

# 11th „ELPIDA“ short news - 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.

Not everyone on Iraklia has access to tourism. Especially some older people, families with many children, some 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!

**In 2018 we were able to raise € 5.220,00!**

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! (Evcharistó polí = Many thanks!)**

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## NEWS:

- **Evangelía is not longer with us!** At the beginning of January she passed away rather unexpectedly at the age of 90 years. **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!** In 2018 we were feeding her funds with **€ 600,00.** ☺☺☺
- We supported **Maria S.**, a very friendly old lady with **sanitary materials** and food for **€ 62,00.** ☺☺☺
- A **family had to move to Athens** in September to get the necessary **educational and medical treatment** for two of their children. John and Lynne N. helped for a good start with **€ 500,00**, we gave **€ 700,00** until the end of the year and will proceed with contributing € 100,00 per month regularly. ☺☺☺

- **Food and sanitary material** for families. € 240,00 😊😊😊
- Supplies for the school's **chemistry lab**. € 747,18 😊😊😊
- € 300,00 for paint and renovation at the harbour road. 😊😊😊
- **Excursion of the school to Mykonos in May** € 1.000,00. \*\*\* € 1.500,00 were raised by parents and teachersthemselves – a great achievement! 😊😊😊 😊😊😊 😊😊😊
- 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**, another 200 the same as last year with @Alison Wagstaffe's most beautiful **nature goddess**. € 1.134,60. 😊😊😊
- **Medical news:** The new doc **Dr. Konstantinia** 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. 😊😊😊
- The Austrian organization [www.griechenlandhilfe.at](http://www.griechenlandhilfe.at) has been providing the whole island with **regular medical supply** 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**) 😊😊😊
- **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. (prices next time) 😊😊😊

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**Very pleasant general 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! They provide food, water and basic veterinary help. \*\*\* **The greatness of a nation and its moral progress can be judged by the way its animals are treated** – Mahatma Ghandi 😊😊😊 **Facebook: Cats of Iraklia** – with many infos, pics and videos
- **Waste separation:** The large new container in Livadi beach **does really make a good difference!** 😊😊😊 😊😊😊
- **New desalination plant:** 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!** 😊😊😊

#### **Further animal observations:**

- The **turtle *caretta caretta*** have again **bred offspring** in Livadi beach. I've met three different ones one day snorkelling! 😊😊😊
- The **mediterranean seal *monachus monachus*** live mainly on the island's northern side. Only sometimes they come onto beaches for "sunbathing". 😊😊😊 ***Caretta caretta* and *monachus monachus*** are red listed **endangered species**.
- Very strange encounter: I saw **a little bat** in the hottest sunlight hovering in front of me, and I learned that **young ones** sometimes can be **day active**. 😊😊😊
- From time to time you can see **dolphins** from far or even meet them on a boat. 😊😊😊

## GIVING THANKS:

- **John and Lynne N.** have been managing an **ELPIDA bank account** in England for more than five years. **I thank you both from my heart for 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's overflowing rich fruit harvests made my range of **jams, jellies and chutneys widen remarkably.** I've also two new stationery products: **chocolate** and **mini cards** with the best selling motifs of the season. 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 surprised me with **ordering** a nice amount of my **pics** to decorate his newest apartment hotel **EST Residence Schönbrunn** in Vienna! 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 who supported us in **2018** by **donation, purchase or sale!** 😊😊😊
- **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! [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.

## 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.



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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!