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UVOD

Prijateljstvo, pomaganje, tolerancija, svjetski mir – sve su to hvalevrijedni pojmovi i načela koja bi ponekad, između dvaju ratova ili drugih očitovanja nasilja i zla, poput problema grižnje savjesti iznjedrilo ljudski rod u zadnjih 100–200 godina svojega postojanja. Nije posve jasno u kom je razdoblju zaživjela spoznaja o pripadnosti ljudskoj zajednici, sa svim pripadajućim pravima i obvezama, povlasticama i teretima. Ali da je latentno bila prisutna u mnogim društvenim slojevima i na svim svjetskim meridijanima, dokazuje nam priča o Rotaryju koju smo upravo započeli.

Da bi čitatelj lakše mogao pratiti tekst knjige, odmah na početku iznijet ću osnovne podatke o Rotaryju, i to onako kako ih je obznanio ured Rotary Internationala u Zürichu (travanj 2004.).

1. Što je Rotary

Rotary je svjetska organizacija poslovnih ljudi i profesionalaca koji vjeruju u važnost humanitarne podrške, podržavanje visokih etičkih razina u svim profesijama i u pomoć izgradnji mira, te u stvaranje boljeg razumijevanja među narodima. Rotary okuplja 1.227.545 muškaraca i žena u 31.561 Rotary-klubu u 166 zemalja i 35 zemljopisnih područja. Rotary zbližava ljude svih rasa, vjeroispovijesti i političkih uvjerenja u prijateljskome ozračju suradnje. Rotary je nastao 23. veljače 1905. formiranjem Rotary-kluba Chicago, Illinois, SAD. Prvu svjetsku organizaciju klubova koji promiču služenje, osnovao je odvjetnik Paul P. Harris.

2. Rotary-klubovi

Svaki Rotary-klub (RC) bira svoje članove, upravne odbore i ima jaku autonomiju unutar sustava svoga statuta, statuta Rotary Internationala i drugih zakona. Rotary-klubovi sastaju se svakog tjedna poradi uspostavljanja prijateljstva i dogovaranja o aktivnostima služenja i ciljevima. Članstvo se stječe pozivom i zasnovano je na principu – po jedan zastupnik svake vrste posla ili djelatnosti, da bi se osigurao prosjek društvenoga vodstva.



INTRODUCTION

Friendship, support, tolerance, world peace – all are worthy concepts and principles which members of the human race in the last 100–200 years of their existence have placed their focus on from time to time – between wars or other manifestations of violence and evil – as if to clear their conscience. We do not know when exactly humans became aware that they belonged to a community, with all the related rights and obligations, privileges and burdens this awareness brings. However, the story of Rotary, which we have just begun to tell, proves that such an awareness is an underlying notion in many layers of society across the globe.

To help the reader approach this text with a greater understanding of Rotary, I will mention some basic facts about Rotary right at the beginning, as they were published by the Rotary International office in Zürich (in April 2004).

Rotary is a worldwide organization of business and professional leaders that provides humanitarian service, encourages high ethical standards in all vocations, and helps build goodwill and peace in the world. It is a worldwide association of 31,561 local clubs comprising 1,227,545 men and women in 166 countries and 35 territorial units. Rotary clubs are nonpolitical, nonreligious, and open to all cultures, races, and creeds. The world's first service club, the Rotary Club of Chicago, Illinois, USA, was formed on 23 February 1905 by attorney Paul P. Harris.

Each Rotary Club (RC) elects its own officers and Board of Directors and enjoys considerable autonomy within the framework of the standard constitution and the constitution and by-laws of Rotary International. Rotary Clubs meet weekly to promote the spirit of friendship and agree on service activities and goals. Rotary membership is by invitation only and is guided by the classification principle – to make the club a representative cross-section of the business and professional community, one representative of each business or profession is admitted.

