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The new Aspelia website is on the national website: <http://rotary-cyprus.org/nic-aspelia/>

ROTARY AWARENESS

FEBRUARY – **World Understanding Month**

106th Anniversary Rotary International

Rotary at a Glance

Established:

**February 23, 1905,
in Chicago, Ill., USA**

Founder:

Chicago lawyer
Paul P. Harris

Clubs:

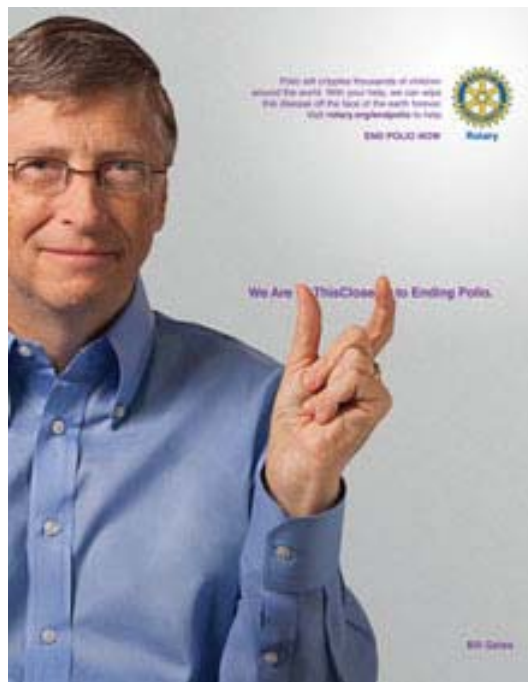
33,000 clubs in more
than 200 countries and
geographical regions

Membership:

1.2 million men
and women

Polio:

In 1988, Rotary
partnered with WHO,
CDC, and UNICEF to
launch the Global Polio



Eradication Initiative.

Bill Gates, co chair of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, is the latest public figure to help

LETTER TO ALL ROTARIANS BY DG ASSEM ABDEL RAZEK

Alexandria the 6th of February 2011

Dear Fellow Rotarians

I would like at first to thank all of you who either called me personally or contacted any of the Rotarians of Egypt during these hard times. The past couple of weeks showed us all that we as Egyptians are strong, it showed us that we could stand up to anything and that we all cared for each other.

It was not a time of weakness but a time of strength. Teens and youth stayed up all night to guard their homes, young men stood in the streets to monitor traffic and we all stood hand in hand in the streets to clean up the trash and sweep the streets. All the true colors really came to life.

The situation now is bit by bit improving and we are gradually returning back to our day to day lives. Positive changes have been made and hopefully we will be living a better tomorrow.





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Fellow Rotarians, I am sorry to have to tell you that our much anticipated for Peace Forum will have to be postponed. We still do not know till when; we might hold it in March or as a session during our District Conference. Either way, news will follow on how you will be reimbursed if you wish to cancel your reservation.

Our District conference, on the other hand, is still in progress and we will be holding it in its usual time and there is no reason to worry. We will be following up with more updates shortly.

Assem Abdel Razek

AGENDA OF THE NEXT MEETING – 25 February, 2011

13.15 Arrivals

13.30 Grace and Lunch

- Announcements
- Apologies for absence
- President's announcements

13.55 Completion of 2 Projects promoting Peace- Handing out a cheque to:
"The Children's' Relief Foundation" - Hope for the Children Gaza
The Cyprus Dyslexia Association and the Turkish Cypriot Dyslexia Ass.

14.10 **Speaker:** - Dr Theodoros Voukides, Plastic Surgeon
Subject: "News on plastic surgery".

14.20 Birthdays
Dessert and coffee

14.25 Raffle

14.30 Close

MINUTES OF THE CLUB ASSEMBLY - 18 FEBRUARY 2011

Rtn Walter Bopp acted as Sergeant Arms, replacing SA Patrick Elston who was absent.

