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The 'University Grants' And 'Support For Education' Programmes

The Kalaydjian Foundation's two educational support programmes continued successfully into yet another year. The first programme, called 'Support for Education,' was launched in 2009 and offers grants to any Cypriot student who is a graduate of the NAREK elementary schools and is currently enrolled in a private secondary school in Cyprus. The Foundation's second programme was launched in 2011 and provides financial aid to gifted Armenian Cypriot students studying full-time at universities in Cyprus or abroad. This year's applicants included students enrolled in universities in Armenia, Germany, the United Kingdom and Cyprus.

For the academic year 2015-16, a total of 29 applicants received grants under the 'Support for Education' programme, and 22 successful applicants received support for their university education.

In 2015 the Kalaydjian Foundation also announced its new collaboration with UCLan Cyprus, whereby it will be offering scholarships to Armenian Cypriot students covering 55% of their annual tuition fee. To be eligible to apply, the candidates must be graduates of the NAREK elementary schools and satisfy UCLan Cyprus' entry requirement criteria.

The successful candidates will be able to retain their scholarship provided they achieve an average grade of 70% in the subsequent years of their studies and 60% in each individual module. Given that the normal tuition fees at UCLan Cyprus are €9,950 per annum, the successful applicants for the Kalaydjian Foundation scholarship will be paying only €4,500 per annum. UCLan Cyprus is located in Pyla, Larnaca, and is registered as one of the eight universities of the Republic of Cyprus. It is the only university in Cyprus to offer degrees accredited in both the UK and Cyprus, giving local and international students access to the highest quality British undergraduate and postgraduate education.

The Kalaydjian Foundation has already accepted the first two applications from Armenian Cypriots for this scholarship, and these applicants have successfully enrolled at UCLan Cyprus for the academic year 2015-16.

For more information on this programme, please contact the Kalaydjian Foundation.

The 'University Grants' programme is in memory of Arousiak and Alice Rafaelian in recognition of their major contribution to the Kalaydjian Foundation.



The Kalaydjian Foundation Welcomes New Board Members

The Kalaydjian Foundation is pleased to announce that its Management Committee has been enriched by the addition of two new members, Mr. Haig Der Nishanian and Mr. Vasken Shadarevian. The Kalaydjian Foundation is very grateful to these individuals for their commitment and dedication to the Foundation's mission and is in no doubt that they will each bring to the Committee their considerable acumen and valuable insight.

The Management Committee now consists of the following members:



Roupen Kalaydjian, *current Chairman* – Roupen Kalaydjian was born in Larnaca in 1967. After completing his secondary education at the American Academy, he studied Economics at the London School of Economics and went on to obtain an MBA from Cass Business School (City University London).

Since 1991 he is a Director of the Board of the Kalaydjian group of companies. He is also a member of the American Academy Alumni Foundation having served as Chairman, and of AEK Larnaca (served as Vice-President). He is the Honorary Consul of Bangladesh in Cyprus since 1996.

He is married and has a son.



Dikran Kalaydjian – Born in 1975, Dikran graduated from the American Academy in Larnaca and received his Bachelor degree from the London School of Economics. He is a member of the Rotary Club of Larnaca, having served as its President during the year 2015-16, and of the Larnaca Chapter of the AGBU. He is a Director of the Board of the Kalaydjian group of companies.

He is married with two children.



Gregory Kupelian, *Vice-Chairman* – Gregory is the Chairman and founder of I.S.C. Industrial Suppliers Co. Ltd (ISCO), which is a leader in the importation and sale of telecommunication, electrical, bioscience and broadcasting equipment. His involvement in and contributions to Armenian community structures go back decades, including distinguished service in the Armenian Prelature's Executive Council. Together with Helen Nishanian and the late David Shahabian, Gregory has rendered exceptional services to the Kalaydjian Foundation.

He is married with two sons.



Armenag Shahabian, *Secretary* – Born in 1961, Armenag is a graduate of the Melkonian Educational Institute in Nicosia. He continued his studies in Switzerland where he gained a diploma from Watchmakers of Switzerland. He is employed as service manager for A. Stephanides & Son Luxury Goods Ltd.

He has played an active role in AGBU's Nicosia Chapter for three decades and currently serves as a board member. He is also a member of the Sourp Asdvadsadsin Cathedral Board of Trustees.

He is married with two children.



Vasken Shadarevian – Vasken was born in 1964 in Nicosia. He graduated from the American Academy in Larnaca and pursued further studies in Switzerland, gaining qualification for the Watchmakers of Switzerland Training and Educational Programme.

He currently runs the watch shop in central Larnaca established by his late father Apisoghom Shadarevian in 1941.

He is married with one daughter.