1. What is Rotary?

2. Rotary Clubs



I. ROTARY U SVIJETU

1. Osnivanje i prvi koraci

Paul P. Harris (1868. – 1947.), odvjetnik iz Chicaga (slika 1.) začetnik je ideje o tomu kako osnovati udrugu koja bi omogućila učvršćivanje profesionalnih i prijateljskih odnosa među poduzetnicima i poslovnim ljudima. Tijekom sastanka s trojicom prijatelja 23. veljače 1905., predložio je okvirne principe onoga što će postati temeljem prve, najveće i najvažnije humanitarne organizacije u svijetu. Navedena četvorica osnovali su klub, a članovi kluba, kojih je broj postupno rastao, prihvatili su za sastajanje princip rotacije – svakoga se puta sastaju u uredu drugoga člana. Odatle i ime kluba: Rotary Club Chicago.

Prvi sastanci imali su isključivo društveno obilježje, ali uskoro osnivači otkrivaju drukčiji, mnogo dublji cilj. Sljedećih mjeseci klub utvrđuje niz principa i postavki koje će postupno prerasti u statutarne odredbe – *The Rotary Platform*. To je ujedno iznjedrilo i svrhu Rotaryja.

Već godine 1907. RC Chicago poduzima i ostvaruje svoj prvi projekt u korist društvene zajednice, izgradivši u središtu grada javni WC. Porastom broja članova rastu i financijske mogućnosti kluba, a time i njegova društvena važnost. To društveno obilježje aktivnosti kluba ubrzo prevladava profesionalno obilježje.

Sjećajući se tih dana, P. Harris je mnogo godina poslije napisao: *Zajedno sa sučlanovima naučio sam isticati važnost davanja namjesto primanja.* A klupski se ideali iznenađujuće brzo šire i izvan Chicaga, tako da se već godine 1908. osniva klub u San Franciscu, a 1910. i prvi klub izvan SAD-a, u Winnipegu (Kanada).

Tada je već bilo 16 klubova u SAD-u s 1800 članova. Američka udruga Rotary-klubova organizirala je prvu Konvenciju u Chicagu, i P. Harris izabran je za predsjednika.



Paul P. Harris (1868 – 1947), an attorney from Chicago (Picture 1), came up with the idea that business leaders should meet periodically to enjoy a sense of fellowship and to enlarge their circle of business and professional acquaintances. At a meeting with three friends held on 23 February 1905, he proposed the founding principles of what was to become the first, largest and most influential humanitarian organization in the world. The four friends founded a club, and as the number of members continued to grow, they began rotating their meetings among their places of business, hence the name of the club: the Rotary Club of Chicago.

While the basis of the first meetings was fellowship, soon the founders discovered a different and more profound goal. During the subsequent months, the club defined a range of principles and guidelines that would eventually evolve into statutory provisions – The Rotary Platform, which also brought forth the object of Rotary.

In 1907, the Rotary Club of Chicago carried out its first project to better the community, constructing a public lavatory in the city center. As the Club's membership grew, so did its financial base, as well as its social influence. This social aspect of the Club's activities soon overshadowed the initial professional focus of its members.

Remembering those early days, many years later P. Harris wrote: "Together with my fellow Rotarians, I learned to focus more on giving than receiving." The spirit of the Club soon expanded beyond Chicago, with a new Club established in San Francisco in 1908, while the first Club outside the US was founded in 1910, in Winnipeg, Canada.

By then there were already 16 Rotary Clubs in the United States with 1800 members. They organized their first convention in Chicago, where P. Harris was elected President.

I. ROTARY WORLDWIDE

1. The early years



II. ROTARY NA JUŽNO- SLAVENSKOME PROSTORU

1. Svi jugoslavenski RC-i (1928. – 1941.)

³ Zajednički Charter za oba kluba, zagrebački i beogradski, održan je 28. lipnja 1929. na Plitvičkim jezerima. Nazočni su bili i gosti iz Graza, Beča, Innsbrucka i Praga.

U prethodnome poglavlju namjerno sam ostavio donekle nedorečenim razdoblje 30-ih godina prošloga stoljeća. Rotary-pokret već je zaživio, ali začudo u prvim je godinama nailazio, poglavito pod utjecajem događaja i stanja vezanih uz II. svjetski rat, na plodnije tlo za razvoj i širenje u Južnoj Americi i Aziji, negoli u Europi. Osim toga, i stav prema Rotaryju razlikovao se od države do države.

