

# 11th „ELPIDA“ newsletter - March 2019

## Looking back upon 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.

Again I had another four marvellous weeks last summer with sun, sand, sea and lovely people! The mood was great, the tourist season very successful with almost every room well booked until september. The previous upgrades and new buildings together with the easy going warmth of all the hosts were delightfully welcomed.

Not everyone on Iraklia has access to this. Especially some older people, families with many children, farmers and fishermen are having hard times with still rising taxes and sinking pensions. This is where ELPIDA comes in: For those in shorter or longer emergencies our support is absolutely important and highly appreciated!

**The mere knowing about these nest eggs  
and about people constantly caring and refilling  
is at least as important as the money itself!**

**With great joy I forward the gratitude that I experience again and again!**

As mentioned in my 10th newsletter in July I had € 2.550,00 with me from the first half-year. From donators and stationery sales I got € 670,00 on the spot, and in September J.N. treated a family in need with a very generous donation of € 500,00. Back home I could make another € 1.500,00 until the end of the year which will be handed over at the next opportunity.

**That makes € 5.220,00 for 2018**

The total sums up to € 23.780,00 since ELPIDA started seven years ago!

☺☺☺ **My sincerest THANKS to all involved!** ☺☺☺

**EVERY SHARE HOWEVER SMALL IS MORE THAN WELCOME!**

**Ευχαριστώ πολύ! (Eucharistó polí = Many thanks!)**

## NEWS:

- **Evangelía is not longer with us!**

I met her in August, she was in a good mood and told me proudly about having reached **her 90th birthday!** In October she had a fall, but apart from a few heavy bruises the docs confirmed her „fit as a fiddle“. After this accident she got quite scared though and couldn't even be motivated for short walks any more. Towards the end of the year she settled her things with everyone that had cared for her. In the first days of January she suddenly felt sick and – quite surprisingly to many - within a few hours she passed away.

### **I hope you travelled lightly and in peace, Evangelia!**

I'm grateful we could contribute to easing her final years a bit, and I **thank all who supported us!** Special mentions go to her carers **Evangelía** and **Liza** and the restaurant **Ypovríchio** for many many meals! In 2018 we were feeding her funds with **€ 600,00.** 😊😊😊

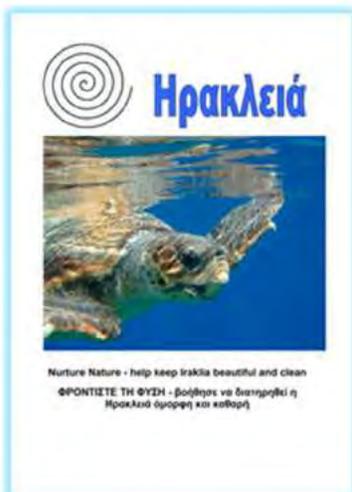


Evangelia with her carer Liza

- We've started to support **Maria S.** now, a very friendly old lady who lives on her own most of the time and who's house hasn't even got hot water in winter! I can't even imagine a household without... She gets proper **food** from **kind neighbours**, we helped her out with **sanitary materials** and some food for **€ 62,00.** 😊😊😊 Usually the sun is enough to warm the water in the roof tanks during the warmer season, most houses also have solar panels.



- A family had to move to Athens in September to get the necessary **educational and medical treatment** for two of their children. Only in December the mother had found a **part time job** to earn a little extra money. John and Lynne N. helped for a good start with a **completely unexpected € 500,00** that were **highly appreciated!** We gave **€ 700,00** until the end of the year and will proceed with contributing a monthly € 100,00 and more if necessary. 😊😊😊
- With great joy we repeated our 2017 top hit: **ecological cotton carrier bags** to **reduce plastic waste. 300** with a new logo, ©**Lynne Neilly's** phantastic snapshot of „our“ **turtle caretta caretta**, which has made Livadi beach one of her favourite places years ago. Another **200** the same as last year with ©**Alison Wagstaffe's** most beautiful **nature goddess**. This time the bags weren't only given out for free, but also offered for a nice price to cover some of the costs of **€ 1.134,60**. 😊😊😊



Nurture Nature - help keep Iraklia beautiful and clean  
 ΦΡΟΝΤΙΣΤΕ ΤΗ ΦΥΣΗ - βοήθησε να διατηρηθεί η Ηρακλεία όμορφη και καθαρή

