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Message from the Club's President

Dear Fellow Rotarians,

October and November were very productive months for our Club since our schedule contained numerous and important events and activities. In this double issue of the Bulletin these are presented with lots of pictures to enjoy!

In specific, October included the President's party for fund-raising and the Illumination of the Nicosia Municipal Theater in the context of the World Polio Day. November included the District Governor's Visit in Cyprus, an event on the Financial Literacy, an event with a motivational speaker and a joint event of tree planting with Rotary Club Nicosia-Aspelia. Also, during November the medicine supplies sent by our Club in October reached their destination in two hospitals in Lebanon (Tripoli Governmental Hospital & Al Salam Hospital)

The second semester of the Rotarian Year entails two key projects for our Club: The materialization of the Community Service Project and the Mega Fund-Raising event for the year, the Art Exhibition organized with EKATE. We will also have the formation of the new Board serving the Club in the Rotarian Year 2022-23.

Stay close to our Club and its activities and support them with your participation. Please be reminded of our fund-raising activity with the sale of wines which currently runs and is coordinated by our Club Administration team.

With this opportunity I would like to extend my warmest wishes to you and your families for a Merry Christmas & a Happy, Healthy and Productive new Year 2022!

With Warm Rotarian Regards,



Yiannis Tomasides
Club President 2021-2022

2. Fellowship at Club's President's house - 16 October 2021

On the 16th of October 2021 our monthly fellowship took place at our Club's President Yiannis Tomasides' house, who generously hosted the event. Fellow Rotarians from other Nicosia-based Clubs attended the event as well, which turned out to be a great opportunity to bring Rotarians from various Clubs together. Furthermore, a fellow Rotarian from Lebanon Past President Rotary Club Beirut Cosmopolitan Adib Munla attended the event with his family and expressed his interest to join our Club. He was warmly welcomed by President Yiannis and the rest of the Rotarians.

President Yiannis Tomasides and his wife Margarita warmly and wholeheartedly welcomed Rotarians at their house, taking care of every detail to make the evening unforgettable. Live music with Georgia brighten the ambience, while the local food was enjoyed by everyone. Another highlight of the evening was the open bar with a professional barman which offered cocktails and drinks to all guests.

It is worth mentioning that, not only all costs of the party have been covered by our president, as a generous gesture of him, but at the end of the event guests were gifted with delicious local olives from the president's orchard as well.

The event managed to raise, from the attendees entrance fee, a total of 1.000 Euros which was deposited in our Club's account. Some pictures from this beautiful event:







3. World Polio Day- Illumination of the Nicosia Municipal Theatre - 24 October 2021


The World Polio Day for the year 2021 was celebrated with a mega- event held at the Municipal Theater of Nicosia on the evening of the 24th October 2021.

The event was organized by our Club and supported by all Nicosia-based Clubs: Nicosia Salamis, Rotary Club of Nicosia, Rotary Club Nicosia Aspelia Rotary Club of Nicosia-Ledra and Rotary Club of Kyrenia. The event was under the auspices of the H.E. the Minister of Foreign Affairs Mr. Nicos Christodoulides and was attended by over 80 Rotarians and guests, including foreign ambassadors and the leadership team of Cyprus Rotary. It was a celebration day for Cyprus Rotary!

The program included a welcoming address by the President of our Club Yiannis Tomasides, a speech by the President of the Cyprus Medical Association Dr. Petros Agathangelou on the medical aspect of polio, a speech by PDDG Iacovos Constantinides on the role of Rotary International in eradicating polio, an address by the Minister of Foreign Affairs to the event and ultimately the illumination of this iconic building with the colours of the "End Polio Now" campaign, which was the highlight of the event. A cocktail reception concluded this beautiful evening.

The event attracted media attention as well: A video coverage in the central news program of CYBC on the day and an extensive article in the electronic version of the Phileleftheros newspaper the day after (please see below).

