

Rotary Club of Nicosia-Aspelia

Ροταριανός Όμιλος Λευκωσίας-Ασπέλια

District 2452, Club 31029



MONTH DESIGNATION: January 'Rotary awareness month'

CLUB BULLETIN NO. 20 – NEXT MEETING: **This will be a lunch meeting Friday 9 January 2015 -**

Agenda – Place: Fontana Room – Hilton Hotel, Nicosia

13.00 Arrivals
13.15 Lunch & Announcements
Apologies for absence
Introductin of visitors
Visistors
NO SPEAKER: FELLOWSHIP – VASILOPITTA – JOKES/FUN
MINIMUM PRESIDENTIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS
14.15 Dessert & Coffee
14.25 Raffle
14.30 Close

Minutes of Meeting 13 December 2014 – Xmas Party

Attendances: 31 Members attended, with spouses/partners, children and friends – Total 70 persons

P Louisa opened the event with:

1. Thanks to all that had contributed to the Christmas Season festivities at Aspelia: Starting with the Secret Santa team and then all those that helped in the organization of the party as well as those that had made food/drink items for the food stall.
2. Special thanks to Mrs Gayanee/Diana Der Avedissian for the supply of so many luxury items for the raffle and auction – including a Persian nomadic carpet from 'Queen Emily'.
3. Our new Rotarian Joseph Badaoui for his continued support throughout the years and for this years donation of an exquisite and valuable antique map for the auction.
4. The hotel management and staff.
5. P Louisa also informed the Club that Hania & Rtn Farid Egtesadi had left Cyprus. She had written to them a letter of farewell from the Club.
6. P Louisa extended a warm welcome to Dr Emilios Solomou of the University of Nicosia. She thanked him for his continued guidance on the matter of the applications submitted to the Scholarship Board.

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7. Finally she thanked all for being there and stressed that it was their attendance that made the occasion memorable and special.

A pinning

Before Grace and the continuation of the informal part of the Party a surprise PHF was awarded to Hon Sec Friedrich Vogel on the occasion of his and Christiane's departure from Cyprus. Even from overseas, Friedrich would be remaining in touch with Aspelia through uploading the website etc – therefore making the new Secretary's work less laborious. P Louisa referred to Friedrich's quiet and efficient dispatch of duties, whether inside or outside the Board. The PHF was awarded for dedicated overall services to Aspelia.

Grace was read by: IP Nazo Davidian

The usual Xmas Party procedure followed accompanied by music by Mr Theophilos. The lunch was very good, the choir was admirable and increased in size this year. There followed the auction, where our traditional auctioneer, Rtn Patrick Elston, excelled himself with very good financial results. Santa (IPP Loucas Vrionides son ably assisted by Rtn Adonis Panayides) distributed gifts for all. The party closed with the announcement of the raffle winners.

Three raffle gifts remain unclaimed

The Party concluded at 15.45



Photo by IP Nazo Davidian



Photo by Rtn Ioanna Kyprianidou



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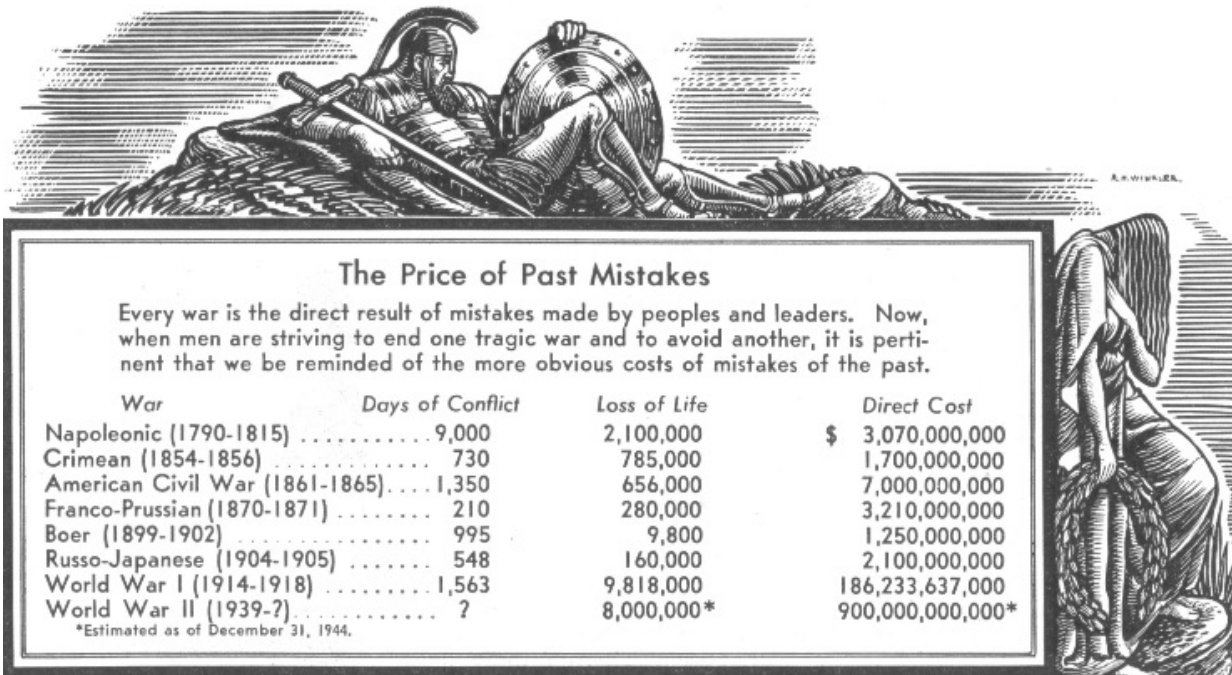
All other party photos by IP Nazo Davidian

