



Rotary Club of Nicosia-Aspelia Ροταριανός Όμιλος Λευκωσίας-Ασπέλια



District 2452, Club 31029

MONTH October: *Economic and Community Development Month*

Our Mission;

ECDI's mission is to invest in people to create measurable and enduring social and economic change. Since 2004, we have assisted over 6,500 entrepreneurs, loaned over \$25 million to over 1,250 businesses, and created and retained over 4,500 jobs via our comprehensive suite of programs available through our offices in Columbus, Akron, Cleveland and Toledo, Ohio. We invest, educate, and innovate with the businesses and people we partner with.

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Next Club Meeting on Thursday, 22nd of October at 19:30

19:15	Arrivals
19:30	President's announcements
20:00	Close

Minutes of DG Mustafa Nasereddin's visit on Monday, 19th of October 2015:

Present: 9 Rotarians

Apologies: Marianna Trokoudes and Adonis Panagides

The DG was given a warm welcome by the Board members of the Club.

Global Grant Project

The DG regretfully noted that Rotary Clubs of Cyprus are not active in regards to the Global Grant compared to other Rotary clubs and must therefore put their efforts together to set up a global project. He also noted that it is important to get media coverage to raise the image and awareness of Rotary International both locally and internationally, stressing that this could be done with a global project such as the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and the Rotary polio campaign.

Attendance

Regarding the issues of attendance over the past few years, the DG recommended against the sending of a questionnaire as he believes it might confuse members. Instead the DG recommended to look into the real reason for the low attendance and finds it imperative to address problem of members who do not participate at all. He further recommended involving all members in all the projects throughout the year.

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As to the rules regarding cancelation of meetings, the DG clarified that there can be flexibility when it comes to a fellowship meeting and that a regular meeting could be canceled in favour of the fellowship meeting for attendance purposes

The DG stressed that Rotary is a lifestyle and that the work we do for it, should come from within. Quality over quantity should count when it comes to members.

For members who are absent for a long period of time, they must be approached and asked to remain Friends of Rotary but not as Rotarians if they cannot make most meetings and/or participate more actively.

Directors' Reports

1. Service Project Director

Rtn Farid Mirbagheri's project of food shelters to Syrian refugees in Greece, could be a candidate for Rotary's Global Grant. The DG requested Farid to send him the project in writing so that he himself could find ways to help. PP Caterina Kalavas said that she would also send Rotaractors a proposal simultaneously so as they could get involved as well. This was met positively from the DG as he encouraged getting younger generation to be more involved in such activities. He also said that any money raised, can be added for a matching Grant and suggested many modes of publishing a project on Rotary International so that it could be seen by other clubs. The DG also mentioned the Gift of Life programme which is applied internationally

2. Administration Director

DG Nasereddin also suggested dedicating one of the meetings to discuss the "My Rotary" webpage of the Rotary International website, in order to explain how and why to register on the site, and the benefits it could bring to the Club.

3. Membership Director

As a club, we have 47 PHF members which the DG said shows quality of Club. He encouraged those who don't have one, to get one and even encouraged the method of purchasing PHF's.

4. Rotary Foundation Director

All contributions made by individual members could be included in the annual contribution to Rotary International and should be recorded on an additional report. He stressed that each Member's contribution must be entered on each one's individual accounts, so that RI has the records for the future. The Board must discuss this very important issue. The DG noted that new Leaders are needed and for that we must look at the youth.

5. Treasurer

All members should pay their annual fees immediately. The DG emphasized that the Treasurer must take this very seriously and inform members that those who haven't paid cannot hold their position.

The DG took the opportunity to ask of Board members to assist him in promoting the District Conference in Amman, Jordan from Thursday, 19th of May until Sunday, 22nd of May

Meeting Concluded: 13:30

Programme

October 2015 (Economic and Community Development Month)

Friday, 30 th	Lunch meeting at 13:15 at Hilton Othello Room . Guest speaker Director General of Cyprus Shipping Chamber Mr Thomas Kazakos. Visitors Welcome. Price: 20 EUR per person. RSVP to Ioanna at 96840728
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November 2015 (Rotary Foundation Month)

November is the time to celebrate the wonderful work of The Rotary Foundation. It's a good time to reflect on the Rotary Foundation sponsored programs we support and on how each of us can contribute to make sure these programs continue. Challenge all of your members to be an EREY (Every Rotarian Every Year) member. Honour TRF contributors of the club (PHF/MPHF/Major Donor, Etc)

Wednesday, 4 th	Premiere of the film "Youth" starring Michael Kaine at 19:45 at the KCineplex Engomi. Proceeds will be used to buy shelters for the Syrian Refugees in Greece. Price - 10 EUR per person
Thursday, 5 th	Cheese, wine and charcuterie meeting at the Cava Room of Vino Cultura at 19:00 . Speaker of the evening, Rotarian Ioanna Kyprianidou on "The effect of music on toddlers, infants, children and adults". Price: 12 EUR per person. Post-meeting fellowship to follow at the main bar of Vino Cultura with vintage jazz music from the Cypriot jazz group "Moon Indigo". RSVP to Ioanna at 96840728
Sunday, 8 th	Guided walk in Old Nicosia with Dr. Nicolas Barkitzis, to be followed by lunch at a taverna nearby. More information to follow. For reservations please call Ioanna on 96840728
Friday, 13 th	Lunch meeting at the Hilton Fontana Salon at 13:15
Friday, 20 th	Rotary Aspelias birthday party. Venue TBA
Friday, 27 th	Lunch meeting at the Hilton Fontana Salon at 13:15 with H. E Nicholas Twist, Ambassador to Ireland with the title "Ireland and Cyprus – on the road to recovery"

December 2015 (Disease Prevention and Treatment Month)

Thursday, 3 rd	Drinks meeting at the Fontana salon at 19:30. Club Assembly. MEMBERS ONLY. Announcement of the incoming board by Incoming President Nairy Merheje
Saturday, 12 th	Rotary Aspelia's annual Christmas party at 13:00 at Cleopatra Hotel. More information to follow in due course.
Thursday, 17 th	Drinks meeting at the Hilton Fontana salon at 19:30
Friday, 25 th	Christmas holidays - Meeting cancelled
Thursday, 31 st	Christmas holidays - Meeting cancelled

Nairy Merheje

Secretary of Rotary Club of Nicosia Aspelia 2015 - 2016