Pictures from the event follow:

	<h3>Invitation</h3> <p>The Rotary Club of Nicosia-Lefkothea with the support of Rotary Clubs of Nicosia, Nicosia-Ledra, Nicosia-Salamis, Nicosia-Aspelia and Kyrenia cordially invite you to the 2021 World Polio Day event on Sunday, 24th October 2021 at 19:00 hrs at the Nicosia Municipal Theater.</p> <p>Illumination of the Nicosia Municipal Theater in the colors of the World Polio Day</p> <p>Under the patronage of his H.E. Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Cyprus</p> <p>Mr. Nikos Christodoulides</p> <p><u>Guest speakers</u></p> <p>Dr. Petros Agathangelou President of the Cyprus Medical Association</p> <p>Mr. Iacovos Constantinides Past Deputy District Governor Rotary-District 2452</p> <p>Duration: 60 minutes followed by Cocktail reception.</p> <p>R.S.V.P by 22 October 2021 at g.thucydides@googlemail.com</p>
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Φωταγώγηση του Δημοτικού Θεάτρου Λευκωσίας στα χρώματα της διεθνούς εκστρατείας του Rotary «End Polio Now»

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Τελευταία Ενημέρωση: 26 Οκτωβρίου 2021, 14:55



Η 24η Οκτωβρίου, η οποία θεσμοθετήθηκε από το Διεθνές Ρόταρυ ως η διεθνής Ημέρα κατά της ασθένειας της πολιομυελίτιδας, εορτάστηκε με εκδήλωση που διοργάνωσε ο Ροταριανός Όμιλος Λευκωσία-Λευκοθέα με την στήριξη των Ροταριανών Ομίλων «Λευκωσία», «Λευκωσία-Ασπέλια», «Λευκωσία-Λήδρα», «Λευκωσία-Σάλαμις» και «Κερύνηα» στον προαύλιο χώρο του Δημοτικού Θεάτρου Λευκωσίας την Κυριακή 24 Οκτωβρίου 2021.

Η εκδήλωση τελούσε υπό την αιγίδα του Υπουργού Εξωτερικών κ. Νίκου Χριστοδουλίδη. Την εκδήλωση τίμησαν επίσης με την παρουσία τους πρέσβεις ξένων χωρών καθώς και η ηγεσία του Κυπριακού Ρόταρυ.



Στην εισαγωγική του ομιλία ο Πρόεδρος του Ροταριανού Ομίλου Λευκωσία-Λευκοθέα κ. Γιάννης Τομασίδης τόνισε ότι η εξάλειψη της ασθένειας της πολιομυελίτιδας υπήρξε από τη δεκαετία του 1980 μια από τις κυριότερες αποστολές του Διεθνούς Ρόταρυ. Η αποστολή αυτή στέφεται με επιτυχία αφού η πολιομυελίτιδα έχει εξαλειφθεί κατά 99% παγκοσμίως, παρόλα αυτά, όπως ανέφερε, η προσπάθεια των Ροταριανών θα ολοκληρωθεί με την οριστική της εξάλειψη της ασθένειας.

Στην δική του τοποθέτηση ο Πρόεδρος του Παγκύπριου Ιατρικού Συλλόγου Δρ. Πέτρος Αγαθαγγέλου ανέλυσε την πολιομυελίτιδα από ιατρικής σκοπιάς και σύνδεσε την πανδημία της πολιομυελίτιδας με αυτήν του κορωνοϊού τονίζοντας ότι μια πανδημία παραμένει πάντα επικίνδυνη εφόσον αυτή δεν έχει εξαλειφθεί πλήρως.



Ο Πρώην Αναπληρωτής Κυβερνήτης Περιφέρειας του Ρόταρυ 2452 κ. Ιάκωβος Κωνσταντινίδης στην δική του ομιλία ανέδειξε την σημαντικότητα του έργου του Διεθνούς Ρόταρυ για την καταπολέμηση της νόσου, το οποίο, στα πλαίσια της συμμετοχής του ως ιδρυτικό μέλος του φορέα «Global Polio Eradication Initiative», διέθεσε μέχρι σήμερα 2,2 δισεκατομμύρια δολάρια για το σκοπό αυτό. Ανέφερε ότι σήμερα μόνο δύο χώρες παραμένουν ενδημικές, το Αφγανιστάν και το Πακιστάν. Ανέδειξε τέλος την αποφασιστικότητα των Ροταριανών να συνεχίσουν την προσπάθεια τους μέχρι την οριστική εξάλειψη της ασθένειας.



