



Rotary Club of Nicosia-Aspelia Ροταριανός Όμιλος Λευκωσίας-Ασπέλια

District 2452, Club 31029



CLUB BULLETIN NO. 2 – 17 July 2014, 19.30

AGENDA OF THE FORTHCOMING MEETING 3 **17 July 2014 Hilton Hotel. Room: Fontana**

- 19.30 Arrivals - Drinks
- 19.40 Announcements-short to give Speaker maximum time for presentation & questions
 - Apologies for absence
 - Intro of visitors
- 19.50 Presentation by Mr Geo Lordos: **The Famagusta Initiative**
- 20.15 Birthdays – any July birthdays that were not celebrated July 10th
- 20.20 Raffle
- 20.30 Close

Minutes of Meeting 2 and Club Assembly: 10th July 2014

Attendances:

10 Members attended (2 left during the meeting)
percentages courtesy of Admin Dir to be furnished on his return from abroad.

Apologies: PDG Kevork Mahdesian, PPs Caterina Kalavas and Andreas Ladas, IPP Loucas and Rtns Friedrich Vogel, Pia Ceder, Ioannis Christofides, Walter Bopp, Manfred Lange and Nazo Davidian.

President's announcements:

1. Regarding the Club Assembly venue P Louisa explained that the hotel management had asked for an extra 2 eu per person for drinks only meetings in a closed room; this to cover the AC. P Louisa decided to have the meeting in the Paddock bar rather than pay the extra money: A) there would be no voting and B) printed handouts could be used for informational purposes – instead of a screen.
2. Parking: RCs Nicosia and Nicosia-Ledra had already made their representations to the Hilton. They had been assured by Ms Claire Sirrie, Director of Business Development, that the issue would be reviewed on 14.7.14 and appears that Rotarians will be issued with 2-hour free parking passes which would cover their Meetings obligations. P Louisa undertook to write also on behalf of Aspelia to increase the pressure.
3. Treasurer Walter Bopp had delivered the year's accounts to Messrs J Ioannides & Co., Accountants – possibly ready for Club approval in September.
4. Handovers. This past week P Louisa and Rtn Ioanna K had been to Nicosia-Lefkothea and a number of Aspelians had been to the Aspelia Rotaractors handovers.
5. Handovers outstanding: The next day Friday 11/7 DDG handover would be at Elias Beach. On Monday 14/7 Nicosia-Salamis – Semeli Hotel, dinner incl wine 15 eu 8.30.

6. Regarding Committees/Directors – Things had starting to fall in place despite some difficulties owing to absences. PR Director had posted the Starlight Concert and the Famagusta Initiative on Facebook. Her efforts had been strengthened by Rtn Ioanna, also active on Facebook. Also our invitation for applications to the Scholarship fund had appeared in the press and there had been some telephone enquiries.
7. Also on the subject of Board Directors, P Louisa said that we had some difficulty because Admin Dir Yiannis Christofides, was away – but Rtn Ioanna Kyprianidou had kindly stood in for him. Also, P Louisa had received from Sec Friedrich Vogel permission to make the following announcement regarding himself and family: **Sec Friedrich and family would be leaving Cyprus end of year 2014 to live in France.** If necessary, he will do Sec work Sept-Dec and also the Secret Santa and Xmas Party. However, by end of the month P Louisa will be inviting interested Members to apply. Meanwhile Bulletin and minimum Sec duties were being performed by P Louisa – who asked for everyone's leniency for any shortcomings.
8. Before closing the announcements: P Louisa reminded how important it was to support our fundraiser 'Starlight Concert –Katie and Friends' the repertoire will be completely new.
9. Also the Famagusta Initiative. 17/7 - 19.30 – drinks/finger food – 15 eu.

Club Assembly:

PROJECTS

1. P Louisa ran through the projects as agreed to date. She said a few words about each project –where necessary.
2. Regarding the items highlighted with yellow she indicated that supporting fundraisers had not been decided. SHE INVITED MEMBERS FOR THEIR SUGGESTIONS and also of offers to use their homes/gardens for use for a fundraiser. Suggestions/exciting new ideas for fundraisers other than home hospitality were also welcome.
3. Regarding the items highlighted with red she explained that, although as projects they seemed small and insignificant, they had the distinction of opening the Club out to new friendships – friendships that will be needed when Aspelia feels ready to submit a Global Grant.
4. Regarding the absence of a Global Grant from the programme, P Louisa explained that the new Global Grants' system has no application deadline. Preparation needs 3-4 months. She was hoping that Aspelians will get together as a Club and later, if necessary, with other other Clubs to brainstorm/find a good project for submission. Meanwhile, suggestions welcome to be submitted directly to P Louisa – and subsequently analysed with Projects Director and her team, in the presence of the submitter, for feasibility.
5. Finally, P Louisa felt the need to explain that the programme as presented seemed rather unambitious. However, it was a firm Board decision to focus on Scholarships and our on-going responsibility towards the Alzheimer's Day Care Centre. Increased and ambitious activity means more fundraising: so it was important to take it a step by step to see how much financial/time exposure Members could be burden with – as last year fundraising had been slow – reflecting the new concerns of Cyprus society in general. She also concluded that unambitious as *it may seem* – if we managed to do all well, it would be quite a busy aprogramme.

