



Rotary Club Of Nicosia Aspelia



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Weekly message:

***On the 5th of November
Rotary Club of Nicosia-Aspelia will
have its 18th Anniversary
and the celebration
will take place on Thursday the 7th
of November at 20:30 at Café Mercedes***

NOVEMBER IS ROTARY FOUNDATION MONTH

“The Rotary Foundation is our path to Humanity in Motion. Through our **literacy programs**, we empower children to learn and rise up from poverty. Through our **clean water projects**, we make a difference so that children in poor villages no longer die of water-borne disease. Through our **Ambassadorial Scholars** and **Rotary World Peace Fellows educational programs**, we enlighten the next generation of world leaders to challenge the ravages of war and build bridges of peace and hope that link us all. These programs are made possible by our contributions to The Rotary Foundation. This month, at your Rotary club, Foundation seminar, district event, club board meeting, wherever Rotarians gather, speak about our Rotary Foundation and encourage everyone to contribute — Every Rotarian, Every Year!”

“Foundation Month is not only about the money. It is about you and me taking Service Above Self seriously. It is about taking time to Create Awareness and Take Action by doing something to build goodwill and better friendships. It is also about having a vision that enables all of us to see that something as simple as participating in Every Rotarian, Every Year with a contribution to our Rotary Foundation, can be a life-changing event of magnificent proportion in someone’s life, in the lives of all children.”

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AGENDA OF THE NEXT TWO WEEKS

THURSDAY 7th OF NOVEMBER 2013:

[Birthday Party of Our Club, Café Mercedes, 8:30 pm](#)

THURSDAY 14th OF NOVEMBER 2013:

[Joint dinner meeting with RC Nicosia with speaker at Hilton Fontana Salon](#)

19.30 Arrivals

19.45 Grace and Dinner

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

20.15 Speech/Presentation: Mr. Christodoulos Angastiniotis, Chairman of CIPA (Cyprus Investments Promotion Agency) will speak on Investing in Cyprus

20.35 Raffle

20.40 Close

MINUTES OF THE MEETING – 31st October, 2013

Apologies for Absence:

PP Era Michaelides, PP Masis Der Parthogh, PP Marianna Trokoudes, PP Katerina Nicolaides, IP Louisa Coudounaris, Patrick Elston, Pia Ceder, Walter Bopp, Manfred Lange, Farid Mirbagheri, Elena Aroti, Areti Demosthenous, Nairy Merheje, Amal El Khoury, Nitsa Kiliari, Haro Kouyoumdjian, and Louisa Zannetou.

Present From RC of Nicosia-Aspelia:

PDG Kevork Mahdessian, P Loucas Vrionides, PAG Elena Tanou, PAG Nina Sadek, PP Catherina Kalavas, Nazo Davidian, Friedrich Vogel, Ioanna Kyprianidou and Petros Petrou.

Visitors:

Adonis Panayides.

Attendance:

9 members of RC Nicosia-Aspelia attended the drinks meeting (20%).

Communication of apologies and make ups: At the e-mail address of Administration Director Rtn *Ioanna Kyprianidou*.

President's Announcements:

The forthcoming events are:

- 7th November at 8:30pm our Club's Birthday Party at the Cafe Mercedes

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- 14th November Dinner meeting with speaker Mr Christos Angastiniotis, Chairman of CIPA (Cyprus Investments Promotion Agency)
- 21st November drinks with speaker Vassilis Skronias: The Greek Economic and Social Governance of the last 35 years – the Crisis and its Lessons.
- 28th November, Rotarian Friedrich Vogel will present the “TRF: The Future Vision Plan”.
- During spring next year the Fashion Show of Designers’ Clothes and Bags Project is underway to place. For its preparation with the initiative of our Service Project director Nairy Merheje a first meeting will be announced of the organizing committee members.

Members who wish to introduce an important speaker or subject are welcome to inform P Loucas or administration director Ioanna for their proposals.

Guest Speaker:

Mr Yiannakis, Commissioner of the Government Volunteers’ Association, has been greeted by P Loucas.

Adm. Director Ioanna has introduced the speaker.

Mr Yiannakis has done an interesting power point presentation about Active Citizenship and the Role of the NGOs. At the end, he answered to questions.

Among the highlights of his presentation were the following:

Over 4,100 volunteer organisations and 330 non-profit companies have been registered (since 1974)

There is no coordination or checks

The law for the registration of NGOs needs to be updated

The financial support of governmental agencies to the NGOs has no transparency, check and controls and information

There are no policies or tools to encourage the active participation of citizens, especially the young generation

Recognition-validation of information and non-formal learning (volunteering)

Support of citizens with food and meals

Financial support in house expenses like electricity, house loans, school material for children and clothes

Counselling (legal advice, psychological support)

Benefit for society: values; providing important services where the government cannot; contribute to the empowerment of democracy and more stable society; what would be the cost in actual money if the government needed to pay all the volunteers? Estimation is between 8-14% of Cyprus GDP

Raffle and Birthdays

There were no birthdays to celebrate.

Adonis Panayides was, for the second consecutive time, the lucky winner of the Raffle.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

NOVEMBER (Rotary Foundation Month)	
06 Wednesday	Board Meeting
07 Thursday	RC Nicosia-Aspelia Birthday Party, 8:30 pm, Cafe Mercedes
14 Thursday	Dinner Meeting, speaker Mr Christodoulos Angastiniotis, Chairman of CIPA (Cyprus Investments Promotion Agency), Investing in Cyprus
21 Thursday	Dinner Meeting, Speaker Rtn Vassilis Skronias: The Greek Economic and Social Governance of the last 35 years, the Crisis and its Lessons
21 Thu-25 Sun	District RYLA, Lebanon
28 Thursday	Drinks Meeting, Speaker Assistant TRF Director Friedrich Vogel: The Rotary Foundation: Future Vision Plan

DECEMBER (Family Month)	
05 Thursday	Drinks Meeting – Club Assembly
12 Thursday	Meeting cancelled
13 Friday	Awareness Seminar, Jordan
14 Saturday	Christmas party-lunch
19 Thursday	Drinks Meeting
26 Thursday	Christmas holidays-Meeting cancelled

JANUARY (Rotary Awareness Month)	
02 Thursday	Christmas holidays-Meeting cancelled
09 Thursday	Meeting
13 Monday	DG's Official Visit
16 Thursday	Meeting
23 Thursday	Meeting
23 Thu-24 Fri	The Rotary Foundation Seminar, Dubai
30 Thursday	Meeting

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