Στην δική του τοποθέτηση ο Υπουργός Εξωτερικών εξήρε το έργο του Διεθνούς Ρόταρυ τονίζοντας τον καθοριστικό του ρόλο στην αντιμετώπιση της ασθένειας της πολιομυελίτιδας. Έκανε επίσης ειδική αναφορά στον ρόλο του Κυπριακού Ρόταρυ ως ένα φωτεινό παράδειγμα αρμονικής συνύπαρξης και παραγωγικής συνεργασίας Ελληνοκυπρίων και Τουρκοκυπρίων, οργανωμένων σε ροταριανούς ομίλους στις ελεύθερες και τις κατεχόμενες περιοχές, ως ένα ενιαίο σύνολο υπό μια κοινή ηγεσία, αποτελώντας έτσι θεσμό που στέλνει ένα ισχυρό μήνυμα για ένα καλύτερο αύριο για την πατρίδα μας. Έκανε επίσης αναφορά στο γενικότερο ρόλο που επιτελεί το Κυπριακό Ρόταρυ στην κοινωνία των πολιτών μέσω της ενεργής συμμετοχής πολιτών σε δράσεις που στοχεύουν σε ένα καλύτερο κόσμο.



Ακολούθησε η φωταγώγηση του κτηρίου από τον Υπουργό Εξωτερικών κ. Νίκο Χριστοδουλίδη στα χρώματα της εκστρατείας του Διεθνούς Ροταρυ «End Polio Now».

Η εκδήλωση έκλεισε με δεξίωση για τους παρευρισκόμενους.

Χορηγός της εκδήλωσης ήταν η Wargaming PLC.



4. District Governor's Visit in Cyprus: 8-14 November

Our District Governor (DG) Ashot Karapetyan visited Cyprus in the week 8-14 November 2021 and had the opportunity to meet all Clubs across the island.

Dinner of the District Governor with the Nicosia-based Rotary Clubs

As part of his schedule, the DG had a meeting with representatives from the Nicosia-based Clubs on the 9th of November at Prosilio restaurant. Our Club had a significant representation by a number of members: President Yiannis Tomasides, PDDG Iacovos Constantinides, PDDG George Psimolophites, PP Popi Kanari, PP Paris Constantinou who was the Sergeant at arms of the event, PP Demetris Pantazis, Vice President Vasilis Polemitis, Secretary George Thucydides and Rotarians Maria Xenophonos, Panayiota Georgiou and Tania Ejourian.

DG expressed his joy for being in Cyprus and praised Cyprus Rotary for its work and important achievements. He highlighted the goals for the Rotarian Year and invited all Rotarians to the District conference taking place in Yerevan, Armenia in May 2022.

As part of the event, PDDG Iacovos Constantinides and PP Demetris Pantazis were awarded the Paul Harris Fellow (PHF) recognition by the DG who did the pinning. This was an awarding which was outstanding from the latest handover ceremony in July 2021. In his address, President Yiannis Tomasides mentioned the following: ***“The Board of RC Nicosia-Lefkothea has decided the award of PHF to the PDDG Iacovos Constantinides and Immediate PP Demetris Pantazis in recognition of their outstanding contribution to Rotary and for the successful further development and cohesion of our Rotary Club. Through the contribution and hard work of these two fellow Rotarians and of all our members we have made as our Club a truly vibrant Club”***.







Visit of the District Governor to the Karaiskakio foundation

On 11th November 2021, the District Governor visited the Karaiskakio foundation as one of the main beneficiaries of Rotary in Cyprus. He was accompanied by the Vice-Governor Kevork Mahdessian and the Deputy District Governor Peter Ashdjian. On behalf of our Club, DG and his delegation were welcomed by PP and President of the Board of Directors of Karaiskakio foundation Dr. Popi Kanari, PDDG Iacovos Constantinides, President Yiannis Tomasides and Immediate PP Demetris Pantazis. The Executive Director of the foundation Dr. Costeas Pavlos was also present in a meeting held at the Karaiskakio premises.

