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«ΣΥΝΔΕΣΜΟΣ ΜΕΛΩΝ C.I.F. – ΚΥΠΡΟΣ» (C.I.F. – ΚΥΠΡΟΣ)

*The 29th International Conference CIF 2011
“Global Societies of Inclusion or Exclusion?”*



INVITATION

MARKET OF NATIONS 2011

Thursday, 29 September 18:00 – 21:00

Dear Friends,

Come join us at this very special event of a “**Market of Nations**” we are organizing during the Conference 2011 in Cyprus! It’s going to be one of “**Inclusion**”; in fact, besides all the CIF People who will be participating, we are going to “include” the local community, hoping they will come to meet with all of us, buy many of the wonderful objects and products we will be bringing from all over the world just for this event.

Market of Nations will take place at the Polydynamo Kentro of the Municipality of Nicosia, on the “walls” of Nicosia, kindly offered by the Mayor of Nicosia, Mrs Eleni Mavrou. We also encourage everyone to “include” any friend from all Countries and all ages and join this special celebration. You will have the chance to see traditional costumes, songs, dances, products, manchies, goodies, etc. ; so, don’t be shy and feel “included” in this special moment by expressing your cultural uniqueness in this **contemporary Globalized World!** See you soon and...start planning immediately...only a few more days till it all begins!

Open to All!

From the Organizing Committee

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RI President specifically mentions in his message to Rotarians that the colour for 2011 -2012 is green, the colour of spring, of new life and that we in Rotary need to add more green to revitalize our greyness. He explains that in Rotary, less than 11% are under the age of 40 and that 69% are over 60 with 39% over the age of 60. I think he will find that in our club, the statistics of the older members is even higher. Therefore we need not only new members but younger members.

You may say, well we've tried this – they have come and gone. Well we have to analyse this, change strategies, programs etc to ensure we live up to their expectations in order to keep them. They are the future of our club.

Club News:

- We shall be having our DDG Themis Themistocleous at our lunch on the 29th September. Please make an effort to come.
- Our DG Usama Barghouthi will be visiting our club in October as well as at the Cyprus Rotary Conference.
- We shall be having a board meeting on Monday 26th September.

MEMBERS CORNER

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**Biland and Nina Sadek -
the Rotary Family**

Biland and Niina Sadek, the well known Rotary Family are this weeks guests' in our Members Corner, where we learn a little about our friends in Rotary thereby improving fellowship.

Biland Sadek joined Middle East Airline(MEA) at Beirut Airport in 1951, was promoted six months later to Supervisory level and soon after assigned overseas as the Airline's Manager in Ankara, Turkey in 1956, in Nicosia in 1957, in Ankara in 1959, Karachi 1963, Abidjan Ivory Coast 1965, Karachi 1966, Doha Qatar 1970, Damascus Syria 1972 and finally in Cyprus 1980 when he joined Rotary club of Nicosia.

In 1959 while posted in Ankara Turkey, he was approached by a journalist Rotarian Vedat Abut to join the Rotary Organization, the goal and aim of which were unknown to him at the time. He joined and was warmly taking care of and treated as young son of the club due to his young age. Soon he became addicted to Rotary life and subsequently joined each and every Rotary club in the different countries he was posted in, except in Syria where the Rotary Organization was misunderstood and banned.

So, on his arrival to Cyprus in 1980, he joined the Rotary Club Nicosia, assumed different duties in various committees, held up the club's President Position in 1993-1994. The club subsequently accomplished several functions and activities in the humanitarian sector such as Prison rehabilitation by offering 3 computers to the inmates, introduced the smoke filters to the Kebab Houses to save the environment, built 3rd room at old people home, organized Lebanese night and Folklore Dance at the Hilton with 500 members and guests, took part in Raft Race, donated Mosaic Cutter Machine to the Handicraft Centre and many others.

He had served as Assistant Governor for three terms and the most challenging assignment was as Correspondent and Cyprus English Editor of the District Magazine for the last three decades which kept him aware of Cyprus clubs activities. In the year 1995 District Governor Khaled Al Moayed assigned him as his personal Representative in view of creating a new Rotary Club which led to the birth of the Rotary Club Nicosia Aspelia.

