

Rotary Club Monthly Bulletin



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Dear Fellow Rotarians,

August is a holiday month and the only event we have planned is on the 27th of this month. It is a fellowship event and I hope you have all noted the date in your diaries and will be attending. Remember that your attendance on the 27th August qualifies you for a bonus of another 3 !!

The Assistant Governor responsible for our club, Mike Johnson, will also be attending and you will have the chance to meet him.

Unlike previous years the District Governor Mr. Shawkat Tadros will be visiting us in September and the plan is to meet with our club on the 13th of September. All Board members should attend the meeting but anyone else interested is welcomed.

In order to make the meeting with the DG meaningful we need to be definitive with our future plans and particularly with our projects.

To this effect the Board will meet on the 3rd of September to prepare. The AG of our club has also confirmed his attendance. I am advised that it is customary to hold a club assembly before the arrival of the DG therefore on the 3rd of September the Board meeting will be followed by a club assembly.

Full details will be sent to you soon about times and venue of meetings

As a result of the DG's visit our events plan for September has been modified. The events programme has been extended to October 2019 and is included in this edition; it will also be circulated to you separately

I would like to give you a heads up on our next big event (other than the DG's visit) which is on the 24 th of September. The Deputy Minister for Tourism has accepted our invitation to be the Guest speaker at a dinner to be organized by our club. I am particularly pleased to say that the event will be supported by all the Rotary Clubs based in Nicosia hence it will be a joint event. We look forward to a successful event similar to the July joint event

We are still working on our Global Grant project and we hope to make decisions in the very near future. This is not by any means an easy task. Our flagship GG project for the Burns unit at the Makarios Hospital for Children will be delayed hence we are actively looking for another project that can be delivered in the meantime.

I recognise that a lot of our members are still enjoying their summer holidays, but I do hope that most of you will be back by the 27th of August and join the rest of us for a bite to eat but also some live Greek music.

In closing I would once again welcome our new members and we shall soon be announcing an induction session to be run by PAG Iacovos Constantinides. We have devoted some of the space of this bulletin to introduce our new members and for the rest of the members to be acquainted with their background and current profession.

Yours in Rotary

Demetris

Demetris Pantazis

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Introducing our new Members

Christos Agapiou



Christos is an English School Old Boy and after graduating in 1985 he studied Mechanical Engineering

at UMIST. He continued his studies and received his MBA at the Manchester Business School Christos has spent most of his professional life in aviation and has held senior management positions as Commercial Manager of Eurocypria and Cyprus Airways

When he was not working in Cyprus Airways he was doing consulting work on aviation projects.

Since 2015 when Cyprus Airways seized operations Christos has been active in the Cargo field and runs his own company Christos is married to Erica Petevi and they have a daughter Anna (16 years old)

Christos was proposed by Demetris Pantazis who stated "I have known Christos as a colleague but also as a friend for more than 20 years and I have no reservations whatsoever to recommend him as a worthy member of our club. I am sure Christos will prove to be an asset to our club"

Alexis Alexandrou



Alexandros was born in 1983. He received a bachelor's degree in law from the University of Nicosia and also an LL.M in Criminal and Criminology from the Essex University.

He also holds the followings Degrees:

- Justice Harvard University
- Corporate Finance Columbia Business School
- Criminal Justice / Psychology The University of Queensland
- Debt Sustainable Analysis IMF (International Monetary Fund)
- Business/Marketing Diploma Intercollege

Besides his professional career as a lawyer, Alexandros, for many years, was a parliamentary scientific advisor for a political party. He has been involved with the preparation of numerous complicated legislations and he has also participated in a series of seminars and/or other conferences related to law, economics, and politics.

Kypros Louka



Kypros graduated from the Dimokritio University in Thrake with a bachelor's degree in Law.

In 2001 he was registered in the Cyprus Bar Association and ever since he works as a lawyer at the George Yiangou LLC law firm and more specifically at the Courts Department and the Banking and Finance Department.

Kypros is a Certified Arbitrator of International commercial arbitrators and Certified Insolvency Practitioner. He has represented his law firm in court cases related to corporate and financial law and he has participated in numerous local and international conferences.

Kypros is also the President of the independent organization "Young Scientist Institute"

Stella Savva



Stella Savva is highly experienced in banking, with specific experience in debt collection and arrears management. During her 20 years career within the Bank of Cyprus (BOC) she undertook a number of job roles, where most of them entailed high interaction with clients and she has 10 years of experience as the Head of Collections and Arrears Management teams in both Cyprus and Greece.

Stella resigned from the BOC on July 2016 inspired by the need to look for new challenges in her professional career, she worked for 2 years as a freelancer for KPMG and she was working with the SME Management Unit and the Helix project of Apollo at BOC. She also co-owns and coordinates a successful restaurant business in Stasikratous, Nicosia (Koukouvaya Bistro).

On May 2019, Stella decided to change field and she currently works at Prospecta Development Ltd as a Porfolio Manager for the Nicosia Projects, promoting the Cyprus Citizenship Program. She also manages the payment and collection procedure of the company as well as the arrears collection of other firms as a freelancer.

