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## Message from the President



Dear Fellow Rotarians

We have started the year with a Board Meeting of our Club on the 7<sup>th</sup> of January at the CIIM premises. I would like to thank George Theocharides for this arrangement as we have a proper meeting place at no cost to the club.

Prior to the Board meeting there was a meeting between our club and the Karaiskakio Foundation to prepare for the requirements of our New Global Grant project for which I gave you full details in the December Bulletin. Our team is led by Iacovos Constantinides PDDG, our Foundation Chair. Anyone who is interested and wishes to contribute to the project please contact Iacovos or myself. Just as a quick reminder, this project is jointly undertaken by our club in cooperation with the Nicosia Salamis RC.

**Dr Michael Fernando FRCPCH**  
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Member of the Rotary Foundation Cadre of Technical Advisors  
District Governor Nominee, District 1200

One of the keynote subjects discussed were the preparations for the forthcoming visit of Dr Michael Fernando for the audit of the Cyprus Rotary project at the Karaiskakio Foundation for the Childhood Cancer Diagnostic Centre.

He arrives on the 4<sup>th</sup> and departs on the 7<sup>th</sup> February 2020. The three-member project committee (Iacovos Constantinides, Panicos Nicolaides and Demetris Pantazis) as well as the Karaiskakio Foundation will be fully engaged with him during this period. PDG Christina Covotsou will also join the deliberations as required and as a significant contributor to the success of the project.

On the evening of the 6<sup>th</sup> of February, we have arranged a cocktail reception where we have invited the Presidents of all the participating RCs as well as Senior officials of the Cyprus Rotary to meet Dr Fernando. He has expressed the wish to meet with as many Rotarians as possible as well as stakeholders of the project.

**Your participation is warranted and please make every effort to attend. A separate invitation has been sent to you already.**

**PLEASE respond to the invitation as requested.**

## Vasilopita event

The joint Vasilopita event with the RC Kyrenia was organised primarily by our Secretary Angela Ergatoude whom we thank. We also thank her for the tasty vasilopita cake she prepared herself.

The Vasilopita lucky coin was won by Penelope Constantinou of the Kyrenia RC (a weekend for 2 at the Coral Beach Hotel kindly donated by Leptos Hotels)  
It was indeed a most enjoyable evening as reported on another page.

## Pinning of two new members

During the Vasilopita evening we pinned two new members, Mr. Vasilis Polemitis and Ms. Maria Xenophontos. Vasilis has a distinguished career in the Cyprus Civil Service culminating to the level of Ambassador at UAE before he left for a role in the private sector. Maria is in sales in the property market. We welcome both of them and we hope they will soon be fully integrated in our club. We shall introduce both of them in more detail in a future Bulletin.

The other significant highlight of the evening was the donation of a 300-euro cheque to the Inner Wheel of our club which was given by the President to Rea Vatiliotou a very long serving and active Inner Wheel Past President. We expect the cooperation between the RC Lefkothea and the Inner Wheel will be enhanced further with practical results.

## Rotaract Club Nicosia Lefkothea

Probably the highlight of the month has been the Pinning of our Rotaractors on the 28<sup>th</sup> of January 2020. It was an opportunity for our Rotaractors to interact with members of our club and our members to meet some of our Rotaractors.

We have pledged our full support to their efforts to become a successful Rotaract Club. Our Youth Director Popi Kanari explained the role and objectives of Rotary as these apply to Rotaractors and pledged her own personal support.

The President of the Nicosia Lefkothea Rotaractor Club, Constantinos Christodoulides, expressed thanks and gratitude to Iacovos, Popi and to the President of RC Lefkothea Demetris Pantazis and promised to do all they can to be worthy of the name of their club and lead it to success.

Photos from the event on another page.

At the meeting of the 28<sup>th</sup> we also reviewed the strategic objectives of our strategic plan 2019-2022, and where we are and what we have to do before the year - end. The overall assessment is that we are making good progress however we do need greater support to improve participation in our events

An analytical assessment follows on the next page.

With Warm Rotarian Regards

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## Progress on Strategic Objectives 2019-2022

- a. To be the leading Rotary Club of Cyprus  
This is an acknowledgement we still have to earn, and we shall keep trying.  
We are definitely one of the best clubs in Cyprus, but we can still improve
- b. Maximize member diversity
  - (i) increase female recruitment
  - (ii) recruit younger members and lower average age of members  
since the 1<sup>st</sup> of July 2019 we have pinned eight new members 5 men and 3 women all of them except one below the average age of our club
- c. initiate and deliver a Global Grant project every other year  
We have selected a GG project, we have the ok in principle from our contact at RI as to its suitability, and we are in the initiation phase of the application
- d. initiate and implement meaningful community service projects that have a real impact on the community  
As RC Nicosia Lefkothea through our Community Director George Theocharides, we have embarked and are participating in the Financial Literacy project for secondary school pupils
- e. Create and implement an effective training and mentorship programme for new members  
This is planned to take place in February and March
- f. Engage all members in service projects and/or club activities  
A lot of improvement is required in this area
- g. Improve fellowship by organizing at least two family events per year  
One has already been organised back in October and another will be planned soon
- h. Participate in District Conferences, PETS, and other district seminars in Cyprus and abroad  
We shall be adequately represented in all
- i. Prepare Rotary leaders that can be nominated to the most senior District positions  
Although our RC has been very successful in the past regrettably this year we could not find anyone who has the interest and time to progress further
- j. Revive our Rotaract club  
This has now been achieved and the challenge now is to maintain it and grow it.
- k. Increase our donation to RI programs (Annual fund, polio etc)  
Done
- l. Run balanced budgets  
In addition to the ‘Indian Night’, organised by Panicos N and Demetris P Fundraising events need to be organised and supported to raise money for the Global Grant project we are about to start. Your participation and generosity are paramount.  
**The performance of our club depends on every and all the members and not on a few. We need to increase our commitment to attend a minimum of two evenings per month and support all the fundraising events.**

Vasilopita evening  
(at Gefsicleous 62 Strovolos)



Nicosia Lefkothea RC



Kyrenia RC



Our two new members and their proposers ...in the dark!!!  
Vasilis Polemitis, proposed by Demetris Pantazis and  
Maria Xenophontos proposed by Stella Savva.



The President Demetris Pantazis handing over the cheque for  
300 euros to Rea Vatiliotis PP of our Inner Wheel

## Meeting our Rotaractors

On the 28<sup>th</sup> of January 2020 we held a 'Rotary business' meeting of our club at the Cleopatra hotel at which our Rotaractors were also invited to meet some of our members and for us to get to know them better. Photos from the Pinning ceremony follow.

At the meeting, the review of the strategic objectives were discussed, the forthcoming visit of Dr Michael Fernando, the New Global Grant project and the cooperation with Salamis RC were analyzed. Acknowledgements to Akis Papachristodoulou, the Treasurer of RC Lefkothea, to the KF management and staff and as always to Iacovos for their contribution.

## Pinning of Rotaractors



Contantinos Chrisodoulides - President



Ersi Christodoulidou - Vice Chairperson



Marina Kolokotroni - Secretary



Kyriaki HjiPanteli



Anna Loizou



Meeting 28 January 2020



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## District Conference

We have asked George Psimolophites DDG, to enquire whether the 'early bird' discounts are still applicable if bookings are to be made in February 2020.

THANK YOU