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## Message from the President



Dear Fellow Rotarians

I am delighted to welcome the first issue of our club's bulletin for the year 2019-2020. I would like to congratulate the contributors to this issue but in particular the Director of Club Administration Maria Petrides and our PR Director Eleni Nicolaou for putting this together.

Our bulletin revives an effective means of communicating our events to all our members and conveying general Rotarian news and developments.

It is also a means of communicating with other clubs on an international level hence the decision of the Board to use the English language.

The bulletin also serves as a historic record of our activities and actions throughout the year and allows us to go down memory lane in the years to come.

It is our plan to circulate our club's bulletin monthly, on a regular basis and if there is something extraordinary to circulate an ad hoc issue.

I would like to put on record that the present Board started planning for the year since March 2019 and amongst many other tasks we have drafted the first ever-strategic plan of our club. I wish to express my sincere thanks to my colleagues on the Board for their positive response and support.

On the 18th of June we organised a club assembly for the Board to interact with our members and get their feedback on a number of issues, primarily their comments on the strategic plan that was circulated to all our members ahead of the meeting.

The strategic plan incorporated certain suggestions that were put forward and was approved. The final version will be circulated shortly.

You will hear me saying many times that our success, as a vibrant but also effective rotary club will be determined by the engagement of all our members in the delivery of meaningful and sustainable projects to our community.

One of the objectives of our club is to deliver as a minimum, a Global Grant project every other year. Our success will be measured by the achievement of this goal.

I would like to invite you once again to come forward if you have any proposals for projects.

Thank you for entrusting me with the presidency of our club and may I wish you all, pleasant summer vacations for you and your families.

With Warm Rotarian Regards

Demetris Pantazis

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## Handover Ceremony

The Club's Handover Ceremony took place on 2 July 2019 at Rancho Restaurant. The event was well supported and more than 50 people were present. We were honoured with the presence of PDG Christina Covotsou Patroclou and other distinguished guests as well as the Presidents of the other Nicosia based Rotary Clubs.

This year's event included, in addition to the Handover, the pinning of four new members and eight members of our club were named as Paul Harris Fellows which is a distinction awarded to Rotarians for exemplary service.

PP Paris Constantinou gave an account of the work that was carried out in his year of office and thanked the Board and each member of the Club for the completion of a successful Rotarian year.

Mr Constantinou stated that many goals were achieved, including the completion of the long-running project for the establishment of the Cellular Biomarker Detection Unit at the Karaiskakio Foundation to support the Childhood Cancer Diagnostic Centre. An amount of \$275,000 was raised with the support of other Rotary clubs and the Rotary Foundation. The outgoing President thanked the steering committee of the Project led by Iacovos Costantinides and Panicos Nicolaides and Demetris Pantazis as members

Mr Constantinou also added that the Club donated 16 new breastfeeding chairs to the Makarios Hospital to promote and support mother and child health. In addition, the Club donated and supported the victims of the Greek fires at Mati last year. The Club has started the fund raising activities for the establishment of the first Burns unit at Makarios Hospital, the global grant project that hopefully will materialize within the next couple of years.

The Incoming President Demetris Pantazis thanked the Outgoing President Paris Constantinou for his work and personal efforts over the year.

In his speech he acknowledged the long and successful history of our club and paid tribute to all the Past Presidents and the club's members for their efforts over the years. He, too, highlighted the success of the Childhood Cancer Diagnostic Centre Global Grant Project at the KF and extended his appreciation for the success of the project to PDG Christina and PP Popi Kanari, the President of the KF. He also stressed the significance of collaboration and the financial contribution of all the Cyprus Rotary Clubs that participated in the project as well as the partner rotary clubs from abroad.

Demetris emphasised the need to continue delivering meaningful projects to our community and made reference to the project pertaining to the Makarios Hospital Burns Centre. He explained that he and other members of the incoming board (Petros Stylianou, George Theocharides, Iacovos and others) engaged in discussions with the management of the Makarios Hospital and our club has offered to buy the equipment required for the operation of the Burns Centre, which would cost in the region of 100.000 euros, provided that the Hospital will provide the required infrastructure. The Hospital has embarked in the process to get the required approvals.

