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Sergio Malizia

Dear Friends,

The first month of the Rotary year has already flown by, and with it the first steps of a journey that has proven intense and engaging. For me, the visits are like a journey—not just a geographical one through the territories of our District, but above all a journey of the heart, allowing me to experience firsthand the richness and diversity of our Rotary family. It's a journey that confirms the importance of maintaining a lively dialogue with the Clubs, fostering the exchange of experiences, and building bridges that allow us to be stronger together, because Rotary is precisely this: a network of relationships that thrives on encounters, discussions, and sharing. A journey that's not just mine, but **our**, because together we are writing the history of this Rotary year. It's a journey that leads me to discover not only local peculiarities, but, above all, the deepest essence of our being Rotarians: the ability to transform the ideal of service into concrete actions.

In keeping with these values, I am proud to remember an event of great significance for our District: **the concert on August 2nd**, which saw the extraordinary international artist as protagonist **Noa** in the splendid setting of the **Green Theatre**, promoted **in favor of the Rotary Foundation**. This evening represented for all of us a moment of rare beauty, in which art became the spokesperson for universal values. The magical atmosphere of this evening confirmed the power of the union between art and solidarity, confirming once again

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I had the pleasure of starting this journey, as per tradition it starts from the Club of the elected Governor Lina Licciardello, on July 18th with a visit to the **Rotary Club Patti - Land of Tindari**, A symbolic gesture that represents the continuity of our work and the ideal passing of the baton between past and future. From there, I enthusiastically continued my visits to the Rotary Clubs in the Peloritani area: **Rotary Club Messina - Strait of Messina, the Messina Peloro Club, Valle del Mela and Messina**.

I later had the honor of meeting the members of the **Castelvetrano Club - Belice Valley, Caltanissetta and Bivona "Mountains of the Roses - Magazzolo"**, Trapani, Trapani **Erice and Trapani Birgi Mozia**. These meetings, which completed the month of July and the first days of August, represented moments of extraordinary value for me, full of constructive discussion and authentic sharing. In every Club I had the honor of visiting, I was able to experience firsthand the constant commitment, passion, and profound sense of belonging that form the foundation of our strength.

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necessary to carry out projects of great impact and long-lasting daily service

benefit the communities we serve. Therefore, "United to do Good," united in serving those in need. Every gesture, every project, every initiative finds its strength in being shared by a community that believes in...

the same values. With renewed emphasis on the importance of Riano growth, enthusiasm and a spirit of service, I look to the next stages of this journey, certain that we will continue to build an increasingly cohesive and vital Rotary, capable of leaving a tangible and positive mark on the social fabric of our cities.

Another particularly notable moment was **the twinning between Districts 2110 Sicily and Malta and 9010 Tunisia, Morocco, Algeria and Mauritania, and between the Rotary Clubs Palermo Piana degli Albanesi Hora and Arbereshevet and Tunis Medina.** An initiative that places the values of dialogue, international cooperation, and peace at its core, giving full substance to the year's theme. **"United to do good."**

I believe these twinings are fundamental because they create concrete opportunities for shared projects, cultural exchanges and initiatives. **"service"** that can have a lasting impact on the communities involved.

I am also pleased to remember the fundraising event in favor of the **Rotary Foundation**, held at the suggestive Cozzo Del Parroco Winery in Noto: **"Notes, Wines and Stars"** These moments demonstrate how Rotary is able to transform conviviality into an instrument of concrete solidarity, creating a virtuous circle that unites the

the pleasure of being together with the satisfaction of contributing to projects of global importance.

Thank you for the welcome you have given me and above all great impact and long-lasting daily mind carried out with passion and competence.

As you all know, in the Rotary calendar, the month of August is traditionally dedicated **"to the membership and development of new clubs"**. This is a strategic moment to reflect

on the importance of Riano growth, membership, the quality of participation, and the expansion of our impact within local and global communities. The success of a Rotary club is measured not only by the number of its members, but above all by its ability to attract, engage, and retain motivated, competent people who want to make a difference. I believe that membership is not merely a matter of numbers; it represents the beating heart of our service, the lifeblood of Rotary: active, inspired, and committed members are the driving force behind every Rotary project. Each member brings a unique legacy: experiences, visions, skills, energy, perspectives, and resources that enrich the club's human heritage and strengthen its ability to carry out increasingly ambitious and effective service projects. And every member who leaves represents a loss of potential, memory, and heart.

Therefore, developing membership means **welcome, include and enhance.** It's an act of responsibility and openness. We must therefore be attractive, without ever losing our authenticity. But at the same time, we must take care of those who are already part of our family, strengthening their sense of belonging, listening.

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**Francesco Arezzo**

Dear Friends,

August is Membership Month, but our commitment to growth and connection lasts year-round. When we focus on growing Rotary, we increase our ability to serve, lead, and create lasting change.

Membership growth isn't just about numbers. It's about opening doors. It's about inviting more people willing to donate their time, talents, and hearts to a cause greater than themselves. When we welcome new members, we gain new ideas and new energy. We expand our impact, strengthen our clubs, and ensure that Rotary continues to evolve with the world around us.

Remember, we now have tremendous flexibility to create non-traditional club models. I'm truly inspired when I see these innovative clubs thrive, offering new and prospective members additional ways to connect and serve.

In Korea, the growth of satellite clubs has created opportunities for nearly a thousand new members to find their place in Rotary. In Romania, close collaboration between Rotarians, Rotaractors, and Interactors has created a pool of future leaders. In India, some Rotarians come together around a common interest, whether professional development or a passion for service, and these bonds deepen their commitment and joy in being part of Rotary. And we've seen cause-based clubs thrive in regions as diverse as Southeast Asia, Africa, and Europe.

There's a common thread throughout: in places where clubs are growing, membership is a priority and there's a willingness to try something new. Rotary isn't limited to one structure or tradition. We're a global network of individuals ready to take action, and that means there's room for many types of clubs, many ways to serve, and many paths within our organization.

This spirit of innovation also guides our efforts to reach new communities. In places where there has never been a Rotary club before, - or where a club once existed and then disappeared - Rotarians are finding ways to grow Rotary. They are identifying areas of potential and creating clubs that reflect the character and needs of their communities.

Every member has a role in this journey. Whether you introduce a friend to your club, champion a new meeting format, reconnect with program alumni, or simply share your Rotary story, you help our organization become stronger and more vibrant.

No one owns a Rotary club. It's a gift we pass on to the next generation. When we treasure this gift, when we invite others to share it, we ensure that Rotary continues to be a force for good.

We prioritize membership growth, not just in August but every month of the year. Together, through friendship, creativity, and a shared purpose, we will grow Rotary and be *United to do good*.

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Nor the voice that sounds

Musica, spirituality and civic commitment

Interview conducted shortly before the concert at the Teatro di Verdura in Palermo, promoted by District 2110 Sicily and Malta under the guidance of Governor Sergio Malizia.

• Your music spans different cultures, languages, and sensibilities. You're considered a living bridge between often distant worlds. In a time of crisis like the one we're living in, do you truly believe that music can contribute to peace and understanding between peoples? *Yes, I believe it with all my heart. Art – and music in particular.*

– has universal power because it speaks the language of essential emotions: pain, love, hope, mourning. Emotions that have no nationality and that remind us how equal we are in our fragilities.

Music has the power to break down invisible barriers and create profound connections even between people who don't know each other or who perceive themselves as "other." In this sense, it can be a bridge. But be careful: it alone isn't enough.

Art can inspire, spark awareness, but it takes a collective movement. It's people, united, who change the world. The artist can point the way, but it's humanity as a whole that must walk the walk. Rotary does just that: it transforms inspiration into action.

• Your commitment to intercultural and interreligious dialogue has led you to collaborate with Arab, Christian, Israeli, Palestinian artists



Stinesi. How do you feel close to Rotary?

In Rotary, I recognize the same drive that drives my art: the desire to unite, to serve, to listen. You seek the common good through concrete, respectful, and never intrusive actions. Rotary has a perspective that includes, not excludes. That's why I feel so close to this organization.

You are a global network that works to bridge gaps, to intervene where needed, to bring culture, health, and dignity. This is the spirit I would like to animate the world. I deeply believe

that all creatures—people, animals, trees—are part of the same vital symphony. And when one part breaks, the whole melody suffers. Rotary knows this. And it demonstrates it with every project.

• Tonight's concert supports the Rotary Foundation's projects. When music serves a social cause, what does it become?

It becomes a powerful act. But let's not forget that it's the artist who chooses. Music can be manipulated, even used for negative purposes. But when it's guided by a good intention,



It can become a hymn of civilization. Bruce Springsteen is an example of how an artist can use his voice to resist injustice. I try to do the same. Even when I sing songs not directly related to a political issue, my heart and conscience guide every word, every note. And when music meets a concrete project like that of the Rotary Foundation—which fights polio, promotes education, protects the environment—then the sound becomes service.

And the stage transforms into a place of testimony.

- There's a very strong spiritual tension in your music, but it's not confessional. What role does the sacred have in your art?

I consider myself a deeply religious person, but not in a dogmatic sense. My God is Music. When I go on stage, it's like entering a temple. I sing as a prayer, as an act of thanksgiving, as a gift.

I'm not interested in using music to celebrate myself. I want to honor it. Pass it on from me to others with gratitude and respect. True artists are channels, not protagonists. Arrogance breaks the connection. I've met extraordinary and humble musicians. Because they know that music is a gift that must be given back.

I believe that each of us has a place, a role, a chance to contribute to the common good. And when you give something—time, skills, love—you receive something even greater. This is exactly what Rotary does: it gives, and in doing so, it builds a better world.

- We offer ethical, emotional, and professional training to young Rotary members. What do you want to say to them?

I mean, don't be afraid to be generous. It's easy to chase personal success, individual affirmation. But true joy comes from con-

connection, from the sharing, from commitment to others. We live in a world that offers us extraordinary tools: advanced technologies, artificial intelligence, global networks. But these tools must be used responsibly. They can serve to divide or unite. It's up to you to decide.

Loneliness is the true evil of our time. The only antidote is community. Build relationships, create spaces where we can listen and support each other.

And if you have a talent—an idea, a skill, a passion—share it. The greatest gift is having something to offer.

Rotary gives you this opportunity: take advantage of it. Do it with courage, with love, with gratitude.

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"The war in Gaza must end now!" Noa's voice, firm and imperious, yet sweet and charged with emotion, strikes like an unexpected greeting to the more than two thousand Rotarians who have gathered from all over Sicily at the Teatro di Verdura in Palermo to attend the Israeli singer's concert. It's an appeal that is also a denunciation, piercing everyone's conscience like a double-edged sword and challenging us. She herself suggests the answer with the word Peace. A request and an invocation that is among the foundations of Rotary, along with Service and Friendship. Noa is the ambassador of this Peace that permeates



pours over the lands that have become barriers in the Middle East, separated from us by the Mediterranean, and which reaches us as a mixed echo of tears and pain. And his stru-

mento is the music that breaks down walls and builds bridges. It ranges from Palestinian lullabies to the rhythms of Jewish culture united by torment and that a war





It relentlessly kills and starves adults and children. So Noah's song, as a message of reconciliation, surpasses all diplomacy and entrusts us with the desire to see two Peoples and two States.

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Peace. But Noa's repertoire ranges from Middle Eastern folk to international pop. A top artist who transcends the world with all musical genres, conveying sounds and emotions,

unforgettable as in the imagination "Life is beautiful" with the music of Maestro Nicola Piovani pre-

My Oscar for the soundtrack of Roberto Benigni's film, which has entered our hearts and become a symbol of absolute good, which once again rhymes with Peace. What will remain?

collective of the Rotarians present at the Verdura theatre to raise funds in



favor of the Rotary Foundation?

Certainly the timeless, captivating voice of Noa, an expression of the dialogue between different worlds, who has immersed herself in the most authentic character of the musical culture.

Sicilian singer, playing Dor on the guitar, plucked an- ta. A heart-pounding finale.

Rosa Balistreri and singing in a perfect vernacular the most famous song of the singer-songwriter from Licata dedicated to the Earth as a gift of Mother Nature, and then a band of unparalleled caliber. Gil

that tugged at our heartstrings, Ruslan Sirota on piano made our neurons vibrate and more. Omri Abramov on electric bass and saxophone and Gadi Seri on drums set the rhythm for the evening.





“UA paw on the heart” a Postal cancellation and postcards for pet therapy. A concrete action of the group over Natore Sergio Malizia

On July 4th, Rotary District 2110 Sicily and Malta took a step forward in supporting the PET Therapy project, a joint idea of the Governor's wife, Angela. As part of this initiative, Sergio Malizia created a solidarity postmark, applied to postcards intended for distribution with a donation. All proceeds will be donated to two local pet therapy associations: Pachamama and Gli Amici di Lorenz.

A symbolic cancellation for a collection in favor of the good

During the Training Seminar for Presidents-Elect (SIPE), held in April in Sciacca, Malizia officially presented the project to the Rotarian audience. Today, with the introduction of the postmark for postcards published with the 20252026 logo, the fundraising campaign kicks off.

Project objectives

The postcards, bearing a solidarity postmark, will be distributed with a donation to clubs and district events. The proceeds will go to support two partners selected for their operational effectiveness and ethical standards: "Pachamama," specializing in canine therapy training, and "Gli Amici di Lorenz," dedicated to emotional and physical support.

people in need. These associations will be the protagonists of direct interventions with dogs trained to offer support to vulnerable people.

The project also takes on a very personal dimension:



Angela, the Governor's wife, wanted to dedicate the initiative to Simba and Kiwi, two Cavalier King Charles Spaniels who recently passed away, affectionate companions of the Malizia family.

Towards a more inclusive and community-based Rotary

The postmark and postcard initiative fits within the vision outlined by Malizia: a Rotary that is "united, proactive, and at the service of people." The Governor emphasized that, while Rotary does not directly provide funds, it can support initiatives recognized for their community value, generating a significant emotional and social impact.

How to participate

The postcards will be distributed at clubs in the District and in



at provincial conferences, with a small fixed contribution. Rotary encourages members and supporters to distribute and promote solidarity postcards, contributing in a simple but tangible way to a project that turns the human-animal relationship into a tool for well-being. The postmark isn't just a graphic detail, but a gesture.

Symbolic and concrete, it thus actively participates in an ethical, humane, and innovative project. With this initiative, Rotary District 2110 strengthens its ties with the community, confirming its commitment to service, memory, and care for the most vulnerable.



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SAn agreement has been signed that strengthens traditions and friendships

Just days after taking office, Governor Sergio Malizia inaugurates a season of concrete international cooperation inspired by Rotary values.

District 2110 – Sicily and Malta, always attentive to international cooperation and the promotion of initiatives with a Mediterranean scope, has recently made official an important **twinning with Tunisia**, in continuity with a long tradition of relations with the countries of North Africa. Over the years, in fact, the District has established fruitful relationships with numerous Rotary Clubs in the **Morocco**, carrying out projects in the field of **thalassemia** and of the **health prevention**. Today this vision of a “Rotary neighborhood” is enriched by a new chapter, which looks at **Tunisia** as a natural partner to jointly address the educational and social challenges of the present.

A twinning in the name of service

Last July 11th, at **Villa Airoidi** in Palermo, the twinning between District 2110 and District 9010 (which includes Algeria, Morocco, Mauritania and Tunisia) was officially signed. In the presence of the **Governor Sergio Malizia**, of the Governor of District 9010 **Khaled Fourati**, of the representatives of the **Rotary Club Palermo Piana degli Albanesi – Hora e Arbëreshëvet**, of the **Rotary Club Tunis Medina**, of the consuls and Rotary and civil authorities, this important moment was achieved.



A twinning that does not remain on paper, but immediately translates into **concrete actions**: in particular, the creation of a **Computer room in the primary school in the Tunisian village of Ghliissia**, equipped with 8 computer stations and a printer/

scanner.

A small but great sign to counteract the **digital divide** which still affects many rural areas, offering tools for growth to children who face long journeys every day to access education.





The role of Governor Malizia

The **Governor Sergio Malizia**, a few days after taking office, demonstrated a clear and determined vision: to enhance intercultural dialogue and make international cooperation one of the District's priorities.

"This twinning is a sign of a Rotary that doesn't stop at borders, but opens itself to the Mediterranean to build bridges—not just symbolic ones, but useful and concrete ones," he declared. His commitment has already charted a clear course for the Rotary year: rooting Rotary's values in tangible initiatives capable of generating a positive impact on local communities.



A tradition that continues The new agreement with Tunisia represents a **natural consequence of historical relations with Morocco**, where District 2110 has created **thalassemia prevention campaigns**, awareness seminars and educational programs in collaboration with local Rotary Clubs. This **historical continuity** underlines how the cooperation between Sicily, Malta and North Africa does not



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« CERTIFICATO di RICONOSCIMENTO »

I DISTRETTI 2110 e 9010

hanno creato un partenariato per promuovere la comprensione e la buona volontà attraverso rapporti d'amicizia e azione internazionale duraturi

GOVERNATORE DISTRETTO 2110
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GOVERNATORE DISTRETTO 9010
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JUMELAGE DE DISTRICTS R. I.

« CERTIFICAT DE RECONNAISSANCE »

LES DISTRICTS 9010 et 2110

ont créé un partenariat pour promouvoir la compréhension et la bonne entente, grâce à des relations d'amitié et à une action internationale durables

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both episodic, but an integral part of a **Mediterranean Rotary vision**, which puts at the center **man, culture and sustainable development**.

April 2026: Sicily returns the visit

Reciprocity, a founding value of international relations, will have a further strong moment in the **Official visit of the Sicily-Malta District to Tunisia in April 2026**. This is an opportunity not only to strengthen institutional ties, but also to closely monitor the progress of the Ghliasia project, meet with Tunisian partners, and strengthen the trust and friendship that have already been established.

This project is transversal in bringing many benefits. It strengthens the **intercultural dialogue between European and African Rotary clubs**. Reduces the **educational and digital inequalities** in rural contexts.

Enhance a **historical collaboration network** among the districts of the Mediterranean.

Promotes the **peace, mutual understanding and concrete service**.

It is a replicable model for other future twinnings and exchanges.





This new bond between Sicily, Malta, and Tunisia reminds us that, when we act together, even geographical distances can shorten.

District 2110 thus continues to be the protagonist of a Rotary vision **without borders**, rooted in history and oriented towards the future.

Selene Grimaudo
Coordinator
District Communication
Western Sicily



the first tasting of the CaMpaNa from GoverNatore

Sergio Malizia shares his testimony and emotion

In an evening filled with emotion and pride, the Rotary Club of Palermo Ovest celebrated the Bell Ringing Ceremony, a symbolic event that annually marks the renewal of club positions.

Making the evening even more special was the presence of the new Rotary District Governor, Sergio Malizia, on his first official outing since the Handover of the Collar. Malizia will formally assume the prestigious office of Governor on July 1st, but the occasion already gave the new district leader the opportunity to share with members the enthusiasm and confidence that will accompany his term.

"This evening I was deeply moved to participate in the Bell Ringing Ceremony of my Palermo Ovest Club," said Malizia. "It was a deeply meaningful moment, marking the beginning of my journey as District Governor."

The Governor's sentiment is even more profound considering that for the first time in the 53-year history of the Palermo Ovest Club, a member has assumed leadership of the District. This historic achievement Malizia dedicated to the entire club, recognizing its educational and human value: "Being the first member of Palermo Ovest to hold this role is a source of profound pride and responsibility for me. It is an achievement I share with all the members, who have been a great asset to me.



true school of values, friendship and service."

Looking to the future, the new Governor reaffirmed the centrality of the Rotary spirit: a united community, driven by passion and the desire to make a difference.

The evening thus ended in

A climate of enthusiasm and sharing, once again underscoring Rotary's power as a driver of positive change in society. This commitment will continue into the new Rotary year, under the inspired leadership of Sergio Malizia. "United to do good."



“Note, Vini and Sstars” And wind pro sea lion Foudation among the vineyards of Noto

On Saturday, July 26, 2025, at 8:00 PM, the “Cozzo del Parroco” winery was transformed into an exceptional food and wine stage for “Note, Vini e Stelle,” a fundraising event in support of the Rotary Foundation.

Amidst rows of centuries-old olive trees and rolling hills dotted with lush vineyards, the beating heart of the Noto countryside welcomed Rotary members and friends from the Aretusa, Iblea, and Etna areas, and from every corner of the District. A warm and inviting atmosphere ushered in an evening of solidarity, flavor, and art. The Rotary Club of Noto officially opened, with Governor Sergio Malizia, District Secretary Alessia Di Vita, and Assistant Governor Pietro Forestiere on stage. Their remarks, imbued with Rotary values and community spirit, preceded an inaugural toast that lit up the sky with sparkling glasses, an expression of their fervent support for the Rotary Foundation.

Each table narrated a sensory journey from field to table: creamy cheeses, seasonal vegetables, fresh bread, and organic preserves were paired with a selection of excellent wines, the fruit of the mastery of local producers. The latter, protagonists in the room, guided the guests to discover the secrets of cultivation and winemaking, transforming every sip into a

an intimate encounter with the authentic scents of Sicily. As the sun sets, the suggestive amphitheatre-natural setting of the rows, a suggestive vineyard circular, it lit up with jazz notes: piano and chi-





From the most distant clubs in the District, he reaffirmed the strength of Rotary ties, united in extolling local excellence and promoting it through concrete service initiatives.

"Notes, Wines, and Stars" marks the first step in a journey that will continue throughout the district year. With wine, good food, and music as driving forces of community, Rotary reaffirms its commitment to strengthening a sense of community and developing projects that will leave a lasting impact on the area.

The sounds of the tarra intertwined with the rustling of the branches and the chirping of the cicadas, while the first stars filled the summer sky. A magical combination of music and nature, capable of imprinting indelible emotions in the hearts of those who attended.

The Rotary Club of Noto Terra di Eoro, now in its 51st year of activity, has once again demonstrated its vigor and innovative spirit. The large participation of members



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On the afternoon of July 22nd, Governor Sergio Malizia, along with Pino Disclafani, Delegate for Institutions, and the Presidents of the Panormus Area Clubs, met with the Mayor of the Metropolitan City of Palermo, Professor Roberto Lagalla. The Mayor expressed his willingness to discuss the city's main emergencies and to use municipal spaces for Rotary activities.

The Clubs shared projects that will affect several neighborhoods in Palermo, with the aim of strengthening their impact on the local area.

A meeting marked by institutional collaboration and mutual commitment. United to do good.



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A memorandum of understanding has been signed between Rotary District 2110 and the Sicilian Region to promote local excellence.

On July 30, a memorandum of understanding was signed between Rotary District 2110 Sicily and Malta and the Sicilian Regional Department of Productive Activities, represented by Councilor Edy Tamajo. The agreement marks the launch of a major public-private partnership project aimed at promoting Sicily's economic, cultural, and social excellence.

The initiative, strongly supported by the Governor of Rotary District 2110, Sergio Malizia, is called "Valorizzare



"The excellence of the territory" and will be divided into ten stages, one for each Sicilian province. Each stage will be an opportunity to tell and highlight virtuous entrepreneurial realities,

projects innovative, experiences successful and sustainable development models born and grown within the island's productive fabric. The project aims to acti-



Create a virtuous circle of recognition and visibility for those businesses and initiatives that, despite operating in often complex contexts, manage to deliver high added value in terms of economic impact, social cohesion, and promotion of local culture. The shared goal is to build bridges between institutions, economic actors, and communities, generating new opportunities for growth and valorization of Sicily's human and territorial capital. Rotary and the Region together intend to contribute to the construction of a strategic and positive vision for Sicily, focusing on its best energies. This synergistic action confirms Rotary's commitment to local communities and underscores the Region's focus on development models based on innovation, responsibility, and local roots. "United to do good" and to unleash the potential of Sicily's best potential.



Prossimi district events

"Viaggio nei luoghi del Gattopardo... tra cultura e solidarietà!"

*III Cortile Palazzo Filangeri di Cutò
Santa Margherita di Belice (AG)
Sabato 9 agosto, ore 20.30*



**Gran Ballo del
Gattopardo**



Spettacolo di Cabaret

**Evento di raccolta fondi
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Info e prenotazioni:

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Prossimi district events

Monumentalità teatrali antiche e moderne in Sicilia e Malta

Presentazione della monografia
Lunedì 11 Agosto
Castello Medievale, Pantelleria
ore 19:30

Indirizzi di saluto:

Sergio Malizia
Governatore Distretto Rotary 2110

Vincenza Pavia
Presidente del Rotary Club Pantelleria

Intervengono:

Rita Cedrini
Presidente Commissione Distrettuale "LIBRO DELL'ANNO"

Thomas Schäfer
Università di Tubinga - Germania
Direttore scavi Acropoli Santa Teresa e San Marco

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Note, Vini e Tramonto

Isola Lunga, Stagnone di Marsala

Venerdì 29 agosto, ore 19.00

Evento di raccolta fondi
pro Rotary Foundation

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Si ringrazia:



FIRRIATO

Info e prenotazioni:

Franco Saccà

Rotary Club Trapani

Presidente della Commissione Distrettuale
Valorizzazione delle Eccellenze del Territorio

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The coming month, August, is the month of membership and the creation of new Clubs. It is the time when every Rotarian is called to ask themselves a fundamental question: "Am I enough for my Club?" The answer will inevitably be no. None of us is "sufficient" for the membership needs of our Club. There is always someone missing, someone with a profession or job among those not yet present in the Club. Joking with friends in my Club, I often wonder why the directors of the Italian Post Office, the best IT professionals in the city, representatives of the Armed Forces—in short, "unusual" categories—are never admitted to Rotary. Certainly, more women are still needed to increase the female presence, and more young people are also needed, essential to bring new life to the Clubs.

In August, and not only in August, Rotary International extends an invitation to every Rotarian: take a few minutes of your time to reflect on the composition of your club! Regardless of your role in the club, this isn't a reflection limited to leaders; it's a reflection that can lead you to perform an act of generosity, to be the protagonist of a free gesture towards others.



of our Association: introduce a new member. When Governor Sergio visits the Clubs, the greatest gift he'll receive is to be present at the admission of one or more new members. He made this clear from the first day of his training sessions: "Among the priorities of the year, the first is Membership." And, almost as if there were a preordained sharing, if we look at current international events, President Francesco has indicated it as the top priority for the entire Rotary world. We are therefore all called to intervene to significantly increase the number of Sicilian and Maltese members. In his first online speech, open to all,

Rotarians of Italy, the president, in unequivocal agreement with our governor, has in fact indicated Membership as the priority of priorities. Yes, of course, we're coming off a festive season, celebrating the past and full of enthusiasm for the future. Now we have a few days ahead of us with fewer work and family commitments, but precisely for this reason, we must dedicate a few moments of reflection and attention to Rotary! Another often overlooked topic is member retention. This essentially means "preventing new members from leaving after a few years, or sometimes even after just a few months."

In most cases, these are men and women whom we have not been able to adequately involve in the activities of the Club and the District, but sometimes, after the customary opening congratulations (Welcome to our Rotarian family!; It's a great joy to have you with us!), no one ever spoke to them about Rotary, no one cared to understand what they expected from membership in the Club and what kind of support for the activities and projects this person could give to the Association.

Well, to put it briefly, the task is therefore to support and enhance the existing and conquer the new.

But let's move on to the undoubtedly more complex issue: whether or not to expand the number of clubs in cities where there is already a Rotarian presence. In my many years of membership in Rotary, I've heard all sorts of things on this topic. "Was there really a need to form a new club here?" or "Couldn't we have them join one or more existing clubs?" I have no recipe for success on this subject. New clubs are formed on the initiative of the governors in office. This is why we have reached over a hundred clubs in the District. And we must be grateful, sincerely grateful, to each of the founders for having compensated, with the new clubs and the addition of Rotarians to existing clubs, for the significant losses of members that have unfortunately occurred in recent decades. Reflect with me for a moment, and perhaps you'll agree that forming a new club, a choice once seen as a matter of expediency, has now become a choice of necessity. Let's leave it to the district leaders to address these issues and focus on...



Let's talk about our Club, its composition, and its development. As I conclude, I'll simply point out that, regarding Membership, there are no extraordinary regulatory changes approved by the recent Council on Legislation (Rotary's parliament). Perhaps there is one: the possibility of creating new Clubs with a minimum of fifteen members, instead of twenty. However, this rule was approved to facilitate the formation of Clubs in particularly challenging areas, such as small islands, territories far from large urban centers, etc. All in all, it won't have much of an impact in our territories, where, on the contrary, we should consider establishing new Clubs with a good starting membership only in areas that are "uncovered" or "inadequately covered," as well as "new Clubs of the experimental types proposed by Rotary."

The important thing is that each of us understand that membership, a bureaucratic term we must get used to, is the lifeblood of our organization. On another occasion, I compared it to the system of veins and arteries that keep a body alive, the body of our Association. Without the contribution of each of us and without this contribution being shared—hence the call to "Unite for Good"—we will not be able to support the Rotary of the future.

I know Governor Sergio is asking each of you to overcome not just summer laziness, but also indifference to this issue. I too, given the role entrusted to me, know that this activity represents a commitment, first of reflection, then of planning, and finally of direct involvement! But otherwise, what kind of Rotarians would we be?

