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Message from the President



Dear Fellow Rotarians

Unfortunately, Covid-19 is again affecting our lives and the Government is taking restrictive measures that affect our physical meetings.

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As you all know on the 13th October 2020 we organised a dinner with guest speaker the Deputy Minister of Innovation and Digital policy Mr K. Kokkinos and we were expecting over 60 participants. The day before the event the Government expressed serious concern about the rising positive findings of Covid-19 and announced a series of measures.

Guided by our responsibility towards our club members and the other participants I contacted the Minister of Health and explained our plans to hold the event the following day. His message was very clear that we should postpone the event which we did. As the saying goes better be safe than sorry.

It appears that the Covid-19 pandemic has got much worse and lock downs are affecting many countries in Europe and will probably affect Cyprus also. We shall have to wait and see how this peak of infections will last and when we can revert to some cautious and safe events. For now we should contain ourselves to internet meetings to keep in touch.

The funding for our Global Grant project is now complete and we have communicated this to the Karaiskakio Foundation. We shall soon arrange a zoom meeting to discuss the way forward and the purchase/payment for the deliverables of the project. This project has become a ray of light in our Rotarian activities and we should all be very proud of this achievement. We shall keep you informed of the further developments.

We have been advised by DDG Caterina Kalava that the District Governor is planning to visit Cyprus between the 23 November to the 2nd of December 2020. We are in contact with the DDG to confirm that the visit will take place and what the programme will be. Under the current circumstances and unless there is a significant improvement in the epidemiological situation of Cyprus, my personal opinion would be to postpone such a visit or have it remotely. We shall keep you advised by email.

The polio physical event organised by RC Nicosia Salamis was also cancelled and took place via zoom with speaker our PDDG Iacovos Constantinides. The Polio committee decided to manufacture and sell facemasks with the End Polio insignia. These are sold at 5 euros each and our club has purchased 60. I hope you will support the cause and buy a couple of masks each. If we run out, we can get some more. Please contact our treasurer Akis Papachristodoulou, responding to our Secretary's relevant email.

We shall revert with more information about our remote events in November in the next few days after our Board meeting.

Be careful and stay safe

**With warm Rotarian Regards
Demetris.**

Demetris Pantazis
President 2020-2021
RC Nicosia-Lefkothea

Visit at the Nicosia Archaeological Museum

Just before the adverse development of the COVID-19 pandemic, on the 7th of October our Club Member, PP Stavros Agrotis organized a guided tour at the Nicosia Archaeological Museum, under the guidance of Mrs Despo Pelidou, Curator of Antiquities. The tour was very enlightening and extremely well presented and was attended by 16 members of our club who enjoyed every moment of the tour.







Engaging alumni to strengthen Rotary

Each year, thousands of people become part of the family of Rotary by participating in Rotary programs, including Rotary Peace Fellowships, Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA), and New Generations Service Exchange. After a positive experience in these programs, Rotary alumni often wish to join a Rotary or Rotaract club. In a recent [Membership Feedback Survey](#), Rotary found that:

- 52% of membership candidates in our online membership leads system are current or former Rotary program participants or scholarship recipients
- 41% of Rotary program participants would like more information about Rotary membership

If you want to help alumni continue their Rotary journey, here are three ways to engage them:

- Feature their success stories in your club and district communications to show that you value their dedication to service.

- Invite them to participate in your club and district service projects and social events.
- Work with your district alumni chair to find your local alums and get in touch with them.

Learn how District 7780 (Maine and New Hampshire, USA) engaged with program participants to start the [Rotary Club of New Voices District 7780](#), a dynamic club of younger professionals who are alumni of the district's RYLA program.

Ultimately, when we make alumni feel appreciated and show them how their contributions enhance Rotary, we strengthen our organization and increase Rotary's capacity to do good in the world.

The State of Rotary Membership

COVID-19 has posed new and previously unimagined challenges. But within every challenge can be an opportunity. The new [State of Rotary Membership presentation](#) shows how Rotary is doing as of 1 July 2020. The 13-slide PowerPoint presentation can be shared and is easily customizable to meet your region's needs.

Member Leads Updates

My Rotary has several new features to help club and district leaders see and manage the membership leads they get when people express interest in joining Rotary through Rotary.org. The system now allows districts to report it when a club has admitted a member. It also allows clubs to admit a candidate after the 30-day limit. (Under **manage status**, then **change status**, choose **Club admitted candidate**.) And, in the Member Center, under **Refer a new member**, the **I want to refer this person to my club** option allows all Rotarians to recommend candidates for their clubs. Learn more about [Managing Membership Leads](#).

Service Above Self Award

The Service Above Self Award — one of Rotary International's highest distinctions — honors Rotarians and now also Rotaractors who help others by volunteering their time and talents. Only district governors can nominate candidates for this award, and no more than 150 outstanding members receive the award each year. If you know someone who has

demonstrated exemplary service, encourage their district governor to nominate them for the Service Above Self award by completing the [online nomination form](#) by 31 October.



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Sunrise After Dark increases Rotary's diversity in Louisiana

The Rotary Club of Opelousas Sunrise, Louisiana, USA, almost doubled in size and increased its diversity by starting a satellite club that meets in the evenings. It also used People of Action resources to show prospective members how they can take action by joining the club. [Read about how](#) the flexibility of both the satellite club format and virtual meetings increased and diversified the club's membership.

Hybrid meetings keep all members engaged

As some communities ease restrictions meant to control the spread of COVID-19, it'll be more important than ever for clubs to offer their members flexible participation options. Several leaders in Zones 33 and 34 developed the [Hybrid Rotary Meetings technology guide](#) to help club leaders navigate the intricacies of holding meetings in person and online at the same time. [Read more about](#) how to make the transition and keep all members engaged.

More from our blog

- [What Rotary has to offer young members](#)
- [The magic of Rotary: touching lives in Indonesia](#)
- [Rotaractors promote diversity, equity, and inclusion](#)

Rotary's All-Member Census is coming in November
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Membership Minute is a bimonthly newsletter that provides the latest membership trends, strategies, best practices, and resources to help

strengthen membership in your clubs. The newsletter is sent to Rotary coordinators, district governors, district membership chairs, club membership chairs, club presidents and subscribers. Please forward this to anyone who may be interested.

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