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# Weekly Bulletin



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**Rotary Club of Nicosia**

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Katerina Konari  
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Petros Markou  
Club Secretary:  
Robert Stambouli  
Treasurer:  
Nick Paraskeva  
President elect:  
Yioula Papakyriakou  
Sergeant at Arms:  
Costas Nicolaidis  
Club Administration:  
Garo Zartarian  
Rotary Foundation:  
Mike Johnson  
Public Relations:  
Andrestinos  
Papadopoulos

## The Changeover Dinner 28<sup>th</sup> June 2011



The Changeover Dinner took place on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> June in President Katerina Konaris's garden

where 76 persons, Rotarians and their spouses, Rotaractors and guests were present

It was a beautiful evening despite the prediction of rain and the food was excellent.





A chance for fellowship

It was nice to see old friends like PP Glafkos Petrides and Manuel Kouyioumjian.



Past District Governor Takis Karakannas was present as was our AG for the year Litsa Aresti.



Also with us were 16 Rotaractors of our club, including the Rotaract President Niki Cleridou and the new President Glafkos Mitsides, who had their changeover ceremony on the same evening.

The Master of Ceremonies for the evening was Rotarian Andrestinos Papadopoulos who welcomed all.

Toasts were drunk to the health of The President of the Republic of Cyprus H.E. Demetris Christofias and Mrs. Elsie Christofia, to the President of Rotary International 2010-2011 Ray Klinginsmith and for 2011-2012 Kalyan Banerjee, to the District Governor 2010-2011 Assem Abdel Razek and for 2011-2012 Usama Barghouthi.



Assistant Governor Litsa Aresti conveyed the messages from the District Governor Usama Barghouthi and DDG Themis Themistocleous, PDDG George Papaleontiou as well as her own greetings (*these have been sent to you by email in full*).





President Petros welcomed everyone and gave a brief resume of the clubs achievements during his term of Presidency 2010 -2011. These included projects such as the purchase of a small bus for the mentally handicapped and of course the ongoing Alzheimer project with RC Aspelia and support for the Japan disaster and Alexandria victims.

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President Petros honoured our Club Secretary Robert Stambouli for his excellence and dedication in the difficult role of secretary and also thanked Robert's secretary Tatiana for her tremendous help to the club. He thanked DDG Themis Themistokleous and Past DDG George Papaleontiou for their help, and his board including Rotarians Andreas Georgious, Andrestinos Papadopoulos, Nick Paraskeva, Dimitris Kyprianou and Nicos Xitas (absent) who all received a certificate of appreciation..



At last the changeover -  
Off come the chains from  
President Petros.....

..... and onto President  
Katerina (with a little help  
from her other half !!). I  
can tell you the chains are  
heavy in more way with  
one!! And the pins are  
sharp – they obviously did  
not expect a woman  
president when they first  
made the chain!!!



IP Katerina, accepting her position  
as President, stressed that she will  
do her best to serve Rotary but  
asked each and every member to  
remember why they joined Rotary  
and to give a little of themselves,  
their time, their expertise to their  
club.



President Katerina, with great  
emotion, presented a plaque to PP  
Petros for his excellent contribution  
to the club as president. He will  
surely be difficult to follow but she  
expressed the hope that he will be  
by her side to offer his assistance  
in the year to come.



**And here at last – the moment you’ve been waiting for !!**

### **THE NEW BOARD & COMMITTEES**

**President:** Katerina Konari

**Past President:** Petros Markou

**Secretary:** Robert Stambouli

**Treasurer:** Nick Paraskeva

**President Elect:** Yioula Papakyriakou

**Public Relations:** Andrestinos Papadopoulos

**Club Administration:** Garo Zartarian

**Service Projects:** Dickran Ouzounian

**Rotary Foundation:** PP Mike Johnson

**Fellowship Committee:** Philios Philippou and Aristos Papadopoulos

**Membership Committee:** Andreas Georgiou

**Sergeant at Arms:** Costas Nicolaidis

**Scholarship Committee:** Dimitris Kyprianou

### 3 – Month Program

July		August Membership and Extension		September New Generation	
5 <sup>th</sup>	Service committees meeting	4 <sup>th</sup>	Meeting Cancelled due to Holidays	1 <sup>st</sup>	Regular Meeting
6 <sup>th</sup>	1st Board Meeting	11 <sup>th</sup>	Meeting Cancelled due to Holidays	8 <sup>th</sup>	Speaker
7 <sup>th</sup>	1st Regular meeting – Speaker Konstantinos Kantounas “The Turkish Property Commission – Should we go or not?”	18 <sup>th</sup>	Meeting Cancelled due to Holidays	15 <sup>th</sup>	Regular Meeting
14 <sup>th</sup>	Regular meeting	25 <sup>th</sup>	Meeting Cancelled due to Holidays	22 <sup>nd</sup>	Club Assembly
21 <sup>st</sup>	Regular meeting			17 <sup>th</sup>	Barbeque / Beach Party at Cavo Mari
28 <sup>th</sup>	Inauguration of Interact Club. Induction of New members			29 <sup>th</sup>	Casino Night

### July Birthdays and Name Days

Birthday		
29 <sup>th</sup>	Andreas Charalambous	
24 <sup>th</sup>	Yiuola Papakyriakou	

Rotarian John Pietroni President 1990-1991, and now in the UK sent a letter of resignation to which we have given the following reply:

