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Message from the President

Dear Fellow Rotarians,

The coronavirus has hit our country as well as almost all the other countries in the world and is changing our way of life, at least for the time being.

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This is not just a slogan, but it is an essential precautionary measure that we all need to implement, including all the recommendations/directives issued by the Minister of Health and the Government.

For some of us who belong to the more vulnerable groups either because of age or because of underlying health issues we really have to be extra careful and avoid catching the virus. We should not risk our lives.

I am sure you are all doing your best and I wish you all and your families a safe journey through the coming weeks and months.

I take the liberty and ask our younger members, in the spirit of Rotary, to avail themselves in helping the vulnerable groups to minimise the probability of exposure to the virus and any other member of our community that needs help, in these very unusual and very difficult circumstances.

The visit of the RC of Cambridge Rutherford to our club.

A lot of preparation was made to welcome the Rotary Club of Cambridge Rutherford on the 10th of March 2020.

Indeed, we planned to take them to the Karaiskakio Foundation to see the work done by the Foundation with emphasis on the Rotary contribution to the Childhood Cancer Diagnostic Centre, a sights tour of Nicosia in the afternoon, a pub visit (Murphy's) 'to

freshen up' and a taverna evening with live music where we would also exchange banners.

Regrettably it was on the 10th of March that Covid – 19 made its 'public' appearance in Cyprus and justifiably we were all worried not only for ourselves but also for our visitors.

Despite the difficult circumstances we did manage to complete an important part of the programme.

Initially I accompanied the Group to the Karaiskakio where we were met by our Fellow Rotarian PP Popi Kanari in her capacity as Chairperson of the KF and Dr. Pavlos Costeas the CEO. Our Guests were very impressed with our Rotary project and for the work done by the KF and its world ranking. They found the visit very exciting and congratulated all those involved.

In the afternoon we arranged a professional guide through PDDG Elena Tanou (at no cost to our club) who took the Group to the Leventis Museum and to various sights in Nicosia. Again, the Group found the tour very informative and congratulated the guide Ms. Georgia Constanti.

By the end of their tour, a number of our members called me to express their worry about going out to the taverna and the decision was taken to cancel the taverna evening.

This was communicated to the Group who were very understanding.

We then decided to exchange banners on the pavement adjacent to the OXI roundabout. The exchange was also attended by AG PP Petros Stylianou. We also gave them a gift from the Handicraft Centre to commemorate their visit to our Club.

Although not the most desirable venue, I am sure it is a Rotary first to exchange banners by the side of the road, on the pavement!

Worth mentioning that the visit of RC Cambridge Rutherford to Cyprus was organised by PP George Fisher who is of Cypriot roots and acted as the liaison between the two clubs

Here are a couple of photos from the visit of RC Cambridge Rutherford.



Exchanging banners by OXI roundabout in Nicosia!



From L to R : Paul Gibbs President Cambridge Rutherford RC, Demetris Pantazis President Nicosia Lefkothea, Petros Stylianou AG PP and George Fisher
George holds the present we gave to RC Cambridge Rutherford to commemorate their visit to our club

Global Grant Project

As already communicated the Rotary Club of Palmanova has accepted to be our International Partner club. For this we are very thankful and marks the continuing cooperation of our clubs with the Italian RC.

We have put matters on hold for the time being until we can see signs of a resolution to the Covid-19 and life starts to return to some kind of normality.

Next meetings

It is unlikely that we shall be able to meet before the month of May 2020, therefore we shall reconsider the situation by the end of April and let you know of developments.

Keep safe and well.

With warm Rotarian Regards

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