

# ROTARY CLUB OF NICOSIA NEWSLETTER

November 2015



## NEW DG DELIGHTED & IMPRESSED WITH CLUB PROGRESS!

Our District Governor Mustafa Nasereddin visited Cyprus last month to meet with all Club Board's and to attend the Rotary Cyprus General Assembly.

His first meeting upon his arrival on October 16 was with our very own Club Board at the Hilton in the presence of DDG Litsa Aresti and our AG Glafkos Georgiou.

President Dickran and the Board had the opportunity to present our annual goals, activities conducted so far, and the plans of the Club for the rest of the year. The DG was extremely impressed and delighted by the Board's and Club's strong commitment and progress to furthering Rotary. "To be frank, I didn't expect this from RC Nicosia today...I am well aware that you are the oldest Club in Cyprus, and often the oldest ones are the most complacent and have the most challenges...but what I see here today, and the progress you have made so far, is totally different, it's very impressive...well done to you all, keep it up...you can again be one of the greatest Rotary Clubs in Cyprus!"

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**FORMAL DINNER IN  
HONOUR OF DISTRICT  
GOVERNOR  
NASEREDDIN & HIS  
WIFE GHADA**



**ROTARY CLUBS OF**  
NICOSIA, KYRENIA,  
NICOSIA-LEDRA, NICOSIA-LEFKOTHEA  
NICOSIA-SALAMIS, NICOSIA-ASPELIA



**FORMAL DINNER ON THE  
OCCASION OF THE VISIT OF THE  
GOVERNOR OF DISTRICT 2452  
MUSTAFA NASEREDDIN**



Macedonia Ballroom, Cleopatra Hotel, Nicosia  
19 October 2015, 8.30pm



A formal dinner was hosted by all the Nicosia Rotary Clubs at the Cleopatra Hotel on October 19 in honour of the DG and his wife Ghada on the occasion of their country visit.

Everyone present, including many members of our Club, enjoyed the delicious dinner and live saxophone music, whilst the highlight was, of course, the speech by the District Governor himself.

The Governor expressed his gratitude for all the efforts of the Nicosia Rotary Clubs and asked that each and every Club re-focus on membership retention as well as recruiting and developing new Rotarians, especially from the alumni.



You can find more photos on our Facebook Page [www.facebook.com/RotaryClubOfNicosia](http://www.facebook.com/RotaryClubOfNicosia)

# GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF ROTARY CLUBS OF CYPRUS IN LIMASSOL



The Cyprus Rotary General Assembly was held at the Crowne Plaza on October 24 with the presence of DG Nasereddin. All 19 Cyprus Clubs were present or represented at the meeting in order to approve the accounts for 2013-2014 and to vote through the budget for the current Rotary year which was unanimously approved.



## ADDRESS BY DG MUSTAFA NASEREDDIN

The DG strongly believed Cyprus Rotary was doing well, noting that there were good Clubs with good Rotarians, adding that he would like to see the clubs become excellent, through strong will and belief in achieving this. He went on to stress certain issues:

### Membership and Attendance

DG said he believed more in retention and less in extension. We need, he said, “to keep our members and make sure they are involved”. Extension could follow. In Cyprus, he went on, “but also in other countries in the District, Clubs were facing a big problem with retention”. Many members tended to forget they had joined to serve. He advised clubs to address this issue and maintain their dynamism, noting that “extra fat” only slows down Clubs’ progress and creates frustration for active members. At the same time, he was pleased to see Clubs were able to recruit young members, especially alumni, who had the knowledge and experience to become good Rotarians immediately.



### Service Projects

DG said many Clubs in Cyprus were actively implementing projects, yet still thought small and were doing charity instead of service projects. Rotarians must think big and act big he said. He pointed out that Clubs could do miracles with the same money through global grants, quoting the example of Clubs in Lebanon funding clean water projects at schools. He said Clubs should learn about global grant application and management through training and exchange of experiences with other Clubs in the District and beyond. In this respect, he said that he had agreed with DDG to have a Grants Management Seminar and Workshop held in Cyprus by District TRF Chair PDG Usama Barghouthi in November.

### Giving to TRF

DG said he had heard the argument that local communities had greater needs, so why give money to the Foundation. He noted that when we give to the Foundation we get back from it. He urged Clubs to make bigger contributions to Polio Plus and Rotarians to join the EREY program and contribute whatever amount they can.

### Public Image

DG said Clubs were doing well in this area, quoting the project at the Limassol Jetty. Rotary used to keep a low profile he added, but people did not know about Rotary and did not want to join. Today, we need to talk about Rotary and its work.

