

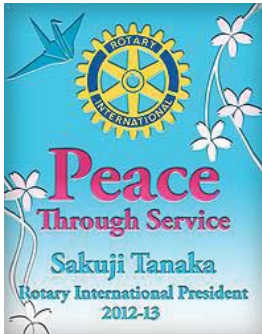


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DISTRICT GOVERNOR

2012-13

Kevork Mahdessian

RI PRESIDENT

2012-13

Sakuji Tanaka

GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Fellow Rotarians,

Literacy is a primary goal of our educational system and a goal shared by Rotary. It has been a central activity of Rotary International since 1986 and hundreds of Rotary Clubs have projects dedicated to literacy.



Rotary has declared basic literacy to be a pre-condition to the development of peace. Through this emphasis, more than half the world's 34,000 Rotary Clubs in more than 200 countries and geographical areas address the full range of literacy and mathematical challenges for primary, vocational and adult learners, as well as teacher training.

"Lighthouse" literacy projects have been created for formal schooling, older children who are not in school, functionally illiterate adults (particularly women), special groups, and teacher training. The purpose of these projects is to inspire, guide, and support national authorities towards alleviating illiteracy in developing countries.

Literacy affects society as a whole one major statistic states that there is a clear co-relation between illiteracy and crime, poverty and immorality. On a personal level, literacy is important for survival and is necessary for helping our children succeed in society.



Literacy impacts the whole world. It is essential for eradicating poverty, reducing child mortality, curbing population growth, achieving gender equality, ensuring sustainable development, peace and democracy, and much more. Literate societies are better geared to achieve development in an ever changing world.

Defining literacy in our changing world is not easy. Several years ago, being literate meant being able to read and write little. Now, being literate means being able to read and write at a level to be successful in today's world and also being proficient at math, being able to fill a job application or read the label on prescription bottle, knowing how to use technology, and knowing how to solve problems and make decisions. It is also:

- ◆ Achieving citizenship
- ◆ Bonding with your children
- ◆ Learning a new skill
- ◆ Being an informed citizen
- ◆ Connecting and empowering
- ◆ Developing self-esteem and growth
- ◆ Finding the key to success
- ◆ Having the world at your fingertips

A mother's literacy level is one of the most significant predictors of a child's future literacy – more significant than income level and employment status. A mother who can read will teach her children to read, helping to break the cycle of poverty for her family.

Illiteracy lies at the root of poverty, ranking as one of the prime impediments to earning a living and having a productive life. An estimated one billion people – three fifths of them women – do not have the literacy and numeracy skills needed to hold a job or get a better one. Helping people learn these skills and become self-sufficient is one of the most critical tools for fighting poverty.

Literacy Month is an ideal time to consider a literacy project in your community or across the globe. As Rotarians we need to continue to provide the necessary Service Above Self needed to eliminate illiteracy. Let us all join our efforts to make basic literacy a yearly goal for all our Clubs. I shall look forward to witness your action in this respect.

Yours in Rotary

Kevork Mahdessian

District 2450 Governor 2012-13

Message from
RI President 2012-13
Sakuji Tanaka
March 2013



Dear fellow Rotarians,

When I was a young man, I wanted to travel the world. But in those years, I could only dream about travel. The world outside Japan seemed far away. But like all Japanese students, I studied English in school. I still remember my first English book. The first page said, "This is a pen." That was almost 50 years ago, and the world has changed a lot since then. As president of Rotary, I now travel more than I ever dreamed.

In every new place, I find a new language. I find new people and new customs. I do my best to learn from everyone. I believe that every person I meet has something to teach. Perhaps because of this, I feel that I understand Rotary Youth Exchange better. And I understand even better what a great gift Rotary is giving through Youth Exchange. Youth Exchange opens minds. It builds confidence and communication. It brings together people from different countries and backgrounds.

Every young person who goes on a Rotary Youth Exchange will learn a great deal. Youth Exchange students learn how people who seem so different are really the same. They begin to appreciate what unites people everywhere. They have a broader understanding of the world. They come back as different people.

