

## **2042 - An invitation to read past and present history of a District**

Rotary District 2042 covers a large area, contiguous to other five Districts. It is surrounded by mountain ranges and has important rivers and beautiful lakes (among which Lake Maggiore and Lake Como). Many artists were born and spent their lives here, among which Gaetano Donizetti, composer of major grand opera performed at La Scala and in famous theaters around the world. Many writers and poets, painters and sculptors were born and worked in this territory and there are many important picture-galleries and art collections that contain inestimable treasures. But this area has also given birth to the best Italian enterprises: already during the 19th century several cotton-mills and silk factories were located in this region and worked at full speed. And during the first half of the 20th century, local aircraft industries manufactured the airplanes that aviation pioneers piloted across the European sky, those days. The Italian Grand Prix, one of the longest running events on the Formula One calendar, is held in Monza, just outside the northern city of Milano. Rotary District 2042 also launched the polio eradication campaign, called End Polio Now. Put this book-mark in the book of your dreams, we are waiting for you!

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