Nakon prvih otočnih klubova u Irskoj i Engleskoj, tek nakon završetka neprijateljstava, niču prvi Rotary-klubovi u kontinentalnoj Europi. Njihov razvoj i brojnost kroz 10 godina bilježi uzlaznu putanju. Ali, jačanjem nacionalsocijalizma u Njemačkoj, frankizma u Španjolskoj i fašizma u Italiji – rotarijanstvo u tim zemljama doživljava očigledni zastoj. Tomu valja dodati i dva čimbenika koji su prema rotarijanstvu oduvijek imali negativni predznak: komunizam i Katolička crkva. Shodno tomu, slobodno možemo reći da je jačanje svih tih snaga u Europi razmjerno zastoj rotarijanstva u određenim europskim zemljama koncem 30-ih godina prošloga stoljeća.

Ali ne u svim!

Bilo je to doba kada je netom stasala novosonovana Kraljevina Jugoslavija (nekadanja Kraljevina Srba, Hrvata i Slovenaca). Nove snage nove države pohlepno su preuzimale novotarije “iz svijeta”. Prijestolnica Beograd neskriveno je bila pod kulturološkim i drugim utjecajima Pariza. Na valovima tih utjecaja, 4. ožujka 1929. održana je osnivačka skupština prvog Rotary-kluba u Jugoslaviji – i to u Beogradu.

Od tada do 1939., u Kraljevini Jugoslaviji osnovana su 34 Rotary-kluba:

u Beogradu 4. ožujka 1929.³, u Zagrebu 6. ožujka 1929., u Osijeku 3. listopada 1929., u Novome Sadu 12. listopada 1929., u Subotici 25. svibnja 1930., na



II. ROTARY IN THE SOUTH SLAV REGION

1. All the Yugoslavian RCs (1928 – 1941)

In the previous chapter, I deliberately left out some important developments in the 1930s. Rotarianism was already a full-blown movement, but surprisingly, in the early years it was better accepted in South America and Asia than in Europe, primarily as a result of the events and circumstances surrounding World War II. Besides, opinions about Rotary differed from one country to the other.

The first clubs in Europe were founded in Ireland and England, which was followed by Clubs established throughout Continental Europe only after hostilities ended. In the next ten years they continued to develop and grow in number. However, as national socialism gained ground in Germany, as well as francism in Spain, and fascism in Italy – Rotarianism experienced a halt in those countries. There are two other factors that need to be taken into account as well: the negative approach of both the Catholic Church and communism toward Rotarianism. Therefore, we can say that the rise of all these forces in Europe weakened Rotarianism in certain European countries at the end of the 1930s.

But not in all of them!

It was a time when the newly founded Kingdom of Yugoslavia (former Kingdom of Serbs, Croats and Slovenes) had just started to exist. The forces leading the new country were insatiable for everything new coming “from abroad”. The capital, Belgrade, wasn’t hiding the fact that it was culturally and otherwise under the influence of Paris. As a result of all this, the founding meeting of the first Rotary Club in Yugoslavia was held in Belgrade on 4 March 1929.

From that day to 1939, a total of 34 Rotary Clubs were established in the Kingdom of Yugoslavia:

in Belgrade on 4 March 1929³, in Zagreb on 6 March 1929, in Osijek on 3 October 1929, in Novi

³ These two Clubs (Zagreb and Belgrade) were chartered together on 28 June 1929 at the Plitvice lakes. Guests from Graz, Vienna, Innsbruck and Prague were present.



III. RC SUŠAK

1. Osnutak i članovi

Godine 1930. Sušak je imao 20.000 stanovnika i bio je grad izrazito razvijenih gospodarskih aktivnosti. Bankarstvo, trgovina, pomorstvo, industrija papira i prerada drva prevladavaju. Razvoju pogoduje zemljopisni položaj i blizina granice s Italijom, prostranost morskoga pristupa i relativno dobra povezanost s unutrašnjosti.

Takva sredina otvorena je za nove ideje, i ako ih prihvati, ne oklijeva ih pretočiti u život, smatrajući ih svrsishodnim i korisnim za zajednicu.

