



Annual Brochure



RC Nicosia Lefkothea Club ID 25065 Rotary Year 2023-2024 http://rotary-cyprus.org/lefkothea/

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Letter from the District Governor

Dear Members of the Rotary Club of Nicosia Lefkothia,

As my term of service alongside you all ends, I wanted to take a moment to express my deepest gratitude for the incredible year we have shared together. While many have expressed their appreciation to me, I believe the right way to approach this is to thank each and every one of you for giving me the opportunity to be a part of this remarkable journey and for the invaluable lessons I have learned from each of you.



Having been a part of various clubs throughout my Rotary

experience, I must say that your club has truly stood out to me. The level of organization, professionalism, and dedication demonstrated by the members of the Rotary Club of Nicosia Lefkothia has been truly inspiring.

As I step back and reflect on our time together, I want to extend my best wishes to all the club members and particularly to President Adeeb for the future endeavours of the club. I am confident that under your leadership, the club will continue to thrive and make a positive impact in our community.

Although our paths may diverge for now, I eagerly anticipate the opportunity to meet with you all again in the future. Thank you once again for your unwavering support, friendship, and for the privilege of serving alongside such an exceptional group of individuals.

With warm regards and best wishes,

Bashar Sh. Haddad ARC/DG 2023-2024 Region 25, Zone 21B 2024-2025

Letter from the Deputy District Governor

UNITED IN SERVICE

One year ago I took over the position of Deputy District Governor for the Rotary Clubs of Cyprus with some trepidation about the prospect of failure. Apart from the standard District goals of increasing membership numbers, delivering meaningful service projects and enhancing the public image of Rotary, my aim was to foster greater fellowship amongst Rotarians across the island. Rotary has a long history in Cyprus, the first club RC Nicosia was chartered in 1938. This club had British and Cypriot members from all of the communities living here. After the division of the island in 1974, Turkish Cypriot Rotarians could not participate in the activities of RC Nicosia and they set up a new club in Kyrenia. This was followed by another Turkish Cypriot club in Nicosia. For a long time these two clubs were ignored by Rotary International and refused charters.



In 2003 the Green Line was opened for passage to ordinary citizens without the need for special permission. International opinion of the Turkish Cypriots improved due to their 65% endorsement of the UN plan for reunification. Subsequently, another effort to have the two TC clubs chartered bore fruit and they were accepted into the fold as RC Kyrenia Liman and RC Nicosia Sarayönü in June 2004.

After this negotiations took place to agree the terms of accession to the Rotary Clubs of Cyprus of the two Turkish Cypriot clubs. These negotiations were led by PDG Kevork Mahdessian and PDDG Dinçer Çağın. We have been united now for twenty years. I do believe we are better together, our cooperation and working together to deliver service projects for our communities and beyond, serves as an example for rapprochement between the two sides of the divide.

During my year as Deputy District Governor, I have had the opportunity to meet and befriend many Rotarians from all over the island. Some have suggested that we in Rotary do much more to help the process of reunification. My reply has always been that we are doing the best we can by cooperating across the Green Line and fostering fellowship amongst all Rotarians.

We carried out successfully an island wide project to support the breeding of the European Roller. We were able to raise five thousand Euro, at the Fellowship Event in Larnaca, to be shared equally between two projects, namely the provision of a Language Lab for the Vocational High School in Karpaz and the provision of equipment for the St Lucas Disabled Children's Home, which is under construction.

The Rotary Club of Nicosia Lefkothea had a particularly successful year in 2023-2024, and I was happy to attend the meeting when six new members were pinned. Congratulations to the

President Adib Mounla and the board. I am sure that President Akis Papachristodoulou will carry on the excellent work.

We are "United in Service" and will continue to work together to further the aims of Rotary International, in the service of humanity.

Tashtan Altuner Deputy District Governor 2023-2024

Letter from the Assistant District Governor

Fellow Rotarians,

I would firstly like to thank P Adib Mounla for his excellent cooperation and respect he had throughout his Rotarian year with me as his Assistant Governor.

Moreover, I would also like to congratulate P Adib, his board and the members of his Rotary Club of Nicosia Lefkothea for their efforts in their community projects and their contribution in Service Above Self as they have exceeded their goals and to wish them every success in obtaining all 5 District Awards that they have submitted as they deserve it!

P. Adib, I wish you a successful future in all your new Rotarian endeavours that you may decide to take on and a



big thank you to your beautiful wife Dana and your two lovely daughters for their love, support and encouragement they provided you with.