### District Conference 2016

Concluding his address, DG said he looked forward to welcoming everyone at the District Conference in Amman in May 2016 and that he would do everything possible for Rotarians to have a great time and enjoy a meaningful Conference at affordable rates. At this point, he played out a video promoting the Conference.

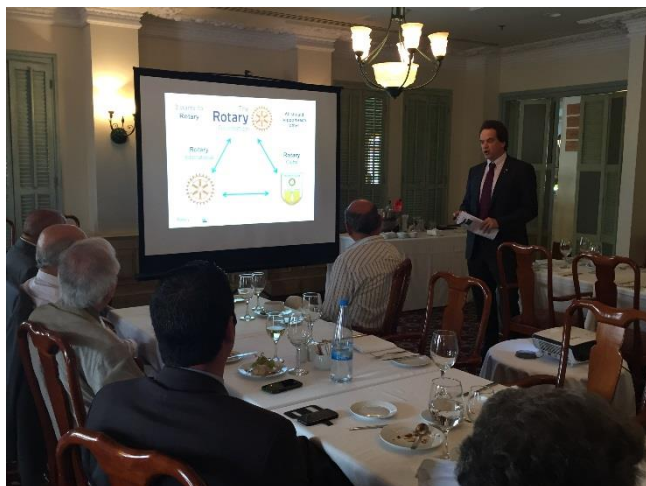
### Appointment of DDG for Cyprus

Returning to the podium, DG thanked DDG Litsa Aresti for accepting her appointment under extraordinary circumstances and said she deserved a big applause. He went on to make an announcement with regard to the selection of DDG for Cyprus for the year 2016-2017. He said that he had sent a message to all Clubs on 15 October 2015 asking for nominations, only to learn that Cyprus had completed the procedure and the Nominating Committee had made its official recommendation, which he would forward to DGE for the final decision. DG said the call for nominations for 2017-2018 would be made by him in due course.



# PP & Director Mike Johnson promoting TRF during Rotary Foundation Month

November is celebrated as Rotary Foundation Month. On this occasion PP and Director of TRF, Mike Johnson made an excellent presentation on the latest developments regarding TRF and the possibilities of applying for global grants for major projects of the Club.



PP Mike reminded the members of the TRF goals set by the Club for 2015-2016 and the need to speed up and increase contributions as Club performance had been rather weak in recent years.



**Our Club**

- All time donations - \$54,625 (since 1938).
- BUT** Recent Years we have not been contributing much .
- Current Year (to date) - \$611
- District overall \$145,085 !!
- Foundation Points Available 2,810
- Rotary Target - Every Rotarian Ever Year \$100! - Our Club Target



Our Club	Target
(2015/16) :	
- minimum	\$1,500
(approx \$25 / member)	
- District Governor challenge	- "Every member" (even if only a small amount)

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## Club Meeting Information

Weekly: Every Thursday, at 13:00

Place: Hilton Cyprus, Nicosia

Arch. Makarios III Ave 98, Nicosia 1077,  
Tel.22377777

Once a month Club meetings will be held at  
19:00 at Vino Cultura Wine & Tapas Bar

## THE ROTARY FOUNDATION



The Rotary Foundation transforms your gifts into projects that change lives both close to home and around the world. As the charitable arm of Rotary, RI taps into a global network of Rotarians who invest their time, money, and expertise into priorities, such as eradicating polio and promoting peace. Foundation grants empower Rotarians to approach challenges such as poverty, illiteracy, and malnutrition with sustainable solutions that leave a lasting impact.

**ROTARY MONTH - NOVEMBER**  
Rotary Foundation

Strong financial oversight, a stellar charity rating, and a unique funding model mean that RI makes the very most of your contribution.

Give and become a part of Rotary's life-changing work!

**GIVE NOW**

[www.rotary.org/en/give](http://www.rotary.org/en/give)

# Halloween surprise at “Away” Vino Cultura Meeting!



Our Club Secretary Nada Panayiotou organised a surprise Halloween party theme at our “away” meeting at the Vino Cultura Wine & Tapas bar in Nicosia on October 22 which everyone thoroughly enjoyed!

A special Halloween quiz contest took place and almost all participants came away with Halloween themed prizes.

We had the pleasure of welcoming many friends of the Club and prospective new members who continue to enthusiastically engage in our activities and events.

## New British High Commissioner to speak at our Club



### ROTARY CLUB OF NICOSIA

Luncheon Meeting at the Hilton Cyprus Hotel  
on

**THURSDAY, 26 NOVEMBER 2015**

**13:00 – 15:00**

Speaker – British High Commissioner to  
Cyprus Ric Todd on the UK vision for a  
reformed EU economy



€20 PER PERSON BUFFET LUNCH

The new British High Commissioner Ric Todd will be speaking at our Club meeting on November 26 on the UK vision for a reformed EU economy. His speech will be in English.