President Pantazis added that the Board is evaluating additional projects as a plan B to the Burns unit project in case the timescale required for the latter is too long. Pantazis stressed that it is very important to support other sustainable projects that will have a real and lasting impact on our society. He invited members to come forward with ideas proposals for projects and promised examination and evaluation of all proposals by the Board.

Demetris made reference to the strategic plan of the club and stated the following four primary objectives that the club must achieve in the coming year

- The delivery of meaningful projects to our community
- The productive engagement of all members in club projects
- The fostering of fellowship between members and their families
- The enhancement of the image of Rotary in the our community

He has pledged the commitment of the Board to make every effort to achieve the above objectives however he pointed out that none of the above can be achieved without the full engagement of our members

He then introduced the new Board for the year 2019-2020

Demetris Pantazis	President
PP Paris Constantinou	Past President
PP, PAG Glafkos Georghiou	Vice-President
Akis Papachristodoulou	Treasurer
Angela Ergatoude	Secretary
PP, PDDG Iacovos Constantinides	Foundation Chair and Executive Secretary
PP Panicos Nicolaides	Sergeant at Arms
PP AG Petros Stylianou	Director of Membership
PP Popi Kanari	Director of Youth
Maria Petridou	Director of Club Administration
George Theocharides	Director of Service Projects
Eleni Nicolaou	Director of Public Relations
Christodoulos Achilleoudes	Special Advisor

The PDG Christina closed the event by highlighting the contribution of Rotary to society and praised the work done at our club.



*More photos in our next issue.....*

### **Paul Harris Fellows**

During the Handover Ceremony 8 members of our Club received the Paul Harris Fellow award: PP Charalambos Kouzalis, PP Petros Stylianou, PP DDG Iacovos Constantinides, DDG George Psimolophites, PP Panicos Nicolaidis, PP Popi Kanari, P Demetris Pantazis, PP Paris Constantinou. The pinning of the PHFs was done by PDG Christina.

*Some photos from the pinning below – more in our next issue*



### **New Members of our Club**



At the Handover Ceremony 4 new members were inducted:

**Christos Agapiou, Alexis Alexandrou, Stella Savva, Kypros Louca.**

Our Club counts currently 55 members.

*More in our next issue...*

## Messages from our Board Members

### PP Iacovos Constantinides, DDG Cyprus 2016-17 Foundation Chairperson

If there is something that differentiates Rotary from any other Service Organisation is the existence of the Rotary Foundation.









The Foundation was created in 1917 by Rotary International's sixth president, Arch C. Klumph, as an endowment fund for Rotary "to do good in the world." It has grown from an initial contribution of US\$26.50 to more than US\$1.3 billion in 2018 and the target is to reach US\$2. Billion by 2025.

The Rotary Foundation is a non-profit corporation that supports the efforts of Rotary International to achieve world understanding and peace through international humanitarian, educational, and cultural exchange programs. It is supported solely by voluntary contributions from Rotarians and friends of the Foundation who share its vision of a better world.

Since it was founded more than 100 years ago, the Foundation has spent more than \$4.3 billion on life-changing, sustainable projects. Of course, the signature project of Rotary is its crusade to completely eliminate polio through vaccination of all the children in the world.

While Rotarians can serve in countless ways, the Rotary Foundation focuses its efforts in six areas, which reflect some of the most critical and widespread humanitarian needs:

-  Peace and Conflict Prevention/Resolution.
-  Disease Prevention and Treatment.
-  Water and Sanitation.
-  Maternal and Child Health.
-  Basic Education and Literacy.
-  Economic and Community Development.

Our Club, the Rotary Club of Nicosia Lefkothea as the local host Club, led the effort of Cyprus Rotary to secure a Global Grant from the Rotary Foundation for the establishment of a Childhood Cancer Diagnostic Centre at the Karaiskakio Foundation. The project was the collective achievement of 16 Cyprus Rotary Clubs and 26 international clubs, Districts and individual sponsors from Cyprus and abroad from 11 different countries. The total value of the project is \$275,000 out of which approximately \$100,000 were donated by the Rotary Foundation. The project funded the purchase of the Cellular Biomarker Detection Unit (CBDU), antidotes and consumables required for the running of the CBDU and the training of healthcare professionals.