Attilio Bruno

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In a vibrant atmosphere of international cooperation, the official establishment ceremony of the Intercountry Committees (ICC) between Italy, Malta, San Marino, and Turkey was held online on July 24: a moment of great symbolic and operational value that marked the beginning of a new era of dialogue, shared planning, and Rotary diplomacy.

Over 40 countries, including Europe, the Middle East, the Americas, and Asia, joined the Zoom platform: a tangible demonstration of the global interest in an initiative that renews Rotary's role as a peacebuilder through human connections and service. Among the most significant attendees was Rotary International President Francesco Arezzo, a prominent figure in District 2110 Sicily and Malta, the first Rotarian from our region to reach the highest international office. He was joined by his Aide PDG John De Giorgio, Nathalie Huyghebaert (Chair of the ICC Executive Council), ICC National Coordinator PDG Alessandro Pastorini, and numerous Governors and Past Governors, including Director General Sergio Malizia and IPDG Giuseppe Pitari. The highlight of the event was the signing of the Articles of Association by Lavinia Pitari, National President of the newly formed ICC Italy, Malta, San Marino – Turkey, and her Turkish counterpart Ziya Sadi, both strongly motivated to build an alliance between their respective areas.



geographical, in the name of continuity, trust and friendship.

Messages from the event

During the meeting, filled with inspiring remarks, President Arezzo emphasized how Intercountry Committees are valuable tools for building lasting bonds of peace, contributing with discretion and determination to fostering mutual understanding between peoples and cultures. He spoke of Rotary's responsibility in an increasingly interconnected world and expressed the hope that this new partnership will be an inexhaustible source of opportunities and shared projects. Nathalie Huyghebaert emphasized the strategic role of Intercountry Committees as "bridges" between clubs and districts in different countries, capable of transforming personal relationships into collaborative projects. Alessandro Pastorini expressed his appreciation for the quali-

organization and gratitude for the participation of the International President, defined as "a strong sign of confidence in our Mediterranean vision of Rotary action".

Director General Sergio Malizia and IPDG Giuseppe Pitari spoke, conveying greetings and the support of the Districts of Zone 14, reiterating the importance of strengthening Rotary's diplomacy in an international context that needs peace, listening, and collaboration more than ever.

The words of Lavinia Pitari

President Lavinia Pitari's speech struck a deep chord, combining emotion and clear planning. She affectionately thanked President Arezzo, "the pride of our District 2110," and all those who worked toward this goal, emphasizing the importance of involving the Rotarians from the very beginning.



Ractians and young people in the activities of the ICCs, to build a solid and interdependent generational network. "This signature – he said – is not just a formal act, but the symbol of a renewed pact of cooperation between two worlds that have met many times in history and that today choose to do so with the language of peace and

of the service".

He announced the creation of an Instagram page to share the Committee's initiatives and the organization of an international in-person event, aimed at strengthening ties between clubs in the signatory countries. The next step: Brussels in September for the European Institute.

Future goals of the Committee

The newly established Intercountry Committees aim to:

- develop joint humanitarian projects on a local and international scale
- promote educational and cultural programs, with particular attention to young people and intercultural exchange
- strengthen institutional relationships between districts and clubs
- promote new twinning and partnerships, including within Rotaract and Interact
- promote initiatives related to sustainability and peace, in line with the guidelines of Rotary International and the UN Goals

The ceremony concluded with a powerful and shared message: "In Rotary, uniting nations means multiplying the potential for good. Every signature, every project, every encounter contributes to building peace, not as a distant dream, but as a daily action."



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The functioning of the so-called "Rotary Parliament," the reforms approved and rejected, the relationship between club activities and those in international forums, and other related issues are of interest to many members. After my brief address at the Congress, I reported on the matter to the members of the Akragas Area, to the 14th and 15th Presidents, and finally to Niscemi, where the Clubs of Gela, Niscemi, and Piazza Armerina, chaired by Francesco Giudice, Antonio Rizzo, and Fabio Melilli, met amicably and productively on July 24th. Experts Gigi Parisi, Giacomo Ferrato, and Valter Longobardi also contributed to the organization for the three Clubs.

At the beginning of the meeting, held in the Municipal Library of Caltanissetta, adorned with many works of art, we connected via Zoom with many of the Directors and International President Francesco Arezzo, whose election we are particularly proud of. After a presentation by Alessandro Pastorini, Ligurian PDG and President of the CIP, "our" dear friend introduced the meeting, which focused on the establishment of the Italy-Turkey CIP. This Inter-Country Committee is extremely significant at a time when both our islands and Turkey are operating in a strategic area of the Mediterranean; an area unfortunately plagued by migration and conflict. Rotary leadership will thus be able to contribute to spreading feelings of "positive" peace.



Using images, I attempted to convey the experience gained both in the previous months, in full harmony with the other thirteen Italian delegates, and during the European Summit in Bonn, and during Easter week in Chicago, with the other 539 Districts from around the world. I illustrated the qualified presence, the highly effective methods, the new ideas and new intentions in the various contexts of the continents, the procedures implemented; in short, how the "legislative power"—represented by the COL—functions compared to the "executive power"—represented by the Board, whose members spoke in Chicago on various topics, as did the International Secretary John

Hewko (true and constant supporter of Rotary politics). The audience proved to be knowledgeable, attentive, and interested; also present were our friend Titta Sallemi, who often attends with Teresa at the three clubs near hers in Vittoria, as well as Marilia, President of the District Committee for Community Service, one of the five Rotary Actions, linked to periodically updated regulations.

Other Clubs have already asked to know more, so I will be present in various Areas to continue reporting in meetings that prove to be of modern format, with useful discussions among interested members.

John Vaccaro



CLUB LIFE

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TO **Sferracavallo**, a seaside village on the outskirts of Palermo, took place last July 10th, the **"Summer Party"** organized by **Rotary Club Palermo Baia dei Fenici** A convivial event with a strong solidarity impact, which saw the participation of over 300 guests from numerous clubs in District 2110 Sicily and Malta. An evening dedicated to friendship, music and above all, **charity**, which allowed us to collect **5,000 euros for the Rotary Foundation**.

To act as a point of reference, the **District Governor Sergio Malizia**, who, a few days after the official start of his mandate, wanted to testify with his participation the importance of these moments of aggregation, which express the beating heart of being a Rotarian: **serve with enthusiasm, building meaningful relationships and generating positive impact in local and global communities**.

Alongside Governor Malizia, also present were the **President of the Rotary Club of Baia dei Fenici, Yustina Anna Malinoska**, promoter of the initiative, and illustrious international representatives, including the **Governor of District 9010 (Tunisia, Morocco, Algeria, Mauritania)** and the **President of the Rotary Club of Tunis Medina**, confirming how the Rotary spirit can break down borders and strengthen bonds of cooperation between the peoples of the Mediterranean.

The symbolic moment of the evening was that of the **delivery of the 5,000 check**



euros to the Rotary Foundation, in the hands of Governor Malizia, who expressed words of gratitude for the commitment demonstrated by the organizing Club and for the generosity of the participants: "This is the Rotary we want to tell: concrete, generous, international, capable of transforming friendship into solidarity, and conviviality into action."

The evening, accompanied by music and animated by a joyful spirit, confirmed once again how **the Sicily-Malta District** knows how to distinguish itself for its ability to **combine enthusiasm and planning**, making every occasion an opportunity for service.



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On the evening of July 12, the Villa Airol di Golf Club hosted an extraordinary fundraising and fellowship event organized by five Rotary clubs: Palermo Nord, Palermo Monreale, Palermo Agorà, Palermo Teatro del Sole, and Palermo Mediterranea. The event, under the motto "Unite for Good" for the 2025-2026 Rotary year, was attended by numerous members and guests, all united by the common goal of strengthening bonds of friendship and collaboration.

The evening was opened by Governor Sergio Malizia, who emphasized the importance of creating a festive and cordial atmosphere, essential to the success of Rotary clubs. His speech kicked off an event that successfully combined fun and solidarity, in an atmosphere of great enthusiasm and participation.

Among the evening's highlights was a performance by saxophonist Gerardo Vitale, who enchanted the audience with captivating melodies, while DJ Garsia's set brought the dance floor to life, engaging everyone in a crescendo of energy and joy. Music played a central role, creating a lively and welcoming atmosphere that fostered interaction among attendees. A particularly significant moment was the addition of a new member to the RC Palermo Nord, a symbol of growth and renewal for the club. Furthermore, RC Palermo

Agorà presented a plaque for the previous "Scialla" project, recognizing the commitment and success of past initiatives.

The importance of this event for Rotary clubs cannot be underestimated. Beyond raising funds for charitable causes, the celebration represented a unique opportunity to strengthen bonds among members, fostering an atmosphere of friendship and collaboration. In an increasingly interconnected world, events like this are essential for building strong and lasting networks.

In conclusion, the fundraising and fellowship event in Palermo was a success in every way. It successfully combined fun and solidarity, creating a memorable experience for all participants.



Wishing Rotary a successful 2025-2026, the Palermo clubs look to the future with optimism and determination, ready to continue their commitment to the common good.



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Against all forms of discrimination

An event that touched everyone's hearts, with elegance, inclusion, and strong emotions.

An extraordinary, intense, and meaningful evening unfolded with the event "Art and Fashion – Beyond All Forms of Discrimination," organized by the Rotary Club Valle del Mela under the passionate guidance of President Lorella Mazzeo. This initiative successfully brought together fashion, art, and inclusion into a single, powerful voice against all forms of marginalization.

The beating heart of the evening was the collaboration with AI-PD (Italian Association of People with Down Syndrome) and Angela Gitto's English Sisters, organizations committed daily to promoting independence and visibility for people with disabilities. The significance of the event was underscored by the presence of District 2110 Governor Sergio Malizia, who not only honored the event with his participation but also strutted with great elegance and solidarity during the fashion show.

The show opened with an extraordinary performance by mime artist and fire juggler Noel Spinella, who enchanted the audience with his evocative and engaging art. Unforgettable moments spanned the entire evening: the AIPD boys, together with the young people of the Rotaract of Barcelona, walked the catwalk with pride and authenticity, giving life to a fashion show that was much more than a simple exhibition of clothes: a living manifesto of



Inclusion, beauty, and dignity. The emotions continued with Maria Luisa Ghilardi's touching monologue on diversity, Amalia Cambria's profound, intense, and necessary reading against homophobia, and the musical interpretation of the talented Katya Chiofalo, whose voice moved the audience and united them in a collective embrace.

Adding to the initiative's powerful message was the participation of wheelchair dancer Federica Bambaci, a shining example of strength, grace, and determination. Her breathtaking performance reaffirmed that beauty knows no physical barriers. The evening's proceeds were donated to AIPD and the Rotary Foundation, supporting concrete inclusion and service projects, strengthening Rotary's commitment to making a difference in people's lives. "Art and Fashion – Beyond every form of discrimination" was not just an event, but a powerful message of love, respect and

Solidarity. An unforgettable evening that spoke to the heart, broke down stereotypes, and built bridges of humanity.





The twinning between the **Palermo Piana degli Albanesi** and the **Rotary Club Tunisia Méditerranée** protocol d'Agreement between **Club Toreapalermo**

An agreement for economic development and basic education. On July 11, an official meeting took place between the Rotary Club Palermo Piana degli Albanesi – Hora e Arbëreshëvet and the Rotary Club Tunisia Méditerranée, aimed at signing a twinning agreement.

The initiative is part of Rotary's areas of focus on community economic development and basic literacy and education, with the goal of building stable, effective relationships that benefit local communities.

inspired by the desire for active and lasting collaboration.

Galioto has identified three pillars on which the project is based:

- Sharing common values
- Cohesion between the clubs involved
- Concrete commitment to community service activities

Special thanks were extended to the club's board of directors for supporting and strengthening the initiative. The value of teamwork, carried out with dedication, a spirit of service, and a sense of responsibility, was also highlighted.

An initiative that expresses the vocation of uniting territories and cultures, continents and seas. The meeting was concluded by District 2110 Governor Sergio Malizia, who praised the twinning as a model of collaboration between Rotary organizations from different but complementary cultural backgrounds.

In her speech, Malizia recalled three key concepts:

- Shared values
- Unity between clubs and territories
- Concrete continuity in initiatives

Three founding principles: values, cohesion, concreteness

The meeting was opened by the President of the Sicilian club, Salvatore Galioto, who explained the reasons for the agreement. The twinning was born from a genuine exchange between the two clubs.

A bridge between the Adriatic and the Mediterranean

Following the signing of the twinning agreement, various institutional interventions strengthened the value of the agreement, placing it within a broader international process already initiated by the club with the twinning agreements with Albania and Kosovo.

The Governor also announced his intention to attend an official meeting in Tunisia in April 2026 to further strengthen the relationship and plan new joint activities.

"This twinning is not a





"This is not a formal act, but the beginning of a concrete path based on common objectives and tangible projects," he declared.

Twinning between Districts of the Panormus Area in collaborators 2110 and 9010: Intercontinental Collaboration

During the ceremony, the twinning between Rotary Districts 2110 (Sicily and Malta) and 9010 (Algeria, Morocco, Mauritania and Tunisia) was also made official, in the presence of the respective Governors:

- Sergio Malizia, District 2110
- Khaled Fourati, District 9010
- Soukaina Bakkali, Governor-Elect D9010
- Lina Ricciardello, Governor-Elect D2110
- Casimiro Gaetano Castronovo, Governor-Nominated D2110

The Consuls of Tunisia and Morocco were also present, confirming the institutional significance of the initiative.

Governor Malizia emphasized the importance of cooperation based on shared values, a sense of belonging, and genuine planning, capable of generating a positive impact on their respective communities.

"Digital future in Ghlissia": a project for schools and inclusion

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During the event, a memorandum of understanding was also signed for the "Digital Future in Ghlissia" project, promoted by the clubs Panormus Area in collaborators 2110 and 9010 in collaboration with the Rotary Club Tunis Medina.

The project is aimed at a primary school in southern Tunisia, with the aim of improving access to digital technologies in a context of high social fragility.

Clubs signing the protocol:

- Palermo, Albanese Plain – Hora and Arbëreshëvet (Salvatore Galioto)
- Palermo (Vito Rodolico)
- West Palermo (Giuseppe Cascio)
- Monreale (Simona Pantaleone)
- Palermo Bay of the Phoenicians (Justina Anna Malinowska)
- Costa Gaia (Flaviana Prestana)
- Palermo Mondello (Vincenzo Bucca)
- Palermo Libertà (Mariagabriella Licari)
- Tunis Medina (Dorra Turki)

The planned activities:

- Setting up a multimedia room with 8 computer stations

- Installing a multifunction printer/scanner

- Digital literacy activities aimed at students and teachers

Project objectives:

- Expand access to digital technologies in rural areas
- Support educational and training growth
- Reducing the digital divide in vulnerable contexts

A Rotary that builds bridges and generates impact

July 11th provided a concrete example of how Rotary can translate its values into real and sustainable actions.

The twinning and the projects born from this meeting mark the beginning of a shared path, oriented towards development, international cooperation and social inclusion.

A Rotary that, with vision and commitment, continues to build bridges between peoples and territories, from the heart of the Mediterranean to the most vulnerable communities, through measurable and lasting projects.

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It was a fun and carefree evening for two reasons: first, the pleasure of meeting with members of various Rotary Clubs from the Etna area on a beautiful terrace by the sea, and second, the knowledge that we could contribute to raising funds for Rotary's international projects. This year, the interclub summer event, with its dance evening at Lido America della Plaia in Catania, was a success again.

In the spirit of friendship and in the name of the Rotary Foundation, this year there were numerous Rotary clubs in the Etna area that

The Rotary Club of Catania, the leader of the initiative, organized the event. The following Rotary Clubs, Catania Bellini, Catania Duomo 150, Catania Est, Catania Nord, Catania Ovest, Catania Sud, Misterbianco, Giarre, Passport Méditerranée, Paternò - Alto Simeto, and San Gregorio, participated with their members and friends in the evening.

- Tremestieri Etneo.

The slogan of the year, "United to do good", was expressed in music with the traditional summer party Re-state in solidarity, as always at the Lido America of the member Pierpaolo Bellia, always

pre-available and generous in opening the doors of the facility for a solidarity initiative. After a brief introduction by the president of the lead Rotary Club, Bianca Maria Lombardo, all the other presidents, or their delegates, spoke to greet them.

Last year, the Rotary Foundation reached the important goal of contributions from all 947 Italian clubs, and this year, Governor Malizia hopes the District will achieve the same result.



Area Club Torrepalmeria

I remember the Stragedy of Viafrommelio

The presidents of the Panormus area gathered for a heartfelt moment of remembrance in memory of the victims of the Mafia, on the anniversary of the Via D'Amelio massacre. July 19, 1992, is a date engraved in the heart of our Republic. On that day, Judge Paolo Borsellino and the five agents of his escort

– Agostino Catalano, Emanuela Loi, Vincenzo Li Muli, Walter Eddie Cosina and Claudio Traina lost their lives in a vile mafia attack.

More than thirty years later, their sacrifice continues to be a moral and civic guide for all of us. Remembering means not forgetting, but above all committing ourselves, every day, to combating the culture of illegality and silence. It is in this spirit that Rotary, faithful to its founding values, joins forces.



Today, in the name of memory and commitment: United to do good. Memory is a duty, but also a driver of action. New generations must know, understand, and reflect, so that history does not repeat itself and the future can be built on foundations of justice, solidarity, and legality.

In this silent and shared moment, we renew our commitment to a more just society, where the example of men like Borsellino is not just a memory, but continues to inspire concrete action.

Happy Rotary to all!





GOVERNOR'S VISITS

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There's a map that's not just geographical, but a living symbol of an activity that aims to unite. To unite a vast and diverse territory—Sicily with its many faces and Malta with its long history—and to unite very different activities born from profoundly different sensibilities and responding to needs that aren't always the same or overlapping.

This is the map of the 102 Rotary clubs in District 2110 Sicily and Malta which, from July 2025 to January 2026, will be the stops on the "Governor's Journey".

The calendar of "administrative visits" by Sergio Malizia and his two Secretaries has been ready for some time and the engines that were raring to go before their departure are now turned on and well oiled.

What has just been undertaken in the District is not just a physical journey—through streets, cities, and municipalities, even small and hard-to-reach ones, in two extraordinary lands—but above all, a human journey, entirely Rotary, of friendship and knowledge, through faces, stories, enthusiasms, and challenges.

As the Governors who preceded him have done, Sergio Malizia now sets out to meet, one by one, all the clubs, presidents, boards of directors, and members. But every year the "Governor's journey" is unique, because the external context in which it takes place is unique, the social climate in which it is immersed, the historical moment the Region or the country is going through,



and also the local emotional and planning climate in which it takes place.

This year, in particular, the Governor's trip is taking place under the motto of International President Francesco Arezzo Trifiletti: "United to do good." And "united" for Malizia means, first and foremost, "united with young people."

"Our activities and initiatives must not be *For* the young people, but *with* young people – explained Governor Malizia focusing on a special point of view – and the district activities that we have planned will have to be done together with the young people of Rotaract and In-

teract. Because—the Governor explained—we can't always rely on the certainties of experience: we need to have the courage to dare, to trust, to make room. Only those who dare can bring about true change. And we want change."

But how will the visits take place? "The Governor is not a guest of honor," Malizia was keen to point out, "but a traveling companion who listens to the presidents, the directors, the members, studies the financial situation and the ongoing projects, notes the aspirations and difficulties, welcomes questions, provides tools. And above all, he restores vision."

ne, ideas, advice: it is a point of reference that does not judge, but, when it can, guides".

What is certain is that each visit will be an opportunity to celebrate the vitality of each club, and on many of these days, new members will be officially welcomed: young professionals, women, and men who decide to get involved and join the great Rotary family. This is one of the year's most pressing goals: not just numerical growth, but also qualitative growth in membership. "A vibrant Rotary is a Rotary that welcomes, educates, and values, and keeps its members active and engaged," Sergio Malizia explained during the first official meetings with club presidents and assistants.

To complete all the administrative visits, Malizia will travel thousands of kilometers, far and wide: from the Valley of the Temples to the slopes of Mount Etna, from the salt pans of Trapani to the cliffs of Gozo, from the alleys of Albergheria to the historic centers of Ragusa and Modica, and every corner of Sicily and Malta will become the setting and heart of Rotary dialogue. Indeed, the meeting is the cornerstone of this activity.

This is a great opportunity for clubs because each local meeting will provide those who wish to ask the Governor concrete questions. Useful questions could include: How can we improve club life? How can we effectively plan interventions and activities? How can we motivate members? How can we better communicate with the community?

Finally, the Governor's "journey" is also a journey through emotions, because the Governor will meet the enthusiasm of those who are betting on the territory and will make the dialogue

own energy with local positive emotions. "Being governor is a mission that is not undertaken out of duty," Malizia said, "but out of love. Love for the values of leadership, ethics, selfless service, and concrete impact on communities."

So his journey will be a journey of motivation and a reminder that within every club lies extraordinary potential. And that every action, even the smallest, can be a way to "do good"—you just need to want it and put in the passion.

Given the premises, it's predictable that his gaze will be attentive and his step will be determined, and that the experience will prove useful in many ways, especially in building a common understanding. The message, after all, is clear: "It's not enough to do well, we must

"Do it together." Sergio Malizia's appeal is therefore for unity: "We need to be united within and between clubs, and we need to be united with young people to valorize experience and innovation, tradition and the future."

The "Governor's Journey" reflects the essence of Rotary: movement, service, and encounter. And that map with 102 points to connect is the outline of a journey that traverses communities, hearts, and hopes: a service filled with encounters, useful for growing Rotary in communities.

The journey has just begun and we are all invited to follow it.

Maria Torrisi

Coordinator

District Communication

Eastern Sicily



The sea lion Club Bivona Montagna of the Mare Magazzolo a journey of listening and sharing

On July 31, 2025, the Governor of District 2110 stopped in Bivona, continuing his journey among the clubs with a spirit of listening, attention, and recognition for those who, every day, work with dedication in the territories.

Welcomed by President Domenico Padronaggio and Assistant Governor Cinzia D'Amico, the meeting with the Rotary Club Bivona Montagna delle Rose Magazzolo was marked by a genuinely warm atmosphere, in a context where a strong sense of belonging, as well as a bond with one's community, is felt.



In the afternoon, an administrative meeting was held, involving representatives from Rotary, Rotaract, and Interact. It was a lively and engaging meeting, where dialogue took center stage. Projects, identities, and new challenges were discussed. But above all, the passion for volunteering that comes from working together was shared. The club, active for twenty years, has proven to be a solid and coherent organization, successfully building relationships, promoting initiatives, and supporting the local community with continuity and a spirit of service.

The Governor's visit is not just an official one, but a personal one, a journey that brings the District's voice to the clubs, as well as respect for the stories each community holds. It's a way to look each other in the eye, recognize the value of shared commitment, and return home enriched.



Isola Club Caltanissetta

70° ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDATION AT THE SERVICE OF THE COMMUNITY

On the evening of July 25, 2025, at the 19th-century Villa Isabella, the Rotary Club of Caltanissetta had the honor of welcoming the Governor of District 2110 – Sicily Malta, Sergio Malizia, accompanied by District Secretary Alessia Di Vita, on his annual visit. This year, the event took on an even more special significance: the Club celebrates the 70th anniversary of its founding on July 26, 1955.

The Rotary Club of Caltanissetta was very proud to celebrate this important anniversary in the presence of the Governor and his staff.

Among the planned initiatives is the publication of a commemorative volume, edited by past governor Valerio Cimino and published by Lussografica, owned by member Salvatore Granata.

This volume renews the Club's commitment to the community and pays tribute to all its members who, over seven decades, have dedicated themselves with passion and Rotary spirit to cultural, social, and charitable activities.

Governor Sergio Malizia praised the Club's ongoing commitment and the quality of the initiatives planned to celebrate this important milestone. During the ceremony, the return of a former Rotarian, Salvatore Mistretta, was welcomed with joy. Finally, during the exchange of gifts, the Club presented the Governor and the



From left Chiara Curcuruto President Rotaract Caltanissetta, Ivana Guarneri President Rotary Club Caltanissetta, Sergio Malizia Governor District 2110 Sicily Malta, Giuseppe Mancuso President Interact Caltanissetta



From left: Valerio Cimino, Regional Rotary Foundation Coordinator 2024-2027 and Director of the Rotary Club of Caltanissetta; Ivana Guarneri, President of the Rotary Club of Caltanissetta; Sergio Malizia, Governor of District 2110, Sicily and Malta; Arcangelo Lacagnina, Director of the Rotary Foundation, District Learning Facilitator, and President of the Sciascia Foundation

Mrs. Angela, a giant postcard as an affectionate symbol of participation in the Pet Therapy project, promoted by the District.

In the early afternoon, at the Masseria S. Barbara of member Lucia Termini, the Governor met with enthusiasm the young people of the Interact Club, led by the president Giuseppe Mancuso, and the members of Rotaract, with the president Chiara Curcuru-

The meeting was attended by the district secretary and the Governor's assistant, Luigi Loggia. The open and stimulating discussion on the two Clubs' programming for the 2025-2026 financial year highlighted the value of youth involvement and continuity in service.

Following this, a meeting was held with the board and members of Rotary, in the presence of the past governor Arcangelo Lacagnina

and Valerio Cimino, and numerous district managers. President Ivana Guarneri reiterated the Club's primary goals: strengthening a sense of belonging among members, supporting young people through Interact, Rotaract, and Youth Exchange, and continuing its commitment to the Rotary Foundation, supporting humanitarian projects.





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CRotary Union in three events

July 23 was a special day for the Rotary Club of Castelvetro Valle del Belice, which had the pleasure of enthusiastically welcoming the official visit of the Governor of Rotary District 2110 Sicily and Malta, Sergio Malizia, accompanied by District Secretary Michelangelo Gruttadauria.

Un appuntamento atteso e sentito, che ha rappresentato molto più di una semplice visita istituzionale: è stato un momento di forte coesione rotariana, di confronto costruttivo e di impegno concreto verso il territorio, i giovani e i valori condivisi del Rotary.

Il motto dell'anno, "Uniti per fare del bene", ha fatto da filo conduttore a tutte le tappe della giornata, testimoniando la forza di una comunità capace di agire insieme per generare un impatto positivo.

La visita è iniziata con un incontro con le Istituzioni cittadine, presso l'Aula Consiliare del Comune di Castelvetro, simbolo della volontà di costruire un dialogo aperto e collaborativo tra il Rotary e le realtà del territorio cui ha fatto seguito un momento particolarmente sentito, l'incontro del Governatore con i ragazzi del Summer Camp, 10 giovani provenienti da tutta l'Europa che vengono ospitati per una settimana da altrettanti ragazzi interattiani che sono stati magistralmente guidati dal Direttore del Summer Camp Adriana D'Angelo. I giovani si sono presentati con



entusiasmo dimostrando vivacità e spirito di iniziativa. A suggello di questo momento di dialogo intergenerazionale sono stati donati loro degli zaini da parte del Coordinatore dell'Area Occidentale della Commissione Scambio Giovani, Vito Cocita un gesto semplice ma carico di significato: investire nei giovani significa investire in un domani migliore.

A fine mattinata, l'azienda Curaba, rappresentata dai Titolari e dai componenti dello staff, ha accolto calorosamente e con grande generosità la delegazione e ha illustrato come con un impegno costante e duraturo

sono diventati un'eccellenza locale nella lavorazione delle olive Nocellara del Belice. Un momento conviviale ma anche simbolico: un'impresa radicata nel territorio che abbraccia i valori di sostenibilità, qualità e comunità, in perfetta sintonia con la visione rotariana del bene comune.

Nel pomeriggio, in un clima sereno e propositivo, si è svolto un confronto diretto con i tre club: Rotary, Rotaract e Interact. Un'occasione preziosa per ascoltare, condividere esperienze e costruire ponti tra le diverse generazioni del Rotary. Anche qui, lo spirito di unità nel

fare del bene è stato protagonista, mostrando come la forza del Rotary risieda proprio nella collaborazione tra soci, giovani e territorio.

E' stata anche l'occasione per permettere ai ragazzi dell'Interact e del Rotaract di esprimere i loro pensieri e sentimenti sulla pace fissati, su un cartellone che è stato mostrato al Governatore che lo ha particolarmente apprezzato.

La giornata si è conclusa con una partecipata conviviale presso segno concreto di solidarietà "uniti per fare del bene". il Mangia's Resort di Selinunte. offrendo il proprio sostegno

Durante l'allocuzione, il

Governatore Malizia ha richiamato

con forza i tre focus dell'anno rotariano:

1. La membership, leva fondamentale per la vitalità e la continuità del Rotary.

2. The importance of involving young people, the true drivers of innovation and change

3. The Rotary Foundation, an essential tool for funding projects with global impact.

In this context, the Rotary Club Castelvetro wanted to give a

economic contribution to the Pet Therapy project, promoted and supported

with particular commitment from the Governor's wife. A gesture that perfectly embodies the year's motto, combining sensitivity, service, and action, in support of the most vulnerable.

Governor Sergio Malizia's visit left a profound impression on the Castelvetro Rotary community.

