



# 2017 Annual Report

January 2017 to December 2017

**"Having fun, doing good"**

Rotary Club Prague International (RCPI) is registered as a non-profit association (spolek) in the association register of the Municipal Court in Prague, number L10165 with identification number (IČO) 697 80 269.

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## 1. President's report

I have had the pleasure of being President of RC Prague International, an experience that will stay with me forever.

The year was dedicated to environmental issues by the RC President, who wanted every member from the 1.2 million membership to plant a tree. I felt that in the Czech Republic we had enough trees, therefore planting in Zambia was a better idea. We partnered with WeForest a charity that works with locals to move from burning wood for charcoal to planting trees for fruit. They also encourage the making of honey by having hanging bee hives in the trees, a great source of income for the local community.

We were involved in the Fairy Tale Festival in Annaberg Bucholz. Our Club sponsored a trip for children from a Prague orphanage, providing them with a bus, food and tickets to the festival. The children were treated like VIPs and were about to meet Princesses and Princes from the world of Fairtales. Our RCPI member Philip Albrecht was very involved in the organising of the festival.

We held our third Sananim Gala event, raising 250,000 kc for the charity that works with addicts and their families and have a fantastic 80% success rate.

We arranged to sell burgers at Burgerfest, this event is a fund-raiser for the dog shelter, it also gives the club members a chance to work together over the two days of the event. It also gives the club the opportunity to show the community what Rotary is and what we do.

There was a trip to Cesky Krumlov with our 'twin' club, RC Bristol Breakfast Club. The Bristol club arrived at Bristol airport for their flight, to find it was cancelled. This did not stop RCPI, we enjoyed a weekend of hiking and around the area and fun evenings getting to know each other better.

We had six new members this year, it is great to see the membership grow and I am delighted with the caliber of candidates that are coming forward.

Indian Food Helps – the project to raise funds for schools in India by selling Indian lunches for two weeks throughout Prague, was a bigger success than last year as the project becomes more widely known throughout the Prague business community. This year we raised 3,500 Euros, this will enable schools in Rajasmund district to buy equipment, uniforms, blankets and other essential school items for the students.

We had one Youth Exchange member from USA, our young member initially struggled with life in the Czech Republic but grew to love his time here and was sad to leave having told us that he had learned much about himself on this journey.

We had a very successful Dragon Boats with 27 teams entering the event, the highest number of boats in the ten years the club have been organising the race. It is thanks to the hardwork of Vlasta that this took place, she worked very hard to complete this big fundraising event. We raised 250,000 kc for a number of local Czech charities.

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My personal highlights were the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our club held in April at the Aristocratic waiting rooms at the main station. We had members from the past, founding members and our District Governor helping us celebrate the successes of RCPI over the last 20 years. A very special moment to be President of this club.

We have had a spectacular list of speakers, many Ambassadors have given us their time, scientists doing amazing work in the Czech Republic, people from the Arts and Cultural scene of Prague. We had actors, painters, designers and curators come and speak of their work, all very interesting in their own way.

Yours in Rotary,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Helen Noll". The script is cursive and fluid, with the first name "Helen" written in a larger, more prominent style than the last name "Noll".

Helen Noll

President of Rotary Club Prague International for the Rotary year 2016-2017

## 2. About the Club

The club's objective is to bring like-minded people together to provide humanitarian services in the spirit of friendship and international collaboration. RCPI unites individuals from many different nations, including expatriates who live in Prague as well as Czech members who have had international experience in their lives.

Raising funds to help others is a large part of what we do, but we also use our skills, energy and enthusiasm to help others by more direct action. These activities can range from helping a charity to repaint its premises to teaching English to disadvantaged people and children. Our club members make up a wealth of talent ranging from design, finance, accountancy, language skills, coaching, legal skills, social work and many more and we are proud to be able to use these skills in the name of Rotary to help others.

Being part of Rotary is more than just giving back to the community by volunteering. It is also about you bringing your skills, experience and enthusiasm to help Rotary thrive, whilst making some great friends along the way. Our club is a friendly place where we meet, discuss and listen to speakers from a wide range of backgrounds who share their knowledge, increasing our social and cultural understanding. Our members also share a common interest in making new friends and if you visit one of our events or meetings you will immediately feel the sense of camaraderie and fun in an English speaking and international environment.

