

PRESIDENTS UPDATE JANUARY 2023

DEAR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF RCKC

January, a new month in a new year, although quite tired from the Christmas and new year festivities our club members continue full speed towards fulfilling our plans for this year.

WINDS OF ROTARY

On 3rd January, we had our first planning meeting of the year for our **Winds of Rotary** Project scheduled to take place in July 2023. We met up with the concert organiser Turgay Hilmi his partner and talented violinist Ozlem from Cyprus Art Music and Ballet School at Lush Restaurant in Nicosia. Representing our club with me, were Past President Ben Benoit and Incoming President Olgun Topalcik. We spent several hours catching up, ironing out some details for the logistics of the concert, while enjoying a delicious meal.

ROTARACTS

We are extremely proud of the progress of our Rotaract Club of Kyrenia Cosmopolitan. On 8th January several new members were pinned by President Havva and our Rotaract membership has now grown to a healthy 14 membered club with bright enthusiastic team of students and professional young adults. On 22nd of January Rotaracts board members approved their incoming president Mustafa Celebi and informed their members during the members meeting. Mustafa will now be working on forming his new board.



JOINT WORKING WITH OTHER ROTARY CLUBS IN NORTH CYPRUS

On 13th of January I met with the presidents of the other three clubs in North Cyprus to plan for our joint RI anniversary event as well as a tree planting day at the Mersinlik Forest which was burned during the fires in June 2022. On 26th January together with several RCKC members I joined the meeting of RC Liman who had a presentation on media as part of their Vocational Service Month. On 31st January together with several RCKC members I joined the meeting of RC Sarayonu, who awarded one of their members a vocational service award for her lifetime achievements in her field of medicine.





VOCATIONAL SERVICE MONTH

In addition to attending our fellow Rotary club's events during the Vocational Service Month, on 27th January RCKC organized the second training event for the teachers of the Guzelyurt Vocational Training School. The training which was sponsored by our board member and chair of training Denny Garmash, was delivered by the mentor of our club Dervish Yashar Baha. The training was on 'Emotional Intelligence and Problem Solving.



On 28th of January, in line with the Vocational Service Month, we invited a guest speaker to our second meeting of the month, which we held at Lush Restaurants meeting room. Our guest speaker was Mr Steve Church who informed us of his personal journey of self-discovery and gave us an insight into the concept of 'The Wheel of Life'. Members and guest found the talk very insightful. Following on from the meeting, we all had a very enjoyable fellowship lunch.





POLLINATION GARDEN

On 31st January, together with our PP and Inter County Chair of Environment Anja van Raam, we had a meeting with the deputy headmaster of Karsiyaka Primary school to kick start the planning for our Pollination Garden at the school. We identified the best location for the garden and spoke about design and maintenance of the garden. We are all very excited and looking forward to the completion of this project.

In ending my report for January, I would like to leave you with this quote from Jane Goodall

"What you do makes a difference, & you have to decide what kind of difference you want to make"