



# Rotary Club Of Nicosia Aspelia



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### Weekly message

*We expect to see you all at the Intercity Meeting on 30 May 2013 and to the most interesting presentation on how to make use of food in order to support the needy groups in a society.  
As Rotarians we have a lot to do in view of the new needs in our community.*



RI President Sakuji Tanaka (center) joined Rotary leaders in placing wreaths in Hiroshima Memorial Park during the third Rotary Global Peace Forum in Japan

**Read RI President Tanaka's monthly letter:**

**May 2013**

**Dear fellow Rotarians,**

From the moment I was nominated as Rotary International president, I knew I would choose a theme that would focus on peace. This is why I planned three peace forums – to give Rotarians an opportunity to think about peace, to talk about peace, and to share their ideas on building peace together. The final Rotary Global Peace Forum takes place this month in Hiroshima, Japan.

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We hear the word *peace* every day. But most of us spend little time thinking about what peace is. On its simplest level, we can define *peace* by what it is not. It is a state of no war, no violence, and no fear. It means that you are not in danger of hunger, or persecution, or the suffering of poverty.

But we can also define peace by what it is, and by what it can be. Peace can mean freedom of thought and of speech, freedom of opinion and of choice, and the ability for self-determination. It can mean security, confidence in the future – a life and home in a stable society. On a more abstract level, peace can mean a sense of happiness, of inner serenity, of calm.

However we use the word, however we understand peace, Rotary can help us to achieve it. Rotary helps us to meet the basic needs of others – to provide health care, sanitation, food, and education when and where they are most needed. It helps to meet the inner needs as well, for friendship, connection, and caring. And Rotary helps us to build peace in its most traditional sense, by reducing the causes of conflict. It builds bridges of friendship and tolerance among people and nations. It helps us to understand one another.

However we define peace, whatever peace means to us, we can bring it closer through service. Peace, in all of the ways that we can understand it, is a real goal, and a realistic goal for Rotary. Peace is not something that can only be achieved through treaties, by governments, or through heroic struggles. It is something that we can find, and that we can achieve – every day, and in many simple ways.

And so I thank you for your commitment to *Peace Through Service* – and to a Rotary goal of a more peaceful world.

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## **AGENDA OF THE INTERCITY MEETING – MAY 30, 2013**

### **HILTON HOTEL, BALL ROOM C**

Dinner meeting at 19:30

19.30 Arrivals

19.45 Grace and dinner

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

20.10 Introduction of speaker by DG Kevork Mahdessian

20.15 Guest speaker: Dr Moez El Shohdi

20.45 Questions

20.55 Raffle

21.00 Close

## NOTES OF THE DRINK MEETING – MAY 23, 2013

**Apologies for Absence:** Louisa Coudounaris and Patrik Elston

**Rotarian Visitors and Guests:** Louise Ceder

**Attendance:** Meeting average: 17% (8 Aspelia members attended) Yearly average: 50%

*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**

#### **Forthcoming events**

**May 30:** Intercity Dinner meeting 19.30. Speaker invited by DG Kevork: Moez El Shohdi, President Middle East & Africa - Style Hotels International and CEO - Egyptian Food Bank. "Philanthropy in a social business model". See the invitation below.

**June 6:** Club Assembly

**June 13:** His Excellency the ambassador of Brazil will be our speaker and guest of honor

**June 19:** Change over ceremony at P Eleni's house

#### **Information about the presentation on the Intercity Meeting, Thursday May 30:**

One of the main programs that EFB develops is the "Not to Waste Food":

The "Not to Waste Food" program is an [awareness and feeding campaign](#) focused on the hotel and restaurant industry. The program began five years ago when EFB asked hotels and restaurants to donate safe, nutritious food at the end of the day. This year, the program escalated when EFB signed a protocol with the Egyptian Hotel Association. The Association encouraged the support and participation of every hotel and restaurant in Egypt. The response has been tremendous with 400 participants - from five star hotels to fast food chains - agreeing to help. The "Not to Waste Food" program is currently serving more than 17 million meals each month! Hilton Hotel properties in Egypt will be joining the effort in the coming months. This arrangement is, in part, an outcome of a larger [partnership agreement between Hilton Worldwide and The Global FoodBanking](#)

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Network announced on World Food Day in October. Key lessons from Hilton's pilot initiative with EFB will be used as the Hilton food donation program expands to other countries where GFN partners with food banks

**Guest speaker Dr Moez El Shohdi**  
will deliver a presentation on

## **"Philanthropy in a social business model"**

**On Thursday 30 May, 19.30**  
**Hilton Hotel**

**Dinner at 24 euro**

*RSVP by Monday 27 May to Amal El Khoury 99559170*  
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- Dr. Moez El Shohdi, CEO and co-founder of the EFB, is leading the charge for developing food banks throughout the Middle East and North Africa (MENA), and Pakistan. He is recognized for his work to develop and promote unique solutions through EFB that address hunger as a way to lift people out



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### **RAFFLE**

The lucky winner of the raffle was Treasurer Walter Bopp

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## 19 May Fellowship Lunch

Aspelians enjoyed a fellowship lunch with their families and friends.

PAG Elena Tanou hosted and treated everybody in her own special way.

PAG Elena welcomed every body and P Eleni thanked her for her continuous support from the beginning of the Rotary year.

She contributed to the organization of the main fundraising even the Katerina Mina Concert and she invited various important speakers.

We specially thank her mother Mrs Maroulla for the delicious plates she prepared and all those who brought sweets.

PAG Elena reassured PE Loucas Vryonides that she would stand by his side.

We specially thank Mrs Zeta Ouzounian for her donation of 50 euro and Nazo Davidian for also contributing with 50 euro.

A total of 625 was raised which will be used to support the Peace project of the Cyprus Friendship program (500 USD) and the polio contribution.

### PHOTO GALLERY

Some of the members, families and guest at PP Elenas yearly lunch, May 19





## ASPELIA CALENDAR, COMING EVENTS

Meetings at Hilton Hotel Nicosia Thursdays at 19.30

<b>MAY</b>	
2 Thursday	Greek Orthodox Good Thursday, meeting cancelled
9 Thursday	Regular Meeting, <b>drinks 18.00</b>
15 Wednesday	<b>Board Meeting 18.00</b>
16 Thursday	Meeting replaced by a lunch fellowship meeting on 19 May at PP Elena's residence
18 Saturday	<b>PETS</b>
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, <b>drinks 18.00</b>

30 Thursday	Intercity meeting, <b>dinner 19.30</b> , <b>speaker: Moez El Shohdi</b> , President Middle East & Africa - Style Hotels International and CEO - Egyptian Food Bank. "Philanthropy in a social business model" invited by DG Kevork Mahdessian. Ballroom C
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<b>JUNE</b> (ROTARY FELLOWSHIP MONTH)	
5 Wednesday	Board Meeting 18.00 jointly with the incoming board
6 Thursday	Regular meeting, drinks 19.30 Club Assembly
13 Thursday	Regular Meeting, dinner 19.30 speaker - the Ambassador of Brazil
19 Wednesday	Regular meeting, <b>Change over ceremony</b> at P Elenis house
23-26 Sunday-Wednesday	Rotary International Convention Lisbon, Portugal
27 Thursday	Regular Meeting.

**The program is subject to changes**

**Pia Ceder**  
**Secretary**  
**Rotary Club Nicosia - Aspelia**