

Rotary Romania Activity March 2002 / November 2005

March 2002 - The Newbury Park Rotary Club started to work on Romanian projects with March 2002. The first major project **was the renovation of the Mia's Children apartment** where Mia and Costel work with underprivileged children, do homework with them, teach them moral values and provide them one warm meal a day. On this project the Newbury Park Rotary Club worked with **The Bucharest Rotary Club**.

Before



After....



May 2002 - The **Newbury Park Rotary Club** participated to a matching grant with the **Exmouth Rotary Club in England** and the **Curtea Veche Rotary Club in Bucharest** for bringing medical beds to the **University Hospital in Bucharest**.

September 2002 - 4 Rotarians from the **Newbury Park Rotary Club (Ron Block, Eddie Cheung and his wife Nancy, Dana & Mike Moldovan)** visited Romania as part of a Discovery Grant. They visited hospitals, schools, and orphanages in **Bucharest, Domnesti, and Brasov**.

January 2003 – Rotary district 5240 signed the Inter Country Committee Agreement with the Romanian district 2241, the first ICC signed by a district in the USA.

This historical event took place at the Anaheim Convention Center during the DGE training.



May 2003 - A Rotarian from Bucharest Club, Laurentiu Tincu visited the Newbury Park Rotary Club.

June 2003 – The **Newbury Park Rotary Club** in collaboration with a nonprofit organization from New York, **CSAI**, and the **Rotary Club of Brasov** sent medical equipment to the **Children's Hospital in Brasov**.



September 2003 – At the Newbury Park Rotary Club fund raiser, Oktoberfest we had a booth selling drawings and other hand made artifacts that were made by the children in the **Mia's Children organization**. All the proceeds were donated to the Mia's Children organization.



October 2003 – A **GSE team from Romania** sponsored by our District visited California for three weeks and made a presentation at the district conference.



October 2003 – At the district conference we had a booth presenting all the projects we were doing with Romania and promoting the ICC.

November 2003 – **Claudia**, one of the girls from the **Mia's Children Association** was sponsored by the **Newbury Park Rotary Club** to come and spend 4 weeks in California with Rotarians and their families.

December 2003 – The **Newbury Park Rotary Club** sponsored a neurosurgeon, **Dr. Irina OGREZeanu**, from the **Bagdasar Hospital in Bucharest** to visit the Neurosurgery Department at UCLA.

December 2003 – The **Rotary Club of Moorpark** donated to **CHAD** (a home orphanage hosting 19 children) whole propane on demand heating system along with 5 radiators.



Claudia & Mary-Catherine

January 2004 – After a devastating fire at **CHAD** that destroyed about 50% of the building, an emergency fire relief fund was setup to help. The following Rotary Clubs participated: **Newbury Park, Moorpark, Los Olivos, Santa Barbara, and Montecito.**

February 2004 – **Newbury Park RC** sent to **Mia's Children** the money that we raised from selling holiday cards featuring drawings done by the children. The cards were printed by the **Rotary Club of Bucharest.**

April 2004 – 10 Rotarians from our district and 4 from District 6290 visited Romania to strengthen the ties and visit existing and potentially new projects. The following clubs throughout Romania were visited: **Bucharest Club, Athenaeum Club and Continental Club from Bucharest, Ploiesti Sud Club, Brasov Club, Braila Club, Timisoara Club and Lugoj Club.**



May 2004 – Laurentiu Tincu from the Bucharest Rotary Club visited the Newbury Park Rotary Club.

June 2004 – The GSE team from USA left for Romania for 3 weeks. Upon their return they toured our District doing presentations regarding their visit in Romania.



September 2004 – Received a generous donation of 9,000 books from Follett Distributor in Chicago for the Public Library in Braila. **Newbury Park Club** paid for transportation through District Simplified Grant. **Braila RC** paid for transportation inside Romania and for the library shelves.

December 2004 – 3 Rotarians from our Club (**Ron Block, Dana & Mike Moldovan**), and **Ron Windemuller from District 6290** and representatives from US Embassy in Bucharest participated in Braila at the official opening of the American Cultural Center. The event was broadcasted on local TV and articles were published in local newspapers.



