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## Message from the President



Dear Fellow Rotarians,

I hope you are all safe and well and you had a nice summer break.

August is traditionally a quiet month for Rotary in Cyprus except that this year we had the huge explosion at the port of Beirut that caused biblical damage killing more than 150 people and injuring thousands. The damage to the surrounding area is unprecedented.

As a result of the explosion one of the victims was P Tony Barmaky of RC Hammana upper Mtn. May he RIP.

In the true spirit of Rotary our club was mobilised and took action immediately. We were particularly moved by the devastation caused to the St. George's Hospital which specializes in the treatment of children with cancer and decided to concentrate our efforts to support the needs of the hospital and contribute to the continued treatment of its patients.

Our PP Popi Kanari worked tirelessly and persistently to secure cancer drugs from pharmaceutical companies in Cyprus. The task was even more challenging because the factories were closed for the holiday period. Her efforts were crowned with success.

We would like to thank in the first place, REMETICA for their generous contribution of cancer drugs and our appreciation to the Cyprus Pharmaceutical Organisation for its monetary contribution and Potamitis Medicare for its contribution in kind. We shall be writing to all the companies to express our appreciation

Last but not least, I would like to thank those members who responded to our call for additional contributions. It is not too late to add your own contribution if you so desire.

Additional acknowledgement to our PAG PP Emilios Tannousis who is heading the committee for the Cyprus Rotary of coordinating aid to Lebanon. He is doing a great job.

In addition to the above our club responded positively to the call of the Deputy District Governor for a monetary contribution of 500 euros through the Cyprus Rotary. I would like to thank the Board for their retrospective approval.

I am also delighted to hear that the amount collected (circa 8000 euros) and sent by the Cyprus Rotary has been donated to the St. George's Hospital, the place where P Barmaky was killed by the explosion.

More information and actions by our club as well as a press release appears elsewhere in the bulletin for your information.

Our Board met remotely on the 25th August 2020 and considered our future meetings and outstanding matters. One issue that has been considered and we asked your personal views is whether to have physical or remote fellowship meetings. Although there were some concerns the majority responded in favour of the physical meetings. The dissenting views are also respected and will try to accommodate both. I do hope for your support in either case.

We need to make a renewed effort by all our members to introduce new members who are genuinely interested in the Rotary principles and are worthy of being part of Nicosia Lefkothea.

We are also planning a mentoring/training session for all the 'newcomers' of the last 3 years for which you will be advised shortly. Please make every effort to attend. It will be run by Emilios and Iacovos.

Our first fellowship meeting is on the 1st of September and I hope it will be well attended and make a good start after the summer holidays.

With Warm Rotarian Regards,

Demetris

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# *The Lebanon Crisis - St. George's Hospital Aid*



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The CEO of St. George's Hospital  
Beirut

For the attention of Mr. Jean Aboumrاد  
Materials Manager

Dear Sirs

On behalf of our Rotary Club Nicosia Lefkothea, I wish to express my deepest sympathy to all those that have suffered as a result of the calamity that has hit Beirut causing hundreds of deaths, injuring thousands and displacing many peoples. Our thoughts and condolences go to the relatives of those who lost their lives as a result.

We were devastated at the degree of hardship and catastrophe that ensued and we were particularly moved by the CNN interview of Doctor Peter Noun of the St. Georges Hospital and decided that we should do something to help; our club is particularly sensitive to alleviate the pain of children suffering from cancer and contribute to their continued treatment.

Our club coordinator for the Lebanon crisis, Past President Dr. Popi Kanari has done commendable work in persuading the leading Pharmaceutical manufacturer in Cyprus for cancer drugs – Remetica – to contribute to this cause.

In addition, our club has purchased additional supplies of cancer drugs to the value of approximately 1300 euros which are included in this shipment.

We hope the cancer drugs sent with this shipment reach you in good and useable condition

Worthy of note, as part of a concerted effort by the Cyprus Rotary, our club contributed a further 500 euros to the general disaster fund to help Lebanon.

We would like to wish you all, a steady and sustainable recovery and we shall be by your side and help as much as we can within our means. Be strong, better days will come!