It strengthened a sense of belonging, inspired new projects, and renewed a shared commitment to a common goal: to truly be



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On the morning of July 23, 2025, a meeting took place in the council chamber of the Municipality of Castelvetrano between the **Governor of District 2110, Sergio Malizia** and the young participants of the **Summer camp international** organized from the **Rotary Club Castelvetrano – Belice Valley**, chaired by **Antonella Lombardo**. Coming from various parts of Europe and South Africa, the boys and girls at the camp had the opportunity to get to know the area firsthand, building relationships and sharing experiences. The program also included a visit to the farm and tasting. **Curaba**, operating in the area, to discover local traditions and authentic flavors. The meeting was also attended by **Councilor Rosalia Ventimiglia**, the **Assistant to the**

Governor Giuseppe Ferro, the **Rotaract President Eleonora Barone** and representatives of the **Interact**, underlining the strong intergenerational synergy that animates the Rotary world.

An important moment took place at the **Mangia's Selinunte Resort**, where Governor Malizia emphasized the value of dialogue between cultures and Rotary's commitment to building bridges between communities. Also present were prominent figures from the District, including **Massimo Ballotta**, Board Director Rotary International 2026–2028, and past governors **Vincenzo Montalbano Caracci**, **Giovanni Maria Vaccaro** and **Godfrey Vaccaro**.

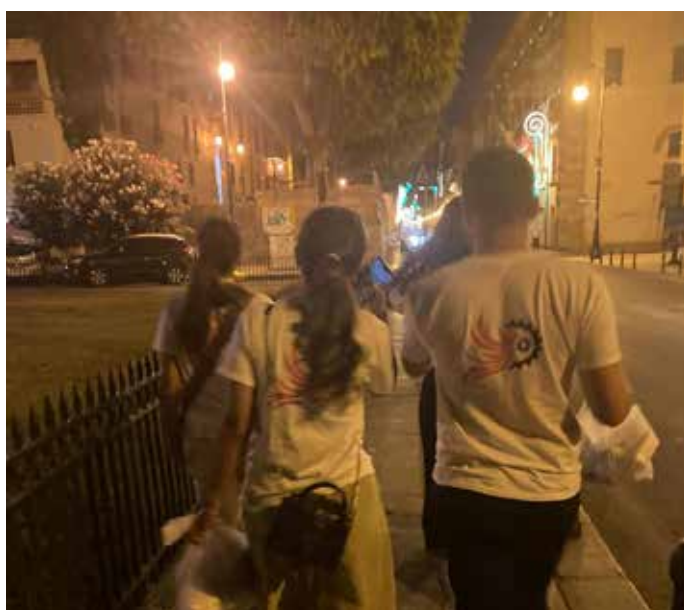
During the day there was no shortage of opportunities for discussion with the Rotaract and Interact clubs, in an atmosphere of enthusiasm and con-



A division that strengthened the Rotary spirit. The final photo with the summer camp youth captured a symbolic moment of openness, welcome, and international friendship.

An event that once again demonstrates Rotary's vision: uniting people to do good in the world.





Rsea lionClubCastelvetraNo the'experience together with the kids ofSuMMercaMp

On Wednesday 23 July, RYE Vice President Vito Cocita, together with South African inbound Caitlin Gilliland, a guest of our District since January 2025, went to visit the 10 inbound participants in the Summercamp, on the occasion of the visit of Governor Sergio Malizia. For several years, the Rotary Club of Castelvetrano has been the only club in our District 2110 to organize a camp that welcomes children from all over the world.





As reported on the website of the Italian Multidistrict, the main aim of the Camp, as in all the Youth Exchange activities, is to allow the kids to come into contact with the culture and the inhabitants of other countries and to visit a country in a nation different from their own,

participating in the same Michelangelo Gruttadauria and stro District, reiterating how cultural, sporting or social initiative

The theme chosen by RC Castelvetro for this year's summer camp focused on Beauty and what it represented for the inbound campers, who had the opportunity to explore history, the sun, art, music, cuisine, philosophy, photography, drawings, and everything considered synonymous with beauty.

For the best organization of the program, the President Antonella Lombardo and the re-

Camp Adriana D'Angelo, responsible for the camp, was actively supported by the other members and in particular by the Interact and Rotaract kids.

The meeting took place at Palazzo Pignatelli in the presence of Governor Sergio Malizia, the District Secretary

of Municipal Councilor Rosalia Ventimiglia, representing Mayor Giovanni Lentini.

The Governor emphasized the value of young people and how important they are to Rotary International, representing our future but above all our present. It is no coincidence that young people are one of the most important focuses of his program.

Each inbound was given a backpack and a Rotary Youth Exchange PIN instead.

given to every Interaction boy as the "first friend" of every foreign boy, for having been there for him and helped him integrate with others.

Even on this occasion, our Caitlin expressed the joy and excitement of living her exchange year in our

how important it may be for her to participate in one of the most important services of Rotary International and how grateful she is to her host family in Caltanissetta, to the Governor and to all the members of the committee for this great opportunity.

The morning ended with a visit to the Curaba oil mill, which we thank for the warm and extraordinary welcome given by the owners.

Rsea lionClubMessiNa then showcase a project for prisoners

July 20th was a busy Rotary Sunday: in the morning, the eagerly awaited visit of Governor Malizia, accompanied by Secretary Gruttadauria and Assistant De Luca, followed by a pleasant lunch with wine tasting at the Casematte Winery. In the evening, we attended the exceptional production of Ecuba at the incomparable Tindari Theatre, performed by a mixed theatre company featuring professional actors and inmates from the penitentiaries of Messina and Barcelona.

The entire board of directors of RC Messina and the Rotaract boys met the Governor and the Secretary of District 2110 at the Royal Palace Hotel. The meeting took place in a relaxed, professional atmosphere, giving the Governor the opportunity to reiterate his objectives and the Rotarians and Rotaractors of Messina to illustrate

outline the projects in progress and the initiatives planned. Afterwards, the Governor had the pleasure of meeting a large group of members who, despite the pre-holiday period and the scorching day, expressed their appreciation for the District Staff. The lunch, in the spirit instilled by the Governor, was simple and highlighted quality local products.

The day had an appendix of high cultural value, with a group that moved to the Greek theatre of Tindari:

an important one testimony historic building which is also located in a unique space, overlooking on the dynamic sandy strip of Marinello, characterised by ephemeral "lakes" that are precious from a landscape and naturalistic point of view. Euripides' Hecuba staged as part of the 69th edition of the Tindari Festival directed by

by the eclectic Mario Incudine, it was a wonderful opportunity for inclusion because it highlighted the commitment of some inmates from the prisons of Messina and Barcellona Pozzo di Gotto. The tragedy portrays women as slaves and defeated, deported following the capture of Troy, but never defeated, always strong and capable of defending values and feelings that the drama cannot erase. The show was organized thanks to a multitude of professional figures linked to the judicial and prison world and not by chance the Prefect and the Police Chief were also in the front row, paying the appropriate tribute. The Rotary Club of Messina supported the initiative by sponsoring it as an annual project, promising to make an increasingly active contribution, convinced that one cannot call oneself "civilized" if one does not provide the right support, even to those who have made mistakes.



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Rotary District Governor Sergio Malizia visited last night in the evocative setting of the Durlindana Garden in Messina. It was an intense and meaningful evening, attended by numerous members and representatives of local Rotary clubs, in an atmosphere of friendship, commitment, and shared Rotary ideals. Accompanying the Governor were District Secretary Michelangelo Gruttadauria and Assistant Governor Sergio Conti, emphasizing the importance of the event. The Club and Messina Stretto played host.



with president Agata Labate, supported by the Messina Peloro Club, with president Francesco Carrozza, and Valle del Mela, with president Lorella Mazzeo. The ceremony began with the usual and heartfelt tribute to the flags, a solemn moment that preceded

Three presidents, each of whom expressed enthusiasm for the Governor's visit and the opportunity to share current and future projects. District Secretary Gruttadauria then presented Governor Malizia's resume, illustrating her Rotary profile and her ongoing commitment to the District.

Following this, the eagerly awaited speech by the Governor, who warmly thanked all those present for their participation and hospitality.

daughter.

In his speech, Sergio Malizia underlined how this year is of particular importance for the District, having the privilege of counting among its members the President Inter-

premiered the official greetings of the national

Francesco Arezzo. An opportunity, he reiterated, which also entails greater responsibility and involvement on the part of all clubs.

The Governor focused his message on three key points: growing and strengthening membership, supporting and enhancing the Rotary Foundation, and finally, focusing on young people, Rotary's future leaders.

Closing the meeting, the Governor's words left a deep impression on those present: "Alone we go faster,

but together we go further.", An invitation to walk together and strengthen the spirit of collaboration, in line with the motto of the year: "United to do good."

At the end of the evening, the pre-

I wrote a check to the Governor on behalf of the respective Clubs, as a contribution to the PET Therapy project, personally supported by the Governor and his wife, as a concrete sign of participation and support for an initiative of great human and social value.

An evening that strengthened the sense of belonging to the Rotary family and reaffirmed everyone's commitment to Rotary's founding values.



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On Friday, July 18, President Giorgio Orlando and the members of the Patti Terra del Tindari Club enthusiastically welcomed the Governor to Gioiosa Marea, facing the Aeolian Islands, in a pristine bay with crystal-clear sea, at the Hotel Villa Smeralda before the dreamy sunset that currently delights this part of the Sicilian coast, nestled in the lush Mediterranean scrub at the foot of the Nebrodi Park.

It was an institutional evening, but at the same time a moment of high emotional involvement for the members, an extremely constructive dialogue between the club and the district where there was the opportunity to share projects and future initiatives, animated with passion and a spirit of service by the Board of Directors,

from the Commissions and from all members.

The Governor's visit is always an important and eagerly awaited event, for several reasons; first and foremost, because it represents an opportunity to share ideas, projects, and feelings with someone who knows Rotary deeply, capable of motivating and directing our thoughts and behaviors in compliance with the Association's rules and goals.

Last July 18th, meeting with Governor Sergio Malizia was like being with family again, the atmosphere was the same, as if we had all shared a daily routine for many years and, perhaps, this is the beauty of Rotary.

The new President Giorgio Or-



Land of AR2025/2026 naturally thanked the Governor for his advice, for his indications and for the motivations he gave us so that we of the Patti Terra del Tindari Club can carry out this task to the best of our ability, and which honours us.



Rsea lionClubtrapani comparison and shared commitment with district projects

The Rotary Club of Trapani, along with other Rotary, Rotaract, and Interact clubs in the Drepanum area, participated in the official visit of District 2110 Governor Sergio Malizia. The meeting provided an opportunity for members to discuss operational issues with the Governor, with the aim of discussing the clubs' status, the effectiveness of their service activities, and the outlook for the new fiscal year.

The meeting took place in an atmosphere of full collaboration, with delegations from across the region in attendance, in a particularly significant year for Rotary. For the first time, the international presidency has been entrusted to a Sicilian from Ragusa, Francesco Arezzo, the third Italian to hold this role since 1905. An opportunity to re-

recognition for the Sicily and Malta District, called to enhance this presence with a sense of responsibility and vision. During her address, Governor Malizia highlighted three priorities for the Rotary year: working with young people through Interact and Rotaract, active support for the Rotary Foundation, and the promotion of Rotary friendship through moments of sharing in the community. She also encouraged a profound reflection on the meaning of belonging, the importance of being a Rotarian every day, and the need to strengthen membership through sustainable growth consistent with Rotary's values. During the evening, a district project supporting pet therapy was presented, in collaboration with

A partnership with two associations committed to assisting the most vulnerable segments of the population. Salvo D'Angelo, President of the Rotary Club of Trapani, speaking at the meeting, stated: "Governor Malizia's words were a clear incentive. The Rotary Club of Trapani has already developed a comprehensive program that incorporates the priorities set at the district and international levels. These will be months of concrete commitment, aimed at the local community and supporting Rotary Foundation projects, with a particular focus on engaging younger generations and building lasting relationships between clubs." The Rotary Club of Trapani renews its commitment to effective, shared, and service-oriented action.



the Meeting between the members of the sea lion Club and the GoverNatore

Strengthen the bonds and Commitment to

Governor Malizia's presence was a valuable opportunity for Trapani's clubs, who had the opportunity to present their projects, current initiatives, and future ambitions. The Governor expressed his deep appreciation for the dedication and fervor with which his members work, embodying the Rotary spirit of "service above self."

During the meeting, Governor Malizia underlined the importance of the core principles of Rotary International: from promoting peace to fighting disease, from access to clean water and sanitation to the health of mothers.

and children, from literacy to economic development, to environmental protection. These are the pillars that guide Rotary clubs' work at every level, from global to local.

A particularly touching moment was the confirmation of support for the "Pet Therapy: A Paw on the Heart" project. This contribution is a concrete testament to the Rotary Clubs of Trapani and Erice's commitment to supporting initiatives that improve the quality of life, in this case through the therapeutic power of the human-animal bond. It's a shining example of how Rotary action translates into a positive and tangible impact on society.



Trapani Rotary Club turns its administrative visit

We had the pleasure of welcoming Governor Sergio Malizia during his administrative visit to the Rotary Club of Trapani Birgi Mozia. The meeting involved not only club members but also Interact youth, creating a moment of dialogue and sharing of plans for the new Rotary year. The evening concluded with a convivial reception featuring the joint participation of the Rotary Clubs of Trapani and Trapani Erice. The Governor outlined the main focuses of his year: Membership, the Rotary Foundation, and Youth.

With great emotion, our President Mariella De Luca presented the Governor with the donation on behalf of the Club for the Per Therapy project. This was followed by the exchange of pennants with the board of directors and members of the district team, a testament to the bond and collaboration that unites our Clubs.



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PASSING OF THE BELL

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During a festive, enthusiastically attended ceremony, attended by newly elected International President Francesco Arezzo di Trifiletti, a club member, the annual ritual of the passing of the bell was celebrated, this year between architect Francesco Nicita and Katia Blasco, current president of the Rotary Club of Ragusa.

Katia Blasco, a literature teacher at Enrico Fermi High School, received the collar—a symbol of the Club's leadership—from architect Francesco Nicita, who gratefully concluded his year as president. The tradition continues, marking the third time in recent years that a woman has been elected to lead the oldest club in the Hyblaean area, previously presided over by Maria Ragusa and Patrizia Rosafalco.

In a climate of friendship and condi-

vision, the ceremony—no of the passage of the bell has given the presence, next to Francesco I go to Arezzo, fresh of election in Calgary, also Governor of the

District 2110 Sicilia-Malta Sergio Malizia, who brought his greetings and best wishes for the new Rotary year. Katia Blasco will be supported by a united and motivated Board of Directors. Supporting her in her service will be: Saro Distefano as prefect, Paolo Frasca as secretary, Pippo Antoci as treasurer, Giulio Distefano as co-prefect. The board also includes Gaetano Veninata, Rita Pinelli, and Roberto Sica as advisors, Francesco Nicita as past president, and Gianni Scollo as president.



incoming member, who will take over the baton in the next Rotary year.

The ceremony, meticulously crafted and characterized by a sober yet warm tone, marked the beginning of a new chapter in the Club's history, one marked by inclusion, continuity, and a renewed commitment to the community.

The Rotary year thus opens under the banner of competence, passion, and that shared vision that has always inspired Rotary's work.



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NNew Rotary Year and Renewed Commitment to Operations and Planning

The 2025-2026 Rotary year officially began for the Rotary Club of Palermo Ovest with the Bell Ringing Ceremony on Tuesday, June 24. This significant moment marks the passing of the baton to the new leadership and paves the way for a new chapter of commitment, planning, and a spirit of service.

At the helm of the Club for this fiscal year is President Giuseppe Cascio, supported by a Board of Directors made up of Rotarians with proven experience and motivation:

Vice President: Cristina Mazzarella

Secretary: Maria Teresa Biondo

Co-Secretary: Giorgio Parisi

Treasurer: Fabio La Seta

Prefect: Sistina Gagliardo

Briuccia

Co-Prefect: Nicola Ferotti

Rotaract Leaders: Paolo Di

Matteo – Fulvio Inzerillo

Interact Manager: Grazia

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This year, the Palermo Ovest Club faces a significant and extraordinary challenge: to express the best of itself not only in its projects and activities, but also in its sense of belonging and the quality of its work. The Club is privileged—and responsible—to count among its members the current Governor of District 2110 Sicily and Malta, Sergio Malizia.

A source of pride that requires dedication, attention and team spirit, in the spirit of continuity but also with



an eye to the future and innovation, to serve with passion, grow with vision, and act with consistency.

Under the guidance of President Cascio, the Rotary Club Palermo Ovest will be committed to carrying out concrete projects in the area, strengthening ties with the young people of Rotaract and In-

teract, promote the culture of peace and sustainability and contribute to the strengthening of Rotary values, which are more relevant today than ever.

Best wishes to the new Board of Directors and all our members. May it be a year of shared success and authentic service.



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Sociality, sharing, and elegance. These were the key elements that characterized the passing of the bell at the Aci Castello Rotary Club. A female-dominated handover that also included the highly welcome presence of a special guest, outgoing governor Giuseppe Pitari: "I close out my year of service to the Aci Castello Rotary Club by toasting the start of the new Rotary year with best wishes to International President Francesco Arezzo and Governor Sergio Malizia." The new president, Susanna Farruggio, took over from Rosanna Aiello, who moved—and was moved herself—as she told the members about her many activities.

"Important results – he recalled – achieved thanks to the work of the board of directors, of all the club members and of all those involved in various capacities

were involved. The baton is being passed from one woman to another, a first for our club and a 'tradition' we want to continue."

Friendship and service, passion and mission: these are the pillars that will continue to guide the club. It was a truly special evening, attended, among others, by Giovanna Fondacaro, Assistant Governor of Rotary District 2110; Salvo Tosto, Deputy Mayor of Aci Castello; and Venerando Licciardello, Pastor of the Church of Cannizzaro, who has been made an honorary member.

In keeping with the Rotary year's motto "United to do good", the new president, Susanna Farruggio, recalled her first steps as a Rotarian and underlined the passion that was transmitted to her from day one and the importance of the club.



as a cornerstone for the local community: "I'm inheriting the baton from a truly special person, deeply passionate and sensitive. He has led the club with a true spirit of service. I'm honored and proud to be president, and I'm certain that we can truly unite to do good."

Memories of the past Rotary year were also shared, with a video recounting highlights of the activities undertaken. This was followed by the award ceremony and a pleasant social gathering.



Alfio D'Urso president of Rotary Club of Acireale And Pupi Avati honorary member

Alfio D'Urso, a university professor and lawyer, is the new president of Rotary Club of Acireale. He was sworn in during the passing of the bell, where he received the baton from the outgoing president, Gaetano Rizzo.

The ceremony was attended by the governor's assistant, Giovanna Fondacaro, and past governors Ferdinando Testoni Blasco and Francesco Milazzo. President D'Urso will be joined by vice presidents Calogero Buscarino and Maurizio Re, secretary Pietro Pagano, treasurer Nino Oliva, and councilors Salvatore Cristaldi, Sebastiano Leonardi, Angelo Pennisi, Marina Rapisarda, and Sergio Seminara, who serves as prefect, as well as past president Gaetano Rizzo. President-elect for the Rotary year 2026/2027 is Pietro Pa-

gano.

During the same ceremony, the bell for Rotaract and Interact also rang between the outgoing presidents Giuseppe Merlo and Ludovica Grassi and the incoming presidents, Donata Bonaccorso and Antonino Leotta, respectively.

"We will act under the motto 'United to do good'," declared the new president, D'Urso, "in line with the recommendations of international president Francesco Arezzo di Trifiletti, who advocates building bridges, not walls."

Past president Gaetano Rizzo said: "I consider what the members have granted me to be a true privilege, and I am grateful for it. I extend my gratitude to all the members of the board of directors, and I am confident that my successor, the extraordinary Alfio D'Urso, will be a great success.



He will be able to do even better." And the new president's debut was truly a bang, considering that on his first outing he organized an event with the famous director Pupi Avati, who was named an honorary member, along with Katia Ricciarelli, actors Enrico Lo Verso, Alessandro Sperduti, and Enrica Maria Modugno, and journalist Ornella Sgroi. Councilor Salvo Cristaldi presented the badge to the new member, Riccardo Castro, a urologist, president of Seus 118, and a freelance journalist.



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On July 5, 2025, at the Fontana Murata restaurant in Bronte, the Rotary Club Aetna Nord Ovest Bronte celebrated the passing of the bell between outgoing President Alessandro Amaro and incoming President Paolo Falanga. This event marked the beginning of a particularly significant year for the club, as it prepares to celebrate its thirtieth anniversary in June 2026. The ceremony was attended by Past Governor Francesco Milazzo, Assistant Governors Mattia Branciforti and Giancarlo Modena, as well as numerous guests from the local community and cultural scene: among others, the president of the Circolo di Cultura Vittorio Triscari, Francesca Marullo of the Donne Insieme Club, the president of Fidapa Vincenza Carroccio, Father Nunzio Galati, and Lieutenant Luigi Lauriola.

After the honouring of the flags and listening to the message of the Governor Sergio Malizia, Alessandro Amaro proudly retraced the salient stages of his

A year of presidency marked by projects, local presence, and cohesion among members. A speech by Governor Mattia Branciforti's assistant introduced the passing of the bell.

In his inaugural address, Paolo Falanga thanked members for their continued trust and announced the goals for the 2025-2026 Rotary year. The motto "United to Do Good" will guide a program focused on concrete action, with a particular focus on youth. "Young people are a vital force for Rotary," he stated, "and it is our duty to offer them opportunities for growth, dialogue, and service." With this in mind, the process of establishing an Interact Club will be initiated, which will give voice to the younger generations and strengthen the connection between school, community, and the local area.

The Club's thirtieth anniversary, scheduled for June 2026, will be not only a celebratory occasion, but also a moment of reflection on identity and



Rotary's mission to Bronte and the Etna area. This is an important milestone, to be celebrated as a renewed sense of responsibility and shared planning. During the evening, the new Board of Directors was introduced: Past President Alessandro Amaro, Incoming President Stefano Savoca, Vice President Davide Saitta, Secretary Salvatore Patanè, Treasurer Giovanna Greco, and Prefect Nunzio Saitta. Directors: Antonio Dell'Albani, Grazia Mancani, Maria Meli, Paola Nicolosi, and Salvo Saitta. The ceremony concluded with a speech by Assistant Governor Giancarlo Modena, who expressed words of esteem and encouragement for the club's commitment in the new Rotary year.



Rotary Club of Ograjeno Filippo Napoli New President with seven areas of intervention

The "Passage of the Bell" ceremony for the Rotary year 2025/2026 took place on July 6th at the Madison in Realmonte, above the Scala dei Turchi. Filippo Napoli has replaced Past President Alfonso Lo Zito. The new board is composed of:

President Filippo Napoli
Secretary Salvatore La Gaipa
Treasurer Angelo Vita
Prefect Jaana Simpanen
The Board of Directors includes Past President Alfonso Lo Zito, Vice President Pier Luigi Maratta, Councilors Rosa

Celauro, Enrico Caruso, Alberto Cutaia, Angelo D'Alessandro, Maria Luisa Gurgone, Tommaso Scribani, Giuseppe Virgilio, Emanuele Vita, Angelo Vita, Franco Vitellaro, Executive Secretary Salvatore Alaimo
The Prefect Jaana Simpanen opened and conducted the Ceremony. The Past President Alfonso Lo Zito, after having illustrated the countless and significant activities carried out, which had received great approval, involving the members and guests present, passed the collar to the President Filippo Napoli, who illustrated



The program's themes, which place Rotary International's seven areas of focus at the center of the year's projects, concluded the evening with a speech by Cinzia D'Amico, Assistant to District Governor Sergio Malizia.



Rotary Club of Alcamo Nino Pugliesi President of a water purifier in Madagascar

Claudia Ingrao passes the baton to Nino Pugliesi. The purchase of a

water purifier that will be transported to Madagascar. On July 6, 2025, the Bell of the Rotary Club of Alcamo was rung at Baglio Santa Lucia.

On this occasion, outgoing president Claudia Ingrao thanked the many guests present, recalled the various activities of her social year and awarded the Paul Harris honor to founding member, lawyer Rocco Cassarà.

Subsequently, The new President Nino Pugliesi presented his board of directors and the many activities that will characterize his social year. Of great importance is the project strongly supported by President Pugliesi, entitled "a water purifier for life". This project involves the purchase by the Rotary Club of Alcamo of a water purification plant that will be transported to Madagascar, in order to allow the proper use of the water present in the area and not accessible to the inhabitants.



Passing of the Bell and Rotaract Club of Augusta continuity, Commitment and New Projects

On Friday, July 4, in a highly attended atmosphere, the Rotary Club of Augusta and the Rotaract Club of Augusta held the Bell Ringing Ceremony, thus officially beginning the new Rotary year 2025/26.

A moment of strong symbolic value that unites tradition, continuity, and renewed enthusiasm for service. For the Rotary Club of Augusta, outgoing President Francesco Messina proudly reviewed the club's activities, highlighting the numerous projects that marked the past year. It was a busy year, filled with initiatives that had a significant impact on the local community, achieved thanks to the members' concerted efforts and synergy with local institutions. He was succeeded as Club President by Dr. Fabrizio Romano, who embraced the role with enthusiasm and a sense of responsibility, presenting the club's main objectives for the coming year.

The new board will be composed of Francesco Messina in the role



Vice President and Past President, Pietro Forestiere as Secretary, Simona Musumarra as Co-Secretary and President-elect, Domenico Pitruzzello as Treasurer, Vincenzo Sicuso as Prefect, Adriana Fazio as Co-Prefect, and Councilors Carlo Patania, Oreste Gianino, and Elio Menta. A close-knit and motivated team, ready to carry out projects in line with this year's motto, "United to Do Good," revitalizing Rotary action in the Augustan community. The evening also saw the passing of the bell for the Rotaract Club of Augusta. Gaia

Messina, president outgoing, He emotionally passed the baton to Maria Virginia Pitari, the new president of the Youth Club. This transition confirms the vitality and generational continuity within the Rotary family, enhancing the leadership of the younger generations.

Warmest wishes for their future endeavors were extended to the two new presidents, Romano and Pitari, and their respective boards of directors, in the certainty that the new year will be filled with meaningful service, marked by friendship, solidarity, and concrete commitment.



Barbara Mistretta Piera Rizzo President happens to Barbara Mistretta

Bagheria, July 6, 2025 – The traditional Rotary Club bell-ringing ceremony took place at the 18th-century Villa Rammacca in Bagheria, a symbolic moment marking the club's change of leadership for the new 2025-2026 social year.

In the presence of Rotary, civil, and religious dignitaries, who testified to the importance of the event and the deep bond between the club and the local community, outgoing president Barbara Mistretta passed the baton to Piera Rizzo, who will lead the club into the new Rotary year.

In her farewell speech, Barbara Mistretta reviewed the many successes achieved during her Rotary year, including health screenings, a dental prevention and care project, BLS/BLSD courses, conferences and events to combat violence against women, legality and cyberbullying, the campaign to combat polio and drug addiction, environmental protection activities, awareness raising activities for Bagheria's historical heritage, and school activities as part of the OMNIA plastic-free and SCIALLA projects.

He then thanked the board of directors and all the members for their commitment, dedication, and spirit of service that have allowed us to achieve these goals, also earning the Club the honorary plaque and the Governor's Special Mention.



In her inaugural speech Piera Rizzo outlined her *mission* for next year, highlighting the initiatives and areas of intervention the club will be committed to and will carry forward with the passion and spirit of service that has always distinguished the association.

A change in leadership, but still the same mission: to serve above all personal interest, pursuing projects that make a difference. The new board of directors, which will support the president, is composed of Rosa Maria Sciortino (vice president)

tooth), Barbara Mistretta (past president), Francesco Gattuso (secretary), Ezio Aiello (treasurer), Antonio Fricano (prefect), Michele Abbate (co-secretary), Francesca Lo Bue (co-prefect) and the councilors Riccardo Garau, Domenico Matrone, Francesco Padovano, Rosalba Scardina and Mirella Zangara. Finally, during the ceremony, Past President Barbara Mistretta was awarded the Paul Harris Fellow, the highest Rotary honor established by Rotary in memory of its founder, Paul Harris.

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In the evocative setting of the Jalari Museum Park, on Sunday, July 7, 2024, the Rotary Club Barcellona Pozzo di Gotto bell-ringing ceremony took place between outgoing President Luigi De Luca and new President Nicolò Mazzeo. In a festive and welcoming atmosphere, members and guests enthusiastically participated in one of the most symbolic moments in Rotary life, braving the summer heat. Alongside the Club members, the governor's assistant, Felice De Luca, the outgoing assistant, Luigi Gandolfo, the district treasurer, Attilio Liga, and the district prefect, Fausto Assennato, were present. Luigi De Luca reviewed his year as president, thanking everyone for their support and recalling how, amidst change, the values remain firm.

