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Sergio Malizia

Dear Friends,

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The club visits and events I've experienced in recent weeks have confirmed the strength and vitality of our District. Together, we are building something that will leave its mark. My journey with you isn't just about miles and appointments: it's a human journey, filled with faces, words, emotions, and listening. It's a journey that strengthens the bond with the District and fuels the desire to always do better, more and more, for the common good. So, **"United to do good."**

I would like to proudly underline an important aspect: in the month of **August**, a period in which traditionally no events are organised, we managed to create **two initiatives of great importance. A courageous challenge**, enthusiastically collected by all of you, which has given extraordinary fruits: approximately **2,000** people participated in total, transforming what for many is a month's break into a unique and memorable occasion

of meeting and sharing. These were events of great value for our District, two evenings dedicated to culture and solidarity that deserve to be remembered not only for their successful fundraising for the Rotary Foundation, the true driving force behind our global commitment, but also for the beauty, quality, and participation that distinguished them.

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Another particularly significant stage of the trip, which I would like to recall, was the presentation of the **book of the year “Ancient and modern theatrical monuments in Sicily and Malta” in Pantelleria**, lived together with the teacher **Rita Cedrini**, I would like to sincerely thank him for his

coordination role, carried out with passion, competence, and great professionalism. It was an event of cultural and human significance, which highlighted the connection between Rotary and knowledge, between service and culture, between thought and action. I also had the pleasure of visiting the **RC of Alcamo**, who celebrated his **50th anniversary of its foundation**. It was exciting to share this important milestone with the members. I was inspired by the history, commitment, and passion that have inspired their service to the community for half a century. My heartfelt thanks go to them for their hospitality and the quality of the projects they are carrying out.

Meanwhile, the project I promoted together with Angela, born in memory of our beloved Cavalier King, continues to grow. **Kiwi and Simba**. Thanks to your generosity, our **solidarity postcards** of the initiative are reaching many hearts: the clubs I have had the pleasure of visiting so far have demonstrated extraordinary sensitivity and concrete support

gno, through **donations** who have given strength and momentum to this very special project. Angela and I thank you from the bottom of our hearts, because behind every small gesture lies a great message of love, care, and attention to those in need.

The month of September is dedicated to **“Literacy and Basic Education”**, one of the key areas of intervention of the **Rotary International**. In an increasingly digital world, the ability to read and write is not only a fundamental right, but also the key to building stronger and more inclusive communities. Every person deserves the opportunity to read their own story and write their own future. Where there is literacy, there is dignity, freedom, and the possibility of redemption.

Despite progress in recent decades, today over 770 million adults worldwide cannot read or write, and approximately 244 million children and youth are still excluded from education. Behind these figures lie stories of people who cannot access essential information for their health, fully participate in the democratic life of their communities, and improve their living conditions. Our area of intervention is an investment in the future of humanity, ensuring that every person has the fundamental tools to build a better future.

better life. In this month dedicated to basic literacy and education, I launch a challenge to all the clubs in our District: identify a situation in your community where your intervention can make a difference because Rotary **must make a difference**. Every club can contribute **donating books, starting after-school projects, partnering with schools, and supporting Rotary programs such as Matching Grant projects**. Every gesture, even the simplest, can change a person's life. We have the opportunity to build bridges, generate hope, and foster lasting change.

Let's move on **“together and united to do good”** With enthusiasm and heart. The months ahead will be full of initiatives and opportunities for service.

We all work as a team, united by the same values, the same enthusiasm, and the same desire to do good.

With love and gratitude,
Sergio

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Francesco Arezzo

Dear Friends,

When I took on the role of President of Rotary International, the moment came quickly and unexpectedly. It made me reflect on how the world can change in an instant and how Rotary has the power to be a constant force for good in that change. This month, Rotary Basic Education and Literacy Month, we have a clear call to action: to strengthen the foundations of learning in every community we serve.

Millions of people around the world cannot read. Millions of children lack access to basic education. Yet, we know the solution: sustainable, inclusive, and equitable education, especially for girls and marginalized youth. Literacy is more than the ability to read and write. It is the key to human dignity, economic mobility, and peace. Every book opened, every classroom funded, and every teacher trained becomes a brick in the building of peace.

This year, Rotary's theme is *United to do good*. "United" refers to the strength we find in each other. When we combine our talents and resources—not just in our clubs but among our partners, organizations, and communities—we can expand our reach. And when we do so consistently over time, we create lasting change. Rotary service cannot be measured solely in terms of annual goals. Our efforts in education must extend beyond a single year. Literacy projects take time to take root, grow, and bear fruit.

It's time to think boldly and creatively. New types of clubs can help us engage educators, students, and supporters in new ways. Let's use this month to welcome new members passionate about education and encourage existing ones to undertake service projects that reflect local needs. Whether it's building libraries, distributing textbooks, or mentoring students, your actions matter.

Education is also peacebuilding. Every scholarship we offer, every early childhood program we support, every adult literacy program we fund is an act of peace. And Rotary has been building peace this way for over a century.

Let's not forget that the literacy effort isn't just about access, but also about equity. It's about ensuring that every student, regardless of their background, has the opportunity to realize their potential. And it's about standing united, across borders, languages, and generations, to affirm that education is a right, not a privilege.

We stay *United to do good*. Committing to lasting literacy. Together, let's dream of a world where every child learns to read. And then, as individuals of action, let's work together to make this dream a reality.

Together we can change lives, starting with the power of education. Together, *United to do good*.

Francesco Arezzo

President, Rotary International, 2025/2026



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Dear Friends,

Two weeks ago, I was in my living room playing with my grandchildren. When I stepped into the role of Rotary International president, the moment came swiftly and unexpectedly. It got me thinking how the world can change in an instant, and how Rotary has the power to be a steady force for good in that change. This month, Rotary's Basic Education and Literacy Month, we have a clear call to action: to strengthen the foundation of learning in every community we serve.

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Let's *Unite for Good* by committing to literacy that lasts. Let's dream of a world where every child learns to read. And then, as people of action, let's work together to make that dream a reality.

Together, we can change lives, starting with the power of education. Together, we *Unite for Good*.

Francesco Arezzo
President, Rotary International, 2025/2026

Noa, concert of emotions

Malicia: a future of peace

On August 2nd, Palermo came alive with music and emotion. At the Teatro di Verdura, under the starry summer sky, Noa's clear and intense voice resounded like a hymn to peace, engaging thousands of people from across Sicily and Malta. Not just Rotarians, but citizens, families, young people, and adults who wanted to share a universal message: peace is not a utopia, but a collective duty.

The initiative, promoted by Rotary District 2110, led by Governor Sergio Malizia, had a value that went beyond artistic beauty: all proceeds from the evening were donated to the Rotary Foundation to support humanitarian and international cooperation projects. It was an event that intertwined solidarity, culture, and participation, transforming an August night into a community celebration. A month after the concert, we met with Governor Sergio Malizia to gather his reflections on the emotions, symbols, organizational challenges, and, above all, the legacy an event like this leaves for Palermo and the entire District.

Q1. About a month after the August 2nd concert, what emotions do you feel today when you think back to that evening of music and peace that enchanted Palermo?

A: A little over a month has passed since Noa's concert, and yet...



The echoes of that evening still resonate. It was an experience that went beyond simple music, a moment of pure magic, in which Noa's voice created a bridge between cultures and generations. I remember the atmosphere that was created in the theater: a mix of silence and emotional participation where each song told a story of hope, peace, and humanity. In an era like ours, marked by conflict and division, seeing an artist like Noa, who has always made peace the heart of her message, perform in a historic setting like Palermo, takes on a special significance.

A special meaning. Noa didn't just sing, she taught a life lesson: the beauty of diversity, the power of dialogue, and above all, the importance of believing in a peaceful future. Thinking back on that evening brings back a profound emotion, a sense of inner peace and gratitude. Music in its purest form can truly heal and unite.

D2. White as a universal symbol of peace and the collective moment of cell phone lights made the atmosphere unique. How much these elements have



It is by chance that I chose Noa: an artist who has always put her art at the service of higher ideals.

D4. Organizing this event must not have been easy. What were the main logistical and organizational challenges, and what elements ensured the evening's success?

A: Organizing an event on the scale of Noa's concert in Palermo was a complex challenge, requiring considerable effort and careful planning. The major logistical and organizational obstacles, typical of events of this nature, were overcome thanks to a synergy of key elements that ensured the event's ultimate success.

One of the greatest challenges was managing the spaces and ensuring safety. The Teatro di Verdura, with its capacity of over 2,000 people, required meticulous organization for the influx and outflow of people, while ensuring compliance with safety regulations. Coordination between law enforcement, firefighters, technical staff, and organizational staff was crucial. Ticket sales had to be managed efficiently to avoid overlaps and ensure equitable distribution of seats. Finally, the logistics of the artist and his staff required special attention, from their welcome to the city to the management of the technical equipment. Every detail was taken care of to ensure a seamless and trouble-free experience. The success of the evening is attributable to several factors. The effective collaboration between Rotary, the Municipality of Palermo, and all the sponsors was fundamental. This collaboration allowed for su-

contributed, in your opinion, to making the event even more attended and evocative?

A: I believe that both the white and the cell phone lights played a fundamental role in transforming Noa's concert into a truly unforgettable experience, making it a collective and deeply moving event. The white dress code created a visual unity among all the spectators, representing active participation in a shared message of peace. The moment of the cell phone lights, on the other hand, added a magical and spiritual dimension. Both of these elements were powerful symbols that made the concert a visual and spiritual celebration of peace. It will remain in all of our memories as an emotion that nourished not only the ear, but also our heart.

D3. How important do you think this concert is, not only as an artistic spectacle, but also as an opportunity for reflection for the Rotary community and the city of Palermo?

A: Noa's concert was an event of great civic and moral value for the entire community, particularly for Rotary and the city, providing us with a powerful opportunity for unity and reflection. I believe the choice of an artist like Noa, who has always conveyed messages of peace and dialogue, offered the Rotary community and all citizens a fundamental common ground on which to come together and share values. This event, in my opinion, also highlighted the importance of volunteering and social commitment, demonstrating that art can be an effective vehicle for supporting important causes. The concert transformed into concrete action, combining aesthetics with ethics. When Rotary chooses to organize an event with an artist like Noa, it isn't simply providing entertainment, but making a statement of values. For the Rotary community, this concert was the perfect embodiment of its "Service above Self" philosophy. Noa, with her personal story and her message of peace, is a living symbol of the spirit of service that characterizes RI.

overcome obstacles and share responsibilities, creating a united and solid front.

Q5. All proceeds, net of costs, were donated to the Rotary Foundation. Can you tell us what concrete projects in the fields of peace, education, and international cooperation will be supported thanks to this collective generosity?

A: All proceeds donated to RF, net of costs, will become a driver of concrete and lasting change worldwide. The funds raised will not only finance a single project, but will be integrated into a global system. RF often complements donations with contributions from other funds, thus multiplying their value and supporting initiatives on an international scale. Thanks to this generosity, the funds raised will help support specific projects in RF's key sectors, aligned with the values of peace, education, and international cooperation. Regarding "Peace," the donation will also support the "Rotary Peace Centers," which offer scholarships to emerging professionals and leaders from around the world to train in peace studies and conflict resolution. Regarding Education, the proceeds will benefit an area of focus that I believe is very important: "Basic Education and Literacy." The funds will be allocated to projects that improve access to basic education in disadvantaged communities. Finally, as regards "International Cooperation," part of the proceeds will help support projects that require large-scale global collaboration. I can proudly say that every ticket



sold has become a brick to build a more just and peaceful future, demonstrating once again that art can become a wonderful force for good.

D6. The turnout was extraordinary, with Rotarians from all over Sicily, but also many citizens. What significance do you attach to this broad and unanimous response?

A: I believe the extraordinary turnout at Noa's concert, with the participation not only of Rotarians from all over Sicily, but also of many non-Rotarian citizens, took on a profound significance that goes beyond the event itself.

This success demonstrated, first and foremost, that Rotary's values resonate in the hearts of all people. The broad and unanimous response demonstrates a thirst for positive values and events that offer not only entertainment, but also a message of hope and peace. Secondly, the large turnout

The citizens' vote highlighted a city's ability to open up and become an ambassador for a universal message. The city of Palermo has demonstrated its ability to host and promote high-value initiatives.

Q7. What role did Rotary clubs play, and how did collaboration develop within the District to make such a large-scale event possible?

A: The establishment of a "Music and Solidarity Commission" was the key. This commission was made up of people from different clubs in the District. It was a true mobilization of resources, expertise, and passion, responsible for overseeing every aspect of the event. The commission acted, planning every phase with precision and vision. Without them, the event's success would not have been possible. Thanks to them, the concert became a concrete demonstration that Rotary is a force capable of generating a positive and lasting impact.

clear.

Q8. Another important element was the involvement of young people, with Interact and Rotaract. How significant do you think it is that the younger generations participated in an initiative that combines music, solidarity, and universal values?

A: The inclusion of Rotaract youth contributed significantly to the event's success. Their active involvement, particularly with the crucial role assigned to Rotaract in managing the digital component, took on a profound and multifaceted significance. First, their participation represented a generational bridge of great value. Seeing the new generations get involved in such a meaningful initiative is a powerful signal that demonstrates a strong and vibrant desire to contribute to a better world. Second, entrusting Rotaract youth with managing the digital component was a winning strategic move. They brought expertise and an innovative approach.

These were essential for promoting the event and reaching a broader, more modern audience. Social media, digital campaigns, and online communications are tools that young people now master naturally, and their contributions helped amplify the concert's message in ways that traditional channels could not. Young people are the future of Rotary. I believe this experience was an opportunity for training and personal growth for the young people themselves. Participating in the organization of an event of this magnitude and managing concrete responsibilities prepared them to become Rotary's future leaders. They learned the importance of collaboration, teamwork, and commitment to a worthy cause.

D9. Noa is an artist who brings with her a strong message of intercultural dialogue. What was the value of having her back in Palermo after the 2014 concert, more than ten years later?

A: Noa's return after more than a decade

Five years after her first concert in Palermo for Rotary, in an era of growing tension and division, she has taken on a value that goes beyond pure musical entertainment. Having her here, at this historic moment, meant rekindling a spotlight on these values, reminding us that art can and must be an instrument of hope. Palermo is, by its very nature, a crossroads of cultures, a city with Arab, Norman, Jewish, and Christian influences in its history. Choosing this stage for a message of intercultural dialogue was certainly not a coincidence, but a symbolic choice. For me, it was like reconnecting with a friend I hadn't seen in a long time, and discovering that, despite everything that has happened and is happening in the world, shared values remain intact and more precious than ever.

Q10. Media coverage also played a role in highlighting the event. How do you assess the impact the press and media had in spreading the message of peace and solidarity beyond local borders?



A: The impact of media coverage on Noa's concert was, in my opinion, fundamental in transforming a local event into a message of national and, potentially, international significance. Without the action of the press and the media, the message of peace and solidarity would have remained confined only to participants. The press, websites, radio stations, bus posters, and billboards acted with great force and determination, telling

the story not only of the concert, but also of the values that inspired it. Articles and television reports described his artistic project "Re-Imagine-Peace" by reporting the artist's words on stage. The media coverage has transformed the evening into a real communications event. Even the Rotary Italia magazine, although it does not have the same broad reach as a national news program, final, it was extremely effective, because reaches people who are already prepared to Supporting social causes and advancing such an important initiative, the words of the Government, creator Sergio Malizia, at the helm, convey the sense of change. In this precise context, the magazine has not limited itself to simply being agents of change.

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global solidarity.

Q11. Looking to the future, what impact do you hope this event will have on District 2110?

A: I hope that Noa's concert leaves lasting traces in the District 2110, making this This event with this extraordinary artist will be a source of inspiration and a model worth replicating. The greatest impact is not just the money raised for RF, but the tangible demonstration of what can be achieved when strength and passion are combined. My hope is that the District will continue to work together on ambitious and sustainable projects, fostering vitality and innovation within Rotary.

D12. As Governed- Finally, what sense of responsibility and personal pride do you bring with you after leading an event that united thousands of people under the banner of music and peace?

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when they are supported from skills, passion- there is no authentic spirit of service.

Vegetables in a place of hope and unity. Rotary, through this concert, demonstrated once again that culture and solidarity can go hand in hand. together, lighting a a beacon that illuminates concrete projects and offers perspective for the future. For one night, Palermo became the capital of peace.

Perhaps, the true legacy of this evening is precisely this: the certainty that

indelible mark.

Selene Grimaudo
Municipality Coordinator-
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Santa Margherita di Belice travel to the places of Gattopardo event to promote sea lion foundation

Santa Margherita di Belice hosted the August district event, "A Journey to the Lands of The Leopard: Culture and Solidarity," within the historic walls of the third courtyard of Palazzo Filangeri Cutò. It was a vibrant evening, where elegance and tradition blended with the spirit of Rotary, under the watchful guidance of Sergio Malizia, Governor of District 2110 Sicily and Malta.

On stage, dancers in 19th-century costumes brought to life the immortal atmosphere of Tomasi di Lampedusa's masterpiece, in an imaginary journey through time that enchanted the audience.

Then, Sasà Salvaggio's lightheartedness and smile filled the court with laughter and applause, in a ripple of emotions that only shared culture can generate.

But the most touching moment of this two-day event is

It happened away from the spotlight, when Governor Malizia spent an afternoon with disabled children and adults, participating in a wheelchair hockey game. Not as a spectator, but as a teammate. Sitting



in a wheelchair, he faced the game in first person, discovering that change of perspective that comes when we really put ourselves in their shoes





of others.

The stars of the sporting event were the Leoni Sicani, an association that has been dedicated to sports for people with disabilities for years, with a special focus on wheelchair hockey. Their name evokes strength and determination, qualities that their members embody with passion and discipline, demonstrating how commitment and perseverance can break down any barrier. The afternoon demonstration represented a moment of authentic inclusion, where disability is not a limitation, but an opportunity for sharing and growth.



At the end of the day, in the third courtyard of Palazzo Filangeri di Cutò, Governor Sergio Malizia presented the association's president, Giuseppe Sanfilippo, with a Rotarian medal "United to Do Good," thanking them for the sporting and human experience they shared together.

In those moments of sport and sharing, a genuine harmony was created, made of smiles, small gestures of mutual support, and the understanding that disability does not define people, but rather opens new avenues to discover their talents and resources. Thus, by breaking down distances and barriers, Rotary demonstrated once again that true strength lies in inclusion.

And while the evening's goal was to raise funds for the Rotary Foundation, the true legacy of this gathering was human: the friendship that strengthened, the respect that grew, the closeness that became tangible. Because culture unites us, but it is solidarity that makes us feel part of the same community.



Presented to Pantelleria the volume of the sea lion "Ancient and modern theatrical monuments in Sicily and Malta"

The precious monograph "Ancient and Modern Theatrical Monuments in Sicily and Malta," published by the Salvatore Sciascia Cultural Foundation and edited by the Rotary Club of Pantelleria, President Enza Pavia, was presented in the Council Chamber of the Municipality of Pantelleria. This is the latest volume in a prestigious series published by Rotary District 2110 as part of a long-standing project that documents the artistic and historical legacy of the Rotary District, narrating the civilizations that developed around the Mediterranean Sea, historic identities, natural beauty, cultural traditions and ancient rituals, museums, castles, monasteries, and much more. **Sergio Malizia, Governor 2025/2026 of District 2110**, he underlined the importance of bringing to life theatres that represent particular historical moments



of ancient and modern civilizations: "places where man stages himself, his own history and his own emotions... they are not just stone monuments, but still living spaces... where art and community

they meet in a continuous dialogue between tradition and innovation." The curator of the monograph, **Rita Cedrini, President of the District "Book of the Year" Commission**, He highlighted how the volume brings together the contributions of the numerous Rotary Clubs of Sicily and Malta regarding theaters, both ancient and modern, large and small, which have left behind architectural structures that preserve knowledge and ancient artisanal skills. Theater is not only a form of entertainment and spectacle, but also a form of polis planning, a dialogic relationship between mind and hand that over time has assumed a social function with a strong educational impact. Pantelleria is also included in the valuable monograph presented to the public. **Thomas Schäfer, Director of-**





The excavations of the Acropolis of Santa Teresa and San Marco, illustrated the large public building that allowed us to further define the political and social status of the ancient city that arose on Pantelleria in the Punic/Roman period. The structure "*it is circular in shape interpretable as a comitium, and that is a sort of municipal council where the college of decurions*

elected officials met to deliberate on island matters." The event concluded with the speech of **Arturo Morettino**, Director and curator of the Morettino Coffee Museum, who explained how the history of the theater is intertwined with the love story of coffee. A narrative of traditions and rituals spread throughout the world, starting from that

Islamic, from Ethiopia to Persia, from the Arabian Peninsula to the Balkans, to Europe and the Americas. Some volumes from previous editions were on display in the room, documenting Rotary's work over the years to serve and enhance the beauty and heritage of Sicily and Malta.



Note, Vini e Tramonto

Isola Lunga, Stagnone di Marsala

Domenica 21 settembre, ore 17.00

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Rotary Club of Alcamo

50 YEARS SINCE THE FOUNDATION

CELEBRATION WITH THE Governor

On August 12, 2025, the Rotary Club of Alcamo had the privilege of combining the visit of District Governor Sergio Malizia with the celebrations for the fiftieth anniversary of the club's founding on August 12, 1975.

Indeed, during that evening, the president of the Rotary Club of Alcamo, Nino Pugliesi, retraced the fifty years since its foundation through photographs and testimonies, such as that of founding member Rocco Cassarà. Indeed, the fifty presidents who have succeeded one another over time were remembered and the great will of the founding members in establishing the club was underlined, already perceiving a spirit of belonging within it. District Governor Sergio Malizia seized upon this important moment by recalling the importance of affiliation with the club and the group of members. Furthermore, he described the characteristics that must animate the members, speaking of con-

Strengthening the Rotary group over time, and not just expanding the club's membership. Specifically, how growth must occur alongside the new generations of Interact and Rotaract members, through cohesive work and active listening. We therefore confirm that the convivial celebrations and visit of our governor were an important moment of unity and confirmation of Rotary friendship.

