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Weekly Message

*In line with the Peace theme RC Nicosia
Aspelia organizes two events:
28/2/13*

- *Dr Zoe Bennet will speak on
"Understanding and Exchange of
culture".*

21/3/13

- *Dr Rita Severis will present the book
"Turkish Cypriot Dress. The Aziz
Damdelen Collection"*



RI Presidents February message:

"In Rotary, we do not divide our work by nation, culture, or language. It does not matter what is printed in your passport. What matters is that you believe in Service Above Self. But even in Rotary, it is easy to think in terms of countries or communities. This project may help someone in my own community, or that project may help someone from Germany, or Kenya, or South Africa. Sometimes we think of different types of borders. This project, we think, helps the young. This helps the elderly. This helps people who are hungry, poor, or sick, or who have disabilities.

The truth is that Service Above Self does not know such borders. When we serve, the impact is not limited to our community, or the community we are helping. We are not only helping the young, or the elderly, or this school, or that orphanage. When we serve, we are helping all of humanity. The effects of what we do go on and on.

When we put Service Above Self, we are making a choice. We are choosing to put

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other people's needs ahead of our own desires. We are saying, "Your problems are my problems, and I care enough to help you."

Rotary brings peace by addressing the needs that cause conflict: the need for clean water, for nutrition, sanitation, and health care. When these needs are met, there is opportunity. And there is hope. Hope has no borders. It is the garden from which peace can grow.

Peace Through Service brings out the best in us. It makes us aware of the borders we set up around ourselves – and it helps us tear them down".

AGENDA OF THE NEXT MEETING – FEBRUARY 21, 2013

Dinner meeting at 19:30 with Dr Zoe Benett as speaker.

13.15 Arrivals

13.30 Grace and dinner / Announcements

- Apologies for absence
- Introduction of visitors
- President's announcements
- Dessert and coffee
- Birthdays

14.00 Speaker: Dr Zoe Benett

14.20 Raffle

14.30 Close

MINUTES OF THE MEETING FEBRUARI 21 2013

Joint meeting with RC Nicosia.

Grace: The grace was read by PAG Nina Sadek.

Acting Sergeant at Arms: Christina Hadjiparaskeva.

Rotarian Visitors and Guests: Swedish Ambassador Claes Gierow, Finnish Ambassador Anu Sarela, Mr Keith Peterson (public affairs of the USA embassy), Mrs Manel Abdel Tawab (economic officer of the embassy of Egypt), AG Litsa Aresti, PDDG and District Secretary Themis Temistocleous and many more guests and visiting Rotarians.

Attendance: Meeting average: 50% (20 Aspelia members attended) Yearly average: 54%

Communication of apologies: You may forward your apologies at the e-mail address of Sec Pia Ceder. Communication of make ups: You may forward your make ups at the e-mail address of Rtn Amal el Khoury

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President's Announcements

President Yioula Papakyriakou greeted and welcomed all Rotarians and guests, all together 90 persons, and directed a special warm welcome to the speaker; the American Ambassador John Koenig. She presented RC Nicosia's projects and especially mentioned the Island Wide Peace Event, which will take place in Nicosia on the 27th of February, at 7pm . The film "Sharing an Island" will be shown and there will be an exhibition of culinary and natural products as well.

Speaker USA Ambassador John Koenig:

The Ambassador had a post in Cyprus 15 years ago and compared his experiences of the country at that time and nowadays. The Cyprus problem remains and he stressed the importance of communication. He looks forward to cooperating with the new President and especially to make efforts in finding a solution to the Cyprus problem.



The United States supports the development of gas deposits and sees an opportunity for Cyprus and U.S. companies to cooperate. He believes that the U.S. can help Cyprus to develop its gas resources and stressed the importance of making the right decision for Cyprus.

The new winds blowing in the Arab countries was also mentioned and the Ambassador said that both Cyprus and the United States wants stable and friendly ties with the Arab countries; we want peace, stability, democracy and fundamental rights of people.

Ambassador Koenig finished his speech trying to inspire hope in the economic situation in Cyprus. "We Americans are optimists and see opportunities in crises such as in Cyprus. It will lead to many opportunities and release entrepreneurial forces. Never waist a good crisis"

Forthcoming events

February 28: Dinner Meeting with Speaker Dr Zoe Bennett, Middle East VP of the Women's Federations for World Peace International – "Understanding and Exchange of Culture for Peace"

March 7: Dinner Meeting. Aspelia honours Ambassador Mr Andreas

Mavroyiannis, Deputy Minister to the President for European Affairs who will speak about Cyprus running the EU presidency.

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INVITATION

Rotary Club Nicosia Aspelia

hosts and honours Ambassador Mr Andreas Mavroyiannis,
Deputy Minister to the President for European Affairs

in a Nicosia Interclub Meeting on

Thursday 7 March, 19.30,

at Hilton Hotel, Fontana Restaurant

Ambassador Andreas Mavroyiannis will

speak about the Cyprus EU presidency

Dinner and drinks: 24 euro

For attendance please inform Secretary Pia Ceder: 99012486



March 21:

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The Rotary Club Nicosia Aspelia

cordially invite you to the presentation of the book,

TURKISH CYPRIOT DRESS

The Aziz Damdelen Collection

By Euphrosyne Rizopoulou-Egoumenidou and
Aziz Damdelen

The book will be presented by Dr Rita C. Severis
Art Historian and Executive Manager of the
Costas and Rita Severis Foundation

On Thursday 21 March, 19.30

Hilton Hotel

Dinner at 24 euro




PHOTO GALLERY

Joint lunch meeting with RC Nicosia and speaker;
Ambassador John Koenig.



ASPELIA CALENDAR, COMING EVENTS

Meetings at Hilton Hotel Nicosia Thursdays at 19.30

FEBRUARY (WORLD UNDERSTANDING MONTH)	
6 Wednesday	Board Meeting 18.00
7 Thursday	Regular meeting, drinks 19.30
14 Thursday	Regular meeting canceled, Valentine dinner at Kathodon Restaurant 20:30
21 Thursday	Regular meeting replaced by a lunch meeting at Hilton, jointly with RC Nicosia, Speaker – John Koenig, US Ambassador.
28 Thursday	Regular Meeting, 19.30. Speaker Dr Zoe Bennett, Middle East VP of the Women's Federations for World Peace International – "Understanding and Exchange of Culture for peace"

MARCH (LITERACY MONTH)	
7 Thursday	Regular meeting, dinner 19.30 speaker - Ambassador Mr Mavroyiannis
13 Wednesday	Board Meeting 18.00
14 Thursday	Regular Meeting, drinks 19.30
21 Thursday	Regular meeting jointly with RC Sarayönu, dinner 19.30 Hilton Hotel, book presentation by Mrs Rita Severis: "Turkish Cypriot Folklore Costume, by Froso Hgoumenidou"
28 Thursday	Regular Meeting, drinks 19.30 Club Assembly

The program is subject to changes

Pia Ceder
Secretary
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