They no longer know only one language, only one culture. They have connections with their host country, and with their fellow participants from other countries. At the end of their exchange, they are part of their host families. They are also part of the Rotary family – the largest and most international family in the world.

Rotary's Youth Exchange program has continued for more than 40 successful years and is now part of the fifth Avenue of Service: New Generations Service. This avenue also includes service through Interact, Rotaract, Rotary Youth Leadership Awards, and many club and district activities that involve people up to age 30.

When we focus on young people, we are focusing on building the future of Rotary and a more peaceful world. When we serve youth, we help to bring Rotary to a new generation. We spread understanding among nations and cultures. We teach the importance of service to others, and pass on our core values. By doing this, we help to build peace.

Youth Exchange plays an essential part in Rotary's global mission of building peace by helping to build, one exchange at a time, good relationships between nations.

Message from
Foundation Trustee Chair 2012-13
Wilfrid J. Wilkinson
March 2013



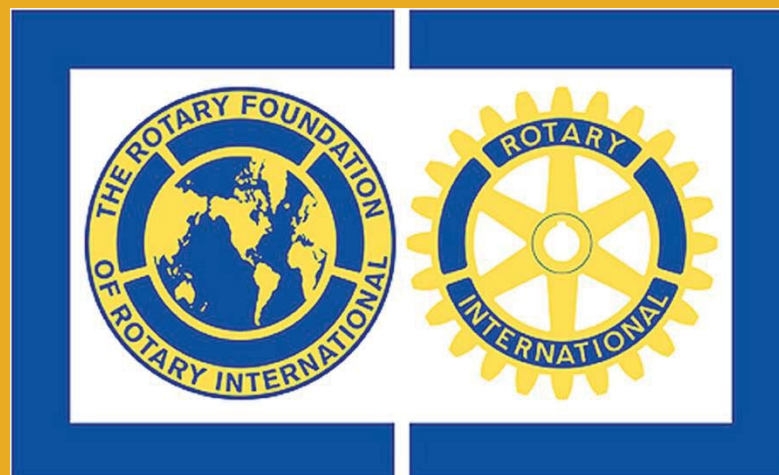
March is a turning point

The month of March provides each of us with an opportunity to reflect on Rotary's accomplishments. It is during this month that we pause to recognize World Rotaract Week, International Women's Day, World Water Day, and Literacy Month – all significant reminders of the good that Rotarians have done worldwide.

As I've traveled around the world, I've been inspired by Rotaractors and their important contributions to the Rotary family. I've had the chance to work with the outstanding women who serve on our Board of Directors. I've witnessed the incredible progress The Rotary Foundation has made on water and sanitation – an area of focus that is crucial to our growing population.

And as we begin this month long celebration of literacy, I've seen how Rotarians have helped empower communities with simple, creative, and sustainable ways to break the cycle of poor education. Literacy plays a critical role in healthy and productive lives, and whether it was by volunteering at a local school, bringing language training to adults and children through concentrated language encounter and computer-assisted literacy systems, or ensuring that all children have the textbooks they need, Rotarians have helped thousands.

Our promises and accomplishments have reached a turning point: We must now look at the goals we still aim to achieve. Keep the momentum up. Get the word out. Make sure your club knows about this important month in Rotary so that come next March, we'll have even greater successes to celebrate.



'Engage Rotary, Change Lives' is 2013-14 RI theme

RI President-elect Ron Burton will ask Rotarians to *Engage Rotary, Change Lives* in 2013-14.

He unveiled the RI theme during the opening plenary session of the 2013 International Assembly in San Diego, California, USA, the annual training event for incoming district governors.

"If we really want to take Rotary service forward, then we must make sure that every single Rotarian has the same feeling about Rotary that each one of us here has today," Burton said. "We need to make sure that every Rotarian has a meaningful role to play, that they're all making a contribution, and that their contribution is valued."

Burton said the July launch of [The Rotary Foundation's new grant model](#), Future Vision, makes it an exciting time to be a Rotarian. He said the new grant model, which has been used by about 100 pilot districts since 2010, represents a new era for the Foundation, and will help Rotarians get excited about Rotary's ability to change lives.

