

ROTARY CLUB NICOSIA - ASPELIA



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CLUB BULLETIN No. 3 - Friday 15 July, 2011

AGENDA OF THE NEXT MEETING – 29 July, 2011

13.15 Arrivals

13.30 Grace and Lunch

- Apologies for absence
- Introduction of visitors
- President's announcements
- 14.00 Dessert and coffee
- 14.05 Speaker: Mr. George MichaelidesSubject: Agro tourism and Special Interests Holidays in Cyprus
- 14.25 Raffle 14.30 Close

MINUTES OF THE MEETING- 15 JULY, 2011

One minute's silence was kept in memory of the victims from the dynamite blast at Mari Naval Base on Monday July 11th.

Grace: The grace was read by Rtn Walter Bopp.

Apologies: Eleni Zapiti, Patrick Elston, Areti Demosthenous, George Pavlou and Manfred Lange.

Attendance: Courtesy of Club Administration Director, Rena Papaioannou: Annual average: 25 %, Meeting average: 26% (13 members attended)

Guests: Petros Damtsas.

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Minutes were kindly taken by Rtn Rena Papaioannou in the absence of Sec Loucas Vrionides

Treasurer Walter Bopp reminded the members that the membership fees for the year 2011-2012 are now due for payment. (250 euro)

P Katerina Nicolaides announced the forthcoming events for our club and urged the members to participate. The events are included in the Calendar which you will find further down at the end of this bulletin.

DGE Kevork Mahdessian announced that we have received condolences message from Rotary Club Kyrenia Liman with which they are expressing their sorrow for the victims and their sympathy for all families affected.

General Assembly:

- 1. P Katerina proposed to retain the membership fees at the same level with last year and consequently the amount of 250 euro was unanimously approved.
- 2. P Katerina announced the projects she had planned for this year:
 - a. Mega Project: Provision of TV sets to orthopedic ward of the Nicosia General Hospital. We will try to find sponsors. TV sets will bare our Logo and this will guarantee a continuous Public Relations exposure for our club.
 - b. Our main Vocational Project will be the organization of a seminar with the title «Leadership starts with you». Both Rotarians and Rotaractors will be able to participate as trainers or as trainees so Rotaract Aspelia will be our partner in the planning of this project.
 - c. We will buy and donate to Phaneromeni high school some inter-active teaching equipment which is greatly needed for the proper teaching of the school's students who form a multi national and multi cultural small community.
 - d. Environmental Project: We will have a Sunday Tree Planting expedition which will also include a lunch gathering giving the opportunity to family members and friends to join us. In co operation with our environment expert Rot. Manfred Lange we will try to find an interesting and low cost project involving some kind of campaigning on environmental matters.
 - e. Scholarship Fund: The current prevailing economic situation does not allow us to be optimistic that we will be able to find major sponsors for our Scholarship Fund and consequently we must plan a number of fund raising events that will enable us to collect at least the same amount of money as we did last year.
 - f. We will continue to financially support the Gaza Children Relief Association as this is an on going project for at least three years.

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- g. We must maintain the amount of \$1000 in the Emergency Fund of our Club.
- h. Together with the Rotary Club of Nicosia we will organize a big fund raising event and the net proceeds will be donated to the Day Care Centre for Patients suffering from Alzheimer's.
- i. Rotary Foundation:
 - i. Annual Programs Fund contributions: \$100 per active member.
 - ii. Polio fundraising \$2000 per club.
- j. We will continue to plan and materialize smaller projects like «Secret Santa» and Christmas auction as they have become a tradition for our club.
- 3. Matching Grants: DGE Kevork Mahdessian mentioned that we should have applied for matching grants for funding our projects. P Katerina Nicolaides said that she did not started the procedure of applying for a matching grant as she was discouraged by past presidents who found that it was a time consuming and complicated process that was not always leading to a successful completion. DGE Kevork Mahdessian informed the members that the paperwork has now been simplified and recommended to try to apply as we still have time to do so.
- 4. All projects were approved by all members present.

CALENDAR

Forthcoming events:

- **July 19th:** Presentation of the 'Follow Goran' Project at Hilton Park, Dionysus Room at 8.00pm. Finger food and wine will be served.
- **July 21**st: Fellowship evening: Tour of the Bank of Cyprus Cultural Center by PE Eleni Zapiti, followed by meze dinner and music at the nearby Salas Restaurant. Details will follow by e-mail.
- July 22nd: Meeting cancelled.
- **July 29**th: George Michaelides will speak on «Agro-tourism and special interests holidays in Cyprus.»
- August 5th, 12th, 19th: Summer Holiday Break. Club meetings cancelled.
- August 26th: Our first meeting after the summer holidays.

- **September 2nd:** Keith Parker's topic "Leadership starts with you" will help us on improving our vocational services.
- **September 30th:** President's Party at her house. As this party will be our first fund raising event for the year it is important to have a good number of people attending. So do not forget to bring along family members and friends as well.

Birthdays

None

Raffle winner: Rtn Walter Bopp

Meeting concluded at 14.55.

Loucas Vrionides Secretary Rotary Club Nicosia -Aspelia

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