



2018 Half Year Report

January 2018 to June 2018

"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. This report spans the period January 2018 to June 2018 because we are aligning our financial reporting to the Rotary International which runs from July to June. Our next annual report will be presented to you by the 2018 president, Josef Simpartl and will cover the period July 2018 to June 2019.

The highlight of the first half of 2018 was the 20th anniversary of our club held in April at the Aristocratic waiting rooms at the Prague main railway station. The venue was grand and linked to so much history ranging from the kings and queens who used the private waiting rooms prior to departure to the Winton children whose lives were saved by departing to England in the last world war. The event was attended by dignitaries, past members and of course our current members and friends. Our District Governor helping us celebrate the successes of RCPI over the last 20 years. With speeches, reminiscences, good food and of course good Czech wine and beer. It was a very special moment to be President of this club.

Later in the year the annual Dragon Boat Charity Challenge took place. Twentyseven teams entered 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 and the organising team which made this event such a tremendous success in terms of participation and fundraising for good causes. We raised 250,000 kc for a number of local Czech charities.

Throughout the six months our club meetings were attended by a spectacular list of speakers, many Ambassadors have given us their valuable time, scientists doing amazing work in the Czech Republic, people from the Arts and Cultural scene of Prague. Actors and painters and individuals representing good causes joined our members, friends and the many visitors who came to enjoy the company of Rotary as we continue with our motto: "Having fun, doing good"

Yours in Rotary,



Helen Noll

President of Rotary Club Prague International for the Rotary year 2017-2018

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 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

3. 2018 (1st half) Events

This is just a small selection of the many events and activities undertaken by Rotary Club Prague International in 1h 2018

January 2018 – Youth Exchange Update



At our club meeting Denisa and Albert, both Rotary Exchange Students, presented to club members and friends a glimpse of the highlights of their Rotary Youth Exchange. Denisa flew West and spent the best part of a year in Canada attending school and learning about the country and the culture. Albert traveled East to Taiwan where he spent his time with host families near Taipei. Albert commented that this really was an immersion in a different culture. His stay involved him learning Chinese rather rapidly since in one of his host families no English was spoken.

January 2018 – Two New Members join RCPI



RCPI welcomed Greg and Diana as members of our club at a 'pinning' ceremony held at our regular venue, the Holiday Inn at the Convention Centre in Prague. Led by Greg and Diana all members recited the Rotary 4 way test to remind us all that we are in members of Rotary to do good and to place service above self.

February 2018 - One Thousand Postcards for Charity



"I did not choose to become an artist - art was my escape", said David Sandum when he spoke to Members and visitors at our recent RCPI club meeting. Our own member, Martin Sebek, introduced David and has himself been involved in assisting the Art Project which David presented. Following a very successful career start in IT the demands of his job, on the heels of many years of stress, took a toll on his health, and he fell into a severe depression. It was during this difficult time that he began to draw and paint, inspired by Edvard Munch's philosophy that we should all write or paint our life story.

March 2018 – Donation to the Dog Shelter



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 a cheque for CZK 10,000 and bags of dog food. This donation came from the proceeds of RCPI's participation in BurgerFest 2017

Dogs are brought to Psí útulek Trója for various reasons. Some are stray dogs found wandering the Prague streets, often because owners abandon them.

May 2018 – Public Health



Fernanda introduced Dr. Ivo Krysa, the director of the department of general and communal hygiene - Public Health Authority of the City of Prague. Ivo presented a fascinating insight into the world of Public Health to members at our recent meeting. From the policies which underpin Public Health through to education programmes for school Children Ivo explained the importance of public health in developing

the well being of the population. Initiatives range from HIV education through to reducing smoking. "There are many areas where we are at work, even in this room" said Ivo, "this includes drinking water quality and the food hygiene controls."

May 2018 - 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 2018 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 2018 – Presidential Hand-Over



At our club meeting yesterday RCPI President Helen recounted the many and varied activities which the club engaged in during the past Rotary year. Helen congratulated all members and friends for their tremendous efforts, enthusiasm and energy which make RCPI such an active club. Helen passes the presidency to Josef Simpartl who thanked Helen for her engagement and service to the club and stated how much he is looking forward to leading the club for the next 12 months.

4. 2018 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

Organisation or project	2017 donations CZK	2016 donations 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
Total	1,166,875	1,101,958

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.

If you would like to know more about the programme please contact 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.

Office	Member serving from January 2018 to June, 2018
President	Helen Noll
Secretary	Helena Kovaříková
Treasurer	Ales Zidek

Elected officers and other members of the board can be contacted via the club's website: www.rcpi.club or by email to info@rcpi.club

7. 1 h 2018 Financial Summary

Profit and Loss Account

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Výsledovka analyticky

		Period 1/1 - 31/12/2017
Expenses	Náklady	
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
Total expenses	Náklady celkem	2,137,233
Revenues	Výnosy	
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
Total revenues	Výnosy celkem	2,232,055
Profit / Loss for period	Hospodářský výsledek	94,822

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Balance Sheet

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		31/12/2017	31/12/2016
Assets	Aktiva		
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
Total assets	Aktiva celkem	890,063	900,765
Equity and Liabilities	Pasiva		
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
Total liabilities		243,070	44,370
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	
Total equity		646,993	856,395
Total equity and liabilities	Pasiva celkem	890,063	900,765

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