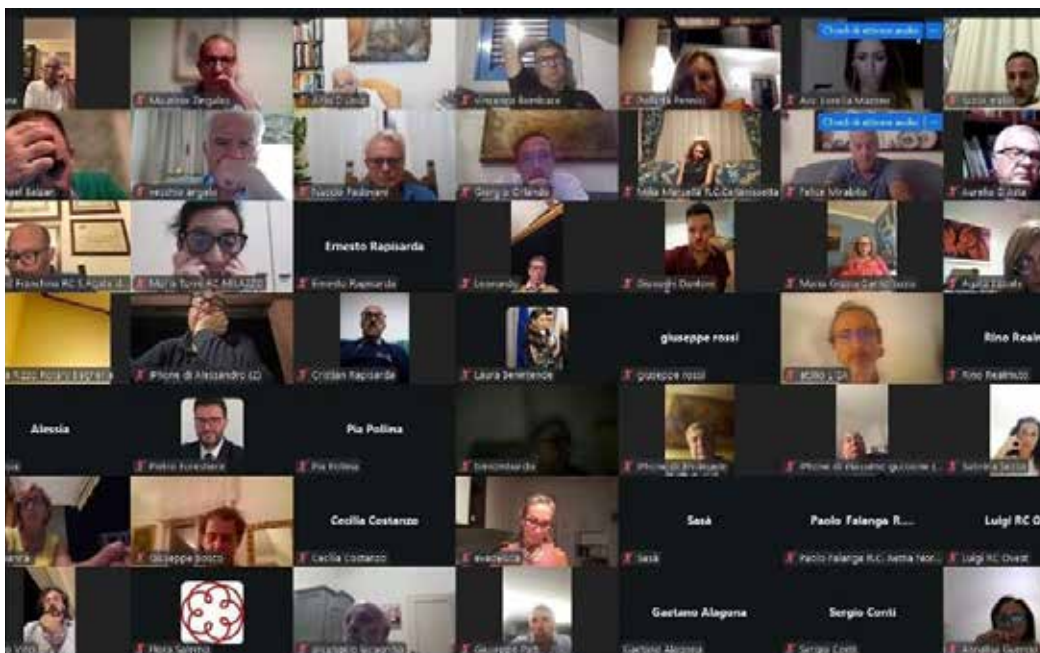
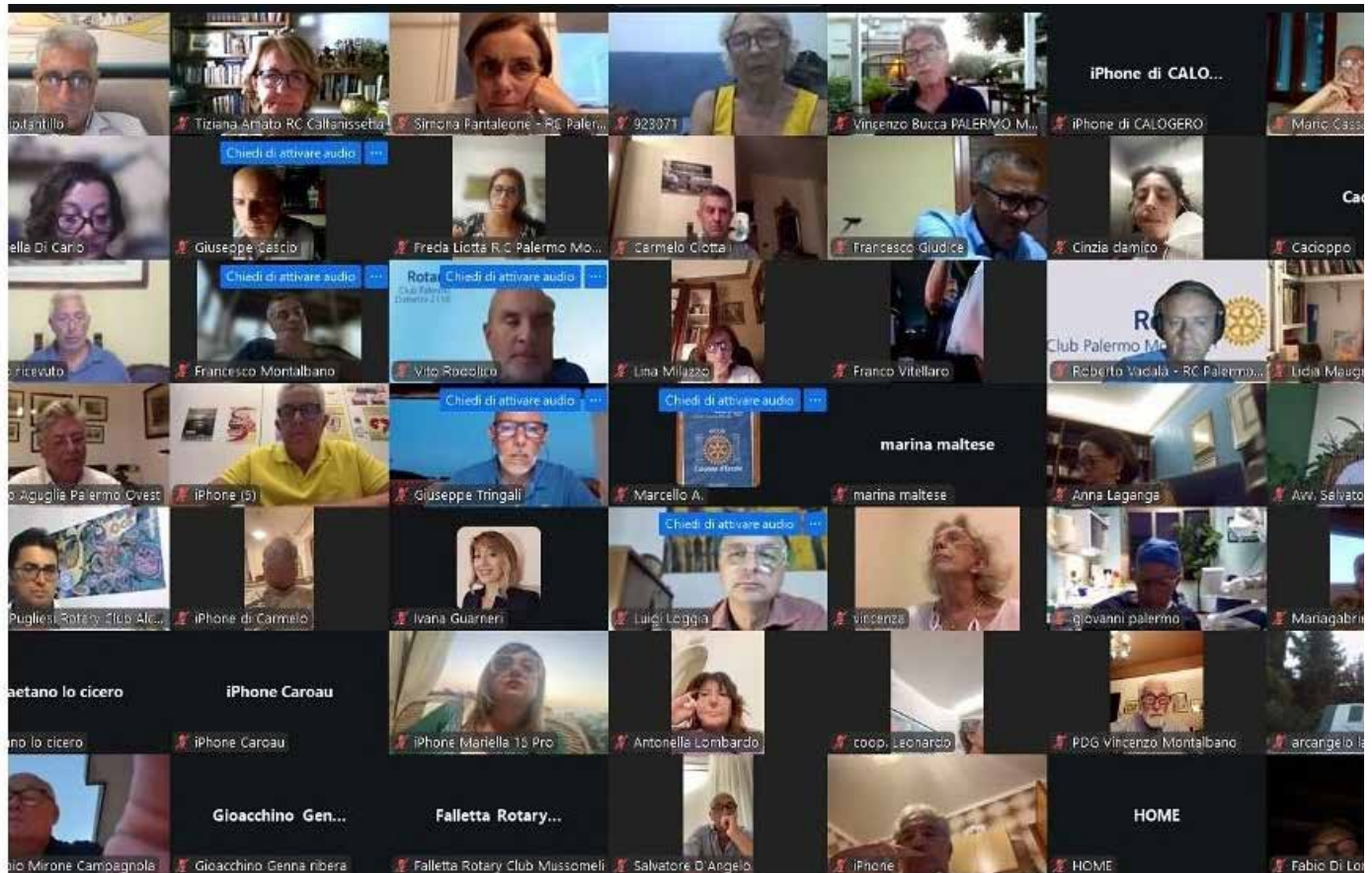


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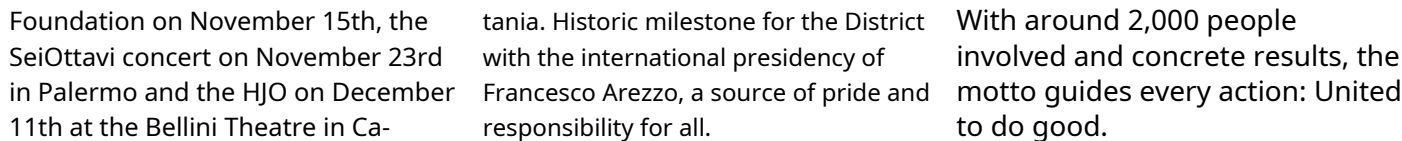
The Governor, during the meetings on September 1st with presidents, assistants and staff, made an initial assessment of the first two months. The presidents of the clubs already visited have

He recounted the experience of the visit, emphasizing the value of discussion and sharing. At the start of this year, three events marked the District: in Noto, with 104 participants;

of 7 clubs raised €1,040 for the Rotary Foundation; the Noa concert with 1,637 attendees from 55 clubs and several Rotaract clubs which allowed a net collection of €23,000; the Palazzo



The Gattopardo of Santa Margherita di Belice, with 238 participants from 34 clubs and €2,380 raised. Total: €26,419 which, combined with the over €23,000 already donated by the clubs, brings in almost €50,000 in just two months. Growing membership also increased with 51 new members. The Governor recalled the decision to forgo all donations in favor of the Pet Therapy project, which was welcomed by all clubs. The next appointments-you: the Rotary Seminar



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Visita of the Governor all'handicamp Of Castelvetrano

The Rotary Club of Castelvetrano welcomed the Governor on the occasion of the 44th edition of Handicamp, our District's longest-running project, a symbol of inclusion, sharing, and service.

On the afternoon of July 6, 2025, the children with disabilities—the absolute protagonists of the camp—enthusiastically participated in a pet therapy activity led by the Pacha Mama Association, supported this year by the Governor and his wife Angela.

An emotionally charged experience that perfectly combined the values of Handicamp with the vision of a caring, welcoming, and inclusive Rotary. Emotions, smiles, and authentic connections: moments that will always be with us.



they remind us of the true meaning of service above self.

United to do good





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This is a significant step toward polio eradication in one of the two countries where the virus is still present, thanks to the tireless work of Rotary International. Pakistan, with its challenging geographic location and severe social crises, is becoming a frontier country, especially in the healthcare field, where preventive medicine is just beginning to emerge among the vast population living in precarious hygienic conditions. It's an ideal breeding ground for serious diseases that affect children and adults for life. Among these diseases, the poliovirus is still resistant, and infections indiscriminately strike small villages and large cities where urbanization...



A lack of infrastructure opens wide avenues for the proliferation of poliovirus in the suburbs that have sprung up on the outskirts of residential neighborhoods. Rotary International has undertaken a series of high-level meetings with the Government

Pakistan to launch the End Polio Now campaign in depth. International President Francesco Arezzo, Rotary Foundation Chairman Holger Knaack, IPCC Chair Mike McGovern, and National Polio Committee Chair





Pakistan's President Aziz Memon met with Pakistani Prime Minister Mian Shehbaz Sharif and senior government officials last month to review polio vaccinations in the Asian country, where resistance to the poliovirus remains at worrying levels. The meeting took place at the National Emergency Operation Center for Polio Eradication.

The President International Francesco Arezzo thanked the Pakistani government and the generous support of its polio partners for providing a thorough update and for continuing to lead the vaccination campaign in Pakistan with determination and compassion. "Together," President Arezzo concluded, "we are not just fighting the virus, but we are fighting for the future, for dignity, and for every child's right to thrive."

WHO Pakistan was pleased to meet with Rotary International leadership to discuss continued support and global collaboration with End Polio Now to protect millions of children in Pakistan and around the world.

During International President Francesco Arezzo's visit, vaccine doses were administered to some children present. The World Health Organization of Pakistan thanked Rotary International for its continued support and for visiting the regional polio reference laboratory accredited by the World Health Organization in Pakistan. This laboratory provides a scientific response to End Polio Now, processing thousands of samples annually for the largest international poliovirus surveillance network.





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Rotary and the Gates Foundation are renewing their longstanding partnership to eradicate polio. At the 2025 Rotary International Convention, they announced their joint commitment to continue supporting the global effort to eradicate polio.

Rotary will continue to raise \$50 million annually, and every dollar raised will be matched 2:1 by the Gates Foundation. Over three years, this renewed agreement will provide up to \$450 million to support the global polio eradication effort.

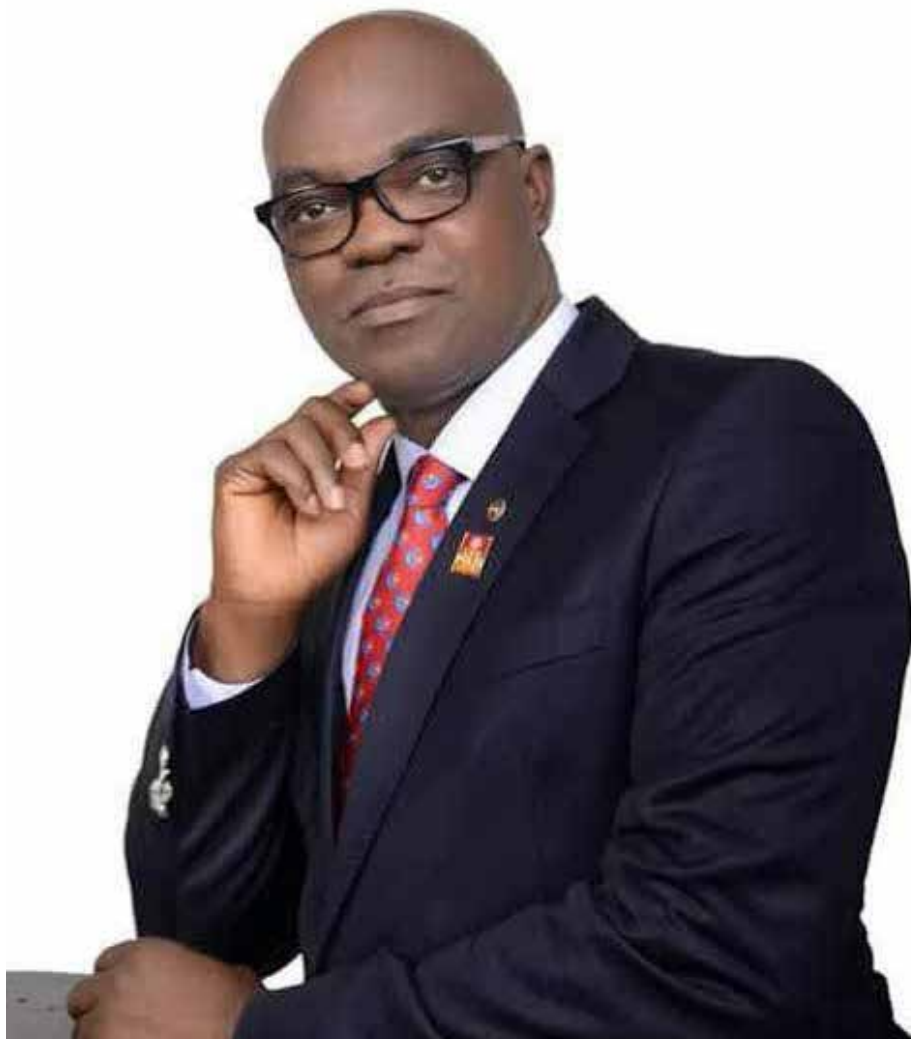
Olayinka Hakeem Babalola Will Be President of the 2026/2027

Olayinka Hakeem Babalola, A member of the Rotary Club of Trans Amadi, Rivers State, Nigeria, has been selected by the Board of Directors to serve as president of Rotary International for 2026-27. He will take office on July 1.

The Board held a special session following the unexpected resignation of RI President-elect Sangkoo Yun on August 11. Guided by the RI Code and Bylaws, the Board selected the new president-elect from a pool of candidates who were considered by the Rotary International Nominating Committee for President in August 2024. Babalola graduated with a degree in engineering in 1988. He worked for 25 years in the oil and gas industry, holding senior positions at Shell PLC and implementing projects on four continents. He is the founder of two companies: Riviera Services Ltd., an oil and gas infrastructure provider, and Lead and Change Consulting, an executive coaching and organizational performance advisory group.

Babalola's professional affiliations include the Nigerian Society of Engineers, the Institute of Safety Professionals, and the Association of Change Management Practitioners. He is a member of the Jericho Business Club, a hometown organization that provides input to governments on economic and social policies. Rotaractor from 1988 to 1994, (2013-present, consultant 2016-

Babalola was part of the Con-



He served as RI Board Member (2018-2020) and vice-president in 2019-2020. He has been a member of the Rotary Club of Trans Amadi since 1994 and was district governor from 2011 to 2012. He has served on various committees, including the End Polio Now Countdown to History Campaign Committee (2017-2023, vice-president 2017-2020) and the Nigeria National PolioPlus Committee.

Today). Babalola is married and has children.

He supports the Rotary Foundation with a named endowment fund and as a member of the Arch Klumph Society. He volunteers as a trustee of ShelterBox UK and as director of the Safe Blood Africa project. He has received the Africa Centennial Heroes Award, the Service for a Polio-Free World Award, and the Service Above Self Award.

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Solidarity Bequests Day

Stefano Clementoni:

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September 13th will be the International Day dedicated to Solidarity Bequests, promoted to understand and spread the culture of bequests.

This is the possibility of leaving a portion of one's assets to a non-profit organization through a will in favor of a social cause or the future of solidarity.

Rotary is among these recipients through the Rotary Foundation Endowment Fund, an area closely linked to support for the Rotary Foundation Italy.

Stefano Clementoni, the national coordinator for Italy, Malta, and San Marino, stated at the last District Assembly in Acicastello that the project has strong roots in Sicily thanks to the tireless commitment of International President Francesco Arezzo, who heads the Rotary Foundation Italy, enabling its implementation. Clementoni reiterated that bequests to philanthropic organizations like the Rotary Foundation Italy offer the opportunity to make personalized donations aligned with one's values and interests.

On September 13th, there will be an online seminar open to all Rotarians on the topic of Legacies, and in particular to the Rotary Foundation.

District 2110 has always demonstrated a strong sensitivity, inspired the decision to stage international One more reason to consider becoming a Major Donor before this special event.

Jennifer Jones.
towards large donations. The late Francesco Finocchiaro of the Rotary Club Catania Nord was the first Rotarian to



receive this prestigious recognition in 1984.

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Major Donors and members of the Bequest Society from all over Italy will be present. The special guest will be the past President. The decision to stage international One more reason to consider becoming a Major Donor before this special event.

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Pet dogs? No, therapy dogs. This is the new solidarity and inclusion campaign that Rotary District 2110 has launched in all clubs in Sicily and Malta to support people, especially children with disabilities, in their fragility. Two associations operating in western and eastern Sicily assist adults and children with disabilities through awareness programs and sensory activities and experiences. With the Amici di Lorenz and Pacha Mama associations, Rotary District 2110 supports these supported interventions to promote well-being, creativity, and authentic connections through pet therapy.



rapy, and a demonstration took place at the cloister of San Francesco in Castelbuono with Pacha Mama starring in "Seeds of Inclusion" with dogs trained to engage in inclusive and sustainable educational workshops and practices. Small gestures and great sensitivity to acquire the sense

I know about space, motion, and perception for those who have perceptual difficulties relating to others. Animals provide support with their extraordinary nature as sentient beings who lack only speech, but are true friends of man. This is how we share experiences and new





forms of aggregation with a renewed relationship of trust. Rotary is the leader of this innovative relationship between dogs and the most disadvantaged people. In favor of

This initiative promoted the distribution of a solidarity postcard as financial support through a voluntary contribution from individual members for the activities

life of the two associations that operate in Sicily with pet therapy for a more attentive, welcoming and aware society.



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Thursday, September 4, 2025	E-Club Pillars of Hercules
Thursday, September 4, 2025	Palermo South
Friday, September 5, 2025	Sciacca
Saturday, September 6, 2025	Menfi "Belice-Carboj"
Saturday, September 6, 2025	Ribera
Saturday, September 6, 2025	Agrigento
Sunday, September 7, 2025	Aragon "Colli Sicani"
Sunday, September 7, 2025	Licata
Thursday, September 11, 2025	Palermo North
Friday, September 12, 2025	Milazzo
Saturday, September 13, 2025	Saint Agatha of Militello
Saturday, September 13, 2025	Capo d'Orlando
Saturday, September 13, 2025	Barcellona Pozzo di Gotto
Thursday, September 18, 2025	Palermo Montepellegrino
Thursday, September 18, 2025	Palermo Teatro del Sole
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INCLUSION AND SOLIDARITY



Sea Lion Club Ogray project "mare, Sport and Health"

In the water without barriers

On Friday, July 25, 2025, the Rotary Club of Agrigento promoted the "Sea, Sport, and Health" project, involving Rotaract and Interact members. The event took place at the Marinella beach in Porto Empedocle and also saw the participation of Karma Sea School, an association that promotes a direct experience.

Three generations were involved and integrated into shared and group activities, freely carried out outdoors and in complete safety.

The aim of the open day, in fact, was, first of all, to promote the value of sport for physical and mental well-being, encouraging healthy lifestyles and a well-being activity.



Third sector workers. "We thank the Rotary, Rotaract, and Interact members who attended this awareness day, and Karma Sea School for collaborating with us on this initiative," said Filippo.

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On July 27, 2025, the traditional summer festival of the “I Girasoli” association was held at the “Lo Sperone” riding school in Alcamo.

For about thirty years, the aforementioned association has been assisting patients with various disabilities, driven by great passion and enthusiasm, resorting to hippotherapy activities. On this occasion of service, about thirty boys performed

a painting workshop and a hippotherapy demonstration. Instead, this year's new feature was a drive in vintage cars along a route on the outskirts of Alcamo, taking the association's young people along for the ride.

The walk was organized by the Rotary Club Alcamo which, in addition to actively participating in the service, made available the vintage cars of its members

Giuseppe Riccobono, Giuseppe De Luca, and Angelo Pugliesi, along with cars from the Castle stables and other enthusiasts who made themselves available for this activity.

The many members present demonstrated their true belief in Rotary's values: inclusion, solidarity, and respect for all diversity.



rsea lionCluBBivoNa theart workshop with a group of young people together withthesaacmaimoN pfirst step towards a more inclusive future

On August 12, the Rotary Club of Bivona launched the first phase of its project for people with disabilities, an initiative aimed at ensuring greater accessibility, opportunity, and participation in community life.

Master Isaac Maimon, an internationally renowned Israeli artist, led a workshop

artistic journey with a group of young people with disabilities, transforming the canvas into a message of peace, beauty, and inclusion. A creative and shared experience, in which art becomes a universal language, capable of breaking down barriers and creating authentic connections between people.

Thanks to teamwork,



Through collaboration with local authorities and the support of our members, we are transforming ideas into concrete actions. This is just the beginning: every step we take is a step towards a barrier-free society.



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“UNiti to do Good”

Campobello di Licata hosted the 4th Campobello City Running Trophy, the sixth stage of the Agrigento Provincial Grand Prix. The event, organized by ASD Campobello Corre with the support of the Municipality, saw the participation of approximately 300 athletes, including very young children aged 5 to 10.

The collaboration of the Rotary Club of Licata, chaired by Carmelo Ciotta, was invaluable and awarded the “Rotary Trophy” “United to do good” for the largest teams, both in the competitive and non-competitive sections. This initiative reaffirms the Rotary values of civic engagement, solidarity, and promoting the common good through sport.

"The running trophy is a moment of aggregation and sharing, uniting professionals and amateurs in a healthy and fun spirit," said President Ciotta.

"Rotary, always attentive to the local community, also wanted to be present with a concrete sign of participation."

A minute of silence was observed to remember the Via D'Amelio massacre and Judge Paolo Borsellino. The day continued with a performance by young acrobatic athletes and heats for the youngest athletes, including twins Angelo and Marta Picone, just six years old.

Among those present was also the famous ultramarathon runner Giorgio Calcaterra, three times champion of the

world 100 km road race. Flavio Licata (Atletica Licata) won the men's race, while Luana Russo (Sicacchia Running) took the women's title. Thirty-four Sicilian teams participated, including Sicacchia Running, GS Valle dei Templi, Walkers Runners Canicattì, Passione Corsa Ribera, and Favara Runners. The city course was 6.5 km long.



The Rotary Club of Licata promotes an exhibition on Caravaggio

On August 23, 24, and 25, in Campobello di Licata, at Palazzo Bella, the Rotary Club of Licata organized a painting exhibition of Caravaggio's works reproduced by the painter Angelo Avanzato, originally from Campobello but resident in Avola. The artist exhibited 30 works of great craftsmanship, copying faithfully,

delicately and masterfully, the great Caravaggio. The inauguration on Saturday 23 August was opened by Carmelo Ciotta, President of the RC of Licata, with speeches by Fausto Assennato, Prefect of the Rotary District 2110 Sicily Malta, and the artist Angelo Avanzato. The exhibition was dedicated to the friend Carmelo Rizzo, of whom



His wife Elga Cigna and his son Giacomo were present. During the three days of the exhibition, there was a large and interested attendance of visitors, including those from outside the host city, who appreciated the works and highlighted the artist's excellent qualities. Representing the Rotary Club of Licata, in addition to the President, were members Antonio Vinciguerra, Rosaria Greco and Anna Dainotto.



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Rfood welcome

for the most needy families

The food, personal hygiene, and household product collection organized by the Rotary Club of Marsala in collaboration with the Interact Club, as part of the SPES Project, was a great success. The initiative, which involved volunteers working at two supermarkets in the city, collected numerous essential items for families in need in the area.

The collected products were distributed thanks to a solidarity network involving various groups in the Marsala area: the families of the Sappusi district, through the parish priest Don Artaserse; the Salesian community; and the families supported by the Parish of San Matteo. Furthermore, through ANFFAS, targeted support was offered to two families, with a particular focus on thanksgiving to the association for the commitment lent in the transport of everything that was donated.



"Seeing the spontaneous generosity of the citizens of Marsala fills us with pride," says the President of the Rotary Club of Marsala, Antonio Giovanni De Vita. "The SPES Project represents one of our most heartfelt commitments to the community. Collaboration with local ecclesiastical and association organizations allows us to reach those in real need, creating a

concrete and effective solidarity network."

Marsala Interact Club President Federico Canova emphasizes the importance of youth involvement: "For us young Interact members, it's essential to be an active participant in these projects. Collaborating with Rotary teaches us the values of solidarity and service to others. Seeing the gratitude of the families we support motivates us to continue on this path."

"The collaborative work between Rotary's different generations is the key to the success of initiatives like this," adds Youth Committee Chair Daniele Pizzo. "Projects involving Interact allow our young people to develop a culture of volunteerism and service. The SPES Project is a perfect example of how intergenerational collaboration can multiply the positive impact on the local community."



Palermo Monreale Rotary Club Adopted the Casa del Sorriso UA day at the sea painted in blue with the little friends of the Casa del Sorriso

The Palermo Monreale Rotary Club has adopted the "Casa del sorriso di Monreale" residential community for several years. This non-profit organization was founded in 1968 by Capuchin Fathers Gabriele Russo, Clemente Giadone, and Francesco Paolo Biondolillo. It is a family-based, community-based residential facility where children live with a team of professional staff (educators and social workers) who perform their educational function as part of their job. The young guests, sometimes with their mothers, are hosted because they need to be separated from their families for short or long periods for various reasons:



problems of social maladjustment, school failure, com-deviant behavior, lack of previous support groups. port.

Over the years, RC Palermo Monreale, together with the youth of Rotaract, has carried out numerous activities for minors to alleviate their particular situation. This includes not only entertainment activities during the Christmas, Carnival, Easter, and other holidays, but also engaging children in educational, training, and sports projects that span two of Rotary's seven areas of intervention: Protecting Mothers and Children and Protecting the Environment.