During the meeting, the DG was presented the history of Karaiskakio and the significant work it produces at both local and international levels, by Dr Popi Kanari and Dr. Pavlos Costeas.

DG was also presented the two recent Global Grant projects materialized by our Club for Karaiskakio foundation:

- The establishment of a Childhood cancer diagnostic Centre at the Karaiskakio Foundation - Cellular Biomarker detection unit in 2019.
- The enhancement of the Resources and Effectiveness of the Integrated Childhood Cancer Diagnostic Unit at the Karaiskakio Foundation in 2020.

The DG was very impressed and urged our Rotary Club to consider including Karaiskakio foundation in a proposal targeting a mega Global Grand project (value: one million US dollars+). At the end of his visit, the DG was given a tour at the Karaiskakio premises and was shown the equipment purchased through the Global Grant.

Pictures follow:





5. Delivery of medicine supplies to Lebanon hospitals - 3 & 14 November 2021

Followed the dispatch of the medicine supplies by our Club to Lebanon last month, we were glad to be informed by our fellow Rotarians of Rotary Club Tripoli - Maarad that the medicines were delivered to two hospitals in Tripoli, as follows:

- On November 3rd, 2021, the first batch was delivered to Tripoli Governmental Hospital.
- On November 14th, 2021, the second batch was delivered to Hospital Al Salam Tripoli.

We should all feel proud for this donation which helps people in need in the most tangible manner. Again, our warmest gratitude to our PP Dr. Popi Kanari who managed to obtain the donation of these medicines which are of a substantial value by Medochemie Ltd.

Relevant social media post from the Rotary Club Tripoli - Maarad and pictures follow:

Delivery of medicine supplies at the Tripoli Governmental Hospital



 Rotary Club Tripoli - Maarad is with Ahmad Husseini and 16 others.
November 3 · 🌐

As Lebanon is going through unexpected tragedies and unprecedented economical situation that caused shortage of medicine, RC Tripoli-Maarad and RC Tripoli Cosmopolis distributed to Tripoli Governmental Hospital a batch of boxes of Dexamed (Corticosteroid) and Mexadone (Antibiotic) that are essential to treat many diseases.

Thank you to RC Nicosia Lefkothea for this generous donation, Christina Covotsu and Ahmad Husseini for initiating and coordinating this project,

RC Cedars and Rotary Association Lebanon for helping with custom clearance and to all those who helped to make this project happen. Together Rotarians prove that they are people of sustainable action!

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Delivery of medicine supplies at the Hospital Al Salam Tripoli



Rotary Club Tripoli - Maarad is with Rym Dada-Husseini and 14 others. ...

November 10 · 🌐

ROTARY Doing Good to the World 🌍❤️

Medical donation to Hospital Al Salam Tripoli

Today we continued the distribution of the second batch of medicines to Al Salam Hospital. They include Dexamed (Corticosteroid) that is not available currently in Lebanon and Mexadone (Antibiotic) that are essential to treat many diseases and We were received by CEO of the Hospital Dr. Gabriel Sabeh with Doctors from Hospital, RC Tripoli Maarad represented by P. AbdelMonem Marhaba & PP/ARC Ahmad Husseini and RC Tripoli Cosmopolis represented by P. Amal Sheikh & PP Rym Dada Husseini & Rtn Alissar Haddad.

We would like to thank again our Fellow Rotarians from #RC_Nicosia Lefkosia who donated the medicines.

#Christina_Covotsou_Patroclou #Ahmad_Husseini #RC_Maarad #RCTC #RotaryInternational #Rotarydistrict_2452



6. Tree planting in Aglantzia: Pollinator Park project - 14 November 2021

Our Club is supporting the Rotary Club of Nicosia-Aspelia in the Pollinator Park project. On 14th November 2021, the first Pollinator park was opened in Aglantzia. Trees and shrubs were planted, all being friendly to pollinators namely bees, butterflies and birds.

