

Project „ELPIDA“ for Iraklia

Many little people in many little places doing many little things ...



„ELPIDA“ is a small, private, non-profit organization to support people on the small Cyclades Island of Iraklia who are in need because of the severe economic crisis in Greece.

4. „ELPIDA“ newsletter – December 2014

My summer holidays were another month of a dream time with many friends, and **your support is being highly appreciated!**

The atmosphere on Iraklia again radiated cheerfull hospitability and joyful friendship as we all love it. **Tourism is slightly ascending**, the surface didn't show anything of a crisis! **State grants** shall be **missing for some time** though, and for many people **increased taxes still make life rather tight**.

Therefore some had invested into their **beekeeping** during the last years, and the busy little workers produce an extraordinarily aromatic **top class certified thyme honey!!!**

NEWS:

- My friend and coordinator **Maria** sends again many thanks to all donors! She gave me all the **bills of previous investments** and very nice new Iraklia brochures. 😊
- **John and Lynne (Elpída-branch England)** presented Maria with **€ 200,-** . 😊
- My first **encounter with Evangelia** was a very touching and heartwarming experience!!! She hugged me with tears of joy and sparkling eyes. She is **well cared for** and can even walk again a few steps with crutches. During summer season a **taverna** had **donated a daily meal** for her and her carer. It was a bliss to see her so positive, and she sends grateful greetings to all! 😊



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- In **August** arrived another **medical supply**. Erwin Schrumpf and his impressive organisation www.griechenlandhilfe.at have meanwhile expanded to provide 22(!!!) places in Greece – it's worth a click or two! He's there again **now**, and among others with one more **delivery for Iraklia – thank you Erwin!** 😊

- **High school teacher Giannis Gavalas** sends his thanks for the **new chairs!** You can look at his new comprehensive scientific booklet about local birdlife in my picture shows. 😊



- With an eye for aesthetics and their varied craft skills **Evi and Giannis Zografos** had turned an old house near the harbour into a jewel of a **high class souvenir shop** and started to offer some of **my stationary**. 😊 (Some tourists just wouldn't believe all the colourful richness of the Iraklian sea ...)



- Back home again in autumn, I found the **invitations to five picture shows „BEAUTIES OF IRAKLIA“** in Salzburg, Linz, Goldegg, Nikolsdorf and Lienz – four of which public, one private. **Organizers:** Boy scouts Salzburg-Mülln/benefit * Greek club Linz * Adult education center Nikolsdorf and Lienz * class and choir reunion Goldegg in cooperation with the local culture club. **Many thanks to all of you!** 😊

- During summer **ten places in Heiligenblut and along the Großglockner road** had offered cards and calendars of my **Alpine flower collection**. Due to more rain than sun sales were rather dull, especially therefore **I thank them all for their efforts!** 😊

- **Four companies** have chosen winter motifs for their **Christmas cards**. **Many thanks!** 😊

- Furthermore I offered my stationery on **three markets: Lammfest** in autumn, **Advent- und Christmas market** in Heiligenblut/Carinthia. 😊



- Since November **Heiligenblut** has an **international fine art gallery** - small and beautiful. **ArtAlpine** provides a stage for both international and local artists. To my big **surprise and joy** I was approached by the owner **Kaye Noble BA**. Until February three of my freshwater motifs contribute to the exhibition **„Mountains and more...“**. With this step an exciting new period has begun! www.art-alpine.com. 😊



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So I was able to transfer another € 1000,- in December, raised by donations, PowerPoint presentations and sales provisions. That sums up to € 5475,- total since the project started in July 2012. A big THANK YOU to all! 😊😊😊

More infos and plans:

- Iraklia has recently elected a new dedicated and creative **community council** with many **reasonable ideas**, whose **realization depends** on the (non existing) **state grants**. So some of their strong young men **volunteered** to restore a **safe access** to the **old castle** in Livadi. Maria asked to support the **cost of material**. (still unpaid!)
- **For Evangelia** we'll provide the needed **household and sanitary products**.
- As far as I know Primary school couldn't move into the completed **new building** in *Panaghía* yet due to a **formal error**, therefore **they all are still rather cramped** in *Agios Giorgos*. Former **teacher Vasilis Vabaitis** has moved to **Naxos**. I've only met him very briefly once, again he sends his thanks for your support!

His young **successor Alexandra Chalvatsi** is excited with the facilities and still more with her **five pupils**, *"because not only they are excellent students but also and the most important they are kind-hearted."*



*That's why I thought that a **visit to Athens**, it would be a great praise for them, as some of them have not gone anywhere else but Naxos. I told them that possibility and only their faces could describe their happiness!"*

So, Alexandra is planning a visit to the **Parliament, the zoo (Attica Park) and the Goulandris's museum for Cycladic art**. This requires the cost for transport, two nights' accommodation and adult assistants. As soon as there is an **estimated calculation**, we know

if we can contribute to realize this excursion. I haven't met Alexandra yet, but we hope to see each other next summer.

- I haven't planned any **picture shows** for **spring** yet, and I look forward to your **invitations**.
- **A link** for readers – german only: www.nissomanie.de – A female writer with open eyes and an open heart, a wide range of travel records to all kinds of islands, precise observations and appreciative descriptions... Her details about Iraklia convinced me!
- At the end a big **THANK YOU** goes to **Maria** in Iraklia, who still holds the strings of all the coordination work with skill and warmth!!!

WE INVITE YOU TO SUPPORT US:

- **Share this information** with your friends
- **Contribute to our funds** (once or continuously)
- Visit our PowerPoint presentation “**BEAUTIES OF IRAKLIA**”
- Buy or sell our **stationery**
- Organize a **fund raising event**
- Contact us with an **interested host**
- Subscribe to our **newsletter**
- Best of all – **spend your holidays on Iraklia** and take your friends with you!!! 😊



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Ευχαριστώ πολύ! (Eucharistó polí = Many thanks!)

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