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The Membership Minute



"We have to make it possible for younger people to join Rotary. We have to create an environment so that they are willing to come in and participate."

— Deepa Willingham, Rotary Club of Santa Ynez Valley, California, USA

AGENDA OF THE NEXT MEETING – 26 August, 2011

AUGUST-MEMBERSHIP AND EXTENSION MONTH

13.15 Arrivals

13.30 Grace and Lunch

- Apologies for absence
- Introduction of visitors
- President's announcements

14.00 Dessert and coffee

14.05 RI Pr Kalyan Banerjee speaks on membership in a video message

14.25 Raffle

14.30 Close

MINUTES OF THE MEETING - 29 JULY, 2011

One minute silence was kept for our late PP David Beckett.

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Grace: The grace was read by Rtn Nazo Davidian.

Apologies: PE Eleni Zapiti, Patric Elston, Areti Demosthenous, George Pavlou, Louisa Koudounaris, PP Marianna Trokoudes, Alexandra Matsis, PP Andreas Ladas, Amal El Khouri, Manfred Lange and Walter Bob.

Attendance: Courtesy of Club Administration Director, Rena Papaioannou:
Annual average: 24 %, Meeting average: 24% (12 members attended)

Guests: Guest speaker PP George Michaelides.

Communication of apologies: You may forward your apologies at the e-mail address or mobile phone of Sec Loucas Vrionides or Sergeant at Arms Patrick Elston.

President's Announcements

- P Katerina announced the passing away of PP David Beckett. She is in touch with Margaret, and received an e-mail from her that thanked our club for our condolences. There will be a memorial service on Aug. 9th where Albert Hudspeth will represent our club.
- In his memory we may donate money to 'Shelter Box,' David's favorite. Also, we may name a scholarship to his name as we have done for Heather.

Other

PP Caterina Calavas handed over a cheque of 590 Euros to P Katerina as a donation by 'Cosmos Insurance Co and Calavas and Associates' to the Emergency Fund. P Katerina thanked PP Caterina and expressed her gratitude to this company on behalf of the club.

PP Savvas Omorphos questioned the whereabouts of the Heather's husband Themis. P Katerina said that we should try to locate him.

DGE Kevork Mahdessian presented to PP Masis Der Parthogh a Certificate of Appreciation to our club on behalf of PDG George Papaleontiou. This wasn't done during the DDG changeover ceremony because of PP Masis's absence.

Closing the meeting, P Katerina wished all present to have nice vacation and to come back safe on Aug. 26th.



C & K Power



Well done Masis

Speech Presentation

Speaker: PP George Michaelides.

DGE Kevork Mahdessian introduced in short PP George Michaelides since he is a well known friend of our club.

Subject: Agro-tourism and Special Holidays in Cyprus.

PP George said that Cyprus is not only a sea and sun destination. Coastal areas are very beautiful and attract more quality and demanding tourists. Demanding tourists want to have holidays close to culture, tradition and people of Cyprus. What we now see in coastal areas is disastrous, because anyone is left to do whatever he wants. This should have been avoided. This is adequate for the tourists we currently have and not for the tourists that we want to have. We spoil the image of the island and we brought mass tourism.

In 1996 CTO decided to diversify our tourist product and to create and promote special interest tourism i.e. agro-tourism, museum, religious tourism, bicycling, scuba diving, walking. The purpose was tourists to discover new areas of interest in Cyprus like mountain resorts, like Agros, Kalopanayiotis, Vouni and Panayia that were awarded recognition for their effort to promote their place, also, walk and see churches, bike tours and training and wine tours.

There are special booklets, maps and leaflets available that promote these special interests separately..

PP George Michaelides said that a booklet on agro-tourism presents traditional houses of forty villages with excellent accommodation facilities at reasonable prices called 'Bed and Breakfast Houses. '



FOLLOW GORAN PROJECT: PRESENTATION – TUESDAY 19 JULY, 2011

A presentation followed by a cocktail reception took place in Dionysos Room, at the Hilton Park Hotel, to celebrate Goran's successful fundraising motorbike trip from Cyprus to Stockholm, Sweden. This pleasant evening event was organized by both our club and our Rotaractors who actively co-participated in the promotion of the project. Eleven Aspelians plus a good number of Rotaractors joined the party.

Rtor P Chrysanthi Danou welcomed everyone and Rtn Goran Svensson.

Rtn Goran Svensson shared his experience/adventure by the aide of audiovisual equipment. He loaded his Honda Varadero on the ship in Limassol on June 18th and collected it in Savona, Italy on the 19th where he begun his ride through Italy, Switzerland, Germany Denmark and after crossing the 8 km bridge arrived in Sweden ending in Stockholm on the 28th covering 2550 km. In Germany, he visited Rtn Friedrich Vogel and family at their home for a lunch. To cut the story short, Goran used his trip of a life time to raise money and awareness for Nicosia's Alzheimer's Day Care Centre. He raised more than 2500 Euros and the number is still growing.

PP Caterina Calavas thanked Rtn Goran for his admirable effort, Rtn Marina Theodotou as the project manageress, PRD Louisa Koudounaris, Rtor P Chrysanthi Danou and Rtor Loris Stavrinides as the Rotaract project leader – web page design.

PP Caterina presented Goran the 'Multiple Paul Harris Fellow Sapphire Pin' of Rotary International (a total contribution of \$2,000-\$3000). Rtn Goran thanked everyone for their support to him and their contribution to the cause.

Rtn Marina Theodotou said that it was her first Rotary project; she got a good experience, she enjoyed it and thanked everyone.

Rtor P Chrysanthi presented a cheque of 240 Euros to the representative of the Gaza Children Relief Association. That was the second installment of the sponsoring a child, a three year project.

Cocktail reception with nice food and drinks that followed made a good fellowship.

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EXHIBITION TOUR AND FELLOWSHIP DINNER-THURSDAY 21 JULY 2011

Morphou as Theomorphou. Yesterday, today and tomorrow:

PE Eleni Zapiti welcomed club members and friends at the Bank of Cyprus Cultural Center for a brief tour at the above periodical exhibition.

The exhibition features more than 130 authentic specimens (icons, wood-carved items, holy vessels, canonicals, manuscripts, incunabula) all valuable pieces of ecclesiastical art from the free areas as well as heirlooms belonging to refugees and repatriated or salvaged icons, books and wood-carved items from the Bishopric's occupied area. Special reference is made to the Bishopric's occupied ecclesiastical monuments, damaged by the invaders, to the ongoing efforts to preserve them as well as to the investigations carried out with an eye to finding and repatriating portable ecclesiastical heirlooms of the Bishopric. The exhibition aims at sensitizing the public, both locals and foreigners, about the preservation and safekeeping of cultural heritage as well as the tracking down and repatriation of stolen works of ecclesiastical art.

Meze dinner with live music followed at the nearby traditional Salas Restaurant, where all members and friends, once again, proved their talent in singing.



Forthcoming events:

- **August 5th, 12th, 19th:** There will be no club meetings held.
 - **August 26th:** Our first meeting after the summer holidays.
 - **September 2nd:** Kith Parker's topic "Leadership starts with you" will help us on .
Improving our vocational services.
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Birthdays

Everybody wished PP Nina Sadek a happy birthday.



Raffle winner: DGE Kevork Mahdessian.

"IPP Caterina calling Vart to say that
DGN Kevork is kissing a woman again!"

Meeting concluded at 14.30

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