



International Rotary Fellowship  
**CYCLING TO SERVE**  
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**Newsletter January 2019**

Dear friends

2018 was again a very full year with events; a big "thank you" to all the members who were involved everywhere in the world, with their organizations of events or also by their participations or simply their supports.

2019 is already a very promising year with great events : friendships and social projects are emerging and beautiful projects will arise this year.

On this occasion of assessments and prospects, the entire Board of our Fellowship Cycling to Serve wishes you all the best for the New Year, whether it is rich in small pleasures, in rides, but also that everyone finds pleasure and joy in his Rotary commitment.

## **2018**

2018 was once again a very rich year, articulated around its recurring international events but also local events, often led by individuals.



- **4-Days in Aix en Provence (France)** may 2018 : a wonderful weather, a great moment of Rotary with 107 Rotarians from 14 countries, 2 continents, who shared these moments of friendship and conviviality on the roads of Provence with a highlight, the ascent of Mont Ventoux. With the help from all, any social actions have been

carried out under the leadership of Rotary Aix en Provence Connection.



• **The Rotary International championships in Le Creusot (France), September 2018.** An organization quite like for professionals, races contested and magnificent podiums, under the patronage of the 1975 & 1977 Tours de France 1975 and 1977 winner, Bernard Thévenet. The strongest have won ... the others have done well! The route on a test circuit for trucks was extremely secure, we had no accident or trouble during the week-end. Hats off to the Rotary Club Le Creusot!



- 3 members -Bob McKENZIE, Kurt MATZLER and Markus MAYR- accompanied by Ruth BRANDSTAETTER took part (for the third time for Bob, second for Ruth and Kurt) to the terrible the Race Across America last June. By raising \$ 1.05 million for the Polio Plus Program !!!







- FCS Members supported **Ride to End Polio**, which raised \$ 5.7 million this year !!! Rotarian cyclists, as they do every year, met in November in Tucson, Arizona, to compete in the great El Tour de Tucson ride. In 10 years, Ride to End Polio raised \$ 53.3 million to combat polio. Dozens of millions of children have been spared from this scourge!

- **2018 Junior Cyclothon** organized by the young Rotary Club Palava (Mumbai, India): a 5 km ride for children aged 5 to 15 to raise awareness of thalassemia syndromes. Many young people also recalled that cycling is an important element for hygiene and good health.



- Our actions, our social projects are not only vectors for raising funds but the means to implement the founding pillar of Rotary International, peace and friendship between peoples. We can only rent our friend and member from Tatarstan (Russia) Ildus Yanishev who realized in 17 months a complete world tour on his bike weighing 50 kgs!!! Ildus has developed a real research laboratory on the place of cycling in the various companies of the countries crossed. We were many to welcome him to Kazan on October 7<sup>th</sup>!



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## 2019

- **Strade Bianche** march 7th, 2019

Rotary Club Montaperti Castelnuovo Berardenga organizes a Rotary cycling event from Thursday, March 7 to Sunday, March 10, 2019. Accommodations, cultural programs, a reconnaissance of the gravel trails (even for those who do not participate in Granfondo and who would like to!), ... 500 privileged protected bibs on Sundays for Rotarians. Warning ! numbers of bibs limited, so no time to lose. This event on the sidelines of the professional race is organized by Manuel Giuggioli. FCS Belgium, FCS Germany, FCS Italy and FCS France support this event and we will be naturally present (Italian, Belgian, French and German members of Cycling to Serve are already registered!). Team Sky is also one of the social project sponsors !

<https://www.retedeldono.it/en/progetti/rotary-club-montaperti-castelnuovo-berardenga/ocean-rescure-plastic-buster>  
<http://gfstradebianche.it/en/>



- **4-Days in Geraardsbergen from May 23rd to may 26th 2019.** The 4 Days will take place in THE Cycling Region, the heart of Flanders, at the foot of the Muur of Grammont, Koppenberg and Oude Kwaremont, cobblestone roads (or not) that forged the legend of the Tour of Flanders. Danny Hellinckx has concocted us 4 days of breathtaking courses and a rich and full program for accompanying persons (in attachment to this email, the detailed program) and registrations are to be confirmed at [fcsbe@outlook.com](mailto:fcsbe@outlook.com)

We should be speechless !!!



- **International Convention in Hamburg (June 1-5 2019)**

Several projects to reach Hamburg by bike have already been decided, others are under way. To name only the most advanced

Edwin VELARDE Epic Tour (Amsterdam – Hamburg 27/5 – 1/6)  
<https://epic-challenge.org/epic-journey-london-hamburg/>

Raam Salzburg – Hamburg 30/5-31/5) : full

Kirk REED (gov. of Arizona) ROTARIANS RIDING ACROSS THE BALTIC STATES  
 From May 19 to 29, from Vilnius (Lithuania) through Riga, Tallinn and along the Baltic Sea  
 Contact : DG Kirk, [wkirkreed@gmail.com](mailto:wkirkreed@gmail.com)

Didier FOSSE Next Generation Ride Challenge (Thionville-Hamburg 25/5-31/5)  
 7 stages, 750 kms. In order to support an association for Africa.

**A 90 minute official ride is organized in Hamburg on Saturday June 1st.**

More to come on our website [www.cyclingtoserve.org](http://www.cyclingtoserve.org)

## Breaking news

There will be a Cycling to Serve booth at the International Convention !!!  
 Evanston has just allocated us this beautiful showcase!!

- The Rotary RAAMS Polio team (Kurt Matzler - Bob McKenzie - Ruth Brandstaetter - Markus Mayr) will be back on the starting line on June 15th in Oceanside, California and will once again tackle the 4,800 km ride (in 7 / 8 days) through the United States. More on <https://www.raampolio.com>. Do not hesitate to support their fundraising to fight polio.





- **International Rotary Cycling Championships (aug.31-sept 1<sup>st</sup> 2019).**  
They will be held this year in Lochem in the Netherlands. Our multiple champion Claudia Kranen is in command of that event ... be sure to have a puncher course !  
We will keep you informed on our website [www.cyclingtoserve.org](http://www.cyclingtoserve.org)



### UCI Warning !

The Union Cycliste Internationale (UCI) has called to order the various associations that used its trademarks (rainbow jersey, "cycling world championships" expression). Thus, under the threat of legal action, our Fellowship Cycling to Serve must no longer distribute rainbow jerseys in its championships (we are working on a new design ... suggestions needed and welcome !) and we have to change the title of this annual event.

### Appel à cotisation pour l'année 2019

For the record, it is absolutely necessary to be up to date with its annual subscription to be able to participate in our events. The contribution essentially supports the different actions of our events. Thank you for sending your subscription to your National Representative.



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