While babies and their mothers are provided with a safe, comfortable place and all the care they need, they risk losing daily contact with people other than the attentive staff who care for them. This significant aspect is at the heart of the service project that RC Palermo Monreale has been implementing for several years. A project that has

its various purposes, the primary one being to alleviate the traumas of the "Let's bring a smile to the House of Smiles" is the project's motto. On August 11th, the Palermo Monreale Rotary Club, despite the scorching heat, did not forget the young friends of the "House of Smiles," continuing its consistent and effective Rotary work in a complex context, that of a residential community for minors.

In the splendid blue sea of the Circolo Trinacria, which generously offered its hospitality, the children spent a delightful day, having fun with the many members and the young Rotaract members. They were welcomed by President Simona Pantaleone, her husband Beppe, and members Giulia, Gina, Piero, Aldo, Vito, along with Francesca, Giovanna, and Serafina. An event that the little ones were waiting for to relive the emotion, already experienced last year, of using the paddles to navigate with the small canoe, or going sailing accompanied by the

young Rotaract members who always manage to involve Instructive. Thanks, therefore, also to Ciccio (President), Caterina, Alessandro and Roberta Di Salvo, Giorgio.

In addition to the sports activity, the children were involved in environmental awareness activities, focusing on the importance of protecting the environment from excessive plastic waste, which is being dumped, even in the sea. They were taught how small, virtuous gestures can improve the conditions we live in.

This way they were able to replace their plastic bottles filled with water with small flasks which they immediately attached to their backpacks.

Overall we can I can say that this is a project that brings dignity and hope, not only to children but to all Rotarians who work hard every day.

The project will continue with other initiatives, already planned, as a testament to the Club's commitment.



Rsea lionCluBMilazzo

Sfashion yarn to support a social tailoring shop

The Peloritani area's Midsummer Interclub took place in the charming Eolian Hotel in Milazzo, organized by the Rotary Club of Milazzo with the participation of the clubs of Barcellona, Messina, Messina Peloro, Messina Stretto, Patti, Taormina, and Valle del Mela. The event hosted the Kanò social tailoring shop of Faburama and Marica, which presented their extraordinary project of art, fashion, culture, and

ethics.

In the evening's presentation, enriched by the presence of journalist and host Giovanni Remigare, Club President Maria Torre highlighted how the Kano' tailoring project gives meaning and value to the theme of inclusion and how love (the translation of Kano' in Italian) is the driving force and meaning of their work.



The fashion show featuring clothes and accessories produced by the same tailoring company, featuring members and their families (wives/husbands and children) of the club as models, was highly appreciated.



Present as guests of the club were PDG Giuseppe Pitari and PDG Alfio Di Costa (both honorary members of the Club), the Governor-elect for the Rotary year 26/27 Lina Ricciardello and the governor's assistant Felice De Luca.

Also present were several past presidents of some Sicilian clubs and a couple of members of a German Rotary Club, Mr. and Mrs. Lammers.

During the evening, the PHF was awarded to member Rosa Cancemi, wife of the late Dean of the Club Lucio Castellaneta, and the young Sofia Puliafito continued with the affiliation to Interact.

At the end of the evening, two items created by the tailoring shop were raffled off, and the proceeds from the lottery went towards the creation of a sewing school in Gambia.



rsea lionCluB palarmtheiBertà UA Day of Solidarity

As part of the Rotary Club Palermo Libertà's service initiatives, "Wednesday Solidarity" was held again on Wednesday, July 2nd. This well-established project aims to provide food support, a listening ear, and dignity to people experiencing serious hardship in Palermo's historic center. In keeping with this year's Rotary theme—"United to Do Good"—our Club actively participated in the organization and distribution, once again confirming its commitment to the community through collaboration with local authorities, sponsors, and other Rotary Clubs. The initiative, carried out in collaboration with the Associazione Rotariana Francesca Morvillo ONLUS, GROC – Umanità in Movimento, and with the involvement of the Rotary Clubs of Palermo Baia dei Fenici, Palermo Est, and Palermo Piana degli Albanesi, included the distribution of food, beverages, and 40 panelle sandwiches, donated by Nino U' Ballerino, along with other comfort items and basic necessities. Two routes were covered: the sea side and the mountain side, both in the historic city center, to reach a greater number of homeless people, the homeless, and families in need. The Rotary Club Palermo Libertà in the field: Sea Side: members Alfredo and Calogero Mountain Side: member Eugenio, supported by volunteers from other clubs Other members collaborated in the packaging and preparation of meals Our Club firmly believes

We believe that solidarity is not expressed merely with words, but through concrete actions, carried out with dedication and a spirit of service. "United to do good" is a guiding principle for us that will continue to guide all our actions, both inside and outside Rotary.



Rotary Club of Palermo Ovest

Together with Rotary Club of Palermo Mediterranea

Ronda Clochard also in August

The Rotary Club of Palermo Ovest knows no pauses, not even in the summer months. On Wednesday, August 13th, together with the Rotary Club of Palermo Mediterranea, it took part in the Ronda Clochard seaside walk, an event that has long been a concrete sign of support and solidarity towards those living in vulnerable conditions.

The now well-established and eagerly awaited initiative is renewed every second Wednesday of the month and is based on a constant commitment that unites members not only in the distribution of meals, but also in the preparation phase, from purchasing raw materials to organizing logistics. This quiet and generous work demonstrates the power of Rotary service, capable of transforming



sea of simple gestures in moments of great human value. The Ronda Clochard is not alone

An act of material solidarity, but an experience that highlights the true meaning of being a Rotarian: meeting others' gazes, recognizing their needs, sharing time and attention. In a context often marked by indifference, this activity restores dignity and human warmth, building a bridge of humanity between those who give and those who receive.

The Rotary Club of Palermo Ovest, alongside the Rotary Club of Palermo Mediterranea, thus renews its mission: to serve the community with concrete actions, build bonds of solidarity, and maintain a focus on the most vulnerable, even when daily routines seem suspended.

A small gesture that becomes a testimony of continuity, loyalty to Rotary values, and the ability to make a difference, anytime, anywhere.



A Sea for All

At the sea for everyone with the kids and families of the Italian Syndrome of Williams

This year, too, on July 26, 2025, the port of Castellammare del Golfo hosted "A Sea for All," a day dedicated to sailing and social inclusion promoted by the Rotary Club Palermo Ovest in collaboration with the Castellammare chapter of the Italian Naval League. The Rotary Club of Alcamo, the local reference club, was invited to the event, with President Nino Pugliesi, Past President Claudia Ingrao, and other members in attendance. The protagonists were the children and families of the Italian Williams Syndrome Association, who enjoyed an experience on the open sea, combining sailing, meeting, and sharing. The project was born last year from an idea of the member Bruno Mirrione, and was renewed under the presidency of Giuseppe Cascio,

Proving to be a heartfelt event, built around listening and connection. Activities began in the morning, with sailing trips accompanied by expert skippers and volunteers from the Lega Navale (Naval League) and members of the two clubs, Palermo Ovest and Alcamo. The youth actively participated, respecting each other's time and abilities.

More than an event, it was a simple day, without rhetoric, where the value of encounters emerged. Parents, staff, members, and volunteers shared spaces and perspectives, bridging the gap between worlds that too often remain separate. A concrete gesture of care, which gave everyone—even if only for a few hours—the chance to feel a sense of belonging.



The sea, with its calm and silence, did the rest. And at the end of the day, returning to land was more than just a homecoming: a small passage to remember.



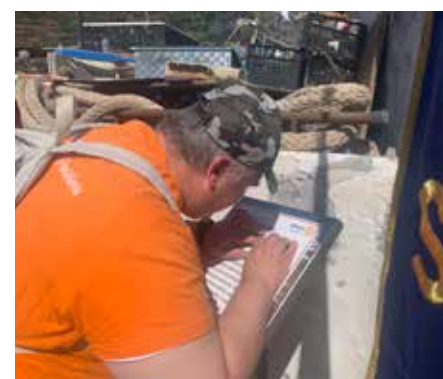
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The project has restarted in Cala Gadir: **"Pantelleria... me too"** With the renewal of the memorandum of understanding and delivery of the Tiralò, which will be managed on loan for use with the Pantelleria Red Cross Committee and the Eddy Famularo Diving Center. The "Tiralò" is a special wheelchair with floating wheels and armrests that allows people with disabilities or mobility limitations to reach the seashore comfortably and safely. As explained by Enza Pavia, president of the Rotary Club of Pantelleria, the project, now in its 10th edition, this year also includes a "Water Sports Operator for Disabilities" course, with the issuance of regular certificates, thanks to the collaboration with the Pantelleria Committee of the Italian Red Cross, chaired by Mariano Rodo. The development of the project could also represent a job opportunity for our young people, who, in addition to volunteer work, can acquire paid professional experience.. Ten years ago, the first baptism of water was done by Tony, one of the differently-abled boys.

able-bodied people who attend the activities promoted by the "L'Albero Azzurro" Association. This year, Luisa participated, and thoroughly enjoyed diving into the cool waters of the bay. To use this service, simply call Eddy Famularo at 331 051878 or Mariano Rodo at 338 7211501. At the same time, as part of the service continuity, another phase of the project was completed, which involves the installation of plaques, including those written in Braille, at the most significant cultural sites.



of the island. After the Medieval Castle and the Sese Grande, The project continued with the plaque dedicated to the beautiful Cala Gadir and its archaeological itinerary. The text, as with all the plaques,



ghe, was written by Roberto La Rocca, Executive Officer - Sicilian Region - Superintendency of Cultural Heritage and the Sea. The plaque was unveiled by Giacomo Policardo, a young blind man from Pantelleria, who smilingly declared: *"Today's is a truly great initiative.-he said -because those who cannot see with their eyes can do so with their hands and understand where they are by reading al-*

Some information. Really welcome to Cala Gadir.." Members of Rotary and the Red Cross were present at the event, welcoming the young people from the "L'Albero Azzurro" Association, which works on the island for people with disabilities. Mariano Rodo emphasized the importance of volunteering in serving the community, a commitment of both hands and mind, understood as the ability to sense the needs of those around us and act accordingly, giving life to the motto of the Italian Red Cross. **"Anywhere for anyone"** and in conjunction with this year's Rotary motto **"United to do good"**.



Francia Morvillo **Association** **commitment, Solidarity and legality**

The Francesca Morvillo Rotarian Association was founded in Palermo to translate into concrete action the values of justice and legality embodied by juvenile judge Francesca Morvillo, a victim of the 1992 massacres. Founded by Rotary members as "Progetto Artigianato," it is inspired by the Rotary spirit of service, aiming to respond flexibly to local needs. In 2014, it adopted its current name, strengthening its ties with Rotary International and the Panormus area clubs, which have always supported its activities. Over time, the association has consolidated a solid network of collaborations with public bodies, voluntary organizations, and citizens, becoming a point of reference for those experiencing hardship. Its work focuses on improving the quality of life by promoting a more equitable and supportive society. Activities range from social support to inclusion programs for vulnerable groups, education, training, and the promotion of a culture of legality. Since 2015, it has run a clothing distribution service for the needy, while hot meals and toilets are offered directly on the street through a medical camper, with the contribution of five groups of Rotarian volunteers.

The Association operates in various areas: social emergency and poverty, protection of young people and minors, health promotion, support for the homeless, culture

and legality. Among the active projects: Casa Clochard, On the Street for the Disadvantaged, Mobile Medical Camper, Hygiene First, and Directing the Disadvantaged, to promote social reintegration. The organizational structure is clear and functional. President Giancarlo Grassi leads the Association, supported by a Board of Directors, working committees for each area of intervention, and an Operations Secretariat that manages the administrative side and day-to-day coordination. Everyone works together to ensure efficiency, transparency, and social impact. The beating heart of the Association is its people. Rotarian members have believed in the project since its inception, providing expertise and resources. Volunteers from diverse backgrounds represent the concrete face of solidarity: with passion, energy, and dedication, they offer their time and help, actively participating in all activities, particularly the distribution of meals and mobile services.



Among the main programs implemented are: Progetto Artigianato, which gave rise to the project; Banco Alimentare, for the distribution of food; Casa Clochard, for the homeless; Insegnare i disgiusti, which offers reintegration programs; Facciamo squadra insieme, aimed at strengthening the social fabric. Each project is the result of careful planning, geared towards positive impact and inclusive growth in the local area.

Through the active memory of Francesca Morvillo, the association continues to promote values of justice, dignity, and civic participation, with concrete and shared action, always at the service of the community.



Ribera Lions Club Torneo "Basket & Fun" In memory of Angelo Di Stefano

The "Basket & Fun" basketball tournament, in memory of Angelo Di Stefano, was held on July 30th at the Campetti di Seccagrande, organized by the Ribera Rotary Club. The event saw the participation of 12 teams and 60 players, including several members of the Ribera Knights team, whose presence added a touch of professionalism and passion to the tournament. Exciting matches and spectacular plays were witnessed. The competition was characterized by a joyful and sporting atmosphere, with the players giving their all to win. Registration fees, along with sponsor contributions, will be donated to the Rotary Foundation, which will use these funds to support local and international charitable projects and initiatives. The event was a success, thanks in part to the impeccable organization and the participation of numerous sponsors who believed in the project. The tournament was also an opportunity to remember Angelo Di Stefano, whose memory has been

honored through this sporting event.

The winners of the tournament were the players of the GERO team, who received the trophy and the glory of having won the "Basketball & Fun" tournament. The event was a success and it is hoped that it will become a tradition to promote sports and solidarity among young people.



Rsea lionCluBSalemi pproject "Slet Beauty blossom" a'SENSORY EXPERIENCE

The Rotary Club of Salemi organized the "Calici al Buio" evening, a sensory event to raise awareness among the community about the importance of accessibility and inclusion for people with visual impairments. The initiative is part of the "Sfiorare la bellezza" (Touching Beauty) project, launched by the Club in the 2023-2024 Rotary year and continuing into the current fiscal year.

The project aims to make the area's cultural heritage accessible to the blind and visually impaired through the installation of Braille plaques at major monuments. The first plaque has already been placed at Salemi Castle;

new installations will follow in other places of historical and artistic importance.

During "Calici al Buio," participants enjoyed a sensorial tasting of local wines, an experience in which their sense of sight was symbolically "switched off." It was a way to reflect, with lightheartedness and awareness, on the daily reality of those with visual impairment. An evening that combined conviviality and attention to the theme, reiterating the message: beauty should be accessible to everyone, without barriers. A portion of the evening's proceeds will be donated to support the project, contributing to the



The event also included the Rotary District Assistant Governor and a representative of the Trapani Provincial Section of the Italian Union of the Blind and Visually Impaired, demonstrating the direct involvement of organizations working in the field of visual impairment.

With this initiative, the Rotary Club of Salemi confirms its commitment to a more inclusive community, in line with the Rotary motto "United to do good," through concrete actions to raise awareness and enhance its heritage.





**COSTRUZIONE DELLA PACE
E PREVENZIONE DEI CONFLITTI**

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of brotherhood and dialogue between peoples

On August 8, 2025, a solemn yet deeply meaningful ceremony took place in the heart of Cefalù's institutional life. At the main entrance to the Town Hall, the Stele of Peace was unveiled, a universal symbol of brotherhood and a concrete sign of Rotary International's commitment to promoting peace around the world.

In the presence of civil authorities and Rotary representatives, Mayor Prof. Daniele Tumminello, Councilor Architect Tania Culotta (also a member of the Rotary Club Cefalù Madonie), Club President Attorney Giuseppe Patti, and Past President Dr. Luigi Calò attended the ceremony along with numerous managers and members.

The tile, which now welcomes citizens and visitors at the entrance to the Town Hall, is not merely a decorative element: it represents a clear message of collective commitment to mutual understanding, cooperation, and dialogue between peoples.

"Peace is not an abstract concept, but a path that must be built day by day with concrete actions," Rotary representatives emphasized during the inauguration. With this initiative, the Rotary Club of Cefalù Madonie reaffirms its commitment to promoting universal values and supporting projects capable of generating solidarity and harmonious development in both local and international communities.



The event transformed the stele into a symbolic landmark for the city, an invitation

constant reminder that the future is built only through peace, dialogue and sharing.



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On the morning of July 23, the 72nd Peace Stele of the district project promoted by District 2110 Sicily and Malta of Rotary International was inaugurated on the Mazzini seafront in Mazara del Vallo.

A work donated to the city by the Rotary Club of Mazara del Vallo, created by artist and Rotarian Sabrina Russo, and placed in the flowerbed of Villa Garibaldi as a permanent gesture of education for peace and the common good.

Mayor Salvatore Quinci opened the well-attended and heartfelt ceremony, emphasizing the importance of the long-standing collaboration between the city administration and the Rotary Club, which he described as "the protector of many commendable initiatives that have contributed to the civic and cultural growth of our community for years."



Giuseppe Sinacori, former assistant of the Governor Giuseppe Pitari, mind from greetings of the former Gov- The presidents of the Rotary Club of Mazara del Vallo then spoke: Gaspare Ingargiola, concluding his 2024-2025 presidency, and Calogero Giorgi, president for 2025-2026. Both deeply connected to the significance of the project and convinced that this stele is not just a symbol, but a commitment engraved in the city.

Giuseppe Ferro, Assistant to the Governor-designate for 2025-26, also brought his greetings, expressing his full support for an initiative consistent with the universal values of dialogue, beauty, and responsibility inherent in the Rotary ethic.

Also present representing the District was Antonio Fundarò, coordinator of the District Task Force "Steles of Peace",

who recalled how this project, thought out and strongly desired- PDG Giuseppe Pitari, I descend one of It should not be a collection of monuments, but a true civic, cultural, and educational journey that passes through schools, squares, gardens, and territories, speaking with the silent strength of stone and matter: "This stele," he said, "is the sign of a choice: that of sowing hope and preserving memory. It is a daily invitation to choose which side you are on." Artist Sabrina Russo gave a profound and touching speech, sharing the profound meaning of her work: a triptych entitled "Collateral Victims," created to be observed but above all experienced. "Art," he declared, "is a universal language that generates awareness. A public work is not just aesthetics, but conscience that becomes form". On the sidelines of the ceremony, Past Governor Vincenzo Montalbano Caracci, although not speaking officially, expressed, with his usual courtesy, his com-

appreciation for the quality and significance of the initiative, recognizing the most examples bringing the heights of transformative Rotary action.

The participation was large and qualified: representatives of the Police Forces were present – Carabinieri, Guardia di Finanza, State Police, Coast Guard – in addition to the Italian Red Cross and representatives of the armed forces associations. Guests included Freda Liotta, president of the Rotary Club Palermo Montepellegrino, and many members of the Rotary Club of Mazara del Vallo, demonstrating an active, cohesive association capable of becoming an educational community. The 72nd Stele of Peace is now part of the urban landscape of Mazara del Vallo. But above all, it has entered the moral landscape of the city: a silent yet powerful invitation to choose peace every day as a value, a responsibility, and a shared path.



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A peace march, led by the RC Passport Mediterranée District 2110, with the Etna area clubs Catania Bellini, Valverde, Randazzo, Giarre, Catania Etna Centenario, Paternò, Catania Europa Etica e Legalità, Aci Castello, marched to the Stele of Peace of the Mediterranean, a work of art created last year, thanks to a Rotary project.

At the foot of the monument, each club expressed its thoughts on Peace by demonstrating projects, reading poems, citing painful news stories, believing that Peace is an achievable good.

Rotary District 2110's "Stele di Pace" project for the 2024-2025 Rotary year, led by District Governor Giuseppe Pitari, aimed to promote peace through tangible initiatives: monuments and installations such as steles, poles, murals, and community gardens. These installations are intended to symbolize and encourage peace, leaving lasting impressions. Thus, the "Stele di Pace nel Mediterraneo" monument, made of lava stone and the work of sculptor Nicola dell'Erba, a member of the RC Passport Mediterranée, was inaugurated in November 2024 to commemorate Rotary District 2110's fundamental mission: the promotion of peace and harmony in communities through art, culture, and social commitment, as noted by Antonio Fundarò, coordinator of District 2110's 2024-25 "Stele di Pace" task force.



The stele was placed inside the Etna Park, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, among the birch trees of the Monti Sartorius trail. Here, the clubs gathered with the peace march to symbolize their positive intentions and will, but unfortunately—just

A few days after the initiative, the monument suffered a serious act of vandalism that saddened everyone and for which the Rotary Club Passport Mediterranée is seeking an effective solution to restore its original appearance.



RC Valverde Terra dei Ciclopes UNA Scanvases of Peace In the subway station of Catania

The Rotary Club of Valverde Terra dei Ciclopi closes out the 2024-2025 Rotary year with the unveiling of the "Stems of Peace" mural at the MILO station on the Catania metro. The mural, sponsored by the Rotary Club of Valverde Terra dei Ciclopi in collaboration with the Circumetnea railway, is located at a key hub in the city: the Milo station, frequented daily by thousands of students commuting to the University Campus.

The work was created by Chiara Cacciato, a young high school student with a strong passion for art, who transformed a city wall into a space for reflection and hope.

The inauguration ceremony was attended by the Governor of District 2110 Giuseppe Pitari, the Rector of the University of Catania Prof. Francesco Priolo,

and Engineer Francesco Contino, representing the FCE, Dr. Olga La Camera, President of the RC, numerous members and citizens who attended the occasion.

"This is not just an urban decoration-Governor Pitari declared -But a true Peace Stele, the District's seventieth, transforming space into a message. Symbols are important, so leaving a symbol in our cities that reminds each of us that the commitment to peace is a duty of every citizen is certainly a commendable action because it endures over time."

"In a truly complex and difficult geopolitical framework-says Prof. Francesco Priolo, Rector of the University of Catania -Being able to continue to give strong messages of peace is fundamental. The Rotary Club Valverde Terra dei Ciclopi with this beautiful mural gives



a message of peace to thousands of girls and boys who come to study at the University Campus".

"We have always welcomed Rotary's initiatives-said engineer Francesco Contino, representing the FCE -because they are an example of daily commitment to the diffusion of culture and in this case of the value of peace".

President Olga La Camera recalled the value of kindness as an educational and civil lever: *"We wanted the voice of art to speak to young people, because it is from them that a new culture can be born. And this dove, offering a flower, is our wish for their future."*





**PREVENZIONE E
CURA DELLE MALATTIE**

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Even at the seaside and on the beaches

In Triscina, during the afternoon of August 22nd at the Aloha beach and during the morning of August 23rd at the Mokambo beach, two informative-training meetings were held on first aid procedures and the correct use of the AED (automatic external defibrillator), organised by the Rotary Club Castelvetroano Valle del Belice, aimed at

to raise awareness of the importance of prompt rescue in emergencies, including at sea and on beaches. The instructors of the district BLSD commission, PDG Goffredo Vaccaro, Antonella Lombardo – President of the Rotary Club Castelvetroano Valle del Belice – , Francesco Cirrincione, Pierluigi Varia, Giovanna Palma, Giu-



Sepe Angileri and Angela Calcara explained to beachgoers the procedures needed to respond to airway obstruction, drowning, and cardiac arrest, requiring the use of an AED while waiting for paramedics to arrive.

We all know how important it is to know these techniques which, if necessary, can even save a human life.

This initiative was enthusiastically welcomed by beach resort managers, who also believe it's useful to know first aid techniques on the beach, where the risk of encountering dangerous situations is greater. The many attendees also participated with great enthusiasm, challenging themselves and practicing, under the careful guidance of the BLS instructors, both on the mannequins and on each other, demonstrating that knowing first aid techniques is crucial.

These meetings are part of the broader "cardioprotected coast" project of the Rotary Club Castelvetro Valle del Belice, which implements the International President's motto "United to do good," ensuring that our area is equipped with AEDs and personnel knowledgeable in first aid techniques.

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Castelvetro Valle del Belice

SALVA UNA VITA: IMPARA IL BLSD



Impara le manovre di primo soccorso e il corretto utilizzo del DAE (defibrillatore automatico esterno)
Anche tu puoi fare la differenza in una situazione di emergenza!

