

## **CHARTER CEREMONY OF THE NEW DISTRICT 2483 Serbia & Montenegro**

Dear Rotary Friends,

On Saturday, June 25<sup>th</sup> 2011, a Charter ceremony was held in which we officially marked the beginning of our new District 2483. Guests were first met with the members of the RC Niš Centar, who were entrusted that evening with not an easy job to greet and register all guests. The hosts of the ceremony, DG Aris Zahos, DGE Vesna Baltezarević, as well as clubs from Serbia and Montenegro, who attended the event, at the Crystal Ballroom of the Hyatt hotel in Belgrade, had the opportunity to meet and socialize with Rotarians from Greece, Turkey, Romania, Bulgaria, Slovenia, Croatia, Italy, Israel and the Republika Srpska, as well as with representatives of the District 1910. All of them, briefly, addressed the participants and wished successful work of the new district and all of them, without reservation, called for cooperation.



It seemed that the Crystal Ballroom was not large enough for all those who came that night but, while the guests were enjoying a cocktail party, the problem of

accommodation was resolved. Some people ran out of chairs, but found new ones.



Predrag Zumbulović and his firm MIT DOO Novi Sad made sure that each guest received the card ID as a "proof" of attendance to the ceremony. Presentation of our cultural heritage was entrusted to the Artistic Association "Gradimir". Pushing and tripping on the stage of the youngest members of the association drew smiles of those present. Smiles were followed by the unanimous highest appreciations for older performers, who took turns at the stage. Their performances were accompanied by comments of our district PR, Ivana Mihić. Then the microphone started to resonate in the hands of Merima Njegomir, who that evening, as a member of our Rotary family, presented her songs to the audience.



In order to prevent our guests and hosts from dying of starvation, the transfer of gubernatorial duties went without much talk, and the program resumed during the dinner, followed by the introduction of the leadership team, current and incoming club presidents. The handover of the presidential duty was marked by a champagne, which was donated by our brother from RC Zemun, , Predrag Ćurčić.



Champagne probably contributed to all those who were on the podium in sharing laughs and friendly words.



This is a brief report from the spot. All meaningful stories, new friendships, arrangements for action and cooperation, I leave to those who were present at the Charter.

Best regards,

RID 2483

DG Vesna Baltezarević