The event was organized by the Rotary and Rotaractor Clubs of Nicosia-Aspelia and supported by Rotary Clubs Nicosia-Lefkothea, Nicosia, Nicosia-Salamis, Nicosia-Ledra and Kyrenia. Also, by the Municipality of Aglantzia and the Cyprus University of Technology. Phassouri Plantations and the Forestry Department sponsored the event.

Adults and kids enjoyed a pleasant Sunday morning for a very good cause!

Πάρκο επικονιαστών
Δενδροφύτευση στην Αγλαντζιά
Κυριακή 14 Νοεμβρίου, 09:30 Π.Μ.
Οδός Γαλήνης, περιοχή του Lidl



Αγαπητοί συνδημότες και φίλοι, την Κυριακή 14 Νοεμβρίου 2021 στις 09.30 π.μ., θα δημιουργηθεί το πρώτο μας Πάρκο Επικονιαστών στην Αγλαντζιά και θα θέλαμε να σας προσκαλέσουμε μαζί με τα παιδιά σας να συμμετάσχετε σε αυτή την υπέροχη εκδήλωση.

Θα φυτέψουμε δέντρα και θάμνους, φιλικά προς τους επικονιαστές (πεταλούδες, μέλισσες, πουλιά), θα τοποθετήσουμε ενημερωτικές πινακίδες

Φέρτε τα παιδιά σας, το επαναχρησιμοποιήσιμο μπουκάλι νερό, τα εργαλεία αν προτιμάτε τα δικά σας, μια μάσκα και ένα χαμόγελο!



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7. Event on Financial literacy - 16 November 2021

Our Club organized an online event on the very interesting and current topic of “Financial Literacy in Cyprus” event.

Dr. Panagiotis Andreou, Associate Professor at the Cyprus University of Technology was the key speaker in the event. Dr. Andreou presented the results of two surveys indicating that 60% of the general population are currently financially illiterate. He also briefed the attendees about the National strategy on resolving this important issue which is currently under development.

As part of the event, there was also a short speech by our Club members, George Georgiou who is financial journalist in Bloomberg and Politis newspaper and also the creator of the Podcast “Koumanto sti tsepi sou”.

The event was well attended by 31 Rotarians. The participants enjoyed, in general, a very interesting presentation and had the opportunity to ask questions leading to a vivid discussion among the audience.



Ο Ροταριανός Όμιλος «Λευκωσία-Λευκοθέα» σας προσκαλεί στην τηλεδιάσκεψη με θέμα

«Το πρόβλημα του Χρηματοοικονομικού Αναλφαβητισμού στην Κύπρο»

με ομιλήτη τον Δρ. Παναγιώτη Ανδρέου
Αναπληρωτή Καθηγητή στο Τμήμα Εμπορίου, Χρηματοοικονομικών και Ναυτιλίας του ΤΕΠΑΚ

Παρέμβαση από τον κ. Γιώργο Γεωργίου
Δημιουργό του Podcast “Κουμάντο στη τσέπη σου» & Δημοσιογράφο οικονομικού ρεπορτάζ (ΠΟΛΙΤΗΣ, Bloomberg)

Τρίτη, 16 Νοεμβρίου 2021 και ώρα 7:00 μ.μ.

Η εκδήλωση θα είναι στην ελληνική γλώσσα.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85219624856> | Meeting ID: 852 1962 4856

