

Our newsletter from July 2020 to November 2020

**District 2452
Club 88148
Meetings Held at
Merit Park Hotel
2nd & 4th Saturday**



**The Rotary theme
for this year is
ROTARY OPENS
DOORS...**



PP Behiye Müftüzade passing over the presidency lanyard to Anja Van Raam and congratulating her on her new position in the club.

HANDOVER CEREMONY IN MERIT PARK HOTEL

Our Handover Ceremony was organised at Merit Park Hotel early July 2020. Due to Covid-19 restrictions only our members were invited to attend the ceremony. PP Behiye Müftüzade who completed her year of presidency 2019-2020 very efficiently despite disruptions caused by the Covid-19 handed over the presidency lanyard to our new president Anja Van Raam. We would like to take this opportunity to thank PP Behiye Müftüzade for all her efforts to manage our club during difficult times. We would also like to thank our AG Vural Vural for showing his support and attending our handover ceremony. We are now looking forward to our new term with the presidency of Anja Van Raam.

Following the devastating fire in Kalkanlı and Korucam on 17th of May 2020 with a toll of 11,000 acres of forestry burned including ancient olive trees. Our Rotary member Ayten organised a fundraising birthday party where all proceeds were tunneled through Rotary Club of Kyrenia Cosmopolitan to fund the reforestation of the burned areas.





A cheque for TL3,000 raised at Rotarian Ayten Benoit's birthday party, being handed to the head of Forestry Department Mr. Cemil Karzaoğlu. This money will provide 600 olive trees to be planted in the burned forest. Rotary Kyrenia Cosmopolitan has to date donated towards a total of 1400 olive trees. Ten Donums of the burned forest has been reserved for the Rotary Club of Kyrenia Cosmopolitan donated trees.



MERITTA SEA TURTLE REHABILITATION CENTER

PP Gülağ visited our main sponsor Merit Groups Sea Turtles Rehabilitation Center at Merit Crystal Cove. She was very impressed with their rehabilitation work and presented this project to our board. Following the presentation our club decided to support this project by organising a family day at the Rehabilitation Center. This was used to raise awareness of caretta rehabilitation and also gave the opportunity for families to sponsor injured turtles and track their movements when they recovered and put back in the sea.



IT'S TIME FOR BARBECUE...



**Let's eat
outside
IT'S TIME FOR A
BARBECUE!**

**10 October 2020 at 4 p.m.
at Green Hill BBQ restaurant ,
Besparmaklar Caddesi, Arapkoy**



INVITATION



We are happy to invite you to our next barbeque event. There will be delicious food, fun atmosphere and fun activities with prizes for adults and children.

**Adults: 125 lira
Children up to 12 years: 50 lira**

All proceeds will go to our new project to help poor children to get access to online education

PLEASE, make your reservations:
rotaryclubkyreniacosmopolitan@gmail.com

All proceeds went towards our projects supporting underprivileged and disabled young people.





**Pictures from our lovely
barbecue event.**

POLIO FUND RAISING EVENT - Was organised by the four Rotary clubs in Northern Cyprus. The event was held at Shyna Beach Restaurant in Girne, the rotarians organised sponsored swim and all funds raised from this event went towards helping with the eradication of Polio.



**RC Kyrenia Cosmopolitan - RC Kyrenia St. Hilarion
RC Kyrenia Liman - RC Nicosia Sarayönü**



Our President Anja Van Raam and treasurer Ben Benoit who also swam on that day.



Some of our sponsored swimmers with their certificates presented by the chair of polio Gloria Tattersall and President of Rotary Club of Sarayönü Taştan Altuner and President of Rotary Club of Kyrenia Cosmopolitan Anja Van Raam.

TIME FOR HALLOWEEN PARTY



HALLOWEEN PARTY
31 October 2020

We are proud to invite you to Rotary Club of Kyrenia Cosmopolitan's Halloween charity event.
Prepare yourself to have a very scary evening!

Venue : Bar O Monte, Girne
Time : 8.00 pm
Music : DJ Francois Lucas & DJ Richie
Cost : TL70 per person (including open light buffet)
Reservation : rotaryclubkyreniacosmopolitan@gmail.com
Early reservation is advised due to limited spaces! All proceeds will go towards supporting underprivileged and special needs children!

