



# Rotary Club Of Nicosia Aspelia



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## CLUB BULLETIN No. 18, 19th of December, 2013

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### Weekly message:

2013 is almost at an end and we have already covered six successful months. The New Year beckons with a further six months of opportunity and no effort must be spared to move forward with even more vision and more accomplishment.

## **ROTARY RESPONDS TO POLIO EMERGENCY IN SYRIA**

10-Dec-2013

EVANSTON, Ill., USA (Dec. 10, 2013) — Rotary International will provide a US\$500,000 emergency response grant to support efforts to quell a recent outbreak of the crippling disease polio in strife-torn Syria. The funds are the first to the World Health Organization in direct support of a Global Polio Eradication Initiative plan aimed at outbreak response throughout the Middle East, as the region gears up for a multi-country response to the threat of polio.

As of Dec. 9, there have been 17 cases of wild poliovirus confirmed in Syria since October, the first reported cases in the country since 1999. The Rotary grant to the World Health Organization will support immediate response activities in late 2013 and January 2014, such as the establishment of emergency response control rooms and initial vaccination rounds to immunize

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children in Syria and surrounding countries against polio.

Today, seven countries across the region rolled out vaccination campaigns aiming to reach 22 million children. These campaigns are planned to be repeated over the next 6 months to protect children in the region from the polio outbreak.

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## AGENDA OF THE NEXT MEETING – Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> of January 2013

- 18:30 Arrivals – Drinks only
- Apologies for absence
  - Introduction of visitors
  - President’s announcements
  - Club business
- 20:25 Raffle and Birthdays  
20:30 Close

## MINUTES OF THE MEETING – 19<sup>th</sup> December, 2013

Apologies for Absence: PDG Kevork Mahdessian, PAG Nina Sadek, PAG Elena Tanou, PP Sotos Demetriou, PP Savvas Omorphos, PP Era Michaelides, Petros Petrou, Farid Eghtesadi, Adonis Panagidis and Margarita Paraskevidou.

Present from RC of Nicosia Aspelia: P Loucas Vrionides, PP Caterina Kalavas, Nazo Davidian, Pia Ceder, Walter Bopp, Nairy Merheje, Ioanna Kyprianidou, Amal El Khoury, Manfred Lange and Ioannis Christofides.

Attendance from Rotary Club of Nicosia-Aspelia:  
10 members attended the meeting (20%).

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

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### President’s Announcements

- P Loucas welcomed all and said that our club’s Christmas lunch at Cleopatra Hotel was a success with 71 members and friends attending. There has been a collection of around €830 from the auction and around €1300 from the raffle.
- P Loucas said that he has received an email from ADG Dervish Baha with his best wishes for Christmas and the New Year saying that, unfortunately, he would not be present today as he will be visiting other clubs.

- A team of seven Aspelians visited the Red Cross where we stuck our club's label that informed our donation on 52 boxes of food for needy people. Then, Rtn Nairy Merheje handed over the cheque of € 4.000 to the president of the Red Cross Association Mrs Photini Papadopoulou (see photo gallery).
- The Secret Santa Project has been completed. Twenty five gift coupons of € 50 have been distributed to teenagers of three youth hostels. P Loucas thanked, especially, Rtn Friedrich Vogel for the coordination and collection of money, and PP Caterina Kalavas, Rtn Amal el Khoury and Rtn Nazo Davidian who joined him at the visits to the hostels.
- He encouraged all members to support RI by voting to the Vote for Rotary at <http://www.10millioncharitymiles.com/charity> valid until 31<sup>st</sup> December 2013. If RI comes first, it will get a lot of free airline miles.
- P Loucas asked each member present whether he/she would prefer to meet once a month for lunch as part of an ordinary meeting and whether he/she would prefer to meet at 18:30 for drinks instead of 19:30. As it has been mentioned in the previous meeting, P Loucas has undertaken the task to ask all members.
- There was a discussion on members that don't show up. Treasurer Walter stated that those who do not pay their membership fees or do not appear at all at the club meetings and do not bother to send apologies for their absences should be suspended from their membership.
- P Loucas said that the second visit of the DG to meet with the rest of the clubs including ours will be 13-19 of January. In his honour, the Rotary Club Nicosia Lefkothea is organizing a dinner at the presidential palace. The cost of the dinner will be €50 per person and part of the proceeds will go towards Polio eradication. Lefkothea and DDG Christina ask all Cyprus clubs to support the cause. The president of the republic will be awarded the PHF. Rtn Walter Bopp said that we need to know how much out of the € 50 will be allocated to Polio. Rtn Nazo Davidian and Rtn Walter Bopp said that a three course meal would lower the ticket price making it more attractive. PP Caterina Kalavas said that always in the past this was an all Nicosia clubs dinner in which all Nicosia club presidents were involved. What has been arranged this year is neither right nor fair to the other clubs. It has, also, been mentioned that as every year our club has already planned and each member is donating € 50 to Polio Plus. It has been agreed to send an email to DDG stating our disagreement and disappointment on the way things have been handled this year.
- PP Caterina Kalavas said that last Friday she appeared on RIK 1 TV channel with the Cyprus VDRR in the morning program where she spoke on Rotaract. She, also, said that the Rotaract Clubs of Nicosia, Nicosia-Aspelia and Saint Hillarion presented at a meeting a project on Road Safety. It is a video clip which will be showing shortly on RIK 2 TV channel and it can be found already on the website.

### Club Assembly

The assembly has approved the amended club bylaws.  
The Cyprus Rotary questionnaire has been discussed and members shared their views.

## Raffle and Birthdays

Because two bottles had been presented, we raffled twice. Rtn Walter Bopp and Rtn Ioannis Christofides were the lucky ones.

There were no birthdays to celebrate.

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

<b>DECEMBER</b>	
<b>(Family Month)</b>	
19 Thursday	18:30 Drinks Meeting - Club Assembly
26 Thursday	Christmas holidays-Meeting cancelled

<b>JANUARY</b>	
<b>(Rotary Awareness Month)</b>	
02 Thursday	Christmas holidays-Meeting cancelled
09 Thursday	Drinks only Meeting, 18:30
16 Thursday	Meeting Cancelled
17 Friday	DG's Official Visit to the Club, 16:45-18:15, Cleopatra Hotel
19 Sunday	Dinner in Honor of DG, Presidential Palace, Polio fundraising, 20:30
23 Thursday	Fellowship dinner at Kathodon tavern, 20:00
23 Thu-24 Fri	The Rotary Foundation Seminar, Dubai
30 Thursday	Drinks only Meeting - Speaker Xenia Loizidou: Spreading of micro-plastics in the environment and its consequences, 18:30
31 Friday	Fellowship lunch at Hilton hotel at 13:00

<b>FEBRUARY</b>	
<b>(World understanding month)</b>	
06 Thursday	Drinks meeting with finger food, Carlos Jimenez: Marine Biology, 19:30
06 Thursday	Rotaract mid-year conference D2452, Lebanon
13 Thursday	Meeting cancelled
14 Friday	Retro Disco Night
20 Thursday	Drinks Meeting with finger food, Rtn Nazo Davidian: Sotq water project, 19:30
27 Thursday	Meeting-Geology tour at BOC cultural center (provisional)
28 Friday	Fellowship lunch at Hilton hotel at 13:00

March, 6 Thu-9 Sun	District RYLA, Lebanon
April, 3 Thu-6 Sun	1 <sup>st</sup> DISTRICT 2452 CONFERENCE, Beirut, Lebanon
April, 17 Thursday	Easter holidays-Meeting cancelled
June, 1 Sun-4 Wed	2014 ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION, Sydney, Australia





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