



ROTARY CLUB NICOSIA - ASPELIA



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World Literacy Month



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AGENDA OF THE NEXT MEETING – 9 March, 2012

13.15 Arrivals

13.30 Grace and Lunch

- Apologies for absence
- Introduction of visitors
- President's announcements
- 14.00 Dessert and coffee

13.55 Induction of Dr. Farid Mirbagheri

14.05 Speech/Presentation: Dr. Iosif Iosifidis, member of the Tenders Review Authority, will speak on Energy Planning 2011-2030 and Geopolitics (Natural Gas, Solar Energy & Wind Energy).

14.25 Raffle

14.30 Close

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF March 2, 2012

Acting Sergeant at Arms: RF Director Nazo Davidian.

Grace: The grace was read by: RF Director Nazo Davidian.

Apologies: DGN Kevork Mahdessian (is in Limassol preparing the DTTS seminar that will take place during the weekend), PP Masis der Parthogh, Patrick Elston, Petros Petrou, Vartan Tashdjian, Manfred Lange and Vassilis Skronias.

Rotarian Visitors: AG Dincer Cagin.

Guests: None.

Attendance: Courtesy of Rtn Pia Ceder:

Meeting average 44 % (22 members attended), annual average 55%.

Communication of apologies: You may forward your apologies at the e-mail address or mobile phone of Sec Loucas Vrionides. Communication of make ups: You may forward your make ups at the e-mail address of Rtn Pia Ceder.

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President's Announcements

P Katerina thanked Rotarians Patrick Elston and Louisa Coudounaris for donating 50 euros each and Rotarian Nairy Merheje 40 euros on the occasion of the **Card Afternoon**, a fundraising event that took place on Wednesday the 22nd at her residence, to support the scholarship fund. The Card Afternoon added 1.000 Euros to the above fund.

The next fund raising event, March 17th, **the Arts & Music Afternoon at Famagusta Gate**, including an Auction of Works of Art, more than forty pieces, is organized in collaboration with the Rotaract Club Nicosia-Aspelia, the RC Nicosia, the Cyprus American Friendship Association and the American Women's Club. The generated funds will go towards the support of 'The Day Care Center for Patients with Alzheimer' at Kaimakli. The ticket costs 15 euros, which is a very reasonable price.

The event will open at 5.00pm and at 6.30pm the auction will take place. The evening will end at 9.00pm. Coffee and tea will be offered at the opening by Coffee Brewery and cocktails with savories after the auction by Zorbas Bakeries.

P Katerina asked members to promote it to friends, colleagues, relatives etc. and to contact her, Rena or Loucas for tickets.

On Saturday, 3rd of March, our **Rotaractors** at Alpha Mega in Engomi will be collecting food for the needy of Greece and Cyprus from 9.00am to 5.00pm. At the same time, other Rotaractor Clubs will be doing the same at the Alpha Mega supermarkets in Limassol, Paphos and Larnaca. This is co-organized with the Doctors Volunteers of Cyprus.

The board, in its last meeting, has approved the disposal of 600 euros to the needy people of Greece. We shall contact the president of the RC of Kifissia to get his advice and help so that the money is properly disposed.

On Friday, the 9th of March, the **induction of Dr. Farid Mirbagheri** into our club will take place and Dr. Iosif Iosifidis will speak on "Energy Planning 2011-2030 and Geopolitics (Natural Gas, Solar Energy & Wind Energy)."

CLUB ASSEMBLY

- In an effort to attract new young members, it is suggested that a provision in the by-laws is added saying that members up to the age of

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35 pay 50% of the membership fee. This is the directive to RI recommendation.

PP Andreas Ladas suggested that this should apply for up to the age of 40. A voting took place and the majority voted for the age of 35.

As a result Rtn Goran Svensson suggested that this should also apply to members of more than 65 years of age. This will be examined at a later stage.

- It was voted that an amendment is made to the club's by-laws to add the position of the Director for Young Generations.
- The change of the time that the club meets, in order to increase the attendance, should be examined. It is suggested that the meeting take place in the evening and having dinners and drinks' evenings alternating. This is expected to increase the attendance since members now cannot attend due to work, there is no traffic in the evening and drinks' evenings will cut on the cost of attending. A questionnaire will be sent to the members to get their feedback.

AG Dinger Cagin commented that in discussing the subject of attendance with the DG, the DG is against writing off members.

Birthdays and raffle winner

Everybody wished a happy birthday to Rtn Amal el Khoury.

IPP Caterina Kalavas won the raffle.



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PROGRAM OF EVENTS

MARCH 2012 (LITERACY MONTH)	
9 Friday	Regular Meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Induction of Dr. Farid Mirbagheri • Guest Speaker: Dr. Iosif Iosifidis. Topic: Energy Planning 2011-2030 and Geopolitics (Natural Gas, Solar Energy & Wind Energy)
16 Friday	Regular Meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Speaker: Philip Hockin from “de Vere Group.” Topic: <i>Secure your Future - Financial Planning is the Key!</i>
17 Saturday	PETS (Seminar organized by Cyprus Rotary)
17 Saturday 18 Sunday	Arts & Music Afternoon at Famagusta Gate – Auction of works of Art Exhibition and sale of paintings Fund raiser jointly organized with Rotary Club Nicosia, Rotaract Aspelia and American’s Women Club
23 Friday	Regular Meeting
29 Thursday	Fellowship "Happy Hour"
30 Friday	Regular Meeting

Meeting concluded at 2.30 pm.

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