To je otprilike bio scenarij koji je prethodio inicijativi RC-a Zagreb da organizira osnivanje RC-a na Sušaku. Odvjetnik dr. Ferdo Pavelić, bankar Milorad Smokvina i profesor Ivan Sveško bili su prvi s kojima se Edo Marković predsjednik RC-a Zagreb povezo, potaknuo ih, i potom godinu dana pratio u postupku osnivanja kluba. O tomu postoji zapis – službeni izvještaj Ede Markovića, predsjednika RC-a Zagreb, sekretaru Rotary Internationala od 7. rujna 1930. (slika 37.).

U izvještaju piše:

Na današnji dan prije godinu dana, RC Zagreb učinio je prvi korak k osnivanju RC-a Sušak.

Trojica današnjih članova RC-a Sušak: dr. Ferdo Pavelić, gosp. Milorad Smokvina i prof. Ivan Sveško, započeli su vrlo oprezno pripremati teren za osnivanje kluba. U tomu im je RC Zagreb pružao punu podršku pri svakome koraku.

Na samome početku redovito su se sastajali jednom u tjednu da bi razgovarali o rotarijanskim načelima.

Postupno, na redovitim susretima broj članova povećao se na pet stalnih članova. Na sastancima čitali su tjedne novine RC-a Zagreb i "The Rotarian".

Nakon nekoliko mjeseci imali su već deset članova, a uski je krug oplemenjen osobama koje su



III. RC SUŠAK

1. Charter and membership

In 1930, Sušak had 20 000 inhabitants and was a very economically active city, predominantly in the sectors of banking, trade, the nautical sector, paper industry and wood processing. Its favorable geographical position, very close to the Italian border, access to the sea, and relatively good connections with the inland all contributed to its development.

Such surroundings are open to new ideas, and do not hesitate to implement them in everyday life, considering them purposeful and useful for the community.

Those were the circumstances that brought to RC Zagreb initiating a Rotary Club in Sušak. Lawyer Ferdo Pavelić, banker Milorad Smokvina and professor Ivan Sveško were the first people RC Zagreb

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ROTARY INTERNATIONAL
SPECIAL COMMISSIONER'S REPORT
To The
Secretary of Rotary International

To Accompany Club Application for Membership
in Rotary International

To the Secretary of Rotary International.

Herewith I have the honor of transmitting the application for membership from the Rotary Club of
S U Š A K

together with check covering its charter fee amounting to \$100. U. S. Currency.

This club was instituted on the seventh day of September 1930
by Edo MARKOVIĆ, President of R.C. Zagreb with 16 Charter Members.

The history of the organization of this club is as follows:

A year to-day the Rotary club of Zagreb had made the first move to found a Rotary club at Sušak.

Three of at present day members of Rotary Club at Sušak, namely Dr. Ferdo Pavelić, Milorad Smokvina and Prof. Ivan Sveško have begun, but with utmost caution, to sound the ground for organization of a club. By this work they were by the Rotary club of Zagreb assisted by word and deed.

In the beginning still they came together regularly once a week to discuss about the principles of Rotary.

After they were coming several times together, the number increased on five members and they began to read in the meetings the weekly letters of Rotary club of Zagreb and "The Rotarian".

After some months they were ten members and the close circle was enriched by men, who, according to their profession and position, play an important part in the life of the town.

By introduction of six new members into the club, the number of charter-member increased on sixteen, who in the regularly meetings. This club has adopted the standard constitution prescribed by Rotary International for Rotary clubs.

This club has a satisfactory charter list of members as is indicated by the list (in duplicate) attached to its application.

This club has duly elected its members, through it created the preliminary conditions for organization of Rotary club.

I recommend the election of this club as a member of Rotary International.

Respectfully submitted,
[Signature]
City Zagreb
Sušak, September 7th 1930 Special Commissioner for inauguration of the R.C. Sušak.

*Insert name of the Rotarian who represented Rotary International at the institution of the club. If no Rotarian was present insert here the name of the Chairman of the Organizing Committee.

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37.

Izvještaj E. Markovića, predsjednika RC-a Zagreb, upućen RI-u, o naporima za osnivanje RC-a Sušak

Report to RI by E. Marković, RC Zagreb President, on efforts to found RC Sušak

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IV. GODINE “PRAZNOGA HODA”

Rasplamsavanjem II. svjetskoga rata na području Jugoslavije (1941.), potpuno je zamrla organizirana rotarijanska djelatnost. Doduše, imena pojedinih rotarijanaca pojavljuju se u raznim kontekstima, ali nikada kao pripadnika Rotary-obitelji.