- **Medical news:** After her year on the island Dr. Lydia had left Iraklia in summer. Her successor is **Dr. Konstantinia**, whom I met only briefly. She is now looking after the patients together with the experienced **Sr. Kia**. They've asked me to **forward their sincerest thanks** to all supporters! We've invested **€ 150,00** for different medical accessories. 😊😊😊



Dr. Konstantinia and Sr. Kia

- The Austrian organization [www.griechenlandhilfe.at](http://www.griechenlandhilfe.at) has been providing the whole island with **regular medical supply for free and without much bureaucracy(!!!)** since 2013! A **very big Thank you** as always to Erwin Schrumpf and his admirable team! 😊😊😊 😊😊😊 😊😊😊 (Bank account Griechenlandhilfe Österreich **AT74 3502 4000 0009 7121 / RVSAAT2S024**) 😊😊😊

- **Food and sanitary material** for families. **€ 240,00** 😊😊😊



- Supplies for the school's **chemistry lab.** **€ 747,18** 😊😊😊



- Without pic: Petros got **€ 300,00** for paint and renovation at the harbour road. 😊😊😊



**Repaired wall in Livadi (from 2017)**



**...another future project...**

- **ELPIDA – Signs:**

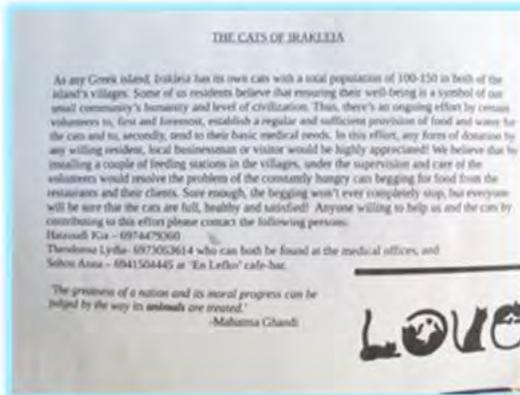
Maria came up with the nice idea of **making our help visible for everyone to see!** She had made plexiglass signs in Naxos which will be fixed on the sponsored objects. (Pictures and prices next time) 😊😊😊

- **Excursion of the school to Mykonos in May € 1.000,00. \*\*\* € 1.500,00** were raised by parents and teachersthemselves – a great achievement! 😊😊😊😊😊😊😊😊😊😊



**Very pleasant island news worth mentioning because they contribute to improve everyone's quality of life:**

- **Animal care: Dr. Lydia and Sr. Kia together with Anna S. have started an initiative to regular cat care throughout the year!** 😊😊😊



- As any greek island, Irakleia has its own cats with a **total population of 100 – 150** in both of the island's villages. Some of us residents believe that ensuring their well-being is a symbol of our small community's humanity and level of civilization. Thus, there's an ongoing effort by certain **volunteers** to, first and foremost, establish a regular and sufficient provision of **food and water** for the cats and to, secondly, tend to their **basic medical needs**. In this effort, any form of donation by any willing resident, local businessman or visitor would be highly appreciated! We believe that by installing a couple of feeding stations in the villages, under the supervision and care of the volunteers would resolve the problem of the constantly hungry cats

begging for food from the restaurants and their clients. Sure enough, the begging won't ever completely stop, but everyone will **be sure that the cats are full, healthy and satisfied!** Anyone willing to help us and the cats by contributing to this effort please contact the following persons:

Hatzoudi Kia: **0030 697 44 79 360**

Theodorou Lydia – 0030 697 30 53 614 (not there any more)

Sobou Anna – **0030 694 15 04 445** at “En Lefko” café-bar.