In our 2019-2022 Strategic Plan we have committed as a Club to increase our annual donations to the Rotary Foundation and initiate at least one Global Grant project Bi-annually. In fact, the Board is currently evaluating a few alternative projects which have been shortlisted so that we can initiate within this Rotarian Year.

### **AG PP Petros Stylianou, Director of Membership**



I would like to welcome the 1st Bulletin of our Club for the new Rotarian Year 2019-2020.

My aim as the Membership Director is to continue the development of our Club Roster with new qualitative members. The effort began two years ago during my presidency and continued during the presidency of Paris Constantinou. The idea is to attract young professionals which are willing to sacrifice some of their valuable spare time in activities that will serve the community.

Our goal for this year is to make five new members. This is a collective process and will require your support and assistance.

May I wish the new President and his Board a fruitful successful Rotarian Year.

### **George Theocharides, Director of Service Projects**



As Director of Service Projects, our aim for this year is pursue one Global Grant Project. At the same time though we also plan to work on a smaller scale project that will require less funding but nevertheless will have an immediate impact on the community. In terms of the Global Grant Project we have two options that we are currently investigating, both addressing key areas that the Rotary Foundation focuses – Child Health and Community Development. The first option relates to equipment required for a future Burns Unit for children at Makario Hospital, the second relates to necessary facilities for the School of the Blind.

We also plan to pursue a project that will have an immediate impact and at the same time require less funding. The two options that we are currently investigating again relate to a key area for Rotary Foundation – Basic Education and Literacy. The first option relates to a programme that will mentor high school students (ages 15 to 18) on Financial Literacy and Personal Finance. The second option is closely related and aims to create a programme that will mentor high school students on the role of governance for governmental/semi-governmental organizations. Students, as important stakeholders of these organizations, should understand at a young age what to expect and demand from them.

### **PP Popi Kanari, Director of Youth**



In the half century since the first Rotaract club was chartered in 1968, the world has seen profound changes and young people have felt the greatest impact of these changes: the rise of technology and information economy, the spread of education and the tremendous influence of internet.

When Rotaract was founded it would have been almost unthinkable for a 26-30 year old to have been an entrepreneur or a CEO. Today, young people have an unprecedented capacity to achieve and Rotary and in general our communities need their ideas and enthusiasm as never before.

An estimated quarter of a million Rotaractors serve in over 10000 clubs nowadays. Among these Clubs, only a few years back was Rotaract Nicosia Lefkothea which was also one of the most active Clubs in our District. Unfortunately, our Rotary Club let it go. Realizing our mistake we have been trying for the last few years to restart our Rotaract Club while facing difficulties.

Under our new president Demetris Pantazis who has honoured me with the Directorship of Youth, I will do my best to bring under our umbrella Rotaractors as their energy and vision bring something wonderful and valuable to our Rotary family and to our communities at large.

This challenging project will not be undertaken by myself but with the support of our club members George Thucedides and Andri Prodromou as their young and professional touch is needed. Our efforts will be twofold - A university or a non University Rotaract Club.

As we are working on both possibilities we would appreciate it if you could recommend to us some potential Rotaractors (age 20-30 ) so we could approach them and try to get them on board.

We are a Rotary Club that is very proud of our past Rotaractors and are now successful Rotarians such Iacovos Constantinides, Petros Stylianou, Emilios Tannousis and Glafkos Georgiou. They all have made it to the higher ranks of Rotary through their achievements.

Let us put a great effort and achieve more by offering avenues for new Rotaractors to become successful individuals in business and with a positive impact to our communities through Rotary.

Looking forward to your support.

### **Maria Petridou, Director of Club Administration**



I would like to thank President Demetris Pantazis for offering me the opportunity to become a Director of Club Administration of Rotary Club Nicosia Lefkothea for the year 2019-2020.

