



Rotary Club of Nicosia-Aspelia Ροταριανός Όμιλος Λευκωσίας-Ασπέλια

District 2452, Club 31029



JANUARY: *Rotary Awareness Month*

CLUB BULLETIN NO.23 – Next Club Meeting Fri 30 Jan 2015 at 13.15 Lunch

Venue: FONTANA Salon

AGENDA OF THE FORTHCOMING MEETING 30 Jan 2015

13.00	Arrivals
13.15	Lunch & Announcements
	Apologies for absence
	Introduction of visitors
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13.50	<u>Guest speaker Associate Professor Theodoros Mavroyiannis of the University of Cyprus.</u>
	<u>Subject: Amphipolis: the chronology of the tomb and the identification of the</u>
14.15	Dessert & Coffee
14.25	Raffle - Birthdays
14.30	Close

Minutes of Meeting 15 January 2015

Attendances: Twelve Members attended and 14 guests including PPs Mayor Lellos Demetriades and G Fellas of Perugia Club and Mrs Olga Demetriades. Other guests included a number of Rotaractors and others – unfortunately writing illegible.

Apologies: PPs Andreas Ladas, Nina Sadek, Savvas Omorphos, Michalis Avraam, Katerina Nicolaides, Elena Tanou, Eleni Zapiti and Chr Ellinas as well as Rtns Fr Vogel, Manfred Lange, Joseph Badaoui, Stalo Papaioannou, Pia Ceder, Nairy Merheje and Farid M.

President's announcements:

1. P Louisa opened by reminding Members that the District Conference in Bahrain was now approaching and those wanting to attend must make arrangements. A lot of info had been circulated. The last one was clearer regarding costs and she had gone to the trouble to make a summary of the basic costs for Members. These were; registration, flight and hotel accommodation. The dates are 19-22 March 2015.
2. Friday 30/1 – is a big lunch event. Amphipolis – Assoc Prof of the University of Cyprus, Theodoros Mavroyiannis will be speaking not so much on the archaeological aspect but on the argument and deliberation of the identity of the remains of the eminent occupant of the tomb. The Ambassador of Ireland and his wife will be attending.

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3. On Fri 13 Feb we have the big Alzheimer's fundraiser being organized under the leadership of PP Caterina Kalavas. This will be a Carnival party at Occhio. Starting at 20.30 for us oldies it will be dinner at 25.00 eu per head. Later Rotaractors will join for drinks only at a lower price. Music by DJ Stephanos. P Louisa urged Members to support this as we have an ongoing responsibility towards the Alzheimer's Day Care Centres. Volunteers would be needed for the various jobs and a list will be going out

4. On the same day, Fri 13 Feb, P Louisa said that she would not be cancelling the lunch in favour of the fundraiser, as lunch goers had asked her not to do so. They are just getting back into the habit of attending and they do not want to lose the flow. **However**, this does not mean that they will not attend fundraisers/fellowships that coincide during that week. They feel that these are two separate issues. **Fundraising is everyone's responsibility so it is hoped that those who will choose to come to lunch will also support the evening event.**

5. Also in Feb at the drinks meeting of 19/2 the Speaker will be the eminent lawyer Dr Polys Polyviou "**The Cyprus problem – what is to be done?**"

6. On the whole February will be a very busy month with **two interesting speakers**, the second one being genealogist Mr Aristides Coudounaris, a fellowship visit to the Costas & Rita Severis Museum as well as the Alzheimer Carnival party already mentioned. Also on the 28/2 there will be the inauguration of the new Rotaract Club resident in the University of Nicosia. Members were urged to read the Bulletins and follow the programme.

7. Mrs Diana Der Avedissian's tickets for the Pefkios Georgiades memorial concert on Sat 24/1. Members were urged to buy given Mrs Der Avedissian's special relationship with the club.

8. P Louisa mentioned that we have two more projects in hand that Members have not heard much about. This is the Twinning with the City of Palmanova. Palmova is a city whose walls have been designed by the same Architect as the Nicosia wall and the Palmanova Club President invited Nicosia Clubs for a Twinning. More about this as well as the very important lecture by Dr Christodoulos Xinaris who is working on creating tissue engineered kidneys. These two projects will be presented to Members more fully at the next fellowship meeting – when we do not have a speaker.

