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MAY - District Conference Month

Eradicating polio will take renewed resolve, says Gates

By Ryan Hyland

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Bill Gates addressed Rotarians during the third plenary session of the **2011 RI Convention 24 May**. *Rotary Images/Monika Lozinska-Lee*

Bill Gates, cochair of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, praised Rotary for its continued success in the effort to eradicate polio, but cautioned that Rotarians will need to redouble their efforts to keep the disease from spreading -- and threatening hundreds of thousands of children.

Gates, the keynote speaker at the third plenary session of the 2011 RI Convention, 24 May in New Orleans, Louisiana, USA, said that because of Rotary, there are many places in the world where polio is no longer considered a threat.

"That's a blessing and a curse," said Gates. "The blessing is that in many places, polio is a disease of the past. The curse is that it is now harder for us to raise awareness that, in some places, polio is also a disease of the present. If we fail to help leaders around the world understand this, polio is certain to be a disease of the future."

Gates praised Rotary for reducing the incidence of polio by more than 99 percent worldwide since 1988. "Your work has brought us so far," he said. "I'm so proud to be a partner in the work that Rotary has been doing to eradicate polio."

Gates noted that only one case of polio had been reported in India this year, as of March. "India is approaching zero cases," said Gates. "None of this would have been remotely achievable had it not been for Rotary. We would not be where we are without you. Nor can we get to where we're going without you."

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Gates said that he and his wife, Melinda, have made eradicating polio their foundation's top priority. With the world on the threshold of eradication, the hard work really begins, he said. "Polio eradication has been our single biggest investment in recent years, as far as innovation and creativity. The last 1 percent will be the longest and hardest 1 percent," he said. "It will require more work and more commitment than ever before. Without the redoubled effort of everyone in this room, and your fellow Rotarians around the world, we will not succeed. Redoubling is crucial to ending polio."

The Gates Foundation has awarded two grants totaling US\$355 million to Rotary in support of its work in eradicating the disease. Rotary has responded with [Rotary's US\\$200 Million Challenge](#). To date, Rotarians have raised \$173.2 million for the challenge.

AGENDA OF THE NEXT MEETING – 3 June, 2011

13.15 Arrivals

13.30 Grace and Lunch

- Apologies for absence
- President's announcements

14.10 **Speaker:** PP Demosthenis Severis "Forty years as a Rotarian"

14.20 Birthdays

Dessert and Coffee

14.25 Raffle

14.30 Close

MINUTES OF THE MEETING – 27 May, 2011

In the absence of Sergeant at Arms, Rtn Patrick Elston, he was kindly replaced by Rtn Friedrich Vogler.

Grace: The Grace was read collectively by the Club lead by acting Sergeant at Arms, Rtn Friedrich Vogler.

Apologies: PPs Nina Sadek and Masis der Parthogh and Rtms Eleni Zapiti, George Pavlou, Patrick Elston, Peter Vogel and Louisa Coudounaris .

Guests: None

Rotarian Guests: AG Dincer Cajun

Attendance – courtesy of Club Administration Director, Annual average: 65% - for the meeting 22%: (12 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

- P Caterina welcomed the honoured guest.
- On 20th May the Rotaractors had organised a photographic exhibition. This went very well and was well attended. The proceeds, gross 2000 eu and net 1600 eu would be going towards the Alzheimers Day \Centre and the Cyprus Society for Autistic Persons
- On 24/5 the Rotaractors change over took place at Mondo Café. It was a very successful event and very well attended from other Rotaractor Clubs.
- Subsequently, she referred to the forthcoming events and urged members to participate:

Forthcoming Events:.

June 4: INTERCOUNTRY CYPRUS-FRANCE TWINNING

From 2nd of June till the 6th of June, DG Jean Viste, of District 1760 South of France, along with 19-French Rotarians and their spouses will visit Limassol. Cyprus and District 1760 of France have formed an Inter-country Committee on 1/9/2010.

On Saturday 4th of June, a Gala Dinner and dance is to take place at Columbia Plaza in Limassol, to honour our French Rotarians. The Gala Dinner Dance is 8.00p.m.- 8.30p.m., in the presence of the Mayor of Limassol Andreas Christou and the Ambassador of France in Cyprus Jean-Mark Rives. Please fill the attached participation form and send it to DDG George Papaleontiou directly anubis@spidernet.com.cy or at AG Christina Kovotsou Patroclou e-mail: chris.covspat@gmail.com . Special hotel rate for overnight stay 80.00 eu double room B/B

June 17: GALA DINNER AND HAND OVER the office to DDGE Themis Themistocleous, will take place on Friday, 17th of June 2011, 8.00 for 8.30 pm, at Hilton Hotel, in Nicosia.

