

Rotary Club Monthly Bulletin



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Message from the President

Dear Fellow Rotarians,

It is great honor for me to write this note as a President of our distinguished Rotary Club. A Club that lives and breathes the Rotary spirit and leads the way. Our Club's rich history, numerous projects, initiatives and achievements over these 33 years of its life, with the 3 Global Grant projects being its crown jewels, is the strongest proof for this.

As I mentioned in my inaugural address in the 2021-22 Handover ceremony, when about three years ago I was invited to the Rotary family I never imagined that a new world would open for me. Rotary with its motto "Service above self" gave a whole new meaning to my action in helping my community as an active citizen.

Building on its success, the rich action plan of our Club will continue in the new Rotarian Year through a careful selection of activities that stem from the seven areas of Focus of Rotary. At the same time, we will continue our strong cooperation with the other Rotary Clubs, the Cyprus Rotary and be active in our District. Our Strategy Plan, which has been updated recently, is clear regarding our Vision & Strategic Directions.

We want all of you, as Club members, to be next to our Club and support actively our activities. It is the only way to take full advantage of what promises to be an exciting Rotarian Year and fulfill our mission to the society.

I really look forward to seeing you soon in person in our first fellowship event. Until then, enjoy your vacation and stay safe!

With Warm Rotarian Regards,

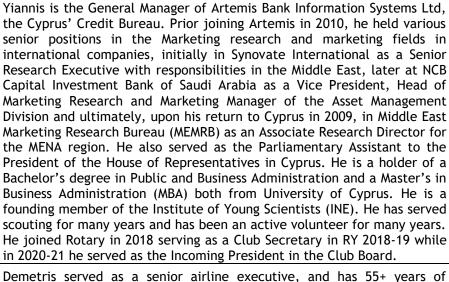


Yiannis Tomasides President 2021-2022

2. The Club Board in RY 2021-2022: Who is Who



Yiannis Tomasides President





PP Demetris Pantazis Immediate Past President Country Public Image Chair RY 2021-2022

experience, significant international exposure, and a strong record in launching, managing, and restructuring airline companies. He possesses advanced negotiation skills and airline operational, technical and commercial expertise. Demetris started his aviation career in 1961 as a scholar of Cyprus Airways and British European Airways and completed his engineering apprenticeship at BEA as a qualified licensed engineer and a BSc (hons) graduate of Air Transport Engineering at the City University London. In 1969 he joined Cyprus Airways as an engineer and ascended the management ladder to become the General Manager Technical, in 1982, taking charge of all the airport departments. In 1993 he led the set-up of Eurocypria Airlines successfully making a £2m profit in its first year. In 1993 he was appointed as Group Chief Executive of the Cyprus Airways Group and he held this position until year 2000 when he decided to join the private sector, the Libra Holidays Group, as the Executive Chairman of Libra Aviation, the parent company of Excel Aviation and Excel Airways. Libra Aviation with excellent results. Since 2007 he has been working as an aviation consultant and was employed in this capacity by Sabre Consultants, Air Slovakia, Cyprus Airways, and others. His education includes also the Senior Executive programs at Insead and the London Business School. He joined Rotary in 2017 and he served as Club President in the consecutive RY 2019-2020 and 2020-2021.



ROT Vasilis Polemitis Vice-President

Vasilis is the founder and Chief Executive Officer of V Polemitis Ventures. Guided by an unwavering entrepreneurial spirit, Vasilis has an international executive experience in developing and directing complex relationships across diverse policy and industry sectors in multicultural settings. Having served as a foreign service officer for 20 years, of which the last four as Ambassador of the Republic to the United Arab Emirates and as Permanent Representative to the International Renewable Energy Agency in Abu Dhabi, along with concurrent accreditation to the Kingdom of Bahrain. Vasilis retired from the foreign service in January 2020. Along with his role in V Polemitis Ventures, he serves as senior advisor to a number of private companies and non-profit groups. He holds a BA from Pace University New York, an MA from the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, Tufts University, and an MALS from Georgetown University. He is also a graduate of the High-Level Course (Master's level) of the European Security and Defense College of the European External Action Service of the EU. Additionally, he is a contributing writer of a weekly op-ed piece at the economics section of Politis, newspaper. He joined Rotary in 2020 and in RY 2020-21 he served as Director of Public Relations.



ROT George Thucydides Secretary

George holds a BSc in Economics from the University of Cyprus, an MSc Finance from Imperial College London and a Diploma from the Chartered Institute for Securities and Investment (CISI). He is also a professional member of the CISI.

He works as an Economist at the Central Bank of Cyprus (CBC) in the Real Estate Unit of the Economic Analysis & Research Department since 2010. He closely monitors developments in the real estate market locally and internationally and contributes towards the publication of the Residential Property Price Index of the CBC. He published research papers at journals such as the Cyprus Economic Policy Review. Previously he has worked for PriceWaterhouseCoopers in Nicosia in the Assurance department.

He has been previously involved with volunteerism, having served as a member of the Board of Red Cross - Nicosia Branch, and currently serving as a vice-president of the Institute of Young Scientists (INE).

He joined Rotary in 2019, while in 2021 he acquired the Paul Harris Fellow status.

PP Panicos Nicolaides, Director of Community Service



ROT Stella Savva Director of Club Administration

Stella is highly experienced professional in banking, with specific experience in debt collection and arrears management. During her 20-year career within the Bank of Cyprus (BOC) she undertook a number of job roles including the role of the Head of Collections and Arrears Management teams in Cyprus and Greece. She resigned from the BOC on July 2016 inspired by the need to look for new challenges in her professional career and worked for 2 years as a freelancer for KPMG for the Helix project of Apollo at BOC. In May 2019, she decided to change field and she started working at Prospecta Development Ltd as a Portfolio Manager, promoting the Cyprus Citizenship Program. In October 2020 she became the HR and Training Manager of the company. In January 2021, she joined Altius Insurance as a Branch Manager. She recently became an HRDA certified trainer, a CySEC Certified Professional (advanced Level) and a Certified Mediator.

Stella holds a higher diploma in Architecture from Frederick University (1995) and a Bachelor of Science in Mathematics and Technology from State University of New York (1999). She is also a holder of the AIB diploma in banking from the American Bankers Association. She joined Rotary in 2020 and in RY 2020-21 she served as the Director of Club Administration.



PP Dr. Popi Kanari Director of Youth

Dr. Kanari holds a BSc and a PhD in Chemistry from the University of London. She was employed as a chemist at the State General Laboratory in 1980 and in 2009 she was promoted to the post of the Director of SGL. Some of the main highlights in her career at national level, were the National Prize for Innovation in Public Administration, the establishment of an Explosives Analytical Laboratory within the National Guard and the drafting and implementation of the National Law of Narco Test.