Rotary's founding values: service, ethics, and friendship. With emotion and determination, Nicolò Mazzeo delivered his first official greeting, choosing two guiding words: "thank you" and "together." He spoke of a collective journey made up of small and large gestures capable of transforming lives, reaffirming his commitment to involving all members and strengthening collaboration with Rotaract, which shared the ceremony with the handover from Giuseppe Citraro to Marco Munafò. The president then introduced the board of directors who will support him in this year of service: the vice president Carmelo Ravidà, the secretary Salvatore Miano with the co-secretary Salvatore Scarpaci, who is also president-elect, the treasurer Carlo Iacono, supported by



co-treasurer Filippo Munafò, the prefect Giovanna Benvegna, and the councilors Andrea Ravidà, Domenico Calamoneri, Nino Scalzo, Concetto Li Mura, Antonio Buttino, Cettina Ginebri and Carmelina Brigandì. During the evening, new member Saverio Munafò was welcomed. The meeting concluded harmoniously with a convivial dinner and the customary photos, renewing the sense of belonging and enthusiasm for a new year spent "united to do good."



Rsea lion Club Caltagirone tourelio from is New President at 'Sign of continuity

On June 29, 2025, the Rotary Club of Caltagirone celebrated the traditional Bell Ringing, one of the most significant moments in Rotary life, marking the conclusion of a social year and the beginning of a new phase of planning and values.

The ceremony of passing the collar between outgoing President Mario Amore and new President Aurelio D'Asta took place in a highly participatory and emotional atmosphere, attended by members, family members, Rotary officials, and institutional representatives. Past President Mario Amore gave a rich and positive review of the activities undertaken during his year in office, highlighting the club's concerted contribution to promoting community service. Social inclusion projects, environmental initiatives, cultural gatherings, support for younger generations, and active participation in district life marked a year marked by visibility and consistency with Rotary's principles. For his extraordinary commitment, Mario Amore received unanimous recognition and thanks from his members, who emphasized his quiet and active dedication.

In taking over, Aurelio D'Asta thanked everyone present, and especially the outgoing board, for their work, declaring his readiness to continue Rotary's work with a spirit of service, openness, and innovation.

"United to do good – he re-

cordato D'Asta – is not just a motto, but a concrete commitment to continue building bridges between people, promoting local talent, and leaving a positive mark on our community."

The new President then introduced the Board of Directors that will support him during the 2025-2026 school year. The Board of Directors will consist of experienced Rotarians and enthusiastic new members, demonstrating a vibrant, cohesive, and forward-looking club. The ceremony ended with a toast of good wishes, among hugs



Flowers, smiles, and cheers: a moment of shared joy that strengthened the sense of belonging to the great Rotary family. The Rotary Club of Caltagirone thus prepares for another year of commitment, friendship, and service, with renewed energy and vision.



President Ivana Guarneri begins his "Uncle Combinate"

On the evening of July 3rd in Caltanissetta, in the flowery garden of Villa Isabella, once owned by the Caltanissetta-born playwright Pier Maria Rosso di San Secondo, we gathered "United to do good," according to the motto of Rotary District 2110 Sicily-Malta, to celebrate the bell-ringing ceremony between outgoing President Salvatore Candura and the new President of the Rotary Club of Caltanissetta, Ivana Guarneri. Ivana is a computer engineer, actively involved in research and development for a multinational semiconductor company, and is particularly interested in the development of AI. Her many interests, beyond her family (she is married to the lawyer Marcello D'Orto and they have an interaction daughter, Elena), have materialized in her district commitments and in her club, to which she has extended an invitation to collaborate, focusing on the strength of the group and the value of service offered to the local community and international projects. The program report placed particular emphasis on training and young people, a true driving force for change and innovation in all fields. The first major event will be the celebration of the 70th anniversary of the Caltanissetta Club, serving the community. This was preceded by an art exhibition to raise funds for the global polio eradication effort, titled "Colors in Motion."

mentore" with the donation to the club of works by the artist Francesco Toraldo. After the traditional exchange of the presidential collar and the ringing of the bell that marks the rotation of the club's service positions, there were institutional greetings in the presence of President Valerio Cimino and a speech by Luigi Loggia, Assistant to Governor Sergio Malizia. Addressing the entire assembly, he emphasized the values of Rotary service in the world and the special occasion that sees, as Rotary International President, for the first time in its more than 100-year history, a Sicilian member, Francesco Arezzo di Trifiletti, hold this very important position. Numerous friends and members from various clubs in the area attended, highlighting the network of service relationships that the area can rely on. The Past President was thanked for the excellent commitment and service results achieved by the club, and the new board of directors who will support President Ivana in developing her year of service to the area was introduced. A particularly moving moment was the presentation of the honorary membership plaque to Luigi Bordonaro, underscoring the importance of the role. The value of his previous forty-year membership in the Caltanissetta club and above all for having inspired the creation of an annual study/work scholarship in lieu of prison sentences. The inbound and outbound students of the



Club as a sign of commitment to the youth exchange project and to fostering their leadership. The organizational chart containing the program guidelines and presentation of the Rotary CL, Rotaract CL, Interact CL, and Inner Wheel CL clubs was also presented, along with the new issue of the Club's prestigious biannual magazine, 'Incontri'. The President concluded the meeting by recalling the words of its founder, Paul Harris, back in 1922: "Rotary offers opportunities to serve in the ways and places to which each person is best suited. The power of combined action knows no bounds."

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CPersonal relationships and good practices are created and strengthened

On Friday, July 11, the "Passaggio della Campana" ceremony was held at Palazzo Cucurullo for the Rotary Club of Canicattì, inaugurating the 2025-2026 Rotary year with the succession of the office of President from Giuseppe Greco to Calogero Restivo.

The new President sincerely thanked the outgoing President for his dedication and generosity, and especially for the goals the Club has achieved this year. He also outlined the new club's guidelines for commitment, action, and community service. He highlighted the human and professional resources within the club who will support him this year, always with a friendly spirit and a Rotarian spirit.

In his inaugural address, Calogero Restivo emphasized the harmony, lightness, and balance he had conveyed during the Rotary year just ended. He embraced his new role with a positive spirit, viewing it as an opportunity to grow, strengthen personal bonds, and continue to uphold Rotary's best practices.

He emphasizes the prestige of presiding over a historic club like Canicattì and the responsibility of representing it in the very year in which the international president is Italian.

Among the main objectives of the mandate:

1. Expanding friendships and

of personal knowledge; 2. Valorization of the new generations and of Rotary's civic service;

3. Collaborate with the district on issues such as membership, the Rotary Foundation, and youth. The President mentions the Periplum project, an initiative in which the club is involved to monitor the health of the Sicilian coast by kayak, together with other partner clubs. In particular, he highlights the collaboration with the Fidya association for social activities and inclusion. The underlying theme of the year will be friendship, to be experienced through sharing and collaboration. He concludes with a memory of his grandfather and a phrase that has always inspired him: "Remember, forgetting the past means forgetting the future."

With this warning he underlined how important it is to act following in the footsteps of those who, before us, dedicated themselves to the Roman



tary with a sincere spirit of service, making themselves available to the community.

The President, the Board of Directors, and the club take this opportunity, as usual, to sincerely thank everyone present, from the members of the other Rotary clubs in District 2110 to the members of the other Service Clubs in the area, and all the Rotary officials who attended the event.

Best wishes to everyone for a peaceful, productive, and above all happy Rotary year.



Issea lionClubCapo d'Orlando welcomes the New President Maurizio Zingales

The club's bell ringing ceremony took place on July 4th, in the refined atmosphere of the "Il Mulino" Hotel in Capo d'Orlando: this eagerly awaited event saw the outgoing President, Antonio Di Giorgio, conclude his year in office by passing the baton to the new President for the 2025/26 Rotary year, Maurizio Zingales.

The ceremony was attended by numerous members, friends, local civil and religious authorities, as well as representatives of Rotaract and Interact, testifying to the strong bond between generations of Rotarians.

The presence of the twinned clubs of Palermo Libertà and Camerino is also significant, symbolising a consolidated network of friendship.

over time, made of common projects and shared ideals. The new President, Dr. Maurizio Zingales, a respected accountant and passionate Rotarian, outlined the guidelines for the new Rotary year, which focuses on strengthening service in the community, increasing the visibility of Rotary's work, and maintaining a constant dialogue with younger generations and the local community.

This year's motto, "United to do good," chosen by the International President and strongly supported by the Governor of District 2110 Sicily and Malta, Sergio Malizia, was cited as a guide and inspiration for a year of collaboration, impact, and solidarity.



Also present to seal the occasion were Mariano Bruno, Assistant to the outgoing Governor, and Felice De Luca, Assistant to the incoming Governor, who brought greetings from the District and reiterated the importance of teamwork and consistency with Rotary values.

A new Rotary year has begun in a spirit of continuity, enthusiasm, and commitment.



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The traditional bell ringing of the Rotary Club of Castelvetro Valle del Belice took place on June 27, surrounded by the lush greenery of Mangia's Resort in Selinunte, just a few kilometers from the Archaeological Park. This was a significant moment in the club's life, marking the inauguration of Antonella Lombardo as president, succeeding Marco Campagna. The evening, marked by Rotary friendship and a vision for the future, brought together numerous guests and Rotary dignitaries, including CEOs Vincenzo Montalbano Caracci, Giovanni Vaccaro, and Goffredo Vaccaro. Among those in attendance, reflecting the club's strong ties to the local area and its institutions, were Councilor Ventimiglia for the Municipality of Castelvetro and Councilor Di Natale for the Municipality of Campobello di Mazara. Another welcome guest was Archpriest Father Undari. Representatives of Castelvetro's other Service Clubs were also present, including Lions Secretary Dario Saluzzo, Kiwanis President Vincenzo Giardina, Selinunte Cave di Cusa Inner Wheel President Esther Clemente, Costa dei Saraceni Inner Wheel President Tommasa Mangiaracina, Fildis President Barbara Vivona, and Fidapa President Giusy Cavarretta. This was a tangible sign of the collaboration and spirit of mutual support that animates the city's various associations. During the ceremony, outgoing President Marco Cam-

Pagna recounted the highlights of her term, highlighting the successes achieved and the significant impact the projects implemented, thanks in part to the commitment of the entire Club, have had on the community. During the evening, two new members, Stefania Bandiera and Giovanni Parrino, were welcomed, who will undoubtedly make a valuable contribution to pursuing Rotary's mission. Concurrent with this significant moment, the Club was honored to bestow the highest Rotary honor, the Paul Harris Fellow, upon Past Presidents Massimo Mattozzi, Francesco Cirrincione, Pietro Viviano, Stefano Cascio, Ferdinando Mattozzi, Erina Vivona, and Alessandro Foraci for their continued and fruitful commitment to Rotary. Antonella Lombardo, in her inaugural address, expressed gratitude for the trust placed in her, enthusiastically outlined the guidelines for her year as president, and briefly described the projects that will be implemented during the next Rotary year. Concrete initiatives were previewed, ranging from:



from supporting education to promoting culture, from protecting the environment to assisting the most vulnerable members of the community. The new Board of Directors is composed of: President Antonella Lombardo, Vice Presidents Dr. Antonio Palazzotto and Dr. Pierluigi Varia, Secretary Vito D'Arienzo, Treasurer Dr. Giovanna Palma, Prefects Leonardo Romano and Dr. Silvio Piazza, and Press Officer Vito D'Arienzo.

The passing of the bell is not just a change in leadership, but a moment of renewal and momentum, where tradition meets innovation to face future challenges with determination and passion. The Rotary Club of Castelvetro, under the leadership of Antonella Lombardo, is ready to embark on a new journey, always under the motto of "service above self."



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New President

Passing of the Bell at the Rotary Club of Catania, between the President for the 2024/25 Rotary year, Laura Bonaccorso, and the President for the 2025/26 Rotary year, Bianca Maria Lombardo. The ceremony was held on Tuesday evening, July 8, at the Grand Hotel Baia Verde, in front of over 140 people, including members, guests, and Rotary officials, including PDG Giuseppe Pitari. After reviewing all the activities carried out throughout the year through a detailed photographic reportage, Attorney Laura Bonaccorso highlighted how the Club has gained a strong media presence, both on social media and in traditional print media. This is thanks to its numerous service activities for the Rotary Foundation and in the city community, which have earned it the highest district awards, ranking among the most active clubs in the Sicily and Malta districts. Service in the name of continuity, starting with Musica Insieme and Librino animated by Loredana

Caltabiano and who has now found a home at the Musco Music Institute run by Principal Mauro Mangano. Rotary's highest honors, the Paul Harris Fellows, were awarded, among others, to the young violinist Riccardo Obiso from Palermo and Domenico Ciancio Sanfilippo, co-editor of the newspaper La Sicilia. These distinguished figures, though not members of the Rotary club, shared its projects and goals. They were joined by Costanza Eleonora Cozzo, for her rich program of convivial events and service projects with the very young members aged 12 to 18. Cozzo has now passed the baton to Maria Francesca Cultrera of Montesano. Bianca Maria Lombardo illustrated the main objectives of the new Rotary year, in light of the indications of the Governor Sergio Malizia and of the new International President, the Sicilian Francesco Arezzo di Trifiletti, for whom "there are two things that matter most behind



every successful Rotary effort: friendship and trust". "A Club – said the president – ancient and full of history, which has discovered itself ultra-modern, avant-garde, in appointing an uninterrupted series of women presidents". The new board of directors is composed of: President Bianca Maria Lombardo, outgoing President Laura Bonaccorso, President-elect Cinzia Capizzi, Vice President Giovanna Fondacaro, Secretary Maria Grazia Turco, Prefect Alessia Mauri, Treasurer Antonio Signorello, and Directors Loredana Caltabiano, Nello Catalano, Fernanda Paternò Castello, Mariella Piccione, and Maria Tarascone. They are joined by Learning Facilitator Francesco Milazzo, CEO. Finally, Assistant Governor Polletta Pennisi concluded the meeting by wishing everyone a Happy Rotary New Year.



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At Palazzo Fiorini in Santa Tecla, the Bell Ringing of the Rotary Club Catania Bellini took place on July 5th, with outgoing president Antonio Tanzillo passing the bell to new president Serafina Lentini, who will lead the club in the 2025-2026 Rotary year.

During the evening, in the presence of Rotary and civic authorities, the president outlined a rich and structured program, fully in line with the district motto "United to do good." The plan ranges from cultural and social commitment, to attention to younger generations and the environment, to enhancing members' skills and community outreach.

Cultural initiatives will include a visit to the Villa del Gattopardo, events dedicated to Vincenzo Bellini, collaborations with the Piccolo Family Foundation of Calanovella, and literary events, including the presentation of the book "Maschio e Femminile li creò."

The president's program will also include excursions aimed at exploring the area and its traditions, such as a visit to Ganci to witness the historical reenactment of the life of Saint Francis.

On the social front, the club will carry out support activities for the homeless, projects for the prison population, and activities to support families with children with disabilities or those with autism spectrum disorders. In the healthcare field, the club will:



A childhood diabetes prevention campaign, while sport will be promoted as a tool for social inclusion. Among the most pressing issues is that of conscious parenting, which will be addressed through public meetings and testimonials. On the environmental front, the club will participate in the Archimede 2.0 district project, dedicated to education on renewable energy.

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President Lentini emphasized the importance of sharing, transparency, and cohesion among members, announcing fireside meetings and self-funding activities to support planned projects. The ceremony concluded with a convivial moment, celebrating the friendship that distinguishes Rotary.



RC Catania 150 ready to face the challenges of the young builders of peace

On June 29, 2025, the Rotary Club Catania Duomo 150 held its Bell Ringing Ceremony at the Hotel San Giorgio in Catania. This solemn and deeply symbolic moment was attended by District 2110 Governor Giuseppe Pitari. The event marked the transition from Sebastiano Longhitano's presidency to the new leadership of the Club, entrusted to Rosa Chiara. The ceremony was attended by Cinzia Torrisi, assistant to the outgoing governor, and Cecilia Costanzo, assistant to the incoming governor. Past President Longhitano reviewed the most significant milestones of the past year, highlighting the members' commitment and the results achieved, in a climate of service and collaboration. Rosa Chiara, President for the 2025/2026 Rotary year, spoke enthusiastically, clearly and passionately explaining the expectations and priorities of her term. The goal, she stated, will be to strengthen team spirit and promote projects of value for the community, inspired by the international motto "United to do good."

In her speech, Rosa Chiara also introduced the new board of directors: Sebastiano Longhitano will be Past President, Angelo Alaimo will be Vice President, Santo Finocchiaro will be Secretary, Luciana Deni will be Prefect, and Franco Malerba will be Treasurer. The board members will be Giuseppe Sergio Maugeri, Gigliola Marino, Angelo Milazzo, Franco Pepe, and Giuseppe Milano.

and Cosimo Messina, a close-knit and cohesive group, ready to face the challenges of the Rotary year with determination.

A very emotional moment was the awarding of the Paul Harris Fellow title by Governor Pitari to Fabiano Lo Cicero, President of Rotaract Catania Duomo 150. This prestigious recognition was presented following the young Rotaractor's participation as a "peace builder" at the 2025 Rotary International Convention in Calgary, Canada, during the official ceremony at Rotary Peace Park.

The evening ended with a significant announcement: the entry into the Club of the new member Bruno Brucchieri, councilor of the Municipality of Catania with responsibilities



to Social Services, Social Inclusion, and Family. His appointment demonstrates the Club's desire to involve institutional figures in Rotary's work in the community. The Rotary Club Catania Duomo 150 thus renews its commitment, combining memory, innovation, and a spirit of service, wishing Rosa Chiara a year full of enthusiasm and achievements.



Rotary Club Catania Andst giovanni from Nto Ni between inclusion and Rotary Foundation

Giovanni D'Antoni is the President for the 2025-2026 fiscal year of the Rotary Club Catania Est, which will celebrate its 40th anniversary on November 6, 2026.

A longtime Rotarian with a history of commitment and responsibility in his previous Rotaractor membership, Giovanni D'Antoni received the collar from outgoing President Roberto Salmeri during the Bell Ringing Ceremony that took place on July 9th on the elegant terrace of Sicilia's Etna Golf Torre Casalotto.

In the video message from Governor Sergio Malizia, his best wishes to the new president and the RC Catania Est renewed the hope for a year inspired by the motto "united to do good" of International President Francesco Arezzo di Trefiletti – the pride of our District 2110, a member of the RC di Ragusa and an honorary member of the RC Catania Est. The bell passing ceremony was attended by Governor Giuseppe Pitari and his wife Ivana, Assistant Cinzia Torrisi, Assistant for the new year 2025-2026 Cecilia Costanzo, Assistant to the Governor 2025-2026 Polletta Pennisi, PDG Salvatore Sarpietro and Francesco Milazzo (both Honorary Members of RC Catania Est), District Co-Secretary for the year 2026-2027 Mattia Branciforti, President of Shelter Box and Area Facilitator Gaetano Papa, President of the Shelter Box District Commission Valter Ignazio Longobardi,

Past Governor of Innerwheel District 211 Lella Pavarino Pavone, District Co-Secretary AR 2026-2027 (DG Lina Ricciardello) Sergio Castellaneta, and Rotaract Catania Est President Carlo Di Bella. After reviewing an exciting year led by Roberto Salmeri, President Giovanni D'Antoni outlined the guidelines for his project, which will focus on inclusion and commitment to the Rotary Foundation. During the evening, Mattia Branciforti was named an Honorary Member of RC Catania Est, while Honorary Memberships were awarded to Roberto Salmeri's Board members (Brunella Bertolino, Francesca Mangiameli, Silvana Raffaele, Anne-Sophie Barletta, and Giovanna Caggegi). The new Board of Directors is composed of the following members:



2025-2026 by Giovanni D'Antoni: Past President Roberto Salmeri, Incoming President and Vice President Anne-Sophie Barletta, Secretary Francesca Mangiameli, Treasurer Daniele Foresta, Prefect Giovanna Caggegi, Councilors Brunella Bertolino, Carmen Paci, Silvana Raffaele.



Rotary Club Catania Etna Centenario a Giuseppina Montella the role of president

The Bell Ringing Ceremony of the Rotary Club Catania Etna Centenario was celebrated on Thursday, July 4th in an atmosphere of great joy: a symbolic event with a strong value, which marked the handover from outgoing president Carmelo Saia to the new president Giuseppina Montella.

In the presence of numerous members, Rotary officials, and guests, the outgoing president reviewed a year filled with activities, projects, and civic engagement. Carmelo Saia thanked members for their support, highlighting the results achieved in the spirit of cohesion and continuity with Rotary's founding values.

The new president, Giuseppina Montella, made her debut with a heartfelt and inspired speech, outlining the guidelines for the new year: service, global planning and the promotion of peace.

will be the three cornerstones of the club's Rotary action.

"I will approach this role with a sense of responsibility and passion, guided by the spirit of service that has always inspired Rotary," declared the new president.

In line with the guidance of District 2110 Governor Sergio Malizia, Montella reiterated the importance of leveraging members' skills, focusing on efficiency, effectiveness, and a shared vision.

The program outlined includes concrete actions to benefit the local area, initiatives in synergy with the Rotary Foundation's international programs, and educational activities aimed at spreading the culture of peace. The election of Francesco Arezzo, the first Sicilian International President of Rotary, who will be the inspiring guide for the entire Rotary year, has aroused great enthusiasm.



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The passing of the bell marked, therefore, not only institutional continuity, but the beginning of a new journey of unity, openness, and concrete action.

The Rotary Club Catania Etna Centenario is ready to write a new chapter in its history under the motto "United to do good."



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Attorney Vito Branca (President of the First Section of the Sports Guarantee Board), Dr. Carlo Caponcello (Attorney General of the Office of the Public Prosecutor of the Republic at the Court of Appeal of Messina), and Attorney Enrico Trantino (Mayor of the Municipality of Catania) were the speakers at a meeting on "Ethics in Public Life and Business: Institutions, Economics, and Morality," moderated by Attorney Francesca Zangara, a member of the Rotary Club Catania Europa Etica e Legalità, who organized the event at the Nettuno Hotel. After re-elected President Francesco Mauceri introduced the topic and welcomed Giuseppe Giambrone, a Rotarian who has been promoting school initiatives nationwide for years to promote ethics and legality among young people, Francesca Zangara, a lawyer, asked a series of targeted questions to encourage the speakers to share their experiences in various organizations where they have held positions of great responsibility.

Vito Branca, after recalling people and encounters that influenced his development, highlighted how sport, especially when practiced in a team, is absolutely formative in creating a sense of wholeness to which each individual can and must contribute: the individual doesn't win, the team does. Carlo Caponcello made a clear distinction between those who, in

The judiciary functions either as a judge or as a public prosecutor. The judge's approach is certainly different, as he or she must have a comprehensive understanding of the two perspectives of the defense attorney and the public prosecutor to ultimately render a ruling that takes both into account. The public prosecutor's approach and approach are obviously different, as he or she follows his or her own hypothesis based on the evidence gathered. Enzo Trantino, with a subtle irony well received by the members present, told episodes of his experience as mayor of a city where the sense of community is still to be built with all its consequences in life and in daily behaviors that should have repercussions. opinions on livability. While Catania is experiencing a real boom in tourist presence, episodes such as the scattering of rubbish in the neighbourhoods or the invasion



The traffic lanes, full of cars in the front, second, and even further lanes, are difficult to contain. A telling example is the incident, while he was riding his scooter, when he called out to an illegal parking attendant. Recognizing him, thanks to the tip-off from another Catania resident, he addressed him: "With so much to do in the city, you're interested in me!" The evening ended with the entry of three new members: the entrepreneur Grazia Grasso, the professor Emanuele Coco of the University of Catania, and Andrea Russo, full professor at the University of Catania.



Interact Club Catania Nord

Interact and the Governor

Together with Enthusiasm

On Thursday, June 26, 2025, the joint Bell Ringing of the Rotary Club of Catania Nord and Interact Catania Nord took place at the Plaza Hotel in Catania. It was a heartfelt and well-attended ceremony, uniting two generations of Rotarians in the spirit of continuity and service. Outgoing President Giuseppe Petino presented the club's title to Giuseppe Idonea, who will lead the club in the 2025-2026 Rotary year. Excited and aware of the role he has assumed, the new president introduced his Board of Directors to the audience, thanking members for their trust and expressing his desire to continue with enthusiasm along the path he has charted.

Interact Catania Nord also experienced its transition, with Alessandro Petino receiving the presidency for the 2025-2026 year, accompanied by words of encouragement and pride from the sponsor club. The connection between Rotary and Interact appeared strong and authentic, confirming the value of collaboration between generations in building a culture of service and inclusion.

Numerous institutional presences: the Assistant Governor for the Rotary Club Catania Nord, Polletta Pennisi (in office for both 2024/2025 and 2025/2026), the Past Governor Salvatore Sarpietro (already an honorary member of the club), and the PDGs Ferdinando Testoni Blasco and Francesco Milazzo who received the award during the evening.

the title of honorary members, in recognition of their constant commitment and bond with the club.

Also present were Giovanna Fondacaro and Mattia Branciforti (assistants to the Governor), along with Matilde Ali (IRD deputy for the current year), and Federico Lombardo (IRD 2025/2026), who brought greetings from the young Interact members. Branciforti, who is also an honorary member of Interact Catania Nord, spoke about his growth within Rotary.

The evening ended with a convivial dinner on the roof-top of the hotel.



tel, a space chosen not only for the beauty of its setting, but for the shared desire to look far ahead, with an eye on the future and especially on young people.

Gianpaolo Costantino



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Baglio Romito was the prestigious location chosen for the handover. The majestic, recently renovated villa overlooks the Gulf of Catania, where the sea meets the land under the imposing gaze of Mount Etna, in a glimpse of Sicily of timeless beauty. In this uniquely evocative setting, the ceremony took place on Thursday, July 10th, in the presence of members, guests, and Rotary officials, including President Giuseppe Pitari. Mercedes Turco, after retracing all the activities carried out throughout the year through a photographic series, effectively demonstrated how the year just ended was characterized by a common thread: deepening knowledge of the city of Catania from various perspectives, such as, for example, the historical, cultural, architectural, urban planning, and social.

The two, concrete projects and those that have been put on hold, were then awarded Rotary's highest honor, the Paul Harris Fellows, by PDG Pitari to two members: Gaetano Pirrone, for his achievements during his year as Club President, and Lia Ragusa, for her dedication over the past year. Other important recognitions were given to Member Giovanni Aloisio and Secretary Milena Grasso.

Mercedes Turco then thanked the Board of Directors who supported her, and then passed the word first to the PDG Giuseppe Pitari, who expressed words of appreciation towards the club, and then to Luigi Distefano who, after wearing the collar, illustrated the main objectives of the new Rotary year, following the indications provided by the Governor Sergio Malizia and the International President



Francesco Arezzo. Luigi Distefano also presented the new board of directors: Luigi Distefano (President), Mercedes Turco (Past President),

Gennaro Giant (President Incoming), Maurizio Pettinato (Vice President), Gaetano Pirrone (Secretary), Lia Ragusa (Prefect), Giovanni Aloisio (Treasurer), Franzina Bilardo, Giovanni Di Mauro, Claudio Giuffrida, Gina Occhipinti (Councillors).

The Governor's Assistant, Giovanna Fondacaro, concluded, demonstrating her support for the Club through her actions once again.



RC CataNiaSud

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New president

A few days ago, Rotary Catania Sud experienced the customary handover, renewing its Rotary commitment.

The Bell Handover and the emotional change of collar took place between Marco Lombardo and the new President of the Rotary Club Catania Sud, Emanuele Coniglione, known as Elio.

After a remainder from Lombardo for the 2024-25 year, the evening, with Coniglione's brief, concise, yet powerful speech, marked the beginning of a new phase for the club, which aims to be "brotherhood among members, who have always distinguished themselves as a club, for Catania and beyond. We will return to being a community. We will never forget our constant commitment to the Rotary Foundation and our particular attention to health and the environment. The rest will be seen together, along the way and obviously following...



I give the directives of Governor Malizia and our dear Francesco Arezzo, International President, which makes us honored and proud to be Sicilian." Present at the evening was Polletta Pennisi, Assistant to Governor Sergio Malizia, for the current year, who received a plaque of thanks for her work supporting the RC for the year just ended.

The new team, which will support President Coniglione, is composed of Giancarlo Modena, vice president, Lia Musumeci, prefect, Guido Condorelli, secretary, and Doriana Montella, treasurer. Furthermore, as

Mariapia Gangemi, Maurizio D'Angelo, Giuseppe Scaccianoce, Marco Lombardo, Antonio Giuffrida, Maurizio Schillaci were appointed councilors. Antonio Giuffrida has been appointed president for the 2026/2027 Rotary year. Giuseppe Scaccianoce will continue to coordinate the BLSD group, a core activity of the club that already has training initiatives planned for various levels, as knowledge of first aid procedures using a defibrillator is increasingly essential today.



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On July 16, 2025, the traditional Bell Ringing of the Rotary Club of Cefalù Madonie was celebrated in the picturesque setting of the Valleggrande Nature Resort. This significant moment marks the renewal of the club's leadership and the continuation of its community service efforts. Outgoing President Luigi Calò summarized the milestones of the past year, emphasizing the shared desire to increase the Club's visibility both in the Panormus area and at the district level through concrete projects, school initiatives, environmental activities, and meetings with young people. The presidency of the Club for the Rotary year 2025/2026 passes to Giuseppe Patti, who in his inaugural speech thanked the past President for the work done, enthusiastically relaunching a vision of continuity, innovation and service,

With particular attention to the Cefalù and Madonie areas, and in synergy with the district's projects and Governor Sergio Malizia's program. The new President then emphasized the importance of an inclusive Club, open to discussion and capable of attracting new energy and skills. With this in mind, the event enthusiastically welcomed two new members, Maria Teresa Vacca and Enza Cusimano, who were officially welcomed by the Presidents with a warm welcome.