Now, to the new Club President Akis, I wish you also a great and successful Rotarian year and I look forward to an even greater cooperation with you as well as your AG.

Anna Hadjimarcou Assistant District Governor 2023-2024 It has been a great honor to serve as the President of the Rotary Club of Nicosia Lefkothea for the past Rotary year.

Rotary is more than just an organization; it is a family, a collective of dedicated individuals who are committed to making a difference in our community and beyond. Together, we have faced challenges, celebrated successes, and above all, as a Club we have grown.

None of these accomplishments would have been possible without the unwavering support and tireless efforts of each and every one of our Club members and District 2452 and Cyprus Rotary Leadership teams. Our passion for service and dedication to the ideals of Rotary have been the driving force behind our success.



To our board members and committee chairs, your leadership and vision have been instrumental in guiding our club forward. Your commitment to excellence has not only set a high standard but has also inspired others to rise to the occasion.

As I pass the gavel to our incoming president, Akis Papachristodoulou, I am confident that our club is in capable hands.

On this occasion, I would like to express my heartfelt thanks to my family for their patience and understanding, to my fellow Rotarians for their camaraderie and trust, and to our community for their engagement and support.



Adib Mounla Club President 2023-2024

Letter from the Incoming President

Our club is committed to serve our communities through the design and successful implementation of sustainable projects. We have achieved this commitment in almost all cases through collaboration with other Rotary Clubs in Cyprus and abroad but also with other organisations outside the Rotary family.

We are indeed proud of the achievements of our club which is about to deliver yet another GG project to the Americos Foundation worth 85.000 euros.

We thank the collaborating RCs of Nicosia Salamis, Famagusta and Kourion and particularly our international partner club Bietigheim-Vaihingen from district 1830.

Special thanks go also to OPAP for their significant financial support.

Credit is due to our outgoing President Adib, PDDG lacovos, PP

Panicos PP Popi and DDGE Demetris who were the team responsible for the successful completion of the project.

Increase in membership is a permanent goal. Currently with over 60 members makes us I believe the biggest Rotary club in Cyprus.

On this note I would like to welcome each and every one of our new members in our Rotary Family and assure them of our full support in their induction to Rotary.

The success of our club over the years makes the job of every incoming president more challenging as the high standards set by the predecessors have to be maintained and improved.

I am sure that with the support of our members, the new board and the various rotary bodies in Cyprus, our District and Internationally we will take our club one step further.

The need for closer interaction between our members has been identified and as such it is the intention of the Board to strengthen our bonds by organizing fellowship events appealing to all ages and tastes.

THIS WILL BE THE PRIORITY OF MY YEAR IN OFFICE.

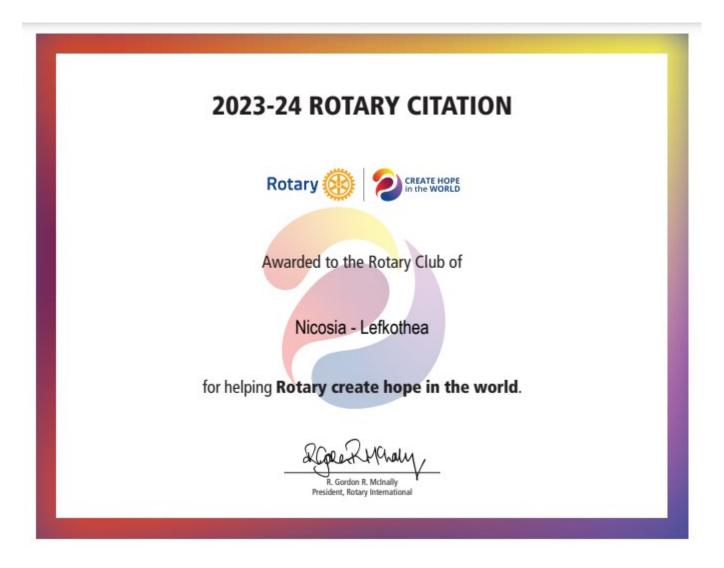
We shall of course continue our humanitarian work in parallel and hope to support an ambitious global grant project which is considered by Cyprus Rotary.

Akis Papachristodoulou President Elect 2024-2025



ROTARY CITATION

The Rotary Club of Nicosia Lefkothea was honored to receive the 2023-2024 Rotary Citation from RI President Gordon McInally.



