



**Rotary Club of Nicosia-Aspelia**  
**Ροταριανός Όμιλος Λευκωσίας-Ασπέλια**  
District 2452, Club 31029



**Designation of the month of September: NEW GENERATIONS**

**CLUB BULLETIN No. 5 - THURSDAY 4 Sept 2014**

19:20 Arrivals Drinks & Finger Food  
19:30 Announcements  
Apologies for absence  
Intro of visitors  
19:40 Speaker: **Mr. Lakis Tofarides, President of the International Real Estate Federation, Cyprus Chapter. He will address the current state of land development in Cyprus, foreclosures, etc.**  
20:20 Birthdays  
20:25 Raffle  
20:30 Close

Notes of the meeting on 28/8/14 - drinks – Fontana Room – 19.30h

Present: 10 Rotarians

Visitors: Joseph Badaoui, Zara Powel and Zu Gomer

Apologies: PAGT Elena Tanou – also for 4/9 and 18/9 -PPs Andreas Ladas, Savvas Omorphos, Eleni Zapiti and Rtms Nazo Davidian, Pia Ceder, V Skronias, Ioanna Kyprianidou, Patrick Elston and Nairy Merheje

Attendance: To be announced by Admin director on her return from overseas.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

1. P Louisa welcomed Global Grant Scholar Sarah Powell and thanked PP Caterina for looking after her during the first few days.  
A very warm welcome also Hon Sec Friedrich Vogel and Treasurer Walter Bopp.
2. Rotaractor Semeli Kyriacou's grandmother's funeral had been attended by P Louisa and a number of personal contributions in memoriam had been made by Members individually.
3. Starlight Concert brought in a net sum of € 2500. PR Director Margarita Paraskevaidou had done an excellent job and it was hoped that she will be giving an exposé of her work in October at a Joint Meeting with the Rotaractors. It is important that Rotaractors see that there is activity for them when they join as Rotarians.

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4. PROGRAMME for September: P Louisa urged Members to attend ON 4/9 when Mr. Lakis Tofarides , President of the International Real Estate Federation (Cyprus Chapter) will be speaking on the current state of land development in Cyprus, foreclosures etc. Following meetings with speakers are: AG Dervish Baha's presentation 'Vibrant club' on 11/9 (drinks in Fontana), and Pres. Vassiliou on 26/9 Friday (lunch). Club Assembly on Thurs 18/9/14.
5. RC Nicosia will be having a major fundraiser on 12/9/14. This is a musical event 'Rising Stars', tickets € 15. A block of tickets is being held by Rtn Ioanna Kyprianidou.
6. Invitation to a President's party of RC LEDRA – that is P Pan Moiras at Famagusta Gate – cocktail party € 20.
7. August was Membership month, hence P Louisa will be communicating with those members with low attendance.
8. P Louisa also announced that on 31/10, Friday, at a lunch meeting the speaker will be the Minister of Finance, Harris Georgiades. The lunch is being co-organized with Nicosia-Lefkothea.
9. P Louisa also announced that DG'S visit will be rather early this year. Meeting with Aspelia Board will be afternoon of 5<sup>th</sup> Nov (Wed). On 3<sup>rd</sup> Nov there will be an All-Nicosia Clubs & Kyrenia joint dinner. She informed DDG Evagoras Phylactou that Aspelia will have 1-2 inductions on that night and also a PHF pinning.

#### OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS & DISCUSSIONS

- **PDG Kevork Mahdessian** explained the aims of the newly formulated ARPIC Group of which he is a member. The purpose of this group is to increase Rotary awareness among the general public and through this recruit new Rotarians. This is to be achieved through holding Rotary Days events. Conclusion: It needs to be decided if it shall be pan-Cyprian, pan-Nicosia or a club activity? Everyone agreed that it should be done.
- The floor was given to our **Global Grant Scholar Sarah Powell** (UK) and her friend Zu Gomez (Canada). Many questions were asked ranging from the mechanics of Sarah's grant, their academic background, the local student accommodation and their hitherto experiences since arriving in Cyprus a few days ago.
- **General views** were exchanged about the possibility of voting by e-mail. Just voting not e-clubbing or anything else.
- P Louisa finally mentioned a few speakers she had in line and said that she was trying hard to make drinks and lunch meetings equally attractive through high profile speakers.

BIRTHDAYS: PDG Kevork Mahdessian.

RAFFLE: Won by Joseph Badaoui

Meeting concluded 20.45

<i>September</i>	
<i>(New Generations month)</i>	
04 Thursday	Drinks meeting with finger food, Fontana Salon at 19:30, Guest Speaker, Mr Lakis Tofarides, President of the International Real Estate Federation (Cyprus Chapter) RSVP asap to Admin Director ASAP as the finger food order has a deadline.SMS at mob 99597810 or < <a href="mailto:joankypr@spidernet.com.cy">joankypr@spidernet.com.cy</a> >;
08 Monday	Board meeting, Altius Hotel at 6:00 pm
11 Thursday	Drinks only, Fontana Salon at 19.30 Guest Speaker, Assistant Governor Dervish Baha, on “The vibrant club”
18 Thursday	Club Assembly-Drinks only, Fontana Salon at 19:30 pm
26 Friday	Lunch meeting, Fontana Salon at 13:15, Guest Speaker: H.E.Dr George Vassiliou, Past President of the Republic. RSVP asap to Admin Director ASAP as the finger food order has a deadline.SMS at mob 99597810 or < <a href="mailto:joankypr@spidernet.com.cy">joankypr@spidernet.com.cy</a> >;

### **The Rotary Foundation: message from Foundation Director, PP Eleni Zapiti**

Dear Aspelians

This brief summary reminds us about the importance of TRF.  
We as Aspelians are proud to contribute to it EVERY Rotary year, in addition to our club subscription. Let us keep it up.

PP Eleni Zapiti  
Rotary Foundation Director



*General Secretary John Hewko provides an update on activities throughout the organization during the past year during the RI Convention in Bangkok, Thailand*

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From our Meeting 28 August 2014 –Global Grant Scholar Sarah Powell on the far right

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