The role of Club Administration Committee is very important in the smooth operation of the Club. The Administration Committee assists the President, Secretary, Treasurer and the Board to administer and manage the Club. In this role the club administration committee organizes and undertakes administrative activities associated with the effective operation of the club. It is only through efficient club administrations that a Rotary club can provide service to its community, retain members, and develop leaders for the club, district, and Rotary International.

The goals of the Administration committee for the year 2019-2020 are in line with the strategic plan of the Club and are based on 3 pillars:

1. Full Engagement of all club members in the Club activity. We plan to do our best to achieve this goal by making all our club meetings successful and interactive. The club meeting shapes members' Rotary experience. We plan to enhance the monthly fellowship meetings and focus on the integration of the older and younger generation. We will come up with a schedule of interesting events throughout the year that will be fun for Rotarians and their families. We plan to invite distinguished speakers that will cover various interesting topics. We will also call for club assembly and give all club members the opportunity to reflect on and discuss club meetings and activities.
2. Increase the members' awareness of the Club Activity and Rotary. We will resume the monthly Bulletin and press releases to keep all members informed of Club and district activity and Rotary news.
3. Establish the better image of the Club in the social media. During the year we plan to design the brand new web-site with the interesting and up-to-date content. We will set up a LinkedIn account and update a Facebook page and we will encourage members to follow and participate.

Keeping members connected is key to maintaining a healthy, energized club. We rely on each of our members and we are looking forward for your support, participation and dedication.

### **Eleni Nicolaou-Pavlidis, Director of Public Relations**



First of all, please allow me to thank PP Petros Stylianou and all the members of the Club of Nicosia - Lefkothea for giving me last year the opportunity to become a member of the Club and try my very best of serving above self.

I would also like to thank PP Paris Constantinou for trusting me and giving me the opportunity to be a member of his board as the Public Relation Chair and the CP Demetris Pantazis for the opportunity accorded to me to continue to be a member of the board for this year serving from the same position.

Rotary's public image is shaped by the actions of each of its members, as well as by its involvement in the community, its presence on the web and social media, and the publications it produces.

I want to stress that my number one priority and strategic goal is enhancing the public image of our Club and the public's awareness of our service and activities during the year.

This will help us to improve fundraising opportunities, increase membership, expand community partnerships and promote involvement in club projects.

That is why is extremely important and I believe that not only the Board but all of us can contribute to these goals.

Looking forward to a prosperous Rotarian Year.

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## **Club Assembly to plan the new Rotarian year**

The Club Assembly took place on 18th June 2019 at the Cleopatra Hotel.

The main purpose of the club assembly was for the Board to discuss the 3-year strategic plan with Club's members, exchange views on club's strengths and weaknesses and exchange views on the proposed strategic objectives.

A draft of the strategic plan was distributed to the members beforehand and a meaningful discussion was therefore possible. The meeting was very well attended and some members who could not attend sent comments by email.

The following vision statement was adopted for the Club:

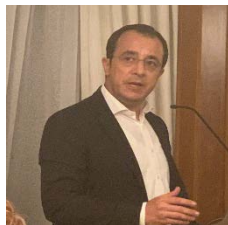
**“Our vision is to be the leading rotary club of Cyprus and through the engagement of our members and devotion to service to deliver meaningful projects that have a lasting effect in our community”.**

The following strategic objectives were proposed and adopted

- To be the leading Rotary Club of Cyprus
- Maximize member diversity through the increase of female recruitment and the recruitment of younger members and lower average age of members
- Initiate and deliver a Global Grant project every other year
- Initiate and implement meaningful community service projects that have a real impact on the community
- Create and implement an effective training and mentorship programme for new members
- Engage all members in service projects and/or club activities
- Improve fellowship diversity by organizing at least two family events per year
- Participate in District Conferences, PETS, and other district seminars in Cyprus and abroad
- Prepare Rotary leaders that can be nominated to the most senior District positions
- Reactivate our Rotaract club
- Increase our donation to RI programs (Annual fund, polio etc)
- Run balanced budgets
- To organize at least one major fund raising event every year.
- To coordinate and collaborate with other Rotary Clubs and/or organisations in pursuing the RI and RF Objectives.