She served as a Chairperson of the European Advisory Group of the Official Medicines Control Laboratories Network and as a member of the expert committee in drafting the Medicrime Convention on Counterfeit Pharmaceutical products of the Council of Europe. She served as the president of the European section of the American Association of Official Analytical Chemists, a member of the European Food Safety Authority Advisory Forum and a Member of the EU Program Committee on Food Security Sustainable Agriculture of the Horizon 2020. She also acted as a National Contact Point on Environment and Health of the WHO Working Group of European Environment and Health Task Force. In 2020 she was

appointed as a member of the Council of the European University in Cyprus and in 2021 a member of the Board of Trustees of the Cyprus Research and Educational Foundation (The Cyprus Institute).

Volunteerism has always been part of her life. She joined Rotary in 1990, being the first woman in Cyprus Rotary. She served voluntarily as the first President of the National Anti-Doping Committee (1999-2004) under the Cyprus Sport Organization and trained her own scientific team which took part in the Doping Control of Athens Olympics in 2004. She joined the Board of Directors of the Karaiskakio Foundation in 1999 and in 2004-2005, as the President of the RC Nicosia - Lefkothea, coordinated 10 Cyprus Rotary Clubs for the creation of the Rotary Cord Blood Registry under the Karaiskakio Foundation; the first Mega GG project in Cyprus funded also by Rotary Foundation.

Since 2011 she is the President of Karaiskakio Foundation and since 2019 is a Board member of the Cyprus Cancer Research Institute.



PP Anastasia Orphanou Sergeant at Arms

Anastasia studied Economics & Econometrics (BA Econ) at the University of Manchester and then obtained the title of Chartered Accountant - Member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England & Wales and the title of Chartered Banker member of the Association of Chartered Institute of Bankers (now Institute of Financial Services). She worked at Bank of Cyprus for 20 years. There, she was, among others, Director of the Office of the Chief Executive Officer, Director of Alternative Channels (Internet Banking & Telephone Banking) as well as Director of the Office of the President. She then worked for 4 years at the Cooperative Central Bank as Deputy Chief Restructuring Officer and as Head of the Single Supervisory Mechanism (Head SSM Office).

Today she holds the position of Head of Resolution Planning in the Financial Management of Hellenic Bank. She served a member of the Board of the Institute of Certified Public Accountants of Cyprus for six years, of which four as Secretary, and six years as a Chairman of Committees of the said Association as well as a member of the Board of Directors of the Chartered Institute of Bankers-Cyprus Center for 12 years, of which 1 as Treasurer. At the same time, she was a member of the Rotary Club of Nicosia-Salamis for 14 years and has held most of the positions of the Board. She was the President of the Club during the RY 2014-2015 and the Secretary of the Cyprus Rotary in RY 2011-12. She is a member of the Rotary Club of Nicosia-Lefkothea since November 2019.



ROT Akis Papachristodoulou Treasurer

Akis is a holder of BA (Spec. In Economics and Minor in Mathematics) from the University of Toronto and graduate of the Pancyprian Gymnasium. He is a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales since 1991. He is also a member of the Institute of Certified Public Accountants of Cyprus.

Since he returned to Cyprus in 1991, he is involved (except for a short spell in an aircraft leasing group) in the insurance industry working in various insurance groups operating in Life, Accident and Health as well as in General Business from various posts either as Chief Financial Officer or as General Manager. He has also served in the Board of Directors of some of these groups.

In 2011 he joined the Motor Insurer's Fund (MIF) and he became the General Manager of the organization in January 2014. He has also been reelected (until 2020) in the Board of Directors of the Council of Bureaux and he also participates in various committees and working groups of that organization.

Akis is a member in Rotary since 2017 and ever since has served as a Treasurer in all Rotary Club Nicosia-Lefkothea Boards.



PDDG lacovos
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Foundation Chair &
Executive Secretary
Country Rotary Foundation
Chair

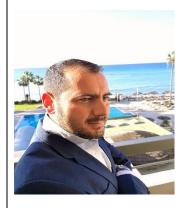
lacovos holds a Bachelor's Degree in Economics Politics and Philosophy from Oxford University and an MBA from Manchester Business School. He started his career in 1989 as Marketing Manager and Director of Lemeco Silvex Industries Ltd. Since 2001 he has held Managing Director positions in companies operating in various sectors of economic activity including manufacturing, fast moving consumer goods distribution and commercial property development. He is currently the General Manager of KMC Shukuroglou Ltd, a company importing and distributing Safes, Safety Deposit Lockers, Fire Rated Filing Cabinets and archiving and storage systems. Throughout the years he has acquired wide experience in General Management, New Business Development, Company Restructuring, Strategic Planning and Strategic Marketing. He serves on the Board of Directors of many private and public companies and professional associations. He has served for years on the Board of Directors of the Nicosia and Cyprus Chambers of Commerce and Industry and on the Board of the Cyprus Electricity Authority. He served as Rotaractor from 1989 and until 1996 when he joined the Nicosia Lefkothea Rotary Club. He served the Club from many positions including Club President in RY 2007-08. He has also served the country administration team from various positions including AG, DDG, District Conference Chairperson and Country Foundation Chair. He is a PHF+1 since 2001. He has attended numerous Rotary training seminars and District Conferences.



PAG PP Petros Stylianou Director of Membership

Petros holds a Bachelor's Degree in Quantity Surveying and has Masters of Business Administration. He is currently the Managing Director of Petros Stylianou & Associates LLC, a company specialising in providing quantity surveying, project management services for various construction projects, facilities management for residential buildings, construction claims management specialising in alternative dispute resolution procedures for construction claims. Petros deals with the financial and legal aspects of construction projects from Design, Tender to the Post contract phases of a construction project. Petros is also the Director of SH Soil Engineering Ltd which was appointed as the strategic partner of Nomitech Ltd - a company that is specialising in the development of the cost estimating software CostOS and other cost benching software solutions for construction projects.

He served as the Chairman of the RICS Cyprus Board for two consecutive terms between 2009-2015. He also served as a special advisor to the RICS Cyprus Board. He is a trained Assessor of the RICS Assessment Panels serving as a Chairman in most of the times in assessments carried out both in Cyprus and Greece. He is a Club member since 2008 serving from various positions in the Board. Prior to this he served Rotary as a Rotaractor.