"It takes everything that is wonderful about Rotary and raises it to a new level — by encouraging bigger, more sustainable projects while providing increased flexibility for local projects, both of which address the needs of the community being served," he said.

Burton asked the incoming district governors to take the lead in helping their clubs through the transition, with the assistance of their district Rotary Foundation chairs, who also attended the assembly this year. The training sessions are focusing heavily on equipping these leaders to go back to their districts as experts on the new grant model.

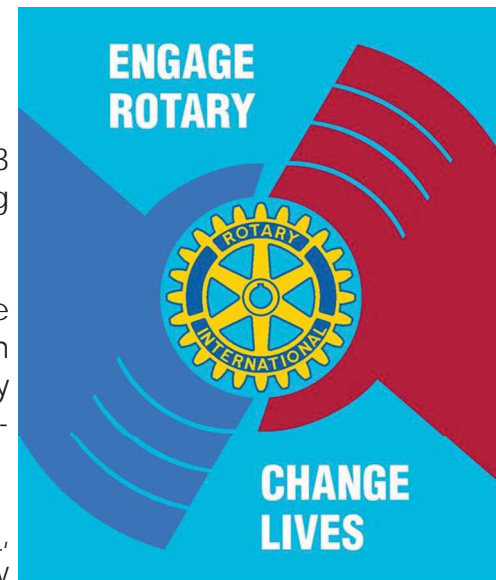
Before the assembly, Burton asked each of the incoming governors to make a donation in their name to The Rotary Foundation in order to demonstrate leadership by example. At the assembly, he announced that all 537 governors-elect had complied; along with donations from all RI Board members and Foundation Trustees, the contributions totaled US\$675,412.

"Now, I have to believe that some of this is money that The Rotary Foundation probably would not have received had I not asked. And I think that this is an important lesson" he said. "If you want somebody else to do something, you can just sit around and wait for them to get the idea, or you can ask."

Burton applied that lesson also to membership development, which he insisted is the responsibility of every Rotarian. He told the audience that although he had been an active member of the Key Club, a youth program of Kiwanis International, he went on to join Rotary simply because the Rotary Club of Norman, Oklahoma, invited him to.

"You have to ask," he said.

But Burton emphasized that the job doesn't end when a new member joins: "It's not done until that new member is engaged in Rotary, inspired by Rotary, and uses the power of Rotary service to change lives."





77th DISTRICT 2450 CONFERENCE

4-7 APRIL 2013, LIMASSOL-CYPRUS



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4-7 APRIL 2013, LIMASSOL, CYPRUS

Preliminary program

Pre-Conference Events

Wednesday, 3rd April 2013

Information Desk

Daily Hours
9.30am - 8.00pm

All Conference Hotels
Hall of Friendship

Conference business	Entertainment	Parallel Events
<p>All day arrivals</p> <p>Free Day</p> <p>Registration Desk hours 2.00 - 6.00pm</p> <p>Optional Lunch available at Conference Hotels</p>	<p>Free Day</p> <p>The program outlined herewith is provisional and may change without notice</p> <div><p>Remember to bring with you the an extra mobile phone to use with the provided Cyprus telephone mobile line</p></div>	<p>Dinner in Honour of Conference</p> <p>Speaker Dr Izzeldin Abulaish</p> <p>Organised by the Rotary club of Limassol-Berengaria Cosmopolitan</p> <p>Optional ticketed Event Booking Necessary</p> <p>Columbia Plaza, Limassol City Centre Cocktails 7.30, Dinner 8.00pm</p> <p>More information on http://rotary-cyprus.org/district-conference/gala-welcome-dinner/</p>