Π.Α. μέχρι την Παρασκευή 12/11/2021 στο g.thucydidis@googlemail.com



Χρηματοοικονομικός

Αναλφαβητισμός Αλφαβητισμός

881 Κύπριοι φοιτητές σε διαφορετικά γνωστικά αντικείμενα από

5 πανεπιστήμια
2 κρατικά
3 ιδιωτικά

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37%

Χρηματοοικονομικός

Αναλφαβητισμός Αλφαβητισμός

Παναγιώτης Ανδρέου

Κατανομή του Χρηματοοικονομικού Αλφαριθμητισμού

Φύλο



45.3%

Άνδρες

29.5%

Γυναίκες

Πανεπιστήμιο



25.70% **48.28%**

Ιδιωτικά

Δημόσια

Επίπεδο φοίτησης



32.7% **38.6%**

Freshmen

Non-Freshmen

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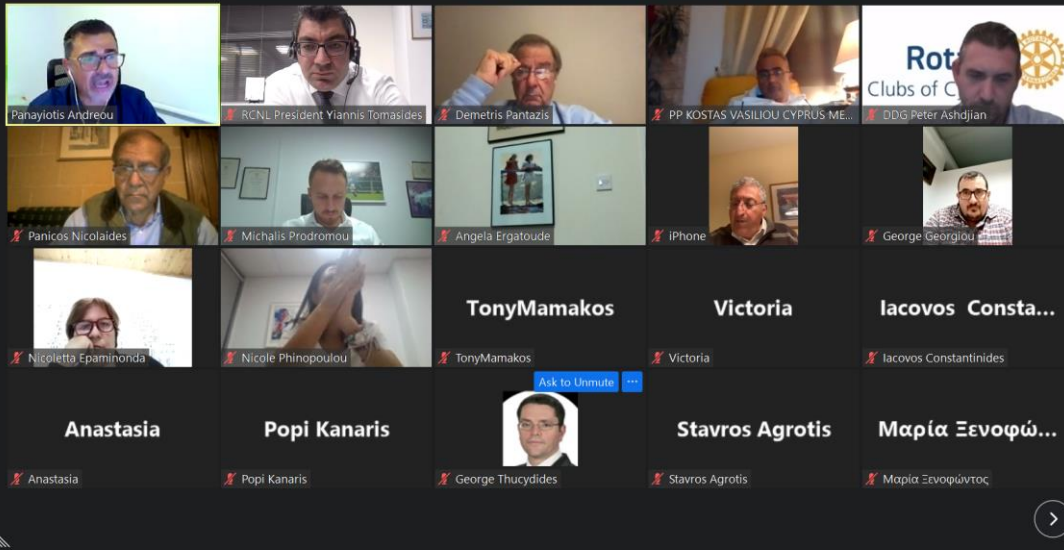
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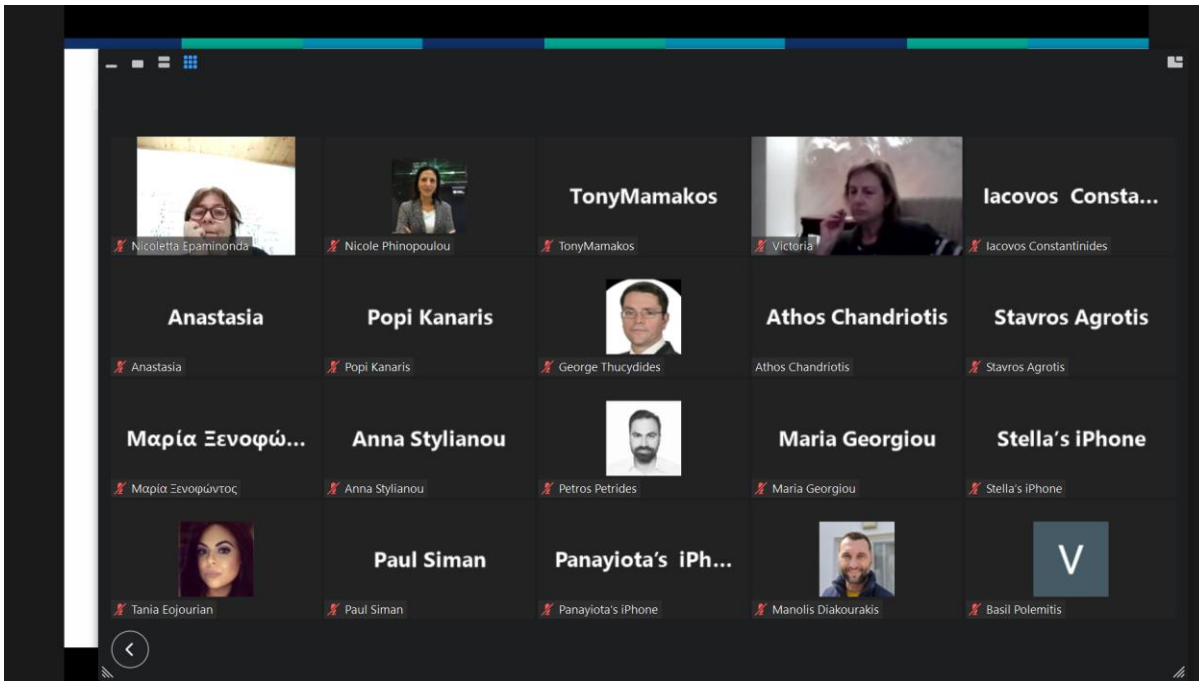