Phone for more information
Rt. Ayten: 0533 825 65 13

On 31st of October our club organised its first ever Halloween Party at Bar O Monte. We wanted to raise awareness of our clubs activities and be more inclusive for young people. We also used this event to pin 5 new members of our club. Our mentor Dervis Yasar Baha pinned our new members and we congratulated Assoc. Prof. Dr. Ozum Tuncyürek, Cise Bayraktar, Halide Eğitimci, Robin Melhuish and Prof. Dr. Hakan Kar who was pinned via zoom as he was stuck in Turkey due to flight restrictions. As our event happened on the same day as the devastating earthquake in İzmir, as a club we decided to divert all the amount raised to our twin club RC İzmir Varyant to be used towards emergency needs of families affected by the devastation in İzmir.



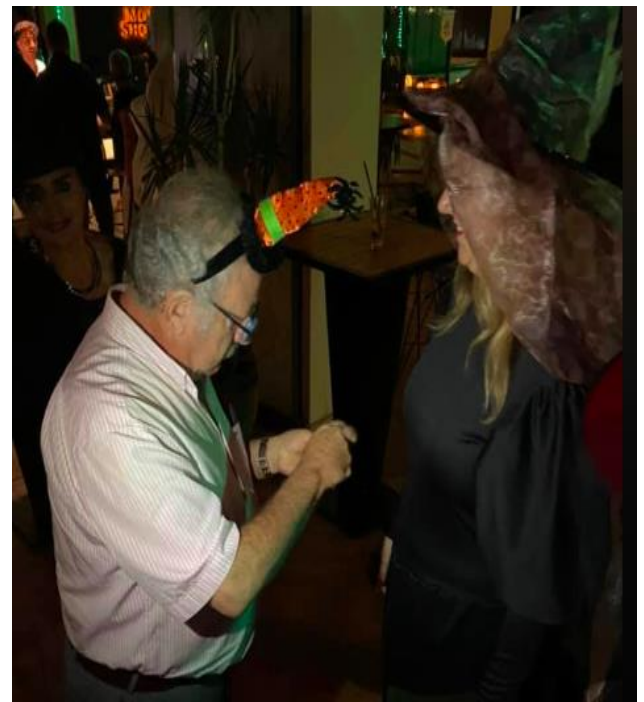
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New members reading membership pledge...



Our new members getting pinned.



Our club attended the Lefkoşa Başkent Lions Club event held at Selvi Restaurant to support raising of funds for the childrens home in Çağlayan Lefkoşa





'Collect the Caps' Projects for Wheelchairs

This project is an ongoing project in aid of Cyprus Turkish Orthopaedic Disabled Association.

Our fellow Rotarians continually collect blue bottle tops and present them to the Turkish Orthopaedic Disabled Association.

Rt. Figen collected the blue bottle tops and delivered to Cyprus Turkish Orthopaedic Disabled Association.

Several Fellowship dinners of our club with Rotary friends and club members where we raise funds and enjoy each other's company.



As the whole world has been living with the impact of COVID 19 and trying to find different ways to live life as “normal” the Rotary Club of Kyrenia Cosmopolitan has also been forced to find creative ways to ensure our club continues to function and to raise the much needed funds for the projects we support.

As a way forward, we decided to ensure our board meetings were taking place either in open air or well ventilated spacious venues. We also made good use of technology and provided our board members the option of joining meetings via zoom. We set up what’s up groups to share information with all the Rotary members and ensured that channels of communication were open so all members could continue to feel a part of a team.

These processes enabled us to meet, discuss, plan and finally deliver the successful fund raising events which not only supported the projects for vulnerable young people as identified in our annual plan but also respond to unexpected environmental catastrophes both in our country and abroad.

During the COVID 19 lockdown, we contacted the local municipality who identified families who were in desperate need, we prepared and delivered 65 food parcels to these families. We delivered additional food packages to needy families with special needs children. Through the Vakif “Trust”, we provided clothing, food packages as well as cash to families including some living in Nicosia who were in most need. Through the local university we identified and supported 12 overseas students who were desperately in need of money for food.

We raised funds towards the reforestation following the fire in Kalkanli Cyprus. We also reached out with financial support across our borders to countries who faced unexpected crisis such as Lebanon following the explosion and more recently the earthquake in Izmir.

We are now, together with our local municipality in the planning process towards the development of a recycling and biodegradable project.

Rotary Club of Kyrenia Cosmopolitan members have shown their commitment to the Rotary International motto.

“SERVICE ABOVE SELF”

If you would like more information regarding our club activities or are interested in becoming a friend of the Rotary or a member of the Rotary, you can contact by sending an e-mail to the following addresses;

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For contact details of our other club member, you can always send an e-mail to our club secretary Olgun Topalcık. Visiting Rotarians and Guests are always welcome, please contact secretary Olgun Topalcık