RCPI became a chartered Rotary Club in January 1998 and is the only English-speaking International club in Prague. The club is part of the Czech and Slovak Rotary district no. 2240 which has more than 70 other member clubs.

To find out where and when our meetings are held and for more information, visit our website [www.rcpi.club](http://www.rcpi.club) and check on our facebook page, "Rotary Club Prague International"

### About Rotary International



Rotary International is an international service organization whose stated purpose is to bring together business and professional leaders in order to provide humanitarian services, encourage high ethical standards in all vocations, and to advance goodwill and peace around the world. It is a non-political and non-sectarian organization open to all people regardless of race, colour, creed, religion, gender, or political preference. There are more than 35,000 member clubs worldwide, and more than 1.2 million individuals, have become Rotarians. The Rotary International motto is "*Service above self*".

More information about Rotary International can be found on the website: [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org)

### 3. 2017 Events

This is just a small selection of the many events and activities undertaken by Rotary Club Prague International in 2017

#### January 2017 – Netherlands Ambassador Visits



Ambassador Ed Hoeks of the Netherlands joined Rotarians, visitors and friends at our recent club meetings. Following club proceedings and dinner he presented Brexit in the broader context of events both contemporary and historical. Drawing a link between the French revolution, the Russian Revolution and the rise of nationalism, he proposed that we are exiting a period of libertarianism and are entering uncertain times as nations focus inwards and on themselves rather than having themes of cooperation.

#### March 2017: Canine Rescue



Members of Rotary Club Prague International, along with Zdeněk Stržek, owner of [Bejzment Burger Pub](#) and also the promoter of the Jack Daniel's BurgerFest in Prague, visited Psí útulek Trója to deliver many large bags of quality dog food and a pet carrier. This donation came from the proceeds of RCPI's participation in BurgerFest 2016.

Psí útulek Trója is the city-owned dog shelter for Prague, and cares for 120 or more dogs at any moment, with sometimes more than 200 dogs coming through the facility in a single month. In 2016, the shelter cared for more than 2,000 dogs, and the Prague animal protection service reached the milestone of having processed the adoption of 80,000 animals (dogs, cats and others) since it opened in 1993.

#### March 2017: RCPI receives Membership Development Award



Rotary Club Prague International was presented with the membership Development Award 2016/17 by [Štěpán de Wolf](#) the district Governor for Czech republic and Slovakia. (District 2240). Receiving the award on behalf of the club are Sanan(right) and Fernanda (middle). The award is given for excellence in membership recruitment and the management of membership within the club.

## May 2016 Rotary Dragon Boat Charity Challenge



27 teams entered the Rotary Charity Dragon Boat Challenge and competed in the name of charity on the Valtava river in Prague. The teams were made up from clubs, societies, organisations and companies from the Prague region including Rotary clubs. Good natured rivalry and a determination to win spurred on the paddlers whose competence and confidence increased with each heat. However it was not all about winning - the event raised substantial sums for the three charities which were selected as the beneficiaries from the 2017 event: ŽIVOT 90, an organisation providing a wide range of services for senior citizens, Nadace Naše Dítě who offer much needed help and support for many children in very difficult circumstances and Výbor dobré vůle (VDV) whose main purpose is to help disabled, abandoned and discriminated against people to integrate into society. A big THANK YOU has to also go to Peter Klima and the Czech Dragon Boat Association for their kind help and assistance without which this event would not be possible.

## June 2017 – The end of the Rotary Year



As the Rotary year draws to a close, RCPI president Sanan Phutrakul addressed the members at our recent meeting. "It has been an outstanding year" commented Sanan, reflecting on the many achievements of the club. RCPI raised over CZK 1.2m for charity through a wide range of events which culminated in the annual Dragon Boat Charity Challenge which raised over CZK 500,000 on one day.

Many new members have joined the club and we have bid some farewell as they have moved away. We have enjoyed social events as well as many occasions where we have come together to raise funds including selling mulled wine, Burger fest, members for members parties and of course the Sananim Gala Dinner.

Our aim is to be awarded a [Rotary Presidential Citation](#) for the great work we have done throughout the year." Sanan presented the goals and targets which the club has to meet by the end of June 2017 in order to achieve a citation. "We are on track in many respects and just need a little bit of a push in some areas where we are just short of achieving the goal." Helen Noll will take on the role of RCPI President for the Rotary Year 2017/18.



