



# Rotary Club Of Nicosia Aspelia



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**CLUB BULLETIN No. 29, Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> of April, 2014**

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**HAPPY EASTER**

## Magazine Month

April is Magazine Month! Last month, we celebrated literacy. This month, we put our reading skills to the test. Everything in our lives depends on consistent, accurate and constant communication. We receive Rotary communications regularly; through our weekly meetings, club emails, club website, district website and Rotary International.

As part of your membership in our club, you receive the monthly magazine, The Rotarian. This publication offers many insightful stories about Rotary projects and clubs throughout the world. Over 1.2 million Rotarians are reading the same magazine in 23 languages.

Please take the time each month to read through your issue. I'm confident you will be impressed with the many activities our fellow Rotarians are involved in, as well as how we are able to assist people who do not have the same resources we have available. If we want to promote Rotary to others, we need to be well informed! More than half of Rotarians worldwide receive a regional magazine instead of The Rotarian.

## **NEXT MEETING – Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> of April 2014**

**Scholarships' handover to students at Rotaract meeting, Altius Hotel at 20:00**

## **AGENDA OF THE MEETING of Friday 25<sup>th</sup> of April, 2014**

### **Lunch Meeting**

13:15 Arrivals

13:30 Grace and Lunch

- Apologies for absence
- Introduction of visitors
- President's announcements
- 14:00 Desert and coffee

14:25 Raffle and Birthdays

14:30 Close

## **MINUTES OF THE MEETING – Friday 10<sup>th</sup> of April, 2014**

### **Apologies for Absence:**

PDG Kevork Mahdessian, PP Sotos Demetriou, Nairy Merheje and Amal El Khoury.

### **Present from Rotary Club of Nicosia-Aspelia:**

P Loucas Vrionides, AG Dervish Baha, PAG Elena Tanou, PP Caterina Kalavas, PP Katerina Nicolaidis, PP Eleni Zapiti, PE Louisa Coudounaris, PN Nazo Davidian, Pia Ceder, Walter Bopp, Manfred Lange, Patrick Elston, Friedrich Vogel, Ioannis Christofides, Adonis Panagidis, Margarita Paraskevoudou and Vasilis Skronias.

### **Visitors:**

Diana Der Avedissian.

### **Attendance from Rotary Club of Nicosia-Aspelia:**

17 Rotarians (36%)

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

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### **President's Announcements:**

P Loucas welcomed AG Dervish Baha and Diana Der Avedissian, a good friend of our club.

Our club has won three District Awards. PN Nazo Davidian proudly brought from the 1<sup>st</sup> District 2452 Conference that took place from 3<sup>rd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> of April in Beirut the **Administration Award, The Community Award and the Environmental and Youth Award**. P Loucas thanked the following members for their contribution in preparing the award applications:

- IPP Eleni Zapiti, PP Caterina Kalavas, Rtn Manfred Lange and Rtn Ioanna Kyprianidou.

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President 2013-2014: Loucas Vrionides, [lvrionides@hotmail.com](mailto:lvrionides@hotmail.com)

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President-Elect: Louisa Coudounaris, [lc@cytanet.com.cy](mailto:lc@cytanet.com.cy)

During the District Conference, DGE Khalil Alsharif appointed **PP Evagoras Phylactou as DDG 2014-2015 for Cyprus**, following PP Phaedon Stylianides's resignation. The appointment was unexpected.

DDGE Evagoras Phylactou, for better understanding, as to the duties and responsibilities of the DDG, wrote in his email:

"The DDG is a helping hand to the Governor, coordinating the AGs activities and helping to connect the Country Committee Chairs who are resources to the Clubs so that the AGs may use their expertise for helping the Clubs. It is clear that the DDG is not a country leader but a Coordinator who is not to be involved with Club affairs, something which is the service duty of the AGs. The DDG is also helping the Governor with duties to be assigned to him mostly regarding functions and activities when the Governor cannot be present. Cooperation, coordination and communication between us is the key to our success in supporting and helping our Clubs."

The forthcoming events are:

- Thursday 17/4, holy week: no meeting.
- Tuesday 22/4: Scholarships' Handover Ceremony at our Rotaract's fortnight meeting with local drinks, hot finger food and sweets at € 10.00 at Altius Hotel.
- Friday 25/4: lunch buffet fellowship meeting at 13:15.
- The RI Convention, 1<sup>st</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> of June, Sydney, Australia is a good opportunity to meet Rotarians from all over the world and to broaden the understanding of Rotary.

PN Nazo said a few words about his experience at the district conference.

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### **Introduction of Speaker**

P Loucas introduced our speaker **Rtn Prof Farid Mirbagheri**, a writer of many articles and five books.

### **Speech: War and Peace: A Gnostic Approach**

Rtn Farid defined the interesting relationships between War and Peace. He mentioned several definitions stated by historic figures and ancient philosophers and looked into it from many different angles, from realism, liberalism etc., and that the Desires and Fears are among the motives of the Wars and Peace seen from moral point of views. According to the UN, an act of war starts already from the state of mind of mankind, while according to Plato, Wars can initiate as well from greed – because if you cannot control your greed it will control you. The fellowship gathering ended with interesting discussions and exchange of views.

### **Raffle and Birthdays**

The lucky winner of the raffle was **Rtn Vasilis Skronias**.  
There was no birthday to celebrate.

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

<b>APRIL</b> <b>(Magazine Month)</b>	
3 Thursday	Drinks meeting, 19:30
3 Thu-6 Sun	1 <sup>st</sup> 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, War and Peace: A Gnostic Approach, 19:30
17 Thursday	Easter holidays-Meeting cancelled
22 Tuesday	Scholarships handover to students at Rotaract meeting, Altius Hotel 8:00pm
25 Friday	Lunch meeting, Hilton Hotel, 13:15

<b>MAY</b> <b>(Promote International convention Month)</b>	
26 Mo-29 Thu	International RYLA, Sydney, Australia

<b>JUNE</b> <b>(Rotary Fellowship Month)</b>	
1 Sun-4 Wed	2014 ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION, Sydney





**PN Nazo receiving one of the awards at the District Conference**