Grace: It was read in German Swiss by Rtn Walter Bopp

Rotarian Guest: Secretary of the Kiffissia Rotary Club George Moschonas

Apologies: AG Dincer Gagin, PPs Savvas Omorphos, Masis Der Parthogh, Marianna Trokoudes, Era Michaelides and Rtns Alexandra Matsis, Patrick Elston, Nitsa Kiliaris, Vassilis Skronias.

Attendance – courtesy of Club Administration Director, Annual average: 62% - for the meeting 40%: (20 members attended).

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Communication of apologies: You may forward your apologies at the e-mail address or mobile phone of Secretary Eleni Zapiti or of Sergeant at Arms Rtn Patrick Elston.

Aspelia new website

<http://rotary-cyprus.org/nic-aspelia/>

Rtn Marina Theodotou presented to the members the newly designed Aspelia website and asked members for comments and new ideas.

P Caterina thanked all members that contributed to that: PR Director Louisa Coudounaris, Administration Director Pia Ceder, Secretary Eleni Zapiti and special thanks to our IT collaborator, Rotaractor Loris Stravrinides .

The home page consists a small introductory of the Club. Rtn Petros Petrou suggested in printing this information and the History of the club on brochures presenting them to Club's visitors.

Rtn Marina presented an example of a project presentation - Drive to the Left - and the PR links related to this project. Members had the opportunity to watch the videos projected that night during the main news of two different TV stations.

AG Nina Sadek was embarrassed to be informed that all the banners donated to the Club were not in the relevant webpage because were lost by the Hilton Park Hotel.

DGN Kevork Mahdessian suggested that the page presenting the Aspelia twin Clubs should also present Aspelia's joint projects with these two Clubs.

AG Nina Sadek agreed on that and she referred those projects.

Club's Archives:

Rtn Annita Papakyriakou raised the important issue of the Club's Archives.

She stressed to the importance in collecting at last all the Club's Archives in a box which we could keep in a certain depository. Moreover to store all information to external disc drives.

P Caterina informed the club that she managed to collect the Projects of the last 6 years but she has nothing else. Rtn Walter Bopp also reminded that he raised this issue 3 years ago. PP Andreas Ladas agreed that this is a long problem and AG Elena Tanou reminded that PDG John Strongylos offered his office as a depository for all Cypriot Clubs but it did not work.

In conclusion the decision was taken to start collecting all the material by contacting all Past Presidents.

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Aspelia By Laws

P Caterina suggested in amending the currency in the Bylaws from CY Pounds to Euro. Rtn Annita Papakyriakou clarified that this is not necessary because as from 1 January 2008 with the Cyprus induction into the euro zone, this was done by the Law. Nevertheless, we can correct the amounts shown, by using the rate that was locked with the Cyprus induction.

P Caterina informed that PP Marianna Trokoudes proposed to add in the Board an IT Director and a Trainer.

PP Ladas said that we cannot change this without the permission of RI although we can do this only internally without giving the right of voting.

In summary no amendment will be effected.

President's Announcements

1. **Disaster Relief Task Force in Egypt** P Caterina read an e-mail sent by Sahar Sobeih - Chairperson of the Disaster Relief Task Force in Egypt, asking for help. AG Nina Sadek informed that Ms Loria Markides is the representative in Cyprus and she could give more information.
2. **23 February, 106 Rotary Anniversary.** P Caterina referred to this important event.
3. **Environmental Project.** As soon as we have the quotation for the recycling bins, these will be ordered and delivered to the 4th Aglantzia Elementary School and to the International School in Nicosia. The event is organised in collaboration with our Rotaractors.
4. **District Magazine.** The 3rd District Magazine presents two of our projects as well the Aspelia Christmas Party.
5. **Coming Events**
Limassol Marathon, Sunday 20 February.
 Rtn Stefan Peter is participating together with the Aspelia Rotaractors with the aim to raise money for a sick child in Palestine. He was accepting contributions for the 10 Kilometre run, **at least 10 EUR per km. Those wishing to contribute may send him an email.**



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Thursday 24 February. Aspelia outing to a tavern

To celebrate “Tsiknopempti” and **RI 106th birthday**. The place is called “To Steki tis Marias” and is near the Pallouriotissa Church. Full meze and local drinks with music, at the price of Euro 25.