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Thursday, 4th April 2013

Banner Exchange Schedule
At the Information Desks
9.00-10.00am & 7.00-8.00pm

Monte Caputo
7.00-8.00pm & 10.00-11.00pm

Preliminary program



Conference Business	Entertainment	Parallel Events
<p>All day arrivals</p> <p>Day Free</p> <p>Registration Desk Hours 9.30am-4.00pm</p> <p>Information Desk Daily Hours 9.30am - 8.00pm</p> <p>All Conference Hotels Hall of Friendship</p> <p><i>Optional Lunch available at Conference Hotels</i></p>	<p>Day Free</p> <p>Opening Ceremony & Dinner Monte Caputo</p> <p>Last Bus departure at 7.30pm</p> <p>Opening 8.00pm Dinner 9.00 pm</p> <p>Dress Code: Formal</p> <p><small>The program outlined herewith is provisional and may change without notice</small></p>	<p><u>Permanent events 4 - 7 April</u></p> <p>Shopping Expedition</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">♦ Morning and afternoon shuttle buses to 'My MALL' Shopping Centre♦ Brazilian Artist Exhibition♦ Exhibition and Sale of Cyprus Handicrafts Produced by the Cyprus Handicrafts Service♦ Photo Exhibition 'The Geomorphological features of Cyprus' By Rotary Club Nicosia Salamis♦ Cyprus Traditional Food Products

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Friday, 5th April 2013

Banner Exchange Schedule
At the Information Desks
9.00-10.00am & 7.30-8.30pm

Trikkis Palace
7.30-8.30pm & 10.00-11.00pm

Preliminary program



Conference	Entertainment	Parallel Events
<p>Registration Desk Hours 9.30am - 2.00pm</p> <p>1st Plenary Session 10.00- 11.35am</p> <p>Coffee break 11.35- 12.00</p> <p>2nd Plenary Session 12.00- 1.50pm</p> <p>Paul Harris Lunch 2.00-3.00pm</p> <p>Governors College 5.00-7.00pm</p>	<p>Excursions to Paphos and Nicosia Ticketed Events Departure: 9.30am/ Return 5.00pm Lunch About 1.00pm</p> <p>Cyprus Folklore Dancing Lessons 5.00-7.00pm</p> <p>Cypriot Folklore Night Trikkis Palace Last bus departure 8.00pm Dinner: 9.00pm Dress Code: Casual</p>	<p>Book Signing by Conference Speaker Dr Izzeldin Abulaish Elias Beach 2.30-3.30pm</p> <p>Deloitte Presentation Business opportunities in Cyprus Sponsor event by with RSVP Elias Beach 5.00- 7.00pm Afternoon Coffee</p> <p><small>The program outlined herewith is provisional and may change without notice</small></p>

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Preliminary program

Saturday, 6th April 2013

Banner Exchange Schedule
At the Information Desks
9.00-10.00am & 7.30-8.30pm

Monte Caputo
7.30-8.30pm & 10.00-11.00pm



Conference business	Entertainment	Parallel Events
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Preliminary program

Sunday, 7th April 2013

Banner Exchange Schedule
At the Information Desks
9.00-10.00am & 12.30–2.00pm

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ConferenceOUR MAJOR SPONSORSCONFERENCE SUPPORTERS

Registration Desk Hours 8.00am-4.00pm 1 st Plenary Session 10.00am Coffee break 11.25-11.55 Closing session 11.55– 12.30 District Awards 12.30-13.15 Lunch 1.30-3.00pm FREE DAY DEPARTURES	We wish to thank our Major Sponsors for all their support in terms of Financing Specific Needs of the Conference Deloitte. CYPRUS ROTARY CLUB sfs GROUP Cyprus for your future cyta Puzzle GROUP Emirates	The Organising Committee of the 77 th District Conference wishes to thank the following Rotary Clubs and their members for their valuable Sponsorship: Paphos, Paphos Aphrodite, Limassol-Kourion, Nicosia Salamis and Limassol-Berengaria Cosmopolitan For achieving 100% Membership Registration Limassol-Berengaria Cosmopolitan for sponsoring the total cost for the presence of Dr Abulaish Nicosia-Aspelia, Nicosia-Salamis for their sponsorship some items of the 'Welcome Kit' Cyprus Rotary Administration for the Support Rotary Club of Limassol for Banking Facilities We also wish to thank our supporters to date: Ecolo Investments for offering the HQ for the Committee Robin Ruth, Access Insurance, the Mall of Cyprus, Star oil, Micrologic, Panayiotides Promotional ideas, M&S - Voici La Mode The Embassy of Brazil in Cyprus, Kean, My Mall, All the Rotarians in Cyprus and the District who gave up precious private time to make this Conference Possible
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100 % RGHF Clubs

In July of 2009, the RGHF board approved a plan which would recognize clubs with 100% of the members belonging to Rotary Global History Fellowship.

