



2018/19 Report

July 2018 to June 2019

"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

The Rotary year 2018/2019 was a most exciting one for our club. New members joined and we engaged in many events which raised thousands of crowns for charity. The highlight was once again the annual Dragon Boat Race which took place in May 2019 raising unprecedented sums for charity. We also continued to raise funds for our WASH project in India through a very successful "Indian Food Helps" campaign in November. Members of the club visited Rajasthan in 2019 and distributed the funds to the schools. For the third year running RCPI has been flipping burgers for charity at the Prague Burgerfest. The weather was great and the RCPI volunteers worked hard making and selling our very own Dragon Burgers with the secret chilli sauce provided by Mamun. One customer, who was a restaurant owner, was so impressed with our burger that he asked for the recipe. In October we also held the The Sananim Anniversary Gala at the Intercontinental Hotel in Prague yesterday evening, organised by Naomi Sullivan Callender and her able team. Jiri Richter, CEO of Sananim, thanked everyone for attending and explained the work of the charity and how important funding from donors is to the operation of the charity.. The event raised substantial funding for the Sananim Charity which makes such a tremendous difference to the lives of those with drug addiction.

The youth exchange programme brought exchange students to Prague to experience life in the Czech republic.

We also continued with social events such as a very interesting visit combined with dinner to the Barrandov studios in Prague and the exchange visit to the UK where club members met up with members of our partner club, Bristol Breakfast Rotary.

October was a proud moment for RC Prague International: We were awarded the Number One Club in District 2240 for making the highest per capita contribution to the Rotary Foundation 2017/18. Thank you to all who made this possible and in doing so helped the Rotary Foundation in transforming lives for the better throughout the world.

A great year of events, fundraising and a great club spirit with new members joining throughout the year. In June I handed the presidency of the club over to the wonderful Fernanda Escobar for the Rotary year 2019/2020

Yours in Rotary,

Josef Simpartel

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. Rotary Year 2019 Events

This is just a small selection of the many events and activities undertaken by Rotary Club Prague International in 2018/19

Dr. Vladimír Beneš - Neurosurgeon

Dr. Vladimír Beneš kindly agreed to be the guest speaker at a recent RCPI club meeting. Dr Beneš explained the history of neurosurgery and how three generations of his family became neurosurgeons. "Neurosurgery is not something one does lightly", said Vladimír, "it involves interventions which are irreversible, hence we spend a great deal of time on diagnostics which over the years have advanced tremendously from the original x-rays". Members and visitors thanked Vladimír for a truly interesting and enlightening presentation.



Burgerfest 2018



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Indian food breaks all records



A new record was set in November when, for another year, Indian meals were delivered to individuals and businesses throughout Prague as part of the RCPI Indian Food Helps campaign. Gerry worked tirelessly organising volunteers, Blanka took hundreds of orders whilst Mamun and his team prepared over 800 meals. One day peaked with 166 meals prepared and delivered!

The food is cooked by the award winning [Curry House Restaurant](#). All the proceeds go towards supporting primary schooling in rural Rajasthan. We will buy equipment for the schools, school bags, exercise books and writing materials, school uniforms, hygiene kits and pay school fees for poor families. We also arrange health checks and basic treatment for children and mothers.

One lunch will enable us to buy 2 school bags or two girl's uniforms. Five lunches can pay for the school fees of one child for a year.

Collecting for an Orphanage



RCPI Members arrived before our regular meeting in cars stuffed full of household items for donation to the Orphanage in Senožaty. Despite the drizzling rain the items were

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transferred by willing volunteers into two vans. All of the donations will go towards the operation of the orphanage and helping the young adults on their way as they leave the orphanage. Martina Buchalova Horska , Director of the House of orphans Senožaty thanked Members for the tremendous contribution which will really make a difference. Rotary - Having fun doing good. A big THANK you goes to RCPI Member Marie Jehlikova for organising the collection.

RCPI goes to Barrandov



Fernanda organised a wonderful evening for Rotarians and Friends at the Barrandov Studios in Prague. A guided tour of the museum and one of the historic studios constructed back to the 1930's was rounded off by great discussions and a meal in one of the Studio's reception rooms. Throughout the evening Lenka guided us through the exhibitions and Petr Tichý, CEO of the Studio, accompanied us with explanations and tales from the past and present. The evening was in aid of SKP HOPO Azylový dům and Gabriela Selinger, who leads this very worthwhile charity, addressed the Members with words of thanks.

Hundreds of Paddlers... all for Charity



Hundreds of paddlers took part in the 2019 Rotary Club Prague International Dragon Boat Charity Challenge. Teams from companies, clubs, organisations and friends joined in the challenge to paddle the course as fast as possible AND in the process to raise hundreds of thousands of crowns for charities. Three charity partners who will share the proceeds: 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

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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 to the RCPI organising committee together with the Czech Dragon Boat Organisation who made the day possible through their energy and enthusiasm to create an event which was enjoyed by hundreds and will benefit hundreds more" said Josef Simpartl, President of RCPI. "In terms of who won? - of course the Charities won by receiving hundreds of thousands of crowns of donations, as for the race... well, Rotary Club Stare Mesto won once again so the challenge is set for next year. Well done and thank you to everyone who participated."

