



RC Nicosia Lefkothea *Club ID 25065*

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Rotary Monthly Theme “Disease Prevention and Treatment”



The RCNL and its Board wishes you a Happy and Healthy New Year





In memory of RCNL Rotarian

Andreas Argyrou

May his soul rest in peace





Rotary Event with Guest speaker PP Dr Popi Kanari, Minister of Health (MoH)
“Healthcare in Cyprus: State of affairs and prospects”

The Rotary clubs of Nicosia namely, RC Nicosia Lefkothea, RC Kyrenia, RC Nicosia, RC Aspelia, RC Nicosia Salamis, RC Ledra invited the Minister of Health Dr Popi Kanari to be their guest speaker at a joint dinner event they organised at the Cleopatra Hotel on the 5th December 2023.

Introducing the Minister, Assistant Governor Demetris Pantazis highlighted her highly respected professional background but also her service to humanity through the Karaiskakio Foundation and pivotal contribution to many Rotarian projects as a Past President of RC Nicosia Lefkothea and long serving member of Rotary.

The M of H presented her assessment of the current situation of Healthcare in Cyprus analyzing the strengths and challenges that exist highlighting a credible comparison of indices that suggested that on average Cypriots compare favourably with their European fellow citizens, nevertheless there are still significant improvements required which are being addressed.

She went on to elaborate the actions taken to redefine the role of her Ministry away from providing elements of the healthcare service, inter alia, to one of defining and implementing strategic healthcare goals, setting healthcare national policies and quality criteria and professional KPIs for healthcare providers. She also expressed her full support to the General Health System (GHS) and its revolutionary effect on Healthcare in Cyprus but also the need for its sustainability and financial viability.

Referring to additional current developments she described the introduction of technology that will provide electronic records of patients, giving them easy access, better control, and accessibility from anywhere with an internet



connection. Such a development will also enable referral of difficult cases to specialists outside Cyprus.

The Minister also referred to the steps that are being taken to implement the European programme of Capacity Planning which will enhance the ability of her Ministry to ensure the efficient and uninterrupted provision of quality healthcare services to all.

The Minister responded to the many questions of the audience with sincerity and clarity.

The event was a remarkable success that was attended by more than 110 Rotarians and friends.

A commemorative plaque was given to the Minister to commemorate the occasion.

Past District Governor Kevork Mahdessian closed the meeting congratulating the Guest Speaker and expressed his appreciation for the huge attendance.

More on Rotary

Rotary is a global network of volunteer leaders who are committed to addressing the most pressing challenges facing humanity. Rotary connects 1.4 million members from more than 46,000 Rotary Clubs in more than 200 countries and geographic areas. Their work improves people's lives both locally and internationally by helping those in need and furthering the effort for a polio-free world. For more information, visit www.rotary.org.

Since World War II, The Rotary Foundation has funded projects around the world, offering more than four billion dollars, while providing approximately 47 million hours of volunteer service each year for the greater good of humanity.

Rotary in Cyprus

Locally, the Cyprus Rotary is one of the few organizations that operate beyond the dividing line of our country since Rotarians from all communities of Cyprus work together harmoniously and with pride to serve humanity.

The Rotary Clubs (RCs) of Cyprus have played for years a decisive role in the implementation of many projects to meet the needs of all communities.

The grandest and most emblematic project of the RCs is the recent purchase of equipment for the Children's Cancer Diagnostic Centre at the Karaiskakio Foundation. The \$400,000 state-of-the-art lab determines the type of cancer in children and young adults and recommends a treatment that minimizes collateral damage from cancer treatment.







The RCNL wishes to acknowledge and congratulate our VP PP and AG Demetris Pantazis and PP Yiannis Tomasides for the excellent organisation of the event.



Christmas Gala Dinner

The Rotary clubs of Nicosia namely, RC Nicosia Lefkothea, RC Kyrenia, RC Nicosia, RC Aspelia, RC Nicosia Salamis, RC Ledra jointly organized a successful Christmas Gala dinner at the Cleopatra Hotel on the 15th of December 2023.

Thanks to the strong collaboration between all Nicosia based Rotary Clubs, the event was a big success, as more than 105 Rotarians and friends attended the event; this is recorded as the second highest attendance in the last three Rotary years.

The event was also attended by Rotaractors and Interactors.

During the event, the Rotary Club of Nicosia Lefkothea also celebrated its 36th birthday

Most importantly the participants had a lovely time as two musical bands played various musical styles during the evening, in addition to a raffle on various valuable gifts and prizes.