This includes all Rotarians who pay dues to RI through their club.

The members who make their club 100% all receive a copy of Paul Harris' book "My Road to Rotary."

For more information, use our comment form at www.historycomment.org
Additionally, RGHF announced the "RGHF Country Association" giving official recognition to any country/nation whereby all Rotary Clubs in a country had subscribing members to RGHF.

Cyprus
became

The First RGHF Country Association in the World



**The first country with its own Committee,
all Assistant Governors are participating in the committee.**

PP Christodoulos Achilleoudis, RGHF Global Committee Member for Cyprus

AG Litsa Aresti, for the Nicosia area

AG Maria Christopoulou, for the Nicosia area

AG George Psimolophites, for the Nicosia area

AG Dervish Baha, for the Nicosia and the Kyrenia areas

AG Stavros Makris, for the Limassol area

AG Alkis Socratous, for the Limassol area

AG Sozos Christos Theodoulou, for the Larnaca and the Famagusta areas

AG Stephanos Papageorgiou, for the Paphos area.

Nov 16, 2009

Rotary Club of Nicosia-Lefkothea

D 2450 Zone 20b

Oct 18, 2010

Rotary Club of Heliopolis ElGolf (2010/11 only)

D 2450 Zone 20b

October 01, 2011

The Presidents, Assistant Governors and their Coordinators of all
19 Rotary Clubs in Cyprus became financial members of RGHF thereby becoming
the first RGHF Country Association in the world.

A short reference to the great 4 year RGHF History of Cyprus Rotary

On the occasion of pinning 15 new members
During the Meeting of Presidents and Assistant Governors

2 February 2013, Elias Beach Hotel, Limassol

By PP Christodoulos Achilleoudis, RGHF Global Committee Member for Cyprus



All started in 2009, with **the founding of RGHF in Cyprus by its Founder Jack Selway** and with the Rotary Club of Nicosia-Lefkothea becoming the **First RGHF 100% Rotary Club in the world**, with 72 members joining. This Record still continues.

In 2011-12, in addition to the above, a **2nd 100% Record** was succeeded, connected this time with **whole Cyprus Rotary**: All **19 Presidents** of the Rotary Clubs of Cyprus, all **8 Assistant Governors with their Coordinator** and many other **Rotary Officials** became members of the Fellowship, reaching the **total number of 104**, which, in comparison, is the largest in the world, taking into consideration the population of Cyprus which is less than a million.

After the above Records, Cyprus Rotary was officially recognized and was given the right to have the **First RGHF Country Association in the world, with its own Committee**.

The Cyprus Country Association Committee was formed. It is consisted of 8 Assistant Governors and the Global Committee Member, as follows:

PP Christodoulos Achilleoudis (RGHF Global Committee Member for Cyprus), **AG Litsa Aresti** (for the Nicosia area), **AG Maria Christopoulou** (for the Nicosia area), **AG George Psimolophites** (for the Nicosia area), **AG Dervish Baha** (for the Nicosia and the Kyrenia areas), **AG Stavros Makris** (for the Limassol area), **AG Alkis Socratous**, (for the Limassol area), **AG Sozos Christos Theodoulou** (for the Larnaca and the Famagusta areas) and **AG Stephanos Papageorgiou** (for the Paphos area).



A short reference to the great 4 year RGHF History of Cyprus Rotary

RGHF honored Cyprus Rotary with a unique way: On the Fellowship's main page www.rghf.org the map of Cyprus is seen with its World Records and under the chapter "**100% Clubs**" a satellite photo of Cyprus, taken by an astronaut, is seen and under this are the names of the 9 members of the First RGHF Country Association Committee in the World.

