



ROTARY CLUB NICOSIA - ASPELIA



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RI PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

November 2011

My dear brothers and sisters in Rotary,

In 1885, the *London Times* ran a series of editorials honoring the 100th birthday of Sir Moses Montefiore, the British financier and philanthropist knighted by Queen Victoria. The editorials commented on his honesty, his generosity, and his willingness to come to the aid of anyone in need. One story was particularly telling.

Someone once asked Sir Moses, one of the wealthiest men of his era, how much he was worth. In the face of such an ill-mannered inquiry, he merely paused for a moment's reflection before naming a figure – one that fell far short of his questioner's expectations. Naturally, it was met with an objection; surely he must be worth 10 times as much! Sir Moses merely smiled. "Young man," he replied, "you didn't ask me how much I own. You asked me how much I am worth. So I calculated how much I have given to charity this year, and that is the number I gave you. You see, in life we are worth only what we are willing to share with others."

When we calculate our own worth, do we think about it in terms of what we have, or how we use it? When we say that all human beings are of equal worth, do our actions follow our words? I believe that being a Rotarian means looking at all of our resources differently. What is the most good that we could choose to do with what we have? What are the choices that will ultimately leave us the richest?

In Rotary, we are all aware of the great needs in so many parts of our world. And we all know how much we can do to help through our Rotary Foundation. We can change lives, we can restore hope, we can build futures – if we choose to. In life, everything is a choice. We can choose to close our eyes to the needs of others, to keep what we have for ourselves, to declare the problems of others to be theirs alone. Or we can choose to look past distance, past color, past language and dress and culture, and see that people everywhere are just like us – and then refuse to walk away.

RIP Kalyan Banerjee

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AGENDA OF THE NEXT MEETING – 18 November, 2011

- 13.15 Arrivals
13.30 Grace and Lunch
- Apologies for absence
 - Introduction of visitors
 - President's announcements
 - 14.00 Dessert and coffee
- 14.25 Raffle
14.30 Close
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MINUTES OF THE MEETING – November 11, 2011

DINNER MEETING WITH TWINNING CEREMONY

Place: Othello Room, Hilton Hotel

Time: 20.30

Acting Sergeant at Arms: Rtn Vartan Tashdjian.

Grace: The grace was read by Rtn Vartan Tashdjian.

Apologies: PP Andreas Ladas, PP Savvas Omorphos, PP Era Michaelides, Patrick Elston, Alessio Mugnai, Farid Egtesadi, George Pavlou, Amal el Choury, Pia Ceder and Areti Demosthenous,

Rotarian Visitors: RC Kifissia: P Theofanis Giotis, Roula Panagiotarea, George Moshonas, Bahariou Alekos and Niki. RC Nicosia: PP Biland Sadek, Constantinos Konteatis. RC Larnaca: Dr. Christos Theodoulou. Inner-Wheel Club Larnaca: Clelia Theodoulou.

Rotaract Club Nicosia-Aspelia: P Chrysanthi Danou, Charis Michael, Christina Kassinou, Yemenaris Antonios, Olga Panfilova, Margarita Paraskevoidou, Elena Aroti, Constantina Kakoulli.

Rotaract Club Kifissia: P Marina Milidou, Demetra Messini, Stella Kassioudi, Christina Gkouvali, Alin Loviste.

Rotaract Club Limassol Amathusia: Alexandros Daskalakis, Mohamed Fahmi, Elena Stylianide.

Rotaract Club Nicosia Sarayonou: Tezer Dikengil.

Guests: Julia Topoprova, Petros Damtsas, Stathis Nicolaou, Evagoras Nicolaides.

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Attendance: Meeting average 43% (21 members), annual average 50%.

Communication of apologies: You may forward your apologies at the e-mail address or mobile phone of Sec Loucas Vrionides or Adm. Director Rena Papaioannou.

Communication of make ups: You may forward your make ups at the e-mail address of Rtn Pia Ceder.

TWINNING CEREMONY OF ROTARY CLUB NICOSIA- ASPELIA-D2450 AND ROTARY CLUB KIFISSIA-D2470

P Katerina Nicolaidis said a few words opening the joyous and lively evening and the twinning ceremony at the same time, and then welcomed the members of the RC Kifissia, their Rotaractors and all the other guests.

Then, P Theofanis Giotis said a few words. He said that their club was founded in 1978 and their Rotaract Club and one Inner-Wheel club in 1992. Since then, they have chartered seven new clubs.

PP Masis read the twinning agreement and, then, P Katerina and P Theofanis signed the twinning documents. P Katerina presented our club's present, an original map of medieval Nicosia, and P Theofanis presented his club's present, a book on the Acropolis Museum. Finally, the two presidents exchanged banners.

TWINNING CEREMONY OF ROTARACT CLUB NICOSIA- ASPELIA-D2450 AND ROTARACT CLUB KIFISSIA-D2470

Rotaract P Chrysanthi Danou said that they are much honored to be twinned to RC Kifissia, a club with interesting projects in which they can participate. Rotaract P Marina Milidou said that they are very glad to be here and enthusiastic because Aspelia members come from many countries. The two presidents exchanged banners and presents - copies of our club's cookbook to visiting Rotaractors and a book on the History of Kifissia - and signed the twinning documents.

DGE Kevork asked the clubs to work together, to make some projects, to get money from RI, to go for vocational training and the young people and to help people especially now with the current economic situation.

At the end, members of all four clubs took photos.

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Forthcoming event:

Dec. 2: Club Assembly - elections for the Board of 2012-2013.



Meeting concluded at 23.00.

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