



THE NEWSLETTER OF THE KYIV MULTINATIONAL ROTARY CLUB

September 2009
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“ROTATING IN KYIV”

MEETINGS WEDNESDAYS AT 19:00 AT THE RADISSONHOTEL, VAROSLAVVAL
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DID YOU KNOW THAT:

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Do you know the story of the Kyiv Multinational Rotary Club ?

In December of 2005 an initial group of nine people got together in order to discuss the possibility and the benefits of forming an English language Rotary Club in Ukraine's capital, Kyiv. Over the months that followed they held weekly meetings and began to find like-minded individuals, both Ukrainian nationals as well as members from the ex-patriot community, to join what would become Kyiv's first English language speaking multinational club including members from: Canada, the Netherlands, the United States of America, and Ukraine.

On April 12, 2006 the District Governor of Rotary International, Jan Wrona, visited Kyiv to meet with members of Kyiv's other three Rotary Clubs: Kyiv City, Kyiv Center and Kyiv Pechersk, as well as members of the initiative group. This added impetus for the Kyiv Multinational Rotary Club to submit its paperwork to Rotary International and to District 2230 which is composed of Poland, Ukraine and Belarus.

At the end of April 2006 a number of the club's members traveled to Yalta in order to both attend the President-Elect Training Seminar (PETS) and also to help the three Crimean Clubs celebrate their 10th Anniversaries. This trip provided not only a good opportunity for club members to better understand the way Rotary functions, but to network with other Rotarians from Belarus, Poland and Ukraine in an atmosphere that was pleasant and full of camaraderie. On the weekend of May 20, the Club's President, Bill Atamanchuk and the Governor's Special Adviser, Roman Shwed, traveled to Krakow, Poland for the District Conference. At this meeting they presented the necessary documentation needed in order for KMRC to receive its Charter. On June 12, 2006 Rotary International's President Carl Wilhem Stenhammer visited Kyiv to attend a joint meeting of Kyiv's RC's and to Charter our RC and attend a banquet in honor of the occasion.

Our club became the 40th RC in Ukraine and is part of District 2230 (Belarus, Poland and Ukraine).

Membership Corner:

Good bye and best wishes to **Rotarian Larissa** who will be moving to Beijing, China after her wedding this month. All the very best to you and Andrew, Larissa !



ATTENDANCE and MEETING MAKE-UPS

Rotary International expects Rotary Club members to regularly attend Club meetings. If however a member is unable to attend a meeting then

MAKE-UPS.

Missed a meeting and wish to make it up? There are a number of ways to make-up missed meetings:

FIRST: Attend another Rotary, Rotaract or Interact Club meeting and report the attendance to our Club Secretary.

To locate another Rotary Club go to www.rotary.org click on **CLUB LOCATOR** and follow the directions.

SECOND: Attend a RI conference, institute, convention, or District meeting

THIRD: Attend and participate in a club service project, a club sponsored community event or a meeting authorized by the board.

FOURTH: Attend a board, or a committee meeting

****Please remember to report your make-up to our secretary otherwise it will not be recorded. For further information regarding the RI attendance policy please visit their website www.rotary.org, click on members and then scroll down to make-ups ****

UPCOMING GUEST SPEAKERS:

SEPTEMBER 2nd:

Dr. Christof Rheinbay, www.argus.ua will speak on the 'Social Implications of the Current Economic Crisis'

SEPTEMBER 9th:

Dirk Schuebel, Deputy Ambassador of the European Union in Ukraine, will speak on 'Four years of European Public Service in Ukraine- a personal view'

SEPTEMBER 16th:

Martin Raiser, Director of The World Bank in Ukraine and Belarus will speak on the 'The Financial Crisis-Effects On Ukraine and How to React'

SEPTEMBER 23rd:

Serhiy Kvit, President of National University of Kyiv-M oyla Academy, will speak on 'Higher education in Ukraine-status quo and challenges'