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#### RC NICOSIA LEFKOTHEA HELPS THE ST GEORGE'S HOSPITAL OF BEIRUT

The Rotary Club of Nicosia Lefkothea has procured and delivered cancer drugs to the St George's Hospital in Beirut as part of its efforts to support the Lebanese people during this period of need. The drugs have been donated by the Pharmaceutical company REMETICA who we thank immensely.

The St George's Hospital is one of the significant hospitals specializing in the treatment of childhood cancer that suffered catastrophic damage due to the recent explosion. As a result, the treatment of cancer patients had to be discontinued and more than 300 patients had to be moved out.

When the events at the Hospital came to the knowledge of our Past President Dr. Popi Kanari and our President Demetris Pantazis through the CNN interview of Dr Peter Noun of the St George's Hospital, our club embarked in securing the above mentioned supplies and sent them to the said Hospital in Lebanon with the assistance of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

We also wish to express our appreciation to the Cyprus Pharmaceuticals Organisation and Potamitis Medicare for their own contribution in our effort.

The above supplies complement the purchase of additional medical supplies worth more than 1350 euros by the RC of Nicosia Lefkothea and the contribution of 500 euros in response to the Cyprus Rotary initiative to help Lebanon, under the auspices of the DDG Katerina Kalava.

Nicosia Lefkothea, in cooperation with other Rotary Clubs of Cyprus and abroad, has played a leading role in supporting the Karaiskakio Foundation in its efforts to fight childhood cancer. In cooperation with the RC of Nicosia Salamis we are on track to deliver a further project to the Karaiskakio Foundation valued at about \$70.000; details of the project will be announced when the project is delivered.

# Letter to the District Governor

Dear District Governor,  
Dear DDG,  
Dear Fellow Rotarians

I humbly congratulate all those (Rotary Clubs, Rotaract Clubs and individuals) who have responded to the call of the DG and Cyprus Rotary to organise and send aid (monetary and supplies) to our fellow world citizens in Lebanon.

**Some of the clubs opted to go it alone and this should be respected. After all what matters above all, is the help that we can give to the Lebanese people.**

RC Nicosia Lefkothea did both. We participated with a donation of 500 euros through the Cyprus Rotary, as requested by our DDG Katerina Kalava and we also contributed in kind, certain drugs and medicines to the St. George's Hospital of Beirut.

Our club has been sensitive to the treatment of children with cancer and our projects in recent times have concentrated in helping the Karaiskakio Foundation to do just that ie the Childhood Cancer Diagnostic Centre (a Global Grant project led by our club, in which the Cyprus clubs contributed and made Cyprus Rotary proud, and the latest GG project – phase 2, an extension of the same project undertaken by RC Lefkothea and RC Salamis).

**Our club decided to support the St George's Hospital which specializes in the treatment of children with cancer and suffered huge damages as a result of the explosion. The CNN interview with Dr Peter Noun triggered our active involvement.**

**Thanks to the tireless and persistent efforts of our PP Dr. Popi Kanari we managed to get a donation of cancer drugs from REMEDICA, who we thank immensely for their generosity; we, as a Club, purchased medicines worth 1350 euros from funds sourced by our club for the Lebanon cause.**

We felt that we should handle this project ourselves as it entailed the proper packing and temperature control of the supplies from the time, I picked them up from the factory of Remetica in Limassol, to their storage at Larnaca Airport and their delivery in Beirut. The logistics were handled by PP Popi and me, and the supplies are in a cool room at Larnaca Airport and will be sent to Beirut imminently. At the other end a designated manager from St Georges Hospital will pick the supplies up on arrival. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs contributed to the transportation costs.

**We believe this project is a credit to Rotary, to our District, to Cyprus Rotary and to our club Nicosia Lefkothea as well.**

**As a Rotarian and this is shared by PP Dr. Popi Kanari, our biggest satisfaction is that we have managed to contribute to the treatment of children with cancer and make a difference by adding a little stone to the rebuild of Lebanon.**

Respectfully and  
With Warm Rotarian Regards,

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