rotary or fellow Rotarians

**8.** Not seek from a fellow Rotarian a privilege or advantage not normally accorded others in a business or professional relationship







Voting for Paul Harris Award, dinners after RC official meetings



RC Ljubljana International members at the Wine Gourmet Evening in Hotel Bernardin



RC President Mr. Miha Murn with RC Budapest-City President, Mr. Iulian Coman and Club Secretary, Mr. Henning Sorknaes







#### **ROTARY IN SLOVENIA**

In Slovenia, the first Rotary club was founded in Maribor on 15 November 1930. The founding members of the first club were famous citizens of Maribor: the owner of the Zlatorog beer factory Oskar Dračar, the wealthiest person from Maribor – industrialist Josip Hutter, builder Vlado Šlajmer, and later also the Olympian Leon Štukelj. The history of this club is recorded in the book "The First Rotary Club in Slovenia", written by Božidar Hribar.

Rotary clubs in Slovenia were disbanded at the beginning of World War II. With the occupation of Ljubljana, the fascist authorities banned the Rotary organization and confiscated the archives.

After 50 years, Rotarianism was yet again reviving in Slovenia. Wealthy Slovenian emigrants in Brazil, Vladimir Ovca and Janez Hlebanja, and Slovenian Canadian Ray Bukovec helped immensely to revive the idea of Rotarianism on Slovenian grounds. Otto von Habsburg also made a significant contribution to the revival of this idea in Slovenia.

Since 2011, Slovenian Rotarians have had an independent District 1912. The official name is Rotary district 1912 of Slovenia and Northern Macedonia. Prior to that, Rotary Slovenia was part of District 1910.



With Ambassador of the Republic of Georgia to the Republic of Slovenia, H.E. Mr. Irakli Koplatadze



Photos from informal club meeting at Frangež Wine Estate, Caipirinha workshop, official meeting and visit to RC Ajdovščina



RC President Mr. Miha Murn with RC Budapest-Center Past President (2020-21), Ms. Kata Pál



RC President Mr. Miha Murn with RC Prague International President, Mr. Gerry Tipple



### **RC SPONSORS**



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