



Rotary Club Of Nicosia *Aspelia*



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Weekly Message

Aspelia is now the first **100 % PHF** club in Cyprus.
Six members will be offered the PHF and our charter member Kevork Mahdessian in appreciation for achieving the high rank of District Governor.

World Rotaract Week

Every year, Rotaractors and Rotarians around the world celebrate World Rotaract Week during the week of 13 March to commemorate the founding of the first club in 1968.

World Rotaract Week is a time for celebrating the success and importance of the Rotaract program. This event is also an excellent opportunity to inform members of your community about the amazing work that Rotaract clubs do, and give them an opportunity to get involved.



AGENDA OF THE NEXT MEETING – MARCH 14, 2013

Joint meeting with our Rotaractors.

19.15 Arrivals - *Drinks*

- Apologies for absence
- Introduction of visitors
- President's announcements
- Rotaract Club Nicosia Aspelia
- Handover of the Aspelia scholarships to our 11 scholars
- Birthdays

20.25 Raffle

20.30 Close

MINUTES OF THE MEETING MARCH 7 2013

Grace: The grace was read by PP Sotos Demetriou.

Sergeant at Arms: Christina Hadjiparaskeva.

Rotarian Visitors and Guests: Guest speaker Ambassador Andreas Mavroyiannis, his wife Mrs Mavroyiannis, Socrates Zapitis, Spiros Pisinis, Christakis and Felicity Christofides, Yiannoula Savvidou, Manos and Maria Zembyla, Rtn Sotos Jacouides (RC Nicosia – Lefkotea) and Agni Jacovides.

Attendance: Meeting average: 28% (14 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.

President's Announcements

President Eleni welcomed and thanked Ambassador his excellency Andreas Mavroyiannis for accepting Aspelias invitation and honoring us with his presence, as well as Mrs Mavroyianni.

March is Literacy Month and Aspelia is celebrating this theme with 2 main events:

- The handover of the Aspelia **scholarships** to our 11 scholars, during a joint meeting with our Rotaractors next Thursday on 14 March. We will be also celebrating the Rotaractors week.
- On 21 April we are organizing a joint and most interesting meeting with RC Sarayonu at Chateau Status, not at HILTON as previously stated. We will attend the **presentation of the book** by Froso Egoumenidou and Aziz Damdelen, entitled "Turkish Cypriot dress" the Aziz Dambelen collection. Dr Rita Severis will present the book. The event will also be supported by the Turkish Cypriot Rotaractors. During the meeting a member of the Damdelen family will also be present.

- P Eleni informed about a series of lectures **entitled “A Cultural Journey to Israel”**. The lectures are organised by the Bank of Cyprus Cultural Foundation and the Embassy of Israel. They will take place on 13/3, 17/7/ and 23/10, at 19.30, at the Bank of Cyprus Cultural Foundation.
The lecture on 13/3 is entitled “Art in Israel between the local and the global.

Speaker Ambassador H.E. Andreas Mavroyannis

PP Elena Tanou introduced the speaker

Ambassador Mavroyannis holds a PhD in Sociology, a Master degree in International Law and a Diploma in Law and International Law. He joined the Diplomatic Service of the Foreign Affairs in 1987 and before that he was permanent Representative to the UN, a Director of the Office of the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Ambassador to France and Ireland. 2011 he assumed his duties as Deputy Minister to the President of Cyprus of European Affairs and since 4 March 2013 he is appointed as a Permanent Secretary to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.



H.E. Ambassador A Mavroyiannis gave an elevating and informative speech about his experiences during Cyprus Presidency in the Council of European Union and the challenges Cyprus had to face and to prove its efficiency. He opened by explaining the misgivings of European partners regarding the competency of Cyprus for the Presidency - mainly owing to the Cyprus Problem and the present dire economic circumstances of the county. However, within a few weeks they were won over owing to the efficiency and proactive manner of the organisation. Among other examples he presented the priority set on behalf of his team in trying to establish an effective communication among the European institutions and the people and how they managed to reach to handle long lasting and outstanding issues. He illuminated on the many successes of the Cyprus Presidency and the effect these successes will have on the standing of Cyprus as a member of the European community. Cyprus gained at the end, the respect among the European family and proved its successful diplomatic and technocratic efficiency. Many questions followed, all answered in detail and with success.