PP Paris Constantinou
Director of Public Relations

Paris completed his studies at the University of Surrey, UK and he was awarded with the BEng(Hons) in Civil Engineering and with an MSc in Water and Environmental Engineering from the same University. Self-employed since 2006, owner of Engineer4U Civil Engineering Consultants LLC, a multi-disciplinary engineering consulting firm, leader of a team of engineers, architects and other professionals. Managed a number of small, medium and large-scale projects in the Commercial, Residential, Environmental, Energy, Health and Safety sectors. Actively involved in various Non-Governmental Organisations, as well as in the political arena of Cyprus. He served as a Vice President of the Licensing Authority (semi-Governmental Organization). Member of ETEK Committee for Energy, Natural Gas and Renewable Energy. Founding member or INE (Institute of Young Scientists), Member by selection of the Civil Defense Task force "Egkelados" for immediate response team for Earthquakes and other catastrophes. Also registered in various professional bodies and completed a number of professional seminars in various subjects.

He is a Club member since 2009 serving from various positions in the Board including the Club President. Prior to this he served Rotary a Rotaractor.



PAG PP Emilios Tannousis Advisor to Board & Trainer Country Treasurer





PAG PP Glafkos Georgiou Deputy Foundation Chair & Executive Secretary

Glafkos holds a Bachelor of Science Honors Degree in Mechanical Engineering from The City University London. His first employment was in 1987 with CO-OPERATIVE WHOLESALE SOCIETY in UK, appointed as Graduate Project Engineer and then promoted to Junior Project Engineer for various Mechanical engineering Designs for factories in England & Scotland. In 1990, he was the Founder and Director of GLAFKOS GEORGHIOU & ASSOCIATES and in 2006 became Senior Founding Partner of GEORGHIOU & ZEMBYLAS PARTNERS (GZP) Mechanical, Electrical and Energy Engineering Consultants, an Engineering practice delivering with precision and passion, innovative, high quality sustainable low carbon footprint Mechanical and Electrical Designs. Glafkos has 34 years of experience in the Design and Supervision of Mechanical and Electrical Engineering Building Services and he is an accredited Qualified Expert in issuing Energy Performance Certificates for all types of Buildings and also an accredited Energy Auditor

He is currently the President of the Association of Electrical, Mechanical & Energy Engineering Consultants of Cyprus, a Member of ETEK Cyprus and a Member of the Institution of Mechanical Engineers UK (IMechE).

Glafkos joined Rotary in 1989 being a founding Member and President of Rotaract Club of Nicosia and in 1995 he became a Member of Rotary Club of Nicosia-Lefkothea holding various positions in the Club, including the Club President (2009-2010) and Assistant Governor from 2014 to 2017.



ROT Rica PoullouDeputy Director of
Community Service

Rica holds a BA in Economics from the University of Cyprus and a Master's degree in Management and Strategic Information Systems from the University of Bath, UK.

She is currently the General Manager of Airtrans Group Ltd, a leading company in aviation and transportation services; air, sea and road transportation, airlines representation and ground handling services, international and domestic courier, aircraft and vessel chartering, Oil & Gas support services, marine insurance and travel.

Before that, she served as Seafreight manager at another Cyprus company. From 2002 until 2015, Rica was working at Cyprus Airways as Business Analyst and later as Cargo Sales Officer and Deputy Cargo Manager. During these years, Rica gained extensive knowledge in the air cargo transportation business and was involved in various projects and activities relating to business development, aircraft utilisation, cargo handling units, specialised IT solutions and airports development.

She is a Rotarian since 2006.



ROT Maria SaparillaDeputy Director of
Community Service

Maria was born in Kyrenia and grew up in Nicosia. She graduated from the Acropolis Lyceum. She is a holder of B.S. degrees in Industrial Engineering and Mathematics from the State University of New York at Buffalo.

She joined Cyprus Airways Public Ltd. in March 1988 and served various positions in the Commercial division of the airline, until January 2015 when she retired early due to company closure from the position of Manager for Product & Revenue Management. Throughout her career with Cyprus Airways, she acquired specialized knowledge in the field of airline revenue optimization and pricing through training in the US. She was the representative for Cyprus Airways at the International Air Transport Association (IATA) - Pricing and International Affairs Division.

Maria continued her career in the airline industry as a consultant to the founding team of Cobaltair Ltd. which she joined in February 2016 as Director of Sales, until October 2018.

She currently works as a freelancer of project coordination services and also runs short-term vacation rentals.

She is a member of our Club since 2020.



ROT Maria Xenophontos Deputy Director of Club Administration

Maria is 33 years old and works at Altius Insurance, a prominent all-around insurance company, as insurance consultant. Previously, she worked at CYTA from 2010 to April 2019 where she served at the call centre and the customer centre function of the company, where she enhanced her client communication and assistance skills. She has also worked at the back office, liaising with colleagues at the CYTA shops in order to provide support and assistance. She was also communicating with customers in order to address complaints.

Maria enjoys reading books, exercising and baking. She is a proud mother of a 5-year-old boy. She firmly believes in kindness and generously tries to offer help and assistance.

Maria is a member of our Club since 2020.



ROT Kypros Loukas Deputy Director of Youth

Kypros holds a postgraduate Diploma in International Commercial Arbitration from Queen Mary University of London, a postgraduate Master's degree in International Commercial and Business Law from University of East Anglia (UEA) in Norwich and a Law Degree from Democritus University of Thrace. He is also a licensed Insolvency Practitioner.

He is a lawyer in George Y. Yiangou LLC and mainly focused on handling high-profile international transactions largely in the areas of Banking & Finance, mergers and acquisitions of corporations, company law and cases of international commercial arbitration, insolvency and commercial dispute resolution.

He is a member of the Cyprus Bar Association, Kyrenia Bar association and a member of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (ClArb).

Kypros is a board member of the Cyprus Telecommunications Authority (CYTA). He is also the president of the Institute of Young Scientists (INE) and an active member of other volunteer and non-profit organizations. Kypros is a member of our Club since 2020.

3. The 2021-2022 Handover Ceremony event



On the 6th of July 2021 the Presidency of RC Nicosia Lefkothea changed hands from President Demetris Pantazis who held the post for two consecutive years, to President Elect Yiannis Tomasides. The event was very well attended: We were honored with the presence of many distinguished guests as well as the Presidents of other Cyprus Rotary Clubs, members of other Rotary Clubs and of course members and guests of our Club. The Deputy District Governor Peter Ashdjian was also present and addressed the event.

The outgoing President reviewed the achievements of the Club during his Presidency and expressed his thanks to all the members for their support throughout his tenure as President. The President highlighted the delivery of yet another Global Grant project, in cooperation with Rotary Club of Nicosia-Salamis, that further established the club's leading role in serving our community. Merit PHFs, on the recommendation of the President, were awarded to PDDG lacovos Constantinides, PP Popi Kanari, Rot Christos Agapiou and Rot Akis Papachristodoulou.

