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Message from the President



Dear Fellow Rotarians,

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September was a fairly busy month with a Board meeting, two fellowship events, one at Hugo and one at the Mousikon Kafenio. The highlight of the month was the delivery to our Rotaractors their Certificate of Reorganization at an event that they organised and was very well attended. It is important that we encourage our Rotaractors to make their own way in the world of Rotary and be available to them whenever they need guidance and assistance. I wish to express my thanks to PP Popi Kanari, our Youth Director and our PDDG PP Iacovos Constantinides for all their efforts in this direction.

A training/information session was held for the newly recruited members (those who joined our club the last three years) which was run by PDG Christina Covotsou. It was indeed an excellent presentation and I thank Christina for her time and quality of her work. Regrettably, we did not have the response we expected, and another session will be planned in the near future.

On the question of the Board actions we shall be publishing the minutes of the Board Meetings so that you are fully informed on all the actions/considerations of the Board. The Board meetings of the last two meetings are included in this bulletin.

I am happy to confirm that the funding from all the pledges of our GG 201376 project have been collected either at the Bank account of the project or the Rotary Foundation administration. We expect the Rotary Foundation green light,

which should be imminent, so that we give the go ahead to the Karaiskakio Foundation to order the equipment.

We have organised with the support of most of the Nicosia based RC clubs a talk by the Deputy Minister of Technology and Digital transformation Mr. Kyriakos Kokkinos on the 13th of October 2020. The invitation has already been distributed and I wish to ask for your full support to this event. The event is at the Semeli Hotel (8 PM) and we are assured of very spacious areas, fully compliant with the protocol of the Ministry of Health.

During this event we shall also be honoring Mr. Neoptolemos, Managing Director of Remedica with the Paul Harris Fellowship for his generous contribution of cancer drugs in favour of the St George's Hospital of Beirut.

With Warm Rotarian Regards,
Demetris

Demetris Pantazis
President 2020-2021
RC Nicosia-Lefkothea



Minutes of Board meeting held on the 25th of August 2020 online (via Zoom)

Present

Demetris Pantazis	(DP)	President
Yiannis Tomasides	(YT)	Incoming President
Vasilis Polemitis	(VP)	Director of PR
Stella Savva	(SS)	Director of Club Administration
Christos Agapiou	(ChA)	Secretary

Apologies

Iacovos Constantinides	(IC)	Foundation Chair and Executive Secretary
Petros Stylianou	(PS)	Director of Membership
Panicos Nicolaides	(PN)	Sergeant at Arms
George Theocharides	(GTh)	Director of Service Projects
Akis Papachristodoulou	(AP)	Treasurer
Popi Kanari	(PK)	Director of Youth
Emilios Tanoussis	(ET)	Trainer and Facebook Controller
Maria Xenophontos	(MX)	Club Administration
Maria Saparilla	(MS)	New Member

Notes on the Meeting

1. The Minutes of the Board meeting of the 14th of July 2020 were unanimously approved.
2. **Establish Teams for Avenues of Service.**
 - a. DP advised that George Theocharides (Director of Service Projects) may not be able to participate actively in Board meetings due to his new appointment and proposed that MS who has agreed to join the Community Services team led by GTh is invited to join future Board meetings.
 - b. VP advised that he had not yet received a copy of the PR & Public Image Manual and said that he would ask again IC to assist in providing.



3. Membership Effort;

DP reiterated the decision taken at the last BM that the Membership Director is actively engaged in an effort to approach inactive members and explore jointly with them the best possible ways for their reactivation and involvement in the club. YT offered to coordinate with the Membership Director to assist in this effort.

VP advised that Petros Petrou (GM of Alpha TV) might be interested to join the club and undertook to talk to him and advise at the next BM.

4. Orientation Program;

It was reiterated that that an orientation program for new and existing members is organised by ET and IC to take place in the week beginning the 8th of September. More details to be announced in due time by ET.

5. Club Web Site.

Arrangements made by IC for the username and password of the current web site to be provided to ET and ChA did not come to fruition therefore it was suggested that ChrA coordinates with ET to explore other possibilities for a WS or a similar arrangement probably through a fb page.

6. Projects

DP briefed the Board on the approval by the RF of our project GG 2012376 for the Karaiskakio Foundation and that the deadline of the 30th August was expected to be met. The equipment is expected to be ready for delivery to the Karaiskakio Foundation during the month of November. VP assumed the task of thinking about an appropriate PR event for the handover of the equipment and present suggestions at the next BM.

DP reiterated that since this project will be completed and delivered within the next 3 months hence it is time we start thinking about our next big project. DP requested that we all come back with ideas with a target to decide by the end of September 2020.

DP briefed the meeting extensively about the efforts and the contribution made by RC Nicosia Lefkothea in organising to send aid (monetary and



supplies) to our fellow world citizens in Lebanon following the disaster in Lebanon.