Durante l'incontro potrai:

- Scoprire come riconoscere un arresto cardiaco
- Vedere come si esegue un massaggio cardiaco
- Usare un DAE "Defibrillatore automatico esterno"
- Assistere alle manovre di disostruzione delle vie aeree.
- Partecipare ad una Simulazione di Rianimazione Cardio Polmonare

Istruttori della commissione BLSD del Distretto 2110 Sicilia e Malta:
Goffredo Vaccaro, Antonella Lombardo Presidente
Rotary Club Castelvetro, Francesco Cirrincione,
Pierluigi Varia, Giovanna Palma, Giuseppe Angileri
e Angela Calcara.



Lido Aloha - Triscina
venerdì 22 agosto ore 17:30.

Lido Mokambo - Triscina
sabato 23 agosto ore 10:30.



Sea Lion Club Pachino

"Let's save our skin"

Campaign with the Rotary oncologists

"Let's save our skin" is the slogan launched by the President of the Rotary Club of Pachino, Gaetano Alagona, for the awareness campaign for the prevention of skin cancer. The campaign was launched thanks to club members and the collaboration of Rotary oncologists, members of the Pachino area.

The first service activity organized by the Rotary Club of Pachino for the Rotary year just begun took place on Saturday, July 19, 2025, in Marzamemi. The event focused on preventing skin cancer, especially during the summer, when the skin is exposed to the sun more than any other time of year.

The activity took place at Lido Hamama, in the Spinazza area of Marzamemi, a small seaside village that hosts many tourists every summer.

The service activity primarily involved medical members of the Pachino RC, who dedicated the day to providing service for the prevention and protection of the local community's health, along with volunteers from the "Promuovere" Onlus Association and doctors from the Oncology Unit – Syracuse Health Authority. The initiative is the result of a synergy between the service club operating in southeastern Sicily, the association, and hospital doctors, with the single goal of promoting and protecting citizens' health, even in the height of summer.

The Pachino Hospital would like to extend a special thanks to Dr. Paolo Tralongo, director of the Oncology Unit at the Syracuse ASP Hospital and incoming president of the Siracusa Monti Climiti Hospital, and to oncologist Dr. Fabrizio Romano, current president of the Augusta Hospital. The service day successfully attracted swimmers, vacationers, and the merely curious, who flocked to the club's designated area.

Furthermore, doctors and volunteers also carried out awareness-raising activities within the Lido,

between the stands and umbrellas, explaining to tourists and vacationers the negative effects of careless sun exposure on our skin. The advice was directed especially at younger people who are unfamiliar with the rules of proper and gradual sun exposure and are not particularly accustomed to the consistent use of sunscreens that can filter the rays and prevent the onset of skin cancer, which has become increasingly common in recent years.



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The Rotary Club Palermo Libertà, represented by President Mariagabriella Licari, enthusiastically participated on July 12th in the initiative promoted by the Committee against Poverty – Palermo ODV, as part of the "Ambulatorio Solidale Diffuso" project, offers free blood pressure and blood sugar checks to citizens.

Special thanks to Dr. Cinzia Leonardi, a club member and active volunteer, and the creator of the screening program conducted within the Disease Treatment and Prevention program, one of Rotary International's areas of action.

A group of club members were also present, who, with a spirit of service, supported the activities, contributing to the success of the initiative.

United to do good, for a healthier, more aware, and more supportive community.





COMITATO CONTRO LA POVERTÀ

Giorno 12 luglio dalle 18:00 alle 20.00 il comitato contro la povertà nell'ambito del progetto di **AMBULATORIO SOLIDALE DIFFUSO** darà la possibilità ai cittadini di fare un controllo della pressione e della glicemia gratuito.

Presso il Sagrato della chiesa Maria Santissima delle Grazie
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health and food prevention

the Mediterranean diet among the students of the courseCMB

PARTINICO. The Rotary Club of Palermo Montepellegrino, chaired by Freda Liotta, officially presented to the press the "Project for the Promotion of the Mediterranean Diet," which is part of the program of Governor Sergio Malizia and, specifically, of the District Commission for Health and Nutrition Prevention of District 2110, which will be involved in the process. The initiative, which, as noted, falls within the guidelines of District 2110, is aimed at students in the CMB (Chemistry, Materials, and Biotechnology) program at the "Carlo Alberto Dalla Chiesa" Technical Institute in Partinico, directed by Professor Angelo Nasca. The goal is to promote the Mediterranean diet not only as a nutritional model, but also as a tool for promoting the Mediterranean diet.

balanced, but as a sustainable lifestyle, a cultural heritage and a tool for preventing chronic diseases.

The project was born from a discussion between President Freda Liotta, a radiology technician working in the healthcare field, and Professor Sebastiano Bonventre, a university professor and surgeon with extensive experience in the field of digestive physiopathology. The meeting sparked an educational program that recognizes the scientific, anthropological, and social value of the Mediterranean diet. The students, the protagonists of the educational program, will be guided through a program that combines lectures, thematic workshops, and multimedia content production.

The contribution of Prof. is central.

Bonventre, who teaches "Digestive Motility Alterations of Surgical Relevance" at the University of Palermo School of Medicine, will also speak at the scientific conference scheduled for fall 2025. His contribution will ensure an updated clinical overview of the scientific evidence related to the Mediterranean diet and its implications for prevention.

School principal Angelo Nasca expressed his appreciation for the initiative, acknowledging its consistency with the CMB program, which trains professionals capable of combining technical skills with a sensitivity to health issues. The Rotary Club of Palermo Montepellegrino, in collaboration with the District Commission, aims to create a replicable educational model with a strong impact on the local community.

The project is part of Rotary International's vision, which promotes public health, youth education, and the valorization of local cultures as tools for building more aware, responsible, and inclusive communities. Within this framework, the Mediterranean diet becomes a vehicle for education on peace, prevention, and human development.



First aid training at the 37th Air Force Wing. It took a moment for life

The BLSD (Basic Life Support and Defibrillation) course, promoted and conducted by volunteer instructors from the Rotary Club of Marsala: Riccardo Lembo, Giuseppe Lembo, Simonetta Alagna, Salvatore Mancuso, and Carmelo Sgarito, was a success. The initiative, aimed at disseminating essential lifesaving skills, saw the active participation of military personnel from the 37th Air Force Wing, with Colonel Daniele Sgarito in attendance.

Mastroberti, Commander of the Wing.

The president of the Rotary Club of Marsala stated, "First aid training is a social responsibility that concerns us all. This course embodies the Rotary spirit: service, competence, and solidarity. We are proud of the work done by all our instructor members, and I would especially like to praise the commitment of our project delegate, Riccardo.

Lembo has been carrying out these initiatives for over ten years." The Rotary Club of Marsala continues its mission of promoting health and collective well-being with the project "A Moment for a Life, Marsala, Cardioprotected City," consolidating its active and concrete role in the social fabric of Marsala.



Rsea lionCluBNicoSia, Capizzi becomes "Cbolfking" with the course on 'Using the defibrillator

Capizzi was the protagonist of an important health training initiative thanks to the collaboration of the Rotary team from the Peloritani area, composed of Felice De Luca, Giulio Franchina, and Davide Ceraulo. A training session on the correct use of a defibrillator was held, which attracted an extraordinary turnout.

The hall, completely packed, reached its maximum capacity, demonstrating the local community's interest and sensitivity to these crucial issues. The goal of the initiative, sponsored by the Rotary Club of Nicosia, was to train participants in basic lifesaving procedures and the proper use of a defibrillator, a device that can make a difference in cardiac emergencies.

The day alternated mo-

Theoretical training sessions were combined with practical sessions, creating a comprehensive training program that sparked keen interest and active participation from all attendees. The hands-on approach allowed participants to acquire concrete and immediately applicable skills. "Training is the first step in a project," said Rotary President Anna Laganga Senzio, "which aims to make the Capizzi community cardio-free." The initiative, in fact, isn't limited to training alone, but represents the first step in a more comprehensive program.

Following these training days, defibrillators will be delivered to strategic locations throughout the area. These lifesaving devices can be used, should the need arise,



During major events in Capizzi, which attract large numbers of tourists, the Rotary Club of Nicosia ensures a higher level of safety for both residents and visitors. Through this type of activity, the Rotary Club of Nicosia confirms its concrete commitment to the area, contributing to the spread of a culture of prevention and solidarity. The event represents a shining example of how community-based organizations can make a difference in the lives of local communities, promoting initiatives that directly impact the safety and well-being of citizens.



Rotary Club Sant'Agata di Militello corso BLS-D for Sports Clubs: How to Use the Defibrillator

The Rotary Club of Sant'Agata di Militello continues its commitment to training "lay rescuers."

A new BLS-D course has been organized by President Giulio

Settimo Franchina and Secretary Massimo Ioppolo in the Paul Harris House of the local Sacred Heart Parish.

This time, the lifesaving maneuvers were trained by the Orlandina Volley managers, along with other volunteers from local service associations, who participated with great interest and attention.

The course, led by President Giulio Franchina and his deputy Davide Ceraolo, included an intense theoretical and practical session on cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR), defibrillator use, and airway clearance in adults and children. The initiative, validated by the 118 Emergency Operations Center, was



concluded with the release of the BLS-D performer certification at the end of the verification session.

The project confirms the Rotary Club of Sant'Agata di Militello's commitment to promoting first aid as a fundamental tool for active citizenship and collective responsibility.





**ALFABETIZZAZIONE
E EDUCAZIONE DI BASE**

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young students intheIndia

On Saturday, August 16, 2025, in San Giovanni Gemini, members of the Lercara Friddi Rotary Club met with the parish priest of the Capuchin church, Father Antony, of Indian origin, who carries out humanitarian projects for the local and international community.

In India, the religious leader provides the neediest and most willing with the opportunity to study, and supports the most talented and accompanies them through graduation. For Rotary International, and therefore for Rotary Clubs, service is a fundamental value, and teaching reading represents one of the highest acts of service because it provides the opportunity to escape poverty, which we know to be a major obstacle to peace and stability.

Literacy is complete integration into society.

For all this, the Lercara Friddi Rotary Club, sensitive to humanitarian initiatives, offered Father Antony its willingness to participate in the project both financially and with the support of its volunteer members.

After the meeting, Father Antony wanted to thank the Lercara Friddi Club in the person of President Giuseppa Milazzo with words of appreciation and gratitude: "Your support, both financial and moral, has been a concrete sign of solidarity and brotherhood.

Thanks to your generosity, I am able to offer a small but important help to many students who live in difficult circumstances, but who have big dreams and hopes for their future.

future.

In my personal project, I mentor young men and women pursuing their studies in various fields, including medicine, nursing, and other disciplines. These young people represent not only the future of our community, but also a beacon of hope for a better world.

Your gesture has strengthened in them and in me the belief that kindness and collaboration transcend all boundaries. I also thank you for your spiritual support, which is just as important to us as our material support. I carry you in my heart and in my prayers. May the Lord bless you abundantly for all the good you do."



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Web and police investigations

Justice meets technology

"Rotary International has always promoted the values of knowledge, critical thinking, and culture as tools for progress." With this statement, Giulio Settimo Franchina, President of the Rotary Club of Sant'Agata di Militello, spoke at the presentation of the book "Codice Crypto" by State Police Deputy Commissioner Carmelo Nicola Alioto, at the Sabbie di Eolo school.

In his speech, President Franchina emphasized the Club's commitment to promoting reading as a tool for social cohesion, recalling the association's recent participation in the "Reading Pact" promoted by the Municipality of Sant'Agata di Militello, led by Councilor Salvatore Sanna.

"We believe that every approach to cultural issues is of great interest to all generations.

ni, especially for young people, who are increasingly attracted by virtual reality rather than the reflective insights that only a book can offer" – concluded the President, thanking member Valentina Nigrone for involving the Club in an event of such significant cultural value. The meeting was introduced by the institutional greetings of Mayor Bruno Mancuso, who highlighted the fundamental role of the reading promotion process, strongly supported from the Administration commune-the.

At the opening, the journalist Antonio Puglisi coordinated the interventions of the MEP Giuseppe Antoci and the lawyer Massimiliano Fabio, engaged in a close dialogue with the author on the topics of the web, cryptocurrencies and, more generally, the relationship between technology and investigation.



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The thriller, which tells the story of Commissioner Messina as he tries to solve an intricate crime set in the most beautiful places on the Tyrrhenian coast, a magnificent backdrop to the story, is also interesting and engaging.

A book to be savored in small sips or in one go, lulled by the crystalline waves of the summer sea, immersed in a veritable explosion of Sicilian colors and peculiarities.





**SVILUPPO ECONOMICO
COMUNITARIO**

PalarmMondello

pdegree award

"AndNniopiNtacuda"

From a project idea conceived in the 2022-23 academic year by President Tommaso Puccio, shared and supported by the Corleone Regional Council (President Domenico Ferrara), the Lercara Friddi Regional Council (President Francesca Terrasi), the Zonta Palermo Triscele Club (President Caterina Di Chiara), and the Free University of Politics (President Michelangelo Salamone), the "Ennio Pintacuda" Master's Degree Award in Economics and Management has been established at LUMSA. The award will be given to the winner of the competition for a dissertation focused on the Euro-Mediterranean area, namely studies on the growth of economic and social exchanges and the development of international connections in the context of the geo-economic and geo-strategic transformations of the countries and businesses operating in the Mediterranean basin.

Once the administrative procedures were finalized, the call for applications published, and the evaluation of the theses submitted by the competitors completed, the degree prize was awarded to Dr. Veronica Leporatti on Friday, July 4th.

Present at the ceremony for the



LUMSA Professor Giovanni Battista Dagnino, the thesis supervisor Professor Letizia Lo Presti, the President of the degree course Sergio Paternostro, the vice president Pietro Luigi Matta for the Free University of Politics, the past presidents Domenico Ferrara and Fulvio Polizzotto for the RC Corleone, the president Vincenzo Bucca and the past presidents Rosario Tantillo, Antonio Tumminel-

I, Giuseppe Genovese and Tommaso Puccio for the RC Palermo Mondello, the president Ornella Picone and the past president Caterina Di Chiara for the Club Zonta Palermo Triscele. All the promoters of the degree award have expressed their desire to continue the project aimed at supporting deserving young people.



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The Rotary Club of Syracuse has awarded the 2025 Artisanship Award to Giuseppe Torrisi, Executive Chef of Cortile Spirito Santo, the city's first Michelin-starred restaurant. This recognition celebrates talent, dedication, and craftsmanship in the culinary world, honoring a professional who has successfully combined innovation and tradition with an international flair.

A native of Giarre, Torrisi spoke during the ceremony about his long professional journey, which began in St. Moritz, Switzerland, and continued in France at Côte D'Or, run by the late Bernard Loiseau. This experience saw him at the forefront of high-end kitchens, where he honed his technique, vision, and sensibility, before choosing to return to his homeland and lead the culinary offerings of the Syracuse restaurant.

In his speech, Torrisi spoke about the birth of his dishes, how each culinary creation springs from an idea, a memory, a suggestion. French influences are central to his cuisine, but there are also references to Sicilian tradition, filtered through a contemporary and personal perspective. The result is an elegant cuisine whose creations resemble veritable paintings.

The success of the Cortile Spirito Santo restaurant is not only due to the individual: the chef wanted to underline the importance of



The kitchen and dining room staff are a close-knit team that shares passion, goals, and professional rigor. It's thanks in part to this synergy that the restaurant has earned a Michelin star and continues to receive praise from both the public and critics.

Also present at the event was Luigi Latino, one of the four partners who believed in an ambitious project: renovating Palazzo Salamone, a historic building in the heart of Ortigia, abandoned for years, and transforming it into a luxury hotel with a gourmet restaurant. A significant investment, both financially and personally, which has already borne fruit. The dream? To increase the number of Michelin stars, thanks to the excellence pursued by Torrisi and his team. The Rotary Club Siracusa 2025 Craftsmanship Award is thus part of a process of promoting the region's excellence, rewarding those who have transformed their talent into a driver of cultural and economic development. Giuseppe Torrisi, with his cuisine and vision, is one of the most shining examples today.





AMBIENTE

RoyaryCluBtOgray "peSce eats plastic" artistic work for waste separation

A "plastic-eating fish" was installed by the Rotary Club of Agrigento at a well-known club in San Leone.

The event, strongly supported by the President of the Rotary Club of Agrigento, Engineer Filippo Napoli, was attended by numerous Rotarian members.

The art installation will help raise further awareness among the beach community about plastic recycling.

preventing waste from being disposed of inappropriately, to safeguard and protect the sea, the land and the landscape.

This structure has a dual function: it serves as a container for separate waste collection and has an educational function, as the image of the fish full of plastic offers food for thought on the issue of environmental pollution.

This is an important action

implemented by the Rotary Club of Agrigento in line with the projects of Rotary International and District 2110 aimed at promoting ecological sustainability and encouraging environmental protection
Salvatore Alaimo, contact for Rotary Magazine 2025/2026



The use of the Maritime State Property Use Plan (PUDM) to regulate the use of the coastal strip under the jurisdiction of the Municipality of Palermo and represents, in particular, a key step towards launching the urban regeneration projects planned along the South Coast, from Sant'Erasmo to Acqua dei Corsari.

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The Rotary Club of Palermo is recording the voice of the Coordination of Rotary Clubs of the Panormus area.

PANORMUS AREA. After nearly three years of waiting, the Municipality of Palermo has submitted its proposed Maritime State Property Use Plan (PUDM) to the Sicilian Region. This is the planning tool needed to regulate the use of the coastal strip under the jurisdiction of the Municipality of Palermo and represents, in particular, a key step towards launching the urban regeneration projects planned along the South Coast, from Sant'Erasmo to Acqua dei Corsari.

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dini, associations, and the world of active civic engagement. However, the expected timeframe for the final approval of the plan – which also includes the Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) process – raises several concerns. It is estimated that the process will only be completed in the second half of 2026, a timeframe that risks compromising the effective implementation of projects already funded under the PNRR, the OP ERDF, POC, and Metro Plus funds.

It is precisely on this front that the voice of the Coordination of Rotary Clubs of the Panormus area is recorded.

mus, promoter of the "Let's Reclaim Palermo's Sea" project, which has been working for years to promote and monitor opportunities for enhancing the city's southern coastline. The group welcomes the submission of the PUDM to the Region, considering it a positive but long-overdue signal. A more timely submission, as repeatedly requested to the Municipality in vain, would have averted these risks. Precisely for this reason, the Rotary Club Coordination Committee emphasizes the need for clear and rapid timelines to prevent delays in approving the plan from jeopardizing the





indicate access to resources already allocated.

According to the Coordination Committee, "it is essential that the Municipality and Region immediately engage in operational and constructive discussions to identify solutions that will accelerate the process and ensure full utilization of the funds earmarked for coastal redevelopment. Such a significant opportunity, from an environmental, social, and economic perspective, cannot be postponed or jeopardized by further delays."

The main interventions planned in the South Coast area amount to over 50 million euros. These include the Sperone Seaside Park (16.1 million), the eco-friendly redevelopment of the seafront

Bandita (12 million), the Oreto River and Coast Contract (12 million), the Grassi Free Park (5.7 million) and the redevelopment of the Bandita port (13.7 million), some of which are subject to approval by the PUDM.

"Our hope," concludes the Rotary Coordination, "is that the institutions grasp the strategic value of this phase and work together, in a spirit of collaboration and a sense of responsibility, to restore a precious part of their maritime and urban heritage to the city and its citizens. Regenerating the South Coast is not just an urban planning objective: it is a cultural, social, and environmental challenge that concerns the very future of Palermo."

Rotary, with its articulations

territorial initiatives and the active involvement of 16 clubs in the metropolitan area, will continue to closely monitor developments, offering its civic and planning contributions so that this period of transformation can materialize in tangible and lasting results for the area.

The Rotary Clubs participating in the project:

Palermo, Palermo East, Palermo West, Palermo North, Palermo Monreale, Palermo South, Lercara Friddi, Palermo Teatro del Sole, Corleone, Palermo Madonie Park, Palermo Costa Gaia, Bagheria, Palermo Bay of the Phoenicians, Palermo Mondello, Palermo Montepellegrino, Palermo Libertà



Rsea lionCataNiaOvest theNtercluB for the extraordinary cleaning of the free beach

Public beach No. 1 at Playa di Catania and the adjacent area underwent a special cleanup, involving Rotary Club Catania Ovest, the US military of NAS Sigonella, and the Rotary Club Catania Duomo 150 with Rotaract Catania Ovest. This was an important opportunity for collaboration and awareness of respect and protection of the coastal environment, under the banner of civic volunteerism and solidarity, benefiting the Etna community.

"I believe it is an important initiative – underlines Luigi Distefano, President of the Rotary Club Catania Ovest – precisely to give a sign of civility to those who leave our beaches dirty

and full of waste of all kinds. We certainly can't solve the problem, but at least we've sent a signal of how to behave to defend our territory."



The Municipality of Catania provided work gloves and bags for waste collection. "Beyond the practical aspect of removing several cubic meters of waste," said Rosa Chiara, president of RC Catania Duomo 150, "we hope this will send a powerful signal of civility and solidarity to the Catania community." According to Alberto Lunetta, member of the Rotary Club Catania Ovest and Head of External Relations at NAS Sigonella, "the beach cleanup was first launched in 1984 when an American activist cleaned up a beach in Oregon, thus starting a tradition that Americans continue today in areas where their military bases are located."



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The Rotary Club of Corleone, chaired by Fulvio Pulizzotto, along with the Pro Loco and the Municipality of Corleone, organized a truly interesting cultural event on Wednesday, June 11th at the CIDMA headquarters for the development of the Corleone area. The event featured the presentation of the book "Soils on the Glaucconitic Calcareenites of Corleone," written by Professor Markus Egli, professor of Physical Geography at the University of Zurich, and Professor Salvatore Raimondi, former professor of pedology at the Faculty of Agriculture at the University of Palermo.

The meeting, coordinated by Professor Ciro Spataro, was well attended, partly because, as Corleone City Council President Rosa Anna Bonanno noted in her welcome address, the entire community is eager to promote one of Corleone's natural wonders, the "Cascata delle Due Rocche," a long-standing tourist destination for visitors to the Corleone area. Marcello Messeri, President of the "Terre Normanne" LAG, made a valuable contribution to the initiative. Messeri, whose specific role is to promote local traditional products by engaging and raising awareness among local institutions, declared his readiness to collaborate on the creation of the UNESCO geopark.

Prof. Markus Egli is known throughout Europe for his studies on the dynamics of



soil and landscape, having carried out several samplings with students from the University of Zurich, highlighted on the big screen the different states that are defined as pedological horizons, underlining how this publication is truly important because it constitutes the first scientific contribution to the in-depth understanding of the soils on the glauconitic calcarenites of Corleone.

Immediately afterwards, Prof. Salvatore Raimondi, past-president of the RC Corleone, revealed with great emotion to those present how he had been encouraged in this study by the great master of the Faculty of Agriculture, Prof. Giovanni Fierotti, pointing out that he had also been encouraged during a meeting between some members of the Rotary Club of Corleone and the regional manager of the headquarters.

UNESCO SICILY Prof. Aurelio Angelini who underlined the feasibility of the project idea. During the proceedings, Pro Loco President Angela Leone and Rotary President Fulvio Pulizzotto contributed, presenting two plaques of recognition to Professor Markus Egli and Professor Salvatore Raimondi.

Finally, the mayor of Corleone Walter Rà expressed his satisfaction with the publication of the volume which not only assumed the commitment to carry forward this initiative, a harbinger of prospects for the city of Corleone, but also reiterated that the dissemination of this work could determine an awareness especially among young people who represent the future of the community.

