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Dear cycling and Rotarian friends

The year 2022 is coming to us, it is an opportunity to take stock of the events of our Fellowship Cycling to Serve over the past year but also to present our next events and actions.

The very close future is still uncertain, but we all hope for a quick outcome to this pandemic, so that we can regain our capacities and freedom to move. Our next meetings in Siena will be an opportunity to give a vigorous boost to our passions.

I take advantage of this Newsletter to present to you all and to your families all my best wishes for the new year, that it be rich with small pleasures, without forgetting to wish you beautiful discoveries on the bike, an opportunity to great human encounters...

I would also like to thank all those who have been involved this year, whether in the organization of events, in Europe, Asia and America, but also those who work in the management of our Fellowship.

2021

Rotarian cyclists continued to achieve great things together, or individually, especially in the second half of 2021: they demonstrated that they could be major actors in the city and essential vectors when it comes to service!

World Championships in Nancy

The 36th Rotary International Cycling to Serve World Championships took place at the end of August in Nancy, with a prestigious circuit as it runs alongside Place Stanislas (a UNESCO World Heritage Site), but difficult and demanding. Some riders had to face the

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rain, but overall these championships were held without major accidents. 8 nationalities took part in this major event of the Fellowship Cycling to Serve calendar. A social project has been taken for road safety

The various winners (see <https://cyclingtoserve.org/palmares>) were honored during the beautiful gala evening which was held in the salons of the Hôtel de Ville in Nancy, on Place Stanislas. A big thank you to friends Pierre Beck and Jacky Schwartz for this difficult to lead organization at the end of the global lockdown. Next championships in July 2022 in Bad Homburg (Germany)



20 RIDERS FROM KITZBUHEL TO PARIS, CYCLING TO SERVE AUSTRIA

20 riders under the aegis of Cycling to Serve Austria and 6 people providing logistics with 2 buses and 1 truck covered 1000 kms between Kitzbuhel (Austrian Tyrol) and Paris in 4

days in September. 4 stages through the Tyrol hills, the Bavarian plains, the crossing of the Rhine River, the long plains and canals of the East of France to reach the Holy Grail, namely the Eiffel Tower. The effort was not futile, our Rotarian athletes would ride for the Growin association which promotes employment integration and also for Polio Plus. The group did not lack support from various Rotary clubs along the way. The Austrian Ambassador in Paris hosted a small reception for our Rotarians.

Approximately 100,000 euros were raised during this tremendous action which received no shortage from the press.



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PEDAL TO END POLIO IN PUNE INDIA

Helped by our past Cycling to Serve National Representative in India, Mandar Gadre, a cycle ride of 20km and 50 km was organised and raised good amount of fund USD 2700 to the Polio Fund.

125 plus participants rode the ride. The District Governor of Dist 3131 Rtn. Pankaj Shah and Commissioner of Police Krishnaprakash was the chief Guest.(who is an Ironman). He rode a blazing 50 km ride under 2 hrs.

Many elite cyclist of the city participated in this End Polio Ride .

Everyone enjoyed the event. The ride was followed by a sumptuous breakfast.



Rotary on the Vuelta

Rotary International was present at the Vuelta 2021



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CYCLING IN THE CZECH REPUBLIC

Rotary Club Prague International have completed its yearly cycling charity project : the essence of this cycling charity project is cycling connected to tree planting. The tree planting itself does not only reinforce relationships but helps also to detain water and to protect soil erosion. The Club partnered with Partnerstvi foundation - the organisation which caters also for Greenways/cycling routes across Europe, promotes the label "Cyclists welcome" in hotels and restaurants



and moreover tries to plant tree alleys in places connected to our recent history. Thus a tree alley has been planted in Rip area/Central Bohemia in 2018 to celebrate 100 years anniversary of Czechoslovakian independence, in Satov/Southern Moravia in 2019 along the former Iron curtain and in Pribram-Vojna Memorial/Central Bohemia in 2021 to commemorate the moving history of Communist labor camps. Rotarians have a model to raise 1 Czech crown per 1 kilometer and together with their supporters they raised CZK 100 000 to support this year event.



2021 RIDE TO END POLIO--THE RESULTS

Message from the Organizers (Gary Hirsch)

THANK YOU TO OUR RIDE COMMITTEE THAT MADE A GREAT EVENT POSSIBLE

The Indoor Ride to End Polio included 25 teams with approximately 250 participants. The highest Indoor Ride fundraiser award goes to Calgary West, where 34 clubs helped raise more than \$91,000. Second place went to Stoughton, WI who raised more than \$27,000. In total, the Indoor Ride, including all sites, raised a record \$505,642 (all figures quoted with the



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Gates Match). The Ride to End Polio in Tucson saw 100 cyclists registered. Considering we skipped a year and concerns over COVID, this is a great result. Riders came from 12 states and at least one rider rode in every distance.

The 2021 Ride to End Polio raised a total of \$2,996,868 including all donations from all sources. This is the 12th year Rotary has participated in El Tour de Tucson, and over that time, our cyclists have raised \$56,296,868. Thank you to every cyclist who rode Indoors or in Tucson. To friends and family who came out and supported their rides with contributions and moral support. But in the end, let's all remember why we ride.

