

**Rotary Club of Nicosia***Rotary International District 2450*

President's Corner

February - Peace and World Understanding Month

In my very early years of life at the beautiful city of Limassol where I was born, my first family outings to restaurants and places of culinary treats, were at the Turkish cypriot area of the town, where the best kebab, yogurt and halloumi cheese were served, at spotless restaurants ,with a warm family atmosphere.

My father loves to tell me stories from his early years at the primary school of Kilani village, where children were bilingual (Greek and Turkish). These stories are full of wisdom, and positive thinking and even now when I am in a difficult situation, I may recall one of the stories and find an answer to my problem.

My grandmother was telling me how the Turkish Cypriot women in the villages, were assisting and helping young women, who were in labor, and acted as mid-wives at the times that the doctors were very few on the island.

All this was happening in the island of love, before the tragic events of 1974, and came back to my memory, while organizing the Peace Event for Rotary. While spreading the word about the Island Wide Peace Event, I received an e-mail congratulating me for the initiative and stressing the important role that Rotary can play in the harmonious co-existence of the two communities on the island.

So ,let us focus on our similarities rather than differences. On the happy memories that we share, on the love that we all have for our land, on the great days that are in front of us, on the opportunities that are waiting for us to be explored, on the friendship that can be developed, and make Cyprus the real island of Love, Peace and Understanding.

Yioula Papakyriacou
President
Rotary Club of Nicosia

Rotary Global History Fellowship - 1st February 2013

On the 1st of February, President Yioula Papakyriacou and other Rotarian Presidents, became a members of the Rotary Global History Fellowship, during a ceremony which took place at Elias Beach Hotel in Limassol .

The history and roots for every organisation, play a very important role of its development , the ethical values remain the same, and the call for every Rotarian is to Serve above Self.

What has changed dramatically is the participation of women in Rotary, who have now Presidential positions and the 16% of the total membership.



Business Meeting and Board Meeting- 7th of February 2013

On Thursday the 7th of February, the Rotary Club of Nicosia had a Business and Board Meeting with the following Agenda

1. February program
2. Peace Event-27th of February
3. Carnival and Green Monday
4. March Program
5. Scholarship Ceremony
6. District Conference
7. Cyprus Conference
8. Musical Event-Tickets, lottery tickets, publicity



Scholarship Ceremony- 12th of February 2013

One of Rotary's fundamentals is the support of Youth, the Future of the World.

The Rotary Club of Nicosia, has awarded eleven students with Scholarships for the academic year 2012-13, during a simple and moving ceremony which took place at the District Governor's office on the 12th of February.

The criteria of the Scholarships were based on the high academic performance of the students as well as the financial position of the family.

In times of global recession and economic crisis, the need of a proper education is even more essential as Education is a passport for professional and personal development.



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