ROTARY CLUB OF NICOSIA NEWSLETTER

October 2015



RC NICOSIA FOLK MUSIC-DANCE FESTIVAL AN OVERWHELMING SUCCESS!

Our major fundraising project for this year in aid of the Alzheimer's Foundation and ELPIDA (charitable organisation supporting children with cancer and leukaemia) took place at the Strovolos Municipal Theatre on Sep 30, 2015.

The event was an overwhelming success with strong ticket sales and good attendance on the night. The Minister of Education & Culture, Costas Kadis, representing the President of the Republic was present, together with many Ambassadors and dignitaries. In his speech, he recognised and congratulated the Rotary Club of Cyprus for their dedication to community service since 1938. During his speech President Dickran reminded the audience that our club also focuses its efforts in the areas of fighting disease, supporting education and promoting peace and conflict resolution. He said that "it is ,therefore, highly appropriate that this year's main fundraising project is bringing together all the communities of Cyprus in an effort to promote and preserve our local folk music and rich cultural heritage in the spirit of friendship, goodwill and peace".



- Folk music-dance festival success
- Joint meeting with guest speaker CEO Pijls
- New Deputy District Governor appointed
- •Our "Away" meetings going
- from strength-to-strength
- •District Governor visit to
- Cyprus in October
- •World Polio Day
- The Rotary Global Rewards Programme
- •Attend the District
- Conference in Amman
- •Your New Board 2015-2016
- Calendar of major RC Nicosia events for next 3 months



We opened hearts & minds!



We witnessed an amazing fusion of the best of Cypriot folk culture from talented Greek Cypriots, Turkish Cypriots, Maronites and Armenians on the stage. Our Club and all the talented performers proved in the most beautiful and touching way how we could create a future of peace, love and dreams on this unique island through respect, goodwill and friendship.

A big thank you to the performers:-

- Limassol Folklore Association
- Famous tsiatistis Michalis Terlikkas
- Greek Cypriot and Turkish Cypriot Bi-communal Choir for Peace in Cyprus
- "Sipan" Armenian Dance Ensemble
- Maronite Community Choir

AND a massive thank you to the sponsors Toyota Cyprus, the Bank of Cyprus and the Airtrans Group, as well as the supporters, Deloitte, StarOil, Royal Crown Insurance and Ernst & Young for their generous donations, compassion and commitment to serve their community and those in needs.

We will be announcing the amount of monies raised for our two charities by the middle of the month.

You can find more photos on our Facebook Page www.facebook.com/RotaryClubOfNicosia





Successful joint meeting with guest speaker CEO Pijls

RC Nicosia-Lefkothea, RC Nicosia-Ledra and our Club held a highly successful joint meeting at the Hilton on 21 September with guest speaker the new CEO of the Hellenic Bank, Bert Pijls.

CEO Pijls drew a positive picture of the recent economic developments on the island in light of the improving economic indicators and the passing of the necessary foreclosure laws. He re-iterated, however, the need for prudence and for old badhabits related to, as he called, "kumbarodemocracy" – a Cypriot invention, to be put aside and for the country and people to open their minds and welcome new investments from abroad in the coming years, to ensure a brighter future for everyone.



CEO Pijls also stated that he had a very fond and high regard for Rotary. His father was an active and passionate Rotarian in the Netherlands for many decades and Bert had the pleasure to accompany his father on several Club and other events in the past. Although, CEO Pijls extremely busy work-life did not currently allow him to become a member, he promised that he would keep in close touch with Rotary Cyprus and would be happy to take part in various events.

Club Meeting Information

Weekly: Every Thursday, at 13:00

Place: Hilton Cyprus, Nicosia

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

LITSA ARESTI – OUR NEW DEPUTY DISTRICT GOVERNOR



Due to some health issues in his family. DDG Dincer Cagin had to sadly stand down from his post in September. Our thoughts and prayers are with him and his family and we sincerely hope the Cagin family overcome the challenges they face as soon as possible.

Past President of RC Nicosia-Salamis and past Assistant Governor Litsa Aresti has therefore been appointed as DDG for 2015-2016 with immediate effect.

Litsa is an exemplary Rotarian with a wonderful track record of service. Our Club warmly congratulates and assures her that we will support her efforts to ensure that the Rotary year is a highly successful one.

As Dincer so thoughtfully and kindly said in his resignation letter...

"Her success...will be our success. Rotary and Cyprus Rotary will be successful".



"Away" meeting growing from strength-to strength!

Our Club continues to hold one "away" meeting a month at the Vino Cultura Wine & Tapas bar in Nicosia.

The second meeting held on Sep 10 was an enormous success with a packed house. Rotary business was conducted in the private cava area, whilst many Rotarians and friends of Rotary stayed behind at the end of the meeting for followship until the late hours.

