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Rosa Forever - Inner Wheel



Trip to Bulgaria *“In the name of the Rose”*

The trip to Bulgaria was an intense and exciting experience. Although short, it gave us the opportunity to see a different country from ours, to meet our friends and to confront with them, establishing a contact that we hope will be transformed over time into a lasting and fruitful relationship

It has been 3 full days, animated by the desire to know and share cultures and realities, sometimes seemingly distant, of a country to me, as many of us, completely unknown; curiosity and enthusiasm have led to the discovery of places and traditions, in which we could seize, in addition to diversity, even the many common aspects with our culture; elements that would be useful to examine because they can help us to build stronger relationships and better understand also what at first glance appeared to us different or far away.

By sharing many memorable moments, we felt more united both between us and our Bulgarian comrades, establishing new friendships and dropping ourselves in the spirit of internationalism that should inspire our common goals, for it is only by collaborating that we can achieve success for our initiatives.

By realizing the project “In the name of the Rose”, shared by the Governor Daniela Soderi Vitali, as partner of the project, and that involved the Governor Donatella Nicolich of District 206, with which we have shared the journey in Bulgaria, we intend to follow the initiatives related to the flower-symbol of our partnership, that aims at creating the Harmony of differences between all the International Inner Wheel clubs present in 104 countries around the world, shortening distances and forming a perfect rose trellis, braided with the value of friendship, the desire for knowledge and the will to carry on the same work

To unite under the symbol of the Rose all 104 countries, has the ambition to make us feel Unique and United in asserting our own identity, but always bearing in mind that true wealth is in the diversity and that “more roots you have, more strong you will grow”

This particular project has the ambition to bring the different generations, especially the young people, closer to the knowledge of the past, in order to enhance and promote our precious cultural heritage, made of traditions, landscapes, history, architectural, literary and artistic beauties, thus defending our culture by those who prefer to ignore what history has produced over millennia, and stressing, on the contrary, as from history we can derive useful insights to better understand and interpret the present and especially to design the future.

The idea arose from the discovery of ancient rose seeds in the archaeological excavations of Sessa Aurunca and from the Danish baptism of the rose “Inner Wheel Forever”; from this ideal fusion comes our project.

At the Forum of Campania, District 210, on April 17 I presented, as creator, the video with the preview of the project starting from the Clubs of Campania who responded positively; the project, shared by the Governor of District 209 Daniela Soderi, was shown in the presence of the Governor of District 210 Lorenza Carbon, the District Committee and the International President Gabriella Adami and all other Inner Wheel authorities and of course the Rotarians present.

The recent trip to Bulgaria was therefore the first opportunity to bring it to the attention of clubs outside of Italy, to make it known and to make it international.

During the trip, with the friends of Kazanlak’s Club, District 248, we have created, in fact even the first International Committee, which we sealed in the valley of roses, bringing the rose seeds as the gift from the land of Sessa Aurunca, as a message of friendship and unity across borders, while the governor Daniela donated the pink Inner Wheel Forever association symbol.

The member’s friends of Bulgaria responded to the presentation of the project with enthusiasm and availability and have joined the initiative, with the signing of the protocol by the President and the presence of high Inner Wheel official’s members from Bulgaria.

Even during our visit to Plovdiv, a city rich in archaeological and architectural beauty, where we were received with joy by the Italian Ambassador and the Rotarians, the friend’s members of the local club expressed a desire to sign the project and make it happen in collaboration with all clubs that will join, demonstrating availability and desire to defend their culture, spread it and put it in relation with the other

After the trip in Plovdiv we arrived in Sofia where the members of the Inner Wheel and the Rotary members have welcomed us with a gala dinner in the presence of Inner Wheel and Rotary high members of Bulgaria, and here again the presentation of the project was met with joy and enthusiasm from the two Clubs present: Sofia and Bolevgrad, and Inner Wheel Bulgarian authorities have complimented us for the wonderful idea; the Presidents signed the adhesion protocol enthusiastic to be able to participate in the project.

But what filled me most with pride and joy for launching, with Daniela Soderi, the creation and diffusion of the project, have been the desire to know and be known, the attention to our own reality, the desire to promote its territory through knowledge of a past rich in content and high cultural profile, the desire to share and integrate, which leaked out not only in Bulgarian but also in the Italian members present during the journey and from all districts of Italy; and i believe that this extraordinary debut is due to the fact that our project reflects a fundamental human aspiration to connect with others and create strong bonds between each other.

I thank all the friends who have shared with me this wonderful experience, and especially the Governor Daniela Soderi, for wanting and realizing this trip, and his

committee for taking care of the organization in collaboration with the Past Governor
Luciana Pollara.

Thanks again to everyone, we will need all your cooperation and your valuable
contribution.

Best regards

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