Among the 13 members he inducted in RC Nicosia Aspelia was his wife Nina who took her role equally seriously and has over the years assumed many Rotary positions climbing to Assistant Governor's level. She did very well during her Presidency of her club in many fund-raising campaigns. **Rotary became part of our life Biland said, it follows our steps and shadows our path in our daily movement a protective angel we enjoy its company and its environment.**

- Bilands life journey can be read through his recently published book "Culture thru Travel" that is available through the internet at PublishAmerica, www.PublishAmerica.com
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Message from RI President Kalyan Banerjee



Reach Within to Embrace Humanity

Discover yourself, develop the strengths within you and then unhesitatingly, unflinchingly, go forth and encircle the world to embrace humanity.



My dear brothers and sisters in Rotary!

We have a color for the 2011-12 Rotary year, and that color is green.

Why green? Because green is the color of spring, of new life, of bright leaves bursting forth from spreading branches. And there is no doubt that it is time to "green" Rotary - to lift our deepening pallor of gray and replace it with brighter shades of green.

Overall, in Rotary, only 11 percent of our members are under the age of 40, while 68 percent are over 50 and 39 percent are over 60. It's not too hard to see where this will lead us in 10, 20, and 30 years down the line, if we don't do something about it now. It is not enough to simply bring in new members. We need to bring in younger members, who will breathe new life and new vigor into our organization.

Now can we be more attractive to younger members, who are so different in so many ways from the young professionals of a generation or two ago? We have to come to them where they are - and for most young people, where they are is on the Internet, on facebook, on twitter and email, and on their smartphones. A club that doesn't have a presence on the Internet simply doesn't exist as far as they are concerned. A club's website is its public face - and it has to be a good one. More than anything, I believe we need to bring back the idea of the family of Rotary. We need to look at all of Rotary as one family: Rotarians, their families, and also Rotaractors, Interactors, Youth Exchange students and alumni, foundation alumni, and so on. And we need to consider retention as an idea that applies not just to Rotarians, but to the entire family of Rotary. Too often, we look outward to find new members, and we do not see our own young generation, waiting to be called upon. We must look to them to find the capable and enthusiastic new new members who will be the club presidents, the district governors, and the RI senior leaders of tomorrow. We owe it to our Rotary family - past, present, and future- to make sure that our generation of Rotarians is not the last. We must, in a very real sense, reach within - to embrace our Rotary family, so that we can better embrace all of humanity.

Kalyan Banerjee

President, Rotary International

3RD CYPRUS ROTARY ANNUAL CONFERENCE AND ASSEMBLY PROGRAM

SATURDAY 22/10/2011

- 08:30-09:30 Registration and welcoming coffee and snacks
- 09:45-10:00 Joint start of training
- 10:00-11:30 Session 1-TRF, Membership, PR workshop
- 11:30-11:45 Coffee break
- 11:45-13:30 Session 2-TRF, Membership, PR workshops
- 13:30 Buffet Lunch at Hotel(optional)
- 17:00 Departure from hotel by coach (Rtns and spouses)
- 17:15-19:30 «Aromatic & Healing Herbs of Cyprus»(Workshop/Exhibition) at Platres Cultural Centre
- 19:30-19:45 Transfer from Platres to Foini by coach
- 19:45-24:00 Taverna night with live music at Foini «Neraida Tavern»
- 24:00 Return to hotel by coach

SPOUSES PROGRAM

- 10:00-12:30 Visit to Omodos

SUNDAY 23/10/2011

- 08:30-09:30 Registration
- 09:30-10:00 Welcoming remarks by DDG
Remarks by DG
- 10:00-11:00 Keynote speaker
- 11:00-11:15 Coffee break
- 11:15-13:00 Cyprus Clubs Assembly
- 13:00 Buffet Lunch at Hotel(optional)

SPOUSES PROGRAM

- 11:00-13:00 Walk/Drive (private cars) to Platres Cultural Centre "Aloe Vera Workshop & Exhibition"

This weekend will be a chance to spend some quality time with Rotary friends in a nice environment. Interested members should fill in the attached form and hand it in to President Katerina or Club Secretary Robert