The Speaker: Mr Alecos Modinos, Human Rights activist. His CV attached.

Mr Modinos gave an account of the laws regarding homosexuality prevalent until lately, all remnants from Victorian Colonial attitudes. He explained what had happened in the European Courts and how Cyprus had been brought into line. He explained how the age of consulting adults had been reached though he felt that in the case of the homosexual activity the age of 16 was too young in his view. Finally, he closed with a very moving question: If your child were a homosexual what would you do? Reject it, throw it out or support your child?

A plethora of questions and statements followed including some fine and enlightening words first from Mrs Olga Demetriades and followed by PP Mayor Lellos Demetriades regarding Human Rights in general. This was a very honest and open meeting, a milestone in the development of the Club.

Finally, there was the traditional handing over of the banner.

Other Speaker: Foundation Director, PP Eleni Zapiti, programmed for a short presentation on 'Rotary Awareness' was away owing to illness. Her presentation will follow after the photographs.

Birthdays: No birthdays were celebrated, Rtn Manfred Lange being absent.

Raffle: Won by visitor psychologist/family counsellor Thekla Petrides.

Meeting concluded: 21.00 – though many attendants lingered on to speak with Mr Modinos and among themselves well past 22.20.



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A contribution from Foundation Director PP Eleni Zapiti

January is Awareness month

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Source: <https://www.rotary.org/myrotary/en/member-news/despite-global-success-rotarys-brand-still-work-do-community>

Despite global success for Rotary's brand, still work to do in the community



RI Director-elect Jennifer E. Jones talks about the importance of Rotary's brand on Monday at the 2015 International Assembly in San Diego, California. Photo Credit: Rotary International/Alyce Henson

On a global scale Rotary's brand is strong, said Rotary leaders speaking at the International Assembly on Monday in San Diego. From governments to worldwide NGOs to large corporations, Rotary is trusted to create positive change around the world.

But Rotary's image needs strengthening in local communities, said RI Director-elect Jennifer E. Jones. **"We are the greatest story never told,"** Jones said. **"Quite simply, strengthening our brand is essential to Rotary's future."**

"For so long we did our good work quietly and not for recognition," added Jones, a member of the Rotary Club of Windsor-Roseland, Ontario, Canada, and past Rotary public image area and zone coordinator. "While this was noble, it made it difficult for people to understand the good work of Rotarians and why we exist. What we've learned is that when we tell our story, like-minded people want to join us."

More than a year ago, leaders launched the [Strengthening Rotary initiative](#) to enhance and simplify the organization's story, visual identity, and digital experience. In her address, Jones outlined the essence of Rotary's brand: Join leaders. Exchange ideas. Take Action.

"This is how we frame who we are," she said. **"Every single person in this room is a leader. And what happens when we get a group of leaders together? We exchange ideas. And let's be honest, once we have shared these thoughts, we are then compelled to take action."** Jones cited a [Harvard Business Review article](#), which opined that the branding initiative to simplify the message is the key to Rotary's success. "We have taken the right steps towards better clarifying who we are, what we do, and why it matters," she said.

Jones challenged the incoming district governors. "At the end of your term, no one will need to ask the question, who, what, or why Rotary?" she said.

Top health official says Nigeria close to being polio free



Earlier in the day, Dr. Hamid Jafari, World Health Organization director of the polio research and operations, said Nigeria is as close as ever to being polio free. In 2014 polio cases dropped from 53 the year before to six, and it's been more than five months since the last reported case. Nigeria is the only country in Africa where polio has never been stopped. The virus also remains in Afghanistan and Pakistan.

Jafari, who was recently appointed as the top official for the [Global Polio Eradication Initiative \(GPEI\)](#), said the remarkable progress can't be taken for granted. "Our worst enemy right now would be a false sense of security that the job is done in Africa," he said. "We have to keep moving in that direction."

Jafari went on to say: **"What Rotary has added over the past 25 years in the fight against polio is leadership solutions to management problems. You have the ability to mobilize political leadership and social change. Rotary's legacy in this fight is unmatched."**