## June 2017 – Another Prize for RCPI



MD. Ilja Chocholouš, Deputy District Governor of district 2240 presented Sanan Phutrakul, President of Rotary Club Prague International, with the Significant Achievement Award for the contribution to Rotary in the year 2016/16. RCPI has grown as a club, raised thousands for charity and led the way in transforming the club into an organisation where like minded people come together to do good whilst

having fun. The President's citation is a recognition of the very significant achievements in different aspects of Rotary.

## August 2017 – A fairytale



That was the feeling of 16 children from the Zatek orphanage who enjoyed a day out at the [Internationales Märchenfilm-Festival "fabulix"](#) in Annaberg-Bucholtz thanks to Rotary Club Prague International.

Rotarians Filip Albrecht and Sanan Phutrakul organised the visit which turned out to be 'the best trip ever' as described by the children on their return.

Filip's inspiration founded the festival and he organised many special surprises for the children which started with a Czech viewing of "Korunni Princ" in the main square. They met a real life Princess and Prince (Alexandra and Georg zur Lippe) in a private reception and the Mayor, Rolf Schmidt, who presented the children each with a bag full of gifts to remember the day by.

## October 2017 - Indian Food Helps!



Our annual event to raise funds to help poor rural schools in Rajasthan, India was more successful than ever in 2017.

With fantastic support from our Rotarian Mamun Saiz of The Curry House Prague, members collected orders and delivered a record number of Indian lunches to hungry customers in many organisations around the city. Thanks to the funds raised from this event and additional donations

from Rotarians and others, we raised more than CZK 120,000 to support one large primary school in Rajsamand.

## November 2017 – Sananim Gala – another record



At a recent meeting of RCPI, Nelly and Naomi presented [Sananim](#) with a cheque for CZK 257,000 (€10,000). The donation was as a result of the Gala Dinner which Naomi and Nelly organised for the charity and represents a record, topping even the very successful 2016 Gala.

Jiri Richter, Pepa Sedivy and Agáta Jankovská received the donation and thanked RCPI for the donation which

will make a real difference to the lives of those being rehabilitated. Jiri commented that such a donation is particularly welcome in the uncertain times when state funding is continually being reviewed.

Founded in 1990, SANANIM is one of the largest non-governmental organizations in the Czech Republic that provides complex services in the area of prevention, treatment and re-socialization of non-alcoholic drug addictions.

## 4. 2017 Charitable Donations

The following table shows the charitable donations made by RCPI in the calendar year 2017 with 2016 donations for comparison.

### Charitable donations

2017/2016

	2017	2016
	donations	donations
Organisation or project	CZK	CZK
Youth Program Grants	79,051	48,188
Nadace Naše dítě	180,000	200,000
Život 90	140,000	200,000
APLA	50,000	20,000
Výbor dobré vůle - Nadace Olgy Havlové	100,000	0
Můzy dětem	40,000	40,000
Rotary Foundation - Polio Plus Project	128,682	93,648
Sananim	204,000	242,500
Modrý klíč	20,000	0
Shelter box	0	18,000
ICTUS	25,000	40,000
Indian Schools Project (2 years)	89,879	187,622
Alzheimers Café	25,000	0
Talented minds	15,000	0
TIPA Project	0	12,000
Mathilda	10,000	0
Trees for life	60,263	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,166,875</b>	<b>1,101,958</b>

## 5. Youth Service

RCPI has an active youth service programme within the framework of Rotary International's New Generation focus. Rotary District 2240, The Czech Republic and Slovakia, is particularly active in the youth exchange programme and RCPI is a strong supporter of that programme.

### WHAT IS A ROTARY YOUTH EXCHANGE?

Rotary has been organising youth exchanges for over 60 years, providing incredible opportunities for young people to see the world, experience a different way of life, maybe learn another language, make international friends and discover a lot about themselves whilst acting as an ambassador for their own country.



Parents and guardians can be assured that Rotary is committed to maintaining a safe environment through policies designed to ensure the health, safety and welfare of all participants in the programmes.

Each year, worldwide, over 8000 young people enjoy the experience of a lifetime through Rotary Youth Exchange and for many this is an amazing voyage of self discovery which changes their lives forever.

