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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

Dear Colleagues and Friends of the Foundation,
Here is your May edition of the RGHF "Our Foundation" newsletter.
As usual, it is packed with information about success: humanitarian projects, Alumni, Peace Fellows, and our continued push toward 100% Polio Eradication.

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TIFF (Uncompressed) decompressor
are needed to see this picture.

As a Past Chair and President of RGHF, I am often asked what is the connection between our past and the present; and the future of Rotary and its Foundation. Some have questioned why a history fellowship produces a Foundation newsletter.

The reason is - it helps complete the picture.

When we examine our past, we begin to understand why this organization has been so successful for over 100 years. Our values and our hopes have never changed. The thoughts and dreams of Paul Harris are as relevant today as they were on 23rd February 1905. Today, we are fulfilling Harris' visions through our worldwide organization and its wonderful Foundation.

Building Communities and Bridging Continents - that's what we do - it is President Ray's vision, it is Paul Harris' dream.

I invite you to download this month's edition and please pass it on to colleagues in your club and district.

In Rotary Service,
Calum Thomson
Editor: Our Foundation Newsletter RGHF Chair 2006/07

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AGENDA OF THE NEXT MEETING – 29 April, 2011

- 13.15 Arrivals
 - 13.30 Grace and Lunch
 - Apologies for absence
 - President's announcements
 - 14.20 Birthdays
 - Dessert and coffee
 - 14.25 Raffle
 - 14.30 Close
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MINUTES OF CLUB ASSEMBLY – 15 April 2011

PE Katerina Nicolaidou presided in the absence of our P Caterina Kalavas and Rtn Nazo Davidian served as SA in the absence of Patrick Elston

Grace: The Grace was read by Ketí Chrysostomou.

Nazo Davidian conveyed the regards of behalf of Ambassador Peter Vogel who is doing better now.

Apologies: P Caterina Kalavas, AGs Nina Sadek, Elena Tanou, PPs Savvas Omorphos, Marianna Trokoudes, Sotos Demetriou, Masis der Parthogh, SA Patrcik Elston, Rtns Carol Xenophontos, Alexandra Matsis, Peter Vogler, Louisa Coudounaris, Vassilis Skronias, Friedrich Vogler, Marina Theodotou, Alessio Mugnai.

Guests: Efi Pantelides

Attendance – courtesy of Club Administration Director, Annual average: 65% - for the meeting 26%: (13 members attended).

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.

Club Assembly

District Budget Approval: The District Budget was circulated to all members and during the meeting it was approved.

Aspelia also receives the District Magazine.

DGN Kevork Mahdessian pointed out the great work done by the District Administration Team, in contrast to Cyprus where there is not even a secretary responsible for the District matters.

PP Andreas Ladas reminded once more the importance of keeping an office, where the archives from all the RCs will also be kept.

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District Conference in Luxor, 28 April – 1 May 2011:

Aspelia handed over to AG Elena Tanou the necessary Proxys for the voting.

DGN Kevorg Mahdessian urged to attend the conference even as a last minute decision. He pointed out that this will be an exceptional Conference with events and tours in the archaeological sites. Our Egyptian friends deserved our support for the great effort they put to organize it.

President's Announcements

PE Katerina Nicolaides conveyed the regards on behalf of P Caterina Kalavas.

Secretary Eleni Zapiti conveyed on behalf of Carol and Evdokimos Xenophontos their gratitude to all those who attend the funeral and supported them.

- Photographic Exhibition by Alain Mehreje: The exhibition ended on April 14 and those who bought any could collect them. Many thanks again to Alain and Neiry for their contribution. informed that P Caterina will not attend the next meeting and PE Katerina Nicolaides will preside.
- **Group Study exchange**: The GSE (Group Study Exchange) consists of 4 people (2 Cypriots + 2 Lebanese). The 2 cypriots are Michael Virardi proposed by Elena Tanou and Alexis Hadjipanagi proposed by Litsa Aresti Salamis. They depart today 14/4 will go to lebanon for 2 days training and will depart to New Jersey USA for 4 weeks. They will visit many Rotary clubs they will visit companies relevant to their jobs and interests and will speak about Cyprus. We will invite Michael to talk to us on his return like we did with Mariana Theodotou.
- **RYLA: "Start Living Your Dreams!" "A unique Team Building and Leadership Workshop for Young Professionals" 2-3 April 2011**. From Aspelia Rotaract 4 Rotaractors attended and their fee was 50% sponsored by Aspelia. A prospective member also attended and a friend of the club.
- PP Maria's Chistopoulou mother Cookery Book is on Sale for 10 euro. To support the autistic children.
- **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.

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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 40 euro, on sale.

Speaker:
Rotarian Walter Bopp

Subject: “Geneva International”

Our member Rtn Walter made a brief but very thorough presentation on Geneva. He stressed the importance of the city which “is a global city centre, and a worldwide centre for diplomacy. It is the most important international co-operation centre with New York due to its numerous international



organizations and headquarters of many UN agencies. It houses also the International Committee of the Red Cross and the Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies. It is the place where the Geneva Conventions were signed which concern the treatment of wartime non-combatants and prisoners of war. Geneva is the third European financial centre, but also is ranked as the fourth most expensive city in the world. Apart, numerous multinational enterprises have created their headquarters in Geneva.”

He gave interesting details and he also presented a short historical overview. Please see the attachment.

P Caterina thanked him and presented him the banner of the Club.



Rtn Dr Areti Demosthenous presenting to PE Katerina the banner from Shanghai Rotary Club where she attended a meeting during her one month stay in China.



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Other Announcements

Friends of Nicosia Conference 16 April 2011: PP Marianna Trokoudes informed about an interesting conference organised by the Friends of Nicosia Association with the aim to find solutions to the lasting problems of the old town of Nicosia. Authorities in the field of urban and civil engineering science were invited to present their own experience and to inspire the authorities and people of Nicosia

Raffle winner: DGN Kevork Mahdessian

The meeting concluded at 14.30

PE Katerina wished everybody HAPPY EASTER!

Bulletin Contributions

- Club Administration Director Pia Ceder for the attendance and the calendar.
- PP Billand Sadek and Nazo Davidian for the pictures.

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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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

PHOTO GALLERY

PP Sotos Demetriou Birthday Lunch

Many Rotarians with their families and friends enjoyed the hospitality of PP Sotos and his wife Despo. Everybody wished PP Sotos Happy Birthday and offered him a book on Sir Ronald Storrs that he much appreciated.



PP Biland Sadek also had his birthday. Everybody shared this moment with him and sang the Happy Birthday again.

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PPs Sotos and Billand the founders of Aspelia, and their wives Despo and AG Nina.



Rotarians, their families and friends enjoying the hospitality of PP Sotos and his wife Despo



Eleni Zapiti
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