Stella holds a higher diploma in Architecture from Frederick University (1995) and a Bachelor of Science from State University of New York (1999). She successfully completed the AIB diploma in banking from the American Bankers Association in 2010.

Meet our Secretary Angela Ergatoude



Angela Ergatoude is our Secretary for this year 2019-2020.

She studied Chemistry at Bradford University and got her Masters in Clinical Biochemistry from Leeds University. Subsequently she did a BSc in marketing and London University. She has been employed as a senior manager in many enterprises initially in the retail trade and subsequently in the airline sector.

She was a member of the first management team that set up and ran successfully Eurocypria Airlines. She currently holds a management post at Swissport, the Ground Handling Company at Larnaca and Paphos airports.

Angela keeps the minutes of our Board meetings and helps in the administration of our club. She also maintains contact with outside organisations.

By nature, Angela is a very energetic person and delivers results on whatever she undertakes to do.

Her quote for our Bulletin "No doubt you will be hearing a lot from me!! I can assure you it will be an exciting year!"

A note from our Sergeant-at-arms



Dear Rotarians of Nicosia – Lefkothea

In our daily routine with its ups and downs whether young or growing older our Rotarian meetings are always a pleasant parenthesis. Relaxing, convivial and full of interesting discussions and humor at the same time.

I have yet to go to one of our meetings without being greeted with real friendship, a broad smile a genuine welcome and often with a joke.

Our club's membership constitutes of good, even well known, professionals who are always happy to meet each other. This often sets the standard of our discussions, interesting and fun while always striving to do good for our fellow person in need and the community in general. Our meetings are always a break from the daily pressures and problems of life from which we leave with a smile on our face calm and pleased for having attended.

I often cast my mind back to the truly large number of worthy projects we in Nicosia – Lefkothea have delivered to our community culminating with our last mega project for a laboratory for child cancer. I say this because I am often asked what we Rotarians do and I feel really content and secretly proud answering that we have a good time, we gain new good friends all the time and have undertaken and completed all these projects with our cord blood registry and the child cancer laboratory for the Karaiskakio particularly impressing those I talk to.

Finally we must mention our regularly invited expert speakers. Watching, listening and reading the News we all know a lot about many things but whenever we attend a presentation or a talk on important and current affairs subjects by our distinguished speakers we realize that afterwards we have a more complete, balanced and accurate picture of the project. It is for all these reasons we must support our Nicosia –Lefkothea club by our regular presence.

Those of us who for any reason find it difficult to attend regularly could perhaps show up several times a year whereas most of us can be much more regular and enjoy all the advantages and activities it offers to us and at the same time serve our community.

All I can say is that this year 's Board is committed to do all in its power to continue and exceed the achievements of the past keeping Rotarian tradition while adding some creative innovations.

We have a very good active and successful club, let's keep it so for ourselves and the members to come.

There will be something for all of us all the time.

As Sergeant-at-arms I promise to ensure that our Ceremonies run smoothly and in the Rotary spirit.

Month	August	September	October
Month Theme	Membership & Extension	Basic Education & Literacy	Economic & Community Development
Special Event	Summer Recess		23 rd World Polio Day
Week 1	<u>6th August</u>	<u>3rd September</u>	5 th October
	Cancelled	Board Meeting & Club Assembly to prepare for DG visit	Family Day Trip To Kalopanayiotis Village and lunch at the taverna "To Palio Cinema"
Week 2	<u>13th August</u>	13th September	8th October
	Cancelled	DG visit and Dinner Programme TBA	Board Meeting
Week 3	20 th August	<u>19th September</u>	15 th October
	Cancelled	Joint meeting with R.C. Nicosia	Membership Engagement PAG Emilios Tannousis
Week 4	27 th August	24 th September	24 th October
	Fellowship "Μουσικών Καφενείο"	Joint Dinner Guest Speaker Savvas Perdios Deputy Min of Tourism	Polio End Joint Event
Week 5			Guest Speaker TBA

Events

Photo Section

Guest Speaker the Minister of Foreign Affairs Dr. Nikos Christodoulides Event on the 9th July 2019









Handover Ceremony Event on the 2nd July 2019







Rotary in the Media

Thanks to the efforts of our PR Director Eleni Nicolaou, the press releases for both the above events, the Handover ceremony and the dinner with Guest speaker the Minister of Foreign Affairs appeared in electronic media of high circulation.

District Governor's Visit

We welcome our DG in Cyprus and our club will be happy to share with him our plans for this year as well as our strategic plan that covers the period 2019 to 2022. We look forward to hearing from him his thoughts and messages as our DG. The meeting with our club is scheduled for 7 PM on the 13th at the Cleopatra hotel. In the evening of the 13th there will be a joint dinner with all the Nicosia based clubs For the 14th of September the programme has not been finalized but there may be a **RC Public Image seminar** in the morning. This is subject to confirmation.

Last but not least please remember that the District Conference this Rotary Year is in Jordan (May 28 to May 31, 2020 and it is already open for registrations. We shall be sending you a separate circular with all the information.