



Rotary Club Of Nicosia Aspelia



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Weekly message:

First D2452 Rotary Conference in Beirut on 3rd of April is approaching fast. All Rotary Clubs are being called upon to demonstrate through their members and their representatives their balance sheet of achievements during the past 9 months of endeavors in the 6 major chapters of humanitarian activities

Literacy Month

"March is the month that we showcase literacy. Our efforts are twofold. All across the world Rotarians note the importance of reading and we publicize the needs in the form of poor literacy rates and lack of resources. Around the world we support numerous programs that help children and adults to gain the ability to read.

Worldwide illiteracy rates approach 20%. In many countries the rates is in the 80% range. Approximately one billion people are not able to read. Reading, writing and character literacy are essential to independence and economic freedom. Far too many adults in North America and the developing countries live in poverty today because they haven't mastered those skills. Far too many children are currently at risk of falling into the same trap. Illiteracy is one of the world's (and America's) most serious problems. Thank you all for everything you are doing for literacy!"

DG Bob Warner, Jr.

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AGENDA OF THE NEXT MEETING – 3rd of April, 2014

Drinks Meeting at 19:30

19:15 Arrivals

19:30 Commencement

- Apologies for absence
- Introduction of visitors
- President's announcements

20.25 Raffle and Birthdays

20.30 Close

MINUTES OF THE MEETING – Friday 28th of March, 2014

Apologies for Absence:

PAG Elena Tanou, PP Chris Ellinas, PP Marianna Trokoudes, Nairy Merheje, Manfred Lange, Amal El Khoury, Walter Bopp, Vasilis Skronias and Ioannis Christofides.

Present from Rotary Club of Nicosia-Aspelia:

P Loucas Vrionides, PDG Kevork Mahdessian, PP Nina Sadek, PP Michalis Avraam, PP Katerina Nicolaidis, PP Caterina Kalavas, PP Savvas Omorphos, PP Sotos Demetriou, PP Eleni Zapiti, PP Andreas Ladas, IP Louisa Coudounaris, Pia Ceder, Patrick Elston, Nazo Davidian, Walter Bopp, Friedrich Vogel, Petros Petrou, Ioanna Kyprianidou, George Pavlou, Farid Mirbagheri, Keti Chrysostomou, Rena Papaioannou, Haro Kouyoumdjian, Vartan Tashdjian and Carol Xenophontos.

Visitors:

Goran Svensson, Joseph Badaoui and Hania El Malawani.

Attendance from Rotary Club of Nicosia-Aspelia:

25 Rotarians (53%)

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

Session

P Loucas went through the forthcoming calendar of events and then invited PDG Kevork to address us his vision of Rotary club cooperation.

PDG Kevork has done a very interesting description of his personal experiences.

- In particular, he encouraged Rotarians to join forces with NGOs where the money is for humanitarian projects. He talked about his experiences in Lebanon and Egypt and how Rotary Clubs are more and more cooperating together to achieve larger and bolder projects like the successful projects in Lebanon. In particular, the provision of 'Clean Water' to 1,200 schools in cooperation with NGOs whereby school children were taking clean water to their houses where they did not have yet drinking water. Similarly, joined with Rotary efforts the historic Cedar trees, the symbol of Lebanon, which had been long neglected and reduced in number, they have been replenished and protected thanks to Rotary fund raising.

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- The town of Beni Suif, in Egypt, of almost 3.000 families where thousands lived in extreme poverty, children packed in one corner with no water nor have sanitation and no proper roof been given fresh hope for better life thanks to the united forces with local Rotary Clubs' efforts. They have now proper accommodation, equipped with running water and sanitation as well as thousands of blankets carried over donkeys in packages.
- Lastly, PDG Kevork mentioned that, as promised, he had met with Mr Marwan, the manager of Cyprus Hilton Hotel, and received an assurance from him that during summer it will be given to our club a room to meet instead of a place near the pool.

PE Louisa Coudounaris mentioned that the successful Kindermusik Project for Aglantzia Kindergarten which was successfully organized and ran by Ioanna Kyprianidou will be also take place at the next Rotary Year to our Alzheimer Day Care Centers.

Youth Director Caterina Kalavas said that our club is sponsoring with € 100 the Annual Student Conference and Photo Competition & Exhibition at the University of Nicosia organized by the Students of Hospitality, Tourism and Events Management Department that will take place on April 3 from 9:00 – 15:00. P Loucas said that our club will be there to promote the sponsoring of a university Rotaract Club.

New Paul Harris Fellow Recognitions

Rtns George Pavlou and Farid Mirbagheri were named as Paul Harris Fellows. PDG Kevork pinned both with the prestigious pin and presented to them the PHF certificate saying that this is the highest honour of Rotary. P Loucas said that, soon, there will be three more PHF recognitions.

Raffle and Birthdays

The lucky winner of the raffle was Rotarian George Pavlou

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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
22 Tuesday	Scholarships handover to scholars at Rotaract bimonthly meeting, 20:00, Altius H.
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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PAG Elena exchanges banners in Armenia

At the 75th Anniversary of RC Nicosia 5

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