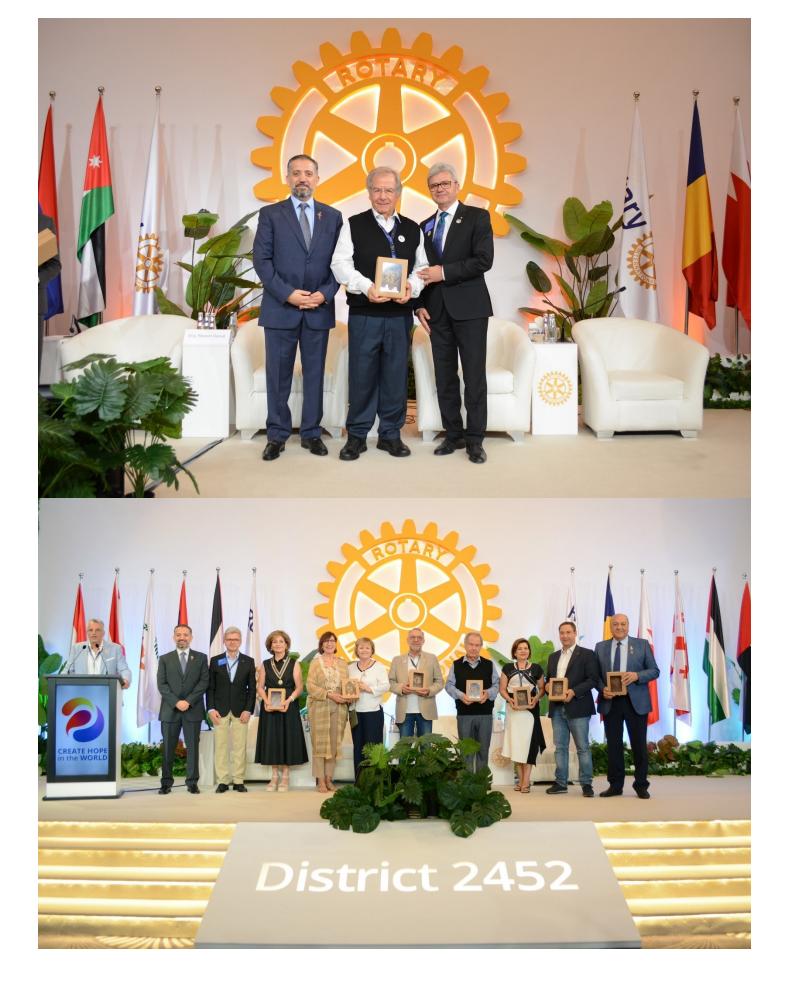
DISTRICT AWARDS

The Rotary Club of Nicosia Lefkothea was honored to receive the following five awards in recognition of the activities delivered during the Rotary Year 2023-2024. The awards were received during the June 2024 District Conference that was held in Amman Jordan. Awards categories:

- Community and Vocational Service: GOLD award
- Membership: GOLD Award
- Rotary Foundation: SILVER Award
- Administration: SILVER Award
- Public Image: SILVER Award







Global Grant 2352702: IN SUPPORT OF LIFE II



The Rotary Club of Nicosia Lefkothea is a leading Club in global grant projects. This is due to the multiplier effect that is offered by the Rotary Foundation.

The Rotary Club of Nicosia-Lefkothea RD 2452 (Local Host Club) in partnership with the Rotary Club Bietigheim-Vaihingen RD 1830 (International Partner Club), with the support of other Rotary Clubs from Cyprus and abroad, submitted the Global Grant application under the Disease Prevention and Treatment Area of Focus of Rotary International, for the donation of the required equipment, namely, a Panthera Puncher 9 with its Plate shaker 220V, a Plate Dispenser and two Dispenser Units to the Centre for Preventive Pediatrics "Americos Argyriou" (CFPP).

The equipment enabled the Centre to



enhance its current program of preventive diagnostic screening with additional tests, which are provided free of charge, to all neonatal infants born in the Republic of Cyprus, irrespective of ethnicity religion or social status, and background.

The global grant application has been submitted and approved by the Rotary Foundation.

The equipment was installed by the supplier at the Centre for Preventive Pediatrics "Americos Argyriou", training was provided and the equipment is currently fully operational. The official Handover ceremony is scheduled for September 2024 and will be covered by media and attended by Rotarians, health professionals and the general public.