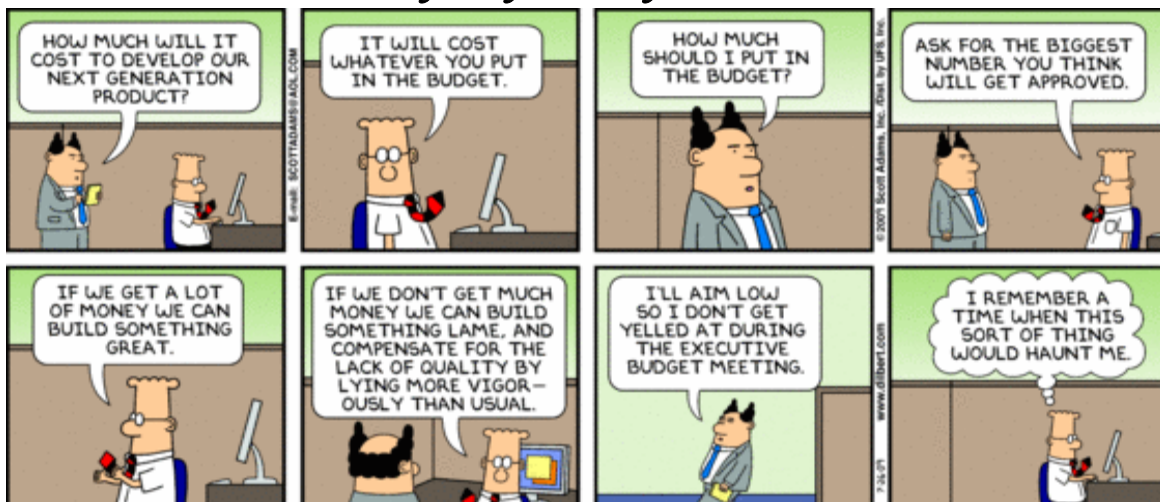
Thank-you to Andreas for organizing a terrific lineup for September. If you have a speaker who you would like us to book please contact Andreas and he will make the final arrangements. We would like to very much have club members speak on their occupations, hobbies, family etc. Help us to get to know each other better... be a guest speaker.



President Dave receiving a Club banner from Meron Schemesco of the Rotary Club of Yanalilla, District 9520 Australia.

A fond farewell to **Rotarian Ingvar** who is returning to Sweden to rejoin his family and for new professional challenges. We will miss you slipping away from meetings faithfully every week to Skype your good wife. Thank you for both for your support to KMRC. Do drop in and say hello when you are next in Kyiv.

Dilbert – This one's for you, Myron, our esteemed Treasurer



Looking ahead: Mark November 27th on your calendars. This is our first major fundraiser of the year; our annual Thanksgiving Dinner. Everyone is expected to volunteer in some capacity and a good time will be had by all us Rotary turkeys! Please contact Jonathan if you would like to volunteer on the organization committee



Happy Birthday to the September Rotarian Birthdays Steve 7th, Jonathan 10th and Dave 24th. Health and happiness to you all in the year(s) to come.

As many of you know Sherry had to return to Canada to be with her ailing mother. Our thoughts go out to Sherry and her family. Take care Sherry and we look forward to having you back soon.

Coming up in October: Canadian Thanksgiving on the 12th.



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Can you be proud of being a Ukrainian? YES !

On June 9-23, as part of the Ukrainian Trip 2009 international project sponsored by Rotaract Clubs in Ukraine, participants from 8 different countries and 4 continents had an opportunity to get an insight in Ukrainian culture, history, and traditions. Our guests this year represented such countries as Canada, the US, Germany, Great Britain, Poland, Indonesia, Egypt, and Russia. Under the program, young Rotaractors had a chance to visit the capital of Ukraine, the heart of Ukrainian democracy Zaporizhzhya (where the final party, dedicated to the charter of this club took place) as well as 8 other cities of Ukraine. The Ukrainian Trip consisted of 2 routes: one route went to touch the history of Western part of Ukraine, while another experienced the traditions of Eastern Ukraine. The trip was carefully planned and thoroughly prepared by the 11 Rotaract Clubs of Ukraine. The main goal of this trip was to open our country to the world, let people get a first-hand experience of living in Ukraine, eating its food, getting familiar with the mentality of its nation and breaking down any existing misconceptions about it. The key advantage of the project was its affordability, as the participants were only covering expenses for their round trip tickets and traveling expenses from one city of Ukraine to another (60 euros), while the rest of expenses were compensated by our highly respected sponsors. Particularly, RAC Kyiv would like to express its deep gratitude to RC Multinational and RC Kyiv for their financial contribution, which helped this project happen and made it a big success.



By the end of the two weeks all the participants of the project had totally fallen in love with Ukraine, its rich history, culture, and, especially, its “lovely hospitality”. No longer could they imagine their life without varenyky, borsch, and Zhyvchyk. Almost all of them went home carrying traditional “vyshyvankas” in their bags, knowing some key words in Ukrainian, and being so proud of the opportunity to discover this unknown for them country and becoming a little bit of Ukrainian. As the project takes place on a yearly basis, we expect that through word of the mouth people will learn more about Ukraine and next year there will be more interesting people to come!

A big thank you to Irina Ostropolets, past Vice-president, RAC for this interesting submission to our newsletter. KMRC was pleased to be able to sponsor this event.

Membership Corner: Members in a Club such as ours are generally expatriates who are in Ukraine for a limited period of time, usually related to their employment or long-term residents who are dual-nationals. Looking back at this past year, here is a snap shot of who we were- 29 members (22 male, 7 female) 9 nationalities (Australian, American, Canadian, Danish, Swedish, German, Dutch, Austrian and Ukranian). Our professional classifications ranged from bankers to lawyers, retired school administrators to teachers and translators. We were an eclectic bunch who enjoyed each others company and worked hard. We also had a lot of fun.