2022 agenda

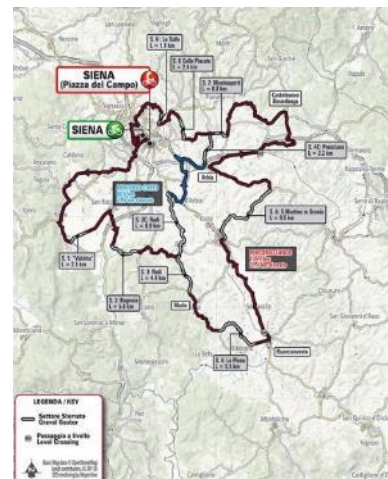
Many collective or individual projects are being prepared or under study, subject to the vagaries of the pandemic. For the time being, we are inclined to confirm these upcoming events.

Help us to get rid the Mediterranean of plastic! RC Montaperti Castelnuovo Berardenga on the Strade Bianche. (march 6th)

The issue of marine litter, and in particular plastic scraps, is urgent and receiving increasing attention. As with the Mediterranean Sea, the risk posed to ecosystems by marine litter includes both the impact on biodiversity and on the various environmental sectors. The Rotary Club Montaperti with this crowdfunding aims to carry out research, monitoring and subsequent mitigation actions in a marine protected area of the Mediterranean Sea of particular ecological interest.

The study area will be the marine protected area of the Egadi Islands with sampling and monitoring of macro and microplastics: floating, on the bottom, on the beaches of MPAs and ingested by species of interest.

RC Montaperti is a privileged partner of this cycling monument that is now the Strade Bianche in Siena. Rotarians will be able to benefit from privileged bibs for this cyclosporive which takes place on March 6, 2022 in Siena. For more info, www.gfstradebianche.it



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and for Rotary bibs or any donation www.retedeldono.it "strade bianche".



4-Days in Siena (june 2-5th)

Chance of a disrupted calendar for the past 2 years, the Cycling to Serve 4-days takes us to this magnificent city of Siena. The RC Montaperti Castelnuovo Berardenga is now experienced in organizing our events, since they have been involved in the Strade Bianche event for 4 years. Manuel Guggioli and his whole club offer us a dream program, both for cyclists and for those accompanying them. We let you discover the program on the superb website. If you want to ride on the mythical roads of Tuscany, stroll at the right time in the streets of Siena, enjoy an ice cream on the Piazza del Campo or sweat on the slopes of the Strade Bianche, book your place for this prestigious stay. Places are necessarily limited.

You will find answers to all possible questions about this stay on the website www.4days-montaperti.org



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HOTEL ATHENA



Situato all'interno delle antiche mura della città, questo hotel 4 stelle classico ed esclusivo è ricavato all'interno di un complesso di otto piani con bella **terrazza panoramica**.

Distà 10 minuti a piedi dal **Duomo di Siena** e 12 minuti a piedi dalla medievale **Piazza del Campo**.

L'ambiente è sobrio ed accogliente, le stanze, curate e confortevoli, sono dotate di WiFi gratuito, TV a schermo piatto, minibar e scrivania.



PROGRAMMA TURISTICO



Montaperti
Castelnuovo
Berardenga



Francesco La Commare | Presidente A.R. 2021-2022

Venerdì, 3 Giugno

Ora	Attività
07:00	Colazione
09:00	Partenza dei gruppi per i tre percorsi in programma: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Km 112 1750D+ Siena-Castellina in Chianti, Radda, Gaiole, Castello di Brolio, Castelnuovo Berardenga e rientro. Previsto il tratto di Strade Bianche "Montaperti"• Km 92 1300D+ Siena-Castellina in Chianti- Radda- Gaiole e rientro• Km 71 830D+ Siena-Gaiole e rientro
10:00	Partenza accompagnatori per visita guidata del Chianti. Al rientro Pasta Party
17:30	Visita museo Contrada della Chiocciola
19:00	Aperitivo nell'Oliveta della Contrada della Chiocciola
20:00	Cena in Contrada della Chiocciola

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Houston International Convention (4-8th June)

It is a very good habit, Cycling to Serve should have a booth at the Houston International Convention next June. We were present in Hamburg, then at the virtual Conventions of 2020 and 2021.



We are still looking for volunteers who would be present in Houston to hold the booth.

Kurt Matzler at the Race Across America

On June 14, our friend Kurt Matzler, very recent Cycling to Serve world champion in his category, and 4 times finisher of the Race Across America in relay, this time tackles this immense challenge - crossing the United State, 4800 kms in less than 12 days -in solo. The pandemic has forced him to postpone this crazy project in 2021, Kurt is waiting patiently, we can assure you. For the record, he has registered under the Rotary Raam Polio banner.



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World Championships in Bad Homburg (July 29-31)

The next Rotary Cycling to Serve World Championships will take place in Bad Homburg, near Frankfurt. The date is quite unusual as it is brought forward by about a month in order to offer a new and exceptional format; these world championships will take place alongside the UCI Grand Prix race in Bad Homburg, on the same circuit, as a curtain-raiser for the professionals.

You can already find information on the website <https://championship2022.de> including a detailed presentation of the circuit <https://my.rouvy.com/virtual-routes/detail/51510>

Our organizers friends are working hard to create innovative championships!

More information to come, book the date now !



BAD HOMBURG / GERMANY 29.7.2022 - 31.7.2022



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Cycling to Serve in Poland



We are happy to announce the creation of a new Cycling to Serve representation in Poland. The national representative is Michal Skup, a distinguished cyclist and also president of the Rotary Club Warsaw Frederic Chopin. He joins the big family of our Fellowship with already 10 members.

Long live to FCS Poland!



FCS NR in Dubai

Our friend Usch Biver, National Representative in Luxemburg featured at the Universal Exhibition in Dubai. He had a booth to promote his famous Peckvillerchers that everyone among us knows.



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