Below is a list of the contributing clubs and parties: Rotary Club Nicosia – Lefkothea **Rotary Club Bietigheim-Vaihingen** The Rotary Foundation OPAP Rotary District 2452 **Rotary District 1830 Rotary District 2475 Rotary Club Limassol-Kourion Rotary Club Famagusta Rotary Club Nicosia Salamis** Rotary Club Backnang-Marbach **Rotary Club Ludwigsburg** Rotary Club Ludwigsburg-Alt Württemberg Rotary Club Baia Mare 2005 **Rtn Heinz-Werner and Dagmar Schulte**

Service projects

Sponsorship of the "Love Melodies" Charity Concert



The Rotary Club of Nicosia-Lefkothea sponsored and supported a Charity Concert entitled "Love Melodies" which took place on October 14, 2023 at the Municipal Theater of Nicosia. The 15-year-old tenor loannis Livanos is the initiator of this Concert, which he lead. The net proceeds of the event were donated to "Little Heroes", which aims to provide financial support to families of children with cancer and leukemia at the Paediatric Oncology Unit of Makarios Children's Hospital. Ioannis Livanos is only 15 years old and is a tenor. From an early age, his musical talent became apparent and from then on he began vocal, piano and theory lessons at the Pancyprian Conservatory of Nicosia where he continues to study to this day. He has taken part in many music competitions both in Cyprus and abroad where he won first prizes. He has sung at many charity events in Cyprus and has taken part in theatrical performances in leading roles in operas.

<u>RC Nicosia Lefkothea at the European University event : "How Artificial</u> <u>Intelligence is Transforming the World"</u>



The Rotary Club of Nicosia Lefkothea was a sponsor and supporter of the Artificial Intelligence Seminar that took place within the Framework of the 11th multidisciplinary biomedical congress organized by the European University medical School (Nicosia- Cyprus). Club President Adib Mounla delivered the welcome note of the event on behalf of the Club and emphasized on the important of AI and how it can also transform how Rotary operates and conducts its projects. The speech also included information about Rotary, the Polio Rotary Campaign and information about the activities of the Rotary Club of Nicosia Lefkothea. The event was covered by media and attended by hundreds of professionals, academics and students and was a good occasion to create awareness about Rotary.



<u>Contribution of EUR 1,000 to the European Roller environmental</u> <u>Project (organized by the Cyprus Rotary Clubs)</u>



POLIO Awareness

RC Nicosia Lefkothea End Polio Now Awareness Campaign Billboard



<u>RC Nicosia Lefkothea and APOEL Football Club</u> <u>End Polio Now Awareness Campaign</u>

The Rotary Club of Nicosia Lefkothea and the APOEL FC joined forces on World Polio Day. During the Cyprus CUP match between APOEL FC and PEYIA 2014, both football teams and referees entered the football stadium wearing Rotary and END POLIO NOW T-Shirts. This event was covered by numerous Media channels including national TV and cable TV coverage and the sports teams' websites.





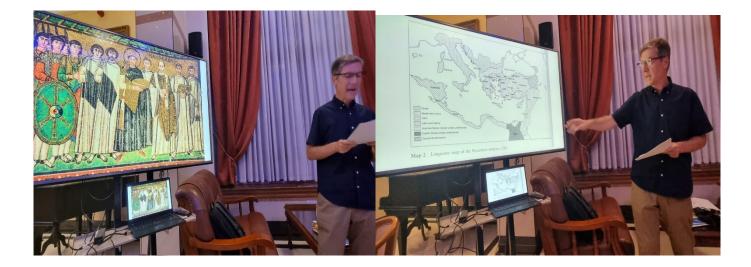


Club Activities and Guest Speakers

Club Assembly "STRATEGIC/ACTION PLAN"



<u>*"* The evolution of the Greek Language throughout the years and the</u> <u>aspects of the history of the Greek Language "</u> Joint meeting with RC Nicosia Salamis with guest speaker Professor Martin Hinterberger.



<u>*"The ABCs of Blockchain and Digital Currencies"*</u> Business Meeting with guest speaker Mrs. Elena Hadjikyriacou.





"The Palestinian Question, Past, Present and Future" Business Meeting

with guest speaker Mr. Christos Iacovou



Welcome District Governor Bashar Haddad

On November 7th, the Rotary Club of Nicosia Lefkothea was honored with the visit of DG Bashar Haddad, DGN Peter Ashdjian, DDG Tastan Altuner and AG Annie Hadjimarcou. The Club's Board and the Club's committees Directors presented the achievements and projects delivered so far and those in progress. DG Bashar also had an intervention and shared some ideas with the attendees and provided guidance and stewardship to the Club's activities.