Good bye and best wishes to Rotarian Larissa Paschyn who will be moving to Beijing Ching after her wedding this month. All the very best to you and Andrew, Larissa ! Thank you for your support of KMRC. Do drop in and say hello when you are next in Kyiv.

A number of prospective members are awaiting the end of the summer to join us. They are now include in our meeting notices and newsletter mail outs. More news to come.

Dilbert



News from Rotary International A supplement to The Rotarian magazine specifically aimed at Rotary members in Canada has been launched in the count down to Montreal hosting RI's International Convention in June 2010.



Rotarian Jesper invites us to a look at the Audacious Beer Festival <http://www.audaciousbeer.com/index.html>

organised by the <http://www.lakecountryrotary.com/> of Hartland, Wisconsin, USA.
A great fund raising idea !

Not to be missed in August : Our meeting on the 26th when President Dave and the Directors outline our objectives and plans for this coming Rotary year. All members are asked to make a special effort to be present. Venue: Radisson Hotel, Varoslavi Val.

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*Happy Birthday to Rotarians Myon (Aug 14), Benno (Aug 25) and Andreas (Aug 28).
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Something to think about:

' The best portion of a good man's life: his little, nameless, unremembered acts, of kindness and of love. ' .

William Wordsworth

Coming up in September:

President Dave is back, Committees start their work including preparations for our Thanksgiving Dinner Fund Raiser. Your Editor is going on holiday ..Hurray !

Not to worry, the September newsletter will appear...



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New Club Directors invested on July 2, 2009



Out-going President Vasyl Pavlowsky transfers the seal of office to incoming President Dave White. Many thanks to Rotarian Vasyl and congratulations, President Dave !

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What shall we call our new newsletter?

Attention all Rotarians! What shall we call our newsletter and what information would you like to see it contain for members and prospective members? "Rotating in Kyiv" is a provisional name chosen because so many of us go around in circles when we first arrive in town until we land on our feet at KMR. Please send your comments or suggestions to the Secretary or to club@kmrclub.org. There will be a prize for the winner.

President Dave-'s comments on highlights of this past year- a very successful one

- 1- Membership nearly doubled from 15 to 29;
 - 2- A process to select and induct new members has been formalized;
 - 3- The Club Board of Directors meets regularly and has established a number of processes to make the Club function more efficiently, including policies and procedures for dealing with applications for financial support;
 - 4- Meetings are now more structured, more efficiently run and consequently more effective and enjoyable for both members and guests;
 - 5- A guest speaker program is now in-place and has generated high level, informative speakers and a positive image for the KMR. Our new budget allocates funds for the hospitality expenses of guest speakers;
 - 6- Our major fund raising events, a Thanksgiving Dinner and a Ball/Auction continue to be successful and have allowed for the purchase of two incubators (at \$10,000 US each) for the Kracevid, Khmelyst and Chernivtski Regional Hospitals;
 - 7- The Club was successful in obtaining three matching grants from Rotary International; one from a consortium of Italian clubs for activities related to street youth in Kyiv; one from a Swedish Club supporting at-risk youth and a third from a Club in Virginia, USA to purchase an additional incubator. There is also the possibility of at least two new matching grants this coming year;
 - 8- A Sergeant-at-Arms position was successfully introduced, allowing for additional fund raising in an original and humorous way; the additional monies raised allow for the Club to respond in a flexible manner to spontaneous requests for support;
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9- The Club web site was improved and updated thanks to the efforts of Rotarians Vasyly and Graham. It will allow for increased communications between members and the wider community, Rotary and other; Members should make a point of checking the members section of the site for information which will be of interest. Rotarian Graham would be pleased to assist with access if required;

10- Exchanges with the Rotaract Club of Kyiv have been rich and frequent; these are mutually beneficial;

11- Many KMRC members are involved in volunteer efforts apart from Club activities and are to be commended. These include, but are not limited to, Rotarian Benno's work on behalf of mentally challenged youth and Rotarian Jesper's budgeting training course with the Rotaract Club of Kyiv.

Even Dilbert talks about rotating....



Why Dilbert, you ask?

Because he is the Editor's favourite cartoon character...

Something to think about:

'We turn not older with years, but new every day". Emily Dickinson

Coming up in August: Meetings will move to the Radisson Hotel. Committees and Committee assignments for members to be confirmed. Guest speaker program to resume. Another newsletter with Rotary news, both from our District and Rotary International, Dilbert, membership update and much more.

Stay tuned and enjoy beautiful Kyiv in the summer.