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Pperiplum project

"Alone You Go Faster, Together we go further"

"Alone we go faster, together we go further." is the motto of the District Governor Sergio Malizia but also the one that best embodies the philosophy of the "Periplum Project - The Palstic Challenge". Originally conceived by the member of the Rotary Club Palermo Agorà Carlo Melloni as a solo exploration of the Sicilian coasts by kayak, on input of the President of the club, Annalisa Abruzzo, *Periplum* has become a collective project with a strong environmental, scientific and educational impact, admitted to the District Grant, thanks to the enthusiasm and commitment of the 13 Rotary Clubs of District 2110 who joined: Palermo Agorà (leader); Agrigento; Aragona "Colli Sicani"; Canicatti; Lercara Friddi; Licata; Megara Augusta; Menfi "Belice-Carboj"; Noto Terra di Eoro; Palermo Mediterranea; Palermo Teatro del Sole; Palermo Monreale; Syracuse. On July 5, at the conference room of the CNR IAS in Torretta Capo Granitola, the "Periplum Project", his mission, the 21 stages and the contents of the documentary that will be produced and distributed in schools and on major platforms. Representatives from the CNR (the project's beneficiary) explained the research objective and the characteristics of the probes mounted on the kayak. *Oikos* to monitor the level of noise pollution in the sea. At the start of the kayak - equipped with nets to collect plastic

Present on the surface - the local Rotary Clubs also assisted: Mazara del Vallo, Salemi and Castelvetro offering hospitality and collaboration; the Rotaract of Castelvetro contributed by organizing a waste collection on the beach. Also present were the Lions Club Sambuca Belice (sponsor) and the Italian Naval League (partner of the project), who accompanied the kayak navigation and provided assistance when needed. During the adventurous and not always easy voyage, Carlo monitored the health of the Sicilian seas and coasts, documenting and sharing on social media the most exciting moments of his undertaking, as well as unexpected events, discoveries at sea, and surveys carried out. During the stages of the journey



Carlo and "Oikos" were welcomed by clubs and local communities who were passionate about the project and the unique way Rotarians conceive, live and transmit the service. Carlo's undertaking was accomplished with grit, commitment, and tenacity. The project has given members from across the District the opportunity to get to know each other and collaborate. Capo Granitola; Selinunte, Menfi; Ribera; Sciacca, Siculiana; Licata; Noto; Augusta; Syracuse, are just some of the stops made to date. Each arrival and



Each departure was accompanied by the warmth and hospitality of the clubs participating in the project, as well as those who, while not official partners, cooperated, demonstrating shared values and visions. Each stage was supported by: reception networks; beach cleanups; logistical support; and meetings with members, communities, and local governments to raise public awareness of the importance of adopting sustainable lifestyles that respect the environment and biodiversity. This inclusive and powerful project has been supported from the beginning by the District Grants Subcommittee and the District Governor, who, on July 21st, showed his appreciation by waiting for the kayaks on Magaggiari beach with the clubs of the Panormus Area and to the Rotaract boys who organized an activity of *cleaning up* a festive and well-attended event, also attended by local authorities from the municipalities of Cinisi and Terrasini, and the Coast Guard. While Carlo is preparing to complete his



As the journey progresses, the clubs are gathering and editing the material that will be incorporated into the documentary film to be produced and distributed in the second phase of the project. Man and the sea, stories of similar yet different people intertwined

no, in a network of solidarity and trust to build a business and protect the environment. Men and women "*United to do good*", aware of being guardians of life and beauty in the world.











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On Sunday, July 20, at 10:00 a.m., members of the Lercara Friddi Rotary Club, along with other non-Rotarian friends, who were specifically involved to introduce more people to Sicily's treasures, met in Prizzi for a recreational excursion to promote the area's cultural, environmental, and archaeological heritage.

The first stop was the Hippana archaeological museum where finds from the excavations of the "mountain of horses" are on display, where the remains of the ancient city of "Hippana" were found, of Sican and then Hellenic origin and subsequently destroyed by the Romans in 258 BC, and the remains of an amphitheatre among the oldest in the Greek world. Another stop was the historic center of Prizzi to admire the murals, created by prestigious Sicilian artists, which adorn the walls of many houses.

After the lunch break, we took a bus to Palazzo Adriano, a town known above all for having been the

The main location of the famous cult film "Cinema Paradiso" by Bagheria director Giuseppe Tornatore, winner of the Oscar in 1990, where we visited the "Cinema Museum" specifically dedicated to the film.

The heart of Palazzo Adriano is Piazza Umberto I, in the centre of which there is a seventeenth-century fountain.



around which two churches overlook, one of the Byzantine rite "Maria Santissima Assunta" and the other of the Latin rite dedicated to the



Madonna del Lume "Santa Maria del Lume".

From the square, walking through the narrow streets of the historic center, we went to the museum of traditional clothing of the ancient Albanian people.

Another interesting stop is the Bourbon castle on San Nicola hill, now home to the Italo-Albanian civic anthropological museum Real Casina, which houses a section dedicated to Arbëreshe culture.

In addition to its cultural appeal, Palazzo Adriano is also interesting for tourism and food lovers, as there are many typical local products to sample.

It was an intense day, very enjoyable and we believe we also carried out service activities for the territory.



rc palarmMontepellegrino Navigating through friendship, ENVIRONMENT AND RESPONSIBILITY

Last Sunday, August 3, the Rotary Club of Palermo Montepellegrino promoted the first initiative of its kind in its history, transforming a day of sailing along the coast between Castellammare del Golfo, Scopello, and the Zingaro Nature Reserve into an experience of service, beauty, and environmental awareness. The initiative, originally scheduled for the end of July but postponed due to bad weather, attracted over forty participants (including members, family, and friends of the Club) in an atmosphere of great enthusiasm and sharing. Aboard a traditional gozzo boat, participants sailed through some of the most picturesque coves along the Trapani coast (from Cala Bianca to the Faraglioni di Scopello, and finally Cala dell'Uzzo, unfortunately affected by recent fires), alternating moments of relaxation, conviviality, and reflection. The lunch, prepared by the Di Benedetto brothers, featured panini cunzati, bocconcini, fruit, and white wine, creating an informal space for discussion and friendship. Particularly significant was the statement by the President of the Rotary Club of Palermo Montepellegrino, Freda Liotta, who emphasized: "This is not just an opportunity for friendship, but a declaration of responsibility. Navigating these wonderful places makes us witness to their fragility. Rotary has a moral duty to promote environmental protection."

environment and landscape, and this day aims to be a concrete example of how Rotary action can combine beauty and commitment." The President also highlighted how the initiative is part of the actions planned for the month of August, traditionally dedicated to strengthening membership, and was also an important opportunity to strengthen the spirit of friendship among members and welcome guests interested in learning more about Rotary values. The speaker, Professor and Engineer Vincenzo Caico (headmaster of the Michelangelo Buonarroti High School in Monfalcone), offered a valuable cultural and scientific contribution, stating: "The landscape is not an ornament, it is the substance of our identity. Protecting it is a responsibility."



educational, cultural, and civic life. Schools and associations must collaborate to foster an active and competent collective awareness." The experience concluded with smiles, dancing, music, and a group photo off the Gulf of Castellammare, sealing the union between a spirit of service, love for the local area, and human connection. A small example of how Rotary can connect beauty, community, and responsibility.



Rsea lionCluB NicoSia panels for thePiNacoteca "materDolorosa" OfCapizzi

The Rotary Club of Nicosia, as part of its commitment to serving the community, wanted to make a significant contribution to the creation of the communications section of the "Mater Dolorosa" art gallery in Capizzi, formalizing its delivery with an intense and well-attended ceremony. The donation included explanatory plaques, captions detailed, banner inform-materials and educational materials that will allow visitors to better appreciate the works housed within the structure.

The ceremony took place in the presence of important ecclesiastical and civil authorities, in an atmosphere of great participation, with the presence of Monsignor Giuseppe Fiorini, Archbishop Emeritus of Reggio Calabria, the Archpriest of Capizzi, Don Antonio Cipriano, the Governor Seby Giaimi, and representatives of the Archconfraternity of the Good Death.

"Thanks to this precious contribution

buto", said Anna Laganga Senzio, president of the Rotary Club of Nicosia, "Visitors and art lovers will have the opportunity not only to admire the beautiful paintings that adorn these walls, but also to delve into the history of the building that houses them and of the Archconfraternity of the Good Death, to which it is inextricably linked."

The initiative will also highlight the centuries-old history linking the San Giacomo shrine to the Archconfraternity of the Good Death, which has always been involved in the sanctuary and actively promoting the cult of the Patron Saint.

The president emphasized that this project to enhance the area is perfectly aligned with the objectives of Rotary International and represents only the beginning of a series of initiatives that will be implemented after the summer break in the Nicosia area. The opening of the "Mater Dolorosa" art gallery is part of



a broader project for the cultural and tourist promotion of the area, demonstrating the concrete commitment of the Rotary Club of Nicosia in the motto "United to do of good".



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Portable ashtrays distributed on the beach for greater cleanliness and sustainability

The "SMART & GO" project kicked off on Sunday, August 17th, with the first initiative aimed at reducing cigarette butt pollution on local beaches. Two hundred portable ashtrays were distributed to encourage beachgoers to dispose of waste properly and protect the marine environment.

The initiative is part of Rotary's commitment to sustainability and environmental protection. *We are proud to help make our beaches cleaner and safer for everyone.* These are the words of President Gioacchino Genna.

We invite all citizens to support this initiative and do their part to protect our ecosystem.

Many children from Ribera actively participated

and with great enthusiasm to the distribution of portable ashtrays on the beach, explaining the damage that abandoned cigarette butts cause to marine fauna and to both salt and fresh water, thus understanding the importance of environmental responsibility.



This initiative promotes community service and service, in keeping with Rotary's motto, "UNITED FOR GOOD." This initiative not only helps protect the environment but also educates young people about the values of service and responsibility.



Rsea lionCluBSiracuSa iNtercluB on energy transition and green hydrogen

Led by RC Siracusa Monti Climiti together with RC Augusta, an interesting interclub with the illustrious speaker and Chilean ambassador Ignacio Concha Sepulveda captured the attention of the numerous members and guests present on the revolution taking place in Chile thanks to new alternative energy production techniques.

"A green revolution is taking place in the most remote corner of the Latin American continent, in the far south of Chile, precisely in the Magallanes Region which, thanks to its geographical conformation with direct access to the two main oceans and the presence of very strong winds that can reach 150 km/h for 24 hours a day, has been

Chile has been selected to install the first green hydrogen production plants in Latin America. Chile has committed to leveraging its renewable energy advantage to phase out coal-fired power plants by 2040 and achieve carbon neutrality by 2050.

This was the core of the very interesting presentation that sparked a lively debate among those present.

"Rotary International's areas of focus include environmental protection and economic development. The production of green hydrogen not only reduces the environmental impact compared to fossil fuels, but also enhances the value of



"We are committed to protecting Chile's natural resources, ensuring sustainable and inclusive economic growth. Green hydrogen represents a key solution for the decarbonization of the industrial and transportation sectors, promoting the country's energy security and independence," said Salvatore Assenza, president of RC Siracusa Monti Climiti. The occasion also saw the addition of new member Giuseppe Pantano, who also moderated the evening.





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YEAR OF EMOTIONS AND DISCOVERIES

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Palermo bid a fond farewell to four special members of the District's Youth Exchange Program: Abigale (South Dakota), Elsa (Finland), Pilar (Patagonia), and Victoria (Mexico). After a full year spent in our city, including school, cultural activities, sports, and friendships, the girls returned to their respective countries, bringing with them a wealth of experiences and unforgettable memories. Tommaso Puccio, De-, followed them on this path.





Now that the girls have left, others are returning, and more will arrive. Welcome back Elena and Angelica from Mexico and Lavinia from France. Starting in September, Palermo will welcome new inbound travelers: Dylan from Taiwan, Margaux from Belgium, and Jordyn from Iowa. And we'll say goodbye to those who are leaving: Federica to Japan, Giorgia to Minnesota, and Flavio to Canada.

Alongside Tommaso Puccio, who has been involved in the program since 2011, is a close-knit and competent team: Pucci Piccione, President of the Commission, and Giovanna Tumino and Vito Cocita, expert coordinators. Together, they ensure support, presence, and attentive guidance for each young person involved. The Youth Exchange is more than just a program. It's a school of life, for those who leave and for those who welcome them.

Panormus Area Delegate of the Youth Exchange Commission, who shared with them their joys, difficulties, and moments of growth. "As always happens in these cases, when we say goodbye, we're left with a deep sense of nostalgia," he said. "Each of us, in our own time and culture, has integrated into the vibrant and often chaotic fabric of our city, finding a second home in Palermo." The commitment of the host families, the true silent protagonists of this project's success, was crucial: the Madonna, Scozzari, Ficano, Ruggirello, Lima, and Di Monte families. Thanks to their openness and sensitivity, the girls had a full and authentic experience, filled with daily affection, dialogue, and sharing.

Each student experienced Palermo differently: Victoria excelled at competitive volleyball, Elsa discovered padel school and the youth club, Abigale loved the parties with friends, while Pilar, personally supervised by Puccio, appreciated the field trips, nature, and the slow pace of walking. For some, school was more marginalized.

– also due to the language barrier
– but the meaning of the Youth Exchange is not just academic: it is self-discovery, personal growth, and intercultural education.



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Hi, my name is Angela, and I returned to Italy 20 days ago after my experience abroad. Before leaving, I remember the conversations with older people who had already been through this experience; I remember them telling me that the hardest part wasn't leaving, but coming back. I also remember thinking to myself, "I can't believe it, it can't be that sad, I'll have lots of friends here waiting for me."

And don't get me wrong, my friends were there waiting for me, but a part of me is still in Wilmington, North Carolina. I began this journey with a lot of positivity, with huge expectations and, above all, curiosity and a desire to grow.

I will always remember the excitement mixed with anxiety, fear and happiness that I felt on that nine-hour outbound flight. I had time to think and process what was happening.

I'm still telling myself. Yet I still find myself repeating it and reminding myself that I went to the other side of the world, to live with "strangers," without knowing a single person, speaking a language that isn't my own, and it still seems surreal. This year has been a mix of ups and downs. I've spent time alone and learned to cope. At the same time, I've thrown myself into new situations without fear of other people's judgment. I feel much more confident in myself and my abilities. I lived in an American school, dressed like them, ate what they ate, learned their language well, and felt like a full-fledged American citizen.

If there's something I'll carry with me forever, it's the people I've met and the impact they've had on me. From the very beginning, I've tried to take as much as possible from them.



every experience, from my host parents and their advice, from my friends who never made me feel wrong but who encouraged me and helped me through every obstacle, including the people at home who never made me doubt my abilities.

Doing a year abroad has been one of the most important things in my life so far, I think anyone with the opportunity and the right mindset should try an experience like this, whether now or at university; traveling, seeing as many places in the world as possible, learning about new cultures and languages is what I hope to do as much as possible in my life and what I believe



let it mature more than anything else.

I've been fortunate enough to be able to do this over the past few months, and it brings back memories that I will cherish forever.

Over the past year, I've spent countless hours talking with a friend of mine, Marina from Spain, about the weather and how strange it was that it felt like we'd met a lifetime ago and spent so much time together, when only a few months had passed and we were already like sisters.

I also remember when we thought about the time that had passed and couldn't understand if it had been very little or if with all the moments we had created it was a lifetime.

This made me realize how important it is to enjoy every second as if it were your last, so as to have no regrets and because in the end, that's what really matters.

On June 25th, five days before leaving, I wrote this in my phone notes:

"I've used every day I've had to connect and grow. My phone gallery is full of color, my mind is full of ideas, and my heart is full of love. I feel like I've made the best of every situation, and I'm truly grateful. Leaving the people who made me better is a feeling I can't describe in words."

The flight home was one of the saddest things I've ever experienced. I don't think I've ever cried so much. The thought of never seeing all these people again was devastating. However, as soon as I landed, even though I miss everyone from America, hugging my friends and family made me feel really good because my home is here too. I've learned to appreciate so many things.

Things I couldn't even see before, like the beauty of Syracuse and the people here. I still talk every day with my closest friends in Wilmington and I can't wait to see everyone again as soon as possible. I thank Rotary and my family.

daughter for giving me the opportunity to have this experience and for making me understand that home is not a place but people, and that now I have more places in the world that I can call home.

Angela Bongiovanni



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CriStiaNa a month intoAmerica

with the projectAndxchange

Hello everyone, I'm Cristiana Guadagnino, a young woman sponsored by the Ragusa Hybla Catholic Church. This year, thanks to the Rotary Exchange Program, I spent a month in America. Now that this experience has come to an end, I'm happy to share my adventure so that all young people who might want to embark on this journey can have a few more points of reference. It all started in March, when I received an email from Rotary informing me that an American girl had the right characteristics for my exchange. I was thrilled: I looked up the girl, Abby, an American from Wisconsin (Rice Lake), on Instagram (without sending any requests) and she seemed nice. I wanted to accept immediately, but little by little the first questions arose...

I had doubts and the first questions: Isn't the city a little too far from home? A city of 6,000 inhabitants, isn't it a little too small? Isn't Wisconsin too isolated? Where is Minneapolis (the main airport)? Will I be okay? Will I be able to spend a month without my parents? A thousand questions, but one thing reassured me... The girl's mother's job: she's a social worker. After two days, with my parents' support, I accepted. From there, I realized that after a few months, I would be leaving for America alone! On June 5th, I left for the most beautiful, most incredible, and most tiring adventure of my life... The first few days were difficult: in just a few hours, I found myself on the other side of the world, without my parents, without my family.



friends, without any reference points, in an unfamiliar environment, with people I'd never met before; slowly I realized I was having an incredible experience. The first thing I thought was to come back, but little by little I got better and I integrated into the host family with whom I immediately got in tune: I got to know Abby and her family better and together we





We did so many things in perfect American style: bowling, water parks, shopping malls, and we even went to see a baseball game!!!

One thing that scared me was the food, but instead I ate wonderfully: I tried American fast food (all delicious) and Abby and I made lots of desserts at home. I also cooked Italian pasta for them, with great success. We went on the lake, canoeing, jet skiing...in short, pure fun.

It was wonderful to be with an American family, to see how they live and to understand that it's a very different world from ours. I enjoyed it and grew fond of the people and places, and when the day came to go home, I realized that a month had flown by. I was sad to leave everything behind, but I can't deny that I was happy to return and show Abby my life and Italy. Today, Abby is still at home with me and is living her adventure: she seems happy, and has integrated with my friends and family.

For those who might want to share my adventure, I have a few words of advice: enjoy this experience to the fullest, have fun, and don't think too much about home because you'll be going back there anyway. Never back down, but above all, accept whatever you're offered: you might not like it at first, but then you'll miss doing it! Would you ask this question again?

Experience? I answer yes, 1,000 times over. I've encountered a new culture, I've spoken English, I've faced challenges alone, I've met new places and new people. I've challenged myself, and I think it's made me a better person.

Thanks to my family and thanks to Rotary for making all this possible.



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A year of cultural exchange always seems far away, until suddenly you find yourself with your bags packed, your heart pounding, and a whole world spread out before you. It was the same for me when I left for Italy. A country that, until now, was just movie-like landscapes and good food. But quickly, it became my home, my school, my place of growth.

I spent a year immersed in a completely new reality. I met people from all over the world, I shared smiles, insecurities, and life lessons with those who, in a very short time, became family. I fell in love with





Italian culture—its rhythms, its traditions, its passionate way of life. I learned to adapt, to speak a new language, to cook dishes that I now cherish in my heart and on my palate.

But no one prepares you for the moment of return. Returning home to Brazil—that place that for years meant comfort and belonging—suddenly feels strange. The faces are familiar, but the conversations seem distant from who I have become. It's as if time has moved differently for me. Returning is, without a doubt, more difficult than leaving.

I'm happy to see my family again, my friends, the streets where I grew up. But inside me

There's a void that's hard to explain. Something has changed. I'm overcome by nostalgia for Italy every day. Not just for the country itself, but for the people, the little ones.



habits, coffees drunk in a hurry, laughter in different languages. I feel like I left a part of myself there, and in a way, I truly did. The year abroad wasn't just time away from home; it was a turning point. It transformed me. It made me more empathetic, more open to the world, more confident in who I am. And perhaps that's precisely why, upon returning, I feel a bit like a stranger in my own city.

But I don't say this with sadness. On the contrary. I carry with me friendships scattered around the world, memories that only those who have lived them can understand, and the certainty that I now belong to many places. Italy has given me much more than experiences: it has given me a new version of myself.

Sea Lion Club Siracusa

the parents of Monica reciprocate

the 'Hospitality of the Japan

This year we had the pleasure of hosting a Japanese girl in our home, an experience that brought a touch of internationality into our daily lives.

But the bond with Japan didn't stop there. In August, our daughter moved to Tokyo for her exchange year, where she had an extraordinary adventure immersing herself in Japanese culture and language.

These two paths, seemingly distant but deeply intertwined, have created a common thread of exchanges, discoveries, and personal growth.

Anko and I strolled through the streets of Syracuse to discover our traditional dishes, and in the kitchen we exchanged recipes: she taught us how to make Onigiri and Udon, and we involved her in preparing our specialties.

Our communication was mostly in English, but there were also some fun moments when we experimented with Japanese and Italian words.

School starts, the daily grind begins, and Anko begins to better understand the language and integrate with the outside environment. The help of all the other "host" families becomes important, with whom we constantly exchange doubts and opinions and try to make the experience of these children as unique as possible.



Anko's presence in our home brings serenity and lightness: she has adapted to our home, our habits, and has shared with us pieces of her homeland, its customs, and her life. We, on the other hand, have discovered how powerful the simplicity of a smile or the kind gesture of setting things at the table can be, as she does with natural elegance. The greatest challenge comes at Christmas, a moment of nostalgia for Monica's absence. But this too passes, between preparing a package, choosing gifts, and the thousand commitments that the

group of boys is constantly subjected. Saying goodbye to Anko, after a year of sharing, wasn't easy. I was starting to miss her soft voice when she said "thank you," and her discreet presence had become essential. And just as she was leaving for her homeland, accompanied by her parents, who came to pick her up and with whom we spent some wonderful moments, we were taking flight towards that Japan we had learned to love from afar.

When we saw Monica again, in that country that had become part of her growth, it was like embracing two versions of her: the daughter we knew and the young woman who had absorbed the rhythm, elegance, and delicacy of Japan.

Meeting Anko and traveling to Japan to find our daughter have profoundly impacted our family journey.

It was a double exchange between cultures and generations, between seemingly distant worlds that discovered they were close. Our home has become a crossroads of emotions, kind gestures, laughter, and shared silences. Through these moments we discovered the value of openness, curiosity, and empathy.

Every step we took together with Anko in Sicily and Monica in Japan taught us that even short relationships can leave lasting roots.

All this was possible thanks to the Rotary Youth Exchange Program, which welcomed us, supported us, and tolerated our many initial uncertainties and perplexities.

Our District followed us step by step both during the



Monica's departure and Anko's arrival in Syracuse. The thorough organization and the physical and moral presence allowed us to experience this exchange year peacefully. Thanks also go to

Tokyo Rotary District who welcomed us with great affection and friendship. Liliana Schiavone and Corrado Di Martino



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Your experience in aCEgyptian ampNo

Hi everyone,
I'm Giorgia Bacchi, and on June 30th I left for Egypt for the second time, with a suitcase full of excitement, adrenaline, and the uncontrollable joy of seeing friends from all over the world again.

