

Rotary Club Of Nicosia Aspelia



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Weekly message

Dear Fellow Rotarians

We are experiencing an unprecedented tragic economic situation. As Rotarians, it is time to challenge our solidarity and our ability to handle the new difficult environment.

ROTARY AND WATER

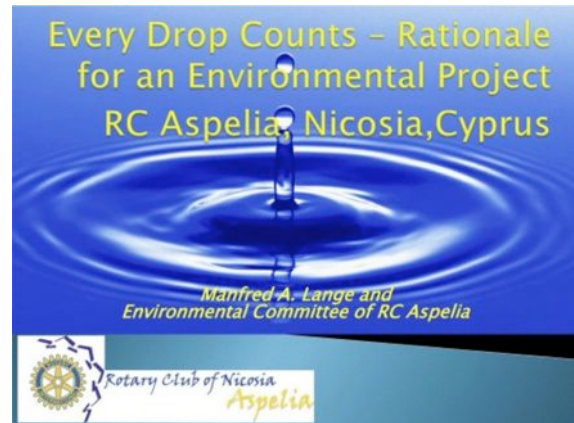
Millions of people lack access to clean drinking water. Through Rotary, community and business leaders come together to seek solutions, share ideas, and conduct sustainable projects that provide communities with safe water and proper sanitation. For World Water Day on March 22, watch a video at <http://vimeo.com/33735494>.



Posted at *Rotary Voices*, March 22: "A change is taking place in the way Rotarians approach water and sanitation programs. We realize that the challenge of meeting the Millennium Development Goals is something that no organization can achieve on its own; not even Rotary with its 33,000 clubs and over 1.2 million members. To be successful we need leverage, the leverage that comes from collaboration with others who share our goals. The most notable example of this is the International H2O Collaboration, an alliance between R I and USAID. Rotary clubs in Ghana, the Dominican Republic, and the Philippines are working together to bring safe water to hundreds of communities and schools."

Aspelia has two water projects:

"Every drop counts" presented by Manfred Lange on the meeting January 17 (see Bulletin no 21) and **SOTK Water Matching Grant Project** that is running since last year. Nazo Davidian is the coordinator .



AGENDA OF THE NEXT MEETING – MARCH 28, 2013

Club Assembly.

19.15 Arrivals - *Drinks*

- Apologies for absence
- Introduction of visitors
- President's announcements
- Club Assembly -Presentation of Activities
 -District Conference
- Birthdays

20.25 Raffle

20.30 Close

MINUTES OF THE MEETING MARCH 21 2013

Joint meeting with RC Sarayonu at Chateau Status

Sergeant at Arms: Nazo Davidian

Rotarian Visitors: DG Kevork Mahdessian, AGs Dervish Baha, Presidents Olgul Vural and Jamal Saad Ghith from RC Kyrenia St Hilarion, Past Presidents, Rotarians and Rotaractors from RC Nicosia Sarayonu, RC Kyrenia St Hilarion.

Guests: Dr Rita Severis, Prof Froso Egoumenidou, Prof Matias, Mrs Canev Damdelen, Mr Damdelen, Mr Kadir Kaba, Vart Mahdessian, Dr Zoe Bennett and many other guests.

Attendance: Meeting average: 26% (13 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 Zapiti and President Olgun Vural welcomed everyone and expressed their delight to see so many members and guests, all in all 57 persons. Both looked forward to many joint meetings in the future where we can share the Rotary spirit.

Book presentation

P Eleni introduced the speaker Dr Severis and the author of the book, Prof Egoumenidou.

Dr Rita Severis has a PhD in History in Art, BA Hons in Philosophy and a Diploma in Journalism. She has worked in the Antique business with her own antique business in Nicosia and as Sotheby's representative in Cyprus and Greece. Since 1999 she is a Freelance researcher, writer and lecturer. She has published many books and articles about Cyprus and has served on many cultural boards of Banks, Museums and other cultural foundations. She is also Executive Manager of the Costas and Rita Severis Foundation.

Dr Severis presented the book **TURKISH CYPRIOT DRESS, The Aziz Damdelen Collection** by Euphrosyne Rizopoulou-Egoumenidou and Aziz Damdelen.



In the presence of the Damdelen family, Dr Severis with the use of rich photographic material drawn from the Damdelen collection, presented the Turkish Cypriot attire and its development during the past 2 centuries. In an interesting way the costumes projected the every day life and the tradition of the Turkish Cypriot community as well the influences from the western civilization. In conclusion, this interesting research brought to light a part of the culture of Cyprus.

Euphrosyne Egoumenidou is professor of Folk Art and Architecture at the University of Cyprus. She was archaeological officer at the Dpt of Antiquitiess, 1983-1995. She is member in 20 organisations/committees and author of 14 books and of numerous articles. Her research focuses on folk art and architecture of the last two centuries.

Prof Egoumenidou explained how this project was initiated and developed and the role of the photographer Mr Kadir Kaba who acted as a bond with the Damdelen family. She also thanked all her collaborators like Prof Mattias. Both Mr Kadir and Prof Mattias attended the meeting.

The Cyprus Ministry of Education and Culture supported this research and edited the book.

Exchange of banners:

P Eleni exchanged banner with the President of the RC Samsun in Turkey.

Raffle

The lucky winner of the Raffle was Nairy der Arakelian.

Forthcoming events

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

April 4: Meeting Cancelled.

April 4-7: District Conference in Limassol



PHOTO GALLERY

Joint meeting with RC Sarayonu at Chateau Status and book presentation by Dr Rita Severis







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
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

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