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### Message from the President

Dear Fellow Rotarians,

The Rotarian Year 2019-2020 has come to end.

It will always be remembered as the year of Covid 19, the year of lockdowns and the year that humanity suffered a deadly strike and the world economy has plunged to unprecedented lows. We are fortunate that our small country has managed the crisis better than most other countries and we can look to a positive recovery. At least these are the indications for now.

Despite this calamity, I am very proud that our club has not given up and continued its efforts to deliver on its strategic goals including the initiation and progress of a Global Grant Project, an increase in membership and prior to Covid 19, when we could meet in person, a number of activities that improved fellowship amongst us and contributed to some limited fund raising. Just to mention the Onasagorou street, the Indian food night, the Kalopanayiotis family excursion, the Christmas Dinner at Buono, the Vasilopita evening and so on.

During the past year we managed to organise some joint events with other Nicosia based Rotary Clubs and I expect this cooperation to continue and be enhanced into the next Rotary year.

The joint events in their majority were very successful marked with distinguished guest speakers such the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Mr. Nicos Christodoulides,

the Governor of the Central Bank, Mr. Constantinos Herodotou, The Chairman of the Cyprus Economy and Competition Council, Takis Klerides and others Worthy of mention is also the successful annual joint event on Polio, in October of 2019, the organisation of which was led by PDDG Iacovos Constantinides.

The Covid 19 virus has brought about drastic changes in our lives that you all know and have experienced. A new way of communication was introduced to us via the internet and our Board continued its deliberations through Zoom meetings. Our club scored a first in the use of internet communication by organizing a speech delivered by our Member Takis Klerides on the 5<sup>th</sup> of May 2020 which was a great success and was attended by more than 60 Rotarians from all over Cyprus.

This encouraged us to have another successful follow up event by our member Dr. George Theocharides on the 26<sup>th</sup> of May 2020.

On the 7<sup>th</sup> of July we are holding our Handover Ceremony where there will be some changes in the composition of the Board.

I would like to thank our outgoing members Angela Ergatoude, our Secretary, Maria Petridou, Dir of Club Administration and Helen Nicolaou Dir of Public Relations for their contribution to this year's success. A special acknowledgement to Angela for her tireless efforts when her personal and professional challenges were so demanding. It is pertinent to also acknowledge the contribution of PAG, PP Glafkos Georghiou for helping out and holding the role of Vice President of the Club until the end of December 2019.

The rest of the team continues in office and is joined by Christos Agapiou as our Secretary, Yiannis Tomassides as Vice President and Incoming President, Vasilis Polemitis as Director Public Relations and Stella Savva as Director of Club Administration.

All the Directors will have to select their teams to work on the 2020-2021 goals.

## **The New Board**

President	Demetris Pantazis
Immediate Past President	Demetris Pantazis
Incoming President & Vice-President	Yiannis Tomassides
Secretary	Christos Agapiou
Sargent at Arms	PP Panicos Nicolaides
Foundation Chair and Executive Secretary.	PDDG, PP Iacovos Constantinides
Treasurer	Akis Papachristodoulou
Director Community Service	George Theocharides
Director of Membership.	PAG PP Petros Stylianou
Director Club Administration.	Stella Savva
Director of Youth	PP Popi Kanari
Director Public Relations.	Vasilis Polemitis

Advisor to the Board & Trainer. PAG PP Emilios Tannousis

### **Global Grant Project No. 2012376**

*Provision of a Hematology Analyser, A Cooling System and A Carbon Dioxide Incubator for the Childhood Cancer Diagnostic Center of the Karaiskakio Foundation. Value \$68.012.*

The teams of Nicosia Lefkothea RC and Nicosia Salamis RC together with the Karaiskakio Foundation have managed to deposit the complete application for the said GG with the Rotary Foundation, in time before the end of June 2020, when GG regulations changed.

We are thankful to PDG Shawkat Tadros and DFC PDG Christina Covotsou but also our International Partner Club Aquileia Cervignano Palmanova who have authorized the project in good time.

We now await the approval of the project by RF and we are positive about the outcome. We definitely expect to deliver and implement the project to the KF well before the end of this calendar year.

For information, the Rotary Foundation has decided that from July the 1<sup>st</sup> 2020 will no longer match contributions from other Rotary Clubs or private donors but will continue to match District Funds Contributions only.

This may change our attitude towards Global Grants, but we shall consider the implications and how best we can operate under the new rules and decide

### **Handover Ceremony 7<sup>th</sup> of July 2020.**

The venue chosen is the Aperitivo Jet Set Lounge and we have been allocated outdoor space that will make people more comfortable to attend under the current circumstances. Ideally, we would like all the members to attend however we understand the apprehension of some, fortunately a very small number.

We already have adequate attendance but if you have changed your minds and wish to attend or bring a friend, you can do so by Monday evening

Just send a message to our Secretary Christos Agapiou

Please be on time – 8 PM and bring with you, exact money 30 euros/person.

### **Memory Lane of 2019-2020**

This is the last issue of this Rotary year and as a reminder of the times we had together we decided to reproduce the photos from every bulletin of 2019-2020 for your remembrance.

**At this point I would like to acknowledge and personally thank PDDG Iacovos Constantinides for his enormous and valuable contribution to our club and to me as President. Thank you, Mr. Rotary.**

As of the New Rotarian Year the Bulletin will again be issued regularly on a monthly basis but Christos Agapiou will take over from me. Do provide him with material that you think is of interest to our members and reflects our activities. He will of course have my full support.

Let us wish our club an even more successful Rotarian year 2020 -2021  
It up to all of us to make it one!

With Warm Rotarian Regards

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