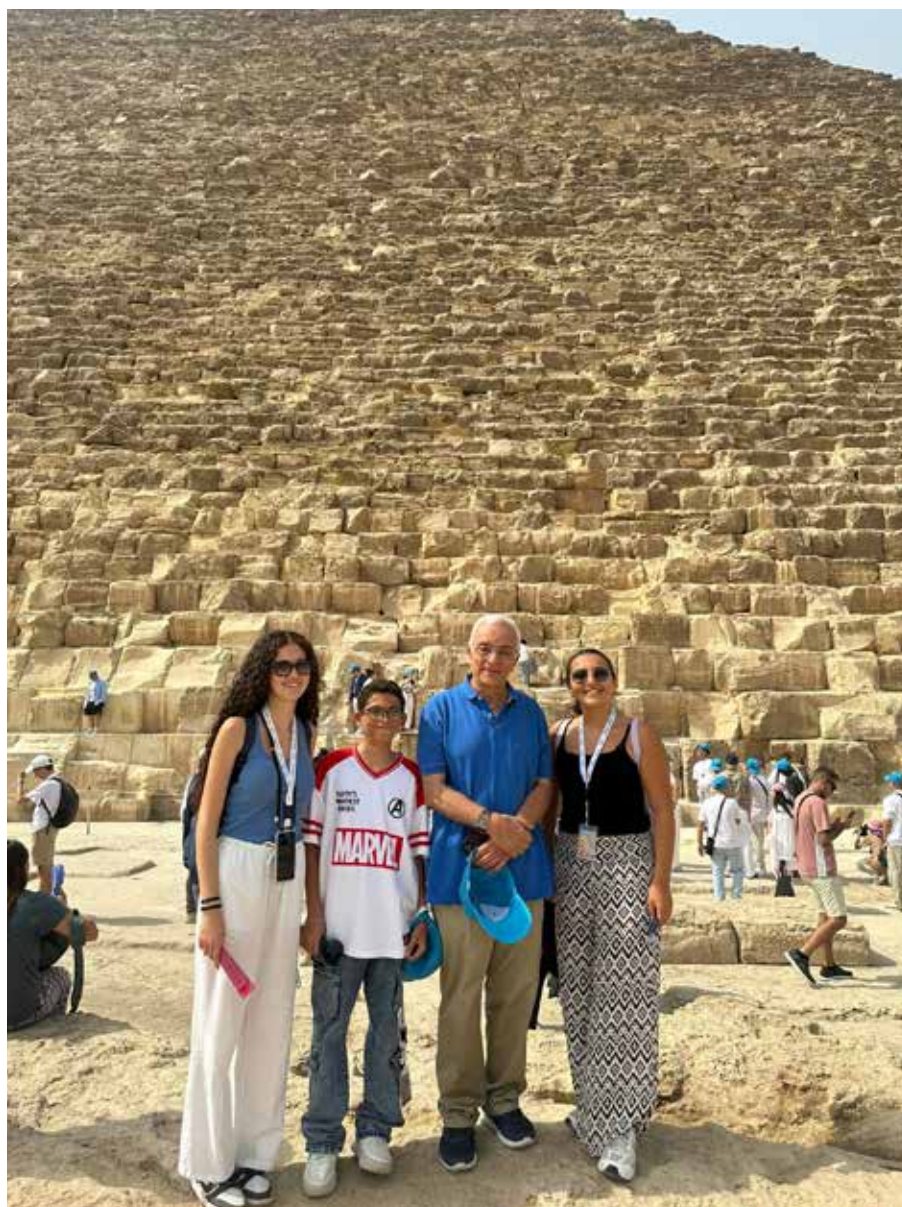
In the heart of the ancient land of the Pharaohs, between the majestic pyramids and the banks of the Nile, one of the most fascinating international camps organized by Rotary took place: "Think Egypt Egyptology".

A unique initiative, promoted by Rotary District 2451, dedicated to young people from around the world, united by a desire for knowledge, intercultural dialogue, and a spirit of service. The camp welcomed 90 participants between the ages of 15 and 22, offering two intense weeks of cultural tourism, friendship, and volunteer work. On the first day, we immediately immersed ourselves in the grandeur of Egypt: the Pyramids of Giza, always breathtaking in their grandeur. Needless to say, the camel ride was a must, and the day concluded with our first Rotary Meeting: a melting pot of cultures, smiles, and new connections.

Discovering Egypt

In just ten days we crossed the most significant cities in the country: Cairo, Alexandria, Luxor and Aswan.

The second day took us to Alexandria, where the sea merges with history. We tasted local dishes, learned



traditional dances and shared the first real moment of cultural immersion.

Then it was Aswan's turn: bags packed, we're off! As soon as we arrived, we headed off to visit the splendid temples of Philae, and immediately afterward we boarded a cruise ship on the Nile. Between relaxation and breathtaking scenery, we visited a Nubian village.

where we were able to buy authentic souvenirs and experience local daily life up close. A moment that touched our hearts

One of the most intense experiences was the visit to the Aswan hospital, where we met a doctor involved in the "To Save a Child's Heart Fundraiser" project.



On that occasion we met children from the Gaza Strip, and in that moment, between silent glances and smiles, many of us let our emotions speak for themselves.

It was there that we understood that Rotary is not just travel, but service, empathy, and humanity.

International Day: The World in One Room

On the ship, we also organized the wonderful International Day: each participant presented their country with traditional clothing, typical dishes, and symbolic objects. It was like traveling the world in a single day, an explosion of culture and brotherhood.

At that moment, we weren't Italian, Brazilian, or Thai. We were just young people, citizens of the world, connected by a positive and sincere energy.

The finishing touch in Luxor

In Luxor, we explored the majestic Temple of Karnak before moving to a resort where we finally indulged in some well-deserved relaxation: pool, sports, laughter with friends, and a Pepsi overlooking the Nile. Small moments that, more than a thousand words, express the beauty of sharing.

An experience that goes beyond time

This wasn't just a camp, it was so much more. It was family.

Friendship. Love.

The organizers, the volunteers, and every single person we met along the way have entered our hearts, leaving an indelible mark.

As an Egyptian proverb says:

"Whoever drinks the water of the Nile will always return to it."

And I know that one way or another, I'll be back. Because Rotary doesn't just change your perspective, it changes your life.



My Sea Lion Club Visit to the Salso the Experience of the my trip to the Stati Uniti

My name is Agnese Incardona, I'm 17 years old, and I've been in the United States for a few weeks, sponsored by RC Valle del Salso, specifically in Florida, in the city of Fort Myers. Saturday, July 26th, was the day of my departure. That day started really early: the first flight from Catania to Munich was scheduled for 6:00 a.m., so the car ride from Sommatino to the airport began around 2:00 a.m., arriving there about two hours later. As soon as I got on the first plane, I finally realized what I was about to do. A mix of emotions: a little worried about taking my first plane alone and leaving my family and friends in Italy, but at the same time excited to begin this enormous adventure. The next flight, scheduled for 10:00 a.m., was to Frankfurt; there the last flight awaited me, the

The longest flight, to Fort Myers. I had never traveled so long on a plane, about 10 hours of flight, and I had never seen one so big. It was then that I realized I was going to the other side of the world. However, I wasn't alone: on the same plane with me were Lukas and Blanca: two outbound travelers from Slovakia and Spain, respectively, and they too would be hosted by District 6960. After landing and the final checks, we collected our bags and

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I also had the opportunity to introduce myself and talk about our country, and it was very



My summer with the Rotary Club of Crotone

Long ambio

Over the summer, I had the opportunity to attend a summer camp in Calabria with the Rotary Club's RYLA program. I had a blast, meeting new people from all over the world, and exploring the Calabria region was fantastic. During my first few days in Calabria, I stayed on the west coast. I met the Lamezia Terme Interact Club, shared new practical experiences, such as sailing, and visited various places (Scalea, Diamante, the chili pepper town). I will never forget my river rafting experience. Later in the trip, we went to central Calabria and were welcomed in Cosenza by the Cosenza Interact Club. We walked





My stay was so special. I met Giovanna, a Calabrian student who had taken advantage of the RYLA program and had returned from her exchange in Canada two days earlier. We hiked in Sila National Park, through

Vergari Regional Nature Reserve and took a dip under the waterfall. We explored the small town of Santa Severina and the Santa Severina Castle. I ended the trip in Strongoli with the wonderful host family. Together

We made pizza and took a boat trip. Thanks to everyone who made this camp so special; I couldn't have asked for a better experience.



RC Corleone

Exchange young people in european countries

Rotary Youth Exchange offers the opportunity to meet people from overseas communities and experience their cultures, planting the seeds of a life based on the values of friendship and contributing to building a more peaceful world.

With this in mind, in the 2024/2025 Rotary year, the Rotary Club of Corleone, chaired by Fulvio Pulizzotto, joined the Short-Term Youth Exchange Project, sponsoring two young people from Corleone (Delia Cerrito and Luca Rizzo) who wanted to live this highly formative experience, with the aim of learning about the cultures and traditions of other countries, while also making wonderful friends. Delia was Amelie's guest,



German girl sponsored by the Rotary Club of Kirchheimbolanden, while Luca is the guest of Adam, a French boy sponsored by the Rotary Club of Angers du Bellay. This July, the two young men from abroad are staying with two families in Corleone, who have accompanied them on various tours of the area's historical and cultural sites, including excursions to various parts of Sicily (Palermo, Monreale, Agrigento, Trapani, Catania, Mount Etna, etc.).

The Corleone Club is delighted to have provided this opportunity to these young people, contributing to their cultural growth. Guido Fiduccia, the current president of the Rotary Club of Corleone, welcomed the young people to the Rotary headquarters in Corleone. He stated that "direct exposure to new cultures and different lifestyles can foster greater understanding between people from different countries."



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My name is Giorgia, and on July 19th, sponsored by RC Palermo Est, I left for the United States, the first in District 2110, to begin my exchange program. I've been here for several weeks now, and I can say I'm really enjoying it. I get along very well with my host family and all four sisters, especially the one my age. The school is large but welcoming, and I haven't encountered any major language difficulties. I'm confident that the rest of the year will be just as good as these first few weeks, if not better.

Georgia Ruggirello



Rsea lionCluBMarSala Jyoung Spaniard welcomed for international training

The Rotary Club of Marsala welcomed Javier, a young Spaniard who will spend a month in Marsala, hosted by Gabriele's family. Gabriele had previously spent a similar experience with his Spanish peer in Madrid. The official welcome was attended by the club's highest Rotarian officials: Marsala Rotary Club President Antonio Giovanni De Vita, Interact President Federico Canova, RYE Delegate Salvatore Bottone, Past President Andrea Aldo Galileo (during whose presidency the sponsorship of the exchange was approved), Youth Committee Chair Daniele Pizzo, and RYE Committee member Alessandro De Vita, demonstrating the importance our club places on international training projects.

During his stay, Javier will have the opportunity to get to know the Sicilian territory, participate in Interact activities and experience a complete immersion in the Italian reality.

liana, ideally continuing the path of international friendship that began with the hospitality received from Gabriele in Spain."



"These exchanges represent the heart of our educational mission," said President De Vita. "They offer young people a unique opportunity to grow as global citizens, developing linguistic and intercultural skills that are essential for their future."

RYE Delegate Bottone emphasized how "the experience of reciprocity between Gabriele and Javier is the perfect example of how international understanding arises from the direct encounter between different cultures."



The Rotary Club of Palermo Ovest embarks on an extraordinary adventure for a young woman from Palermo. Since August 20, Federica Provito has officially participated in Rotary International's "Youth Exchange Student" program, embarking on an experience that will take her to Tokyo, Japan, for an entire school year, as a guest of Rotary District 2570.

The Rotary Club of Palermo West, chaired by Giuseppe Cascio, proudly announces the beginning of a new and extraordinary adventure for a young woman from Palermo. Since August 20, Federica Provito has officially participated in Rotary International's "Youth Exchange Student" program, embarking on an experience that will take her to Tokyo, Japan, for an entire school year, as a guest of Rotary District 2570.

The Rotary Club of Palermo Ovest enthusiastically participates annually in the "Youth Exchange" program, promoted by Rotary International, which offers boys and girls between the ages of 15 and 19 the opportunity to spend a school year abroad. This is an extraordinary educational project, aimed at promoting international understanding, friendship between peoples, and peace. Through the study of a new language and immersion in a culture different from their own, the young participants learn to become global citizens, enriching their personal and academic development and bringing with them values that will remain a legacy for life. This year, our outbound student is Federica Provito, who left Palermo airport today for the Land of the Rising Sun. She will be welcomed by a new family, a new school, and a new Rotary community ready to support and share her experiences.



This unique experience will give Federica the opportunity not only to study and perfect her Japanese language skills, but also to gain a firsthand understanding of the traditions, customs, and daily life of a fascinating and complex country like Japan.

This is an exciting time for Federica and for all of us at the Rotary Club of Palermo Ovest. Her departure represents a symbolic bridge between cultures and an invitation to all young people to believe in the value of exchange, dialogue, and openness to the world. We are confident that this experience will be an opportunity for growth, discovery, and friendship, and that upon her return, she will bring with her a wealth of experiences that will enrich not only her life, but also that of our community. We thank the Rotary RYE District Committee, its chair, and all those who supported her.

are part of it, guaranteeing this important opportunity to many of our kids.

We extend our warmest wishes to Federica: a happy school year, safe travels, and happy Rotary!



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This summer, I had the unique opportunity to participate in the Short-Term Exchange sponsored by RC Siracusa. I can confidently say that this exchange is just as valuable and formative an experience as the Long-Term Exchange. Despite its shorter duration, this exchange allowed me to fully immerse myself in a culture different from my own, to form deep bonds, and to grow. It took me to live for a few weeks in Taiwan, a fascinating place profoundly different from my hometown. I stayed in the city of Hsinchu, south of Taipei, with a local family who welcomed me with great warmth and helpfulness, making my stay not only pleasant but also profoundly enriching.



mative.
Taiwanese culture, so rich in traditions and habits completely different from mine, struck me immediately. The pace of life, the daily gestures,

The way of relating to others: everything was new to me. The host family helped me settle in and allowed me to truly connect with their reality,





teaching me a few words, but above all beautiful values, customs and traditions, which I would hardly have been able to know as a simple tourist. During my stay, I had the opportunity to visit many significant places, including the capital city of Taipei, with its modern skyscrapers like Taipei 101, traditional temples, and vibrant night markets, full of unique foods and new flavors. I also explored less touristy areas, discovering breathtaking natural landscapes and small villages steeped in history. However, Hsinchu remained my "home," and there I bonded with family, had the opportunity to meet young Brazilians who, like me, were in Hsinchu but on a Long Term Exchange, participated in activities organized by the local Rotary, and immersed myself in Taiwanese daily life. One of the aspects that struck me most was the food. Taiwanese cuisine is extremely diverse, and for someone like me, accustomed to completely different tastes, it was a real discovery. I tasted traditional dishes

Traditional dishes like beef noodle soup, baozi, and the famous bubble tea, but also lesser-known specialties like stinky tofu or the classic soups served at night markets. Every meal was an experience, new flavors, an opportunity to try something new, often surprising, and delicious. This trip enriched me in many ways: I improved my ability to adapt, I developed a

I've become more open-minded, and I've realized how important it is to step outside your comfort zone to truly grow. Taiwan has left a profound impression on me, and I will forever cherish the faces, places, and emotions I experienced during this unforgettable experience. I hope one day to return to those magical places and visit the family who welcomed me so warmly and made me feel at home.



giancarlo: the my first days in Sudafrica

My name is Giancarlo and on July 24th I left for my year abroad with Rotary.

After many hours of flying I finally landed in Durban, South Africa, where this new adventure began.

As soon as I left the airport I met my host family who were super welcoming and made me feel at home right away.

The first few days were a mix of emotions because everything was new to me here.

I'm already tasting traditional dishes and trying to get used to school and the new rhythms.

The people I've met so far have all seemed very nice and helpful. This has helped me feel more calm and motivated.

It's not easy leaving home. But I feel like I'm doing something important and that it will be useful in the future.

I'm learning something new every day, and I thank Rotary for this opportunity. This is just the beginning.

But I feel like it's going to be a wonderful experience.





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The Sea Lion Club Caltanissetta Colors in motion' art inspires solidarity

In Serradifalco, a municipality near Caltanissetta, at Villa Belvedere of Dr. Ricotta, thanks to the attentive and generous hospitality of member Giacomo Lo Curto and his wife Carmela, the first activity of the 25/26 social year for the Rotary Foundation fundraising was held on the evening of July 15th. The aims and planning of the fundraising were illustrated by the PDG and Regional Rotary Foundation Coordinator Area 14 Valerio Cimino, with a particular focus on the target most important: the eradication of Polio around the world. The cultural event, open to members of the Caltanissetta club and supporters, focused on the presentation of the works of the renowned artist Francesco Toraldo, now an Agrigento resident. The dynamic and effective event, titled "Colors in Motion," was led by Ivana Guarneri, President of the Rotary Club of Caltanissetta, who achieved excellent service by raffling off important silkscreens and valuable prints donated by the artist for the occasion. Numerous attendees contributed to the success of the fundraiser, appreciating the artist's works and wishing to own them. The artist was introduced by Professor Rosa Galiano, President of the Order of Architects of Caltanissetta, who illustrated the artist's unique and complex painting technique, which favors the spatula and thus shapes



Layers upon layers of pure color; this technique is adopted by few artists in the world studied by art history. The artist draws inspiration from his deep interiority, sometimes tackling specific themes related to music, particularly jazz, sometimes to the sea, sails, portraits, nudes, sometimes being guided by passion and allowing "the sign to arise directly from the color, always without preparatory drawing" (Vittorio Sgarbi). Francesco Toraldo finally spoke, expressing his appreciation for participation in the event and confirming his keen interest in the charitable and solidarity purposes of the evening related to his works, some of which remained on display.

The entire evening was spent in the garden, transforming the cultural event into a sort of vernissage. The numerous attendees were also presented with a carefully curated catalog of Toraldo's works, specially produced by Edizioni Lussografica, owned by member Salvatore Granata. Among the event's sponsors, in addition to Sicilabanca, were the Regaleali wineries, thanks to the efforts of member Fabio Tornatore, who accompanied the culinary delights provided by the host family. It's safe to say that art always conveys important messages, and the beauty it displays in its most diverse forms always inspires goodness.

In Solidarity with Local Artisan Businesses in a Glass of Granita

The "Festa della Granita" (Granita Festival) took place in the historic center of Palazzolo Acreide, a fundraising event for the Rotary Foundation. Club members actively participated, offering their direct assistance in serving the product. It was an unforgettable evening, thanks to the participation and engagement of members and the local community. The event's success hinged on three pillars: flavor, conviviality, and solidarity.

A conference in the council chamber of the City Hall, where the origins of granita were discussed, thanks to the contribution of Dr. Anna Raudino, archaeologist and founder of the Testa dell'Acqua Anthropological Museum. A warm thank you goes to all the event's sponsors: the Caprice, Corsino, and Infantino pastry shops, and the Puglisi pastry factory. Their collaboration and solidarity were essential.



Thanks to the generous support of local pastry shops, the Club was able to organize a wide selection of granitas, each prepared with fresh, high-quality ingredients, not only to satisfy the palates of adults and children, but above all to unite the Palazzolo community around a common cause.

The event was preceded by



All proceeds from the evening will be donated to the Rotary Foundation, which supports social development projects around the world.

"Thanks to everyone who participated, enjoyed our granitas and contributed to this important cause," said Club President Sabrina Sessa.

- "Your presence and support are the heart of our work. Together, we can continue to make a difference." The difference!

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Second edition of the "CeNa of the hundred"

In favor of autistic youth

One hundred guests and one heart: this was confirmed by the "Dinner of One Hundred," an initiative promoted by the local Rotary Club, now in its second successful year. One hundred people gathered around a long, wave-shaped table inside Pozzallo's Villa Comunale, overlooking the sea, for an evening of great human value.

This second edition of "La Cena dei Cento" (The Dinner of the Hundred) was once again sponsored by the Rotary Club of Pozzallo-Ispica, this time to raise funds for the construction of a multisensory room for children and youth with autism spectrum disorder. The event confirmed the strength of a community, as emphasized by Gianluca Manenti, president of the Rotary Club of Pozzallo-Ispica: "We want to create an active, cohesive, and generous community experience, transforming a simple dinner into a concrete gesture of hope."

His words, full of pas-



The message from Vice President Melinda Garofalo, who added: "Solidarity remains the cornerstone of the initiative. After donating the ultrasound machine last year to the Ispica Family Counseling Center, this year we aim to create an inclusive environment for the little ones. The warmth and participation we experienced lead us to believe that this edition will also be a success." "La Cena dei Cento" is not just a charity event, but a showcase for local businesses and associations which, by intertwining values and identities, con-

tribute to the growth of the area. The patronage of the Municipality of Pozzallo has added prestige to the event. Mayor Roberto Ammatuna declared: "A city grows if it can combine commercial development, social awareness, and cultural promotion. The Cena dei Cento is a virtuous example of this growth." The true heart of the initiative was the people: families, residents, and volunteers who chose to sit together, sharing not only food, but above all the value of solidarity. Many friends from other Rotary clubs were present, as was District Prefect Fausto Assennato. The evening concluded with palpable enthusiasm and the awareness of having contributed to a noble purpose. The initiative was a resounding success, and the third edition is already being eagerly anticipated. "La Cena dei Cento" thus continues its journey, serving as a beacon of hope and solidarity in the heart of the Pozzallo and Ispica communities.



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The consolidated partnership that began in 2022 between the Rotary Club of Sant'Agata di Militello and the Padel Association of Sant'Agata continues, also extending to the local Rotaract Club chaired by Emanuele Romano, aimed at raising funds for the development of local social activities in the healthcare sector. For the fourth consecutive year, 36 players divided into 18 teams competed in a lively tournament, with participation fees donated to charitable initiatives.

The official kick-off for the 3-day Padel Cup was given by the Club President Giulio Settimo Franchina, who highlighted the aims of the event and expressed his heartfelt thanks to Carmelo La Rosa for having once again made available



Rotary provides free camps and logistics.

To the winners, Andrea R. and Giuseppe C., and to the second place winners,

Giusy S. and Paolo A. were presented with personalized commemorative plaques with the tournament logo.





Fair play, competition and fun characterised all the matches played.

The participants, as usual, wore T-shirts made by Rotary with the logos, the motto "United to do good" and the colours of the current Rotary year.

The collaboration between the Rotary Club Sant'Agata di Militello and the As-

The Padel S.Agata association was launched four years ago with the first edition of the tournament, when the proceeds from the initiative were used to purchase a semi-automatic defibrillator. It continued in subsequent years with free training for managers in lifesaving BLSD maneuvers, promoted and organized by the Club.

Given the success achieved, in terms of participation and financial impact, the initiative, launched four years ago and never interrupted, will continue in the future, in the spirit of continuity, to promote prevention, safety, and community service activities.



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QWhen the Show Becomes Solidarity

Several Rotary Clubs from the Etna area participated in the "Taormina Gold Award 2025," an event dedicated to culture, fashion, entertainment, and solidarity, organized by GAR Eventi, with the aim of raising funds for the Rotary Foundation. The event was held in the magical atmosphere of the Ancient Theatre of Taormina and was an important opportunity to participate in a fundraiser for the objectives of Rotary International.

GAR Eventi, represented by Gianna Azzaro, Prefect of the RC Valverde Terra dei Ciclopi, the organizer of the event, provided free invitations to all members of the Rotary Clubs participating in the project. The event was a great opportunity for each of the participating clubs to raise funds for the Rotary Foundation.

In addition to the RC Valverde Terra dei Ciclopi, promoter of the initiative, the Rotary Clubs: Catania Bellini, Catania Ovest, Catania Sud and Passport participated.



Mediterranean women who displayed the Labarum on the stage of the Ancient Theatre.

During the evening, awards were presented to those who distinguished themselves in the fields of medicine, art, culture, fashion, and solidarity.

Guests of the evening and award recipients: Prof. Paolo Scollo (Rector of the Kore University of Enna, Director of the Cannizzaro Hospital in Catania) - Dr. Elia Diaco (angiologist) - Dr. Roberto Fronte (Doctor

in trichology and molecular biotechnology) - Dr. Mario Zappalà (Managing Director of Marina di Riposto, Etna Port) - Gianni Molaro (Stylist) - Giuseppe Fata (Head Sculpture Design Artist) - Marianna Tamagra (Dance Point) - Prof. Laura Mercurio (Organic Project) - Vanessa Gravina (Actress) - Lorenza Mario (Showgirl Dancer) - Massimo Spata (Actor). Among those present: Dr. Sergio Bonomo (Taormina Arte Sicilia Foundation); Dr. Alfio Scalisi (Plastic Surgeon) - Prof. Ernesto Falcidia (Gynecologist) - Prof. Marcello Angelo Alfredo Donati (Associate Professor of General Surgery, University of Catania). For the Rotary Clubs present: Dr. Giuseppe Rossi (RC Passport Mediterranee); Dr. Serafina Lentini (RC Catania Bellini); Dr. Emanuele Coniglione (RC Catania Sud); Dr. Luigi Distefano (RC Catania Ovest); Dr. Carmelo Coniglione (RC Valverde Terra dei Ciclopi).





COMBINATION

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CThe number of members is revealed

and it intensifies' attention for young people

Alfio D'Urso couldn't have made a better debut at the helm of the Acireale Rotary Club, just days after taking over the presidency from Gaetano Rizzo.