During the event the RCNL honoured two major sponsors of the Club with Paul Harris Fellowship recognitions, Dr. Michalis Neoptolemou, CEO of Remedica and Mr Costas Louca, owner of Air Control Ltd. Dr. Michalis Neoptolemou donated high value cancer drugs for children being treated for cancer at the Beirut hospital of St George's which was destroyed during last year's devastating explosion. Mr. Costas Louca donated 5.000 euros for the Global Grant project of 2020 to the Karaiskakio Foundation.

During the event Dr. Michalis Neoptolemou announced a donation to the Community Fund of Rotary Club Nicosia-Lefkothea of EUR 10.000. The President and all the members expressed their

gratitude and appreciation to the very generous donation by the CEO of Remetica, which will allow the club to pursue and augment its humanitarian work.

As part of the fund-raising efforts our Rotary club also promoted a "PHF exchange for financial support of the Club" campaign amongst its members. Nine members were awarded a PHF through their participation in the said campaign, which run in 2021: PDDG lacovos Constantinides, PDDG George Psimolophites, PAG Emilios Tannousis, ROT Takis Klerides, ROT Sotos lacovides, ROT Yiannis Tomasides, ROT Akis Papachristodoulou, ROT George Thucydides and ROT Vasilis Polemitis.

The outgoing President expressed his confidence in the new Board under the leadership of PE Yiannis Tomasides and pledged his active support.

President Yiannis Tomasides outlined his commitment to further achievements and expressed his thanks and appreciation to the work of the outgoing President Demetris Pantazis. An appropriate placard was presented to Demetris Pantazis.

The event was concluded with President Yiannis Tomasides presenting the members of his Board and both the PDDG Caterina Kalavas and DDG Peter Ashdjian addressing the function, commending the excellent work done by the Rotary Club of Nicosia Lefkothea.

Some pictures from the event are displayed below:

















The Board members for the Rotarian year 2021-22 are:

Yiannis Tomasides President

Demetris Pantazis Immediate Past President

Vassilis Polemitis Vice-President

George Thucydides Secretary

Panicos Nicolaides Director of Community Service Stella Savva Director of Club Administration

Popi Kanari Director of Youth Anastasia Orphanou Sergeant at Arms

Akis Papachristodoulou Treasurer

lacovos Constantinides Foundation Chair and Executive Secretary

Petros Stylianou Director of Membership
Paris Constantinou Director of Public Relations
Emilios Tannousis Advisor to Board & Trainer

Glafkos Georgiou Deputy Foundation Chair and Executive Secretary

Rica Poullou Deputy Director of Community Service
Maria Saparilla Deputy Director of Community Service
Maria Xenophontos Deputy Director of Club Administration

Kypros Loukas Deputy Director of Youth

4. The District Governor's visit



The annual visit of the District 2452 Governor occurred early on this Rotarian year. Due to the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic conditions the District Governor's (DG) visit was converted to virtual meeting via the ZOOM platform. On the 20th of July 2021 DG Ashot Karapetyan met online initially with our Club's Board members and subsequently with an extended circle of Club members which also included members from the Rotary Club of Ledra.

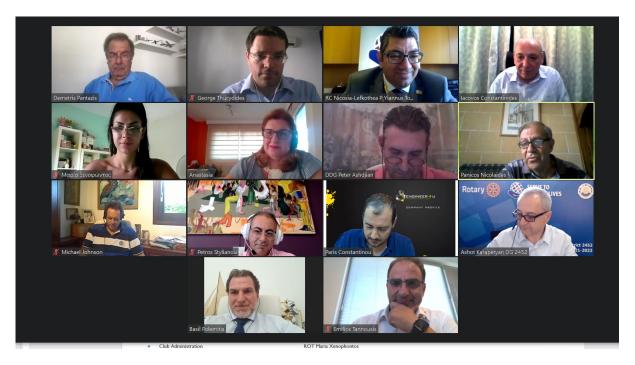
DG Karapetyan praised the good work and high standards of Rotarian practice set by our Club. He stated that our Club is indeed a vibrant, leading Club with rich history and important achievements. He also stated his positive impression about President Yiannis Tomasides, being the only President who sent the Presentation of our Club prior to the meeting, enabling in this way a better and more efficient preparation on his behalf and higher efficiency in the 30-minutes session dedicated with the Club Board.

President Yiannis Tomasides delivered the presentation during the Board's meeting with the DG, while DG Karapetyan delivered a presentation during the meeting with the Club members.

President Yiannis Tomasides presented our Club's profile, demographics, the Board members, the Vision and Strategic Direction and Objectives for the new Rotarian Year as these are derived from the Club's Strategic Plan and then the Club's activities and planning through the Avenues of service. The full presentation of Rotary Club Nicosia-Lefkothea (RCNL) is shown in the following pages.

DG Ashot Karapetyan eventually expressed his wish to meet all of us in a physical meeting in the near future, once the pandemic conditions allow it.

In his meeting with the Club members, DG Ashot Karapetyan presented the Vision & the Goals for Rotary International, the Rotary priorities for 2020-24 and concluded with the detailed the District Goals. The full presentation of the DG is shown in the following pages.



A picture from the Club Board e-meeting with the District Governor.



A picture from the Club members e-meeting with the District Governor.

RCNL's presentation to the District Governor





ROTARY CLUB NICOSIA-LEFKOTHEA

ROTARIAN YEAR 2021-22

A PRESENTATION OF OUR WORK & PLANNING TO THE DISTRICT GOVERNOR ASHOT KARAPETYAN

Date: 20 July 2021

MEET OUR CLUB



31 January 1988 Established

 Current membership 55

Female members 17 (31%)

Website address http://rotary-cyprus.org/lefkothea

Members meet 3 times per month

Board meetings First Tuesday of every month

Meetings 7 PM on Tuesdays

 Fellowship meetings Various venues





ROTARY CLUB



Twinned Clubs

OUR HISTORY – LOOKING BACK WITH PRIDE

Chartered 31st January 1988



Founding Members





OUR CLUB TODAY: DEMOGRAPHICS

55 active members

Split by Gender



■ Males ■ Females

Split by Age



■ Below 45 yrs ■ Above 45 yrs

PHF award(s) holders



■ PHF ■ No PHF

Rotary Club of Nicosia-Lefkothe District 2452

OUR CLUB'S BOARD



- Procidon

Secretary

Immediate Past President

Vice-President

Treasurer

Rotary Foundation Chair and Executive Secretary

Director of Community Service

Director of Club Administration

Director of Youth

Director of Public Image & Public Relations

Director of Membership

Sergeant at Arms

Advisor to Board & Trainer

DEPUTY DIRECTORS

Rotary Foundation Chair and Executive Secretary

Community Service

Club Administration

Youth

ROT Yiannis Tomasides

ROT George Thucydides

PP Demetris Pantazis

ROT Vasilis Polemitis

ROT Akis Papachristodoulou

PDDG lacovos Constantinides

PP Panicos Nicolaides

ROT Stella Savva

PP Popi Kanari

PP Paris Constantinou

PAG PP Petros Stylianou

PP Anastasia Orphanou

PAG PP Emilios Tannousis

PAG PP Glafkos Georgiou

ROT. Maria Saparilla

ROT Maria Xenophontos ROT Kypros Loucas ROT. Rica Poullou



SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES



MEET US! A GROUP PHOTO OF OUR RY 2020-21 CLUB'S BOARD AT THE HANDOVER CEREMONY





VISION & STRATEGIC DIRECTION FOR YEAR 2021-22 (FROM THE CLUB'S STRATEGIC PLAN)