DP explained that some of the clubs opted to go it alone and this should be respected. After all what matters above all, is the help that we can give to the Lebanese people. RC Nicosia Lefkothea did both. We participated with a donation of 500 euros through the Cyprus Rotary, as requested by our DDG Katerina Kalava and we also contributed in kind, certain drugs and medicines to the St George's Hospital of Beirut.

Our club decided to support the St George's Hospital which specializes in the treatment of children with cancer and suffered huge damages as a result of the explosion. The CNN interview with Dr Peter Noun triggered our active involvement.

Thanks to the tireless and persistent efforts of our PP Dr. Popi Kanari we managed to get a donation of cancer drugs from REMEDICA, who we thank immensely for their generosity; we, as a Club, purchased medicines worth 1350 euros from funds sourced by our club for the Lebanon cause.

It was decided that RC Nicosia Lefkothea should handle this project with its own resources as it entailed the proper packing and temperature control of the supplies from of delivery at the factory of Remetica in Limassol up to the delivery time in Beirut. The logistics were to be handled by PP Popi and DP, and the supplies were to be collected by DP and transferred to a cool room at Larnaca Airport to be subsequently flown to Beirut. At the other end a designated manager from St Georges Hospital was to pick up the supplies up on arrival. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs would contribute to the transportation costs.

DP stressed that this project is a credit to Rotary, to our District, to Cyprus Rotary and to our club Nicosia Lefkothea as well and that every member of our club should feel proud for being able to contribute to the treatment of children with cancer and make a difference by adding a little stone to the rebuild of Lebanon.



DP expressed his great appreciation and thanks for all the efforts made by PP Dr. Popi Kanari who had been tireless to organise this effort.

7. Fund Raising Events.

DP urged everybody to identify and suggest ways of replenishing our bank account. We need new funds to enable the club to continue its leading role in the delivery of sustainable projects for the community.

8. Physical Fellowship meetings

DP advised that all members were asked to express their preference if Fellowship meetings should take place online or physically. Most members who responded expressed their preference for physical meetings provided that these will take place outdoors weather permitting. Therefore, it was decided that the next Fellowship meeting takes place on 1 September 2020 at the Hugo Bar in Engkomi. ChrA to send out the invitations to all members with a prompt for their response by Friday 28/8.

9. The meeting ended at 20.30



**Minutes of Board meeting held on the 22nd of September 2020
at 18.30 At the Murphy's Pub**

Present

Demetris Pantazis	(DP)	President
Iacovos Constantinides	(IC)	Foundation Chair and Executive Secretary
Yiannis Tomasides	(YT)	Incoming President
Popi Kanari	(PK)	Director of Youth
Petros Stylianou	(PS)	Director of Membership
Vasilis Polemitis	(VP)	Director of PR
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Maria Xenophontos	(MX)	Club Administration
Stella Savva	(SS)	Director of Club Administration
Maria Saporilla	(MS)	New Member

Notes on the Meeting

1. The Minutes of the Board meeting of the 25th August 2020 were unanimously approved.
2. **Establish Teams for Avenues of Service**
 - a. After consideration and discussion, it was decided to propose to MS to take over the role of Community Services Leader (Acting) subject to review at a later stage for permanent posting.
3. **Membership Effort**

The Board approved the reinstatement of membership of Mrs Chrysanthee Epaminonda.



4. Orientation Program

DP briefed the Board on the very enlightening and useful presentation given online by Christina Covotsou on 15 September 2020 and expressed his disappointment that participation was very dismal. Because the content of the presentation was deemed to be useful for both new and old members alike it was decided to organise the presentation in a future date provided when sufficient participation can be secured beforehand. It was also suggested that IC contacts Christina Covotsou to seek her approval for publication of the presentation on the Club's web site.

5. Club Web Site

DP furnished ChA with the current web site Administrator's login credentials for ChA to review and advise on the technical capabilities of the current setup at the next BM.

6. Projects

DP briefed the Board that all money relating to the GG Project, except the RC Salamis contribution, has now been transferred to the dedicated project bank account and the rest of the funds to the RI Project Account. RI is expected shortly to confirm the completion of the financing and is also expected to supplement the project funding so that the project financing is fully completed.

7. Fund Raising Events

DP urged everybody to identify and suggest ways of replenishing our bank account. We need new funds to enable the club to continue its leading role in the delivery of sustainable projects for the community.