## Dinner with Guest Speaker H.E. the Minister of Foreign Affairs Dr. Nikos Christodoulides



The Rotary Club of Nicosia Lefkothea with the support of the Rotary Clubs of Nicosia, Kyrenia, Nicosia-Ledra, Nicosia-Aspelia, and Nicosia-Salamis have organised a joint dinner with Guest Speaker H.E. the Minister of Foreign Affairs Dr Nikos Christodoulides on the 9th July 2019 at the Landmark Hotel. The Minister made an informative speech on “Cyprus foreign policy and developments in the Cyprus exclusive economic zone” and had a significant and lengthy interaction with the audience. The event was a big success. More than 100 Rotarians and their friends attended the dinner including RC Presidents and Rotarians from other towns



## District News

## Welcome Message from the new District Governor

Shawkat J. Tadros has been appointed as of July 1<sup>st</sup> as the new District Governor of our District 2452 for the year 2019-2020.



Fellow Rotarians

It's an honor to serve our district and lead it to a new dimension applying so much new ideas and delegating to great professional leaders to make even better leaders. The theme this year is "**Rotary Connects the World**". By doing that, a new dynamic District Roaster has been distributed already to all clubs so you can connect your club with the district team and/or any country team.

District awards has been already transmitted to your club, and following the criteria of each award is simply doing Rotary over and above what you are planning to do. Rotary International Presidential Citation and District Governor's Citation has already been distributed to your clubs.

The District website will be friendlier, improved and will be updated more often to bring you up-to-date information and knowledge.

The newsletter starting from next month will carry a letter from different chairs in the district, to bring you more knowledge of the Rotary Theme Months and insights of how you can make a difference.

"Vibrant Club Workshop" is a country seminar for Membership, the Rotary Foundation and Rotary Public Image. This will be conducted in all countries to bring the knowledge to you instead of exhausting you with travel expenses for District Events.

Our year together has just started! Look ahead of you, be optimistic and cherish the moment that you are with your fellow Rotarians. The more you have fellowship, the more you will have new members. Give way to your members to know more about Rotary. The more your members know about Rotary, the more your club and your society will benefit.

The newsletter will contain so much data that it will surprise you! A section is designated for your Global Grants project to promote it over 530 districts. Another section, will promote your club anniversaries as well as District, Zone and International events.

Promote giving to annual fund; it will come back to you! Your community will benefit from your support to the Rotary Foundation.

All new members, must have mentors, and must attend an orientation seminar. Don't make your members get bored during the meetings. Think outside the box to make your meetings interesting and amusing.

Let's now, start working and making sure that we all do Rotary and serve.

Remember always, Rotary's Moto is Service Above Self.

### The Cyprus Deputy District Governor for the year 2019 - 2020



PP George Psimolophites, a member of our Club, holds the office of Deputy District Governor for Cyprus. The Cyprus team includes the following members: PP George Papaleontiou (Trainer), PP Kostas Vassiliou (Membership officer), PP Iacovos Constantinides (TRF Officer), PP Garo Zartarian (Polio Officer), PP Elena Tannou (Public Image Officer), PP Glafkos Georgiou (Community Service Officer), Rtn Semeli Kyriacou (Rotaract Officer), PP Caterina Kalavas (Interact Officer), PP Litsa Aresti (Awards Officer), PP Elizabeth Toufexis (RYLA Officer), PP Hakkı Müftüzade (Peace Fellowships Subcommittee Officer), P Annie Hadjimarkou ( District & RI Convention Promotion Officer).

Another member of our Club PP Petros Stylianou has been appointed as Assistant Governor. PP Mike Johnson has also been appointed as Assistant Governor with oversight responsibility of our club. We congratulate Mr Psimolophites and wish him success in his new role.

On behalf of the Rotary Club Nicosia Lefkothea we wish the Cyprus team every success.

*Happy summer holidays to you and your families and see you all on the 27<sup>th</sup> of August.*