



Rotary Club Of Nicosia Aspelia



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Weekly message:

When you give to The Rotary Foundation, you support Rotary's work across the world and help ensure our future. You can choose where to direct your donation and how you wish to give. Recognition is offered at many giving levels.

ROTARY FOUNDATION MONTH

EVOLUTION OF FOUNDATION PROGRAMS

1947: The Foundation established its first program, Fellowships for Advance Study, later known as Ambassadorial Scholarships.

1965-66: Three programs were launched: Group Study Exchange, Awards for Technical Training, and Grants for Activities in Keeping with the Objective of The Rotary Foundation, which was later called Matching Grants.

1978: Rotary introduced the Health, Hunger and Humanity (3-H) Grants. The first 3-H Grant funded a project to immunize 6 million Philippine children against polio.

1985: The [PolioPlus program](#) was launched to eradicate polio worldwide.

1987-88: The first peace forums were held, leading to [Rotary Peace Fellowships](#).

2013: New [district, global, and packaged grants](#) enable Rotarians around the world to respond to the world's greatest needs.

Since the first donation of \$26.50 in 1917, the Foundation has received contributions totalling more than \$1 billion.

AGENDA OF THE NEXT MEETING – Thursday 28st November 2013

- 19:30 Arrivals – Drinks and finger food
- 19:45 Grace
 - Apologies for absence
 - Introduction of visitors
 - President's announcements
- 20:00 Induction of two new members
 - Birthdays
- 20:10 Speech: Rtn Friedrich Vogel – The Rotary Foundation Update
- 20:35 Raffle
- 20:40 Close

MINUTES OF THE MEETING – 21th November, 2013

Apologies for Absence: PP Savvas Omorphos, IP Louisa Coudounaris, Walter Bopp, Ioannis Christofides,

Present From RC of Nicosia-Aspelia: PDG Kevork Mahdessian, P Loucas Vrionides, PAG Elena Tanou, PP Caterina Kalavas, PP Andreas Ladas, PP Era Michaelides, PP Eleni Zapiti, PP Katerina Nicolaidis, Nazo Davidian, Walter Bopp, Friedrich Vogel, Pia Ceder, Nairy Merheje, Ioanna Kyprianidou, Petros Petrou, Amal El Khoury, Patrick Elston and Farid Eghtesadi.

Visitors: Adonis Panagidis, Margarita Paraskevaidou, Nedi Hadjichristofis.

Attendance from Rotary Club of Nicosia-Aspelia:
18 members of RC Nicosia-Aspelia attended the meeting (38%).

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

President's Announcements:

Before proceeding with the program of the Meeting P Loucas requested all to stand up for one minute silence to honour the memory of the deceased and beloved president of the republic of Cyprus, Glafcos Clerides.

This has followed by PP Andreas Ladas with the Rotarian God's guidance prayer.

- Rtn Friedrich Vogel reminded all about the Secret Santa. He asked the members to assist families in Nicosia, as this year the situation is particularly difficult due to the economic crisis and that in Cyprus it is estimated that there are around 44,000 people in need.

The forthcoming events are:

- November 23 (Saturday), assembly of the Cyprus Rotary clubs at the European University 10:00-12:00: Approval of the Cyprus Rotary budget and updates.
- November 28, meeting with drinks and finger food, induction of Mr Adonis Panagidis and Ms Margarita Paraskevaidou to become Rotarians, speaker Rtn Friedrich Vogel: "TRF: The Future Vision Plan."
- December 5th, club assembly: Presentation of the new board by PE Louisa Coudounaris.
- December 6th, our Rotaractors are organizing a rock concert. Tickets at € 10 are available with PP Caterina Kalavas. Proceeds will go to the scholarship fund of our club.
- Saturday 14th December, Christmas Lunch Party at Cleopatra Hotel. There will be lottery prizes to win among other a return Business class air ticket to London
There will be an auction of a Persian carpet donated by Queen Emily shop
Rotarian Farid Eghtesadi is donating paintings and lampshades

A questionnaire sent to all members on where Rotary in Cyprus stands now and in the future should be filled by all and sent to P Loucas. An assembly has been programmed to discuss the issues raised from the questionnaires on December 19.

PDG Kevork mentioned that last year's rent at €600 per month and all other expenses of the Rotary office he held during his Governance have been taken care by him. This year the office rent has been reduced at €300. All the 19 Rotarian Clubs or at least the Nicosia clubs could have rented it and divide the expenses among themselves instead of paying higher costs for their meetings at hotels.

Projects Director Nairy Merheje presented gifts to our club, offered to her during her recent visit to a meeting of RC Sarayonu and RC Kyrenia Liman, from the presidents of RC Istanbul Atasehir and RC Tuzla as well as the banners of the last three clubs.

Guest Speaker:

Rotarian Vasilis Skronias presented the dire Economic situation that Greece is passing through. He described the reasons of the crisis and the lessons learned from it. After the speaker's thorough presentation there were several questions and comments from both the audience and himself related to the present and the future steps to be taken making certain that the past practises and economic errors are not repeated.

Raffle and Birthdays

The dinner meeting ended up with the raffle.
There were no birthdays to celebrate.

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NOVEMBER
(Rotary Foundation Month)

28 Thursday	Drinks & Finger Food Meeting, Induction of new members; Speaker Asstnt TRF Director Friedrich Vogel: The Rotary Foundation: Future Vision Plan
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DECEMBER
(Family Month)

05 Thursday	Drinks & Finger Food Meeting – Club Assembly: Presentation of Incoming Board
12 Thursday	Meeting cancelled
14 Saturday	Christmas party lunch, Cleopatra Hotel
19 Thursday	Drinks & Finger Food Meeting - Club Assembly
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

March 6 Thu-9 Sun	District RYLA, Lebanon
April 3 Thu-6 Sun	1 st District 2452 Conference, Beirut, Lebanon
April 17 Thursday	Easter holidays-Meeting cancelled



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