Our Vision: To be the leading Rotary Club in Cyprus and through the engagement of its members and devotion to service to deliver meaningful projects that have a lasting effect in our community

OUR STRATEGIC DIRECTION: A vibrant Club

- Successful engagement of members > Roles & Responsibilities of Board members, attractive events, training.
- Delivery of meaningful projects
 Identification of the most suitable projects (of smaller & bigger scale)
- Participation in Rotary Foundation programs.
- Flexibility and receptiveness to change and new ideas ⇒ Welcoming innovation.
- Have a unique identity that reflects the diversity of its members.
- Provision of a fellowship platform where members can have an enjoyable time → Physical meetings (as much as possible), interesting and enjoyable activities.



STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

- Maximize member diversity: increase female recruitment & lower average age of members by recruiting younger members
- Initiate and deliver a Global Grant project every other year.
- Initiate and implement meaningful community service projects that have a real impact on the community.
- Create and implement an effective training and mentorship programme for new members.
- Engage all members in service projects and/or club activities.
- Improve fellowship by organizing family events.
- Participate in District Conferences, PETS, and other district seminars in Cyprus and abroad.
- Prepare Rotary leaders for being nominated to the most senior District positions.
- Increase our donation to RI programs (Annual fund, polio, etc.).
- Run balanced budgets.

Rotary Club of Nicosia-Lefkothea District 2452

AVENUES OF SERVICE: THE FOUNDATION OF OUR CLUB ACTIVITY



THE TWO RECENT GLOBAL GRANT PROJECTS OF OUR CLUB (1/2)

Mega Project Delivered in 2019 - GG 1753716

"The establishment of a Childhood cancer diagnostic Centre at the Karaiskakio Foundation - Cellular Biomarker detection unit".

- Total value \$275,000. Biggest ever in Cyprus. Participation of all Cypriot RCs.
- Nicosia Lefkothea was the local host club with a total contribution of \$ 26,000 (highest contribution from RCs)
- International Partner Club Aguileia Cervignano Palmanova
- The project was audited by the Rotary Foundation Cadre, Dr. Michael Fernandez in February 2020:

"I was most impressed with the efficiency and effectiveness with which the project was implemented, on budget and on timely manner. The justifiable pride Rotarians in Cyprus, and beyond, show with regard to this project, is obvious and your actions are a credit to the spirit of Rotary".



RECOGNITION OF CYPRUS ROTARY & OUR ROTARY CLUB BY KARAISKAKIO FOUNDATION

On 29th June 2021, officials from Cyprus Rotary visited Karaiskakio Foundation, celebrating the Foundation's 25th Anniversary. The President of the Foundation, and member of our Rotary Club, Dr. Popi Kanari honored Cyprus Rotary and Rotaract Clubs in Cyprus for their continuous support. Our Rotary Club and the Rotary Club of Nicosia-Salamis were honored.









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COMMUNITY SERVICES

- Our Club is a firm believer of Community Service Projects as through them Rotary supports the community and the society at large. The projects need to be meaningful and sustainable. Our Club has a rich tradition in planning and delivering service projects of different size and nature. Our aim is to conduct a Global Grant project every two years.
- We follow a road-tested methodology to select the Community Service projects for the year: Before the new Board takes over, it starts preparation by initially brainstorming and then by contacting organizations that may be in need of Rotarian support. We assess their needs and then, based on our financial capabilities, we select the projects to be implemented. The community survey/study is always a useful tool in this process. The work is mainly done by the Community Service Committee and all the decisions are approved by the Board. We also promote joint projects with other Clubs either in Cyprus or abroad.
- For the RY 2021-22, three (3) projects are under consideration, while we are in the process of contacting some additional organizations. Fundraising is a key enabler to cover the current year's Community Service projects.
 MAIN PROJECTS ENVISAGED:
 - Children's Playground Park at <u>Strovolos</u> municipality (Joint project with RC Nicosia Club). Will serve also children with special needs.
 - Supporting the Children Oncology Unit & the Children Intensive Care Unit of Makarios Children hospital.



CLUB ADMINISTRATION

- The role of the Club Administration committee is to perform the logistical tasks that make our Club meetings successful.
- The club meetings shapes the Rotary members' experience. A Club need active, engaged members in order to provide service to their communities and attract new members.
- Our Club administration selects the venues for our functions, takes care of the logistical matters (menu, seating arrangements, equipment, branding, etc.) and helps in the invitation of the members to the events.
- For this reason, we always keep our Club's roster up-to date with all the essential contact details.
- The RY 2020-21 was very rich in terms of activities since it involved numerous events (mainly discussion events with renowned subject-matter expert speakers), fellowship activities (including family-related) and fund-raising activities despite the difficulties imposed by the COVID-19 pandemic.
- The RY 2020-21 will follow a similar successful path with a careful selection of activities centered around the 7 areas of Focus of Rotary (more details on ideas for activities are shown in slides 25-28).

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ENVISAGED PROGRAM OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE NEXT 6 MONTHS

	Theme of the Month	Week I	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4
July	-	Handover ceremony	Board meeting	E-meeting with District Governor	Fellowship
August	Membership and New Club Development Month	Cancelled	Cancelled	Cancelled	Fellowship
September	Basic Education and Literacy Month	Board meeting / Club assembly	Lecture: The role of the banking sector in the Cyprus economy	Tour at Art Gallery	Bingo night event (fund raising)
October	Community Economic Development Month	Board meeting	Event on Financial literacy: Responsible borrowing & investment.	Cyprus Tour (Part I)	World Polio Day (24/10/2021)
November	Rotary Foundation Month	Board meeting	Insight into Rotary: "Training presentation"	Fellowship	Event on Cyprus NHS (GESY) – The experience so far & the way forward
December	Disease Prevention and Treatment Month	Board meeting	Lecture:The COVID-19 aftermath	Christmas Gala Dinner	Young Artists' Art Exhibition (fund raising)

MEMBERSHIP

- The Membership Committee is tasked with a very important duty: To help retaining the existing members but most importantly to form and execute a plan on how to attract new members and keep them involved.
- For this reason, the Membership Committee look at our Club's meetings, projects, and other activities and assess what it offers to new and existing members. It is important for every member to see value for him/her in these activities so as to remain an active member.
- It is also important to assess the satisfaction levels of the members prior and after implementing actions so as to see their impact.
- Since March 2020, due to the COVID-19 pandemic and its restrictions the attraction of new members has been challenging although we managed to register 5 new members. Our Goals are to increase Membership to 60 by the end of 2022 (58 in this RY), increase % of female members to 35% and lowering the average age by recruit New Members preferably between 30-50 years old.