The **100% Record of all Presidents, Assistant Governors and other officials**, continues also during this rotary year 2012-13, with a **total number of 121** RGHF members from Cyprus. For these results, we have to underline the cooperation of all Cyprus Rotary Clubs, **the members of the Cyprus Country Association Committee**, the precious help of both, the Deputy District Governor **Fantinos Hadjimitsis** and the Past Deputy District Governor **Themis Themistocleous** and, in addition, the District 2450 Governor **Kevork Mahdessian** (2012-13), the Past District Governors **Doros Jeropoulos**, **John Strongylos** and **Christodoulos Karakannas**, the Past Deputy District Governors **George Papaleontiou** and **Tassos Televantides**, as well as many other **Cyprus Rotary Officials**.

On February 2, 2013, during the Meeting of Rotary Presidents and Assistant Governors, **the first 15 new RGHF members for 2012-13 were pinned** by the 2 Deputy District Governors and by the members of the Cyprus Country Association Committee. Among them, **11 are this year's Presidents**.

Note: 3 Presidents are already RGHF members since previous years and their registration was renewed: **1) Andreas Kapetanios** (President RC Famagusta), **2) Christos Phylactou** (President RC Famagusta-Cavo Greco), **3) Nicos Michaelides** (President RC Nicosia-Lefkothea).

From the **19 Presidents in total**, remain **5 who were already registered and will be pinned later**.

New RGHF MEMBERS IN CYPRUS



Rotary International Public Image Coordinator

ZONE 20B 2013-2014

Dear DG Kevork,

D-2450, 2012-13

Pleased to inform you that Ron Burton, President, Rotary International (2013-14) has invited me to serve an additional year as a Rotary Public Image Coordinator beginning 1 July 2013, which I am honored to accept. As he kindly stated "This is an important position in Rotary, and I hope you will choose to continue working with the 40 other Rotarians who are helping to strengthen and enhance Rotary's public image".

Among other roles, the Rotary Public Image Coordinators work to enhance Rotary's public image by assisting directors, districts, and clubs to tell Rotary's success stories to all media, local government officials, communities, civic leaders and similar entities.

Rotary Public Image Coordinator (RPIC) members provide information and support for Rotary clubs and districts to promote Rotary projects and improve Rotary's public image - a priority task set out in RI's Strategic Plan. Emphasis is given to identifying resources among Rotarians to help implement Rotary's global image campaign and to initiate activities that will increase awareness in their local communities.

Objectives of RPICs:

To actively consult, encourage and assist individual Rotary members, clubs and districts to develop plans and initiate activities to enhance the visibility of Rotary in local, regional and national communities to share with the general public what Rotary is and what Rotary does.

Please feel free to inform Rotary clubs in your District with this development, through the channels you prefer.

Together we work for :

Peace through Service.

Ayoub M Ayoub

RPIC, Zone 20B

(Zone 20B consists of 10 Districts, 2420, 2430, 2440, 2451, 2452, 2470, 2482, 2483, 2484, 9010;

in 26 countries:- Algeria, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bahrain, Bulgaria, Cyprus, Egypt, Georgia, Gibraltar, Greece, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kosovo, Kyrgyzstan, Lebanon, Macedonia , Mauritania, Montenegro, Morocco, Palestine, Serbia, Sudan, Tajikistan, Tunisia, Turkey, UAE.

President Elect Training Seminar

Country Lodge Bsalim

23 – 24 February 2013

President Elects of the Rotary Year 2013-14 received their training on 23rd and 24th February 2013 at Country Lodge – Bsalim, Lebanon. Since the *Club Presidents'* role is to lead an effective Rotary club,



the training included intensive sessions and materials to prepare the presidents elect for a successful and productive Rotary year.

The responsibility of the Incoming Presidents this coming Rotary Year 2013-14, in a new District, with new boundaries and new Future

vision, and leading a new chapter of our Rotary service path, is of immense importance.

DGE Jamil Mouawad presented the theme of Rotary Year 2013-14, "Our Year Together", which included his plan and vision. He discussed many points like: Rotary International Priorities, Areas of Focus, The Rotary Foundation, Membership, Importance of New Generations, and the District Conference.