President Giuseppe Patti concluded by noting that this year marks the Club's twentieth anniversary and offered his heartfelt wishes to all members for a prosperous new year, one they can face together in doing good, with vision and passion. The evening saw the participation of the Assistant to the outgoing Governor Mino Morisco,



The incoming president, Marcello Abbate, the Rotary Foundation Delegate, Michelangelo Nicchitta, the Mayor of Cefalù, Daniele Tumminello, and a representative of the Cefalù Lions Club, are among the members. This represents a sign of collaboration and dialogue with the administration and the local associations. The Rotary Club of Cefalù Madonie thus renews its commitment to serving the people and the region through effective, ongoing, and shared action, in accordance with Rotary principles and areas of focus.



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The traditional Bell Ringing of the Rotary Club Vittoria took place in the splendid Villa Fortugno, nestled in the Ragusa plain and surrounded by the scent of the Mediterranean scrub. This year, it was combined with the Interact Club's Bell Ringing. It was a doubly significant occasion, uniting generations in the spirit of continuity, service, and friendship. The outgoing President, Gaudenzio Giummarra, presented the bell to his successor, Vincenzo Bombace. opening officially the year Rotarian 2025-2026. At the same time, for the Interact Club, the baton passed from Francesco Guglielmino to Alessia Spata Alfano, testifying to the commitment of young people in carrying forward the spirit

Rotary rite with enthusiasm and responsibility.

The ceremony was attended by the current and incoming Assistant Governors, Giuseppe Polara, Gaetano Arezzo di Trifiletti, and Elena Bocchetti, as well as the Mayor of Comiso and President of the Libero Consorzio Comunale di Ragusa, Maria Rita Schembari. Schembari emphasized the importance of collaboration between Rotary and institutions for the well-being of local communities. and guidelines of its mandate, inspired by the motto of the year "United to do good." Peace, justice, environment, culture, art, sport, and education will be the key themes of tangible Rotary action, rooted in the local area but with a global vision.



Among the priorities: raising awareness of Rotary, strengthening the network among members, supporting young people in Interact, and laying the groundwork for the establishment of Rotaract. "Involvement and planning," Bombace concluded.

– will be the key words of our journey. No one is left behind: every member will be a protagonist, each with their own talent." A wish shared by all present, in a climate of renewed harmony and service.



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The Rotary Club Corleone's bell ringing, which took place on Saturday, July 5th at the Casina Reale in Ficuzza, continued its legacy.

A year led by Fulvio Pulizzotto has ended, with him passing the baton to Guido Fiduccia, who will lead the club for the 2025/2026 Rotary year.

A year under the motto "The magic of Rotary" which inspired Fulvio Pulizzotto by showing the synthesis of the activities carried out during the Rotary year which had their culmination in various projects including the publication of the book on the Calcariniti Park of Corleone.

Many projects and events realised

promoted by the club, especially through service activities, including the Plastic Free Project, which awarded the Marineo Comprehensive Institute, which particularly stood out and was awarded the "Gold" plaque.

At the same time, various cultural activities were held, including a poetry festival in collaboration with the Corleone Pro-Loce. Present for the occasion, representing the Governor, was Assistant Governor Fabio Di Lorenzo, who highlighted Rotary's role in our region. After the handover of the governor's office, the new president, Guido Fiduccia, delivered his inaugural address.

co, with the motto "United to do good," which highlighted his commitment and enthusiasm in involving new young people in the club. He reiterated that he was impressed by the "Rotary vision," which believes in a better world than the current one, where all people, together, can promote positive and lasting change in communities near and far, and in each of us. During the bell passing ceremony, the "Paul Harris" award was presented to past Presidents Angelo Labruzzo and Leoluca Mancuso.



Flavia Napremains president of RC PA Costa Gaia with New York

Giovanni Imburgia hands over the reins to Flavia Prestana, who, in addition to being the Incoming President, is also his wife. The ceremony saw the presence of Guido Ricevuto, as Assistant to the Governor, as well as the participation of numerous guests.

Among them the Past President of the RC Verrazano - Brooklyn of New

York, John Blandi and his wife Lady Sarina.

The RC PA Costa Gaia has indeed sealed the Rotary friendship and collaboration through the twinning between our club and the overseas one. And in line with the district directives, which call for increasing membership, President Flavia Prestana admitted:

two new partners in the persons of Mario Nobile and Girolamo Maniscalco.

The ceremony concluded with a speech by the Assistant Governor, who hoped for a year full of Rotary activities, as is the tradition of RC PA Costa Gaia.



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The ceremony was hosted at the Botanical Garden of Palermo. The Bell Ringing of the Rotary International District 2110 e-Club was held in person. It was a moving ceremony, filled with emotion and a spirit of friendship by members who rarely gather in person, making each meeting a special event.

The location chosen for the ceremony – rich in rare plants and historic architecture – was a strong desire of incoming President Eva De Luca, who studied Pharmaceutical Botany there. The choice successfully combined the symbolic value of beauty with the profound Rotary message: doing good through culture, knowledge, and concrete action. Despite the scorching day, those in attendance were enchanted by the Garden's fairytale atmosphere. During the ceremony, held in the prestigious Sala Lanza, Oscar Aiello officially passed the collar to Eva De Luca, in the presence of Assistant Governor Biagio Nativo and District Secretary Michelangelo Gruttadauria, who is also Director of the University of Palermo Museum System.

Eva De Luca enthusiastically presented her program, calling for unity under the motto "Unit for Good." Among the main projects, she illustrated the one already approved for a district grant: "Sodium Battery for Archimede 2.0," a green initiative that

It will involve young Sicilian talents in the field of alternative energy. It also announced the "Health Literacy" club project, which will take place in high schools in Palermo, Riesi, Mazzarino, and Licata, with the aim of promoting prevention and health among students.

The President then introduced the new Board of Directors: Vincenzo Alessi (Vice President and President-Elect), Antonella Lando (Secretary), Carlo Napoli (Treasurer), Dario Di Vincenzo (Prefect), with the councilors Salvo Cascio, Peppe Lizzio, Peppe Bua and Pietro Amoroso, Rotary Foundation delegate. The day ended with the entry of three new members: Tommaso Matranga, Pietro Saia and Militza Rodic, welcomed with enthusiasm.



We are from the entire club community, ready to face a new Rotary year marked by action, sustainability, and shared knowledge.



Enna Rotary Club

Comes back the King Mio "Umberto Domina"

Photovoltaic System in Zambia

The Rotary Club of Enna celebrated its traditional passing of the bell for the 2025-26 fiscal year. In the presence of past Governors Attilio Bruno, Alfio Di Costa, and Giuseppe Pitari, and Assistant Governor Sasà Rizzo, Roberto Angileri handed over the gavel and collar to Rino Realmuto after an intense season of community service and initiatives. This series of events has raised awareness of Rotary's philanthropic work worldwide, with the humanitarian efforts of one of the oldest service clubs, well-known, among other things, for the Polio Plus campaign, which included polio vaccinations worldwide to eradicate the polio virus, which unfortunately still exists in Pakistan and Afghanistan. Over the past year, the local agricultural and food heritage has been highlighted with meetings and field trips to learn about crops grown and the production of the excellent products used in food and wine. Following the obelisk erected in Montesalvo, in the center of Sicily, to commemorate the centenary of Rotary's founding in 2005, a commemorative plaque dedicated to the Stems of Peace was erected, sponsored by District 2110 of Siena and Malta. The program announced by the new president, Rino Realmuto, a now retired RAI journalist, includes many new features, including the 70th anniversary of the founding of the Rotary Club of Enna.



The Rotary Prize dedicated to the Enna writer Umberto Domina, the only humorous literature prize in Italy, dates back to 1956, and the project for the construction of a photovoltaic system to be donated to Cristina Fazzi's mission in Zambia, funded by the Rotary Foundation. The Board of Directors, which will team up with

Rino Realmuto. Vice President Andrea Scoto, Past President Roberto Angileri, Prefect Giuseppe Anfuso, Secretary Luigi Castro, Treasurer Michele Riccobene, Co-Secretary Bruno Maddalena, Councilors Michele Rocca and Elisa Di Salvo, and Sanny Grillo, President-elect for the 2026/27 academic year.



Rotary Club Gela

Francisco Giudice President

Young people and health prevention

On Friday, July 4, 2025, the Rotary Club of Gela celebrated the traditional Bell Ringing, marking the beginning of a new Rotary year dedicated to community service.

The outgoing president **Ugo Granvillano** passed the baton to **Francesco Giudice**, who will lead the Club with a spirit of continuity and innovation. In his speech, Giudice thanked his predecessor for his "commitment and spirit of service," emphasizing the importance of cohesion among members and leveraging their skills to advance concrete projects for the local community. Among the year's goals, special attention will be given to youth (Rotaract and Interact), preventive healthcare, cultural promotion, and social inclusion. "Rotary is a community united by shared values: friendship, ethics, service, and leadership. Together, we can face challenges and build a better future for Gela and our region," stated the new president.

The evening, attended by Rotary officials, both civilian and military, members, and friends, took place in an atmosphere of emotion and conviviality. With the motto: **"United to do good"** The Rotary Club of Gela is preparing for a year full of initiatives.

The new Board of Directors 2025/26:

- Gualtiero Cataldo (Vice President)
- Gigi Parisi (Secretary)
- Nunzio Alecci (Treasurer)
- Silvio Scichilone (Prefect)

- Leonardo Turturici (President-Elect)
- Ugo Granvillano (Past President)
- Franco Città, Alessandro Tandurella, Simone Siciliano (Councillors)

Guests of honor:

Walter Tesauo (President of the Libero Consorzio Caltanissetta), the Hon. Michele Mancuso, the Hon. Salvatore Scuvera, Dr. Emanuele Giunta (Vice-Commissioner), Ferruccio Alessandro Grassia (Port Authority), Maria Grazia Mauro (President of Inner Wheel), representatives of Lions, Soroptimist, Rotaract, and Interact. Numerous messages of good wishes were present from authorities and Past Governors. Representing the 2025-26 Governor was the Assistant Governor **Luigi Loggia**. The ceremony was conducted by the Prefect **Silvio Scichilone**, supported by the Secretary **Parisi** and from the Treasurer **Alecci**.



Main services 2025/26:

- *Health & Community*: screening and prevention
- *Education & Youth*: mentoring for Rotaract and Interact
- *Culture & Innovation*: events and heritage enhancement
- *Social inclusion*: projects for the integration of vulnerable individuals

A heartfelt thank you to all the guests, members, and friends who made the evening special. With passion and a spirit of service, Rotary Gela is ready to write a new chapter for the community.



RC Giarre - Riviera Jonica Etnea a New YEAR'S service and listening

On Saturday, June 28, 2025, the Rotary Club of Giarre - Riviera Jonica Etnea celebrated the passing of the bell between outgoing president Dario Lo Giudice and new president Angelo Vecchio. It was a heartfelt and well-attended event, which marked not only the transition at the helm of the club but also the continuity of a commitment rooted in the local area. Dario Lo Giudice reviewed the highlights of the past year, paying particular attention to projects aimed at young people. "Affective Disharmonies," an emotional education program in schools, allowed hundreds of students to reflect on relational dynamics. With "Reflections of the Soul," volunteer counselors and psychologists offered listening and support to young people grappling with fears, doubts, and desires. Finally, the series of meetings "Innovators of

Future" brought students into contact with local professionals, opening spaces for orientation and dialogue on the new frontiers of work. In his inaugural address, Angelo Vecchio presented the vision that will guide the club in the 2025-2026 Rotary year. "We want to place our Club alongside the cities and villages we love, embracing the critical issues they face—from the neglect of historic buildings and public gardens to social and environmental emergencies—to transform them into opportunities for rebirth."

To this end, the club will launch initiatives to protect urban greenery, enhance historic architecture, and address social vulnerabilities. Among the planned projects: cleanup and participatory reforestation campaigns, workshops with schools, survey and training workshops.



urban planning, mobile information desks and a Common Goods Observatory conducted with the involvement of students. The passing of the bell was not just a ceremony, but a new beginning: a collective pact to translate knowledge and community into concrete action. The Rotary Club of Giarre - Riviera Jonica Etnea looks to the new year with the desire to build impact and a future, placing the dignity of people and the beauty of places at the center.



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On Friday, July 4, at Casale dei Consoli in Mazzarrone, the Rotary Club of Grammichele Sud Simeto celebrated the traditional Bell Ringing, a symbolic moment marking the passing of the helm between presidents and the beginning of a new Rotary journey.

Outgoing President Agata Russo, with emotion, outlined a rich summary of Rotary's activities and achievements. The 2024-2025 Rotary year was marked by projects with high social impact, including BLS-D courses and community support initiatives. A video shown during the ceremony captured the emotions and testimonies of a profound commitment, lived with passion and a spirit of service.

Attending the evening were Assistant Governor Biagio Nativio, numerous civil and military authorities, and representatives of other Rotary Clubs, a testament to the network of relationships Rotary builds. Guests also included Grammichele Mayor Pippo Greco, Lieutenant Vincenzo Drago, Councilor Rosanna Coniglione, and club presidents Aurelio D'Asta (Caltagirone RC) and Roberto Salmieri (Catania Est RC).

Agata Russo wanted to publicly express her gratitude to the members, rewarding the commitment of Adriana Privitera, Rosanna Coniglione and Gaia Centamore for the BLS-D courses, and giving a special recognition to the vice president Massimiliano Guccione for the support

constant. Salvo Caruso received the award for most deserving member, while Salvo Coppoletta was recognized for his project coordination.

A deeply moving moment was the awarding of the Paul Harris Fellow to Rosanna Coniglione for the "Militelio, a Cardio-Protected City" project, carried out in collaboration with the Municipality, which equipped the area with defibrillators and training tools.

The handover of the partnership between Agata Russo and Massimiliano Guccione marked the beginning of a new phase: "United to do good."

– the new president began



tooth – is the motto that will guide our commitment in 2025-2026. At the closing of the ceremony, Guccione himself, in the presence of the Governor's assistant, presented Agata Russo with the Paul Harris Fellow in recognition of her extraordinary year of service.



Passing of the Bell

Clare Vassallo's growth

The passing of the bell marks the culmination of the Rotary year, and this year for the RC La Valette Malta it was an extra special occasion, with seven new members of various nationalities joining the club: Julius Nehorai, Madeleine Gera, Petra Caruana Dingli, Christine Dalli, Bilgi Gokalp Gulen, Giuseppe Inserra, and Laura Maciulskaitė. As if that weren't enough, Past President Annemarie Bianchi and President Godfrey Swain gave a pleasant surprise: the Paul Harris Award to Rotarians Bryan Sullivan, Patricia Salomone, Helga Ellul, David Dingli, Edward Fenech, Annemarie Bianchi, and Sandra la Rosa. Three humanitarian organizations with which the club has partnerships were also awarded Paul Harris Awards: Food Bank Lifeline, SEBH, and St. Michael's Hospice.

A welcome guest of the evening was the internationally renowned musician Patrick Hamilton who exchanged the pennant of his club in Belgium, RC Damme, with Godfrey. During this splendid June evening, in the garden of the Marsa Club, the outgoing President gave a brief account of the many projects carried out by the club during the year 2024-25, underlining the success achieved by the project supported by District 2110, Opera Nuova, the specialization school for young opera singers which was started in the best possible way and which will continue to have adequate support from the

of the club.

With a warm embrace, President Godfrey passed the baton to President Clare Vassallo, a full professor at the University of Malta, who, with her usual smiling manner, expressed her sincere thanks. Clare announced that the club had requested grants from the District for the club's participation in a scientific research program at the University of Malta on ALS, an autoimmune disease that shares DNA traits with the populations of Malta and Sicily. Clare also announced plans for a trip for members to the town of Parisot in France, as the Maltese Club of La Valette is named after the victorious Grandmaster Jean Parisot de Valette.

Thus ended a rotating year



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The Rotary Club of Lentini's bell-ringing ceremony, marking the start of the 2025-2026 Rotary year, took place on June 26th in the cloister of the convent complex in Piazza Crispi in Carlentini. Taking over from Renato Benintende was Cristian Rapisarda, a respected surgeon at Lentini Hospital. The event, packed with content and participation, also served as the occasion for the presentation of the "Avv. Alfio Sgalambro" Award, now in its twelfth year. Established by the club in memory of one of its founding members, the award is given to those who contribute, through studies and research, to the enhancement of the cultural and historical heritage of the area.

The recipient was Dr. Antonio Zarbano, a recent graduate in

Archaeology at the University of Catania, for his thesis on "Lentini between Byzantium and Islam – The City, the Territory, the Sea," a study that sheds new light on a fascinating and little-explored period of local history. The award citation was read by Professor Massimo Frasca, former director of the School of Specialization in Archaeology at the University of Catania and an honorary member of the club.

The ceremony was attended by Rotary officials from the District and the Councilor for Public Education of the Municipality of Lentini, Professor Agnese Filloramo, demonstrating the interest and collaboration between Rotary and the local educational and cultural institutions. The new Board of Directors led by Cristian Rapisarda is composed of Marcello Piccolo



(vice president), Luca Marine (president incoming), Renato Well intended (past president), Alessia Brunno (secretary), Vincenzo Brunno (treasurer), Alfio Manzitto (prefect), Danilo Ciciulla (co-prefect), Carmelo Florida, and Bruno Riga (councillors). Rotaract Lentini also transitioned: Luca Benintende has been replaced by Giuseppe Sferrazzo, ready to lead the youth club into the new year with enthusiasm and a spirit of service.



Rotary Club Lercara Friddi

at all 'Sign of continuity and' innovation

On Sunday, June 29, 2025, members of the Rotary Club Lercara Friddi gathered at the "San Leonardo" facility in Vicari for the traditional "Passaggio di Campana" (Tolling of the Bell) between outgoing president Maria Giuseppa Mangiapane and incoming president Giuseppa Milazzo.

In her speech, the outgoing president reviewed the social and cultural initiatives and numerous service activities, in collaboration with local schools, that characterized the 2024-2025 Rotary year.

On this important occasion, the past president and founding member France- were awarded the Paul Harris Fellow title for their dedication to Rotary principles.

Sco Cangialosi, past president Salvatore Di Giorgio and past president Francesca Terrasi. The new president, taking the floor, noted that the program for the 2025-2026 Rotary year will be discussed at the members' meeting, scheduled for August, and will be characterized by continuity, innovation, and a spirit of service. After the presentation of the 2025-2026 board of directors, which will support the new president, Pietro Leto, assistant to the outgoing governor, took the floor and congratulated the president and all the club members on the goals achieved and the achievement of the



of the gold certificate awarded by District Governor Giuseppe Pitari.

The event was closed by Assistant District Governor Rosario Tantillo, who wished everyone a successful and fulfilling Rotary year and recalled District Governor Sergio Malizia's three goals: "Strengthening membership, supporting the Rotary Foundation, and focusing on young people."



Rotary Club of Licata Carmelo Ciotta New President

On July 7th, the bell-ringing ceremony between Past President Tony Ragusa and the new President Carmelo Ciotta took place at "Tenuta Costa," located in Contrada Mandranova between Licata and Palma di Montechiaro. Among the guests was incoming Governor Sergio Malizia. The ceremony began with greetings from outgoing President Ragusa: "This has been a wonderful and intense year, undertaken with dedication and a Rotary spirit. Heartfelt thanks also go to outgoing Governor Giuseppe Pitari, who supported us throughout all our initiatives. All that remains is to wish the new President Ciotta success in his new role, confident that he will carry the name of our club to the forefront with a path full of satisfaction and projects serving the community." After the customary thanks, Carmelo Ciotta took the stage.

Excited about the prestigious position, Carmelo Ciotta extended greetings and thanks to the Past President for his dedication and achievements. "I am proud to be part of a cohesive group, bound by deep friendship and respect. In the upcoming fiscal year, I am confident that each of you will offer your contribution, with commitment and dedication, hallmarks of the Rotary spirit, to ensure our commitment to the good of the community. We are here together because we are united to do good. In thanking you, I wish you—

good work to all of you." With these words, the president presented the program for the new social year, valorizing all the precious human resources that are part of the club and the new Board of Directors which is composed as follows: President: Carmelo Ciotta; Past President: Tony Ragusa; President-elect: Maria Elena Turco;

Vice President: Anna Dainotto;
Vice President: Rosario Criscimanna;
Secretary: Antonio Vinciguerra;
Treasurer: Giuseppe Polizzi;
Prefect: Rosaria Greco.
Councilors: Gioacchino Inguanta, Giuseppe Monachello, Giuseppe Grillo, Baldo Santoro, Giuseppe Amato, Domenico Dainotto, Giuseppe D'orsi, Domenico Raneri, Clotilde Stuto, Gaetano Casimiro Castronovo, Nicola Taibi, and Angelo Cambiano. Best wishes were also extended to the Governor of District 2110 Sicily-Malta, Sergio Malizia, and the International Governor, Francesco Arezzo.

During the event, the Interact bell was also rung, appointing Laura Sica as the new president. At the end of the ceremony, the president, along with the board of directors and club members, warmly thanked everyone in attendance. Those in attendance included the Aragona Colli Siciliani Club, chaired by Mimmo Rotulo; the president of the Ribera Club, Gioacchino Genna, and his wife; and the Governor's assistant, Francesco Montalbano, and his wife. Members included:



Also present was Casimiro Gaetano Castronovo, District Governor Appointed for the 2027/2028 academic year. Guests included Valeria Fiaccabrino, President of Fidapa of Palma di Montechiaro, Anna Dainotto, President of the Inner Wheel of Licata, and her secretary, Ina Dainotto Sciria.

The Rotary Club of Licata will immediately be active and present in the Periplum project (The "plastic cleaning" kayak challenge). This solo exploration project, inspired by the great sporting feats of the past, aims to discover and document the health of our seas and coasts. Launched last July 5th from the CNR IAS marina in Torretta Granitola (TP), it is being developed with all the partner Rotary Clubs (Palermo Agorà, Agrigento, Aragona "Colli Sicani", Canicattì, Lercara Friddi, Megara Augusta, Menfi "Belice-Carboj", Licata, Noto-Terra di Eoro, Palermo Mediterranea, Palermo Teatro del Sole, Palermo Monreale, and Siracusa), the Lions Club of Sambuca Belice, the Italian Naval League, and the CNR IAS of Torretta Granitola. The Rotary Club of Licata will be involved in the leg of the Periplum project on July 8th, landing in Falconara and departing on July 9th for Acate – Cava d'Aliga.

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On July 4th, the Rotary Club of Lipari Aeolian Archipelago held a bell-ringing ceremony at Villa Enrica. This significant event marked the transition from outgoing president Enzo Fancello to Felicino Mirabito, who will lead the club for the 2025-2026 Rotary year, when Sergio Malizia is the Governor of District 2110.

The evening began with a greeting from the Governor, who in a message emphasized the clubs' commitment to continuing Rotary's work through projects aligned with local needs.

In his final report, Enzo Fancello recalled the highlights of the past year, including the awarding of the "Vitale" Scholarship, designed to recognize local talent and support growth paths based on ethics and merit. After the awarding of the scholarship, Felicino Mirabito outlined the vision that will inspire the upcoming year. Among the key points of his program are strengthening membership, supporting the Rotary Foundation, and youth-focused projects, in line with the Rotarian Service program dedicated to them. Internal Service is also central, as a space to strengthen a sense of belonging and enhance members' skills. Mirabito also confirmed the club's full support for the district projects "Territorial Development" and "Pet Therapy."

recognizing its relevance to the specific needs of the Aeolian archipelago, where environmental protection and social well-being are deeply intertwined.

Numerous guests attended the ceremony, including Pia Pollina, Attilio Liga, Lorella Mazzeo, Mara Carnevale, Tiziana De Luca, and Davide Ceraolo, representing an associational and Rotary network increasingly focused on collaboration between local entities.

Pia Pollina's closing remarks highlighted the new president's concrete vision, recognizing the value of a commitment that stems from listening and translates into measurable action.

The passing of the bell represented a moment of con-



continuity and revitalization for the Rotary Club Lipari Arcipelago Eoliano, ready to interpret the Rotary year just begun with responsibility and a spirit of service.



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On Monday, June 23, in the elegant setting of the Royal Malta Yacht Club, the Rotary Club of Malta held its Handover Dinner, a moving event that marked the conclusion of the Rotary year and the beginning of a new term. Attended by numerous members and guests, including members of the Rotary Clubs of Gozo and La Valette and representatives of the newly formed Rotaract Club of Malta, the evening was a time of sharing, gratitude, and reflection. President Jelle Houtsma-Grech, in his second term, proudly reviewed the past year, highlighting projects and achievements. But the most touching moment was undoubtedly the tribute to Rotarian Robert von Brockdorff, who retired from active service after 38 years, just as his 80th birthday approached. Rob, a pioneer of the Maltese Rotary and one of the founders of the La Valette Club, was awarded a commemorative photo album, an honorary membership certificate, a commemorative medal and a prestigious District Award.

During the evening, a Certificate of Service was also awarded to Rotarian Robert Ghirlando, a recognition given on behalf of the District Governor for his commitment. Amid applause and smiles, there was also a moment of lightheartedness with the game of "Human Bingo," won by Rotarian Mustafa Gulen, who was awarded a



A generous basket of local products. Thanks to the generosity of those present, €440 was raised, which will go towards supporting the activities of the Rotaract Club of Malta, a concrete sign of faith in the younger generations.

The event, curated down to the smallest detail by Rotarian Sue Simons, successfully combined memory and the future, reaffirming the spirit of friendship and service that animates Rotary in Malta.

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the city and in the territory

The Rotary Club of Mazara del Vallo's traditional Bell Ringing ceremony took place in true Rotary spirit, marking the beginning of a new Rotary year filled with projects and initiatives.

During the ceremony, outgoing President Gaspare Ingargiola presented plaques of merit to several members who, throughout the year, distinguished themselves in carrying out projects planned by the Club and the District. President Ingargiola then passed the presidential collar to the new President Calogero Giorgi, along with the bell, a symbol of continuity in Rotary service.

President Giorgi presented the new board of directors and the various working committees, which will be ready to face, together with the other members, the challenges of the Rotary year 2025-2026 with enthusiasm and determination.



tion, carrying forward Rotary's core values.

The Rotary Club of Mazara del Vallo will continue its commitment to the city and its surrounding area with solidarity, education, and sustainable development projects, keeping alive the tradition of service that has always distinguished the Rotary movement.

The ceremony saw the par-

participation of numerous members, the Mayor of Campobello di Mazara G. Castiglione, and the PDG Vincenzo Montalbano Caracci (our member) and Goffredo Vaccaro (honorary member), confirming the spirit of collaboration and brotherhood that animates the Rotarian family.



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On Saturday, June 28, 2025, the first Bell Ringing of the Rotary Club Megara Augusta, founded on March 7, 2024, took place in the relaxing Casa Vignali. The bell was passed from Dario Valmori, founding president, to Giuseppe Tringali, marking a moment filled with emotion and meaning for a young club, yet already a key player in the social and cultural life of the area. The opening ceremony was entrusted to the newly appointed prefect Stefania Lombardo, who welcomed members, guests, and dignitaries, highlighting the Club's welcoming and modern mission. With an average age of under fifty and a diverse and inclusive membership, Rotary Megara Augusta stands out for its dynamism, internationality, and ability to combine institutional rigor with a participatory and serene atmosphere. Valmori retraced the steps that led to the Club's founding, recalling that "a vision born in the heart took shape in the real world," and handed over the baton with words that combined depth and inspiration: "Every circle that closes actually opens like a spiral: the Rotary wheel turns and always leads us a little higher."

In collecting the collar, Giuseppe Tringali thanked his predecessor calling him "a brilliant and empathetic leader" and invited the members to live Rotary "not as a duty, but as a privilege that pushes us to be the best version of ourselves."



ourselves." He then underlined the Club's commitment to promoting a more just, cohesive and inclusive community.

During the evening, four new members were welcomed — Sherma and Norman Stowe, Isabella Lombardo and Francesco Paci — bringing the Club to thirty members, four of whom were native English speakers, a testament to an increasingly strong international vocation. Numerous authorities were present: the Mayor of Augusta Giuseppe Di Mare, the President of the City Council Marco Stella, the Division Admiral Andrea

Cottini, Captain Carmelo Morello, Captain Domenico Sangiorgio, Dr. Agostino Messana, director of the Lentinoi Megara Archaeological Park, and Assistant Governor Emanuele Nobile. Honorary members Goffredo Vaccaro, Giuseppe Pantaleo, and Salvatore Martinico were also present. With a strong identity, a growing membership, and a focus on the future, the Rotary Club of Megara Augusta is preparing to write new chapters of service and innovation, in the spirit of community and friendship.



Rotary Club Messina

the geologist Giovanni Randazzo President

On Monday, July 7, the Rotary Club of Messina, a historic centennial club of District 2110, rang its bell at the Motonautica headquarters. This significant moment saw the presidency pass from Gabriella Tigano, archaeologist and former director of the Taormina Archaeological Park, to Professor Giovanni (Nanni) Randazzo, full professor of Environmental Geology at the University of Messina.