**“The greatness of a nation and its moral progress can be judged by the way its animals are treated”**

Mahatma Ghandi

Also on **Facebook: Cats of Iraklia** – with many infos, pics and videos



- Further **observations** in nature:
- The **turtle *caretta caretta*** have again **bred offspring** in Livadi beach where they can be seen quite often. Only when there are big yachts around with their speed boats they stay away... I've met three different ones one day snorkelling. 😊😊😊
- The **mediterranean seal *monachus monachus*** are more shy and live mainly on the island's northern side. Sometimes they come onto beaches for “sunbathing” out of the tourist season. 😊😊😊 ***Caretta caretta* and *monachus monachus* are red listed endangered species.**
- My favourite day place is a small plateau at the **cliffs** with many **cracks and holes in the rocks**. One day I had a very strange encounter there: on two consecutive afternoons I saw **a little bat** in the hottest sunlight hovering in front of me like a drone. A few days later I happened to spot it weaseling sideways into a rock hole behind me. I knew bats before only in **twilight** so I asked Giannis G., one of the experts for Iraklia's fauna and flora (headmaster and photographer – see helpful links). I learned that the **young ones** sometimes can be **day active**. 😊😊😊
- From time to time you can see **dolphins** from far or meet them on a boat. 😊😊😊



- **New waste separation:** (initiated from Naxos district)

The new container in Livadi beach was **very well accepted** and **emptied daily**. Especially the plastic department was already overfull most days in the afternoon! The previous garbage collection had been well managed for many years but everything had gone into the bins unsorted. **This new system does really make a good difference!** 😊😊😊 😊😊😊



- **New desalination plant:**

Every visitor knows the **old desalination plant** outside the harbour. Built in 2006(?) it was then the EU's attractive **ecological prototype**, powered by **windcraft and solar energy**. On google you'll find many different infos. Very soon it was **shut down again** probably due to the missing running costs because of the **financial crisis**. Since then this oil-rig like symbol decorates the waves reliably rusting. The scarce ground water varies due to rainfalls and the community has **to buy expensive additional water** especially during tourist season. It comes by boat usually at least once per week in summer. Thank god **last winter brought enough rain** again – good for all life!

- **Now it's gonna be different:** The **new plant** in Livadi started in October 2018 and is working **to everyone's joy** and satisfaction with a **maximum capacity of 300 litres per day!** 😊😊😊



## GIVING THANKS:

- Because of the many **British tourists** on Iraklia, **John and Lynne N.** had started an **ELPIDA bank account** in December 2013 in England. For several reasons it's not necessary any more: Money goes either straight to Maria now, to John and Lynne or to myself. **I thank you both from my heart for five years of responsible and dutiful money care!**



- Many thanks for various **pictures** to **Maria G., Alison W., Lynne N., Jorgos K., Giannis G. and Ioanna P.!**
- Last year nature treated us with an overflowing amount of various fruit, so I could really let off steam in my autumn kitchen and my range of **jams, jellies and chutneys widened remarkably.** I've also two new stationery products: **chocolate** (organic+fairtrade) and **mini cards** with the best selling motifs of the season. In one of my earlier lives I must have been a market woman, I never tire of being part of a hustling bustling crowd! My stationery and „K(u)LINARia“ have become eagerly expected items at our annual **Easter market**, the **Glocknerlammfest (a culinary street food weekend with local lamb specialities)** and **Christmas market** and brought nice sums again.  
**Many thanks to all visitors and customers!** 😊😊😊



- **The Mediterranean Sea in Vienna:**

Heinrich K., a long-time friend and CEO of the VANTAP company surprised me with **ordering** a nice amount of my **pics** at the beginning of December. Being a diver himself, he has appreciated my underwater photography for many years. So I was especially delighted to hear that he wanted a hand picked choice to decorate his newest apartment hotel **EST Residence Schönbrunn** in Vienna! The building itself breathes tradition and offers modern comfort, the pics bring in the magic of the sea and refer to the former Austrian-Hungarian Monarchy with its access to the big water. Where kings and nobility once holidayed mindfully renewed hotels and villas in Croatia (islands of Solta and Vis) and in Budapest offer relaxing vacancies today. Many thanks, Heinrich! A high percentage of the **provision** goes to **ELPIDA**. 😊😊😊 [www.est-hotels.com](http://www.est-hotels.com)