Rotary Club of Nicosia-Lefkothea District 2452

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YOUTH SERVICE: EMPOWER & SUPPORT OUR ROTARACTORS

- Objective: To empower and support our Club's re-established Rotaract Club.
- The Nicosia-Lefkothea Rotaract Club was founded in 1988 and was the first Rotaract Club in Nicosia and the second in Cyprus and was one of the most active Clubs in our District. Unfortunately, in the early years of 2000 it became inactive.
- RC Nicosia Lefkothea succeeded in re-establishing it in November 2019 and the Rotaract Club started to organize and plan its activities with the support of the Youth Director; regular joint meetings to strengthen its ties with the mother Club; and the strategic objective to execute either alone, or jointly with other Rotaract/ Rotary Clubs, sustainable community service projects with an impact on society.
- Club Members President: Costantinos Christodoulides, along with 13 other members.
- Re-establishment Certificate: Given on the 29th of September 2020.





YOUTH SERVICE: EVENTS & PROJECTS

- Due to Covid 19 difficulties in organizing events our Rotaractors have done a number of awareness projects.
- Also, among their 2 main projects for this year are:
 - The support of needy families on Christmas Day by giving them lunch delivered to their houses in a basket; and
 - A joint EVENT with the mother Club "Rotary Club Nicosia-Lefkothea" on vaccines for Covid -19
 - another event with Rotary Club of Aspelia on Biodeversity.
- The Club's support and empowerment is there!











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ROTARY FOUNDATION

- Our Club was the Host Club in one Global Grant, donated in two more with total contributions \$32,000.
- Commitment to submit one GG application every two years. Due to the change of policy of RI not to match the cash contributions, our Club will initiate a Project and complete it in 2 years.
- Support the Rotary Foundation
 - EREY: \$1500
 - Polio: \$ 300
- All time giving \$109.524, 60 PHF (15 of which multiple,) 25.000 PHF credits in hand
- Promote the RF and present its programmes to the local community
- We celebrated the World Polio day.
- We remain a qualified club
- The MOUTRF & District addendum were signed & submitted
- Club's participation in the Grant Management Seminar.





PUBLIC IMAGE

- Equally important to the Club's activity and its contribution to the society is the communication of its contribution to the Public. Through communication, the image of Rotary Club and the Rotary in general needs to be enhanced. This will help also the attraction of new members.
- Our Club will reinforce its presence in the web and the social <u>media</u> but it will <u>make an effort</u> to become more visible in "Above The Line" (ATL) media such as Television (through coverage of events in news programs and media interviews) and Print media (through press releases). In general, in the absence of communication budget our Club will utilize cost-effective ways to communicate with the Public.
- Our Goal is to publicize our functions in Media (ATL-Press releases & TV clips, Social Media)
- Our Club maintains a strong cooperation with the Cyprus PR & PI Team and the communication strategy of our Club is based on the national strategy of Cyprus PR & PI. It also shares its Vision:

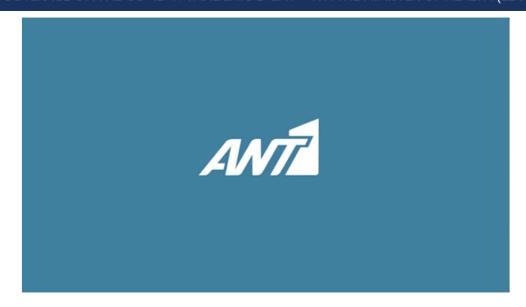
"People of action Serve to change lives"

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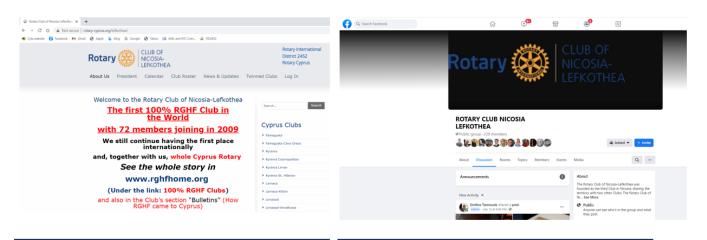


OUR PRESENCE IN TELEVISION:

MEDIA COVERAGE ON THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC EVENT WITH THE MINISTER OF HEALTH (22/07/2021)



OUR PRESENCE IN WEB & SOCIAL MEDIA



AIM: Revamp our website

AIM: Keep our Facebook page constantly updated & live

Rotary Club of Novins-letones



CLUB'S MONTHLY BULLETIN







IDEAS FOR ACTIVITIES THROUGH THE ROTARY 7 AREAS OF FOCUS

Peace and Conflict Prevention / Resolution Disease Prevention and Treatment

Water and Sanitation

Maternal and Child Health

Visit at the "Hope for Children" Center

Event with Ambassadors (US, Russia, Israel)

Event with the Ministry of Foreign affairs

Event on Human trafficking

Event on the COVID-19 aftermath

GESY (National Health System) – The experience so far & the way forward Lecture on Water sanitisation

Lecture on Healthy nutrition by clinical nutritionist.

Blood donation event.

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IDEAS FOR ACTIVITIES THROUGH THE ROTARY 7 AREAS OF FOCUS

Basic Education and Literacy

Economic and Community
Development

Environment

Sponsorship of Publication related to children education on matters of general interest.

Tour at Museums & Gallery

The role of the banking sector in the Cyprus economy today and its future.

Event on Financial literacy: Responsible borrowing & investment.

Event on entrepreneurship (by Alexis Pantazis, Cofounder of Hellas Direct) Tree planting on municipality area

Lecture on preserved species (BirdLife Cyprus)

Hiking at nature trails.