February 2005 – the following Clubs from our District: **Newbury Park, Moorpark, Santa Barbara, Santa Paula, Simi Sunrise, Carpentaria** and individual Rotarians from our Club donated funds to the **RC Braila** Centennial project – Social Scholarships for junior high school and high school students. The event was broadcasted on local TV and newspapers.

March 2005 - DGE of the District of Romania – Ivan Bloch and his wife Silvia visited our District. They participated at 10 Rotary Clubs meetings. An article written by Rotarian **Ileana Costea of Newbury Park** was published in the Romanian Newspaper that gets published in California and is distributed in the entire World in the Romanian communities.



April 2005 – The Newbury Park Rotary Club participated with “Children STAR foundation” in shipping a container with medical equipment, medial supplies, cloths, toys to the County hospital in Tirnaveni.

June 2005 – Members of **Los Olivos & Solvang RC** visited Romania. Met with Rotarians from the following Romanian Clubs: **Oradea, Cluj, Tg. Mures, Sighisoara, Sibiu, and Bucharest.** Visited 3H Rotary project in **Cluj**: “Peasants feed the children”. Visited orphanage outside of Brasov: “Casa mea”. Donated \$3,000 to the CHAD orphanage outside of Bucharest, worked on a hands-on project for the garden irrigation system.



June 2005 - Rotarian **Mark Shultz** with **RC Los Olivos** that participated on the trip to Romania performed 3 days of free dental work for the Children at CHAD and Mia’s Children.

Mark worked 3 full days and covered all the children from both organizations (over 30 children). Part of this effort he performed also some complicated procedures with having as assistant one of his fellow Rotarians from the Los Olivos club.



July 2005 – Rotarian **Dana Bivolaru**, **classification: attorney** from **Bucharest RC** visited Rebury Park Club



July 2005 – Rotarian **Mike Moldovan, of Newbury Park**, went in the flooded areas of Romania with relief help purchased through donations from individuals and Clubs.



August 2005 – Rotarian **Sorin Muntean, of Newbury Park**, visited the following **Romania Clubs: Constanta and Mangalia**. With both Clubs there are active Matching Grants.

October 2005 – RC Newbury Park, RC Moorpark and RC Bucharest Atheneum sponsored and organized a fundraiser performance done by a group led by Rotarians **Mihaela Vosganian and Liliana Iorgulescu with Atheneum Club in Bucharest**. All the funds will go for organizing a summer camp in June 2006 at the seaside in Romania for children with hemophilia.



November 2005 – RC Newbury Park is cosponsoring a new Club in Bucharest called Levant Club.



Active Matching Grants

- The **Newbury Park** Rotary Club & Bucharest Rotary Club - Mia's Children for \$9,000 – funded
- The **Moorpark** Rotary Club & Bucharest Rotary Club - CHAD for \$11,000 - funded
- **Camarillo Breakfast** Rotary Club & Sibiu Rotary Club – Home for educating children that are getting out of the institutions once they turn 18, for \$25,000 – approved
- **Pismo Beach** Rotary Club & Constanta Rotary Club – dental equipment and supplies for the local dental school for \$10,500 - approved

New Matching Grants

- **Newbury Park** RC & Mangalia RC – Local community hospital to purchase surgical table and accessories for orthopedics. Total: \$18,250
- **Cambria** RC & Bucharest RC – Mia's Children – to purchase a vehicle for the association and pay for next summer camp. Total: \$18,000
- **Los Olivos** RC & Bucharest RC – CHAD – to purchase tools for gardening and pay for next summer camp. Total: \$18,000
- **Moorpark** RC & Mangalia RC – Fund Summer Camp for Children that suffer of Hemophilia. Total: \$18,000

New Projects

- December 2005 – **RC Newbury Park** will send a container with books, toys and medical equipment to the Rotary District of Romania
- March 2006 – **RC Newbury Park** will take over a donation of medical equipment from UCLA and ship it to Romania to a non profit foundation for Cancer Prevention
- May 2006 – **RC Newbury Park** is planning a Rotary trip to Romania to visit existing and future projects and participate at the Romania District Conference.