## 10th "ELPIDA-4-IRAKLIA" newsletter - July 2018

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



"ELPIDA-FOR-IRAKLIA" is a private non-profit organization since July 2012 supporting people of the small Cyclades Island of Iraklia who are in need because of the severe economic crisis in Greece.

It won't be long that I'll be heading south again to spend another month on my beloved Iraklia! Friends say it's gonna be **a very good summer** for tourism because promising bookings are better than during the last years: The unique of the last years: The unique of the last years: The unique of the last years of the l

Since January I made some € 2.550,00 from sales, provisions and donations!

Additional info for 2017: Maria got another € 340,00 from various donors.

(That makes € 21.110,00 alltogether since 2012!!!)

The islanders' joy and gratitude is the best fuel for our commitment !!!

## **SHORT NEWS:**

- Three families were supplied with sanitary stuff and food parcels for € 240,00, part of which was local goat meat for another € 84,00. This helped the farmer with his tax payment. ☺☺☺
- Evangelia's funds were sponsored with € 600,00. ©©©
- Schools: We contributed € 1.000,00 to an educational excursion to the fascinating archaeological sites in Mykonos and Delos from the 3<sup>rd</sup> millennium BC. € 1.500,00 were raised by parents, school and various donors themselves. ©©©
- The higher classes got € 747,18 for their chemitry lab. ©©©
- Petros bought paint, and he also repaired the potholes on the harbour road in Aghios Giorgos for € 300,00. ©©©
- Again <u>www.griechenlandhilfe.at</u> delivered the necessary <u>medical equipment</u>. Dr. Lydia und Sr. Kia send many thanks to Erwin and his team and to all donors! (bank account Griechenlandhilfe in Austria AT74 3502 4000 0009 7121 / RVSAAT2S024) ©©©
- € 150,00 paid for additional medical things. ©©©
- Gudrun has finished working for the Griechenlandhilfe after more than five years. Gudrun, I liked your devoted and cheerful commitment, and I thank you very much on behalf of ELPIDA!
- Marine biology and protection: In March <a href="www.mare-mundi.eu">www.mare-mundi.eu</a> introduced our 9th newsletter with their send out in German only <a href="https://mare-mundi.eu/elpida-fuer-iraklia/">https://mare-mundi.eu/elpida-fuer-iraklia/</a>. Thus more people learned about us and some supported ELPIDA with <a href="generous donations">generous donations</a>! Many thanks to Robert H. and his team! <a href="@ooo">Ooo</a>
- In May they issued a long and interesting interview about sharks and shark protection also in German. https://mare-mundi.eu/im-gespraech-mit-elisabeth-und-walter-buchinger/ ©©©
- In March 2016 the second mediterranean **mare mundi field station Plakias** started on Crete. Together with **www.dive2gether.com** they offer fascinationg marine biology workshops for divers and non divers. **www.mare-mundi.eu** ©©©

- Back to Iraklia: **Lynne** has recently seen **several turtles** in *Livadi beach*. So our "paradise waters" still seem quite popular among them!
- In July I was asked to briefly introduce ELPIDA at a singing workshop with more than 40 people. I happened to have some cards and calendars with me and got **overwhelming support!** Many thanks to Barbara with her team, to Catarina and all involved! **www.schlossgoldegg.at** ©©©

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## Our successful proceedings – proven and tested:

Together we agree on all investments in advance and the people of Iraklia always contribute a considerable share by volunteered work or donations!!! Every single Euro goes to Iraklia strictly net, all helpers are volunteers, I get receipts and photos and can see our achievements myself.

Since the situation is still not very pleasant for some people Maria always keeps an adequate amount for emergencies. I'll go on doing my very best and ask you to support Iraklia like before.

My sincere thanks go to every one, especially to Maria on Iraklia as well as to John and Lynne in England for their always friendly, thoughtful and correct handling, and to all our Greek friends!



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