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FELLOWSHIP ACTIVITIES IDEAS

- Christmas Galas dinner
- "Meet Cyprus" tour (I, II, II) Excursions with families.
- Taverna night
- Rebetiko night
- Jazz night
- Theater night







Rotary Club of Nicosia-Lefkothea District 2452

FUND RAISING ACTIVITIES IDEAS

- Young artists' Art Exhibition event (MEGA FUND-RAISING EVENT)
- Christmas Galas dinner
- Fashion show event
- Fund-raising movie night (Film Premiere)
- Physical or Virtual* Bingo night event(s)
- Car wash event
- Dinner at member's houses (Indian cuisine night, BBQ night)
- Sale of branded clothing event
- Wines cellar store sales
- Flower shop sales
- Sponsorships by private organizations





(*) Our Club was the first Rotary Club to introduce the online Bingo event during the Covid-19 pandemic. Two very successful events organized and raised a total of EUR 1.715 (EUR1.175 + EUR 540).



PHOTOS FROM RECENT EVENTS: THE CLUB'S HANDOVER CEREMONY – 06/07/2021 (1/2)



















PHOTOS FROM RECENT EVENTS: OUR CLUB'S HANDOVER CEREMONY – 06/07/2021 (2/2)

















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PHOTOS FROM RECENT EVENTS: REPRESENTATION OF OUR CLUB IN OTHER HANDOVER CEREMONIES

RC Nicosia-Ledra event (25/06/2021)



Nicosia-<u>Salamis</u> event (28/06/2021)



Nicosia-<u>Aspelia</u> event (29/06/2021)



Cyprus Rotary event (16/07/2021)









RC NICOSIA LEFKOTHEA: LOOKING AT OUR PAST WITH PRIDE & OUR FUTURE WITH PASSION.







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THANK YOU!

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Wishing you a productive Rotarian Year to the benefit of our communities and society.





District Governor's presentation

















 He and his wife, Rashi are Major Donors and members of the Bequest Society.



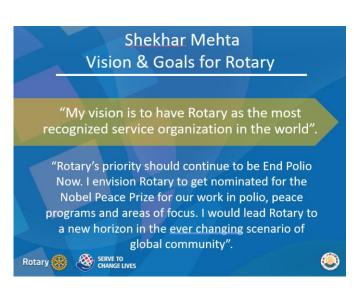


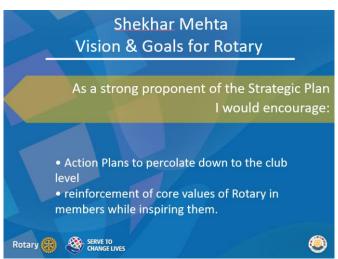














Membership is at the heart of our organization. I would prioritize:

- focus on regional plans, respecting the diverse culture and ethos
- · adopting successful models of transition of Rotaractors into Rotary
- increase female membership even as we focus on other diversity
- ensuring 5% net growth year on year







Shekhar Mehta **Vision & Goals for Rotary**

We need to make Rotary more contemporary and adaptable by:

- · emphasizing on partnerships with governments and corporations
- · expanding our reach by partnering with specialized organizations in areas of focus
- investing in technology







Shekhar Mehta **Vision & Goals for Rotary**

"I see Rotary to extend in new geographical areas and countries".

"I will work with the Board, TRF, General Secretary and staff for growth of One Rotary. I will focus on reducing expenses wherever possible. I would like to lead the board through consensus and encourage board members to set goals. We have to be accountable to trust, Rotarians have reposed in us by electing us".

On a personal note, I would lead by example, be a reason to inspire others and my actions will be totally in sync with Rotary's motto - Service Above Self

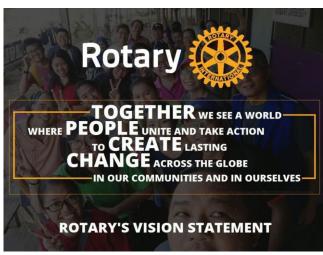






























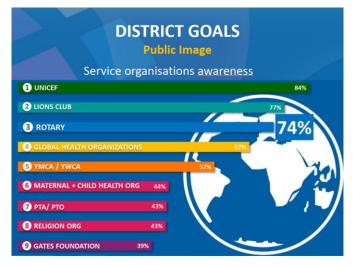
















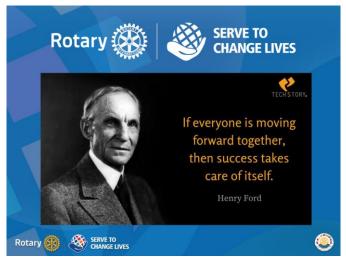


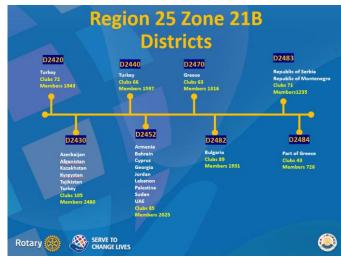






























5. Club Board meetings minutes: July 2021

Minutes of the RCNL Board Meeting held on the 13th of July 2021 at 19.00, Online via Zoom¹

Present

Yiannis Tomasides (YT) President **Vassilis Polemitis** (VP) Vice-President George Thucydides (GT) Secretary **Panicos Nicolaides** (PN) **Director of Community Service** Director of Club Administration Stella Savva (SS) Director of Youth Popi Kanari (PK) Anastasia Orphanou (AO) Sergeant at Arms Rica Poullou **Deputy Director of Community Service** (RP) **Kypros Loukas** (KL) **Deputy Director of Youth**

Apologies

Akis Papachristodoulou	(AP)	Treasurer
Demetris Pantazis	(DP)	Immediate Past President
lacovos Constantinides	(IC)	Foundation Chair and Executive Secretary
Petros Stylianou	(PS)	Director of Membership
Paris Constantinou	(PC)	Director of Public Relations
Emilios Tannousis	(ET)	Advisor to Board & Trainer
Glafkos Georgiou	(GG)	Deputy Foundation Chair and Executive Secretary
Maria Saparilla	(MS)	Deputy Director of Community Service
Maria Xenophontos	(MX)	Deputy Director of Club Administration

Notes on the Meeting

1. Approval of minutes

The Minutes of the Board meeting 3/2021 held on the 30th of June 2021 were unanimously approved.

2. Community Service Projects (CSP) in Rotarian Year 2021-22

2.1 Procedure for the selection of CSP

PN reminded the members of the Board about the procedure that should be followed about the Projects:

¹ Prepared by George Thucydides. Approved for distribution by Yiannis Tomasides.

- ✓ The Board needs to first agree on a list of candidate projects.
- ✓ The committee in charge to review the Projects (Panicos Nikolaides, Rica Poullou, Maria Saparilla) outlines the pros and cons of each project in an objective manner in a purpose-written report, and presents the report to the Board members.
- ✓ The Board should have a clear view on the budget available for the Project(s) to be chosen (contact RCNL treasurer: AP)
- ✓ According to the funds available the Board will assess if the project under consideration is feasible.
- ✓ The Board will then proceed to the materialization of the Project.

