



Rotary Club Of Nicosia Aspelia



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Weekly message

June is Fellowship Month

*Dear Fellow Rotarians
We are in the last month of the Rotary Year
dedicated to fellowship.
Participating in the events of the month we
enjoy and sustain the Rotary Spirit.*



ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION 2013 RI

Lisbon, Portugal | 23-26 June

Rotary gets ready to explore Lisbon

Rotarians from around the world gather each year to exchange great ideas, connect with old and new friends, have fun, and advance the work of Rotary. The 2013 RI Convention will take place in Lisbon, Portugal, 23-26 June.

From the bustling House of Friendship to breakout sessions to pre-convention meetings, the RI Convention is your way to connect with the family of Rotary.

[Register today](#) to secure your spot.

AGENDA OF THE CLUB ASSEMBLY – June 6, 2013

Drinks meeting in Fontana room

18.00 Arrivals - *Drinks*

- Apologies for absence
- President's announcements
- Club Assembly

Agenda:

1. Financial report
2. RI Club Memorandum of Understanding
3. Aspelia meetings
4. Membership

- Birthdays

19.00 Raffle

19.30 Close

MINUTES OF THE MEETING May 30, 2013

Acting Sergeant at Arms: Christina Hadjiparaskeva.

Grace: The grace was read by RC Nicosia president Yioula Papakyriacou.

Apologies for Absence: Walter Bopp

Guestspeaker: Moez El Shohdi, Co-Founder & Chief Executive Officer Foodbank

Rotarian Visitors: Shireen Akl RC Beregaria Cosmopolitan, Rotarians from a iRotary club in Italy, Hania Malawani (Egypt), Melissa Mavris (Rotaractor)

Other Guests: Zacharias Ioannides (PASYXE, The Cypriot Hotels Association), Charis Tsagarides (Aglantzia Municipality 1st Secretary)

Attendance: Courtesy of Amal el Khoury: Meeting average: 54% (26 members attended) Yearly average: 51%

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.

Sergeant at arms, Christina Hadjiparaskeva introduced Rotarians and guests. President Eleni in her own welcome thanked DG Kevork Mahdessian for proposing this intercity end of the year meeting and for inviting as speaker Dr Moez Moez, with the aim to inspire Rotary in initiating a new project. P Eleni also congratulated all Presidents for their dedication throughout the Rotary Year 2012-13 and for their service to the community. She thanked Sergeant at Arms Christina Hadjiparaskeva, Administration Director Amal El Khoury, PR Director Masis der Parthogh and VP Louisa Coudounaris for their

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help in organising the event.

P Yioula Papakyriakou is thanked for arranging the table decorations.

The meeting developed within a great fellowship spirit among the Rotarians and their guests of the Rotary Clubs of: Nicosia Aspelia, Nicosia, Nicosia Salamis, Nicosia Lefkothea, Kyrenia and Ledra. We thank their Presidents for their collaboration.

Guest Speaker:

Officially invited by DG Kevork Mahdessian, Dr Moez El Shohdi, CEO and co-founder of the Egyptian Food Bank visited Nicosia and attended the last Intercity meeting of this Rotary year, arranged by RC Nicosia Aspelia.

Moez El Shodi was introduced by DG Kevork Mahdessian. 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

We had the opportunity to listen to a very interesting presentation on how a Food Bank operates and responds to the needs of the society. It all started with a group of businessmen who decided to fight the hunger in Egypt. The country has already many charity organisations and one more was not needed; it had to be done differently. It was decided to save wasted food and support the disabled, people not able to work, single mothers and elderly people.

The program got a lot of publicity and became controversial. Many wanted to discontinue the project but Moez El Shohdi did not give up and drove it forward.. Foodbank has now been running for 7 years and is a great success, also in other countries such as Saudi, Lebanon, Jordan, Iraqi, Syria, Tunisia, Emirate and Pakistan. All hotels are following the program and many volunteers make it possible. Rotary clubs are involved and altogether there are 45 000 volunteers. Many upcoming Foodbanks are planned, for instance in Sudan, Yemen, Bahrain, Libya, Morocco, Kenya and Congo. Perhaps Cyprus can be the next. This was for our Rotary clubs, food for thoughts indeed.

Raffle

The lucky winner of the Raffle was the guest speaker Moez El Shohdi.

PHOTO GALLERY

Dinner meeting May 30 with guest speaker Dr Moez El Shohdi



ASPELIA CALENDAR, COMING EVENTS

Meetings at Hilton Hotel Nicosia Thursdays at 19.30 or 18.00

JUNE (ROTARY FELLOWSHIP MONTH)	
5 Wednesday	Board Meeting 18.00 jointly with the incoming board at the "Point" Centre
6 Thursday	Club Assembly , drinks 19.30 Fontana room
13 Thursday	Regular Meeting, dinner 19.30 speaker - the Ambassador of Brazil, HE Dante Coelho de Lima
19 Wednesday	Change-over ceremony at P Elenis residence
20 Thursday	Regular meeting, cancelled and replaced by change-over ceremony June 19
23-26 Sunday-Wednesday	Rotary International Convention Lisbon, Portugal
27 Thursday	Regular Meeting, dinner 19.30 Opening of the Rotaractors District Conference in Limassol.

The program is subject to changes

Pia Ceder
Secretary
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