Please inform P Caterina or S Eleni Zapiti as soon as possible.

Rotary Club of Kyrenia Liman: to join their club’s celebrations for the 106th Anniversary of Rotary. Those interested were to contact club Secretary Rtn Rahmi Ozsan by Monday 21st February as they would need to advise their venue **on** time.

Nicosia Sarayionou club on Sunday 27 February: is organising a fund raising event for a Social project and to celebrate the 106th anniversary of Rotary. More details were to be sent by email.

The Seventh Rotarian week of Ibla Baroque, May 14th - 21th 2011: An invitation by the President of RC Club of Ragusa Francesco Spampinato Social Year 2010 – 2011. District 2110 Sicilia – Malta. The event intends to introduce Rotary club members of the whole world to this beautiful part of Baroque Sicily, recognized by the UNESCO as world heritage site.

Programs, itinerary and booking form on www.rotaryragusa.it

DGN Kevork Mahdessian said that we should send them a letter congratulating them for their effort.

Birthdays

Everybody wished Happy Birthday
to Rtn Areti Demosthenous



Raffle winner: Rtn guest George Moschonas

The meeting concluded at 15.00

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OTHER NEWS

ICOM urges to protect Egypt's cultural heritage



Egyptian Museum, Cairo © Francesco Gasparetti

ICOM expresses its deepest concern for Egypt's great historical treasures, currently under threat from looting in the wake of recent events that have swept the nation. ICOM urges and encourages local authorities and civil society to pursue their efforts in protecting and safeguarding the invaluable cultural heritage of this country.

It is essential to protect the exceptionally rich collections of the Egyptian museums so that they may continue to enrich the collective memory of mankind. The international museum community is fully aware of the significant efforts already made by the country's heritage authorities to preserve these collections, and ICOM wishes to encourage those authorities to take further precautions to protect the country's overall heritage, and in particular that of museums.

ICOM reiterates its commitment to preserving and protecting the world's invaluable cultural heritage and by mobilising its resources: Disaster Relief Task Force, ICOM International Committee for Egyptology (CIPEG), committees on conservation, and its team in charge of the Fight against Illicit Trafficking of Cultural Goods.

ICOM: *The International Council of Museums (ICOM) is the only international organisation representing museums and museum professionals.*

Bulletin Contributions

- Club Administration Director Pia Ceder for the attendance and the calendar.
- Rtn Walter Bopp for the pictures.
- Secretary Eleni Zapiti for the ICOM article.



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FEBRUARY (WORLD UNDERSTANDING MONTH)	
3 Thursday	Board meeting 18.00
3 - 5	Ray's Rotary reunion and Rotary's Expo Designing by Ray Klinginsmith the 1 st Rotary Scholar to be the president of Rotary Int'l will be held in Cape-Town South Africa
4 Friday	Regular meeting - speaker - Marios Mavrides, Chair, Department of Accounting, Finance and Economics. European University Cyprus:
5 Saturday	Cyprus PR seminar at Kleopatra Hotel
11 Friday	Regular meeting - speaker - Dr. Alexandros Antonaras, MCQI CQP, PMP, Director, Consultancy Unit, University of Nicosia: "Business ethics"
18 Friday	Club Assembly
23	Rotary Anniversary day
24 Thursday	Tavern night: "Sto Steki tis Marias" Palouriotissa- celebrating the RI anniversary day
25 Friday	Regular meeting - speaker - Dr Theodoros Voukides, Plastic Surgeon - "News on plastic surgery, Women only?"
24+25	Peace conference in Sharm el Sheik (postponed to a later date)

*Programme may be subject to change

Eleni Zapiti
Secretary
Rotary Club Nicosia Aspelia