THE NEW PROPOSED DMP 2452

P Louisa reported that an Ad Hoc Committee had been formed to study the proposed changes from DMP 2450 that was still in effect – Club Members would have the chance to express opinions/suggestions in writing to be submitted to the Ad Hoc Committee through P Louisa– these would be taken into account in deliberations. The Committee had been asked not only to express unacceptable changes in the DMP2452, if any, but suggest constructive and learned modifications that could make all parties happy. The Ad Hoc Committee comprised of lawyers PP Adnreas Ladas and Rtn Patrick Elston as well as PP Michalis Avraam.

The Committee's conclusion would be put to Club Members for adoption as the Club's position. Cyprus Rotary Leadership, at this point, had not asked us to vote for the adoption or not of the new proposed DMP2452 – but to submit our comments. This whole process must be finished by September 2014 otherwise Aspelia's silence may be considered as acquiescence.

MATTERS OUTSTANDING for our return in September:

1. Times of meetings satisfying the wishes of both tendencies in Club had to be found and implemented.
2. Vote for new subscriptions and operational account
3. Vote for a change in the By-Laws regarding what constitutes a quorum and remedy if a quorum is not formed; the intention being to make work easier and decisions not delayed for months.

Other Members

- Following P Louisa's presentation:
- There was a small general explanation/discussion on the projects as requested by those present.
- All Aspelians present expressed their disappointment at the very few Members present (although it was known that about 4-5 would be attending the Swiss event at Kastelliotissa)
- They expressed the strong opinion that the Club was feeling tired after a difficult year. Members were weary of Club meetings/business being prolonged into August 2014. All therefore decided that the best way forward for the next few weeks would be:

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| 1. All energy to be directed towards the success of the Starlight concert – which was so necessary for a healthy performance of our Scholarships Fund. |
| 2. The advertised lunch Club Meeting on Fri 1 August to be cancelled. |
| 3. This to be replaced by a casual inexpensive souvlaki-type Fellowship night on Thurs 31 July. On this occasion we would all wish each other a good recess, celebrate August birthdays, and come back after the summer recess with our batteries charged for a successful and energetic new year. |
| 4. 1 st August – summer recess begins |

P Louisa accepted this as being a true reflection of the Club's mood during this hot and humid time of year and thanked them for their honesty and practical approach.

This will be reflected in the programme published below.

Birthdays celebrated/recognised: PP Eleni Zapiti and Rtms Rena Papaioannou and Patrick Elston.

Raffle: Won by Rtn Adonis Panayidis

Meeting concluded: 20.45

Programme for remaining July and August 2014

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| Mon 14/7 | Handover.RC Nicosia-Salamis This will be on 14 July 2014, 20.30 at the Semeli Hotel, behind the Hilton. 15 eu Dinner inc wine RSVPs by Friday 11.7.2014. to Sec Louisa Homsey 99466032 onhomsy@cytanet.com.cy |
| Thu 17/7 | 19.30 Club Meeting – Drinks and platters/finger food Presentation 'The Famagusta Initiative: Ideas for the Revitalisation and Economic Development of Famagusta' by Messrs George Lordos and PP Geo. Michalides (Nicosia-Salamis) and their Turkish Cypriot counterparts. |
| Thu 24/7 | 20.00 'Starlight Concert – Katie and Friends' - relax with some wine and a specially selected repertoire of foreign and Greek songs. Tickets 12.00 – Net proceeds go to the Scholarship Fund. Indicative repertoire: Don't cry for me Argenitna, Love story, Godfather, Cant help falling in love, If I could, Hadjinassios, Hadjinassios – Ystera ki ystera –Ase me na katso plai sou – liges kardies agoupoun pio poly And others that we like to sing/hum along. |
| Fri 25/7 | Lunch meeting cancelled –in favour of the above fundraising event |
| Thu 31 July | Casual inexpensive Fellowship evening at souvlaki-type place. |
| Fri 1 August | 13.15 Lunch Meeting Hilton - CANCELLED |
| Wed 6 August | 18.00 Board Meeting, Altius Hotel - CANCELLED |
| Thu 7 August | Summer recess W1 |
| Thu 14 August | Summer recess W2 |
| Thu 21 August | Summer recess W3 |
| Thu 28 Wed | 19.30 Drinks Meeting – first meeting after summer recess we come back with batteries recharged to face the year ahead. |



From the Aspelia Rotaractor Club handover. Photo: courtesy of IP Nazo Davidian