



Rotary Club of Nicosia-Aspelia Ροταριανός Όμιλος Λευκωσίας-Ασπέλια

District 2452, Club 31029



MONTH FEBRUARY: *Designation 'World Understanding Month'*

CLUB BULLETIN NO.24 – Next Club Meeting Thurs 5 Feb 2015 - Drinks

Venue: FONTANA Salon

AGENDA OF THE FORTHCOMING MEETING 30 Jan 2015

19.30 Arrivals - Drinks
19.40 Announcements
Apologies for absence
Intro of visitors
19.50 PRESIDENT'S ANNOUNCEMENTS - FELLOWSHIP
20.15 Birthdays
20.20 Raffle
20.30 Close

Minutes of Meeting 30 January 2015

Grace: VP Pia Ceder

Sargeant at Arms: PAG Elena Tanou

Attendances: Nineteen Members attended and 13 guests: the Speaker Assoc Professor Th Mavroyiannis, Dina Mavroyiannis, Lambis G Constantinides, Stilvi Vroede, Mary Gavrielides, Calliopi Georgiou, Angeliki Taifacou, Petros Damtsas, Hania El Malawani, Maria Melissa, Ambassador Nicolas Swift and his wife Patricia Molloy; Also Rotaractor Semeli Kyriakou.

Apologies: PPs Marianna Trokoudes, Era Michaelides, Eleni Zapiti and Katerina Nicolaides and Rtns Walter Bopp, Manfred Lange, Petros Petrou 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. Allot 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. P Louisa read a message received from ADDG Dr Christos Theodoulou regarding a great achievement for polio eradication in India, where, according to the media, Rotary members represented by Rotaractors, Interactors and Rotarians showed impressive coordination and commitment and a workforce of 40,000 people was mobilized to create

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the world's largest human national flag. This polio eradication effort is considered a Guinness World Record achievement and was praised by R.I. President Gary C.K. Huang.

3. P Louisa said we would be having a very busy month of February with two choice speakers. That is in the programme circulated with the Bulletin. Also this month Nicosia-Salamis and Kyrenia clubs are hosting a very interesting talk with Michalakis Sarris. Regarding this she commented that now that he has been out of things for a while he will have had a chance to reflect and come back with renewed ideas and passion about how to rekindle investment and consequently the economy. It will be in Greek 16 Feb at the Cleopatra 20.00 – 20.00 eu.
4. On the 13th of February, she said, we have our own big Alzheimer's event at the Occhio 25 eu for dinner. We will be joined later by the Rotaractors. Regarding this event a lot of hard work has gone in it and P Louisa had representations from PPs and the organisers that it was not giving the event a chance of success by not cancelling the lunch of Friday 13/2.
5. P Louisa would not want to be held responsible for the failure in attracting people. It would be too heavy a responsibility for her to bear. So at the risk of being thought inconsistent the lunch of 13/2 would be cancelled and replaced by the Alzheimer's event at Occhio.
6. Also P Louisa said that she was asking for Club Members loyalty regarding events.
7. On 2 of March Monday, we will be having the big public lecture by a brilliant young scientist that is a credit to Cyprus overseas: Dr Christodoulos Xynaris creates tissue engineered kidneys. This is a great breakthrough and will mean a lot not only to kidney sufferers but also regarding transplants in general. P Louisa was much encouraged at having received congratulations for taking this on as a Club from Mrs Androulla Vassiliou, former Commissioner to the EU. In Mrs Vassiliou's own words Cristodoulos Xynaris is a brilliant young man, in the forefront of his profession that honours Cyprus overseas. The Italian Ambassador will also be attending despite the lecture being in Greek.

The Speaker

Associate Professor Theodoros Mavroyiannis of the University of Cyprus was introduced by Rtn Nairey Merheje

Subject: Amphipolis: the chronology of the tomb and the identification of the occupying historical personality'.

Professor Mavroyiannis gave a historical account why the tomb could not be that of either Roxani (wife) of Olympiada (mother) members of Alexander the Great's family. According to the date of the tomb and the location Prof Mavroyiannis attributes the identity of the occupier as to that of Yphestionas, great friend and general of Alexander. Yphaestionas had been given the title of Hero, the highest honour and the magnificence of the tomb would be in keeping for such an occupant. The recent relics found in the tomb were not reliable for DNA tests as they had been contaminated.

Other Members:

PP Caterina Kalavas reminded Members about the Alzheimer's Carnival event at Occhio and said she had tickets to sell.

Admin Director, Ioanna Kyprianidou said that a fellowship outing had been arranged for Sat 7 February, late morning. This will be a visit to the Costas & Rita Severis Museum. The cost would be the entrance ticket. Lunch was optional and would cost around 10 eu.

Birthdays: no Birthdays were celebrated.

Raffle: guest Calliope Georgiou

Meeting concluded 15.15

<i>February</i>	
<i>(World understanding month)</i>	
05 Thursday	Drinks meeting at the Fontana Salon at 19:30
07 Saturday	Day out at the Costas & Rita Severis museum at Old Nicosia. More information to follow
13 Friday	Replaced by evening fundraiser
13 Friday	Alzheimer's fundraiser dinner at Occhio restaurant at 20:30
19 Thursday	Drinks meeting at the Fontana Salon at 19:30. Guest speaker, Dr Polys Polyviou on " The Cyprus problem-what is to be done? "
27 Friday	Lunch meeting at the Fontana Salon at 13:15. Guest speaker, Mr Aristides Coudounaris , Genealogist will mention some of the old families in Cyprus, the research that goes into building a bio and also will give some hints as to how to start your own family tree.
28 Saturday	Inauguration of Rotaract Aspelia University of Nicosia Time and Place TBA

Other Clubs:

Monday 16 Feb. Dinner Cleopatra Hotel 20 eu. Speaker: ex-Minister of Finance, Mr Michalakis Sarris, on 'Cyprus- the prospects for developing the economy'. the talk will be in Greek. This is being organized jointly by Nicosia-Salamis and Kyrenia Clubs. RSVPs by Fri 13/2 directly to Kyrenia President Takis Ioannou 99685835 chrink@cytanet.com.cy

