



August 2025 BULLETIN

Club Update & Message from the President

There is not much to report on our club's activities over the past weeks, as many members were away enjoying the holiday season with their families and friends. We trust everyone had a refreshing break and look forward to welcoming all members back with renewed energy.

During this quieter period, I continued working to keep our club active and forward-looking. In addition to countless administrative housekeeping tasks — such as updating our membership records at both the district and Rotary International levels, calculating total expenses as part of my responsibility for payments, and reporting missing information in our account book to the club's independent accountant, obtaining and archiving digital copies of the past three years of the club's bank accounts to ensure that all documentation is maintained in an orderly manner and made readily accessible for both internal use and external audits — I also:

- Aug 20 — Contacted Rtn. Zeynep Kürklü, President of the Tandoğan Rotary Club, to request information on their Global Grant project focuses on supporting earthquake-affected low-income regions of Hatay, with the goal of reviving the textile and culinary sectors. She informed me that preparations have begun for the project. On July 21st, during my visit to their club, I watched a devastating video about the region. Deeply moved, I decided — as a Rotarian — to personally contribute by making a donation should their Global Grant application succeed, and I informed her of my intention.
- Aug 23 — Contacted Rtn. Mehmet Saltık, President of the Ankara Rotary Club, to explore collaboration opportunities and possible joint meetings. I was delighted to hear that he was open to both, and we will participate in of their upcoming meetings in October and November.
- Prepared plans for our upcoming meetings and events as well as possible list of possible new members, so that we can begin the season with strong momentum.
- Represented our club in external communications, including Instagram postings and ongoing contact with our Rotaract group. Worked on identifying new areas where we can make a meaningful impact.

Club Update & Message from the President (continued):

My goal has been to maintain continuity and prepare a strong foundation for the months ahead. I look forward to sharing these plans with our members and building on them together as we return with renewed energy.

As we move into the coming weeks, we are excited to reconnect, exchange ideas, and continue building momentum for our upcoming projects and service initiatives.

Finally, we are delighted to announce that District Governor, Can Cıgırgan, and his spouse, Suar, will be visiting our club on September 17, 2025. This important occasion will provide an opportunity to share our plans and vision for making a greater impact through Rotary.

August 31, 2025

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