



# Rotary Club of Nicosia-Aspelia Ροταριανός Όμιλος Λευκωσίας-Ασπέλια



District 2452 | Club 31029

MONTH July: *Basic Education and Literacy*

BULLETIN NO. 5

Next Club Meeting on Friday, 23<sup>rd</sup> of September at 13:15.

13:15	Arrivals
13:30	President's Announcements
13:45	Michalis Ierides, Secretary General of CYMEPA on the environmental initiatives of CYMEPA
15:00	Close



## Rotary International's efforts on basic education and literacy:

Worldwide, 67 million children have no access to education, and more than 775 million people over the age of 15 are illiterate. Our members support educational projects that provide technology, teacher training, vocational training teams, student meal programs, and low-cost textbooks to communities. Our goal is to strengthen the capacity of communities to support basic education and literacy, reduce gender disparity in education, and increase adult literacy.

## Minutes of Club Meeting on Friday, 16th of September 2016:

**Grace:** VP Pia Ceder

**Present:** 14 members

**Guest:** PDDG Themis Themistokleous, Efthymios Mammides

**Apologies** (by SAA Patrick Elston): PAG Chris Ellinas, PP Andreas Ladas, PP Louisa Coudounaris, PP Eleni Zapiti, PP Savvas Omorfos

## Announcements

President Nairy announced upcoming events and seminars:

1) The President's party on Saturday the 10<sup>th</sup> of September was a big success. Everybody enjoyed it and it was a fruitful evening. At least 1,300 euros were collected. P Nairy thanked everyone who attended but also those who contributed, over and above whether they attended or not.

2) On Saturday the 24<sup>th</sup> of September, the Cyprus Club Assembly will take place at PWC HO in Nicosia. P Nairy and S Ioanna will be attending. At the Cyprus Club Assembly, a number of important subjects

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will be discussed, including the Mega project for the whole of Cyprus' Rotary community and the Budget. The budget has been circulated to everyone, and the President is waiting for any comments from the members.

3) Between the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> of October, the Zone 20B Institute conference will take place in Thessaloniki, Greece. Information has already been sent to the members.

4) The RAC Aspelia birthday party will take place on Friday the 23<sup>rd</sup> of September at 20:00 at PP Eleni Zapiti's house. It's a fundraising event. The club will be offering the birthday cake.

5) There is approval for a fellowship trip to Blue Lagoon in Latchi, Pafos on Sunday the 25<sup>th</sup> of September if a sufficient number respond. It will be a 5-hour trip, including lunch and swimming.

### **Guest Speaker: PDDG Themis Themistokleous on important recent developments in RI regulations**

In April 2016, the Rotary Legislation Counsel took place, and certain amendments on membership and other issues have been decided. However, it's up to each Club to decide what it prefers to adopt/change and amend its bylaws accordingly.

The membership during the last few years has been poor. Rotary had problems with keeping existing members, recruiting new members, keep members busy and happy, as well as diversity problems in relation to age, sex, race, ethnicity, religion and so on).

A list of amendments has been prepared during the recent Rotary Legislation Counsel.

Now, there is flexibility on many issues, such as, number of meetings, type of meetings, frequency of meetings, the definition of a "member" (other types of members) and modalities.

#### **Type/Frequency of meetings**

Up to now, there have been weekly meetings and long-term commitment. This was a problem/burden to many Rotarians.

Now the clubs can choose/diversify and/or have other types of get togethers that will also count as meetings.

The main rule is that each club must have at least 2 meetings per month. These can be a gathering/event/trip/excursion/board meeting.

Attendance must be reported 15 days max after the meeting, to the DG.

There will also be an online joining meeting possibility available to all those members who cannot physically be at the meeting (i.e.skype).

#### **Types of membership**

Up to now, there have been 2 kinds of membership: Active and Honorary.

RI now expands membership to other types such as: Associate, corporate (Firm/Company), Family and so on.

Family-members may be recruited from a Rotarian's family.

Cooperate/Associate-a club may recruit members from certain professions and firms and/or friends and call them associate, cooperate, active and so on. In the case of Companies, one of the Company's members can attend the meeting and attendance will apply to everyone in the Company.

### Dues

Up to now, active members paid twice a year a certain amount of RI fees (51 dollars). For other types of members, the club may decide that they pay the fees in full or choose different payment alternatives or charging family members a special rate. However, RI will demand full payment of fees from those members.