In the presence of members, institutional guests, and friends of the club, the ceremony was conducted with sobriety and participation. During the evening, member Giacomo Ferrari, a lawyer, was fondly remembered on his birthday, with a tribute shared by the outgoing president and his wife, Sandra Monforte, a guest of the new president.

The evening opened with a video greeting from District Governor Sergio Malizia, followed by a short film recounting the intense year of activity that had just ended. Gabriella Tigano left a profound mark on the club's life, thanks to her attentive, dynamic, and informative leadership. In his speech, Giovanni Randazzo thanked the members for their trust, calling his election "an honorary citizenship," as he is not originally from Messina. He extended affectionate thoughts to his wife "for her patience," and gratefully remembered Past Governor Maurizio Triscari, "a friend, colleague, and a great friend."



ga and mentor", who co-opted him into Rotary "in the last century".

The President then introduced the Board of Directors for the Rotary year 2025/2026, composed of: Gabriella Tigano (outgoing President), Nino Germanò (Vice President), Giovanni Restuccia (Treasurer), Enrico Scisca (Prefect), Marina Trimarchi (Secretary), Giovanna Famà, Giovanni

Lisciotto, Isabella Palmieri, Giuseppe Santoro and Alberto Sardella (councillors).

The evening concluded with a speech by the Governor's assistant, Felice De Luca, who offered institutional greetings and wished the new president and the club all the best in their endeavors, continuing the tradition of continuity, friendship, and service.



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On June 30th, in the presence of numerous Rotary dignitaries, civil servants, and volunteers, the Rotary Club of Messina Stretto di Messina held a bell-passing ceremony. Attorney Rocco Vaccarino concluded his year as president, marked by intense local activity and the founding of the Messina Stretto di Messina – Colapesce Satellite Club. Agata Labate, a palliative care physician, took up the mantle, opening her new year by placing a profound and universal theme at the center of Rotary action: fragility.

In her speech, the new president clearly and sensitively outlined the vision that will guide the club in the coming months. Fragility, she explained, is a condition that permeates the life of every individual, and which, if recognized and embraced, can transform into an opportunity for encounter, listening, and care. "Fragility is part of the human experience. It is what unites us and demands our listening, closeness, and care. Rotary can be a concrete space for action and solidarity, capable of generating value where there is inequality, loneliness, and need," stated Agata Labate, emphasizing the profound meaning of her mandate. The new year will see the club involved in various activities, including the "Previeni" project, implemented with a district grant and carried out in collaboration with other clubs.

of the Peloritana Area. There will also be initiatives with local associations and institutions, in a spirit of networking and openness that fully reflects the Rotary motto of the year: "United to do good."

Numerous Rotary representatives attended the ceremony. Among those present were Felice De Luca, assistant to outgoing Governor Giuseppe Pitari; Sergio Conti, representing incumbent Governor Sergio Malizia; and Attilio Liga, district treasurer. Several presidents of the Peloritana Area Rotary Clubs also offered their greetings and best wishes to the new president.

The participation of the institutional and associative world was also significant. Representing Mayor Federico Basile, Messina's Councilor for Social Policies, Alessandra Calafiore, spoke. Emilia Rotondo, President of the Third Commission, was also present.



Councilor and member of the Youth Council of the Municipality of Messina, Antonio Bonfiglio, president of the GAL Taormina - Peloritani, Francesco Certo, founder of the Terra di Gesù association, and Cristina Cannistrà, president of the LILT Messina section.

The evening took place in a warm and participatory atmosphere, fully expressing the values of continuity, friendship, and responsibility that are at the heart of Rotary's commitment. Under the leadership of Agata Labate, the Rotary Club of Messina Stretto is preparing for a year inspired by caring for others, transforming fragility into opportunities for service and the energy to build more inclusive and supportive communities.



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On July 5, 2025, the Rotary Club of Milazzo held its Bell Ringing Ceremony at the Eolian Hotel in Milazzo. This symbolic and meaningful moment marks the beginning of a new Rotary year.

The baton was passed by the outgoing President, Dr. Felice Nania, who presented the Collar to Dr. Maria Torre, the Club's new President for the 2025-2026 academic year.

The evening was an opportunity to renew Rotary's commitment to service, leadership, and solidarity, but also to reflect on what has been accomplished and look to the future with determination.

In his speech, Felice Nania presented a report packed with significant activities, highlighting the value of collaboration between members and local institutions.

Maria Torre, visibly moved, thanked members, Rotary officials, civilians, and the military for their presence and support, expressing the honor of holding such a prestigious role. She then outlined the guidelines of her mandate, which are focused on inclusion, youth empowerment, culture, and sustainable development, in full harmony with the Rotary motto of the year: "United to do good."

"A motto that," the new president emphasized, "will be the source of inspiration for every service the Club provides, ensuring that Rotary action has a tangible and lasting impact on the community."

Supporting the new President is a motivated and cohesive Board of Directors: Salvatore Russo will be Vice President, Antonio Coluccia Treasurer, Ada Betto Prefect, Tindaro Impellizzeri Secretary, Antonio Pontoriero Executive Secretary, and Felice Nania Past President. The Board of Directors will be Domenico Maio (co-treasurer), Giovanni Di Bella, Giuseppe Bonarrigo, Francesco Cusimano, and Enrico Liuzzo, supported by the President's advisors, Sergio Castellaneta, and Santo Giacomo Legrottaglie.

During the evening, the awarding of Honorary Membership to Giuseppe Pitari, PDG ar 2024-2025, and the Paul Harris Fellowship to Antonio Pontoriero, for his commitment to service and the promotion of Rotary culture, were particularly moving.

The evening was capped off by the arrival of two new members: Pietro Renda and Chillura Antonino, who will bring fresh energy and ideas to the Club's journey.



Rsea lionClubMisterbianco

theIn the foreground growth and participation

On Saturday, July 5, 2025, at the Sheraton Catania Hotel, the Rotary Club of Misterbianco celebrated the passing of the bell between outgoing President Santo Cordovana and new President Ernesto Rapisarda, in the presence of Assistant Governor Biagio Nativo. This was a significant moment for the club, which recognized its work and laid the foundation for a new year focused on strengthening its membership and promoting local action.

Santo Cordovana, supported by extensive photographic documentation, retraced the numerous initiatives promoted during the 2024/2025 Rotary year, thanking the members for their participation and the Governor's Assistant for his constant support, culminating in the awarding of Honorary Membership to Biagio Nativo.

After the handover of the collar, the new president Ernesto Rapisarda presented the Board of Directors for 2025/2026: Alberto Gambelungh (secretary), Francesco Tirendi (prefect), Pietro Nastasi (treasurer), Antonino Gulino (vice president) and illustrated the year's program, full of service projects, focused on inclusion, assistance to the most vulnerable and participation in district and area programs.

With a pragmatic spirit, the new president underlined the urgency of growing the club, which up to now has only 14 members and enthusiastically announced



The addition of five new members, including an entrepreneur and four professionals from the medical and dental sectors. The young age of two of them is particularly significant, confirming the focus on generational renewal. "Young people represent the future, but also our present," Rapisarda emphasized, quoting Governor Sergio Malizia's message. The goal now will be to involve new female members, enhancing the female contribution that is currently lacking within the club.

In his speech, Assistant Biagio Nativo expressed gratitude for the appointment as Honorary Member and congratulated the members for the significant increase in membership, the result of careful and far-sighted work. At the end of the evening, President Rapisarda extended the invitation to all members for an informal meeting (on July 12th), inspired by Governor Malizia's proposal: an opportunity to meet outside of club events and strengthen bonds of friendship.



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President

On July 5, 2025, the solemn Bell Ringing ceremony between outgoing president Giovanni Favaccio and incoming president Giuseppe Barone was held at the Pietre Nere Resort.

It was a significant moment that marked the change at the top of the prestigious service club, projecting it towards a new year of activities and projects.

Giovanni Favaccio in his final report concluded his annual mandate by retracing the main stages of his presidency, characterised by a constant commitment to promoting initiatives in favour of the local community and consolidating



The Rotary values of friendship and service. In his speech, Favaccio thanked members for their support and collaboration, emphasizing their achievements and the importance of teamwork.

Taking the helm of the club is now Giuseppe Barone, a respected and active figure within the

Rotary Club of Modica. Barone outlined the goals and challenges he intends to address, continuing with his predecessors, focusing on continuity, new forms of poverty, and the introduction of new initiatives to address local needs.



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Crevival,development and concreteness

The Bell Ringing of the Rotary Club Mussomeli Valle del Platani took place at Tenuta Lanza on July 11, 2025.

The ceremony, held in the presence of Tiziana Amato, Assistant to the Governor for the Caltanissetta area, marked the beginning of the mandate of the new president, Claudio Mingoia, who replaced Norina Ferlisi, who led the club with dedication over the past year.

The evening, attended by members, guests, and Rotary officials, was marked by the friendship and sense of community that have always distinguished the Rotary spirit. The new president's speech clearly outlined the direction that will characterize the new financial year: pragmatism, teamwork, and concrete actions in service of the community. President Mingoia presented the guidelines for the new year, placing the value of the group at its core as a strength.

Among the announced projects: participation in international initiatives, such as the global grant project promoted by the Ragusa club and supported by Rotary International, which combines service and global solidarity, in keeping with Rotary's international calling.

Local service and attention to the local area through the promotion of activities that benefit the local community. Among the projects already announced:

• Health Day "At heart

open" curated by Engineer Paolo Pio Mattina, with the participation of cardiologists and cardiac surgeons to raise awareness of the prevention of cardiovascular diseases.

- BLSD (Basic Life Support and Defibrillation) course for training in cardiopulmonary resuscitation and the use of the defibrillator.

- Blood and food drives, health screenings, charity shows, sexually transmitted disease prevention campaigns in schools.

- Initiatives for the elderly and young people of the area

The resumption of the traditional Rotary "walks", monthly meetings for discussion and internal growth to strengthen harmony and bonds between members.

The Club will also be part of project district: this year, with satisfaction staff of the president and his family, the chosen theme concerns "The promotion of the territory and its excellences", enhancing the resources and peculiarities of the province of Nissa.

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Goia – I'm not a philosopher, but during the SIPE I heard a phrase that deeply struck me: 'Above me the starry sky, within me the moral law.' It made me think: this is precisely what it means to be Rotarians, working for the common good, feeling the responsibility within oneself. "We are ready to face this new year with enthusiasm and concreteness," Mingoia concluded. "We will all work together, because 'United to do good' is not just a slogan, but the driving force behind all our actions."

The new Board of Directors is composed of:

- Vice President: Onofrio Mattina
- Secretary: Sonja Barba
- Prefect: Vincenzo Antinoro
- Treasurer: Giuseppe Corbetto
- Councilor and co-perfect: Carmelo Arcieri
- Councilors: Maria Carmela Falletta, Luigi Culora, Orazio Grasso, Paolo Pio Mattina and the incoming President Vincenzo Geraci.
- Past President: Norina Ferlisi, in the Presidential Council as per the statute.
- President of commission for public image: Adriana Tuzzeo



the sea lion Club Nicosia **to the helm to NATHAN Laganga Senzio** **listens to the needs of the community**

The Rotary Club of Nicosia's bell handover ceremony was held in the prestigious Capizzi Town Hall and marked the start of the new Rotary year with the installation of Anna Laganga Senzio as president for 2025-2026.

In the presence of civil, religious, and Rotary dignitaries, the evening honored the Club's continuity of service, its vision, and its roots in the Nebrodi region.

Among the most significant moments, Capizzi Mayor Leonardo Principato Trosso presented the Club with a plaque of recognition, expressing deep gratitude for its ongoing and concrete commitment to the local community. This gesture demonstrates the value of dialogue between Rotary and institutions, aimed at the common good.

Outgoing President Lillo Augello reviewed the past year, emphasizing the breadth of activities promoted: local service, participation in district and international projects, opportunities for youth engagement, and cultural, health, and environmental initiatives that engaged members across all five Avenues of Rotary Service. With the awarding of the club's collar, Anna Laganga Senzio officially assumed leadership of the club and in her first speech, she highlighted the strong sense of continuity that animates the Nicosia Rotary, which has been active for over fifty years and has been the protagonist of emblematic projects, such as the

Conservative restoration projects, street furniture, hospital supplies, and awareness campaigns targeting young people on social and health issues. "Our Club has never stopped listening to the community's needs and transforming them into concrete actions, even in neighboring municipalities," stated Laganga Senzio, reaffirming a participatory and inclusive vision of Rotary's work.

The new president introduced the board of directors that will support her: Antonio Lo Bianco (secretary), Giovanni Leanza (treasurer), Salvatrice Rizzo (prefect), Carmela Murè (vice president), with Past President Lillo Augello who will continue to offer his experience.

The event concluded with the speech of the Governor's Assistant, Salvatrice Rizzo, who illustrated the guidelines of the Governor Sergio Malizia for



The new year: strengthening membership, supporting the Rotary Foundation, and strategic attention to the new generations, the true protagonists of Rotary's future. The Rotary Club of Nicosia thus confirms its vocation to be an active, reliable, and proactive presence in the community, capable of generating impact through collaboration, a service ethic, and shared action.



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Immersed in the magic of the 2025 Infiorata, dedicated this year to peace, members and guests of the Rotary Club Noto "Terra di Eoro" gathered in the historic Palazzo Nicolaci in Villadorata to celebrate the Passing of the Bell marking the start of the 2025-26 Rotary year.

A symbolic location, steeped in history and culture, served as the backdrop for a ceremony brimming with emotion and meaning. The frescoed hall on the main floor of the palace welcomed a musical tribute by the duo "Note di Sicilia," followed by official greetings from Prefect Vincenzo Rossitto and a speech by Assistant Governor Pietro Forestiere, who reaffirmed the value of intergenerational dialogue in Rotary.

The handover at the helm of the young people is particularly significant: Benedetta Di Pietro has passed the baton to Costanza Genovese in Interact, while in Rotaract the new president is Gabriele Uccello, who took over from

Thinet Muccio.

The evening's highlight was the passing of the bell between outgoing president Paolo Mangiagli and new Club President Marco Gullotta. Mangiagli reviewed the past year, which coincided with the 50th anniversary of the Club's founding, recalling the services provided and thanking members for the collaborative spirit they fostered throughout the year.

In his inaugural address, Marco Gullotta introduced his year's theme, the value of human capital, emphasizing "the importance of leveraging the skills, passions, and creativity of each member to generate a positive impact on the local community."

Among the announced initiatives are: inclusion projects for people with disabilities, campaigns against gender violence, learning about Noto's historical figures, and major events to promote the city's Baroque heritage.



There will also be strong ties with schools, professional bodies and local associations.

The new Board of Directors combines experience with new energy: Vice Presidents Franco Cultrera and Corrado Parisi, Secretary Giuseppe Di Pietro, Treasurer Lorenzo Della Luna, Prefect Vincenzo Rossitto, Councilors Umberto Midolo, Francesco Genovese, Rosalia Raiata, and Santo Piazzese. The ceremony concluded with a convivial toast, with Governor Malizia's words: "Alone we go faster, but together we go further." A powerful omen of collaboration among members, illuminating the beginning of a Rotary year dedicated to ethics, culture, and social cohesion.



Rsea lionClubpachiNo New Year dedicated to health, effective andrF

Gaetano Alagona is the new president of the Rotary Club of Pachino for the 2025-2026 Rotary year. The traditional bell-ringing ceremony took place on July 6th at the Tenuta Arangio farmhouse in Vendicari.

The Club's twenty-second president and founding member succeeds Vincenzo Lauretta, ensuring continuity. The new president will be supported and assisted by the following board of directors: Vice President Corrado Corindia, Secretary Lucia Amato, Prefect Antonio Aruta, Treasurer Girolamo Sgandurra, Incoming President Enzo Nucifora, Councilors Antonio Cavarra and Mario Loreface, and Past President Vincenzo Lauretta. In his inaugural address, he shared with the members and the authorities present his vision of service for the Club for the new year, which will focus on

Based on specific guidelines, especially regarding strengthening and expanding membership and fellowship among members, contributing to the Rotary Foundation, and implementing various projects related to the needs of the local community. Service efforts will therefore aim to demonstrate Rotary's strong global impact and achieve greater recognition of its tremendous potential in our country.

Great attention is also paid to the area of intervention of health and disease prevention, given the long-standing professional experience of the president as a family doctor, and the serious lack of infrastructure and health services in that portion of the far south of eastern Sicily where the RC Pachino operates, without forgetting the young people, our future and the pool from which to draw to learn future Rotarian members.



of tomorrow.

The ceremony was attended by Assistant Governor Alessandro Brunno, Area Delegate for the Rotary Foundation Dario Valmori, and the leaders of other Rotary clubs in the Aretusea area and the city's service clubs. During the evening, the club presented the new president, Gaetano Alagona, and member Girolamo Sgandurra, with a Paul Harris Fellow. These honorees recognized them as among the founding members who have remained with the club since its founding, which celebrated its twentieth anniversary this year. They also recognized their commitment, passion, and dedication in their outstanding service activities, helping to promote our club's image in the community.



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Sabrina Sessa first female president

On July 5, 2025, the Rotary Club of Palazzolo Acreide Valle dell'Anapo celebrated the traditional Bell Ringing at the "Casa Valentino" restaurant, attended by civil, military, and religious authorities, members, and friends of clubs in the Aretusea area. It was a solemn and emotional moment, which saw outgoing President Luciano Loreface hand over the reins to Dr. Sabrina Sessa, the first woman to hold the office of President and guide the Club. Sabrina Sessa took office with a speech that combined gratitude for the work done in the past and a clear vision for the future. She emphasized the importance of the Club's history, the strength of its traditions, and its ongoing commitment to the community, reaffirming the value

of the ethical principles on which Rotary action is based.

The 2025-2026 program will be structured around concrete objectives: promoting the region, highlighting local excellence, and supporting civic and social growth, with particular attention to engaging younger generations.

The president will be supported by a board of directors balanced between experience and innovation: Edi Lantieri (vice president), Sebastiano Infantino (secretary), Federico Giompaolo (treasurer), Donata Caristia (prefect), and Luca Bongiovanni (Rotary Foundation delegate). During the evening two new members were enthusiastically welcomed, a tangible sign of a growing Rotary community and



in constant dialogue with the territory.

The event represented not only a symbolic step, but a renewed commitment to working "United to do good," with passion, responsibility, and a spirit of service for a moment that will remain in the Club's memory.



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On June 30, the traditional passing of the bell took place in Palermo at the historic Villa Alliata di Pietratagliata between the President of the 2024/2025 Rotary Year, Anna Gramignani, and the President of the 2025/2026 Rotary Year, Annalisa Abruzzo.

It was a well-attended ceremony attended by many Rotary officials from the Akragas Area (the home province of the new President Annalisa Abruzzo) and from various District Areas, including: Past Governors Gaetano Lo Cicero, President of Palermo Nord for 2025-2026, and Giovanni Vaccaro, Delegate of District 2110 to the Resolutions and Legislation Council for 2023-2025; Salvatrice Rizzo, Assistant to the Governor for the Terra di Cerere Area for 2025-2026; Domenico Cacioppo, District Delegate for Event Organization; Maria Emilia Turco, President of the Public Interest Action Commission for 2025-2026; Giovanni Vindigni, Past President of the Ragusa RC; as well as the Governor's Assistants for the years 2024-2025 and 2025-2026, Pietro Leto and Rosario Tantillo, who brought greetings from the 2024-2025 Governor Giuseppe Pitari and the 2025-2026 Governor Sergio Malizia.

The outgoing President, Anna Gramignani, spoke about the numerous activities and various service projects carried out during her year of service, of which

a demonstration of this are the numerous recognitions and awards achieved by the club. During the evening, PH awards were presented to the most distinguished members, and various recognitions and certificates of merit were also given to members and their spouses who served the Club with passion and commitment. Incoming President Annalisa Abruzzo emphasized that, in a historical moment characterized by fragmented and widespread conflict, we must consider ourselves privileged simply by being able to fully enjoy fundamental rights and freedoms. Therefore, the task and moral duty of Rotarians is to preserve and promote the values of peace in families, clubs, and throughout the world. Rotarians must therefore remain "United to do good," as Governor Sergio Malizia has repeatedly emphasized. She and President Abruzzo extend their best wishes for success.



international Francesco Arezzo, coming from district 2110.

During the ceremony, the incoming President presented "Periplum," an environmental protection project approved for a District grant—led by the RC Club Palermo Agorà—and joined by 13 Rotary Clubs from different District Areas; the Lions Club Sambuca Belice; the Naval League; the CNR IAS of Torretta Capo Granitola; and many other service clubs, who are contributing in various ways to the project's realization.

During the evening, member Giorgia Di Martino joined the club, introduced by President Annalisa Abruzzo, to whom the club extends its best wishes.



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iSeyes as an engine of social change

Rotary Club Palermo Est – Following the passing of the bell from Fabio Tulone, President for AR 2024/25, to Lidia Maugeri, the new President emphasized how the motto for the new social year, "United to do good," takes root and finds concrete implementation in the rich articulation of the Club's Committees, some of which are now integral: just think of "ONLUS Morvillo," "Training the Youth of Albergheria," "Christmas in Palermo," and, since 2019, "MO_MA Oncology Patients Mobilize Art," which focuses on the humanization of care.

The members' commitment to implementing the Action Paths is centered precisely within the Committees. Members constitute the Club's essential human capital and, through their concrete commitment, experience, and sensitivity, are the driving force behind social change.

Members have the ability to translate values into tangible actions, making Rotary credible and reliable through behaviors consistent with the professed principles.

Through action we give shape to our vocation to service, especially in our territory, "getting our hands dirty", entering into a profound relationship with the reality that surrounds us and allowing ourselves to be directly involved with the communities with which we interact, according to the Rotarian invocation that urges us to flee from the "sad shadows of indifference", Paul

Harris reminds us that "the power of combined action knows no limits," thus amplifying the impact of our initiatives.

All this requires us to adapt to social change, to remain relevant, attractive, and open to new generations. This requires us to remain true to our principles, but to maintain our pride in Rotary membership as a co-optation of the best, understood not as an exclusive elite, but as an example of competence, integrity, and responsibility.

Pride of belonging, Far from becoming an obstacle to change, it must encourage us to reaffirm our role within other organizations, helping to build a new social paradigm based on diversity as a resource to be valued.

The President also highlighted how the Unity expressed



As defined by its motto, harmony and the absence of conflict can be achieved by working to reduce social and economic inequalities and disparities in access to natural resources. These factors can lead to tensions, wars, and migration, including those linked to climate change. Rotary must therefore engage in concrete actions and projects to create a positive impact on communities, helping to build a more peaceful and inclusive world as a new social paradigm.

Maugeri is confident that Rotary Palermo Est will be able to do its part, supported by a Board of Directors of great professional and human depth.



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On the evening of June 29, the Rotary Club of Palermo Libertà celebrated the traditional "Passaggio del Collare" ceremony, one of the most significant moments in Rotary life, marking the transition of leadership and the continuity of the Club's commitment. Outgoing President Michelangelo Nicchitta concluded a valuable Rotary year, marked by 68 completed projects, the achievement of all district and international awards, high-profile fundraising events, the success of the Literary Prize, the celebration of the Club's first five years, and victories in important Rotary competitions, including Empower Woman and the Omnia Area Panormus Plastic Free district project.

In his farewell speech, Nicchitta proudly highlighted the results achieved, the growth in membership (+3), the expansion of Rotaract, and the value of a united and determined team:

"It has been an honor and a privilege to lead the Rotary Club of Palermo Libertà this year. I wish Mariagabriella all the best in her tenure: I'm confident she will lead the Club to new and important goals."

Mariagabriella Licari, who will lead the Club for the 2025-2026 Rotary Year, has taken up the baton. In her first official statement, she expressed enthusiasm and a sense of responsibility:

"I am thrilled to take on



I am thrilled to take on this role and grateful for the trust placed in me. Together with our members, we will continue to make a difference in our community and the world, championing Rotary's principles of service, integrity, and fellowship." Among the priorities of her term, the new President has identified: membership growth, enhancing youth-focused activities, and increasing contributions to the Rotary Foundation, with a target average per capita of \$170.

During the ceremony, Mariagabriella Licari also announced the approval of the district grant application submitted by the Rotary Club Palermo Libertà as lead partner for the "Free Power For Life" project in Roccella, which sees the participation and co-financing of the following Clubs: Rotary Club Palermo Baia dei Fenici, Rotary Club Palermo Ovest, Rotary Club Palermo Piana degli Albanesi, Rotaract Club Palermo Ovest, Rotaract Club Palermo

my Freedom.

During the evening, the titles of Honorary Members were conferred to: Sergio Airola, Casimiro Gaetano Castronovo - Governor-Designate, Lina Ricciardello - Governor-Elect. The new members were also introduced: Iris Orlando, Claudia Gucciardo, Ina Fiore, Andrea Abbate.

The screening of the summary video of the activities carried out in 2024/2025 was followed by a speech by the outgoing Governor's Assistant G. Pitari and the incoming Governor S. Malizia.

Fabio Di Lorenzo, along with numerous members and spouses, received a special mention from President Nicchitta for his commitment.

During the same evening, the new board of directors was presented.

The Rotary Club Palermo Libertà thus confirms itself as a dynamic, cohesive, and constantly growing club, ready to face new challenges under the guidance of capable and motivated leadership.

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the commitment to community

service and participation

On Saturday, July 5, in the presence of Rotary dignitaries, Rotaractors, Inners, club members, and friends and supporters, the RC Palermo Mondello celebrated the traditional Bell Ringing Ceremony between 2024-25 President Roberto Rispoli and 2025-26 President Vincenzo Bucca, with the ritual exchange of the collars, a sign of continuity in the pursuit of Rotary values and commitment to service. Roberto Rispoli reported on the results achieved in the recently concluded year of service through the activities and initiatives carried out by his members, complimenting them on the commitment and work each has put in to make a significant impact on the local area and the community. He highlighted how some actions were accompanied by heartfelt emotion, a sign of

Deep participation, connection, and emotional intensity. These are indicative signs of how the members' experience was lived with great personal and group meaning and value.

2024-25 Assistant Governor Eugenio Labisi congratulated the club on its work and expressed his heartfelt thanks to its members at the conclusion of his term as assistant governor, during which friendships were strengthened and new ones developed. Vincenzo Bucca outlined the main program guidelines the club will be implementing in the coming days, leaving further details to the Program Assembly. Finally, learning facilitator Tommaso Raimondo, 2024-25 Rotaract president Riccardo Ferrara, and Rotaract president



2025/26 District President Cristina Fileccia. The ceremony concluded with a speech by Assistant Governor 2025-26 Aurelio Caronia, who complimented the President and members on their intense service and encouraged them to continue with even greater commitment at this historic moment for District 2110. Our friend Francesco Arezzo di Trifiletti, RI President, is the third Italian in history to hold this prestigious position and the first from our District. The evening was sealed by the entry of new member Giovanni Guadalupi.



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The Bell Ringing Ceremony of the Rotary Club Palermo Montepellegrino, one of the most active in District 2110 Sicily and Malta, took place at the La Battigia Resort, overlooking the sea in Alcamo Marina. This solemn and intense event marked the transition of the presidency from Sebastiano Maggio to Freda Liotta, a figure of great sensitivity and expertise, who has been involved in the Rotary world for years. In the presence of members, guests, and families, and with the participation of the Governor's Assistant 2024-2025, Eugenio Labisi, and the Assistant-designate 2025-2026, Aurelio Caronia, the Club experienced an authentic evening, a blend of memory, gratitude, analysis, and commitment. In his farewell address, Sebastiano Maggio highlighted the projects completed, the Board's enthusiasm, and the effectiveness of its service activities. Eugenio Labisi thanked the Club for its work, praising its ability to combine concrete planning and vision, and wished the new president a harmonious journey. With a firm and emotional voice, Freda Liotta delivered her first official address as President, outlining three pillars of her Rotary year: strengthening membership, supporting the Rotary Foundation, and authentically engaging young people as protagonists of Rotary action. Addressing the president of the Rotaract Club of Palermo Montepellegrino, Marco Raneri, she emphasized:

The importance of entrusting young people with real responsibilities. His speech combined enthusiasm and practicality, duty and vision, with an eye always on community and global service.

In the heart of her speech, she paid tribute to Antonio Fundarò and Ninni Genova, emphasizing their discretion, expertise, example, and sincere friendship. A grateful thought also went to her family: her husband Erasmo, her son Calogero, her mother Francesca Coraci, and her father Tommy, the solid foundations of her dedication.

Aurelio Caronia then emphasized how the president's vision embodies leadership based on inclusion, listening, and shared responsibility, offering the Club full availability for dialogue and collaboration. Freda Liotta finally formalized the 2025-2026 Board of Directors: Past President: Sebastiano Maggio – Incoming President: Mario Vitiello – Vice-President:



President: Totò Russo – Secretary: Ninni Genova – Treasurer: Alessandro Gambino – Prefect: Maria Rosaria Tarantino. Councilors: Antonio Fundarò, Giacinto Marra, Antonio Maltese, Alessandro Palazzolo, Antonella Ferraro. Delegates: Antonio Fundarò (Executive Secretary, Image and Social Media), Antonella Ferraro (Rotaract and Interact), Pierfrancesco Mistretta (Rotary Foundation). With this cohesive team, the Rotary Club of Palermo Montepellegrino faces a new year marked by commitment, concrete action, and a dialogue between past and future. A year to be lived with intensity and humanity, always in keeping with the Rotary motto: "Service Above Self."



