



# Rotary Club Of Nicosia Aspelia



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### Weekly message:

The deadline for our Registrations to the 1<sup>st</sup> District Conference of our New 2452 District is now the **20<sup>th</sup> February** to facilitate our Registration.



## **AGENDA OF THE NEXT MEETING – Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> of February, 2014** **Drinks only Meeting - Speaker Carlos Jimenez: Marine Biology**

- 19:15 Arrivals
- 19:30 Commencement
  - Apologies for absence
  - Introduction of visitors
  - President's announcements
- 20.00 Introduction of the speaker
- 20:05 Speaker Mr. Carlos Jimenez: Marine Biology
- 20.25 Raffle
- 20.30 Close

## **MINUTES OF THE MEETING – 30<sup>th</sup> of January, 2014**

**Apologies for Absence:** PP Nina Sadek, PP Andreas Ladas, PAG Elena Tanou, Friedrich Vogel, Amal El-Khoury, Pia Ceder, Walter Bopp, Nairy Merheje, PP Eleni Zapiti.

**Present from Rotary Club of Nicosia-Aspelia:** P Loucas Vrionides, PDG Kevork Mahdessian, PP Caterina Kalavas, PE Louisa Coudounaris, Nazo Davidian, Margarita Paraskevaidou, Adonis Panagidis, Ioanna Kyprianidou, Farid Mirbagheri, Manfred Lange and Ioannis Christofides.

**Visiting Rotaractors:** P Charis Michael, Semeli Kyriacou, Loris Stavrinides, Sana Issam, Katerina Menelaou, Alexandra Kouklina (same day pinned by PDG Kevork)

**Attendance from Rotary Club of Nicosia-Aspelia:**  
11 members attended the meeting (23%).

**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 PDG Kevork Mahdessian, Rotaract President Charis Michael, as well as our speaker Mrs Xenia Loizidou.
- He gave impressive news from RI and TRF for the years 2010-13: 100 districts in 73 countries got 286 district grants totalling \$ 17.0 million, 705 global grants totalling \$ 40.4 million and 20 packaged grants totalling \$1.7 million.
- Exciting achievements for Rotary are highlighted in the [2012-13 Rotary International and The Rotary Foundation Annual Report](#). It is worth seeing the highlights.
- Reminded that on the 6<sup>th</sup> of February we will have Mr Carlos Jimenez to talk about Marine Biology.
- 6<sup>th</sup> of February there will be Rotaract Mid-Year Conference in Lebanon.
- 13<sup>th</sup> of February Rtn Nazo Davidian will present the completed Sotk Water project.

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- 14<sup>th</sup> of February we will have a Disco Night together with RC of Nicosia at Chateau Status.
- 22<sup>nd</sup> of February there will be PETS for the new incoming boards to attend at Kofinou.
- And on the 28<sup>th</sup> at 13:15 we will have our end of month lunch meeting.

### **R/ct C Nicosia-Aspelia donates € 2200 to the Scholarship Fund**

R/ct Club Nicosia-Aspelia P Charis Michael presented a cheque of €2200 to P Loucas as a donation to our Scholarship Fund. This is part of the gross €3500 proceeds from the successful Rock concert taken place on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> of December.

P Charis thanked our club for the constant support receiving from our club and PP Caterina Kalavas who attends their meetings regularly. She said Rotaractors are very active. They are doing projects jointly with Rotaract clubs in Lebanon, will be taking part to the District Conference in Dubai, doing also with UCOM projects and on the 16<sup>th</sup> of February jointly with Cypriot Rotaractors they are organizing the Bazaar event, the proceeds will be given to Makarios Oncology department.

### **Induction Ceremony to a new member for Rotaract Club**

PDG Kevork Mahdessian pinned Alexandra Kouklina and welcomed her to Rotaract Club of Aspelia.

### **Introduction of Speaker**

PP Caterina Kalavas presented our prominent speaker Civil and Coastal Engineer Xenia Loizidou.

### **Presentation**

Ms Xenia Loizidou presented the environmental damages that Micro-plastics cause to the beaches and the sea in general. She showed documentary pictures of marine litter, some floating and some in seabed. 90% of Cyprus coastal beaches are infected by cigarettes and other polluting by-products. The marine litter has infested most of the shores of the Mediterranean. Marine pollution with litter is a Global phenomenon. Microplastics are transferred to fish and consequently to humans. At the end of her presentation, a most interesting video presentation followed with a live debate.

PDG Kevork said he will take the subject to Rotarians abroad to find ways to stop the littering of the coasts and urged all to do the same.

## **Raffle and Birthdays**

Rtn Manfred Lange's birthday was celebrated.

The lucky winner of the raffle was the speaker Ms Xenia Loizidou.

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

<p><b>FEBRUARY</b>  <b>(World understanding month)</b></p>	
06 Thursday	Drinks meeting with finger food, Carlos Jimenez: Marine Biology, 19:30
06 Thursday	Rotaract mid-year conference D2452, Lebanon
13 Thursday	Drinks Meeting, speaker Rtn Nazo Davidian: Sotq WaterProject,19:30
14 Friday	Disco Night, Music of 70s and 80s, RC Nicosia will join, Chateau Status, 20:30
20 Thursday	Drinks Meeting, 19:30
28 Friday	Lunch, 13:15

Mar, 6 Thu-9 Sun	District RYLA, Lebanon
March, 28 Friday	Lunch, Speaker Karl Haddad, Director of 'World Vision' & 'Inter-Nations'
April, 3 Thu-6 Sun	1 <sup>ST</sup> DISTRICT 2452 CONFERENCE, Beirut, Lebanon
April, 17 Thursday	Easter holidays-Meeting cancelled
May, 26 Mo-29 Thu	International RYLA, Sydney, Australia
June, 1 Sun-4 Wed	2014 ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION, Sydney









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