## MEMBERS CORNER

*Dear John*

*The members and old friends of your Rotary Club received your resignation with great sadness as we always thought you'd come back permanently to Cyprus and to the club.*

*Personally, I remember with great affection a Rotarian and gentleman, a Past President who knew more about the workings and the bye laws of Rotary than any other member, ready to instruct us on the subject of the Rotary Foundation and a member who was never afraid to discuss or speak his mind on any Rotary subject.*

*We therefore wish you all the best in England and hope you find a local Rotary Club where your knowledge and expertise would be greatly appreciated I'm sure.*

*So from all of us at the Nicosia Rotary, enjoy your time in the UK and when in Cyprus please come and visit your friends at the club.*

*Yours in Rotary*

*Katerina Konari*

*President of the Rotary Club of Nicosia.*



## Speakers Corner

Today we are lucky enough to have Mr. Konstantinos Kantounas to speak on the current topic of importance for Cyprus:  
**“The Turkish Property Commission – should we go or not”**



## Message from RI President Kalyan Banerjee



### Reach Within to Embrace Humanity

Discover yourself, develop the strengths within you and then unhesitatingly, unflinchingly, go forth and encircle the world to embrace humanity.



### District News:

Rotarian Kevork Mahdessian (RC of Nicosia-Aspelia) is DDG for our district which means he will be District Governor for 2012-2013. Congratulations Kevork. This means that it is recommended we do not nominate a Cypriot for the year 2013-2014.

District Governor Usama Barghouthi will be in Cyprus visiting our club on the 31st October and in the evening we shall be having an evening gala dinner jointly with RC Aspelia and Ledra.

**Redistricting:** Our district 2450 comprises 145 clubs in 10 countries. There has therefore been a decision to split it into 2 as of 2013 – District A will comprise the Egyptian Clubs and District B the remaining countries including ourselves. This will benefit our country as the District and officers will have more time and money to allocate to Cyprus and its projects etc.

### Club News:

- New Roster is being prepared so don't forget to check your details sent by our Secretary
- Will be having a bulletin with our news each week. It will include a Members section where each week one member will write a little about himself (not a CV) so that we can get to know each other better (after all these years).
- Attendance is still low but some members are going to make an effort and have declared participation in this year's projects.
- Philios Philippou and PP Aristos Papadopoulos are in charge of Fellowship. Please give any ideas you have for get-togethers to them.
- Important fundraising events Beach/Barbeque and Casino night coming up soon. Full information next week.
- Web page needs updating – anyone want to help me with this. It is the only club in Nicosia without anything on it. I shall be adding the Bulletin each week.
- Am looking for ideas for good speakers and ideas to improve our raffle.

## Message from President Katerina for 2011-2012

Fellow Rotarians,

Rotary is about service, it's about giving, and a person who joins Rotary does so, not because he has something to gain, but because he has something to give. Not because he thinks that by brushing shoulders with the pillars of our community it will improve his career or his status, but because in this world today of crisis, of strife, hunger and poverty, we who are privileged enough to live here in Cyprus can say "Yes thank you God. Thank you for I have a home, I have work and food on the table, I can feed my family and educate my children and I have a little spare bit of myself left to give to others".

So fellow Rotarians, I want you all to think back to your idealistic days when you first joined this club to serve, and time was not so much of a luxury, and I want you all this year, to give a little of yourselves, give a little of your time, your talents, your expertise, to your club. We are a band of friends with different professions, backgrounds, ages, but together we form a small but strong link (a small rotary family) which is part of a larger chain, a larger family of 1.6million Rotarians around the world, with a compassionate enthusiasm and commitment to make this world a better place. Can you imagine then what we are capable of if we each one of us gives a little bit of ourselves.

Fellow Rotarians, in the technologically advanced world of 2011, there are out there in this world over 1 billion people starving especially children, over 1 billion people without access to safe, clean drinking water, millions of homeless refugees migrating from land to land in conditions that add disease to their multitude of problems.

What can we do, you say – we in Cyprus, we who are but a small speck hardly visible on the world atlas? What can we Rotarians do? Well, apart from doing our own local projects where needed to improve our own community, each and every one of you is already doing something by giving to the international community through the RF and we will be doing more this year. And, as part of the larger family of Rotary with over 30000 clubs worldwide, every penny donated by each club to the foundation goes to help prevent disease, increase access to clean water, reduce child mortality, ensure education and improve health for those people not lucky enough to be born in a land of plenty such as Cyprus.

This year Fellow Rotarians, I expect you all to help with a multitude of projects, international and local. Even if you've served as president or on the board, this does not mean that your commitment to Rotary has ended. We have much to do together and your experience and support is vital, so I hope you will be with me. To those of you who have not been with us for some time and now return, I say welcome back – you have been greatly missed.

Many of our projects will be focusing on youth and we shall form small committees to work on these, some jointly with our Rotaractors and others with Aspelia Rotary Club and the Ledra Rotary Club.

Finally I leave you with this thought:

***I asked someone the other day why they didn't come to Rotary and their reply was – “I don't get anything out of it. I don't get anything out of it.” I just looked at them and said – “Well what did you put in, in order to get something out.” I'm not sure they really understood my meaning but I'm sure you do.***

As for myself, I promise to give my all in making this year a memorable Rotary year, an interesting and enjoyable one, one of exciting projects with fundraisings such as a casino night, a barbeque beach party in Protaras, a medical form and many others, but I can only do this if you give me a little of yourselves, a little of your time

Thank you  
Katerina Konari  
President 2011-2012

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