- A big and loud **THANK YOU – DANKE SCHÖN – MILLE GRAZIE – MERCI BIEN – EVCHARISTO** to all that supported us in **2018** by **donation, purchase or sale**: Mr. P., Gertraud N., Hedi E., Maria K., Maria L., Erich L., Heinrich K., Manfred & Erika H., Helmut W., Margit & Hanno K., Margit S., Albert & Edith R., Martha M., Andrea O., Walter & Elisabeth B., Helga F., Barbara G., Karin R. & Elisabeth., Barbara L., Catarina L., Barbara T. v Kulturverein Goldegg, Ilse G., Renate H., Siglinde K., Maria B., Alessandra F., Carole D., Elaine, John & Lynne N., Marta, Panagiotis, Lisa, Pia Maria, Annoula G., Barbara H., Antonia & Jens, Maria G., Julia R., Margit S., Vroni T., Stefan K., Angie, Ann & John R., Emmi K., Helga G., Elfriede D., Waltrun W., Liesi S., Leo E., Regina S., Hermi T., Walter & Hshin Yi M., Hanni K., Inge D., Waltraud K., Ilse M., Lisa D., Christina K. & Eva, Thresl E., Gerti B., Birgit H., Martha M., Franz A., Rosi S., Stefanie E., Apollonia H., Rita M., Anja & Bernd H., Chiara, Rosemarie S., Burgi K., Marianne and Irene H. 😊😊😊 😊😊😊 😊😊😊

- **Shops permanent:** Tyrolia Lienz (books and gifts), Skribo Obwexer Matri/Osttirol (stationery and tobacco), Mölltaler Handwerksstube Mörtschach (local crafts)  
**Selling places due to season:** Souvenir Senger, Glocknerhaus, Karl-Volkert-Haus, Knapp Kasa, Hunguest Hotel Heiligenblut, Hunguest Landhotel Post, Sattelalm, Hotel Kärntnerhof, KFZ Josef Lackner, Glockner Massageinstitut, Pension Edelweiß, Nationalpark Camping, Raiffeisenbank – all in Heiligenblut \*\*\* Ederhof Peter Kahn Mörtschach, Herz & Seele Gabi Th. und Gertraud N. Mattsee \*\*\* *Agerinó & To Kyma Iraklia* 😊😊😊😊😊😊😊😊😊😊
- Special thanks to my **printer and publisher Harald E. with his team**, without whom a great deal wouldn't be possible! His **high quality stationery** is one of my most important columns for ELPIDA! [www.eisl.co.at](http://www.eisl.co.at) 😊😊😊
- The following **support my digital work** and are always at hand in case of an emergency: Julia R. and Franzi K. **Thanks for your advice and help!** 😊😊😊

### IDEAS, PLANS + WISHES:

- **Food parcels** and / or **sanitary items**
- **Regular grants** for those in need
- **Ecological bags** will go on
- Some **infrastructure** dos are **at work**, you'll get the exact infos in my next letter.

### YOU CAN SUPPORT US:

- **Spread information** to friends and relatives
- **Subscribe** to our **newsletter** (once or twice a year) by sending your email address to [jo.kli@utanet.at](mailto:jo.kli@utanet.at)
- **Donations** – even small sums are really helpful!
- Visit our **picture shows** (PowerPoint presentation) **“BEAUTIES OF IRAKLIA”**
- If you'd like to **organize a fund raising event** just contact me
- Inform me about an **interested host**
- Buy or sell our **stationery** or delicacies
- **Decorate your home** with one of my **pictures on canvas** – different sizes, available on order
- Best of all – **spend your holidays on Iraklia** and take your friends with you!!! 😊😊😊

### OUR 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 invoices and photos and can see our achievements myself.
- Since there's still some need behind the beautiful tourist scenes **Maria** always keeps an adequate amount **for emergencies**. I'll do my best and ask you to support Iraklia like before.
- My **sincere thanks** go to every single one involved, **especially to Maria** on Iraklia for her always **friendly, thoughtful and correct** handling, and to all our Greek friends!  
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**Bank account:**

Name: **Iraklia**

IBAN: **AT34 3504 7000 0151 4314 \*\*\*** SWIFT: **RVSA AT2S 047**

Owner: **Johanna Klinar**

**If you want to sponsor a special item please mark with your transfer order!**



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You find many **helpful links** at the end of my 9th newsletter:

[http://www.johanna-klinar.at/images/pdf/newsletter/9newsletter\\_elpida.pdf](http://www.johanna-klinar.at/images/pdf/newsletter/9newsletter_elpida.pdf)

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## ADDENDUM – CORRECTION

### **New desalination plant:**

The new plant in Livadi can produce a **maximum of 300 cubic metres per day** (instead of 300 litres...) ! Many thanks to Carole D. for drawing my attention to this!