Iz dostupne literature razvidno je da su se kvislinške tvorevine, poglavito Pavelićeva NDH i Nedićeva Srbija, različito odnosile prema pripadnicima i članovima raznih vjerskih, etničkih, političkih i društvenih skupina. Čitajući o sudbinama slobodnih zidara – masona – nerijetko nailazimo i na imena onodobnih uglednih rotarijanaca.

Početak četrdesetih godina prošloga stoljeća, novinar Mirko Glojnaric (urednik “Hrvatskoga dnevnika”), objavljuje knjigu “Masonerija u Hrvatskoj”, u kojoj donosi i popis imena članova masonskih loža u Zagrebu, što izaziva burne reakcije “prokazanih”. Skupina njih tužila je autora zbog klevete. Među njima bili su i rotarijanci kipar Ivan Meštrović i dr. Milovan Zoričić, predsjednik Upravnoga suda u Zagrebu. Sudski se postupak otegnuo, a nastavljen je i u novoj državi NDH, kada nije bilo uputno resiti se masonstvom: slobodno je zidarstvo naime u NDH i formalno bilo zabranjeno, ali mnogi autori ističu da su se u onodobnoj Hrvatskoj prema masonima ophodili bolje negoli drugdje u Jugoslaviji. A to poglavito stoga što su mnogi endehazijski čelnici svojedobno i sami bili masoni (npr. Slavko Kvaternik i Mile Budak). Spomenuti je pak sudski postupak okončan tek 1942., nakon što su se tužitelji napismeno obratili ministru Unutarnjih poslova Artukoviću i samome poglavniku A. Paveliću, uvjeravajući ih usput u svoju odanost i vjernost. Sve je okončano obustavom postupka, jer je u međuvremenu donijeta Odredba o pomilovanju svih djela kažnjivih prema ranijem Zakonu o tisku.

U travnju 1941. rotarijanac Ivan Meštrović bio je među prvim uhićenim masonima u Zagrebu. Zanimljivo je da su ta uhićenja provodili Nijemci



IV. “THE HOLLOW YEARS”

With the Second World War spreading throughout Yugoslavia (1941), organized Rotarian activity was completely diminished. The names of some Rotarians do appear sporadically in various contexts, but never as members of the Rotarian family.

From the available readings, it is apparent that different quisling systems, notably Pavelić's Independent State of Croatia (in the Croatian language: Nezavisna Država Hrvatska, or NDH) and Nedić's Serbia, treated the members of various religious, ethnic, political and social groups differently. In reading about the fates of freemasons we often come across the names of some distinguished Rotarians at the time.

In the early 1940s, journalist Mirko Glojnaric (editor at the Hrvatski dnevnik), published the book Masonry in Croatia, in which he listed the names of certain masons from Zagreb, which prompted a heated response from those “accused”. A group of them sued the author for slander. Among them were Rotarian sculptor Ivan Meštrović and Dr. Milovan Zoričić, President of the Administrative Court in Zagreb. The procedure drew out, and continued in the newly formed country, NDH, where it was not advisable to brag about being a mason: freemasonry was even formally prohibited in NDH, although many authors stress that freemasons were treated better in Croatia than anywhere else in Yugoslavia at that time. This primarily because of the fact that many NDH officials had been masons themselves (e.g. Slavko Kvaternik and Mile Budak). The above mentioned trial ended in 1942, after the plaintiffs wrote to the Minister of the Interior Artuković and the leader of the country himself, A. Pavelić, pledging their devotion and loyalty. In the end, the procedure was dropped, because in the meantime a regulation came into force according to which all acts punishable under the prior Press Law were amnestied.



V. RC RIJEKA

1. Ponovno osnivanje

Angažmanom Distrikta 1910., uz prisutnost Paola Coste, svjetskoga predsjednika Rotaryja, 29. travnja 1991. održan je Charter RC-a Zagreb (Osnivačka skupština 23. listopada 1990.?) Tako je RC Zagreb ponovno ušao u veliku rotarijansku obitelj. Time zagrebački Klub i njegovi članovi preuzimaju zadatak da na hrvatske prostore vrata rotarijanske zasade. U tomu prednjači Ivan Husić (slika 61.) koji je čak tri godine bio prvi predsjednik novoga zagrebačkog Kluba¹¹. U ime Distrikta pomaže mu dr. Jerko Stipičić, član RC-a Graz-Neutor. Prijatelj Jerko bio je pozitivna siva emincija i poslije, tijekom osnivanja RC-a Rijeka.