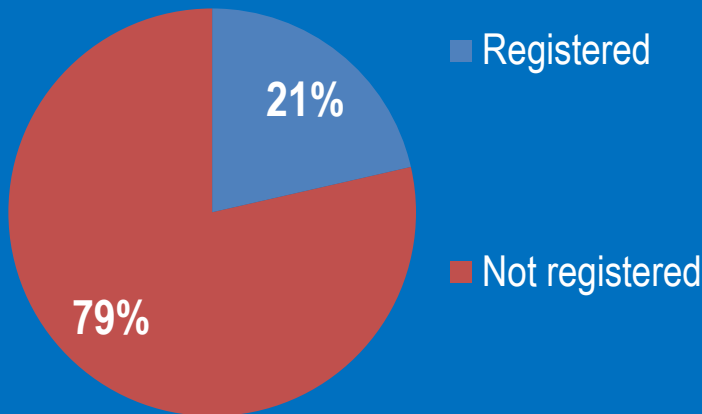
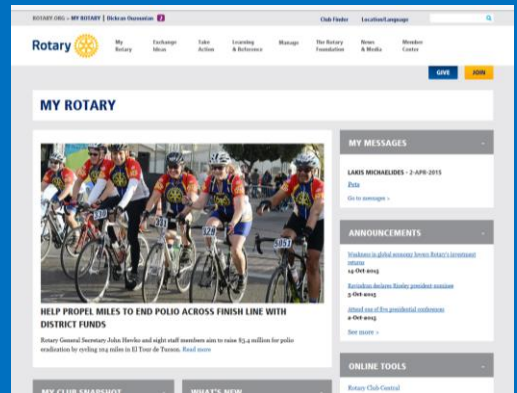
Please contact Nada Panayiotou by email on [n.panayiotou@atlantis-consulting.eu](mailto:n.panayiotou@atlantis-consulting.eu) to avoid disappointment as we expect strong demand and attendance!



# Progress on registration of members on MyRotary

Both DG Nasereddin and our DDG Aresti recently pointed out that our Club members have been very slow to register themselves to MyRotary on the [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org) website.

We have committed to registering at least 75% by the end of the Rotary year, yet currently only 15% of our members are registered, predominantly Board members.

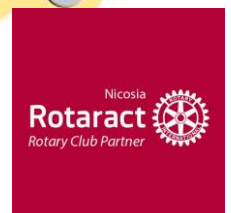


**IF ANY OF YOU HAVE DIFFICULTIES REGISTERING,  
CONTACT YOUR DIRECTOR OF CLUB ADMINISTRATION,  
ANDREAS PSARAS NOW!**

## CLUB SECURES XMAS STALL ON XMAS AVENUE!

Our Club has secured a stall on Xmas Avenue (Makarios Ave.) together with our Rotaractors on Dec 11-12 in order to sell decorative and other items to raise much needed funds for Vagoni Agapis, a non-profit charitable organisation who primarily supports people with basic needs for food and medical care.

Learn more about the charity [www.vagoniagapis.com](http://www.vagoniagapis.com)



Please contact Director of PR, Loria Markides if you can help in any way with gifts and help manning the stall during the 2 days.

**Let's get into the Xmas spirit and it's all for a great cause!**

## OUR CLUB DONATES €1.000 TO MENCAP ASSOCIATION

On Nov 11 our Club donated €1.000 to the Association for the Welfare of Persons with Mental Handicap from proceeds raised at the recent successful Folk music & dance festival. The members of the Board present were very impressed by the immaculate facilities in Strovolos and the invaluable work the Association is doing.



You can find out more about the precious work of the Association on their Facebook Page [www.facebook.com/Association-for-the-Welfare-of-People-with-Mental-Handicap-130433127090556/](http://www.facebook.com/Association-for-the-Welfare-of-People-with-Mental-Handicap-130433127090556/)

## 3<sup>rd</sup> District 2452 Conference in Amman Jordan May 19-22, 2016

The District Conference is coming upon us very quickly and all participants have been asked to register before the end of this year. The Club President together with several other Board members have confirmed their attendance. All Rotarians Welcome!!