At his first official outing, the new president awarded the title of honorary member to Pupi Avati (pictured), during a convivial gathering also attended by the famous director's brother, Antonio, as well as Katia Ricciarelli (pictured), actors Enrico Lo Verso, Alessandro Sperduti, and Enrica Maria Modugno, and journalist Ornella Sgroi.

Guests included the Honorable Nicola D'Agostino, the Councilor for Culture, Enzo Di Mauro, and film expert Mario Patanè, who acted as a "liaison" between the illustrious guest and the Acireale Club, just as a few years ago, with Sebi Leonardi as president, the same association welcomed Ennio Morricone; and on that occasion too, the event was "signed"



by Mario Patanè, a valuable "hinge" also for the organization of meetings of the Acireale Rotarians with Carlo Verdone, Nicola Piovani and Christian De Sica.

In launching the calendar of future initiatives, President D'Urso wanted to pay particular attention to the so-called "seedbed," made up of young Rotaract and Interact members, both of whom have already made a name for themselves in recent years and have been key players in various initiatives, including within the district.

The growth of the team had an immediate impact with the entry into the club of Riccardo Castro, president of Seus 118

and highly regarded medical director of the Santa Marta e Santa Venera hospital. The Rotary membership pin was affixed by Salvo Cristaldi, in his capacity as presenting member and, among other things, a member of the board of directors, which also includes vice presidents Calogero Buscarino and Maurizio Re, secretary Pietro Pagano, treasurer Nino Oliva, and directors Sebastiano Leonardi, Angelo Pennisi, Marina Rapisarda, and Sergio Seminara, the latter of whom also serves as prefect, as well as past president Gaetano Rizzo.



Approval of Agreement between the Rotary Club of Palermo and the Theological Faculty of Sicily presented to Club Orea Palermo

On July 22, 2025, a meeting was held at the Theological Faculty of Sicily in Palermo between the Presidents of the Rotary Clubs of the Panorama Area and the Dean of the Faculty, Father Vito Impellizzeri. The meeting presented the services available to members following the signing of a memorandum of understanding signed by Governor Sergio Malizia, aimed at developing collaboration on joint projects, with a particular focus on cultural, educational, and social initiatives.

The agreement reached with the Governor of District 2110 provides for the start of an operational synergy between the clubs and the academic institution, with the aim of fa-

To promote shared activities within the community. Specifically, Father Impellizzeri announced the Faculty's willingness to provide, free of charge, spaces and classrooms for events or initiatives organized by Rotary Clubs. Requests may be submitted by clubs according to mutually agreed-upon procedures. The agreement is part of a process already undertaken by several clubs to strengthen relationships with local academic and cultural institutions, with the aim of creating broader collaborative networks. For its part, the Theological Faculty, with this commitment, confirms its desire to be an active participant in the city's social and civic life.

Participants were guided on an institutional tour of the Faculty's facilities, exploring its facilities, services, and opportunities. The tour included classrooms, libraries, and common areas, highlighting the facility's potential as a venue for events outside of the academic curriculum. District Delegate for Institutions, Pino Di Sclafani, also attended the meeting, overseeing the proceedings and supporting the initiative as part of Rotary's relationships with local institutions.

The agreement does not entail financial commitments, but constitutes a framework for activities that may be developed



Over time, based on the proposals and availability of those involved. Possible areas of collaboration have included thematic meetings, seminars, training courses, and activities aimed at young people and students.

The Theological Faculty of Sicily, an accredited and recognized institution, has played an educational role in theology and religious studies for decades, with a growing openness to dialogue with civil society. Rotary, for its part, intends to collaborate with public and private entities to support projects of social and cultural benefit. The protocol represents a first step in this direction and may be updated or supplemented based on future developments. The hope expressed by both parties is to foster concrete collaboration, based on mutual recognition of roles and the desire to work together for the good of the region.





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The summer party "A Midsummer Night's Dream" was held in an exceptional location, at the Sushi Lab in Barcellona PG in the town of Spinesante.

The social event, organized by RC Barcellona Pozzo di Gotto to raise funds for the club's important project entitled "Never Alone Again," was sold out.

After the customary greetings, President Nicolo' Mazzeo outlined the club's service to all those present: the project's goal is to promote the mental well-being of adolescents by quickly identifying risk factors that can contribute to the onset of mental health issues. The primary tool of Rotary's work is creating awareness-raising opportunities for teachers and students of secondary schools in the province of Messina.

The project also aims to provide technical support, with experts in the field (such as psychologists and educators) and is particularly attractive to young people because it involves the creation of a dedicated smartphone application.

The evening, organized as a fundraiser to support the initiative, brought together several generations, also confirming the partnership with the Rotaract of Barcellona PG and involving some members of the Rotary Club of Pace del Mela. The music and voice of Teresa Pzta enlivened the event.

lis & black soul band and the choice to create a carefree occasion proved once again to be an opportunity to promote and strengthen bonds between members in a climate of collaboration and friendship. The president expressed gratitude for the participation and generosity of all those present, confirming that events like this are a perfect way to combine service opportunities with the ability to plan and achieve Rotary goals with enthusiasm and joy.



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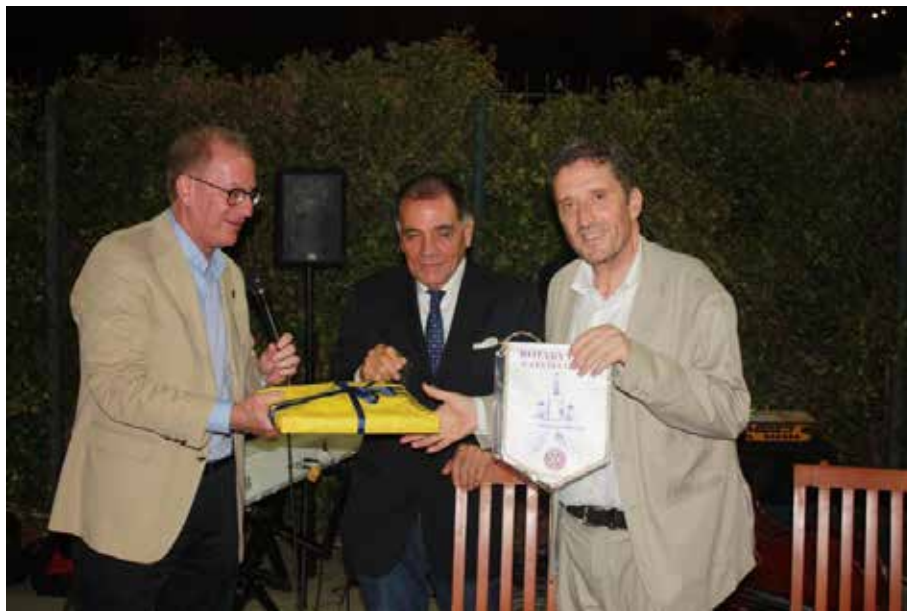
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The Rotary Club of Catania Ovest spent a wonderful evening thanks to the generous hospitality of member Prof. Filippo Drago and his wife Mrs. Angela Nicotra in their welcoming home.

The star of the evening was the President of the Venice Biennale, Pietrangelo Buttafuoco, who, with his cultured, sharp, and theatrical style, gave a highly appreciated speech on "Sicilianness."

Sicilianness, according to Buttafuoco, is a state of the soul rather than a geographical belonging. It is a blend of civilizations—Arab, Norman, Greek—settled in a people familiar with light and the abyss. The Sicilian is wary yet hospitable, fatalistic yet brilliant, rooted to the earth yet immersed in myth. He is a tragic actor in an endless comedy. Sicily is not a periphery, it is



An ancient center of the Mediterranean, a theater of the sacred and the profane, an island that enchants and wounds. In conclusion, President Luigi Distefano thanked the hosts and the prestigious guest and emphasized how Sicilian identity is a pa-

a living radosso, in which dignity and resignation, memory and anger, beauty and defeat coexist.

During the evening, a sum was raised which will be donated to the Rotary Foundation.



Rsea lionCluBCataNiaSud WeekeNd aMariNa ofModica with former members ready to re-enter

Since its inception, Rotary Club Catania Sud has held a gathering at the beginning of the summer for members and their families. This year, the new president, Emanuele Elio Coniglione, organized the summer weekend at Terradamari in Marina di Modica, attracting a large turnout from the Rotary Club and former members invited, hoping they will return. During the two-day event, filled with relaxation, sea, sun, and fun, Mikayla, a young American girl, was also present. She was hosted by the Giuffrida family from RC Catania Sud for the short youth exchange.

Mikayla is team leader Inte-



ract Asheville North Carolina and during the bonding weekend there was a pennant exchange between RC CT Sud and his Interact pin to

proof that she felt welcomed both within the Giuffrida family, in Rotary, and in Sicily. Rotary is Family!



Rsea lionCluBCataNiaSud

fundraising in music to rememberPiNoDaNiele

An emotional evening saw Pino Daniele's music take center stage during a charity fundraising event for Polio Plus.

Ten years after the passing of the great Neapolitan composer, an initiative led by Rotary Club Catania Sud and featuring the Bronte, Duomo 150, and Catania Ovest clubs, along with the presence of the president of the Catania Rotary Club, struck a chord of remembrance and deepest solidarity. The event took place at the evocative Feudo Vagliasindi, and proceeds went to the PolioPlus fundraiser to eradicate polio.

A successful evening, thanks also to Franco Schipani and Joe Lodato, who, through the book "Pino Daniele," revealed the untold story of the Neapolitan artist, starting from the difficult beginnings of his career as a session musician, up to his opening performance at Bob Marley's legendary concert in 1980 at the San Siro Stadium in Milan.

And then, thanks to Anthony Roccolano on vocals and guitars, Stefano Naclerio on saxophone and percussion, and Fabrizio Zappamiglio on guitars, Pino Daniele's music fascinated and intoxicated the guests of the Vagliasindi estate in Passopisciaro.



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On Sunday, August 10, at 6:00 p.m., the inauguration of the HERITAGE exhibition by painter Pietro Danilo Taormina took place at the Real Casina di Ficuzza. The exhibition was organized and curated by the Rotary Club of Corleone, with the patronage of the Municipalities of Corleone and Marineo, the "Gioacchino Arnone" Cultural Foundations, and the Pro-Loce of Corleone and Marineo. The event aims to be an opportunity to get closer to the artist's work. Pietro Danilo Taormina, one of the most prominent young painters in the Palermo province. "The Rotary Club of Corleone has been committed to the local community for years, promoting service projects for local communities. Among the initiatives aimed at highlighting the positive role models the area offers, we could not fail to pay a fitting tribute to a talented painter who has established himself artistically in recent years with exhibitions in the halls of Palazzo Jung in Palermo, under the patronage of the Metropolitan City, in Marineo during the patron saint's day, at Palazzo Adriano for the inauguration of the "Nuovo Cinema Paradiso" Cinema Museum, and in several group exhibitions," said architect Guido Fiduccia, president of the Rotary Club of Corleone, during the inauguration. In the works on display by Pietro Danilo Taormina, one can immediately notice the artist's inner feeling, which, with his original pictorial language, involves you in a journey in which humanity is



Laid bare with its torments, its vanity, and above all, the historical sins that have marked it. Visitors to the exhibition will surely be thrilled to interpret its message and grasp the hidden meanings in the careful chromaticism of the figures and landscapes.

Professor Rita Cedrini spoke during the presentation of the personal exhibition, highlighting the careful, detailed and meticulous ability to represent the themes in their becoming and in their fulfillment, allowing us to understand how the lessons of distant and near masters, from the microcosm of Hieronymus Bosch to the caterpillars of Bruno Caruso, from the Flemish to the metaphysical, up to the naive accent of the Crucifixion - where Christ

he is alone with the Mother at his feet, while humanity is distant - the strong chromatic traits, inspired by other geographical areas, merge into the vision of the message entrusted to the canvas, borrowed from the solemnity of the horror vacui of Baroque memory, continues Professor Cedrini, in the artist's pictorial influences one can read all that artistic reference that Pietro Danilo Taormina has chosen as his masters, placing his canvases almost as a gift of love and gratitude towards them.

Painter Pietro Taormina gave an interesting speech, revealing his excitement at organizing such a significant event for his personal career.

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On Thursday, July 24, 2025, in the splendid setting of Niscemi's main square, a well-attended interclub meeting was held between the Rotary Clubs of Gela, Niscemi, and Piazza Armerina. The meeting focused on a topic of great importance to the club: the changes introduced by Rotary International's Council on Legislation (COL). The evening's speaker, Past Governor Giovanni Vaccaro, a member of the Council on Legislation, successfully combined expertise, passion, and clarity in presenting the most significant changes recently approved by the COL, offering valuable insights and food for thought for all in attendance.

Among the topics covered:

- Club management and flexibility
- The new provisions encourage greater organizational autonomy for clubs, promoting more flexible meetings, new membership categories, and hybrid or virtual participation methods to better meet the needs of current and potential members.
- Regulatory simplification - The

The Council has simplified the regulations regarding membership admission and attendance, with the aim of making Rotary more inclusive and widespread throughout the territory.

- Focus on the Rotary Foundation
The importance of The Rotary Foundation as a driving force for global projects was also highlighted. The changes aim to improve accessibility to funding, incentivize ongoing giving, and ensure ever-greater transparency in fund management.

Among those attending the evening were Past District Governor Titta Sallemi and the President of the District Public Interest Action Commission, Marilia Turco, whose presence represented a sign of the District's attention and support for the activities of local clubs.

Special thanks to the Rotary Club of Niscemi, who hosted the meeting with impeccable Rotary spirit, helping to create a climate of genuine friendship and sharing.



The Rotary Club of Gela enthusiastically participated, represented by President Franco Giudice, accompanied by Secretary Gigi Parisi and Prefect Silvio Scichilone, Treasurer Nunzio Alecci, along with a large delegation of members, demonstrating the club's strong commitment to promoting interclub dialogue and ongoing training.

Heartfelt thanks go to PDG Giovanni Vaccaro for his helpfulness and effective presentation, which engaged and stimulated deep reflection on issues central to Rotary's present and future.



Rsea lionCluBMeNfi

Sharvest of the Solette, Excursion to admire the beauty of the coastal landscape

The hike on Monday, August 4th, to the "scogliera delle solette" (rock cliff) in Porto Palo di Menfi was nothing less than a rediscovery of the pleasure of walking, the value of carrying a backpack, and the beauty of shared effort. These are the goals of the "Zaino in spalla...e via!" (Backpack...and off you go!) initiative, a summer initiative proposed by the Fellowship Scouting of Rotarians of Rotary District 2110 Sicily and Malta, Masci Menfi 2, and the Rotary Club of Menfi for boys, girls, and adults. It's a unique opportunity to introduce young people to hiking and, at the same time, promote authentic socializing experiences in an age dominated by screens and digital life. The "Zaino in spalla...e via!" (Backpack...and off you go!) initiative therefore goes beyond a simple day out: it's a true educational investment, aimed at building strong bonds between young people.

Kids, nature, and the surrounding area; born from the desire to offer an authentic, regenerating, and fun experience to both kids and adults. This stretch of coast, with its scenic trails winding among the spectacular cliffs overlooking the water, is the ideal destination for those who love hiking and adventure. Join us on the excursion Mimmo Cacioppo, delegate district- The members of the Scouting Fellowship of Rotarians, Gaspare Bonfiglio, Magister Masci Menfi 2, and Antonino Verderame, President of the Rotary Club of Menfi Belice-Carboj, were present. After the painting workshop "Let's decorate the rocks we collected on the beach together," the activity concluded with the distribution of gift items and refreshments for all participants.



Isa Lion Club Messina

"Granita party" to talk about the S between myths and atmospheric phenomena

Again in the comfortable air-conditioned room of the Pasticceria Irrera in Messina, the local centenary Rotary Club met for the second "granita party" of the month of August.

The president and his gracious wife gathered a group of veterans from the previous day's Vara. The president's guest was director Luigi di Stano of the Rai3 program "Geo." Luigi was a young Rotaractor from Rome, so an invitation among Rotarians was a good idea to discuss the Strait. The purpose of the meeting was, in fact, related to the filming of a future episode of the program "Geo," which would focus on the Strait of Messina (not including the bridge). The director's intention was to agree on a list of questions with the president.

In the end, all the members had

I had something to tell about the Strait, from the "Fata Morgana" phenomenon (a complex and unusual mirage that can be seen within a narrow band above the horizon, caused by an atmospheric phenomenon called a "thermal inversion") to the "Lupa" (a thick fog on the sea that makes Calabria "disappear"), to the whirlpools that cemented the myth of Scylla and Charybdis. A lively discussion on the recent history of Messina ensued, with Geri Villaroel concluding by recounting the genesis of the Messina Film Festival (which later moved to Taormina), which initially took place at Irrera a Mare before the venue was moved to the city center, in Piazza Cairoli.

The morning was concluded



from the greeting speech by Governor Felice De Luca's assistant.

The president is considering a third rerun of the "granita party" initiative, given the members' response.



Real Club Monreale

Serata with the stories of some members who shared their memories of trips around the Mondo

The evening of July 24th, for the RC Palermo Monreale, was marked by originality, due to the theme discussed during the fireside chat organized for the usual bonding event between the members of a club: in fact, some members illustrated their "Travel Notes: Marco Polo's Friends". The aim was to relive the emotions experienced on their unique journeys, sharing them with the many members in attendance. This special evening was conceived by two true travelers, not just tourists: President Simona Pantaleone and her husband, Past President Beppe Cumia, who have been fortunate enough to explore distant lands and cross continents.

It was a bonding evening, well attended not only by members but also by their spouses. There was great interest in hearing the travel stories of some members who, like modern-day Marco Polos, have traversed different continents, visiting countries and cities not only nearby but on the other side of the world.

The stories of traveling members, Vito Giovanna, Saro, and Carmelo, conveyed not only their emotions, but also the way they saw the natural beauty of the places they visited. Beppe Cumia, Past President, shared some images that demonstrated the difference between tourists and travelers.

Because as Bruce Chatwin wrote "The very act of travelling contributes to creating a feeling of physical and mental well-being."



mental, while the monotony of prolonged inactivity or fixed work weaves patterns in the brain that generate prostration and a sense of personal inadequacy. "With this spirit, Beppe and Simona reached South Africa, which overlooks the Atlantic Ocean, the Amazon rainforest, Morocco, Brazil, and Argentina, experiencing firsthand the contact with nature and different cultures, which they had previously only known from books.

Giovanna Mammana, in Uzbekistan, retraced part of the long Silk Road itinerary.

Through the beautiful projected images, where the turquoise color of the buildings and clothing predominates, demonstrating that this color represents the only element shared by the different ethnic groups living in this wonderful country we know, especially for the fine craftsmanship of the Bukhara carpets that also decorate our homes. Giovanna with her

His story introduced us to something else, leading us by the hand through ancient madrasas, now transformed into emporiums. Vito conveyed the profound emotion he felt while traveling through India: a country that could be a continent unto itself, with its numerous ethnic groups, languages, religions, and cultural traditions, of which caste division still remains the greatest obstacle to the spread of better economic and social conditions.

A country where the most serious contradiction that persists is the widespread poverty that coexists with the wealth of a few, living daily in the same places.

India, where even today, sacred cows still roam peacefully, while motorcycles and large vehicles whiz by. Men and women, dressed in colorful traditional attire, stroll alongside others dressed in Western style.

But everyone has their cell phones glued to their ears, while distracted tourists take selfies against a backdrop of hotels, luxury homes, and dilapidated buildings, while in the background the sacred Ganges flows slowly, welcoming men and animals for the sacred ritual washing.

The pictures of India's Golden Triangle that Vito shared are worth a thousand words. But there remains in Vito the compassion, the pity, which manifests the sensitive soul of the author of the photos and penetrates the heart of the listener.

Regarding India, Diego also shared his experience as a Rotaract member hosted by Indian Rotarians.

Through the words and images Saro shared, the members shared his emotions as he visited Lisbon: the city of light, known to us through the stories of the great Pessoa and Wim Wender's film. These two intellectuals acted as guides for our traveler, leading him through a journey not merely for tourists, but for true travelers seeking something beyond the superficial tourist gaze.

In search of the real Lisbon that Saro defines "*dream and melancholy*", but also a treasure chest of you-



works of art kept in museums of ancient, modern and contemporary art.

For all, it is enough to mention the Triptych of the Temptations of Saint Anthony, which is located in the National Museum of Ancient Art. Carmelo, from Cambodia to the deep south of Chile is an extraordinary, tireless and indomitable traveler, who remains enchanted by the extraordinary nature that he was able to admire by visiting the archaeological site of Angkor, the ancient capital of the Khmer civilization, with its magnificent temples, enveloped by mangroves, testimony of an era of architectural and cultural grandeur.

Today, it's a city of decay. The photos of the numerous shantytowns, which, to the discerning traveler and not to the selfie-taking tourist, testify to the contradictions of a country where poverty and backwardness are set against an extraordinary backdrop of nature and beauty. Yet, these do nothing to alleviate the plight of the majority of the population, who lack access to even basic services.

How many can say they have rounded Cape Horn like Carmelo, or have shared life with the skilled horsemen who live in the open air to guard and defend the livestock.

It was a deeply emotional evening, especially considering that it was also an opportunity to reflect on the fact that, in many of these places, the Rotary Foundation is present with projects to improve the conditions of local communities, from education to the major vaccination campaign. As Rotarians, we can conclude with Chatwin's words: it was "a true journey of the soul." An evening that went beyond Marco Polo's journey.



Rotarian Friendship Evening

Serata of the Rotarian Friendship Evening

and New Project Free Power for Life in Roccella

The traditional Rotarian Friendship Evening, organized by the Rotary Club Palermo Libertà and chaired by Mariagabriella Licari, took place at the Hotel Lido Vetrana in Trabia on August 7th.

The meeting was attended by 43 members, along with their families, in an atmosphere of friendship and sharing that strengthened the bonds within the Club.

During the evening, the President previewed the program of activities for the months of September and October, announcing with satisfaction that the "Free Power for Life in Roccella Community" project has been officially approved with a request for a district grant.

This is an ambitious project in line with the UN 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and with the indications of Rotary International to promote sustainable and social development.

The project involves the installation of a 42.33 kWp photovoltaic system at the Parish of Santissima Maria delle Grazie in Roccella, with 102 photovoltaic modules and the possibility of joining an energy community.

The initiative, conceived and implemented free of charge by engineer Angelo Di Blasi, a member of the Club, aims to provide clean and renewable energy to at-risk and disadvantaged neighborhoods, helping to reduce energy costs and support local social activities. The Rotary clubs Palermo Ovest, Baia dei Fenici Palermo Piana degli Albanesi and the "qualified" Rotaract Clubs Palermo Ovest and Palermo Libertà have joined the project, led by the Rotary Club Palermo Libertà.

Furthermore, during the evening, tickets were distributed for the End of Summer Ball, a solidarity event for the Rotary Foundation which will be held

Friday, September 26th on the seafront terrace of the Saracen Sands in Capaci.

The "Rotarian Friendship Evening" thus confirms the Club's strong commitment to promoting values of friendship, service, and collaboration in serving the community.



Assembly of the Rotary Club of Palermo Libertà

Programmatic Assembly of the President Mariagabriella Licari

On Monday, July 21, the Rotary Club Palermo Libertà, led by President Mariagabriella Licari, held its Programmatic Assembly at Villa Airoidi.

During the meeting, the President outlined the guidelines that will characterize the Rotary year, with particular attention to key themes such as:

- strengthening of the workforce,
- increasing the impact on the territory through concrete and measurable projects,
- the promotion of a broader and more informed participation of members,
- more effective communication, consistent with Rotary's values.

A significant step was dedicated to the growth of the membership, which today sees the Club composed of 50 active members.



there, including 30 men and 20 women, representing a variety of professional experiences and skills.

On this occasion, the Club was pleased to welcome two new members: notary Claudia Gucciardo, and Iris Sole Orlando, a biology graduate and administrative manager at a medical practice.

Two new additions confirm the Club's commitment to openness and renewal.

The President also presented the 22 Club Committees, each with a President who is also responsible for managing the contents on My Rotary, in the section dedicated to service projects, with the aim of encouraging the involvement of all the members.





members and promote a functional and transparent organization. During the meeting the following were also presented: the Club's projects and the district projects planned for the year, the district awards linked to the strategic objectives, the three thematic focuses that will guide the action in the coming months:

Membership, Rotary Foundation and Youth.

