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Message from the President



Demetris Pantazis

Dear Fellow Rotarians

I take the opportunity to remind you of our vision for our Rotary Club which was unanimously agreed on the 18th of June 2019 at a club assembly.

Our vision is to be the leading rotary club of Cyprus and through the engagement of our members and devotion to service to deliver meaningful projects that have a lasting effect in our community

Let us all contribute for the achievement of this vision. We have all subscribed to this and we have a responsibility to deliver.

The primary event for this month was the audit of our project for the *Childhood Cancer Diagnostic Centre of the Karaiskakio Foundation* and the excellent comments received from Dr. Michael Fernando, the Cadre from RF who audited the project, who found our project as well as the KF establishment "World Class". This says a lot about the professional way that we have tackled the inception and the implementation of the project and congratulations go to all those who have contributed in any way to this project.

We should not forget that had it not been for the successful tenures of the Past Presidents who have accumulated funds in our club's account we would not be in a position to take the leading role we did.

I believe that our special edition on the subject covers the audit adequately. A further success that has already been reported in our special edition of the Bulletin, is the utilization of the surplus funds of 29.000 euros for additional supplies for the ongoing requirements of KF related to the project. The surplus would normally have to be returned to RF but after communication with RF and our longtime supporter Daniel Weyl, we have managed to secure approval to spend the money as above. Hence the total amount of \$274,600 has been utilized in its entirety making this project the biggest ever undertaken by Cyprus RCs ever.

We acknowledge the contribution of our Foundation Chair Iacovos Constantinides PDDG and congratulate him for his leadership in this project.

We can of course feel very proud, and indeed we are proud of what has been achieved but we now have turned a page and the next challenge is in front of us. Our next Global Grant project which we have detailed in the December 2019 edition of our Bulletin.

Just as a quick reminder our new project extends the scope and enhances the productivity of the GG project, we have completed for the Childhood Cancer Diagnostic Centre of the KF. It involves the purchase of a Hematology Analyzer and a specialized cooling system for the FACS Aria III cell sorter. The total budget for the project is estimated at 60.000 euros.

We are cooperating with the RC of Nicosia Salamis and we shall be running some joint fund-raising events. We are looking forward to our cooperation with RC Nicosia Salamis which will enhance our already close relationship.

We seek your generous support to fulfill another Global Grant aspiration.

We shall soon circulate a teaser for the project and announce a number of events to raise the required money. Your help in finding sponsors and contributing to the funding of the project is essential.

Anyone with a contribution of 1000 euros or more will be included in the list of major sponsors which will be suitably recorded and acknowledged. Naturally for every 1000 euros a Paul Harris recognition will be awarded at a special ceremony.

We have already decided on a charity film-show on the 7th April 2020 the net proceeds of which will be for this project.

Please put this date in your diary and buy tickets at 15 euros each for you and your friends.

Fellowship event at Hugo's.

On the 18th of February we had a fellowship event at Hugo Wine Bar and we had a good turnout of members including some of our Rotaractors. Hugo is a venue for our 'younger' members, but I am assured by the more senior members that they had a good time and liked everything that was on offer.

Particular mention and thanks go to the organisers of the event Stella Savva and Maria Xenofontos for contacting all members and encouraging them to attend. Stella who negotiated the 'deal' managed to include alcoholic drinks such as whisky, gin, vodka, as well as the usual beers and local wines. Congratulations to both our new members.

As mentioned above we were very happy to have with us Constantinos Christodoulides, the President of our Rotaractors with his gang of Rotaractors. Thank you for joining us guys!

Photos from the event:





Joint Event of the Nicosia Based RC clubs

28 February 2020 Landmark Hotel

Guest Speaker HE the **Minister of Justice Mr. George Savvides**

A successful event organised by RC Nicosia Aspelia and supported by all the other Nicosia based clubs. As you will be able to see from the photos our club has been well represented.

The Minister gave an interesting and informative speech on the forthcoming reforms in the justice system of Cyprus and the steps taken to reorganize the courts in order to speed up court decisions. The plans include the introduction of revised criteria for the recruitment of judges and an increase in their number.