Make your reservation online now for the District Conference!  
[www.rotaryd2452.com](http://www.rotaryd2452.com)

DG Nasereddin – *“I will do everything possible for Rotarians to have a great time and enjoy a meaningful Conference at affordable rates”*

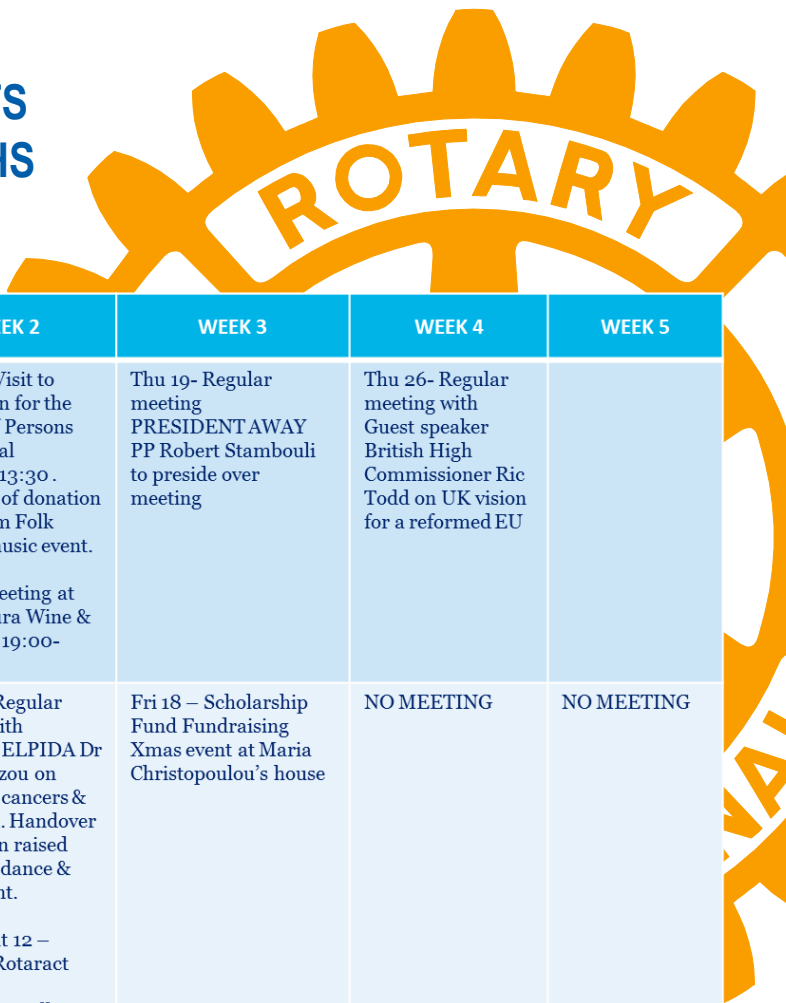
### \*\*REMEMBER\*\*

ENGAGE WITH YOUR CLUB AND SERVE YOUR COMMUNITY! NO EXCUSES!

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# ROTARY CLUB OF NICOSIA - CALENDAR OF MAJOR EVENTS FOR THE NEXT THREE MONTHS



MONTH	MONTH THEME	WEEK 1	WEEK 2	WEEK 3	WEEK 4	WEEK 5
NOV	Rotary Foundation	Thu 5- Regular meeting Presentation Mike Johnson, Director RF to talk about TRF	Wed 11 – Visit to Association for the Welfare of Persons with Mental Handicap 13:30 . Handover of donation raised from Folk dance & music event.  Thu 12- Meeting at Vino Cultura Wine & Tapas Bar 19:00-20:30	Thu 19- Regular meeting PRESIDENTAWAY PP Robert Stambouli to preside over meeting	Thu 26- Regular meeting with Guest speaker British High Commissioner Ric Todd on UK vision for a reformed EU	
DEC	Disease Prevention & Treatment	Thu 3- Annual meeting - appointment President nominee for 2017-2018	Thu 10 – Regular meeting with Speaker – ELPIDA Dr Loizos Loizou on childhood cancers & leukaemia. Handover of donation raised from Folk dance & music event.  Fri 11 & Sat 12 – Rotary & Rotaract Christmas fundraising stall at Christmas Avenue (Makarios Ave., Nicosia)	Fri 18 – Scholarship Fund Fundraising Xmas event at Maria Christopoulou’s house	NO MEETING	NO MEETING
JAN	Vocational Service		Thu 7- Regular meeting with presentation by Director Vocational Service Garo Zartarian	Thu 14- Regular meeting Speaker - ??	Thu 21- Meeting at Vino Cultura Wine & Tapas Bar 19:00-20:30	Thu 28- Regular meeting. Presentation Director Club Administration Andreas Psaras – registering on Rotary.org

**Annual RI Theme 2015-2016  
President RI Ravi Ravindran**

“Use your talents, expertise and leadership to be a gift to the world and your community...”



**Be a gift to the world**