Rotary Club Palermo Nord: A new goals rooted in the territory

Rotary Club Palermo Nord: A moving bell rang amidst new milestones.

The traditional bell ringing of the Rotary Club of Palermo Nord took place amidst an atmosphere of emotion and Rotary pride. Outgoing president Filippo Castelli gave a powerful assessment of a year filled with initiatives, calling it "the most significant experience of his life." Two priorities for the year: promoting a culture of peace—which earned the club a spot among the "Peace Builders" of District 2110—and commitment to the environment, with educational and awareness-raising projects aimed at schools and the local community.

The project "First steps towards a more aware home care" had great importance and was awarded the IOE recognition by District 2110.

- Innovation, Originality, Ethics
- awarded to member Agata Caruso, creator of the initiative.

During the evening, the strong relationships with the school system were highlighted. This was demonstrated by the presence of school principals and the presentation of the "Virgilio Giordano" Award to principal Gerlanda Cuschera for her educational commitment and collaboration.



Collaboration with the club. The Palermo Nord Interact Club was recently established at his institute, a tangible sign of the active involvement of young people in Rotary values. Among the high-impact activities was the conference on hematopoietic stem cell donation, organized with ISMETT and hosted at the CPIA headquarters, with widespread participation from students and citizens. Great satisfaction also for the birth of the Satellite Club "Parco delle Madonie", chaired by Alessandro Torre, which aims to promote so-

sustainability, environmental education, and territorial enhancement. The presentation was attended by the Park Authority Commissioner, Salvatore Caltagirone, who expressed his full willingness to collaborate. The baton of leadership of the club now passes to Past Governor Gaetano Lo Cicero, who will continue the path outlined, in the spirit of service and a shared vision. The Rotary Club Palermo Nord thus confirms its dynamic presence, deeply rooted in the local community and committed to the growth of new generations.



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SAalways united and cohesive for new activities

On July 3, guests at Villa Bordonaro Chiaromonte, the bell was passed between outgoing President Pier Luigi Matta and President Vito Rodolico.

The large and heartfelt attendance of club members and guests confirmed the enthusiasm and joy with which the club, in keeping with tradition, celebrates the passing of the collar and the beginning of a new presidency. As is customary, the outgoing President recalled the numerous activities undertaken both in the Palermo area and in Italy and abroad, including videos and stills depicting the highlights of his presidency, often involving other Rotary clubs who, like us, were celebrating our centennial.

Among the many, those of Milan, Rome, Naples, Livorno and even London and Lausanne who welcomed our proposals with enthusiasm, moved by the common feeling that "Together we can do much more than what is apparently achievable."

The outgoing president placed particular emphasis on the service activities promoted and carried out with broad member participation to support those in need, on projects educating young people about legality through sport, and on raising community awareness of issues relevant to civil and ecological living.

The cohesion, enthusiasm, and shared values that characterized the activities during the past year, in continuity with the activities carried out in previous years, constitute an important milestone and the starting point for the new Rotary year of the club under the leadership of President Rodolico, who, in the words used in his opening speech, emphasized how much and how the attachment and sense of belonging to the club should be a source of pride for members and drive us to pursue with continuity and enthusiasm the objectives of Rotary life through activities and projects that, under his presidency, will also be shared with the countries of the Euro-Mediterranean area. With the passing of the collar, the commitment to do "even better" has therefore been transferred, as underlined by our District Governor Sergio Malizia, who expressed full satisfaction with the work done so far but also emphasized that



The Rotary club has high expectations for the new year, a Rotary year that also sees an Italian member of District 2110 as its international president, President Francesco Arezzo di Trifiletti. Among the Rotary officials present at the evening were District Secretary Michelangelo Gruttadauria, Assistant Governor Guido Ricevuto, President Mariuccia Candela of Inner Wheel Palermo and Emilia Mule' of Inner Wheel Palermo Centro, Lidia Maugeri of the Rotary East Club, Antonio Tavormina of Rotary South, and Giuseppe Cascio of Rotary Palermo West.

Present for Rotaract Palermo were President Francesco Briuccia and Vice President Nicole Marsala, while for Interact, President Alessia Lo Voi.



Passing of the Bell at the Rotary Club of Palermo Piana degli Albanesi

Handover and Sustainable Projects

On Saturday, June 28, in the splendid setting of "Il Circoletto" in Mondello, the Bell Ringing Ceremony of the Rotary Club Palermo Piana degli Albanesi – Hora e Arbëreshëvet, District 2110, took place. The event marked the handover between the outgoing President Salvatore Pirrone (AR 2024/2025) and the new President Salvatore Galioto (AR 2025/2026).

The evening, marked by friendship and the Rotary spirit, was attended by members, guests, and district representatives: Pietro Leto for the 2024/2025 year (Governor Giuseppe Pitari) and Rosario Tantillo for the 2025/2026 year (Governor Salvatore Malizia). In his closing speech, Pirrone took stock of the past year, crowned by the prestigious Award

for Rotary International Club Excellence, the highest recognition for clubs that distinguish themselves through:

- growth of the membership;
 - sustainable and high-impact projects;
 - promoting Rotary's image;
 - support for the Rotary Foundation;
 - organizational efficiency. During the ceremony, Eugenio Labisi and Emanuele Miceli were named honorary members for their human and professional values and commitment to Rotary principles.
- The new President Galioto presented the program for 2025/2026, based on continuity, innovation, and cultural roots. The main objectives include:

- strengthen the membership with mentoring initiatives;



- carry out at least 10 service projects, including one interclub and one district;
 - collaborate with local Arbëreshë entities to enhance culture and identity;
 - strengthen the Club's digital communications;
 - promote training and active participation, including at an international level.
- Having achieved 16 of 17 goals in the previous year, the Club looks to the future with enthusiasm, a spirit of service, and responsibility towards the community.



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On Monday, July 7, the Tonnara Bordonaro "Zaharaziz" was the setting for the passing of the bell at the Rotary Club Palermo Teatro del Sole. The handover from Daniele Mondello to Sonya Vasto was, as it is every year, a time for the outgoing president to celebrate the successes achieved during his year of service, and for the incoming president to share her vision for the upcoming Rotary year. Here's part of Daniele Mondello's statement: "I know that the passing of the bell marks the end of one journey and the beginning of another. In this emotionally charged moment, I feel profound gratitude for every smile, every project accomplished, every encounter that has made this year special. I have had the honor of serving an extraordinary club, and with equal pride I pass the baton, with trust and affection, to the new leadership. I am leaving the presidency but not my commitment: I return to the ranks with renewed enthusiasm, ready to support, dream, and build again, together." Thank you, Daniele, for what you've done and for your year of service, continues Sonya Vasto; "This was the beginning of a new chapter for the club, a new turn of the wheel highlighted by this year's motto, 'Unite for Good.' This motto is not only a call for unity, but a commitment to working together for the good, with generosity, expertise, innovation, and inclusion. The lines of action for this

Rotary year, highlighted by Governor Sergio Malizia, focus on three main areas: Membership, Rotary Foundation and Rotaract."

After the handover of the club's title, Sonya Vasto invited all club members to actively collaborate to pursue these goals, transforming ideas into concrete actions. Every project and meeting will be a step toward a more inclusive club, one that doesn't simply open its doors but actively embraces all voices. The president also emphasized that this year won't simply be "another year," but an opportunity to transform Rotary's vision, with the goal of making diversity the key to success. In her vision, the club is a unique mosaic of experiences, cultures, and skills. This diversity should be seen as a fundamental resource that makes the club resilient and creative, capable of addressing challenges from multiple perspectives.

Before finishing the presiden-



He introduced the members of the board and the committees that will support the club's initiatives. In addition to the Rotary Foundation, Club Service, and Rotaract committees, other committees will focus on issues such as legality, health, the environment, and new technologies, demonstrating the club's commitment to addressing various social challenges. The president concluded his speech with a powerful message of unity and transformation, stating that "Unite for Good" is not just a slogan, but a promise the club intends to keep. Wishing everyone a Happy Rotary New Year, Daniele and Sonya invited members to join in this journey of change and service, emphasizing that together, we can truly change the course of things.



Enza Pavia, President of the Sea Lion Club of Pantelleria, proposed a rich program

The ritual of the BELL PASSAGE took place at the Rotary Club of Pantelleria, the last gathering of the 2024-2025 Rotary year. This significant moment in the life of the Club celebrates Rotary's continuity with the transition of responsibilities from past president, Mimmi Panzarella, to incoming president, Enza Pavia. The ceremony was presided over by Francesco Bambina, Assistant to District Governor Sergio Malizia. During the gathering, presided over by Mariano Rodo as Prefect, Mimmi Panzarella reviewed her work, focusing in particular on projects that addressed the following themes: *Youth Discomfort, Nutritional Health, Sex Education, Alzheimer's Care, Duty Awareness, Artificial Intelligence and Peace Path*.

After the exchange of the collar, Enza Pavia presented a summary of her program, explaining that the guiding thread for all projects will be the five avenues of action, Rotary's fundamental pillars. She also pledged to continue established projects, both local and district-level, alongside new ones that will undoubtedly make a difference, especially aimed at younger generations and people with disabilities. Training, prevention, awareness, lifestyle promotion, environmental sustainability, legality, and a culture of ethics were the key words for the entire project, which will see Rotary provide both motivation and support.

authoritative professionals. A widespread presence throughout the Pantelleria region, in collaboration with institutions, with operators from various cultural, social, and economic sectors, as well as with fruitful interaction with district and international bodies and commissions. He spoke with particular enthusiasm about the D'aMare Project with the Italian Naval League; the collaboration with the Jerusalem Club to reduce child mortality; the "My Free Song" project at the Castelvetro prison; and the sixth edition of the archaeological project "The Future of Pantelleria is in its History" in collaboration with the University of Bologna. Particular attention was given to the seventh edition of the Rotary Week as a tool to "Know, Cultivate, and Protect Beauty," promoting the area and welcoming other clubs to the island for an exchange of experiences on the highly topical theme: "Water: Cradle of Life, Source of Inspiration, Drops of Energy, Pearls of Beauty." He then recalled the presentation of the 2025/2026 book, "Theatres in the History of Sicily and Malta," with Rita Cedrini and Governor Sergio Malizia at the Punic/Roman archaeological site of the Acropolis of Santa Teresa and San Marco. The highlight of this year's project will be the training of the new Rotary leadership with the reconstruction of the INTERACT CLUB and the founding of



The meeting of ROTARACT PANTELLERIA, a satellite club of RC Trapani, concluded with an invitation to the young people, new players within the Pantelleria club, followed by Vice President Gaspare Cavasino and the entire new board of directors. Francesco Bambina, conveying greetings from the District Governor, complimented Mimmi Panzarella on her work. Turning to Enza Pavia, he emphasized the positive impact of her planning, confident in the perseverance and consistency with which she will achieve her goals: "One more drop in the ocean that will make its own contribution, making a difference in service to others. Just as Saint Teresa of Calcutta taught." The appointment of Francesco Arezzo as President of Rotary International for the 2025/2026 Rotary year was then recalled. This marks the third time an Italian has been elected, and the first time a Sicilian has been elected. At the conclusion of the presentation, a video of District Governor Sergio Malizia's greetings and compliments was shown.

Rotary Club Partanna tra emozioni, Recognitions and New Challenges

Last July 5th, during a lively and well-attended evening, the Rotary Club of Partanna held its Bell Ringing Ceremony. The event marked the handover of power from outgoing president Girolamo Nicolosi to the new president for the 2025-2026 Rotary year, Loredana Gaglio.

An event rich in emotion and meaning, it represented not only the traditional changeover at the helm of the Club, but also an opportunity to share a review of a year packed with activities and successes.

In his speech, President Nicolosi passionately reviewed the main projects completed, expressing gratitude to the members of the Board of Directors and all the members for their support and cohesion. Among the most significant results, he proudly recalled the **Gold Certificate** awarded to the Club by Governor Giuseppe Pitari, what recognition of the intense activity carried out in service of the territory and the Rotary community. The ceremony was also an opportunity to welcome two new members: Dr. **Antonino Di Salvo** and Dr. **Ernesto Raccagna**, greeted with warm applause. The arrival of new energy testifies to the Club's vitality and its ability to attract professionals motivated to serve the community.

Another moment of great significance was the appointment of **Honorary Member** of the PDG **Gof-**

Fredo Vaccaro, Governor of District 2110 Sicily and Malta for the 2023-2024 academic year. Visibly moved, PDG Vaccaro thanked those present, renewing his willingness to actively contribute to the life of the Club.

In her inaugural speech, the new president **Loredana Gaglio** expressed deep gratitude for the trust he had received, enthusiastically outlining the guidelines for the new financial year. He then introduced the new Board of Directors, composed of:

- **Vice President:** Daniela De Simone
- **Secretary:** Tommaso Masanelli
- **Prefect:** Francesca Accardo
- **Treasurer:** Giovanni Guzzo
- **Rotary Foundation Delegate:** Mimma Amari

The president illustrated the structure of the operational commissions and anticipated a busy schedule



program of initiatives, which will see the Rotary Club Partanna increasingly protagonist in the area, in line with the motto of the year: **"United to do good"**.

At the end of the evening, President Gaglio delivered a simple yet heartfelt message to the audience, one that perfectly encapsulated the spirit with which she is preparing to embark on this new Rotary year:

"I hope to experience a year that leaves a concrete and constructive mark on our Club, on the surrounding area, and, above all, on our Rotary family."



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In a spirit of continuity and strategic vision, the Rotary Club Passport Innovation Bell Ringing ceremony took place, with Past President Stefano Sgarella handing over the baton to Annamaria Labricciosa, the new President for the 2025-2026 Rotary year. During the ceremony, the new President outlined the guidelines for the new year, consistent with the Rotary spirit and the international motto "United to Do Good." A priority will be strengthening existing services, from support for the Mother and Child Village to the redevelopment of school environments for children in an area of Uganda, to the "Envelope Red" project, dedicated to social inclusion through job reintegration, in collaboration with City Angels.

The President also announced her intention to launch a partnership with the OneSight EssilorLuxottica Foundation, launching a fundraiser to ensure free and inclusive access to eye care for those most in need. Members will also be given ample opportunity to participate: all are invited to propose new services, strengthening the Club's local roots and international reach.

An important milestone was also celebrated with enthusiasm: the birth of the Rotaract Club, entrusted to the leadership of the young Greta Capaccioli, a sign

A tangible sign of generational renewal and continuity of values. The new Board of Directors, presented during the evening, is composed of: Annamaria Labricciosa (President), Pino Battaglia (Vice President), Stefano Sgarella (Past President), Lorenzo Pisani (Secretary), Pamela Carezzato (Treasurer), Raffaele Giugliano (Prefect). The Councilors: Fabrizio Capaccioli, Alessia Martella, Marco Del Bo, Monica Gasparetto, Fabio Ungaro, Giuseppe Talamazzini (Incoming), Ivana Sarcià, and Paolo Maltese. Thematic delegations involve highly experienced members: Giuseppe Talamazzini for Projects, Fabio Ungaro and Alessia Martella for Membership, and Benedetta De Fabritiis for Communications. Ivana Sarcià will handle Rotary Foundation and Training, Veronica Gariboldi for Administration and Development, while Fabrizio Capaccioli will be responsible for International Service. Mar-



co Del Bo and Riccardo Codevilla will deal with Youth Action, Pecoraro Scanio with Environment, Gabriele Molinari, Paolo Liaci and Cristina Lefter with Art and Culture, Fabrizio Capaccioli and Silvestro Ferrara with Sustainability, Giuseppe Trifirò and Vassy Griva with Sport and Health.

The Club's commitment will therefore be oriented towards concrete, structured, and participatory action, in line with the objectives outlined by District 2110 Governor Sergio Malizia and with the pride of the international leadership entrusted to Sicilian Francesco Arezzo.

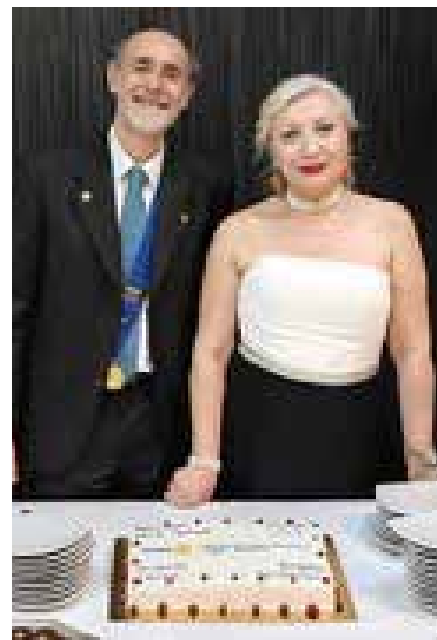


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The handover ceremony between outgoing president Rosaria Caltabiano and incoming president Giuseppe Rossi took place at the SHS Hotel in Giarre. For the first time in its history, Passport Méditerranée was finally held in person. Passport's membership, spread across Italy and abroad, makes an in-person meeting challenging, but this time we managed to do so while still allowing remote participation.

The Passport Méditerranée was the first on District 2110's calendar, having chosen to coincide the ceremony with the presence of member Luca Perrino, who joined us from Tokyo, where he lives and works, and member Antonella Celano, who traveled from Lecce. These members stayed in the area for a few days and had the opportunity to meet the presidents and the club. On the morning of the 19th, a delegation from the Club was welcomed by the Mayor of Militello in Val di Catania, named Italy's Most Beautiful Village 2025.

The handover was pleasant and emotional, with guests from other service clubs, the Mayor of Giarre, the awards delegate Alfio Grassi, the district secretary Rosario Indelicato, as well as the assistants to the 2024-25 school year Governor Fabrizio Capaccioli, who were connected remotely, and in the presence of Leo Biasi, assistant for the 2025-26 school year. The ceremony was coordinated by Prefect Giusi Gravagna, in which the outgoing president expressed her gratitude to all members by awarding certificates of merit to some who had particularly distinguished themselves during the year. "I am delighted with the appointment of our Francesco Arezzo as International President, and I am handing over a club that is in good shape from an organizational and reputational standpoint. We have received high recognition and the credit is shared," said the president, who added, "I have no regrets because Rotary and its values have reduced the number of members."



the time dedicated to myself and to each of my loved ones, however, was a time rich in qualities and values".

During the ceremony, two new members were inducted. President Giuseppe Rossi praised the merits of the previous work and pledged to maintain the high level of planning and service quality.

Rosario Indelicato's speech was appreciated, as he shared Governor Pitari's shared sentiments, the club's commitment, and, in particular, the club's presence in all District activities, including those abroad. Assistant Leo Biasi concluded with his best wishes for the immediate future.



Rotary Club Paternò-Alto Simeto returns Ciccio president

On Monday, June 30, 2025, the elegant setting of Casa Trigona, nestled in the lush greenery on the slopes of Mount Etna, hosted the Bell Ringing Ceremony of Rotary and the Rotaract Club of Paternò-Alto Simeto. A double event filled with emotion, combining tradition and new projects in an atmosphere of friendship and service.

The evening opened with Rotaract, where outgoing President Letizia Padalino reviewed the past year, highlighting the fruitful collaboration with the sponsoring club and the numerous services provided. Two new members officially joined the club, while Rosario Platania, past Rotary president and Rotaract delegate, was awarded honorary membership for his continued support. After the induction, new President Federica Fiore outlined the guidelines for 2025/2026, focusing on inclusiveness, youth leadership, and community outreach.

Following the presentation, outgoing Rotary President Sebastiano Vacante shared through images and words a year of intense work, including the "Digital Craftsmanship" project promoted in collaboration with other clubs in the Etna Area and Rotaract clubs. A significant moment was the awarding of the Paul Harris Fellow to Past President Marcello Ciccio for his dedication in the 2023-24 year. The baton has thus passed to-

Once again, Marcello Ciccio thanked the members for their trust and introduced the new Board of Directors, emphasizing the importance of active participation and continuity of action. Among the objectives: strengthening membership, consolidating intergenerational relationships, and fostering shared projects with Rotaract.

The closing remarks by Assistant Governor Biagio Nativo included greetings from Past Governors Giuseppe Pitari and Sergio Malizia, capping an evening that brought to life the profound meaning of being a Rotarian: serving with skill, heart, and a shared vision.



Passing of the Bell ceremony at the Tindari Sea Lion Club

George Orlando president

One of the most exciting moments of the Rotary year for Rotary Clubs is undoubtedly the Bell Ringing Ceremony, and for RC Patti terra del Tindari, July 2nd was the emotional moment when Ferdinando D'Amico, outgoing president, handed over the collar to the new president Giorgio Orlando, who will lead the Club for the 2025/2026 Rotary year.

The evening took place in the charming setting of the La Playa Hotel in Patti. In attendance were Assistant Governor Felice De Luca and Assistant Governor for the upcoming 2025-2026 Rotary year, Pia Pollina.

The Mayor of Patti Gianluca Bonsignore also intervened, expressing his esteem and retracing some initiatives

participate together with the Municipal Administration. It was an evening of reflection for Ferdinando D'Amico, who reviewed the milestones of the entire Rotary year just concluded with joy and satisfaction. The family grew with the addition of a new and valued member, and there were many important initiatives and activities shared with Interact, including a fundraiser. During the evening, PHFs were awarded to members. The evening marked another turning of the wheel, another year concluded, another opportunity for friendship and service. The evocative location, overlooking the sea with the Aeolian Islands in the background, reminded us of the wonder of Creation.



The club extends its heartfelt support to the new president, Giorgio Orlando, and his Board of Directors, with the hope that they will achieve new and important goals, following in the footsteps of Paul Harris and his three friends, Schiele, Loehr, and Shorey.



Passing of the Bell from Mauro Silvestri to Fabio Melilli between continuity and relaunch of the actual

On June 28, the Rotary Club of Piazza Armerina held a bell ringing ceremony for the 2025/2026 Rotary year at the "Gigliotto" farmhouse between outgoing President Mauro Silvestri and incoming President Fabio Melilli. The evening was attended by Assistant Governor for the Terra di Cerere Area Salvatrice Rizzo, Member of the Sicilian Regional Assembly Luisa Lantieri, Councilor for Urban Planning Roberta Orlando, Past President of the Rotaract Club of Piazza Armerina Stefano Vitale, and representatives of neighboring Rotary Clubs, Inner Wheel, and Fidapa. In his final report, Mauro Silvestri reviewed the Rotary year just ended and listed the many social and cultural initiatives and service activities undertaken.

from the club in the Armenian territory. Furthermore, the outgoing president awarded Paul Harris Fellow recognition to members Valter Longobardi, Paolo Orlando, and Vincenzo Pace for their tireless and meritorious testimony to Rotary values. After receiving the presidential collar, Fabio Melilli briefly presented the guidelines of his mandate and the annual projects of Rotary District 2110 Sicily-Malta, which in the 2025-2026 Rotary year has Sergio Malizia as Governor and, for the first time in its history, its Past Governor Francesco Arezzo as President of Rotary International.

The new president then introduced the members of the Board of Directors who will assist him in the management of the club: the past



President Mauro Silvestri, President-elect Salvatore Bevilacqua, Vice President Piergiorgio Oberto, Secretary Valter Longobardi, Treasurer Pierfranco Mirabile, Prefect Rosalba Salerno, and Councilors Lorenzo Caruso and Tania Reina were among the honored members. The ceremony also celebrated the induction of new members Luca Calogero Leanza, Claudia Melilli, and Vincenzo Nicola Orlando, the latter returning after years away.



Interact Club Pozzallo- Ispica passing of the baton with a special guest

The passing of the bell between Melinda Garofalo and Gianluca Manenti was a moment filled with emotion and meaning, celebrated last July 6th in the presence of Rotary International President Francesco Arezzo. It was an intense ceremony, which saw the Rotary community of Pozzallo-Ispica rally around its highest international leader to renew their commitment to serving the community and Rotary values.

The new president Gianluca Manenti opened his speech with words of great esteem towards the outgoing president: "You have shown us that one can be a leader without raising one's voice, by serving with passion, listening carefully, and deciding firmly." To seal a year full of results and a spirit of service, Melinda Garofalo was awarded the Paul Harris Fellow, directly from the

International President, a recognition that honors commitment and dedication. In outlining the guidelines for the 2024/2025 academic year, Manenti placed the motto "United to do good" at the heart of his program, a phrase that—as he emphasized —"is not a slogan, but an identity." Rotary as a team, action, and commitment to the common good. "We live in one of the most beautiful areas of the Mediterranean," added the new club president, "and our club, which encompasses the areas of Pozzallo and Ispica, must continue to be a protagonist in the social and cultural life of these communities." The evening was enriched by symbolic and enthusiastic moments, such as the entrance of the new member, Dr. Antonio Barlotta, the passing of the Rotaract bell from Giuseppe Di Martino to Sofia Fidelio, and the significant presence of the young



The new Interact Club Pozzallo-Ispica, led by Francesco Di Martino, is a tangible sign of a growing and renewing Rotary community, strengthened by the enthusiasm of the new generations.



Ragusa Lion Club Ragusa Hybla Heraea hit was an evening of history, vision and unity

On Saturday, July 5, 2025, in Ragusa, the Rotary Club of Ragusa Hybla Heraea experienced one of its most memorable evenings with the solemn passing of the bell between outgoing president Barbara Iurato and new president Giovanni Cultrera. The ceremony was made exceptional by the prestigious presence of International President Francesco Arezzo, a native of Ragusa, and District 2110 Governor Sergio Malizia. Barbara Iurato received the well-deserved Paul Harris Fellow award, capping a "magical and irresistible" year as president, marked by passion, tangible results, and attention to the social challenges of the region. New president Giovanni Cultrera took office with determination, outlining a program of action that focuses on concreteness and continuity, in keeping with the Rotary ethic and lasting impact.

The key theme of the entire evening was indeed "continuity": a value forcefully reiterated not only by Cultrera, but also by Assistant Governor Elena Bocchetti and Noemi Arestia, president of the reborn Rotaract Club of Ragusa, who brought the enthusiastic voices of the younger generations. Francesco Arezzo's speech aroused great emotion as he shared with those present the surprise and honor of his election to the top of Rotary International, announcing his first official missions in India.



and Pakistan to define humanitarian cooperation agreements in fragile areas of the world.

Also speaking to reiterate the importance of the moment were PDG Titta Sallemi, Assistant to the 2024/25 Governor Salvo Bonincontro Puglisi, and the Mayor of Ragusa Peppe Cassi, who emphasized Rotary's value as an active partner in the development of the Iblean region.

"United to do good" – recalled Governor Malizia,

exceptionally intervened at the bell ringing – it's not just a slogan, but the profound essence of being a Rotarian: a daily, shared, transparent commitment."

In this spirit, the Rotary Club Ragusa Hybla Heraea, led by Giovanni Cultrera, is preparing for a new social year that promises to be extraordinary, just like the evening that inaugurated it.



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Passage of the deliveries on July 12, 2025, at the Rotary Club of Ribera, the ceremony took place between outgoing President **Ciro Palmeri** and new President **Gioacchino Genna**. The ceremony took place in the beautiful location of "Villa Domini." Several authorities from the Sicily-Malta District and several civil authorities were present at the ceremony. President **Gioacchino Genna** outlined the program for the year 2025-26, focusing on the theme of environmental sustainability. This year, the Ribera Club will be involved in a project that includes the installation of a shelter equipped with photovoltaic panels and battery storage for charging small electric vehicles (e-bikes, scooters, wheelchairs), which will allow free and sustainable parking and charging for these increasingly popular vehicles. New President **Gioacchino Genna** also guaranteed service activities for



A new initiative at Caritas Ribera, with the opening of a soup kitchen and activities with friends with disabilities and children from foster homes. Fundraising events will also be organized for the Rotary Foundation and End Polio Now. And, again this year, the usual multi-specialty services will be held at the center.

The evening concluded with a compliment from the governor's assistant, Engineer **Franco Vitellaro**, to the club for its ability to best express this year's motto: UNITED TO DO GOOD.



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B.CaNNarozzo between continuity and new energy

On Sunday, July 6, 2025, in the refined setting of the Four Points by Sheraton, the Bell Ringing Ceremony of the Rotary Club of S. Gregorio di Catania Tremestieri Etneo was held. This symbolic moment of great significance saw the passing of the collar from Agata Pennisi, President for the 2024-2025 year, to Maria Grazia Cannarozzo, who will lead the club for the 2025-2026 year.

The event was made solemn and well-attended by numerous Rotary dignitaries: Angelo Alaimo, Assistant to Governor Giuseppe Pitari (AR 2024-2025); Leonardo Biasi, Assistant to Governor Sergio Malizia (AR 2025-2026); Past Governors Alfio Di Costa and Salvo Sarpietro, along with his wife; and Assistant Governor Cinzia Torrisi, who read a message of good wishes from outgoing Governor Giuseppe Pitari, emphasizing the importance of continuity in Rotary service.

After the traditional flag-waving and the reading of the Rotary invocation, Agata Pennisi reviewed the many activities accomplished during her year as president, highlighting the club's cohesion and commitment to impactful projects for the local community.