In conclusion, the budget was presented, offering those present a clear vision of the economic planning and operational priorities.

The evening took place in the presence of the Governor's Assistant, Fabio Di Lorenzo, in a friendly atmosphere

of friendship, dialogue, and sharing, also marked by moments of serene joy among members, which confirm the spirit of collaboration and sense of belonging that distinguish the Rotary Club Palermo Libertà.



the friendship between members as the engine of the Rotary action

On Monday, July 14th, on the occasion of the 401st Feast of Santa Rosalia, member Angela Piraino of the Palermo Nord Club welcomed members and friends of the Club to her home on the Cassaro, to attend the traditional triumphal chariot parade. A moment experienced in the historic center of the city, amid lights, sounds, and a memory-filled atmosphere, which successfully combined tradition and community spirit. The requested contribution for the

The entire proceeds of the evening were donated to the Rotary Foundation, confirming once again how even informal occasions can translate into concrete gestures of solidarity. Both initiatives emphasized how the quality of relationships between members is a fundamental element of Rotary's work. President Gaetano Lo Cicero, with a style marked by inclusion and continuity, wanted to open

the year by valorizing the dimension of dialogue and togetherness, a solid foundation on which to build shared projects and effective interventions. In Rotary, every project begins with an idea, but takes shape through the work of a cohesive community. And with these first two initiatives, the Rotary Club of Palermo Nord has already laid the foundation for a year filled with collaboration and concrete results.





Isa Lion Club Palermo Ovest **Rotary flight No summer to Villa Anna Maria** **Of friendship, Hospitality and Sharing**

The Rotary Club of Palermo Ovest held a roundtable meeting on Tuesday, August 5th, in Giacalone. The meeting took place at the summer home "Villa Anna Maria" of member Maurizio Puleo, who warmly welcomed the participants. President Giuseppe Cascio thanked the host for his hospitality, but also said: "Thanks to our senior member Peppuccio Mancuso, who honored us with his presence, and to our Governor Sergio, also our member, who honored us with his presence, freeing himself from the many district commitments that continually involve him this social year."

The evening was an opportunity to strengthen bonds of friendship and reflect, in a relaxed and convivial atmosphere, on past activities and future plans. The president also took the opportunity to extend a special greeting to those who, for various reasons, were unable to attend. The Summer Rotary Table has always been a special moment, where Rotary friendships are renewed even outside of official meetings. Thanks to all participants for their warm participation. See you in September, with renewed enthusiasm and new initiatives on the horizon.



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On July 22nd, the Rotary Club Palermo Ovest, led by President Giuseppe Cascio, hosted a fireside at Villa Airoidi dedicated to one of the most profound and identifying symbols of the city of Palermo: Santa Rosalia.



The meeting, entitled "Art and image of Santa Rosalia in the seventeenth century", was held by Prof. Pierfrancesco Palazzotto, historian

art historian and professor at the University of Palermo, as well as the author of numerous studies dedicated to Sicilian artistic heritage.

The conference offered attendees a fascinating visual and conceptual journey through the iconographic representation of the "Santuzza" during the 17th century, a crucial period not only for popular devotion but also for the evolution of sacred art in Sicily. Professor Palazzotto illustrated how, through paintings, sculptures, and festive displays, the figure of Saint Rosalia assumed a central role in Baroque spirituality and the civic identity of Palermo, especially after the discovery of her relics in 1624 and the miraculous intervention attributed to the Saint during the plague epidemic.

The images and historical references supported the intervention which involved members and guests in



A stimulating dialogue between art, faith, and history. The meeting was enriched by numerous reflections on the relationship between iconography and popular devotion, offering a unique perspective on 17th-century Palermo and the power of art as a vehicle for memory and identity. President Giuseppe Cascio thanked the speaker for his valuable contribution, emphasizing how events like this fully represent Rotary's mission: promoting knowledge, cultural dialogue, and community values through moments of reflection and sharing.

The fireside concluded in a spirit of great participation and with the hope of future initiatives that, in keeping with Rotary tradition, will continue to nourish the mind and spirit.



Isle of Pantelleria Traditional celebration of Saint James the Greater in the church adopted by the members

The traditional celebration of the Feast of Saint James the Greater, organized by the Rotary Club of Pantelleria at the small church of Spanish origin in the Kaddiuggia district, has reached its fifteenth edition this year. It was in 2010 that the church was adopted by Rotary, which subsequently took care of the care and maintenance of the structure. On July 25, Holy Mass was concelebrated by Father Silvano Porta, Father Ramesh, and Father Remi. Members of the Rotary Club of Pantelleria and a large audience of faithful, including those from other districts of the island, were present. In his homily, Father Porta recalled the salient features of the life of Saint James the Greater, illustrating some symbols belonging to the iconography of the Saint, the first apostle martyr put to death by King Herod Agrippa I. At the end of the celebration, the president of the Rotary Club of Pantelleria, Enza Pavia, recalled the presence of the Saint.



Rotary's active role in the care of the church, with respect to the numerous interventions illustrated by Maestro Cossyro, who supervised the restoration of the precious sixteenth-century canvas depicting the Saint and created the altar facing the faithful, commissioned by Rotary. With Don Porta, the Saint's connection with water, an element understood as regeneration, purity, and the source of life, was explored in depth.

The Apostle James was a fisherman in the waters of Lake Tiberias, later called by Jesus to be a fisher of souls. To answer his call, he set out across the Mediterranean, reaching Spain. Water is also represented by the shell, a symbol of pilgrimage. Legend has it that a spring gushed forth at the site where his body was found, and many miracles have been linked to water and healings. The presence of a gourd, used to hold water to quench thirst, is also noteworthy. This unique insight into the church and the saint to whom it is dedicated, was presented by the Rotary Club of Pantelleria to the audience, who remained attentive after the liturgical celebration, appreciating the explanations of Maestro Cossyro and Father Porta.



rc Sant'Agata di Militello the summer party at the members' homes' horizon panorama on the Aeolian Islands

A summer of friendship and sharing for the Rotary Club of Sant'Agata di Militello, which enjoyed two interesting and entertaining evenings filled with participation.

The first was hosted by Antonio and Graziella Castorino who warmly welcomed the Club members and their guests. Through smiles and moments of genuine conviviality, President Giulio Settimo Franchina highlighted the importance of opportunities to strengthen relationships and genuine bonds between club members and their families. The second appointment was hosted by Pippo and Rita Riz-



zo, with the breathtaking backdrop of the sunset over the Aeolian Islands. An evening of music, joy, and lightheartedness, featuring members, families, and numerous welcome guests, united by the desire to share moments of summer fun. These two meetings, in addition to providing pleasant social moments, strengthened the spirit of Rotary cohesion, an essential element for enthusiastically approaching the Club's activities in the Rotary year just begun. In fact, moments were dedicated to talking about Rotary and planning service projects.

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the sea of friendship

One of the club's summer activities, which was well received by numerous members and guests, took place at the Hotel Costa del Sole with free SUP lessons offered by the Sup n, Wave Association.

The meeting had a twofold goal: to raise funds for the Rotaray Foundation and to raise awareness of this sport among the more than 35 attendees, whose presence and participation confirmed the initiative's success.

After a morning on the beach, the day of fellowship and sharing continued with lunch under the trees, along with a delegation from Rotaract Catania Ovest, who were guests of the club, along with member Grazia Scavuzzo, who was delegated by President Eleonora Bellia.

Significant was the presence of our honorary member Marco Rubino, Mayor of Sant'Agata Li Battiati, who started the



lunch with a toast and a brief greeting addressed to all of us Club members. To seal the friendship, there was the exchange of pennants: to Grazia Scavuzzo as a sign of thanks for her presence; to Salvo Mannino, owner of the Hotel Costa del Sole, for his hospitality; and to Oreste Calcagno, President of the Costa del Sole Association, for his availability.

The Sup n, Wave Association donated its logo T-shirts to the club members who attended, and Mayor Marco Rubino offered a plate bearing the coat of arms of the Municipality of Sant'Agata Li Battiati to Salvo Mannino.



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An evening of great cultural and human significance illuminated the terrace of Manzoni 46, an exclusive location overlooking the harbor and housed in a former noble palace now transformed into a luxury hotel. Amidst the glow of the moon and the sound of the sea, the Rotary Club Valle del Mela, led by President Lorella Mazzeo, and the Teseo Cultural Association hosted the presentation of the novel "The School of Silence" by Ninni Bruschetta, a well-known actor from Messina, but also a refined author and intellectual. Leading the audience through the book was Daniela Bonanzinga, owner of the historic Bonanzinga bookshop in Messina, who led an intense and unexpected conversation with skill and passion. The conversation revealed a unique Bruschetta, far from the glare of film and television sets, yet connected to the most profound and pressing issues of our time.

"The School of Silence" is a novel that invites reflection:

Set in a society where corruption, silence, and a lack of meritocracy stifle talent and undermine values, the book emphasizes honesty as the only possible antidote, an ethical and revolutionary choice. A work that doesn't simply tell a story, but also raises questions, opens debates, and offers a critical and lucid glimpse of contemporary reality.

The audience responded warmly and enthusiastically, applauding enthusiastically and asking questions that further stimulated the discussion. Bruschetta, with his trademark warmth and openness, connected with the audience, sharing personal anecdotes and insights gained from years of experience in the world of theater and film.

The evening concluded with a convivial reception to continue the conversation in a friendly and informal atmosphere. Guests of honor were also present at the event, including the Mayor of Milazzo, Pippo Midili, who wished to



to demonstrate their support for local cultural initiatives. Special thanks were extended to the sponsors, especially Sebastiano Raimondi of Raimondi srl, for their generous contribution.

The meeting with Ninni Bruschetta demonstrated, once again, how culture can be a tool for growth and discussion, capable of uniting people around authentic and shared values. It was an event that will remain in the hearts of those who attended and marks a new success for the Rotary Club Valle del Mela and its president, Lorella Mazzeo, who remain committed to promoting the best of our region together with the Teseo Cultural Association.



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On August 23-24, Delia hosted a stage of flavors, sounds, and encounters for the Cuddrireddra and Delia PGI Peach Festival. It wasn't just a celebration, but a life event that brought people together from all over, transforming the streets into a sensory experience. The stalls, vibrant with colors and aromas, displayed the best of local produce and products from faraway producers; the associations enriched the festival with a deep sense of community. Thousands of people crowded the squares, demonstrating a thirst for tradition that was more alive than ever.

Amid the cheering crowd, one group worked tirelessly for an important cause. The Rotary Club Valle del Salso, President Salvo Pasqualetto, was present with a stand that inspired everyone to reflect on the issue of the risk of bee extinction, thanks in part to the crucial contribution of the District Commission President.



SOS Api 4.0 Luigi Loggia, club member.

"When you are not afraid to get your hands dirty and you are united to do good, the satisfaction is great"; thus declared Pasqualetto and then specified that "the participation of over eight thousand people amplified the impact of the message; a success publicly recognized by the presenter and the Mayor, testifying that selfless commitment can

to touch the deepest chords of the community."

"We used modern learning methods, such as QR codes and interactive video games, to capture attention," Loggia emphasized. "The innovative, smart approach proposed by Governor Malizia, the public's curiosity, and the widespread awareness of the topic, seen among adults and children alike, are proof that hope for a more sustainable future lies in our hands." He also thanked the Administration and Mayor Gianfilippo Bancheri for allowing the initiative, who in turn thanked Rotary "for enhancing the Festival with a moment of reflection that raised awareness of the issue of bees. A project that demonstrated how a traditional festival can also help catalyze change."



Riesi Lion Club Val Salso the History of Ryes in comics

UIn homage to local culture and history

The eagerly awaited presentation of the second edition of "The History of Riesi in Comics" took place on Saturday, July 26, in Riesi. This work combines historical rigor with the immediacy of visual language. The volume, featuring texts by Professor Massimo Rosario Paterna and drawings by architect Giuseppe Veneziano, now recognized as one of the leading exponents of news pop art, was greeted with great enthusiasm by the community. The event, hosted by Dr. Lo Cascio, Regional President of EBC-Sicilia, and Professor Maria Catena Sanfilippo, was well attended by the public and institutions. The patronage of the Municipality of Riesi underscored the importance of the initiative, with the administration funding the reprint of the book and donating copies to all students in the city. This significant gesture demonstrates the commitment to promoting knowledge of local history among younger generations.



The Rotary Club Valle del Salso also played a key role, not only by sponsoring the event but also by recognizing the work's historical and cultural value with a commemorative plaque presented to the authors at the end of the presentation.

A Journey

between History and Images

During the meeting, the authors focused with scientific rigor on the historical analysis that shaped the most significant events related to the birth and development of Riesi. It was not...

The visual aspect has been neglected: the images, masterfully curated by Giuseppe Veneziano, not only reflect the environments, costumes and places of the time, but also capture the vibrant colours of the Sicilian land. Among the most significant speeches was that of Dr. Salvatore Pasqualetto, President of the Rotary Club Valle del Salso, who recalled that it was precisely 26 years ago that the Rotary Club Valle del Salso presented the first edition of the work, emphasizing the continuity and enduring appreciation for the work of Paterna and Veneziano. The book's historical and cultural value was also emphasized by the Councilor for Culture, Dr. Daniele Pasqualetto, who, along with the mayor and the entire municipal administration, highlighted the importance of this work for the city's collective memory. The second edition of "The History of Riesi in Comics" thus confirms its status as a highly valuable initiative, combining historical education with art, making the history of Riesi accessible and engaging for all.





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With a heartfelt and well-attended ceremony, the Marsala Interact and Rotaract clubs officially inaugurated the new Rotary year 2025–2026. A symbolic and significant moment saw the passing of the Rotaract leadership from Francesca Gerardi to Vincenzo Valenti, while Carla Maria D'Angelo handed over the Interact baton to Federico Canova. These handovers represent not only a change in leadership, but also a renewed commitment to Rotary values.

The ceremony was also attended by Rotary Presidents Andrea Aldo Galileo, in office for the 2024–2025 year, and Antonio Giovanni De Vita, who will lead the club in 2025–2026. Their presence underlined the strong bond between the different souls of the Rotary world: Rotary, Rotaract and Interact, three generations that work side by side,



animated by the same desire to serve the community. The year ahead will be full of projects, initiatives, and growth opportunities. The new leadership teams are ready to lead their clubs with enthusiasm, promoting activities born from collaboration, from...

Sharing common ideals and the desire to make a difference. Unity among the clubs will be key to addressing the challenges of the future, with a focus on innovation, inclusion, and solidarity."



the Rotaract Club Palermo Est

Dives Into the New Rotary Year

Against the breathtaking backdrop of the splendid Santa Flavia coast visible from Villa Oliveri, the Rotaract Club Palermo Est's traditional Bell Ringing Ceremony took place on July 26th, simultaneously with the Presidents of the Palermo Bagheria, Palermo Monreale, Palermo Montepellegrino, Palermo Mondello, and Palermo Teatro del Sole Clubs, demonstrating once again the deep friendship and synergy created between the Clubs. The outgoing president (and current co-delegate for the Panormus area) Carlo Castronovo has officially passed the baton to the new president for the 2025/2026 social year, Claudio Attianese, who, first extending a warm greeting to the Vice President of the Rotary Club Palermo Est Livan Fratini present at the event, proudly presented

The club's board of directors met. The ceremony took place in a serene and heartfelt atmosphere, which also provided an opportunity to reflect on the past year. Since the beginning of last year, the Rotaract Club Palermo Est has been committed not only to service activities for the Palermo area community (from the "Ronda Clochard" to the HandinCamp days), but also to youth-focused activities, with highly sought-after events such as the ping-pong tournaments organized within the Palermo University City, "Youth in Business" - in collaboration with JESic - and "Palermo Est Makes You Fly," which gave Rotaractors and non-Rotaractors alike the opportunity to fly over the skies of beautiful Palermo aboard planes departing from Boccadifalco Airport. Through the careful guidance of the



President Claudio Attianese, the Rotaract Club of Palermo Est once again renews its commitment to the local area and the community, with particular attention to initiatives aimed at promoting the Club's presence among young people at university and among those already entering the world of work.

The Club has already started planning various future activities such as a mental health awareness campaign aimed at university students, one to support the protection of the South Coast of Palermo, participation in the district Mentoring project, without however neglecting activities that the Club has consistently carried out over the years such as the days spent in the company of the "Neverland" kids and the numerous self-financing events such as the unmissable Oktoberfest.

The Rotaract Club of Palermo Est thus renews its promise to increase the presence of active and proactive young people who can leave their mark on society for a more prosperous and welcoming future.



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On August 9th, a deeply meaningful evening for the youth of Palermo West took place: the passing of the bell for Rotaract Palermo West and Interact Palermo West. Davide Vinci, Rotaract President, and Carlotta L'Ala, Interact President, were officially appointed to lead the two clubs for the new social year.

The ceremony took place in an atmosphere of participation and celebration, in the presence of members, friends and guests, but above all with the participation of the President Giuseppe Cascio of the Rotary Club Palermo Ovest, a club pa-

drino, a testament to the strong bond that unites the three entities and the importance of mutual support between the generations of Rotary.

For Rotaract and Interact, the passing of the bell is not just a formal act, but a moment to celebrate the work accomplished throughout the year and look to the future with confidence. It's a symbol of continuity, commitment, and responsibility to the community, in keeping with the Rotary values of service, friendship, and personal growth. The new social year thus opens under the best auspices, with



The determination to continue existing projects and develop new initiatives capable of leaving a tangible mark on the community. The energy of these young people, guided by the experience of their Rotary sponsor, promises a path rich in opportunities, collaboration, and shared growth.





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Sport and Solidarity

Sport and solidarity have come together in a wonderful initiative promoted by the Interact Club Marsala, which organized a charity match to raise funds for the Italian Association against Leukemia, Lymphoma, and Myeloma (AIL). The event, which was well attended, raised over €500, an amount that will be entirely donated to home care services for hematology patients.

The President of the Interact Club Marsala Federico Canova expressed his satisfaction

for the success of the event: "I would like to heartily thank all the members who worked hard to organize this wonderful initiative and all those who participated in the match. Their enthusiasm and generosity made this afternoon of solidarity a success." Rotary Interact Delegate Salvatore Bottone also expressed his appreciation for the initiative: "Events like this demonstrate the maturity and social responsibility of our young Interact members, who



They know how to transform moments of leisure into concrete opportunities to help those in need." Representing all the Marsala AIL volunteers, Arianna Giacalone gratefully welcomed the funds raised: "We are deeply grateful to the Interact Club Marsala for this generous initiative. The proceeds of over €500 will go entirely towards our home care services for hematology patients, a fundamental support that allows us to provide qualified care directly in the patients' homes, significantly improving their quality of life and that of their families."

At the end of the match, Professor Antonino Alagna, coach of the Italian Football Federation (FIGC), awarded the "Fair Play Awards" to two players who demonstrated particular respect for the rules and their opponents, emphasizing the importance of sporting values alongside those of solidarity. These awards were given to Antonio Monteleone and Javier, the Spanish player currently in Marsala for the Youth Exchange Project, for demonstrating their sporting loyalty and respect for their opponents.



theInteractPalermoEst awarded at 'tossemBleadDistrict

During the District Assembly for the new fiscal year, held on July 26, 2025, an afternoon was entirely dedicated to recognizing the clubs' excellence for the 2024-2025 fiscal year.

Among the protagonists of this celebration, the Interact Club Palermo Est proudly received two important awards.

A significant achievement, especially considering the size of the club, which is made up of just a few members but driven by a passion and determination that has overcome every obstacle. In an often challenging environment, the Palermo Est boys have never given up. Instead, they chose the path of active participation, collaboration, and service, focusing on the desire to learn, grow, and build relationships with other clubs in the District.

The message from this recognition is clear and powerful: when faced with the desire to learn and improve, there are no limits, only new horizons to explore.

In this spirit, we hope that the recognition received represents not only a point of arrival, but above all a new beginning.

An encouragement to restart with renewed energy, welcome new members, and continue to be a point of reference for the local area and the District.

Interact Palermo Est reminds us that even small numbers can yield great results.



And that, when there is passion, the impact is measured not only in quantity, but in the quality of the bonds, the commitment, and the shared dreams.

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UN goals for a smile

The Trapani Birgi Mozia Interact Club wrote a vibrant chapter of social commitment and Rotary spirit with the "A Goal for a Smile" event, a tournament where sport, friendship, and solidarity were enthusiastically intertwined. During the first day, six teams—orange, avion, green, red, blue, and light blue—competed on the pitch to support a charitable goal: raising funds for a pediatric wheelchair for the pediatric surgery department of the S. Antonio Hospital in Trapani. The event would not have been possible without the generosity of the participants and the crucial support of

The sponsors: Pigeo and the Tecnoaffari Real Estate Agency (who provided T-shirts and medals), Blade hairdresser, the Sportivamente Association (which provided the courts free of charge), and the Polizzotti Pharmacy of Trapani and Marsala, which contributed a pediatric blood pressure monitor, also destined for the pediatric surgery department. The competition continued enthusiastically until the triumph of the blue team, led by Houssein, who took first place. The second step of the podium was occupied by the avion team, captained by Edoardo Conti, while the third



Third place went to the red team, led by Gaspare Montalbano. Success is measured not only by sporting results, but above all by the initiative's concrete impact—a clear example of how Rotary values of service, community, and solidarity can be brought to life through real action. "We are delighted to have been able to engage young people and adults in an event that combines sport and solidarity," said Sofia Pilato, president of Interact Trapani Birgi Mozia, "and which allowed us to concretely achieve our goal."



The tournament involved amateur youth and adults, transforming a playing field into a field of hope. Thanks to the dedication of the Interact Club and the open-heartedness of those who participated, the goal was fully achieved: supporting the young patients of S. Antonio with useful tools for their care. With "A Goal for a Smile", Trapani Birgi Mozia has demonstrated how sport can become a tool for cohesion and altruism, perfectly embodying the Rotary spirit of "service first".



theInteractClubValle del Salso toAndreaLoGrasso New President

Riesi, August 22, 2025 – The Interact Club Valle del Salso's transition ceremony took place in Riesi, passing the baton from outgoing president Ester La Rosa to new president Andrea Lo Grasso. The event was attended by Rotary, Interact, and civic authorities, along with numerous members and friends of the club. Among those in attendance were representatives of the Rotary Club Valle del Salso, the sponsoring club of Interact, led by President Salvo Pasqualetto, who, in his remarks, emphasized how Interact is founded on four key principles:

Interact's pillars. The first is leadership development, which allows young people to test their organizational skills, learn to manage responsibilities, and discover the value of teamwork. The second is community service, which represents the very essence of Interact: engaging in solidarity projects and concrete initiatives to improve the local community and help those in need. The third pillar is Interact's internationality, which gives young people the opportunity to connect with peers from around the world, share experiences and common values, breaking down boundaries and building bridges of friendship. Finally, the motto "Serious Fun" underpins every activity, expressing the club's spirit: taking the commitment to service seriously, without forgetting the joy, enthusiasm, and fun that accompany every experience. In her end-of-term speech, Ester La Rosa reviewed her two years at the helm of the club, highlighting the projects she has accomplished.



These include the Talk Around format, solidarity activities with the Santa Chiara Residential Community of Butera and the Stella Association, food drives, the FAI Autumn Days at the Trabia-Tallarita mine, and the twinning with the Interact Club of Niscemi. In his inaugural speech, Andrea Lo Grasso expressed gratitude for the trust placed in him and presented the key project for the new social year: "A Dream That Saves – Donating Is Living," an initiative dedicated to raising awareness about blood donation. This initiative includes the creation of an information totem with a QR code, in collaboration with FIDAS (Italian Federation of Blood Donors), the Municipality, and local organizations. The new president also announced the continuation of established activities, such as the food drive and the Christmas bingo, along with new ideas and projects aimed at promoting service, solidarity, and the personal growth of young people. The evening also saw the arrival of a new member, Selene La Rosa, who was enthusiastically welcomed by the entire Interact family. With this change of collar, the Interact Club Valle del Salso confirms its commitment to the community, strengthening its bond with the Rotary Club Valle del Salso, which proudly and consistently supports its journey.





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