



Rotary Club Of Nicosia Aspelia



ΡΟΤΑΡΙΑΝΟΣ ΟΜΙΛΟΣ ΛΕΥΚΩΣΙΑΣ – ΑΣΠΕΛΙΑΣ

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Weekly message

World Rotaract Week Sun 9 to Sat 15
Celebrate Rotaract Week by joining our
Rotaract Club at their biweekly drink meeting
on Tuesday 11 and attend our joint fellowship
tour and dinner on Thursday 13

(Literacy Month)

Bridge the education gap: take action during Rotary Literacy Month

Literacy is a special goal for Rotary because we know that literacy is a key factor in overcoming poverty and all that goes with it. Rotary considers it to be so important that it is one of the 6 areas of focus for The Rotary Foundations Future Vision – basic education and literacy.

The statistics are really shocking. UNESCO estimates there are 860 million illiterate adults in the world and about two thirds of them are women. Millions more are functionally illiterate, without the reading and writing skills necessary for everyday life. The United Nations has identified illiteracy as a major obstacle to economic, political, and social development.

UNESCO notes that literacy contributes to peace as it brings people closer to attaining individual freedoms and better understanding of the world, as well as preventing or resolving conflict. The connection between literacy and peace can be seen in unstable democracies or in conflict affected countries where it is harder to establish or sustain a literate environment.

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THURSDAY 13th of March, 2014

Fellowship Evening Joint with our Rotaract Club

19:15 Tour at the BOC Cultural Center – Geology in Cyprus Exhibition
20:15 Dinner with Music at Kathodon Tavern

AGENDA OF THE NEXT MEETING – Thursday 20th of March, 2014

Drinks Meeting – Club Assembly

19:15 Arrivals - Drinks
19:30 Commencement

- Apologies for absence
- President's announcements

20:00 Club Assembly

- Approval of signatory for the District Conference
- Review the club's progress towards goals
- Determine plan for the rest of the year.

20.25 Raffle and Birthdays
20.30 Close

MINUTES OF THE MEETING – Thursday 6th of March, 2014

Apologies for Absence:

PDG Kevork Mahdessian, PAG Elena Tanou, PP Sotos Demetriou and Amal El Khoury.

Present from Rotary Club Nicosia-Aspelia:

P Loucas Vrionides, PP Caterina Kalavas, IP Louisa Coudounaris, Farid Mirbagheri, Patrick Elston, Nazo Davidian, Walter Bopp, Ioannis Christofides, Friedrich Vogel, Pia Ceder and Ioanna Kyprianidou.

Visiting Rotarians:

P Charis Papademetriou (RC Nicosia-Ledra), PP Christakis Papavassiliou (RC Famagusta).

Guests:

Speaker George Papageorgiou, speaker Danny Brewster, Par Ceder and Moustafa Ghulam.

Attendance from Rotary Club Nicosia-Aspelia:

11 Rotarians (23%)

Communication of apologies and make ups: At the e-mail address of Administration Director Rtn Ioanna Kyprianidou joankypr@spidernet.com.cy

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President's Announcements

- Congratulations to our Rotaract President Charis Michael for having been elected to the position of the Vice District Rotaract Representative for Cyprus.
- Next Thursday 13th of March, we have a fellowship evening joint with our Rotaractors with a tour at 19:15 at the BOC Cultural Center, where PP Eleni Zapiti will lead us throughout the exhibition **Geology of Cyprus**. Afterwards, at 20:15, we will have a fellowship dinner at Kathodon tavern in the old City of Nicosia with live music at € 20 p/p.
- On Thursday 20th of March we have Club Assembly to nominate the person who will represent our club in the District Conference.
- On Friday the 28th of March, we have lunch with a speaker from **World Vision**, Mr Carl Haddad who will be speaking about Human Fraternity between Greek and Turkish Cypriot communities towards normalization of their relationship.
- Last, from 3rd - 6th of April we have our first District 2452 Conference in Beirut.

Introduction of Speaker

P Loucas introduced Mr George Papageorgiou.

Speech

Mr Papageorgiou started his speech by stating that he was very excited to talk about Bitcoin which is conceived to save money during money transactions. The system works as does the central banks and banks in general except that the transactions are free of service charges and in particular making certain that money is transmitted with equal validity and information to all globally. For every interested party, Bitcoin has the same financial information, information is transmitted to all with the same way and every one sees the basic information given to all participants. It resembles the way gold works in its global market evaluation. The network transfer of banking data is through the Internet. Bitcoin transactions are far safer than the traditional Banks. Transactions of transfer of money are carried out with the same transparency in all countries and they do not expect service charges which all banks do due to their high expenses for running their bank services. Bitcoin operations cannot differ from country to country, as all is done based on same global information and common procedures equal to all through the internet. With Bitcoin you have more information you have more security and less corruption.

After the speech, many questions followed with the intention to understand this new way of money transaction. It was apparent that the audience needed education concerning the Bitcoin, to digest the information given and clear up in their minds the methodology of procedures to create public confidence in this new financial world of processing, as well as, understand in their minds its advantages compared to the traditional way of the Banks performing our daily needs.

Raffle and Birthdays

The lucky winner of the raffle was speaker Danny Brewster.

There were no birthdays to celebrate.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MARCH (Literacy Month)	
5 Wednesday	Board Meeting No. 9, Altius Hotel, 18:00
6 Thursday	Dinner meeting, guest speaker, Mr George Papageorgiou, COO of Neo, topic of discussion, “Neo and the Bitcoin,” 19:30
13 Thursday	Tour at the BOC Cultural Center (near Phaneromeni Church): Geology in Cyprus, 19:15; followed by fellowship dinner at Kathodon, 20:15, Joint with Rotaract Club
20 Thursday	Drinks ,meeting, Club Assembly, 19:30
22 Saturday	Cyprus RYLA, European University
28 Friday	Lunch meeting: Guest speaker, Karl Haddad, Manager at “World Vision,” topic of discussion “Human conscious and fraternity in helping each other-Adding life to life,” 13:15

APRIL (Magazine Month)	
3 Thursday	Drinks meeting, 19:30
3 Thu-6 Sun	1 st DISTRICT 2452 CONFERENCE, Beirut, Lebanon
8 Tuesday	The Interactors meet the Rotaractors to present their Tiganokinisis project.
10 Thursday	Drinks meeting, Speaker Rtn Farid Mirbagheri, Peace & Conflict Resolution, 19:30
17 Thursday	Easter holidays-Meeting cancelled
25 Friday	Lunch meeting, 13:15

May, 26 Mo-29 Thu	International RYLA, Sydney, Australia
June, 1 Sun-4 Wed	2014 ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION, Sydney

PHOTO GALLERY FOLLOWS

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