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

APRIL –Magazine Month

Klingensmith speaks at the Youth Exchange Officers Preconvention Meeting in Montréal, Québec, Canada. Photo by Monika Lozinska-Lee/Rotary Images

The RI president's monthly message

April 2011

Something old, Something new

Most Rotarians know that for several decades, Rotary has operated with four Avenues of Service: namely Club Service, Vocational Service, Community Service, and International Service. But an unusual thing happened at the 2010 Council on Legislation! The proposed enactment to add a fifth Avenue of Service was approved by the Council after being rejected at previous Councils.



The new avenue is called New Generations Service, and there is some confusion and concern about the impact of the change. The proposer of the enactment did not file a statement of support, and therefore, we do not have a written statement of the proposer's rationale. However, it seems to me that the purpose and effect is **to focus more attention on the Rotary programs for youth and young adults.**

Rotary's programs of **Interact, RYLA, Rotaract, and Rotary Youth Exchange** are some of the best in the world for young people. However, they have been divided between Community Service and International Service at the club level and district level, which has made it more difficult for them to be coordinated. The change to five Avenues of Service will provide a single director or coordinator for each club and each district to supervise and promote the Rotary programs for young people.

Our work with youth and young adults has two salutary benefits. First, the favorable influence on the participants by their exposure to the core values of Rotary, which are fellowship, service, integrity, diversity, and leadership. Second, the positive memory of Rotary that often causes the participants to join Rotary clubs later in their lives. We need to do a better job of recruiting the participants into Rotary membership, and we are working on plans to record the

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names and e-mail addresses of the participants to stay in touch with them as they leave the youth and young adult programs.

So in reality, the 2010 Council on Legislation did not create any new programs. But adding the fifth Avenue of Service will facilitate our quest to make the youth and young adult programs even Bigger, Better, and Bolder in the future – and to recruit even more of the participants into Rotary membership. The perfect example of a win-win situation!

Ray Klinginsmith
President, Rotary International

AGENDA OF THE CLUB ASSEMBLY – 15 April, 2011

- 13.15 Arrivals
- 13.30 Grace and Lunch
 - Apologies for absence
 - President's announcements
 - Approval of District's Budget (forwarded)
- 14.10 **Speaker: Rotarian Walter Bopp**
- 14.20 Birthdays
 - Dessert and coffee
- 14.25 Raffle
- 14.30 Close

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING – 8 April 2011

PP Masis presided in the absence of our P Caterina

Grace: The Grace was read by PP Masis der Parthogh and it was dedicated in memory of Stephanos, son of our Treasurer Carol and Evdokimos Xenophontos.

Apologies: P Caterina Kalavas, AG Nina Sadek, PP Savvas Omorphos, Rtms Manfred Lange, Peter Vogler, Areti Demosthenous, Louisa Coudounaris, Goran Svenson, Alessio Mugnai.

Rotarian Guests: George Moschonas from Kifissia RC
Guests: Antonis Petrou, Carlos Zimerez (Speakers) and Dr Ramon

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 Patrick Elston.

President's Announcements

VP Masis der Pathogh presided the meeting in the absence of P Caterina.

- VP Masis informed that P Caterina will not attend the next meeting and PE Katerina Nicolaides will preside.
- **Next Meeting is Club Assembly:** Mainly to approve the District Budget.
- **Forthcoming Events:**

Sunday 17 April - Invitation to lunch by Sotos Demetriou and his wife Despo. The invitation is on the occasion of his birthday. This is a fundraising fellowship event, 15 euro. Please inform about your attendance to Pia Ceder and if you contribute with sweets.

May 23 Latin night - Joint event with RC Nicosia and the Rotaractors for our Alzheimer project and for the Autistic children under the auspices of the 1st Lady Mrs Elsie Christofia, at Ochio bar. Tickets will be on sale after Easter.

- **District Conference in Luxor, 28 April – 1 May 2011:** About 53 participants are going from Cyprus although there are cancellations. AG Elena Tanou has a proxy to represent the Aspelia Club during the voting.
- **District Newsletter:** The latest copy was distributed among members.
- **Gift of appreciation:** VP Masis offered to AG Elena a gift for appreciation on behalf of the Club, for hosting the fundraising lunch after the Tree Planting on 20 March. AG Elena thanked everybody and she stressed that she did it for the benefit of the Club.

Speakers: Marine biologists Antonis Petrou and Carlos Zimerez

Both speakers managed within the limited time available to deliver interesting and clear presentations, accompanied by a series of pictures, maps and graphs.

PE Katerina Nicolaidou introduced the speakers.

Antonis Petrou is a marine environmental consultant and he made a quite interesting and thorough presentation on the subject: **New Marine Migration to the Mediterranean Sea from the Red Sea.**

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Marine species migrate in the Mediterranean by: 1. The natural flow of waters, 2. The shipping activity and 3. The accidental introduction

Today 30% of the species are migrant.

These species are called Lessepsian and they are also found in Cyprus, e.g. "Lagocaephalus" a fish containing toxin for which there is not antidote.

The ecological significance of these species is that they destroy the local ones, while the economic is that they are cultivated or harvested in many Mediterranean ports.

Action to be taken: Create barriers at the entrances of the Mediterranean Sea – Treat the ballast waters carried by ships – Maintain local species.

Carlos Zimerez talked about the **Coral Environment in Cyprus**, by informing about many unknown aspects of this subject.

Coral is a simple organism making colonies.



Corals were appreciated since the antiquity, statues bore coral jewellery and corals were also found in the amphoras carried by "the Kyrenia ship".

They made an extensive research around the coast of Cyprus where they identified 11 different coral species.

Cavo Greco was built by corals while in the sea of Protaras there is an important coral reef.



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VP Masis thanked both speakers for their interesting presentations and he offered them the Club's banner.

Raffle winner: AG Elena Tanou

The meeting concluded at 14.30



Bulletin Contributions

- Club Administration Director Pia Ceder for the attendance and the calendar.
- VP Masis der Parthogh for the pictures.

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APRIL (MAGAZINE MONTH)	
1 Friday	Meeting canceled - Public Holiday
2-3 Weekend	Cyprus Ryla in Platres
7 Thursday	Board meeting 18.00
8 Friday	Regular meeting - speaker Antonis Petrou, Marine biologists
15 Friday	Regular meeting/Club assembly - speaker Walter Bopp "The Geneva issue"
17 Sunday	Lunch at PP Sotos Demetriou's house on the occasion of his birthday. Fundraising for community fund
22 Friday	Meeting canceled - Public Holiday
28-1 May	District Conference 28 April-1 May, Luxor
29 Friday	Regular meeting

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5 Thursday	Board meeting 18.00
6 Friday	Club Assembly
13 Friday	Regular meeting
20 Friday	Regular meeting
23 Monday	Latin night - Joint event with RC Nicosia and the Rotaractors for our Alzheimer project and for Autistic children under the auspices of the 1 st Lady at Ochio bar
27 Friday	Regular meeting

PHOTOGRAPHIC EXHIBITION
 "The way I see it" by Alain Merheje

Please note that the exhibition is still on at Academy 32 in Nicosia, until 14 April. The net proceedings will be kindly donated to Aspelia.



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