RCPI at the District 20 year celebration



The sun shone and visitors streamed across the Zofin bridge to explore the many activities which the clubs and district set up as part of the 20 year celebration of District 2240. The RCPI tent was the point of orientation and welcome for visitors and it was lovely to meet and greet so many Rotarians and visitors from many countries. In the tent we exhibited pictures of the amazing work we are engaged in from Dragon Boats to Water and Sanitation projects in India. We swapped banners with other clubs and of course Ota never missed an opportunity to sell caps and shirts for good causes!

Dawn Ride!



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The 4am start was definitely worth it as we set off on our ride through and around Prague enjoying the short night and early dawn.

At precisely 8.30 (unbelievable timing by Jonathan) we turn into the tiny square where Cafe Limonada is waiting to serve us delicious coffee and breakfast.

A great way to start the day whilst also raising some funds for charity. CZK 2400 will be donated to the Rotary Foundation.

The Great British Curry - for charity



The Curry House and Rotary Club Prague International achieved record sales at the British Market in Dolní Břežany with our Great British Curry offering. We again sold out of everything and Mamun had to return to the [Curry House](#) restaurant to replenish our supplies. There's no doubt that his food is really popular at these events. The event raised 13,000 Kč which will be added to the funds for our Indian Schools campaign.

An Ambassadorial Visit



Dr Christoph Irsang, Ambassador of Germany to the Czech Republic joined Members and guests at our club meeting. Dr Irsang explained the importance of the relationship between Germany and the Czech Republic in a number of dimensions. "In trade, the volumes are greater than those traded with the Russian Federation" said Dr Irsang, emphasising that the Czech Republic is a key partner of Germany not least because of its 815km long border. Dr Irsang commented that in some areas there is always room for improvement, not least in logistical matters of ambulances or snowploughs crossing the border - here we can make things more efficient.

4. 2018/19 Charitable Donations

The following table shows the charitable donations made by RCPI in the Rotary Year 2018/2019

Charitable donations

2018-19

Organisation or project	2018-19 donations CZK	1H 2018 donations CZK
Youth Program Grants	62,284	14,650
Nadace Naše dítě	180,000	180,000
Život 90	205,000	205,000
APLA	55,000	55,000
Výbor dobré vůle - Nadace Olgy Havlové	110,000	110,000
Můzy dětem	45,000	45,000
Rotary Foundation - Polio Plus Project	0	25,553
Sananim	217,700	0
Útulek pro psy	0	15,500
ICTUS	11,000	1,000
Indian Schools Project	90,812	64,134
Yasinja Project	0	14,109
TIPA Project	0	15,818
SKP HoPo	30,000	0
Autalk	10,000	0
Total	1,016,796	745,764

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. 2018/19 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.

The following members served as the elected officers.

Office	Member serving from July 2018 to June, 2019
President	Josef Simpartel
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. 2018/19 Financial Summary

Profit and Loss Account

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Výsledovka analyticky

		Period		
		1/7/18 - 30/6/2019	Period 1/1 - 30/6/2018	Period 1/1 - 31/12/2017
Expenses	Náklady			
Material and goods sold	Spotřebované nákupy	122,501	7,035	131,074
Services	Služby	407,990	381,722	412,986
Donations and other costs	Ostatní náklady	738,312	745,876	1,366,633
Rotary fees and other similar expenses	Poskytnuté příspěvky	222,969	107,306	226,540
Total expenses	Náklady celkem	1,491,772	1,241,939	2,137,233
Revenues	Výnosy			
Sale of goods and services	Tržby za vlastní výkony a za zboží	750,114	544,618	564,035
Other revenues	Ostatní výnosy	89	32	304,288
Membership fees and received donations	Přijaté příspěvky	849,896	560,278	1,363,732
Total revenues	Výnosy celkem	1,600,099	1,104,928	2,232,055
Profit / Loss for period	Hospodářský výsledek	108,327	-137,011	94,822

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Balance Sheet

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Rozvaha

		30/06/2019	30/06/2018
Assets	Aktiva		
Cash and equivalents	Peněžní prostředky v pokladně	17,239	46,753
Cash in banks	Peněžní prostředky na účtech	1,559,212	1,259,326
Cash in transit	Převody mezi finančními účty	0	0
Receivables	Pohledávky	153,000	157,500
Other assets and liabilities	Jiné pohledávky a závazky	5,250	5,250
Total assets	Aktiva celkem	1,734,701	1,468,829
Equity and Liabilities	Pasiva		
Payables	Závazky	0	0
Other liabilities	Jiné pohledávky a závazky	0	0
Accruals - promised donations	Přechodné účty aktiv a pasiv	606,253	*
Prepaid revenue - member fees	Přechodné účty aktiv a pasiv	355,500	984,671
Total liabilities		961,753	984,671
Equity capital	Vlastní jmění	0	121,170
Equity funds	Fondy	664,621	500,000
Profit / (loss) for period	Hospodářský zisk za období	108,327	-137,011
Total equity		772,948	484,159
Total equity and liabilities	Pasiva celkem	1,734,701	1,468,829

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