Novi klubovi niču ovim redom¹²:

- Zagreb, 29. travnja 1991. (Ivan Husić – 54)
- Rijeka, 1. svibnja 1993. (Zvonko Jadrešin – 35)
- Varaždin, 5. lipnja 1993. (Marijan Vitković – 34)
- Osijek, 3. srpnja 1995. (Nikola Bilandžija – 30)
- Dubrovnik, 26. svibnja 1995. (Antun Karaman – 32)
- Split, 27. svibnja 1995. (Ante Vuković – 35),
- Karlovac, 20. siječnja 1997. (Želimir Feitl – 23)
- Čakovec, 27. lipnja 1997. (Ivan Sklepić – 30)
- Šibenik, 14. svibnja 1999. (Čedo Karadžole – 24)
- Zadar, 15. svibnja 1999. (Jadranko Surač – 23)
- Pula, 5. lipnja 1999. (Darko Grbac – 27)
- Zagreb Gradec, 6. studenoga 2000. (Duško Čorak – 34)
- Zagreb Centar, 17. studenoga 2000. (Zdenko Frid – 29)
- Bjelovar, 7. travnja 2001. (Boris Kirin – 30)
- Hvar, 16. lipnja 2001. (Andro Tomić – 18)
- Rijeka – Sv. Vid, 23. veljače 2002. (Radojka Uremović-Pincan – 27)
- Varaždin 1181, 26. travnja 2003. (Nikica Tarabaš – 25)

¹¹ Dr. Ivan Husić, zbog pokretanja mnogobrojnih humanitarnih projekata u kojima je najčešće i sam aktivno sudjelovao, dvostruki je nositelj odličja *P. H. Fellows* – najvišega rotarijanskoga priznanja. Tih je godina ustanovljena i nagrada *RI-a Service Above Self*, a prvi laureat bio je Ivan Husić. Veseli me što sam imao priliku upoznati ga i makar usputno surađivati s njim. Posebno me se dojmio njegov komentar još jedne dodijeljene mu nagrade: "Sjećanja na ta vremena brzo blijede i sam se ponekad iznenadim svojim postupcima i razmišljanjima koji su me tada obuzimali. Kada mi je dodijeljena Nagrada za civilnu hrabrost 1992., želio sam da moja djeca više nikada ne dožive hrabrost."

¹² Kronologija prema datumu Chartera; u zagradi ime prvoga predsjednika i današnji (2004.) broj članova.



V. RC RIJEKA

1. Re-establishment

Thanks to the efforts of District 1910, RC Zagreb was chartered on 29 April 1991, in the presence of RI President Paolo Costa (the first assembly was held on 23 October 1990.) Thus RC Zagreb re-entered the big Rotarian family. The Zagreb Club and its members took upon themselves to return the Rotarian spirit to Croatia. Leading the way was Ivan Husić (Picture 61) who was the first President of the new Zagreb Club for three years¹¹. He was assisted by Dr. Jerko Stipičić, member of RC Graz-Neutor, on behalf of the District. Our friend Jerko was a positive force later on as well, when RC Rijeka was being established.

New Clubs were established in this chronological order:¹²

- Zagreb, 29 April 1991 (Ivan Husić – 54)
- Rijeka, 1 May 1993 (Zvonko Jadrešin – 35)
- Varaždin, 5 June 1993 (Marijan Vitković – 34)
- Osijek, 3 July 1995 (Nikola Bilandžija – 30)
- Dubrovnik, 26 May 1995 (Antun Karaman – 32)
- Split, 27 May 1995 (Ante Vuković – 35),
- Karlovac, 20 January 1997 (Želimir Feitl – 23)
- Čakovec, 27 June 1997 (Ivan Sklepić – 30)
- Šibenik, 14 May 1999 (Čedo Karadžole – 24)
- Zadar, 15 May 1999 (Jadranko Surač – 23)
- Pula, 5 June 1999 (Darko Grbac – 27)
- Zagreb Gradec, 6 November 2000 (Duško Čorak – 34)
- Zagreb Centar, 17 November 2000 (Zdenko Frid – 29)
- Bjelovar, 7 April 2001 (Boris Kirin – 30)
- Hvar, 16 June 2001 (Andro Tomić – 18)
- Rijeka Sv. Vid, 23 February 2002 (Radojka Uremović-Pincan – 27)
- Varaždin 1181, 26 April 2003 (Nikica Tarabaš – 25)