He also stressed on the importance of Lebanon's Mega project of *Providing Clean Drinking Water for Public Schools in Lebanon* to secure children's lives. He also shed the light on how the Rotary's Public Image, especially in Lebanon, can benefit from this humanitarian cause.

Incoming Assistant Governors and Presidents Elect from all the Lebanese clubs attended this training session to share the experience of exquisite Lebanese Rotary Leaders. For instance, PDG Ignace Mouawad explained, thoroughly, the Roles of the Assistant Governors and the importance of Membership.

Are We, Who We Say We Are, was PDG Farid Gebran's presentation title, where he explained about Rotary's Goals and Objectives, and their relation with society. RI Strategic Plan: Focus and Increase Humanitarian Service, was PDG Farid's presentation on the second day, emphasizing the importance

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Country Lodge Bsalim

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of implementing service projects and plans to enhance societies' conditions and life styles.

Incoming District Secretary, David Zein, discussed the "Fundraising Principles" and the "District Website – Rotary International Website". IDS David explained the importance of strategic management in fund raising to achieve the given goals concerning fundraising and the District's E-needs, facilities, and requirements, to reach a new higher level of interactive technology.

Incoming District Coordinator, George Azar, shed the light on the importance of promoting Club Service Projects, especially in the social media sectors, by giving a live recent example of the artificial reef project that was implemented jointly with the Lions' association.

Incoming District Governor's Aide, Samar Saab, presented New Generations' fifth area of service and the importance given to it by RI. They enrich and rejuvenate clubs with their energy and new ideas. RYLA was highly emphasized and discussed, too. She invited RAC Emil Mouawad, Past Deputy DRR 2011-2011, to share his experience as a Rotaractor with Rotary Clubs, and together, they came up with ways to improve relations and coordination with Rotary Clubs.

Incoming Deputy District Governor, George Beyrouti, presented many interesting subjects, Many other sessions, from "Leading Rotarians and Engaging your Members", "Planning your Year- Strategic Planning" and "Running Your Club", where he stressed on many essential steps and updates presidents must do during their year: from members' data on both Rotary International and District Websites, to attendance, and projects.



The one hundred and eighth anniversary celebration of Rotary International was celebrated during the official dinner on Saturday 23 February 2013, in addition to the eighth charter anniversary of RC Sahel Aley.

Certificates and District Conference Pins (in the shape of a drop of water) were distributed to all attendees.

District Team Training Seminar in Lebanon

District 2452

8 & 9 February 2013



As the preparations of the Rotary Year 2013- 2014 and the beginning of the new District 2452 are on their way, the team leaders, of this new chapter in our Rotary path, were invited by DGE Jamil Mouawad on 8th and 9th of February 2013 at the Country Lodge – Bsalim, Lebanon, to attend the District Team Training Seminar.

The two consecutive training days were full of sessions and discussions that covered all the subjects, concerns and responsibilities of the team, in order for them to be ready to serve the clubs of the new district. Deputy District Gover-

nors, Assistant Governors, District Committee Chairs and Coordinators, from the nine countries of District 2452, participated during this seminar, benefiting from the experience of Past District Governors and Officials.

District Governor Kevork Mahdessian opening the Seminar congratulated all present for their selection and highlighted the importance of the training offered to the officers undertaking the various positions .

The Governor stressed the importance of the duties of Assistant Governors and the contribution they can make towards the proper running and success of Clubs and the help and guidance they have to provide to the Incoming Presidents and committees in planning and executing their duties. Lastly he wished DGE Jamil Mouawad and the team every success whilst promising full support and wishing for a very successful year ahead.

DGE Jamil Moauwad, presented the areas of focus, his board, vision, district events and projects for the Rotary Year 2013-14 of District 2452. Strengthening our Clubs, Spreading Rotary Awareness and Knowledge, working on Rotary's Public Image and Public Relations, Securing Clean Drinkable Water in Public Schools were of the most important subjects that DGE Jamil presented to his team.