P Eleni thanked Ambassador Mavroyannis for his interesting and edifying speech and as a Cypriot for the successful completion of the Cyprus Presidency.

She presented him the RC Nicosia Aspelia banner, and DG Kevork Mahdessian honoured him with a plaque.

Birthdays and Raffle

There were no birthdays to celebrate and the lucky winner of the Raffle was PP Catherina Kalavas.



Aspelia is now the first **100 % PHF** club in Cyprus. Six members will be offered the PHF and the pinning is planned to take place during the Paul Harris lunch at the District Conference. In addition, in appreciation of the hard work and dedication that our charter member Kevork Mahdessian has shown towards our Club, District and Rotary International, achieving the rank of District Governor, P Eleni has recommended an additional PHF recognition taking his total to PHF+3.

The 77th District 2450 Conference is approaching. Our Club contributes with the organization of a speech and a workshop on Peace. Members are encouraged to support this conference by at least registering. The fee is 75 euro, which equals just with the cost of 3 meetings. Please all members; Register to support DG Kevork, it will count as make ups!!!



Forthcoming events

March 14: Joint drinks meeting with Aspelia Rotaractors celebrating the Rotaractors week and the hand- over of the Aspelia scholarships.

March 21: Presentation of the book on "Turkish Cypriot Dress" by Dr Rita Severis. A joint event with RC Sarayionou at Chateau Status, 19.30, 26 euro.

March 28: Drinks meeting and **Club Assembly**.

April 4: Meeting Cancelled.

April 4-7: District Conference in Limassol

PHOTO GALLERY

Dinner meeting March 7 with H.E. Ambassador A Mavroyiannis as speaker.



Our Rotaractors are planning a 2nd contribution to our Scholarship Fund. A Rock concert with the band LST at RED on the 28th March. All the entrance proceeds (EURO 15 per person) will be donated to the RC Nicosia Aspelia Scholarship Fund! We thank them!

ASPELIA CALENDAR, COMING EVENTS

Meetings at Hilton Hotel Nicosia Thursdays at 19.30

MARCH (LITERACY MONTH)	
7 Thursday	Regular meeting, dinner 19.30 speaker - Ambassador Mr Mavroyiannis
12 Tuesday	Board Meeting 18.00
14 Thursday	Regular Meeting, drinks 19.30. Joint meeting with Aspelia Rotaractors celebrating the Rotaractors week and the hand -over of the Aspelia scholarships.
21 Thursday	Regular meeting jointly with RC Sarayönu, dinner 19.30 Chateau Status , book presentation by Mrs Rita Severis: "Turkish Cypriot Folklore Costume, by Froso Egoumenidou"
28 Thursday	Regular Meeting, drinks 19.30 Club Assembly

APRIL (MAGAZINE MONTH)	
3 Wednesday	Board Meeting 18.00
4 Thursday	Meeting Cancelled
4-7 Thursday-Sunday	District Conference Limassol
11 Thursday	Regular Meeting, drinks 19.30
18 Thursday	Regular meeting, dinner 19.30. Speaker – the Swiss Ambassador
21 Sunday	Fundraising Lunch at President's house at Lefkara village
25 Thursday	Regular Meeting, drinks 19.30 Club Assembly

MAY	
1 Wednesday	Board Meeting 18.00
2 Thursday	Greek Orthodox Good Thursday, meeting cancelled
9 Thursday	Regular Meeting, dinner 19.30, speaker - the Ambassador of Brazil
16 Thursday	Regular meeting, drinks 19.30
19 Sunday	Fundraising Lunch at PP Elena's house
17 - 19 May	Peace Forum in Hiroshima, Japan; Peace begin with you
23 Thursday	Regular Meeting, dinner 19.30
30 Thursday	Regular meeting, drinks 19.30

The program is subject to changes

Pia Ceder
Secretary
 Rotary Club Nicosia - Aspelia