Our club hosted three students, two girls and one boy. One of the girls is from India and the second is from Italy while the boy comes from Thailand. We have also three Czech students that are out in the world being hosted by Rotarians.

The students in the whole district 2240 (Czech and Slovak) just finished a two week Euro trip together and are slowly preparing for the return to their home countries. It's a tough time for the students, with separation of close friendships that they have made with the other students and the host families. But the good thing is that many of these friendships are for life so most of them will keep in touch and meet again.

We sent one Czech girl to Canada for the 2017/18 school year and we will be hosting one boy from US.

We also have a family exchange student, a girl that will be leaving for Taiwan first part of the summer and spend the second part of the summer by hosting a Taiwanese girl here in Czech Republic.

RCPI has a very active student exchange programme which gives young people from our region the chance to live in another country as well as students sponsored by other clubs to experience life in the Czech Republic. If you would like to know more about the programme please contact [youth@rcpi.club](mailto:youth@rcpi.club)

## 6. 2017/18 Club Officers and Positions

The Club consists of members who elect a president, a secretary and a treasurer to serve for each Rotary year from July 1st to June 30th. These three officers along with other officers appointed in accordance with the RI Constitution and the club Bylaws form the Board of Directors. The Club is represented by its President. All club activities are governed by the Board of Directors.

During 2017, the following members served as the elected officers.

<b>Office</b>	<b>Member serving from January 1 to June 30, 2017</b>	<b>Member serving from July 1 to December 31, 2017</b>
<b>President</b>	Sanan Phutrakul	Helen Noll
<b>Secretary</b>	Radka Rajská	Helena Kovaříková
<b>Treasurer</b>	Karin Genton-L'Epee	Ales Zidek

Elected officers and other members of the board can be contacted via the club's website: [www.rcpi.club](http://www.rcpi.club) or by email to [info@rcpi.club](mailto:info@rcpi.club)



## 7. 2017 Financial Summary

### Profit and Loss Account

"Rotary Club Prague International"

### Výsledovka analyticky

		Period 1/1 - 31/12/2017
<b>Expenses</b>	<b>Náklady</b>	
Material	Spotřebované nákupy	131,074
Services	Služby	412,986
Donations and other costs	Ostatní náklady	1,366,633
Rotary fees and other similar expenses	Poskytnuté příspěvky	226,540
<b>Total expenses</b>	<b>Náklady celkem</b>	<b>2,137,233</b>
<b>Revenues</b>	<b>Výnosy</b>	
Sale of goods and services	Tržby za vlastní výkony a za zboží	564,035
Other revenues	Ostatní výnosy	304,288
Membership fees and received donations	Přijaté příspěvky	1,363,732
<b>Total revenues</b>	<b>Výnosy celkem</b>	<b>2,232,055</b>
<b>Profit / Loss for period</b>	<b>Hospodářský výsledek</b>	<b>94,822</b>

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### Balance Sheet

### Rozvaha

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		31/12/2017	31/12/2016
<b>Assets</b>	<b>Aktiva</b>		
Cash and equivalents	Peněžní prostředky v pokladně	35,745	10,489
Cash in banks	Peněžní prostředky na účtech	645,944	875,324
Cash in transit	Převody mezi finančními účty	0	0
Receivables	Pohledávky	0	0
Other assets and liabilities	Jiné pohledávky a závazky	208,374	14,952
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>Aktiva celkem</b>	<b>890,063</b>	<b>900,765</b>
<b>Equity and Liabilities</b>	<b>Pasiva</b>		
Payables	Závazky	27,817	44,370
Other liabilities	Jiné pohledávky a závazky	204,000	0
Accruals and prepaid revenue	Přechodné účty aktiv a pasiv	11,253	0
<b>Total liabilities</b>		<b>243,070</b>	<b>44,370</b>
Equity capital	Vlastní jmění	356,395	356,395
Equity funds	Fondy	195,775	500,000
Profit / (loss) for period	Hospodářský zisk za období	94,822	
<b>Total equity</b>		<b>646,993</b>	<b>856,395</b>
<b>Total equity and liabilities</b>	<b>Pasiva celkem</b>	<b>890,063</b>	<b>900,765</b>

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