2.2 Candidate CSPs

Board Members agreed to include the following CSP in the list of candidate projects:

a. Foni (www.foni.org.cy)

Concerns were raised about the, possibly small, impact of a prospective RCNL contribution towards the publication of a small booklet of Foni to be distributed to children of pre-school age and first grade students at elementary schools. The total cost of this project should be known prior to proceed with any further discussions with Foni.

b. Strovolos park project

Feedback on the total cost of the project has not yet been received.

c. Children Oncology Unit & Children Intensive Care Unit of Makarios hospital

Dr. Popi Kanari informed the Board members that although the Units are funded by the state, they are in serious need regarding equipment. PK suggested that either of the two units should be a strong candidate to be selected as a CSP. The needs of the two units should be communicated to RCNL, perhaps by arranging meetings with the Directors of the Units.

d. Hope for Children

VP informed the Board members on possible needs (e.g. purchase of a library at a cost of €1.000) of the "Hope for Children" organisation. He disclosed that he serves as an advisor to the organisation and suggested to invite people from Hope from children to present about the organisation and its needs. In this way, he suggested RCNL will expand its footprint on helping children.

e. REACT (BOC related organisation)

Our club member Michalis Persianis suggested that RCNL examines the possibility to join the REACT movement, which will evolve most probably to an NGO/organization. Its purpose was initially to help children during the COVID outbreak (by donating tablets), however it since expanded to other areas of service as well. VP will make the contact with REACT.

2.3 Way forward about CSPs

- PN suggested that the Committee in charge starts its work in September and presents its report with the findings in mid-October, with the aim to have a final decision about the CSP to be selected by November 2021.
- VP will send an email to PN with info on the Hope for Children project, and subsequently a meeting shall be arranged.
- VP will contact REACT and arrange a meeting, with our member Michalis Persianis present as well.
- Meeting with the Directors of Children Oncology Unit & Children Intensive Care Unit of Makarios hospital shall be arranged.

3. Cyprus Fire Relief Project – Funds by our Club

PK informed the Board members that Dr. Neoptolemou has donated during the hand-over event the amount of €10.000 to be used, inter-alia, for the Cyprus Fire Relief Project. The Board agreed on the amount of €2.000 to be spend for the aforementioned purpose, given that the rest of the clubs have pledged amounts between €100-€300. However, the appropriate spending of the amount in order to have a meaningful impact should be ensured. In this context and to this end, VP suggested to liaise with REACT, which found the Board members in agreement.

4. District Governor's e-visit (RCNL meeting: 20/7/2021 at 16:30 – 17:00)

The following have been agreed:

- YT will initially introduce Board members during the meeting.
- YT will send a Template of the presentation to Members who are responsible for avenues of service, and each member should return one slide with their main points (a total of 8-9 slides should be gathered, given the short time allocated to the meeting).
- YT will present the slides on behalf of everybody.

5. Next Board meeting

The date of the next Incoming Board meeting will be announced at a later stage.

6. The meeting ended at 20.00 hrs.

6. Message from the Rotary International President 2021-2022

Four ways to change lives this Rotary year

Dear change-makers,

Welcome to the new Rotary year — a year when you will be called upon to *Serve to Change Lives* and achieve big dreams. Because of your passion for achieving great things, we will grow more and do more.

Our Action Plan, Rotary's strategic road map, sets our course and strengthens us for the future by focusing on four priorities: increasing our impact, expanding our reach, enhancing participant engagement, and increasing our ability to adapt. This year, I am honored to move these priorities forward by leading with vision and implementing several initiatives that I believe will result in positive growth during 2021-22 and beyond.

Expanding our reach through Each One, Bring One

Rotary is a vibrant organization that has spread to nearly 200 countries and geographical areas and has a rich legacy of fighting to end polio. Don't you think we could have a greater impact on the world if more people were practicing Service Above Self?

Members like you are our greatest asset. But for the last 20 years, Rotary membership has remained stagnant. Through a program I am calling Each One, Bring One, I ask each of you to commit to welcoming one new person into Rotary or Rotaract in the next 12 months. This one act of growing Rotary will make you true change-makers, because you will have helped us achieve in just 12 months what we could not do in 20 years. Of course, you will need to engage and retain these members as well. Member engagement is equally important for our organization's growth.

As we welcome new members, let us continue to ensure that diversity, equity, and inclusion are ingrained into all aspects of Rotary. We believe that anyone who gets involved with Rotary — whether as a member, partner, or participant — must feel valued, respected, and welcomed. It is only by embracing the full diversity of the world that we will be able to grow and to achieve our goals.

I am thrilled that Rotaract membership continues to grow. This year, we are taking further steps to reaffirm and promote Rotaract as a distinct membership type in Rotary. I encourage Rotary and Rotaract clubs to find ways to connect with one another, perhaps by creating a mentorship program or partnering on a club-based initiative, district grant, or global grant. We achieve more when we work together!

Serve to change lives

Service is at the heart of my own connection to Rotary, which is why I want all of us to showcase Rotary's good work by hosting Rotary Days of Service. Invite your members, neighboring clubs, local civic organizations, program alumni, friends, family, and the public to join you for a community service event. Let Rotary Days of Service be a celebration of our passion for doing good.

As your club decides which causes to support this year, please consider projects that focus on empowering girls and creating equity for them. Whether it's through a global grant project or a local program that your club supports, we can all contribute to the important work being done all over the world to expand access to education, improve sanitation, and fight gender discrimination and inequality. Girls are equal stakeholders in this world, and they should have equal rights. We also need to let others know about all the wonderful work Rotary does. Each of you is a Rotary brand ambassador, so use social media, local media, and your club's website to show your community — and the world — how you and your fellow Rotary members are people of action.

Increasing our impact

My friends, you are resilient, and you are doing amazing things to fight COVID-19. We adapted quickly to support our communities at the start of this pandemic, and we are committed until the very end. Let's work to ensure that vaccines are made available equitably worldwide and that people get vaccinated as quickly as possible.

We recently awarded our first \$2 million Programs of Scale grant to Partners for a Malaria-Free Zambia and will name our second Programs of Scale grant recipient this year. This award and our efforts to eradicate polio and fight COVID-19 are examples of how Rotary addresses significant needs on a large scale. These programs serve as models for how we can demonstrate our measurable and sustainable impact.

We have so much to look forward to in the year ahead, and together, we will do so much. Nothing is impossible for Rotarians and Rotaractors!

I am so honored to be on this journey with you.

Sincerely,

Shekhar Mehta Rotary International President, 2021-22



A picture from a recent webinar with the Rotary International President (21/07/2021) attended by the Club's President Yiannis Tomasides.