8. Presidents' Meeting

DP circulated the minutes of the meeting that took place between the Nicosia based RCs. Pambos Panayiotou proposed the collaboration of the Nicosia based RCs on certain projects which were presented in more details by DP. After extensive discussion, the Board decided the following:



- I. RCNL is willing to participate in a joint project for the support of the Charisma Foundation;
- II. Due to the RCNL organised event with speaker the Deputy Minister Kokkinos will take place on the 13th October in the evening, our club is unable to support the event of RC Nicosia which will take place on the 15th of October 2020;
- III. Our Club can be co-organiser with RC Nicosia for the event on the 22nd of October;
- IV. Our Club is happy to consider joint Christmas party but we should move fast. We are concerned that this may be an ambitious project but willing to explore
- V. Project of scale. More serious work needs to be done before a decision is made however there is concern whether there is sufficient time now for this;

9. RC Nicosia Lefkothea Program of Activities

DP circulated to the Board members a revised program of activities and a discussion took place for the finalisation of events until the end of 2020. PS was asked and he agreed to think of possibilities for the organisation of a Christmas party event and present alternative ideas and venues at the next BM.

IC and PK also agreed to coordinate the organisation of a fund-raising effort for the World Polio Day on 24/10/20.

10. The meeting ended at 20.30

Address by President of RC Nicosia Lefkothea, Mr Demetris Pantazis, on the occasion of the delivery of the Certificate of Organisation to the Rotaractor Club of Nicosia Lefkothea

*Dear District 2452 DRR, Ms Jelena Cvetkovic,
VDRR for Cyprus, Mr Harry Charalambous
Dear President, Constantinos Christodoulides
Dear members of the Rotaract Club of Nicosia Lefkothea
Dear Fellow Rotarians and Friends*

We are here tonight to celebrate the re-admission of the Rotaract Club of Nicosia Lefkothea in the wider family of Rotary International. Although tonight's event has been connected with the delivery of the Rotaract club's charter, I wish to clarify that the original charter was delivered on the 11th April 1989.

At one time during its initial life span the Rotaractor Club of Nicosia Lefkothea was probably the biggest and most active in Cyprus. For reasons unknown to me the club ceased to be active a few years back.

When I took over as President of our Rotary Club in July 2019, we put together a strategic plan for the period 2019 to 2022. One of the major strategic goals was the re-establishment of our Rotaract Club. The efforts of our Youth Director PP Popi Kanari and our Rotary Guru PDDG and PP Iacovos Constantinides together with Constantinos Christodoulides made the re-establishment of our Rotaract Club a reality. I would like to thank Popi and Iacovos as well as all the members of the Nicosia Lefkothea Rotaractor Club for their enthusiasm and loyalty to the cause.

On behalf of the sponsoring club I wish to welcome you to the wider family of Rotary International which has been in existence for more than 110 years and has a fantastic history of doing good to the world's communities, brokering peace missions, eradicating the Polio pandemic and so on. The Rotary International has 35,000 clubs and 1.2 million members and if I am not mistaken the Rotaractor clubs are more than 10,000 and the members over 200,000 worldwide

Nearer home the recent delivery of the Global Grant project to the Karaiskakio Foundation led by the RC of Nicosia Lefkothea but supported by all the Rotary Clubs of Cyprus including the RCs in the North, makes every Rotarian in Cyprus very proud of this achievement. The value of the project was 275 k \$ and the donated equipment is used in the Childhood Cancer Diagnostic Centre of the KF.

In cooperation with the Nicosia Salamis RC we are about to deliver yet another GG project, again to the KF, to the value of 70 K \$. This project will help the KF to increase the effectiveness and the productivity of the Childhood Cancer Diagnostic Centre. We are very proud of this achievement also. The latter project was even more challenging because of Covid 19 and the lock downs but this did not deter us. Where there is a will there is a way.

I am mentioning these achievements for the sole reason to demonstrate that our club either alone or in cooperation with other clubs has created a legacy which is second to none in Cyprus. We expect, we wish, our Rotaractor club to do the same and in time, create its own legacy. But this is your decision. You should do your best but at the same time enjoy yourselves.

You as Rotaract members of Nicosia Lefkothea should decide how to organize and run your club, manage your own funds, and plan and carry out activities and service projects. You are all young professionals and we have every confidence in you, to achieve. We, on the other hand as your sponsors, are here to offer guidance and support and work with your club as partners in service. We are here to help BUT it is for you to reach out. Every member of our Rotary Club is available to you either for Rotarian or personal help and advice. Our members are seasoned professionals from a wide spectrum of the business community and the society, and some of them were Rotaractors in their youth, so make use of them.

The Rotaract Clubs also act as the academies of future Rotarians and we look forward to the time when you will be too old to be Rotaractors and continue as the future Rotarian leaders in our club.

I do not want to take up any more of your time except to wish you every success and say that on tonight's occasion the RC of Nicosia Lefkothea will improve your bank balances by 500 euros. This is a gift from us to you.

It is also time for me to handover to you the Certificate of Reorganisation signed by the President of the Rotary International and myself in my capacity as President of the RC of Nicosia Lefkothea.