<u>"Outline the effect of Drugs on Cyprus and ways of dealing with it by</u> <u>the Police</u>" Joint Dinner meeting between RC Nicosia Salamis and RC Nicosia Lefkothea.





"School Bullying: The Role of the Society and Education in Cyprus

<u>nowadays</u>["] RC Nicosia Lefkothea Panel discussion, under the auspices and participation of Mrs. Annita Demetriou President of the house of Representative

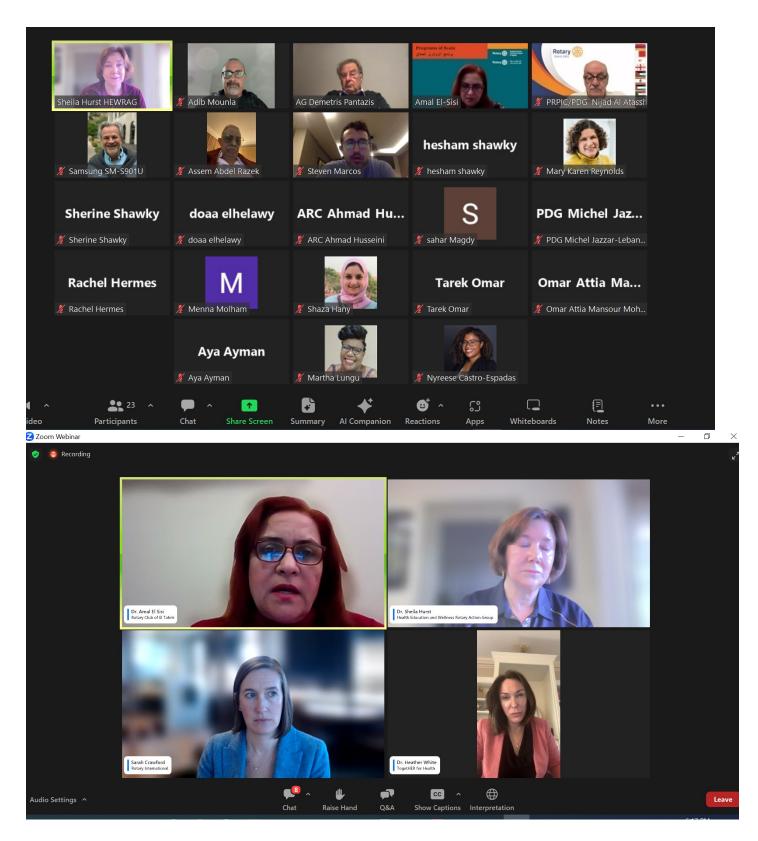


<u>*"Healthcare in Cyprus: State of affairs and prospects"*</u> Rotary Event with Guest speaker PP Dr Popi Kanari, Minister of Health Organized by the The Rotary clubs of Nicosia namely, RC Nicosia Lefkothea, RC Kyrenia, RC Nicosia, RC Aspelia, RC Nicosia Salamis, RC Ledra





Participation in the Program of Scales Project: " End Cervical Cancer in Egypt"



Joint Rotary Event with guest speaker H.E Minister of Energy, Commerce and Industry Mr. George Papanastasiou organized by the The Rotary clubs of Nicosia namely, RC Nicosia Aspelia, RC Nicosia Lefkothea, RC Kyrenia, RC Nicosia, RC Nicosia Salamis, RC Nicosia Ledra







"Climate change, Causes, a Global Challenge"

Rotary Dinner Event with Guest speaker Dr. Kleanthis Nicolaides Director of the Department of Meteorology organized by The Rotary clubs of Nicosia Lefkothea, Kyrenia, Nicosia Salamis and Nicosia Ledra





"The Cyprus Immigrant problem: challenges and Solutions" Joint

Rotary Event with Guest speaker H.E Minister of Interior Mr. Constantinos Ioannou, organized by the Rotary clubs of Nicosia namely, RC Nicosia Lefkothea, RC Nicosia Aspelia, RC Kyrenia, RC Nicosia, RC Nicosia Salamis, RC Nicosia Ledra









RC Nicosia Lefkothea Business meeting and pinning ceremony





"Rotary Foundation Workshop" by PDDG lacovos Constantinides



Qualification Presentation by Rtn Elina Pettermides



<u>Visiting Rotarians and Exchange of Banners</u> <u>PP_Traugott Plieninger - RC_Bietigheim-Vaihingen - District 1830</u>





Exchange of banners between the Rotary Club of Nicosia Lefkothea and RC Rhodes Kolossos