This will lead to a larger Rotary family, more money coming in, better PR, higher profile and expanding Rotary message to the world.

### Rotaract Clubs

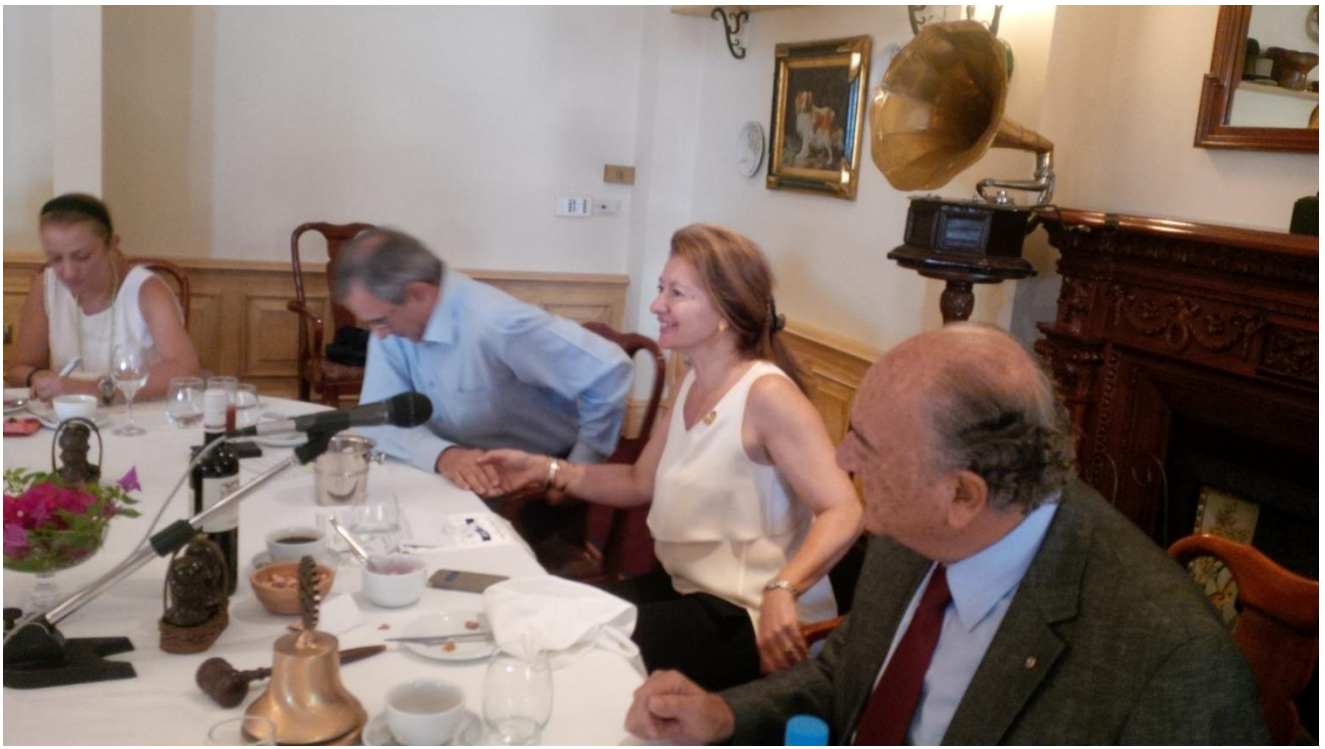
Rotaractors can now be Rotaractors and Rotarians at the same time. It's up to each Club to decide.

PDDG Themis concluded his speech with the following motto:

"We don't want members of Rotary, we want Rotarians".

The winner of the raffle was guest Efthymios Mammides.

**Meeting concluded: 14:45**



## Programme

<i>September</i>	
<i>(Basic Education and Literacy)</i>	
02 Friday	Lunch meeting at the Fontana salon at 13:15 - Fellowship
10 Saturday	President's party at Aphrodite Hills at 19:30. For reservations, please contact admin Carol Xenofontos and/or the President. A bus service will be arranged from Nicosia with an extra cost.
16 Friday	Lunch meeting at the Fontana salon at 13:15. Speaker PDDG Themis Themistokleous on important recent developments in RI regulations
23 Friday	Lunch meeting at the Fontana salon at 13:15. Speaker Michalis Ierides, Secretary General of CYMEPA, on The environmental initiatives of CYMEPA
30 Friday	Lunch meeting at the Fontana salon at 13:15 -Fellowship

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