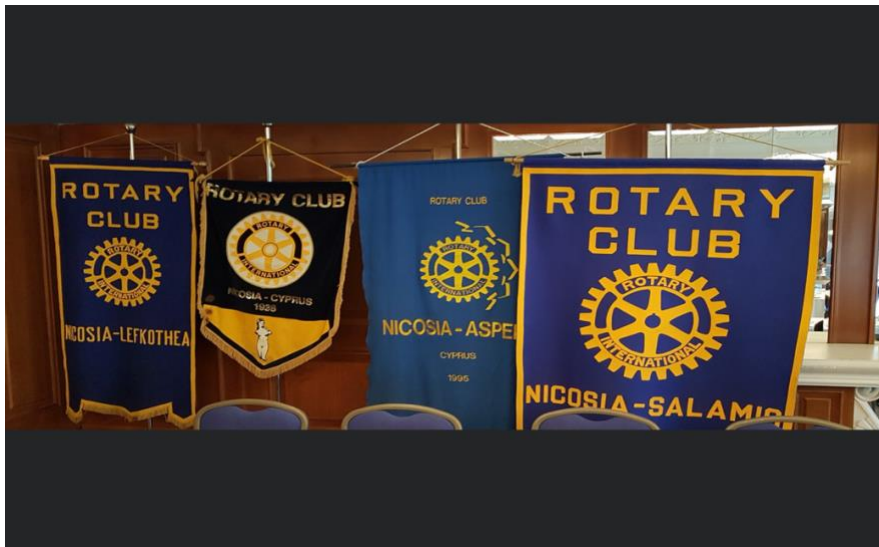
Our distinguished guest speaker responded to a number of questions from the audience further elaborating on his speech.



From Left to Right

Andreas Psaras P Nicosia, Demetris Pantazis P Lefkothea, Kevork Mahdessian PDG
Farid Mirbagheri P Aspelia, the Minister George Savvides, Yiannis Strongylos PDG,
Annie Hjimarkou P Salamis, Andreas Kapardis P Ledra, Kypros Zantis P Kyrenia





Visit of Cambridge Rutherford RC to our RC on the 10th of March 2020

In this edition we unfold the plans for the visit of the RC of Cambridge. The team of 19 from the RC Cambridge Rutherford is led by Mr. George Fisher who has Cypriot and British roots. They will be staying in Kakopetria but will visit Nicosia on the 10th of March, the eve of their departure back to the UK. The group will have their own coach for transport.

Their programme for the day is as follows

1. Start the day with a visit to the Karaiskaki Foundation from 9.30 to 10.30 am
2. They will walk along the Pedieos river from 10.45 to 11.45 am
3. Have lunch in Engomi at George's sister from 12.00 to 14.30 pm
4. At 3 pm they will arrive at the OXI parking area, will be met up by a professional guide and taken to the Leventis museum in Laiki Geitonia. The Leventis museum tour will take approx. an hour
5. From 4 to 6.30 they will tour Nicosia and finish up at the Murphy's pub
6. At 8 pm they will be taken to taverna Mezostrati (Evagoras' avenue in Nicosia) where we shall spend the rest of the evening

Our club has arranged the guide who will give them a tour of the Leventis museum and of Nicosia. We have also booked the taverna for a minimum of 40 persons and we need your presence preferably with your partners/spouses. We hope for a closer relationship with this club hence your presence is even more essential. We have provided for music on an evening when it is not normally provided hence the

cost will be at 30 euros pp which includes unlimited consumption of local wine, beers, zivania and soft drinks as well as a full meze followed by a sweet.

Although a separate invitation will be sent to you shortly you may advise our Secretary Angela Ergatoude angela.ergatoude@gmail.com to denote your participation.

At the taverna we shall start with an exchange of greetings and introductions and we shall exchange flags. I am sure you will join me and my wife to mingle with our guests and make them feel the Cypriot hospitality.

The tour of Nicosia will be on foot and anyone interested may join the tour. I shall accompany the Group at the KF and be with them at Murphy's pub.

Meetings/events until the end of June 2020

The programme will be distributed shortly however please note the following

10 March – Visit of RC Cambridge Rutherford, Mezostrati Tavern

1st April – Barbecue excursion organised by Panicos Nicolaidis

Visit of Jennifer Jones on 24th March 2020

All the Nicosia based clubs will have the honour of welcoming this Rotarian of international standing and friend of Cyprus Rotary on the 24th March 2020. There will be an evening gathering where she will give a talk and a cocktail will follow.

Full details will be circulated but do note the date in your diaries.

If there are any changes to her visit in view of the coronavirus developments we shall let you know

See below a profile of Jennifer.



Jennifer Jones

Trustee 2019-23

**Rotary Club of Windsor-Roseland,
Ontario, Canada**

Jennifer Jones is the president and CEO of Media Street Productions Inc., an award-winning television production company in Windsor. Jones has served Rotary in many roles, including as RI vice president in 2016-17. She is co-chair of the End Polio Now: Make History Today campaign to raise \$150 million. She has been a leader in cultivating experiential fundraising opportunities such as Rotary's Polio Golf Day with Jack Nicklaus in Jupiter, Florida, USA, which raised over \$5.25 million for polio eradication.

Jones has been recognized with many awards, including the Service Above Self Award and the Rotary Foundation Citation for Meritorious Service, the YMCA Peace Medallion, and the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medal, and she was the first Canadian to receive Wayne State University's Peacemaker of the Year Award.

Jones and her husband, Nick Krayacich, are members of the Arch Klumph Society and the Paul Harris Society and charter members of the Bequest Society.

Thank you.