¹¹ Dr. Ivan Husić, because of the numerous humanitarian projects he initiated and took part in, is a multiple *P. H. Fellow* – which is the highest Rotarian recognition. The *RI Service Above Self Award* was also established at that time, and Ivan Husić was the first laureate. I am pleased that I had the opportunity of meeting him and cooperating with him at all. I was particularly impressed by what he said upon receiving yet another award: "These moments pass by so quickly and later I am sometimes surprised at my earlier acts or thoughts. When I received the Award for Civilian Bravery in 1992, I wished my children would never have to experience such bravery again."

¹² Chronological order according to the date of charter. In brackets: name of first President and present membership (2004).



VI. RC RIJEKA – SVETI VID

1. Osnivanje i Charter

Svaki RC stariji od 3 godine, na svome području može pokrenuti osnivanje novoga kluba. RC Rijeka u više od 10 godina postojanja angažirao se i u tomu: uspješno u pitanju Pule i Maloga Lošinja, manje uspješno u pitanju Poreča, Rovinja, Umaga, Crikvenice i Krka. Ali pitanje drugoga kluba u samoj Rijeci bilo je prisutno kada god bi se raspravljalo o uclanjivanju žena, ili o pomlađivanju postojećega Kluba. Stoga je godine 2001. bez ikakvih stresova prihvaćena inicijativa nekih članova RC-a Rijeka za osnivanje novoga kluba koji bi bio donekle drukčije strukturiran, a čije bi sjedište bilo u Rijeci, a ne u Opatiji. Jezgru novoga kluba činili bi članovi postojećega Kluba, kojima više odgovara nova lokacija.

U Ičićima 17. svibnja 2001. okupila se prvi put skupina istomišljenika, a 24. svibnja u "Municipiumu" u Rijeci održan je službeni sastanak inicijalne skupine za osnivanje novog RC-a u Rijeci. Prisutno je bilo 18-ero zainteresiranih, od toga 5 članova postojećega Kluba. Predsjedao je prijatelj Jadrešin.

Daljnji su događaji za rotarijanske prilike tekli vrtoglavom brzinom:

Sanja, tajnica RC-a Rijeka, 31. svibnja prisutnima koji su je pozvali, daje svoje viđenje djelovanja jednog RC-a kroz 8 godina

7. lipnja donijeta odluka o imenu "Rijeka – Sveti Vid", te odluka o upisnini od 2000 kn i članarini od 400 DEM

14. lipnja u akciji međusobnog boljeg upoznavanja, akademska slikarica Ipšić-Randić drži kratko predavanje o svojem profesionalnome životu

20. lipnja započinju sastanci u hotelu "Bonavia", i to srijedom u 20 sati

27. lipnja održana Osnivačka skupština uz prisustvo 14 inicijatora; izabrana Uprava: predsjednica Radojka Uremović-Pincan (slika 124.), dopredsjednik Ivo Miljenović, tajnica Senka Pinezić, rizničar



VI. RC RIJEKA – SVETI VID

1. Founding and charter

Each RC that has existed for at least three years can initiate a new RC in its area. In over ten years of its existence, RC Rijeka was active in this sense and was successful in Pula and Mali Lošinj, and less successful in Poreč, Rovinj, Umag, Crikvenica and Krk. However, the question of establishing another Club in Rijeka was always brought up whenever the possibility of women joining the Club was mentioned, or when we discussed the possibility of having younger members join the Club. That is why in 2001 there were no objections to the initiative of some RC Rijeka members to establish a new Club which would have a somewhat different structure, but would be based in Rijeka, not Opatija. The core team of the new Club would comprise of current Club members, who would prefer the new location.