Exchange of banners between the Rotary Club of Nicosia Lefkothea and RC Moscow



Welcome to the RC Nicosia Lefkothea family - Membership



Elina Pettermides

Ioannis Shukuroglou

Lia Lapithi Shukuroglou



Raluca Ioana Man



Michalis Kyprianou



Aristodemos Panayides



Antigone Georgiou



Eleni Xenophontos

RC Nicosia Lefkothea Induction session for new members

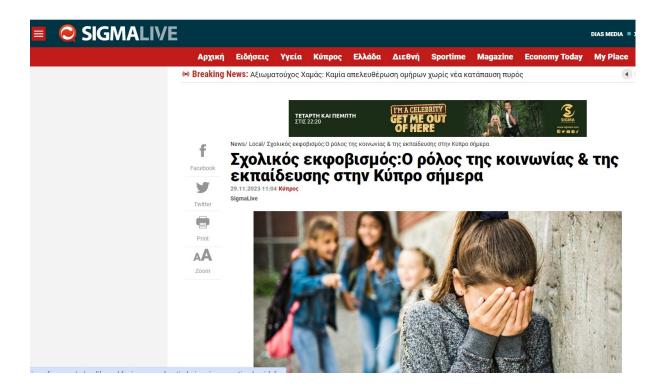


New Brand Identity and Image

In order to be compliant with the Rotary International Club banner guidelines and other requirements of the Rotary Public Image, the PR/PI committee of RC Nicosia Lefkothea chaired by Rotarian Yiannis Seitanides prepared a new Club banner that was designed by a professional graphic designer (sister of Rotarian Yiannis Seitanides). The new Club banner design was presented and approved by the Club's board.



RC Nicosia Lefkothea In the media





Events & Activities Nicosia Rotary clubs meet with Health Minister



District and Zone Social Media



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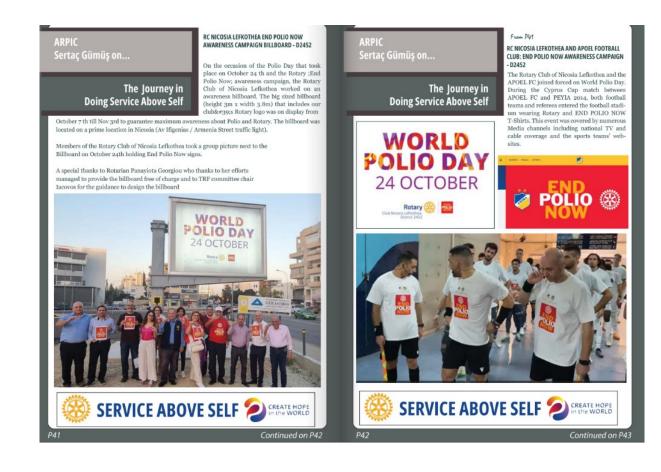


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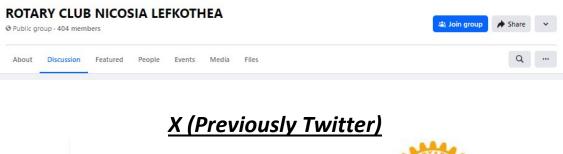






Facebook Page







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Fellowship Events

<u>FELLOWSHIP NIGHT – July 18th at Stenorymi (Στενορύμι) Tavern</u> <u>Aglantzia</u>



FELLOWSHIP NIGHT – September 6th at Odofragma Taverna



Joint Dinner with DG Bashar Haddad and his spouse Mais



<u>Christmas Gala Dinner – December 15th at Cleopatra Hotel</u>

Joint Chirtmas Dinner event organized by the Rotary clubs of Nicosia: RC Nicosia Lefkothea, RC Kyrenia, RC Nicosia, RC Aspelia, RC Nicosia Salamis, RC Ledra.











<u>Club's Vasilopita night – January 25th at Κουτούκι Χάλαντρα</u>





<u>February 15th – at Sawa Restaurant Fellowship Dinner</u>



Fellowship night at «Kriamo Mezedotexneio» – May 23rd



<u>Cyprus Rotary events</u> Presidents' Elect Training at Lefkara on 20th April 2024









*Rota*ry Cyprus fellowship event in Larnaca on March 24th 2024.





Fundraising activities

<u>Fundraising Event (to take place in Rotary Year 2024-2025) for the</u> <u>Polio Plus Fund – Online Auction on T-Shirts signed by Football Teams</u>