With the passing of the collar and the ringing of the bell, Maria Grazia Cannarozzo took over the leadership of the club, greeted by warm applause.

After listening to the video message from Governor Sergio

Malizia, the new President, thanked the Rotary authorities, members, and guests, also addressing with affection the Esperia Satellite Club. In his keynote address, he outlined the priorities for the new year, which will focus on strengthening service, engaging younger generations, and actively supporting the Rotary Foundation, in keeping with the motto "United to Do Good." The ceremony concluded in a serene and convivial atmosphere, amid smiles and handshakes, fueled by an authentic Rotary spirit, which looks to the future with enthusiasm and a renewed sense of belonging.



RC Sant'Agata di Militello

Enthusiasm, vision and continuity

On Saturday, June 28, 2025, the Rotary Club of Sant'Agata di Militello officially inaugurated the new Rotary year with the confirmation of Giulio Settimo Franchina as president. This decision, shared by the members, stemmed from the desire to continue the path undertaken in the past year, inspired by the international motto "United to do good." President Franchina gave a thoughtful and engaging summary, highlighting the many activities undertaken: cardiac and dental screenings, campaigns against food waste, environmental projects such as "SOS Api Plus 2.0," BLSD courses, osteoporosis prevention, sports tournaments, and cultural events. Particular attention was paid to Paul Harris Park, which saw the expansion of its defibrillator stock, the delivery of the Piccolo Paul educational robot, and a multimedia board to the Sacred Heart Parish for educational purposes.

"What we do is just a drop in the ocean, but the ocean

"Without that drop, it would be smaller," President Franchina said emotionally, presenting three Paul Harris Fellows to Prefect Massimo Ioppolo, Facilitator Glauco Milio, and Treasurer Fulvio Damiano. Cristina Barone was also in attendance, having chosen to postpone her year at the helm of the Club, thus allowing Franchina to continue her mandate.

During the ceremony, the rotation of the Assistants was also announced. of the Governor, with the entrance Pia Pollina, who took over the baton from Mariano Bruno, both present and deeply involved in the life of the Club. Making the evening even more significant was the participation of PDG Carlo Marullo di Condojanni.

The incoming Board of Directors, which will accompany President Franchina for the 2025/26 academic year, was then formalized. Davide Ceraolo will be Vice President and Incoming President, Massimo Ioppolo will be Secretary, with Valentina Patti serving as Co-Secretary.



Fulvio Damiano will remain Treasurer, while Nino Gerbino and Alessia Pappalardo will serve as Prefect and Co-Prefect. Glauco Milio will serve as Learning Facilitator. The Board will consist of Antonio Castorina, Cono Ceraolo, Concettina Gianguzzi, Pippo Rizzo, Angelo Romano, and

Mauro Scurria. Salvino Fidacaro will be Delegate to the Rotary Foundation, Lorenzo Bertini Effective Delegate, Alessia Pappalardo will follow the New Generations, Cristina Barone Internal Action and Elisa Gumina Communications.

The evening concluded with Palmida Fesi Milio's induction as an honorary member, marking a moment of strong unity and vision. The Rotary Club of Sant'Agata di Militello looks to the future with confidence, ready to face new challenges in the spirit of service and continuity.



Rsea lionClubSiracusa SbowelVINCI president between emotion, memory and planning

In the evocative setting of the Circolo Unione, the seaside headquarters, the Rotary Club of Siracusa's Bell Ringing Ceremony took place on July 7th, marking Salvo Vinci's succession as president after Davide Cappellani's two-year term. It was a significant moment, enhanced by the presence of Past Governor Giuseppe Pitari, the Governor's assistants Pietro Forestiere (outgoing) and Alessandro Brunno (incumbent), and representatives of the Siracusa area clubs, already ready to forge synergies for the 2025-26 Rotary year.

The speech of the new president was particularly touching, as he evoked the family memory linked to Rotary, recalling with emotion the example of the lawyer Guido Vinci, founder of a Rotary tradition that made the phrase "the

Rotary does not refuse a moral legacy. In keeping with this spirit, Vinci expressed his desire for a year of active service, friendship between clubs, and the concrete involvement of the vital forces of the community.

The symbolic passing of the collar was accompanied by the awarding of the Paul Harris Fellow title to Davide Cappellani, in recognition of his generous and consistent commitment during his two years as president. This gesture was greeted with sustained applause from the members and guests in attendance.

The evening, made even more evocative by the backdrop of illuminated Ortigia, represented a true bridge between past and future, between gratitude for the shared journey and confidence in the new projects that will emerge from the collaboration between the clubs.



The Rotary Club of Siracusa thus confirms its position as a solid point of reference, ready to continue its commitment to the community, under the guidance of a president who has made Rotary a family and personal calling.



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Salvatore Assenza is the new president of the Rotary Club of Siracusa Monti Climiti. Service, member engagement, and networking: these are the three pillars on which the new president is focusing for the new year. An accomplished professional with a personal commitment to social causes, the new president takes over from Past President Aurelio Alicata, who leaves a club with a strengthened membership and the completion of this year's primary project.

– in continuity with the ideas of his predecessors – consisted of the donation of a latest-generation ultrasound machine to the Nephrology and Dialysis department of the Umberto I Hospital in Syracuse. Salvatore Assenza was very clear in his inaugural speech: "I will ask members for their time and cooperation, and for their professional skills. Many small acts of service that can leave their mark on the community, as well as their willingness to volunteer, each in their own field."

Among the projects, we would like to mention the one that received the District Grant, which once again builds on the activities begun by the club in the past.

"We had the great privilege of providing the Syracuse Hospital with a Donated Human Milk Bank," explains President Salvatore Assenza.

– "Now we have the opportunity to add something extra by equipping the NICU department with a car that will be used for home milk collection.



human. And for this we thank once again the head physician, Dr. Massimo Tirantello, for supporting us in our idea."

Many service activities are planned. Many of them in the spirit of continuity, demonstrating that—however much the wheel may turn—
– the club, which each president is honored to represent year after year, remains the primary entity that leaves its mark on the community in which it operates.

Present at the ceremony were the Past

District Governor Titta Sallemi, the assistant governor for the Pachino, Siracusa, and Siracusa Ortigia clubs, and the assistant governor of the club Pietro Forestiere, who in his welcoming address—in his dual role as incoming and outgoing assistant—reminded everyone in attendance of the joy of working alongside a club for several years, witnessing its activities and work under the guidance of various boards of directors.

Rsea lionClubSiracusaOrtiglia a New Year between Memory, service and vision

On Friday, July 11, 2025, in a place steeped in history and civic significance, the Rotary Club of Siracusa Ortigia celebrated the Passing of the Bell between outgoing President Michela Vasques and new President Gaetano Tranchina. The ceremony was held at the Donna Coraly Country Boutique Hotel in Cassibile, next to the stele commemorating the signing of the armistice on September 3, 1943, between the Italian State and the Anglo-American Forces: a tribute to the memory and values of peace that inspire Rotary action. In the presence of numerous civil, military, and Rotary dignitaries, Michela Vasques reviewed the 2024-2025 Rotary year, a year rich in service and community projects. She thanked members for their support, emphasizing their team spirit and shared dedication. Her term concluded with a prestigious recognition: the Paul Harris Fellow, awarded to her by the new president for her outstanding service.

a commitment made with passion and competence.

After handing over the club's leadership, Gaetano Tranchina presented his 2025/2026 program, guided by the motto "Inspire, Act, Transform." This vision combines continuity and innovation, leveraging the club's legacy of relationships and focusing on concrete projects capable of generating change.

During the ceremony, the admission of a new member, Dr. Lucia Pascarelli Sinatra di Camemi, was made official. Her badge was pinned on by Past Governor Alfio Di Costa, demonstrating the association's constant focus on growing its membership and welcoming new energies.

Finally, the evening saw the participation of Dr. Alessandro Drago, UNICEF president for the province of Syracuse, who gave a Pigotta to the outgoing president, as a sign of gratitude for the donation made by the club in favor of the



"Children's Emergency in Gaza" project, which will enable the delivery of life-saving therapeutic food.

With one eye on history and the other on the future, the Rotary Club Siracusa Ortigia is preparing for a new year of authentic commitment, fully in tune with Governor Sergio Malizia's theme: "United to do good."



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On Friday, June 27th, in an elegant and refined atmosphere, the bell passing ceremony between outgoing President Giovanni Mauro and incoming President Carlo Turchetti took place at the Hotel Caparena. The ceremony was attended by numerous members and guests, as well as Governor Gigi Gandolfo and Felice De Luca's assistants.

Gianni Mauro, taking the floor, expressed deep satisfaction and delight for the Rotary year just ended, documented by the projected images that documented the events and projects completed.

The outgoing president also thanked all those who supported him during his presidency.

Carlo Turchetti, in turn, thanked all those who elected him, setting out the program guidelines for the presidency of the Rotary year 2025-2026. He then introduced the Board of Directors, composed of Tonino Borruto, Vice President, Carmelo Saitta, Secretary, Maurizio Noto, Treasurer, Giuseppe Sicali, Prefect, Sebastiano De Luca, Italo Buda, Maria Claudia Giordano, Marco Vassallo, Sergio Conti, and Gianni Mauro, directors.

In closing, the first to speak were the assistant to the governor 2024/25 Luigi Gandolfo, who expressed his warmest compliments for the projects of the past year, followed by the assistant to the governor for the year 2025/26 Felice De Luca, who highlighted the areas of fo-



cus for the current year, concluding with a sincere wish for a year of Rotary success to the incoming president. During the evening, professional merit plaques were awarded to journalist Saro Laganà for his professionalism in reporting on our region and to Dr. Barbare Valenti for her constant commitment and sensitivity in dedicating herself to the community.



Rotary Club of Trapani turns from New Angel president

The Rotary Club of Trapani celebrated the traditional Bell Ringing on Thursday, July 3, at the picturesque Baglio Soria, formally marking the club's change of leadership. The convivial event saw outgoing president Luigi Caruso review the past year, highlighting its successes and thanking those who contributed to its work, before handing over the baton to the new president, Salvatore D'Angelo, who will lead the club for the 2025-2026 Rotary year.

The event, a significant moment in the life of Rotary, was attended by numerous club members as well as numerous guests from neighboring clubs, including Giovanni Palermo, Assistant Governor of Rotary Sicily and Malta.

During the social gathering, the club had the honor of welcoming new member Marcello Linares. At the same time,

By virtue of their exceptional and significant contributions to the many initiatives promoted by the club during the recently concluded academic year, members Ornella Cottone, Vito Iannone, Franco Saccà, Giacomo D'Alì Staiti and Duilio Maltese were awarded the "Paul Harris Fellow" title.

In his inaugural address, newly elected president Salvatore D'Angelo outlined the guidelines for his term, emphasizing the Rotary Club of Trapani's historic role in the growth and development of the region. D'Angelo emphasized the crucial importance of active member engagement, the empowerment of younger generations, and the need to continue investing in training, key pillars for addressing future challenges.

With a look to the past and a vision projected towards the future, D'Angelo recalled how it was the Rotary Club of Trapani that promoted the foundation of the



City University Center. He expressed the hope that the university can return to being a "workshop of minds called to govern the community of tomorrow," emphasizing the importance of cultivating talent and innovation for the collective good. The commitment of the Rotary Club of Trapani, under the leadership of Salvatore D'Angelo, thus confirms its focus on community service, with a particular focus on youth education and local development, continuing the tradition of an association always committed to local needs.



Trapani Rotary Club turns 75 and Patricia Barbera happens to be the new president

On July 2, 2025, a significant and emotional moment for the Rotary Club of Trapani Erice took place at Villino Nasi in Trapani: the traditional "passing of the bell." Outgoing president Maria Concetta Serse passed the baton to Patricia Barbera, who will lead the club into the next fiscal year. The ceremony was not just a changing of the guard but an affirmation of the values that inspire the club.

Union: The club's strength has always resided in the cohesion and collaboration among its members, united by a common desire to make a difference;

Leadership: leadership is celebrated, especially that

female, who with vision and determination leads the club towards new goals;

Young: the club invests in the future, involving and valorizing the new generations, the lifeblood of innovation and the continuity of our ideals;

Social Projects: The Club's commitment translates into concrete actions, with social projects aimed at improving the life of our community and responding to the needs of the area.

Numerous guests attended the evening, and the atmosphere of true Rotary friendship made the event special. Three Paul Harris Fellows were also awarded, much to the delight of all.



The Club thanks outgoing President Maria Concetta Serse for her dedication and wishes Patricia Barbera a year filled with success and fulfillment. Together, we will continue to promote Rotary values and carry out initiatives that leave a positive mark.



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On Saturday, July 11, the Bell Ringing ceremony took place at the Hotel Palace Santa Tecla for the Rotary Club Tutela e Uguaglianza Sant'Agata Li Battiati, one of the youngest clubs in District 2110, established on May 18, 2025. The ceremony marked the confirmation of Nuccio Padovani as president for the 2025/2026 Rotary year, a shared choice consistent with the club's founding phase, given that the club was only able to conduct activities in the last month of the recently concluded financial year. The meeting opened with a video message from Governor Sergio Malizia, who conveyed strong encouragement regarding the importance of action, cohesion, and the value of service. These words were fully echoed in President Padovani's speech, which presented, with

with the help of a visual synthesis, a structured and local-focused program, with initiatives aimed at the community and the Rotary Foundation.

The Assistant of the Governed-Outgoing King Angelo Alaimo expressed satisfaction with the path the club has taken, while Giancarlo Modena, the new Assistant for the current year, recalled the motto "United to do good," emphasizing how unity among members is the basis for building credible and sustainable projects.

The ceremony was also marked by the arrival of a new member, who enriched the group not only in terms of numbers but also with new energy and availability. Particularly significant was the presence of Past Governor Giuseppe Pitari, an honorary member of the club, whose leadership accompanied



to the founding and orientation phases of the group, offering guidance and vision. This first bell ringing had a significance that went beyond the ritual: it was a moment of renewed awareness, in which each member confirmed their desire to actively contribute to the growth of a young, motivated club, ready to build, step by step, relationships based on integrity, inclusion, and a culture of peace.



Rotary Club Valle del Mela at the handover of the presidency

The traditional Bell Ringing of the Rotary Club Valle del Mela took place at Villa Hera, an eagerly awaited event that symbolically marks the handover of power between presidents and the beginning of a new Rotary year.

Outgoing President Gianfranco Caruso opened the evening with a heartfelt speech, reviewing the many activities that characterized the 2024-2025 financial year. In a spirit of pride and gratitude, Caruso highlighted the club's commitment to promoting charitable, cultural, and community service initiatives, emphasizing the value of collaboration among members. One of the most touching moments of the evening was the nomination as honorary member of Attilio Liga, a key figure for the Rotary Club Valle del Mela since its foundation.

foundation in 2020. Liga, who served as Assistant Governor for three years, was recognized for his closeness and constant support to the club.

Raffaele Surace was subsequently awarded the prestigious Paul Harris Fellow (PHF) recognition, a tribute to his commitment and work for the club and the community. The heart of the event was, of course, the handover of the rank between Gianfranco Caruso and the new president, Lorella Mazzeo, who took the stage to present the projects and services that will characterize her term. With enthusiasm and determination, President Mazzeo outlined a dynamic and inclusive vision, ready to enhance Rotary's pillars through concrete actions.

During his speech, the



The new president also introduced the board of directors that will support her in the new Rotary year, emphasizing the importance of teamwork and the continuity of Rotary ideals. The evening concluded with the new Assistant Governor, Sergio Conti, who delivered an inspiring speech to those in attendance, recalling the goals set by Governor Sergio Malizia for the current year.



RC Valverde Terra dei Ciclopes a Carmelo Coniglione the witness

The bell-ringing ceremony for the Rotary Club Valverde Terra dei Ciclopi was held at the Grand Hotel San Pietro in Taormina.

The first year of the club's existence has concluded, led by Olga La Camera, who has passed the leadership to Carmelo Coniglione.

It was a beautiful evening, filled with emotion and friendship, attended by members, guests, and dignitaries, including Giovanna Fondacaro and Poletta Pennisi, assistants to the outgoing and incoming governors. After broadcasting Governor Sergio Malizia's message, the outgoing president reviewed his year of service, which culminated in the District's recognition of him with a "silver" certificate. He reviewed the many projects and events he had completed, including: "Save a Tree"; fundraisers; and

donation of a defibrillator to the Municipality of Valverde; and the "Stems of Peace" mural. Finally, he thanked the Board of Directors and members, and a video of all the activities was shown.

Before passing the collar, the president awarded member Salvatore Vitale the Paul Harris Fellow, Rotary's highest honor established in memory of its founder. Giovanna Fondacaro read a message from Governor Giuseppe Pitari, who expressed appreciation to the outgoing president and the members for their work and achievements.

The new president thanked the members for their trust in him and declared that the year will be conducted in continuity with the previous year. Finally, he



The Board of Directors team was introduced, consisting of: Olga La Camera, outgoing president and vice-president; Carla Ierna, president-elect; Salvatore Di Bella, secretary; Patrizia Giuliano, treasurer; Giovanna Azzaro, prefect; Oriana Abate, Antonietta Percola, and Salvatore Vitale, directors.

The work was completed by Poletta Pennisi, who pledged her personal support in achieving increasingly prestigious goals together.



Rsea lionClubVhistory FloraSAlerNo first woman to lead theClub

On June 28th, at the elegant Villa San Bartolo, the Rotary Club of Vittoria celebrated the traditional passing of the bell, marking the beginning of the new Rotary year. Angelo Alescio passed the baton to Flora Salerno, the first woman to lead the Club since its founding.

In his closing remarks, Alescio reviewed a year packed with social and charitable activities, thanking members for their support and emphasizing the value of active participation.

With great enthusiasm, Flora Salerno outlined the guidelines for her program, centered on three key words: listening, community, and opportunity. "We must think of those who, despite being unemployed, don't ask. We must offer them a listening ear and opportunities for redemption," the new president stated with determination, emphasizing Rotary's ethical duty to be a leader.

tool for inclusion and concrete support.

The new year will see the Club engaged in guided tours of the Ippari and Dirillo Valleys with expert botanists and archaeologists, discussions on the topic of work, and initiatives to support migrants, in line with Governor Sergio Malizia's motto: United to do good.

Elena Bocchetti, the District's new assistant governor, brought greetings from the District. She welcomed the arrival of two new members, Titta Gambuzza and Daniele Marotta, a sign of a growing and renewing Rotary community.

There was also a heartfelt reference to the prestigious role of the current International President, Francesco Arezzo di Trifiletti, "a son of our land," who today leads Rotary International with vision, humanity, and a spirit of service.

The Board of Directors is composed of



Alberto Fasiol (secretary), Maurizio Carnazza (prefect), Emanuele Bianculli (treasurer), Giuseppe Notararigo (vice president), Roberto Licitra (incoming president), Daniele Aprile, Saro Di Geronimo, Emanuele Ingrao, Simona Sidoti, and Giuseppe Napolitano (councillors). The operational committees will be coordinated by Rosario Salvo, Mario Rasi, Antonello Tommasi, Sandro Feligioni, and Giuseppe Puglisi. A year of Rotary work has begun under the best auspices, ready to courageously and thoughtfully implement Rotary's founding values.





Rotaract District 2110 Sicily-Mhigh

the collar to Valentina Fallico

One of the most emblematic events for Rotaract District 2110 took place in Agrigento on July 19th: the handover from outgoing District Representative Veronica Bonaccorso to incoming District Representative Valentina Fallico. This highly symbolic event combined a sense of continuity with the freshness of renewal, in the name of the Rotary values of service, friendship, and leadership.

In an atmosphere made special by the presence of numerous Rotaract members and Rotarians, key figures such as Sebastiano Catalano, Rotary Delegate for Rotaract, the RD Interact Federico Lombardo, the RD Incoming Michele Trupiano and two Past Representatives also took part.

Presenters Gaetano Avellone and Gianni Battista Cauchi demonstrated the power of networking and the beauty of intergenerational sharing.

In her opening remarks, Veronica Bonaccorso reviewed an intense year: high-impact service, international collaborations, inclusion initiatives, and member growth paths. "Rotaract," she stated, "is a school of life, a hotbed of ideas, and above all, a family. Together, we have sown values and built a future."

Following this legacy, Valentina Fallico has taken up the baton, announcing a corporate year marked by innovation and consolidation.

At the heart of his program is the



Mentoring Project: An initiative that aims to strengthen the bridge between Rotary and Rotaract, promoting dialogue between generations, the exchange of experiences, and the shared journey toward informed leadership. "Mentoring," explained Valentina Fallico, "will be the key to growing together, to preparing us with expertise and passion for our future in Rotary. It's an opportunity for mutual learning, but also for strengthening our Rotaractor identity."

Fallico's vision is based on the integration of values and skills, between youthful enthusiasm and expert wisdom.



In this context, synergy with Rotary will be essential to continue planning high-impact initiatives, as suggested by Governor Sergio Malizia in his most recent speeches on training and communication: concrete action must become authentic narratives, the courage to demonstrate the value of service without rhetoric but with transparency.

The following day, July 20, the 23rd Rotaract District Convention 2110 officially launched the 2025/2026 financial year. The event, once again held in the picturesque setting of Agrigento, represented the first major operational assembly under the leadership of Valentina Fallico. In an atmosphere filled with enthusiasm and participation, members from across Sicily and Malta presented projects and guidelines outlining a year of shared growth.

The Congress was notable for the breadth of its topics, from legality to inclusion, from communication to international activities. Each committee presented, with expertise and passion, the commitment they will make to enhancing the human and social capital of their clubs. This is a powerful demonstration of Rotaract's ability to respond to contemporary challenges with concrete ideas and a collaborative spirit. Among the most anticipated events, SIRDE 2025 stands out, taking place in Catania from November 7th to 9th. It will be a crucial moment of education, discussion, and inspiration, uniting young Rotaract leaders from across Italy.

The choice of Catania is no coincidence: a city symbolizing culture, innovation, and openness, it fully reflects the spirit with which District 2110 intends to live this year. It's an opportunity to showcase the best of a dynamic Rotary youth.



ready to build networks of meaning and service.

This generational transition, so intensely experienced, was more than a ceremony: it was a rite of passage, an "embrace" between those who built and those who will build.

Veronica and Valentina, different yet complementary, showed the true face of Rotaractor leadership: a face that looks forward with gratitude for the past and enthusiasm for the future.



Rotaract Club OlcaMo

Reflection on the path taken and on the new challenges

The traditional Bell Ringing ceremony of the Rotaract Club Alcamo took place on July 19th in the Church of San Tommaso, a splendid example of Catalan Gothic architecture in the heart of Alcamo.

Leading this symbolic moment of the Rotaract year was Giuseppe Culmone, outgoing president, who officially passed the baton to Clara Palermo, the new president for the 2025–2026 fiscal year. The well-attended and heartfelt ceremony represented not only a formal handover but also an opportunity to reflect on the journey undertaken and the new challenges to be faced.

The Club has renewed its commitment to the local community, with particular attention to the values of friendship, service, and youth leadership.

Under the leadership of Clara Palermo, the Rotaract Club of Alcamo is preparing to write a new chapter in its history, with the goal of promoting concrete initiatives, inclusion, and increasingly active participation of young people in the social and cultural life of the community. The Rotaract Club of Alcamo renews its commitment to a future where young people are the protagonists of change.



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The "Rotaract Game Night" was an event organized by the Rotaract Club of Castelvetrano at the end of July, part of the Summer Camp sponsored by the sponsoring Rotary Club. This special evening, organized in collaboration with the local Interact Club, provided an opportunity for young guests from various European countries to meet, share experiences, and engage in intercultural exchange.

The Summercamp, an annual event of great importance in the Rotary calendar of activities, had as its guiding theme this year the theme of "beauty", understood not only as an aesthetic value, but as an expression of culture, of

traditions and encounters between peoples. In this context, Game Night aimed to offer a moment of conviviality and active participation, where participants could connect with authentic aspects of Sicilian cultural heritage.

The evening kicked off with a dinner featuring traditional finger food, prepared to introduce and appreciate the traditional flavors of our region. A culinary experience that combined flavor and conviviality, encouraging spontaneous interaction among those present. Following this, through a series of games and dynamic activities, guests were involved in the discovery of the

Sicilian dialect, of idiomatic expressions and sayings that represent the beating heart of our linguistic and cultural identity.

The initiative's success was demonstrated by the enthusiasm and active participation of all those present.

Through initiatives like this, the Rotaract Club of Castelvetrano renews its commitment to promoting dialogue between cultures, respecting diversity, and celebrating local excellence, contributing to the construction of a more united, aware, and supportive world.



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Signs and symbols of Rotary commitment

If you care for something, it grows. With this important message of commitment and interest in Rotaract causes, symbolized by a pot full of seeds waiting to be watered, the Rotary year began for Caltanissetta Club President Chiara Curcuruto and her board. The passing of the bell was attended by many dignitaries and Rotaractors, Rotarians, Interactors, and Innerine members, in a festive atmosphere, but also one filled with friendship, a sense of belonging, and a desire to actively engage in the projects outlined by Valentina Fallico RRD for the 2025/26 fiscal year. She was accompanied by incoming district representative Michele Trupiano and the project ideas expressed by the Caltanissetta Club, aimed at enhancing diversity, caring for the environment, and raising funds for the most noble causes. Numerous members of the Rotaract and Rotary District Board of Directors and numerous club presidents attended the event: Catania Sud, Menfi Belice Carboj, Agrigento, Barcellona Pozzo di Gotto, and Messina. The club, led by past president Erika Assennato, received a certificate of recognition from Governor Giuseppe Pitari, presented by Assistant Governor Luigi Loggia for its generous contribution to the Polio Plus Fund and for its charitable projects. Also in attendance and offering their support were PDG Valerio Cimi-



no, the District Prefect Fausto Assennato, the governor of the Inner Wheel Maria Guarneri Mancuso and the new President of the Inner Club of Caltanissetta Nevilia Aquilina, the president of the Rotary of Caltanissetta Ivana Guarneri and of the RC of San Cataldo Gabriella Di Carlo Reas. On the same evening there was the

The bell was passed from Gaia Di Natali to Giuseppe Mancuso, who will work tirelessly to increase membership and continue the service efforts of the younger members, the true seeds of the future.

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The Rotaract Club of Palermo's Bell Ringing tradition marks a moment of continuity and renewed commitment within the club's journey. The ceremony, which marked the conclusion of the 2024–2025 Rotaract year and the beginning of the new 2025–2026 club year, took place on July 13 at Villa Airoidi. Outgoing president Simona Costa passed the baton to Francesco Briuccia, the club's new president, wishing him a year filled with enthusiasm, participation, and planning. During the evening, the club reviewed the highlights of the past year, highlighting the club's ongoing commitment to promoting service activities, cultural initiatives, and collaborations with its sponsor Rotary club. Simona Costa thanked the club's members for their trust and support, emphasizing the value of the shared experience. In his inaugural address, Francesco Briuccia expressed gratitude for the trust placed in him, introducing the new Board of Directors and outlining the guidelines for the current Rotaract year. The goal will be to consolidate what has been achieved, strengthen member participation, and develop projects aligned with Rotary values.

The passing of the bell is, once again, an opportunity to renew the spirit of service, friendship, and sense of belonging that inspire Rotaract.





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The Interact District Bell Ringing represents one of the most symbolic and significant moments of the association's year.

This is not just a formal ceremony: it is a tangible sign of the continuity of values, shared commitment, and common vision that are renewed each year with the passing of the collar between the outgoing and incoming Representative.

In an atmosphere filled with emotion and a spirit of service, the outgoing District Representative for the 2024/25 school year, Matilde Carrubba, passionately retraced the most important stages of her mandate: shared projects, training sessions, district events and, above all, the unforgettable first Interact National Congress. A journey filled with emotions, challenges overcome, and friendships forged, during which the District grew not only in numbers, but above all in awareness and shared identity.

The one who took up the baton was

The incoming Representative for the 2025/26 school year, Federico Lombardo, who enthusiastically and determinedly shared his vision for the new year: a united, dynamic, proactive District, brimming with initiatives. It promises to be a year marked by collaboration between clubs, concrete action, and the promotion of youth leadership. The Handover is not just the transfer of a position, but a symbol of trust built day after day among young people ready to make a difference. It is a moment of gratitude for those who have led and of encouragement for those who will lead. And it is only possible thanks to the unwavering support of the entire Rotary District, particularly the Rotary Interact Committee and the Rotarian and Interactor staff. During the Assembly, institutional figures who are key to the growth and cohesion of the movement brought their greetings: the President of the Rotary Club



Siracusa Monti Climiti Salvatore Assenza, the President of the Siracusa Monti Climiti Interact Club Gaia Damiano, the District Rotaract Representative Valentina Fallico, the Chair of the Rotary Interact Committee Valentina Lupo, the District Governor Sergio Malizia, as well as all the members of the District Interact Staff. A heartfelt thank you from the entire Interact District 2110 Sicily and Malta for their support, constant presence, and daily example.

The Interaction Year thus begins with renewed energy and the same undiminished enthusiasm: that of young people guided by Rotary values, ready to serve with courage, creativity, and vision. Under the motto "Working on a Dream," a new year of projects and relationships begins, in which — as was forcefully stated at the conclusion of the event — "Behind every action of Interact, there is a friendship that guides us."