Meeting of 18 Dec 2014 – cancelled in favour of Lefkothea seasonal Xmas fundraiser: Casino Night and Aspelia Secret Santa distributions.

<i>January</i>	
<i>(Rotary Awareness month)</i>	
09 Friday	Lunch meeting at the Fontana Salon at 13:15 Cutting of the Vassilopitta and plenty of Fellowship 20.00 eu- Friends/visitors welcome
15 Thursday	Drinks meeting at the Fontana Salon at 19:30. Joint meeting with Rotaractors. Speaker, Rtn Walter Bopp ‘The Swiss achievement of a Federation whilst cantons maintain their own internal government’ – Drinks only 7.50 eu – Friends/visitors welcome
22 Thursday	Drinks meeting with finger food at the Fontana Salon at 19:30. Guest speaker, Mr. Alecos Modinos, Human Rights Activist. 15.00 eu –Friends/visitors welcome but please RSVP to Admin Dir Ioanna Kyprianidou by SMS below
22 Thursday	OTHER CLUB Lunch – RC of Nicosia. Speaker The Government spokesman, Mr. Nicos Christodoulides, Venue: Hilton 13.00
30 Friday	<u>Lunch meeting at the Fontana Salon at 13:15. Guest speaker Associate Professor Theodoris Mavroyiannis of the University of Cyprus. Subject: Amphipolis: the chronology of the tomb and the identification of the occupying historical personality’. 20 eu. – Friends/Visitors welcome but please RSVP TO Ioanna Kyprianidou by SMS 96840728</u>

This is our last Bulletin being circulated in 2014 – the Centenary year of the beginning of the 1st World War – known as the Great War. Our intended guest speaker Prof Petros Papapolyviou was unable to keep his engagement with us owing to a very heavy programme. Here is some info regarding the Participation of Rotarians in the said War.

From: “After the War’s Over”, by Homer Croy, American novelist and humorist (*The Rotarian*, December, 1944).



The Price of Past Mistakes

Every war is the direct result of mistakes made by peoples and leaders. Now, when men are striving to end one tragic war and to avoid another, it is pertinent that we be reminded of the more obvious costs of mistakes of the past.

War	Days of Conflict	Loss of Life	Direct Cost
Napoleonic (1790-1815)	9,000	2,100,000	\$ 3,070,000,000
Crimean (1854-1856)	730	785,000	1,700,000,000
American Civil War (1861-1865)	1,350	656,000	7,000,000,000
Franco-Prussian (1870-1871)	210	280,000	3,210,000,000
Boer (1899-1902)	995	9,800	1,250,000,000
Russo-Japanese (1904-1905)	548	160,000	2,100,000,000
World War I (1914-1918)	1,563	9,818,000	186,233,637,000
World War II (1939-?)	?	8,000,000*	900,000,000,000*

*Estimated as of December 31, 1944.

This graphic was published in the June 1945 issue of The Rotarian

Quote:

1. The 8 British Rotary Clubs included several members who joined up as soon as war was declared....and others continued to do so right through the war. A list of members of the Manchester Club for January 1918 shows 12 members 'on active service'. There is also a note of the death of one member while serving in the military. I don't have a full list from other clubs but I am sure that I would find a similar position elsewhere.

In Manchester some members also volunteered to drive local ambulances in order to relieve the regular men for service with the military in France.

2. In Paris, in 1917, there was started an Allied Forces Rotary Club for the various nationality personnel there on war duty. It is believed that General Pershing was often a visitor to this club. It was not intended for the ordinary Frenchmen and was mostly made up of British and American members. When the war ended, the club closed and the regular French Rotary Club which was founded in 1913 by two Americans became the Paris Rotary Club.

Most of my papers are currently in store and I have done this largely from memory. Hope its fairly accurate!

Unquote

Courtesy of Rtn Basil Lewis, Senior Historian RGHF (HumberSide RC D1270)

Meeting: Thurs 18 Dec 2014

This was replaced giving Members the chance to attend Nicosia-Lefkothea's big fundraiser: The Casino Night. Also, in favour of the Rotaractors' Xmas Lunch party on 21/12/14 – which was attended by a few Rotarians.