Director of Membership, Andri Kalopetrides made an excellent presentation on Rotary membership and several potential members present were eager to learn more. Our target this year remains a net gain of 2 new members and at least 1 additional female member.



District Governor visiting our Club in October



Our District Governor, Mustafa Nasereddin, will be visiting Cyprus in October to have meetings with all the Cyprus Clubs and to attend the General Assembly.

He is due to meet our Board on Friday 16 where we will have an opportunity to discuss our plans for the year and our activities so far. Our new DDG Litsa Aresti and Club AG Glafkos Georgiou will also be present.

On Monday evening October 19, 20:30 – 23:00 a Gala dinner, hosted by all the Nicosia Rotary Clubs, will be held to honour the DG and his wife at the Cleopatra Hotel. All Rotarians and spouses are welcome to join this special event.

Please contact Nada Panayiotou or President Dickran to make your reservations urgently as seating is limited for all Clubs.





World Polio Day on 23 October



How close are we to a polio-free world? What's needed to finish the job? And how can Rotary members help?

On 23 October, Rotary International will answer these questions and more at Rotary's third annual World Polio Day event, co-hosted with UNICEF. They will be streaming live from New York City, bringing together more than 30,000 viewers around the world. Rotary International will share their progress on the road to polio eradication and what Rotary members can do to end polio for good in the next several years.

The live event will be hosted by Jeffrey Kluger, science editor for Time, and will feature celebrity ambassadors, polio survivors, and technical experts.

BY THE NUMBERS

99.9% Reduction in polio cases since 1985

30 Years since Rotary began its PolioPlus initiative

\$1.4 billion Amount Rotary has contributed toward ending polio

THANK YOU TO OUR MEMBERS WHO CONTRIBUTED TO THE POLIO FUND ONLINE. FOR THOSE THAT HAVE NOT YET DONE SO, IT'S NEVER TOO LATE! CONTRIBUTIONS FROM AS LITTLE AS US \$25!

GREEK AMBASSADOR TO VISIT OUR CLUB

On Thursday October 15 our Club will be holding a Joint meeting with RC Nicosia-Lefkothea with guest speaker the Ambassador of Greece, Elias Fotopoulos who will speak on "The Role of Greece in the unstable Eastern Mediterranean". Our meeting will be held at our usual venue - the Hilton Hotel, Fontana lounge.

The Ambassadors speech should be extremely interesting in light of the recent economic and political developments in Greece.



ROTARY MONTH - OCTOBER Economic & Community Development



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HAVE YOU HEARD OF THE ROTARY GLOBAL REWARDS PROGRAMME?

Rotary members can now enjoy discounts on travel, hotels, dining, entertainment, and more through <u>Rotary Global Rewards</u>, a new member benefit program that began 1 July. Anyone can view the offers, but only Rotary members who sign in to their My Rotary accounts can redeem the discounts.



Many famous international companies and brands are already offering discounts to Rotarians. Check back regularly on Rotary.org, members section as more companies are coming on board all the time.

3rd District 2452 Conference Make your reservation online now!



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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
OCT	Economic & Community Development	Thu 1 – NO MEETING (PUBLIC HOLIDAY)	Thu 8- Regular meeting Club Assembly	Thu 15- Joint meeting with RC Nicosia- Lefkothea Speaker – Ambassador of Greece, Elias Fotopoulos on "The Role of Greece in the unstable Eastern Mediterranean" Fri 16 – Meeting of Board with DG Nasereddin 11:30- 13:00 Hilton Fri 16 – Rotary Club of Nicosia – Aspelia Martino Tirimo for Scholarship fund, Presidential Palace	Mon 19 – Joint Dinner with all Nicosia RCs to honour DG Nasereddin, Cleopatra Hotel 20:30 – 23:00 Thu 22- Meeting at Vino Cultura Wine & Tapas Bar 19:00-20:30	Fri 30- Joint meeting with RC Nicosia- Aspelia Hilton 13:00 – 14:45 Speaker – Thomas Kazakos, Director General of Cyprus Shipping Chamber
NOV	Rotary Foundation	Thu 5- Regular meeting Presentation Mike Johnson, Director RF to talk about Foundation and EREY	Thu 12- Meeting at Vino Cultura Wine & Tapas Bar 19:00-20:30	Thu 19- Regular meeting PRESIDENT AWAY	Thu 26- Regular meeting Guest speaker PAG Elena Tanou on travelling and wellbeing	
DEC	Disease Prevention & Treatment	Thu 3- Regular meeting & Board meeting	Thu 10 – Joint meeting with Rotary Aspelia Regular meeting Speaker – ELPIDA Dr Loizos Loizou	Fri 18 – Scholarship Fund Fundraising Xmas event at Maria Christopoulou's house	NO MEETING	NO MEETING

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..."







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