Haig Der Nishanian – Born in 1961, Haig is a UK-qualified Certified Accountant who currently works as Chief Executive Officer of VB Partners (Cyprus) Ltd, a Cyprus Securities and Exchange Commission Licensed Alternative Investment Fund Manager based in Limassol. The principal shareholder of the company is the philanthropist Ruben Vardanian, well known for his charitable projects in Armenia.

Haig has a varied professional career, having worked in the UK, Armenia (Director of KPMG Yerevan), Romania and Cyprus. Prior to his current job, Haig was the General Manager of Renaissance Cyprus and Sberbank Cyprus, two of the biggest investment firms in Cyprus.

Haig's voluntary work throughout the years has involved him being the treasurer of the AGBU Youth Club in Nicosia, the Tekeyan Cultural Centre in London, the AGBU Nicosia Chapter and the 'Hayastan' All-Armenia Fund Cyprus (to this day).

He is married and has a five-year-old son.

In Memoriam - Beatrice Kalaydjian Kasparian



Last year the Armenian community of Cyprus lost one of its oldest members, Beatrice Kalaydjian Kasparian. Born in 1923, Beatrice was an active member of the community throughout her life, and served the AGBU with dedication for many years. As the elder sister of the Kalaydjian Foundation's two founders, she was a steadfast supporter of the Foundation's activities. She spent her final years in the Kalaydjian Rest Home, and passed away in early 2015 following a brief illness.

Beatrice was married to Noubar Kasparian and had two children, Mary and Hagop, three grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

Documentary Series "PAREV" Enters Its Fifth Year

In 2016 the acclaimed TV programme "PAREV" entered its fifth year of broadcasting, as it continues its focus on the history and current affairs of Cyprus' Armenian community. The series first aired in 2011 and since then has covered numerous topics concerning the community's daily life, such as its educational institutions, social and athletic clubs and religious monuments. During this time, dozens of people have been interviewed for the programme and the lives of various important figures of the past have been highlighted, including well-known photographers, musicians, benefactors and politicians.

PAREV's producer is Takis Elia, whose experience in documentary film-making extends over 40 years, while the presenter is Diana Petrosyan. The series remains the only Armenian-focused programme to air regularly on Cyprus television. It was launched as part of the Kalaydjian Foundation's community outreach initiative and was designed to provide a platform for members of the community to express their opinions and share their family histories and individual achievements. The series covers all aspects of the community's life and is open to anyone who would like to participate or contribute in any way.

For enquiries about the series, or to receive a copy of a particular episode, please contact the Kalaydjian Foundation.



Diana Petrosyan

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Donations to the Foundation can also be made through its website (www.kalaydjianfoundation.org).

The Kalaydjian Foundation is registered in the Republic of Cyprus as a philanthropic organisation (Registration No. 41) and as such all donations to it are tax-deductible.

Visitors To The Kalaydjian Rest Home

The Kalaydjian Rest Home was visited by numerous people and organisations in 2015. Amongst these was the mayor of Strovolos, Mr. Lazaros Savvides, who visits the Home annually together with a team of representatives from the Strovolos Municipality.

During last summer Reverend Gerhard Danker from the Evangelical Church of Westphalia in Germany also paid a visit to the Home, accompanied by representatives of the Armenian Prelature in Cyprus. During his visit, he expressed his admiration for the work done by the Kalaydjian Foundation and pledged to visit the Home more frequently.

In November a group of young singers from 'Angelic Voices' music school in Larnaca sang various songs for the enjoyment of the residents and were warmly received in the Home's main hall.

In December last year the Kalaydjian Rest Home's residents were treated to a performance by the Sourp Asdvadsadsin Children's Choir, who sang various Christmas carols for their enjoyment. Accompanying the choir was the head of the Armenian Prelature in Cyprus, Archbishop Narek, as well as Reverend Father Momik, members of the Executive Committee and the Ladies' Guild of Sourp Asdvadsadsin Cathedral.

The Kalaydjian Foundation's Board expresses its gratitude to the Armenian Prelature of Cyprus and to Archbishop Narek for their keen support for the Kalaydjian Rest Home and the care and spiritual sustenance provided to its Armenian residents. A monthly service is conducted in the Home's chapel by Father Momik, with the participation of Mrs. Ano Eskidjian, Mrs. Yerchan Kazandjian and Mrs. Maida Kazandjian.

In 2017, the Kalaydjian Rest Home for the Elderly will celebrate its 30th anniversary. It first opened its doors in 1987 and since that time has provided an invaluable service to hundreds of members of society, both Armenian Cypriot and Greek Cypriot. It is currently run by Mrs. Irene Constantinou and Mr. Hagop Kasparian, with a dedicated staff of 15 persons including nurses, caretakers and cooks.



The Founders Of The Kalaydjian Foundation



Aram Kalaydjian
1936 - 1995

Bedros Kalaydjian
1934 - 2005

The Grand Benefactors

The Kalaydjian Foundation's Grand Benefactors are Arousiak and Alice Rafaelian and Arto Matossian.

