



Rotary Club of Nicosia-Aspelia Ροταριανός Όμιλος Λευκωσίας-Ασπέλια



District 2452, Club 31029

MONTH July: *Start of new Rotary officers' year of service*

CLUB ASSEMBLY MEETING NO. 1

13:15	Arrivals
13:30	Lunch and Dessert
14:10	Apologies & Announcements
15:00	Raffle
15:05	Close

Minutes of the Club Assembly Meeting of 10th July 2015:

Grace: Rtn Patrick Elston

Present: 21 Rotarians and 1 Rotaractor

Apologies: Farid Mirbagheri and Adonis Panagidis

President's Announcements:

President Nazo welcomed the Members of Rotary Aspelia and thanked them for coming to the meeting. Having ascertained that there was a quorum, P Nazo proceeded with the items on the Agenda:

1. The President informed the Assembly of the announcement by DG Mustafa Nasereddin D2452 which invited Rotarians to the first *District Polio Seminar in Beirut Lebanon on the 6th of September and the visit of the RI PE John Germ and his wife to Beirut Lebanon on 4-6th of September*. For those who are interested, send the registration form and a copy of the bank transfer to: PP David Zein on the email: ripev1617@gmail.com
2. The President reminded the Members of the invitation from P Dickran Ouzounian of Rotary Nicosia on Thursday, 16th of July at the Hilton Hotel. **Please see the Program below for more information.**
3. The President continued addressing the aims for the forthcoming year 2015-2016, noting the willingness to continue supporting the major projects: Scholarship Fund, Alzheimer Day Care Centres etc. The President also noted that if the budget allowed, a Global Grant project would be considered.

The President then gave the floor to the following Directors for an update on where the Club is standing and where it would be heading

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President 2015-2016: Nazareth Davidian, nazarethdavidian@gmail.com – Secretary and President-Elect: Nairy Merheje, Aspelia.secretary@gmail.com – Treasurer: Katerina Nicolaides, katerina.nicolaides@gmail.com

PAG Elena Tanou – Membership Director:

1. PAG Elena informed the Assembly that one of the main objectives is to bring more members as well as revitalize the old members. Regarding the latter, it was agreed by the Assembly to leave it to the discretion of the Board as to how it wishes to proceed with older, inactive members.
2. Rtn Caterina noted that some members had an issue with lunch meetings and expressed her wish to have a more fixed time and date for the meetings. After hearing the thoughts of other Rotarians, Prez Nazo concluded that this would be a matter for another meeting.

PP Marianna Trokoudes – Rotary Foundation Director:

1. PP Marianna raised the issue of the flow of refugees from Syria in countries like Jordan, Lebanon and Cyprus. As this is a difficult matter, PP Marianna suggested targeted fundraising both on a local and a regional level, possibly in conjunction with other Rotary Clubs. The assembly seemed to be broadly in favour and expressed support of such projects, within the limits of the new budget.
2. PP Marianna also mentioned that she is in talks at the moment with the UNHCR Offices in Cyprus for further cooperation.

Rtn Vasilis Skronias – Public Relations Director:

1. Rtn Vasilis thanked IPP Louisa for all the support and informed the assembly that the publicity will proceed as was in the previous year.
2. PDG Kevork suggested the possibility of organizing a “Rotary Day”, a day to promote Rotary. This was agreed to be discussed in a future Board Meeting.

Rtn Ioanna Kyprianidou – Administration Director:

1. Rtn Ioanna asserted that all will continue as with the past 3 years as well as noted the importance of having more fellowship in the yearly programme.
2. On that note, IPP Louisa expressed her gratitude and commended Rtn Ioanna’s effective administration efforts because Hilton had stated that Rotary Aspelia was the only club that knew what it is doing.

IPP Louisa Coudounaris:

1. IPP Louisa asked the Assembly for any suggested speakers who could be included in the annual programme, to be emailed to her with the contact of the suggested speaker and their specialty.
2. IPP Louisa also reminded the Assembly of the most prestigious event of the year, Martino Tirimo’s Concert at the Presidential Palace on Friday, October 16th and stated that the DG will be attending the event, further stressing the importance of the event.

PP Katerina Nicolaidis - Treasurer:

1. PP Katerina congratulated past Treasurer Rtn Walter on doing a great job for the past 5 years.
2. A proposed Administration budget was presented to the Assembly for the new year, with PP Katerina informing that variable expenses had to be cut by almost 50% from last year.

Concerns were raised about the state of the past accounts and there were propositions from the Assembly to be presented with the draft accounts of the previous years.

3. The General Assembly approved for the proposed budget to be presented to the Board Meeting for final approval.

Other Business:

1. Some Members proposed for the next Assembly to be in the evening instead of lunch-time so have more members attending the meetings. This was approved.
2. IPP Louisa made final comments thanking the Members for attending, further stressing the importance of Club Assemblies.

P Nazo then confirmed that all matters on the agenda had been covered and concluded the meeting.

Birthdays: None were celebrated

Raffle: Rtn Joseph Badaoui

Meeting Concluded: 15:05

President Nazo sets the tone for his presidency year with the following beautiful message:

In this occasion it is worthwhile to end my Rotary message by asking you all to meditate about a thought mentioned in a poem written by an Armenian poet called VAHAN TEKEYAN, (1878-1945) which describes correctly Rotary's philosophy...and at the very last moment of his [Vahan Tekeyan's] life, contemplating about his achievements, in a poem entitled "Hashvehartar", which means in simple translation "The final balance sheet of one's life".

He said "I ASK MYSELF WHAT HAS REMAINED TO ME FROM MY LIFE?"

And he answers: "HOW STRANGE, THAT WHAT I GAVE TO OTHERS."

This statement underlines clearly the Rotary International spirit of "SERVICE ABOVE SELF" as well as also reinforces the recent motto of our New Rotary International Governor K. R. RAVIDRAN'S motto, which says: "BE A GIFT TO THE WORLD".

Programme July – September 2015

July 2015

Friday, 10 th	Lunch Meeting: Club Assembly, statutory following the Changeover-no visitors.
Thursday, 16 th	Drinks Meeting: Cancelled in favour of attending Lunch Meeting on that day RC Nicosia with guest speaker: Mr. Phydias Pilides, Chairman of the Board of the Cyprus Chamber of Commerce with the subject "Prospects, Opportunities and Threats to the Cyprus Economy". This will possibly be a Joint-Meeting with RC Nicosia and will take place at Hilton Hotel from 13:00-14:45. RSVP by Thursday, July 14th to Nada Panayiotou at 99-405812 or n.panayiotou@atlantis-consulting.eu
Sunday, 19 th	Fellowship fundraising lunch hosted by Rtn Carol and Evdokimos Xenphontos in the mountains.
Thursday, 23 rd	Drinks Meeting at 19:30: This meeting will take place.

Friday, 31 st	Lunch Meeting at 13:30 – Speaker: Mr. John Hourican, Chief Executive Officer, Bank of Cyprus Group. This will be a joint meeting with Rotaract Nicosia. RSVP arrangements to be announced.
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August 2015 (Membership and Extension Month)

Thursday, 6 th	Drinks/Fellowship Meeting: Last meeting before Summer Recess.
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September 2015 (New Generations Month)

Thursday, 3 rd	Drinks Meeting at 19:30: Return from Summer Recess
Friday, 11 th	Lunch Meeting at 13:30 with Dutch Ambassador



Nairy Merheje

Secretary of Rotary Club of Nicosia Aspelia 2015 - 2016