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8. Event with the Motivational speaker Constantinos Christou - 23 November 2021

In November our Club hosted the renowned Motivational speaker Constantinos Christou who delivered a very interesting speech to the attendees. The event took place at the Semeli hotel and included dinner. The speaker was presented by Rotarian Panayiota Georgiou who had the initiative of the event. We thank her!

The participants enjoyed the speech and had the opportunity to ask the speaker their questions. The event closed with a pleasant fellowship among the Club members.



9. From our Club Board meetings

In this section, the most important matters discussed and decided at our monthly Club Board meetings, are presented.

During October our Club Board met on 5th October 2021, with the following key outcome:

ROTARY CLUB NICOSIA-LEFKOTHEA MEETING No. 07/2021 (Date: 05/10/2021)	
MATTERS DISCUSSED	OUTCOME
District Awards	Vassilis Polemitis will act as the coordinator of the District Awards and will be in touch with the Directors of Avenues.
Service Projects	<ol style="list-style-type: none">Makarion Hospital PP Dr. Popi Kanari briefed participants about her visit at the hospital. Mr. Neofytou, the Chief Doctor provided ample details on the needs of the hospital regarding both equipment and training required for junior nurses. The estimated cost of the outlined needs is between €15.000 - €20.000.“Ithaki” foundation PP Panikos Nicolaides and Rot. Maria Saparilla visited “Ithaki”, however they were not provided with their specific needs for the time being.Foni Foundation President Yiannis Tomasides has talked with “Foni” and is waiting for their feedback.Children’s park at Strovolos PP Demetris Pantazis mentioned that there was not any response from the Mayor of Strovolos Municipality. He suggested, if we are to proceed with the idea of the park for the Municipality, our Club to fund up to €5.000, while the rest €15.000 should come from sponsors (e.g. Banks), as the total estimated budget is €20.000. The Board approved the amount of €5.000 to be committed in the Club’s bank account for this project, in case the project materializes in the future.

During November our Club Board met on 2nd November 2021, with the following key outcome:

ROTARY CLUB NICOSIA-LEFKOTHEA MEETING No. 08/2021 (Date: 02/11/2021)	
MATTERS DISCUSSED	OUTCOME
District Awards	Vassilis Polemitis will act as the coordinator of the District Awards and will be in touch with the Directors of Avenues.
Service Projects	<p>1. Makarion Hospital Their needs are well specified. They required very specific equipment, which according to other experts it is considered to be standard and essential equipment.</p> <p>2. "Ithaki" foundation PP Panikos Nicolaides visited "Ithaki" again. They seem to require a lot of things. We still await the description of the equipment required, which is to be prepared by a scientific associate of the nursing home.</p> <p>3. Foni Foundation No feedback was received.</p> <p>4. Children's park at Strovolos The project will not proceed eventually, not least due to lack of interest from Strovolos Municipality.</p> <p>5. ΣΠΑΒΟ They requested a bus of €25.000 value.</p> <p>6. Hope for Children €1.000 for a bookshelf and books are required. Vice President Vasilis Polemitis is in contact with them</p> <p>PP Panicos Nicolaides, Director of Community Service Projects mentioned that feedback from ITHAKI is a prerequisite for the Community Service Projects Team to complete their report based on which the Board will be asked to make the final decision on the 2021-22 Community Service project.</p>

10. Upcoming events (December 2021)

The following activities have been planned for December:

Tue	07	Christmas Gala Dinner co-organized by all Nicosia-based Clubs. Venue: Occhio Residence @ 8PM
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Tue	14	Club's Board meeting. Online via ZOOM. Time: 6:30 PM.
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