The support and knowledge that Rotary Officials circulated within the training were fruitful, beneficial and productive from, PDG Hazem Finge who participated in the whole two days; PDG Doros Jero-

President Elect Training Seminar – Country Lodge Bsalim

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poulos who shared his Rotary background and knowledge within the sessions, especially while presenting “Strong Clubs and Club Leadership Plan” and the discussion that was held by him and DGE Jamil Mouawad about the clubs weaknesses and strengths, and how can District Leaders support clubs.

PDG Ignace Mouawad, District Trainer, who was responsible of organizing the training seminar, held interesting presentations on Membership and Relations with Clubs; PDG Farid Gebran who discussed the Roles and Responsibilities of a District Team Leader, the importance of submitting the Planning Guide and the TRF Goals, offered the participants a clear and objective way to deal with the transition from District 2450 to District 2452 as well as the new Grants.

The new vision of The Rotary Foundation, the Planning Guide & TRF Goals were subjects presented by PDG Usama Barghouthi who stressed on many goals for the coming year. For example, making sure to have a successful launch of the Future Vision in the new District, as well as spreading awareness, building ownership and pride in our Foundation.

District Secretary for the Rotary Year 2013-14, David Zein, introduced the club administration relations, the new district website and the new facilities and features that will be offered within it.

Pins and participation souvenirs were distributed to the participants during the last official dinner.



Rotary Club Of Nicosia *Aspelia*



RC Nicosia Aspelia first in Cyprus to become a 100% PHF Club



In 1900, Paul Harris brought together a group of business and tradesmen to work together for a better future and develop a spirit of fellowship. Five years later, in 1905, he proposed the idea to several business associates, and on 23 February 1905, they held what would later become known as the first Rotary club meeting. Paul Harris' vision laid the foundation for what Rotary is today and the Paul Harris Fellow recognition represents what Rotary is all about and a great honour to those who hold it.

On that historic day of February 23, 2013, the anniversary of the founding of Rotary International, I had the honour and pleasure to inform our very own District Governor Kevork Mahdessian that our Club has achieved 100% PHF membership, the first Club in Cyprus to achieve this goal and the 6th in District 2450. See the Rotary International official list, with records back to January 1998: http://www.rotary.org/RIdocuments/paul_harris_fellow_clubs_en.pdf.

Several years ago, the Rotary Club Nicosia Aspelia set a target to become a 100% PHF Club recognising the great spirit of fellowship that binds its members and their dedication towards the Club and the RI mission. Thanks to the wise planning of past Club Presidents, this target has been achieved within this Rotary year 2012-2013, and six more of our members will be inducted into this great family, recognising their professional expertise and contribution to society as a valuable asset to the club. The new PHF Rotarians are: Vasilis Skronias, Areti Demosthenous, Christina Hadjiparaskeva, Phanos Pitiris, George Pavlou and Farid Mirbagheri. They will be pinned at a special ceremony during the upcoming District Conference in the presence of senior RI officers.

In addition, in appreciation of the hard work and dedication that our charter member Kevork Mahdessian has shown towards our Club, District and Rotary International, achieving the rank of District Governor, I have recommended an additional PHF recognition taking his total to PHF+3, which is designated by a PHF pin decorated with 3 sapphires. As official host of the final 77th District Conference for D2450 to be held in Limassol on April 4-7, 2013, we wish DG Kevork every success and promise that our Club members and officers will be there in full force to assist on this wonderful occasion.

P Eleni Zapiti

RC Nicosia-Aspelia

District Governor's Official Visits

January/February 2013

Filtration Project Beirut - DG Kevork Mahdessian with Director General of Ministry of Education of Lebanon Mr Yarak



DG presenting new Interact Club Certificate to the President of R.C. Alexandria



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DG Kevork Mahdessian presenting Interact certificates to Sponsoring Rotary clubs in Alexandria



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Peace Event - Film show «Sharing an island» / Cyprus Rotary Clubs



Inter-Club Meeting 21/02/2013 RC Nicosia, Nicosia-Aspelia, Nicosia-Salamis and Kyrenia



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R.C. Batroun - Filtration Project



R.C. Batroun - Park Project



R.C. Batroun - Dinner



R.C. Batroun - Exchanging banners

