



Rotary Club Of Nicosia Aspelia



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Weekly message

*The new economic environment imposed the need to reconsider several administration issues of our Club.
The forthcoming Club Assembly will open the discussion on this topic.*

Celebrating Paul Harris's birthday



On 19 April 1868, Paul Harris was born in Racine, Wisconsin, USA. After moving to Chicago in 1896, he founded the first Rotary club in 1905. In celebration of his birthday, read more about the life and times of Rotary's founder, and listen to an audio clip on our blog.

[Read more about Paul Harris:](http://www.rotary.org/en/MediaAndNews/News/Pages/090413_news_history.aspx)

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[Listen to the audio clip on Rotary Voices: http://blog.rotary.org/2013/04/19/quote_paulharris/](http://blog.rotary.org/2013/04/19/quote_paulharris/)

[Visit the "Life and times of Paul Harris" online exhibit:](http://www.rotary.org/en/AboutUs/History/paulharris/Pages/ridefault.aspx)

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AGENDA OF THE CLUB ASSEMBLY – April 25, 2013

Drinks meeting

18.00 Arrivals - *Drinks*

- Apologies for absence
- President's announcements
- Club Assembly
Agenda:
 1. Membership Fee reduction
 2. Aspelia meetings: Cost and venue
- Birthdays

19.00 Raffle

19.30 Close

MINUTES OF THE MEETING 18 APRIL 2013

Apologies for Absence: PP Andreas Lada, Patric Elston and Manfred Lange

Sergeant at Arms: Christina Hadjiparasekva

Guests: Prof. H.Günter Saul, Klaus Olschewski, Bruno and Margit Sciffo, Roberto Sciffo, Christakis and Felicity Christofides.

Guest speaker; Swiss Ambassador Gabriela Nützi Sulpizio

Attendance: Meeting average: 36% (18 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 was delighted to present the six awards that Aspelia received as an appreciation to the service it offers to the community and to Rotary.

- A. Community Service Award
- B. Vocational Service Award
- C. Environmental Projects and Youth Award
- D. Rotary Foundation and Peace Performance Award
- E. Club Administration Award
- F. Public Relations and Rotary Image Award

Projects

Needy Families – Louisa Coudounaris will arrange with vouchers for the same families as last time. Please contact Louisa if you wish to contribute.

Aspelia Water Project EVERY DROP COUNTS - This project is prepared by our member Manfred Lange, who will give a brief lecture on water and water saving in Cyprus at The American International School in Cyprus on Wednesday April 24 2013, from 1:00 pm – 2:00pm.

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17-18 May 2013
Rotary Global Peace Forum
in Hiroshima

Our member Areti Demosthenous participates at the Peace Forum.
We are wishing her a constructive and rewarding stay in Hiroshima

The theme of Rotary International President Sakuji Tanaka during 2012-13 is 'Peace Through Service.'

As part of the specific activities for this, Rotary International will hold the '2012-13 Rotary Global Peace Forum' in the three cities of Berlin, Honolulu and Hiroshima.

In Hiroshima, the forum will adopt the theme of 'Peace begins with you' and will especially focus on the new generation. Therefore we will welcome diverse participants from this new generation*1 and together with Rotarians, our aim is to ignite the sparks that will lead to consciousness and actions toward peace on a daily basis. We are looking for this forum to become the starting point in which the next generation will inherit the challenge of taking actions for peace.

Participants from all areas of the Rotary, including Connecting Rotaractors, Interact members, Rotary Youth Exchange students, RYLarians, Ambassadorial Scholarship students, Rotary Peace Fellows, Alumni, Rotary Community Corps(RCC) members, Yoneyama scholarship students and United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) Youth Ambassadors

Forthcoming events

April 25: Drinks meeting and **Club Assembly** during which we will discuss important administration issues with regard to the reduction of the membership fee, the cost of the meetings and the venue.

May 2: Meeting cancelled. Greek Orthodox Good Thursday

May 9: Drinks meeting

May 16: Meeting cancelled

May 18: PETS seminar in Limassol, addressed to the Incoming President and Board

May 19: Fundraising Lunch at PP Elena's house. The proceeds will support the Cyprus Friendship Program, a project related to Peace where students from both communities share 3 weeks at the States.

Guest Speaker Swiss Ambassador Gabriela Nützi Sulpizio

Treasurer Walter Bopp introduced the Ambassador. She is the mother of two children has a lic. Phil from the University of Berne, has held posts in Ottawa, Buenos Aires, Madrid, Geneva and been the Ambassador in Costa Rica, Nicaragua and Panama, Latvia and Lithuania and now the Republic of Cyprus.

The presentation was entitled:
“Swiss Financial Center – Challenges and Responses”

The Ambassador explained the development of the Swiss banking industry. It has enlarged under pressure by the USA and the EU to a system of cooperation with foreign tax authorities without following to an automatic information exchange. Switzerland has achieved a 35% debt ratio to GDP by enacting legislation in 2001, which curtailed government spending strictly.

The presentation was very interesting, especially under the current financial situation in Cyprus.

The full presentation will soon be forwarded for everyone to read it.

Raffle



The lucky winner of the Raffle was
PP Catherina Kalavas.

PHOTO GALLERY

Dinner meeting April 18 with guest speaker Swiss Ambassador Gabriela Nützi Sulpizio



Aspelia Awards!!!

ASPELIA CALENDAR, COMING EVENTS

Meetings at Hilton Hotel Nicosia Thursdays at 19.30

| APRIL (MAGAZINE MONTH) | |
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| 4 Thursday | Meeting Canceled |
| 4-7 Thursday-Sunday | District Conference Limassol |
| 10 Wednesday | Board meeting 18.00 |
| 11 Thursday | Regular Meeting, drinks 18.00 |
| 18 Thursday | Regular meeting, dinner 19.30. Speaker – the Swiss Ambassador Gabriela Nützi Sulpizio - “Swiss Financial Center – Challenges and Responses” |
| 25 Thursday | Regular Meeting, drinks 18.00 Club Assembly |

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| 2 Thursday | Greek Orthodox Good Thursday, meeting cancelled |
| 9 Thursday | Regular Meeting, drinks 18.00 |
| 15 Wednesday | Board Meeting 18.00 |
| 16 Thursday | Meeting cancelled |
| 18 Saturday | PETS |
| 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, drinks 18.00 |
| 30 Thursday | Regular meeting, dinner 19.30 |

The program is subject to changes

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