The preliminary group met in Ičići on 17 May 2001, and the official meeting of the founders of a new RC in Rijeka was held on 24 May at the Municipium in Rijeka. There were 18 people present, of which, five were members of the existing Club. Our friend Jadrešin chaired the meeting.



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Radojka Uremović-Pincan, prva predsjednica RC-a Rijeka – Sv. Vid s crvenim fenjerom koji se u Distriktu 1910. dodjeljuje RC-u koji je zadnji primljen u RI

Radojka Uremović-Pincan, the first President of RC Rijeka – Sv. Vid with the red lantern which is handed over in District 1910 to the newest RI member



VII. INNER WHEEL -KLUB RIJEKA

Usporedno s razvojem rotarijanstva i RC-a u Hrvatskoj, počinju nicati *Inner Wheel* klubovi (IW), u koje se slijevaju sva nastojanja i pobude supruga rotarijanaca, a potom i drugih žena, za pomaganjem, služenjem i prijateljevanjem.

Počeci IW-a u svijetu sežu u dvadesete godine prošloga stoljeća, a u Hrvatskoj u devedesete. Godine 1992. osnovan je IW klub Zagreb, potom Karlovac, Split, Rijeka, Dubrovnik, Varaždin, Osijek, Čakovec itd. Početkom ovoga desetljeća Hrvatska dobiva i svoj IW Distrikt (slika 142.).

IW klub Rijeka osnovan je 4. studenoga 1996., a registriran je 2. siječnja 1997. Na osnovi dokumentacije, donosimo sažeti zapis o djelovanju Kluba:

- Sve akcije Kluba bile su uglavnom namijenjene djeci u domu "Ivana Brlić Mažuranić". Članice Kluba redovito su posjećivale djecu, provodile s njima dio božićnih i uskrsnih blagdana i Sv. Nikolu, te ih prigodno darivale (odjeća, slatkiši, posteljina, dječja hrana, sokovi, pelene, prigodna blagdanska hrana).
- U suradnji s Glazbenom akademijom "Ino Mirković", organizirale su desetak koncerata čiji je ukupan prihod bio namijenjen djeci.
- Dio prihoda namijenjen je kao pomoć za sudjelovanje na međunarodnim natjecanjima nadarenih učenika glazbene škole.
- Charter IW-a Rijeka u listopadu 1997. daruje novac za sportsku opremu Dječjem domu u Lovranu. Također im daruje odjeću i obuću.
- Organiziraju se predavanja u Dječjem domu "Ivana Brlić Mažuranić". Teme su aktualne: pubertet, prevencija alkoholizma, pušenje, AIDS.



VII. INNER WHEEL - RIJEKA

With the growth of Rotary and the number of RCs in Croatia, Inner Wheel (IW) Clubs start emerging, where the wives of Rotarians, and later other women as well, share their efforts and aspirations to help and serve others, guided by the spirit of fellowship.

The first Inner Wheels appeared in the 1920s, but in Croatia the first IW wasn't established until the 1990s. In 1992, the IW Club was founded in Zagreb, then in Karlovac, Split, Rijeka, Dubrovnik, Varaždin, Osijek, Čakovec, etc. At the beginning of the decade Croatia got its very own IW District (Picture 142).

IW Club Rijeka was founded on 4 November 1996, and was registered on 2 January 1997. Based on the available documents, here is an overview of the Club's activities:

- *Most actions of the Club were focused on helping the children at the home "Ivana Brlić Mažuranić". Club members visited the children regularly, spent time with them for Christmas, Easter and St. Nicholas Day, bringing them presents (clothes, candies, bedding, children's food, beverages, diapers, holiday meals).*
- *In cooperation with the Ino Mirković Music Academy, the IW Club organized ten or so concerts whose proceeds were spent on the children.*
- *Part of the proceeds went to enabling talented children at the music school to participate in international competitions.*
- *In October 1997, IW Rijeka Charter donated funds for sport equipment to the children's home in Lovran. Clothes and shoes were also donated.*
- *Lectures are organized at the children's home "Ivana Brlić Mažuranić", covering current topics: puberty, prevention of alcoholism, smoking, AIDS.*