

MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT DICKRAN OUZOUNIAN

My Dear friends,

The Rotary Year has come to an end.

When I think of the last 12 months that have gone by I can say that my memories are so much more vivid than the hundreds of photos that were taken. So many experiences and events, so many that were impossible to always capture and to convey either in words or pictures. Memories that I will always cherish, memories that will never dim.



When I took over the Presidency last July I had reservations and doubts. Could this most historical, oldest of Rotary Clubs of Cyprus become great once again? To continue and improve the positive path and trend of the last few years, despite the profound changes in society and the economy?

To serve as a President of a Rotary Club is a heavy undertaking, but from the outset I chose a brilliant Board and set ambitious goals, inspired by our District Governor Nasereddin who showed incredible passion, love and commitment for Rotary. My professional career, thus far, had shown me the way, the “kaizen” spirit – the Japanese philosophy of continuous improvement - the drive and commitment to be always better, bit by bit, day by day. But it’s those Rotary values that have now moulded and taught me that compassion and service towards those less fortunate are truly the most important things in life. And how everyone, from all walks of life, with a little effort can make a difference in the community and the World...and most importantly make people smile!

When I look back on the experiences of this year, I see thousands of images, feel thousands of emotions. The passion, mutual respect and perfect harmony of all the communities of Cyprus in the highly successful and emotional folk music and dance festival. The musical brilliance of the Opera of Love, the incredible work of talented young artists at our art auction and the steadfast dedication of Rotarians and friends who cycled for the Rotary Foundation through thunder, lightning and driving rain. Older and younger members of our Club, Rotaractors working together and having loads of fun, sharing experiences and laughter. Joyful gatherings and acquaintances in Palmanova and the Dead Sea with our brothers and sisters of Rotary.

I want to take the time to thank you, my friends. The personal commitment of so many of you in so many ways has made all the difference. Together, we have made great strides and helped move this great Club of ours towards a bright, progressive and more sustainable future. My only regret. Those Rotarians who didn’t give their Club a chance. Who refused to engage with old friends. Who turned their back to their community. Who looked away.

I am prouder than ever to be part of this great organization: one that makes the world not poorer, but richer. Let’s all continue to make efforts to be a Gift to the World!

Dickran A. Ouzounian,
President, Rotary Club of Nicosia 2015-2016



Don't miss our Handover party on Tuesday Jul 5 at Rancho...

Please urgently book your place at our Handover ceremony and party at Rancho bar & grill restaurant to be held on Tuesday July 5, 20:00.

Bring you family and friends with you at the most important event of the Rotary year as the President passes on the Chain of Office to Incoming President Nick Paraskeva.



ROTARY CLUB OF NICOSIA HANDOVER PARTY AT RANCHO!

**Join us to celebrate the successes of
the past year and to launch the new
Rotary Year in style!**



TUESDAY, 5 JUL 2016

20:00 – 24:00

**Full Buffet dinner with DJ, dancing and
surprises in a private garden setting!**

**€20 per person only
All Rotarians, Rotaractors &
Guests Welcome!**



RSVP: by Jun 30 to Nada Panayiotou, Mob. 99405812 or by
email on n.panayiotou@atlantis-consulting.eu



What a District Conference it was in the Dead Sea!!!

It is with great pleasure to inform you that your Club was presented with 3 Awards during the District Conference in The Dead Sea, Jordan in May.

The Rotary Club of Nicosia was recognised for our outstanding work in the Rotary Year 2015-2016 in the following areas:-

- Community Service
- Public Image
- Rotary Months

A special thank you to all the Board members who worked so diligently and passionately throughout the year to make our Club one of the leading performers in Cyprus, and a big thank you to those members who engaged, helped and had fun participating in many of our events.

PP Robert Stambouli, PP Anthony Ashiotis, IP Nick Paraskeva and Director Andreas Psaras participated together with P Dickran in the Conference this year which was held in the beautiful and unique settings of The Dead Sea. The Conference consisted of presentations from leading professionals and academics on subjects related to Rotary focus areas, as well as several inspiring speeches of Jennifer Jones, the RI President Representative, and our District Governor Nasereddin. One of the highlights, no doubt, was our very own Director Andreas Psaras who made an excellent presentation on how the application of the International Rule of Law and the support of Rotary can make an enormous positive impact on the World, especially during these troubled times, with many parts of the World in strife with war and terrorism! Andreas made us all very proud!

In usual District Conference fashion, there was plenty of time for sightseeing, relaxation, eating, dancing, fellowship and having loads of fun and laughter! Many Rotarians are already eagerly awaiting the next conference in May 2017 which will be held in Dubai!