All interested to participate please send email or call Secretary Eleni Zapiti or Pia Ceder mobile 99012486.

June 2-29: Ambassador Peter Vogel's office sent us the following interesting information: Switzerland is opening the **14th European Dance Festival** this year, which takes place in Limassol and Nicosia from 2 and 29 June 2011.

The renowned Swiss dance group COMPAGNIE LINGA will perform *no.thing* on Thursday 2 June at 20:30 at the Rialto Theatre, Limassol.

For more details see attached flyer.

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- **Forthcoming Aspelia Meetings:**

June 3, Friday meeting: We will have a speaker, Demosthenis Severis to speak about: "Proud to be a Rotarian"

June 7, Tuesday, will be the handing over of the Scholarships. This will be co-organised with the Aspelia Rotaractors at Mondo Café. There will be finger food and wine at 15 eu. The purpose of this is to bring the Aspelia Scholars into contact with Rotaract with a view to their being potential Rotaractors.

June 10, Friday will be a regular meeting:

June 17th meeting cancelled – replaced by the Gala Dinner.

June 24: The Aspelia Change over ceremony

- **June 18th Rotarian Goran Svenson's Motorbike Fund Raising Ride from Cyprus to Sweden.**

Rtn Goran will fly to Italy on 18 June and from there after a 5 days ride to Sweden.

More details about his route will be reported by Rtn Marina Theodotou together with our Rotaractors.

During the last Board Meeting it was decided to donate the amount raised, to the Alzheimer Day Care Centre. Sponsorship: 1 euro per 1km.

Other Announcements

The Bank of Cyprus Cultural Foundation and the Cyprus Photographic Society invite you to the opening of the **International Exhibition of Digital Photography** organised in memory of **Georges der Parthogh International Photojournalist (PP Masis father)** and of **George Lanitis, MFIAP, Founder Member of CPS.**

Opening: June 2, 19.30, Famagusta Gate, Nicosia

Duration: 2-8 June 2011.

Rtn Nazo Davidian read a very interesting article regarding Mir Ibrahim Rahman's speech given on the occasion of his having received the highly prestigious 'Robert F Kennedy Public Service Award' by Harvard University.

For absent Aspelians, who may be interested in reading Mir Ibrahim Rahman's inspiring thoughts, a copy has been attached.

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Raffle winner: No information

The meeting concluded at 14.30

Bulletin Contributions

- Club Administration Director Pia Ceder for the attendance and the calendar.

MAY (DISTRICT CONFERENCE MONTH)	
5 Thursday	Board meeting 18.00
6 Friday	Regular meeting - speaker Professor Gościwit Malinowski, President of the Faculty for Classical, Hellenic Studies and Philosophy at the University of Wrocław in Poland - "Cyprus in Polish universities"
13 Friday	Club Assembly
19 Thursday	Board meeting
20 Friday	Regular meeting - speaker Professor Nikolaos Chatziliades, professor of General Chemistry and Biochemistry, Ioannina University. "Metal Ions in Biological Systems-Bioinorganic Chemistry"
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 Ochee bar 20.30
27 Friday	Regular meeting

JUNE (ROTARY FELLOWSHIP MONTH)	
3 Friday	Regular meeting - Speaker PP Demosthenis Severis. "Forty years as a Rotarian"
4 Saturday	Intercountry Cyprus - France twinning Gala dinner at Columbia Plaza in Limassol, to honour our French Rotarians. 20:00, in the presence of the Mayor of Limassol Andrea Christou and the Ambassador of France in Cyprus Jean-Mark Rives
7 Tuesday	Scholarships at Mondo Café – with Rotaractors. Finger food and wine 15 eu.
10 Friday	Regular meeting - Scholarships - Handover of Cheques Ceremony.
17 Friday	Lunch Canceled - Gala dinner 20:00 at Hilton Hotel Nicosia.

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	Hand over the office to DDGE Themis Themistocleous
18 Saturday	Rotarian Göran Svensson starts his Motorbike Fund Raising Ride for Alzheimer day care centre, leaving Italy for a 5 day ride to Sweden
24 Friday	Regular meeting - Change over Ceremony

Eleni Zapiti
Secretary
(with some help from Louisa Coudounaris
PR Director)

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