A big thank you to IPP Yiannis Tomasides, PDDG Litsa Aresti and AG Annie Hadjimarcou who worked hard to guarantee a successful and unforgettable Christmas Dinner.









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[RC Nicosia Lefkothea In the media](#)

Following the success of the dinner event with PP Dr. Popi Kanari and thanks to the efforts of AG Demetris Pantazis, the event was covered by the Phileleftheros internet media which creates an excellent publicity initiative to promote the image of Rotary in the society. You can access the publication in Phileleftheros by clicking on the link below.

<https://in-cyprus.philenews.com/whats-on/nicosia-rotary-clubs-meet-with-health-minister/>



Exchange of Banners

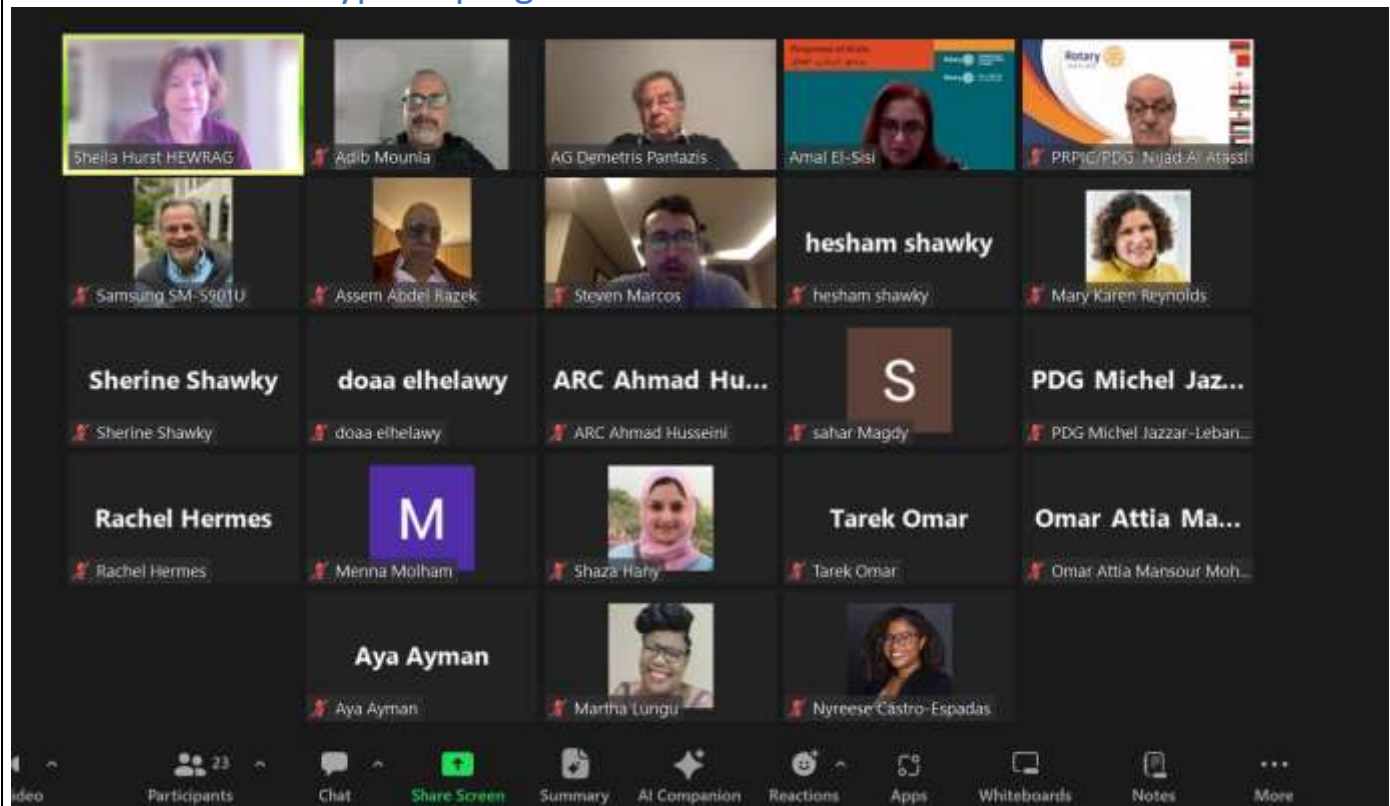
Exchange of banners between the Rotary Club of Nicosia Lefkothea and RC Moscow East that took place on December 5th



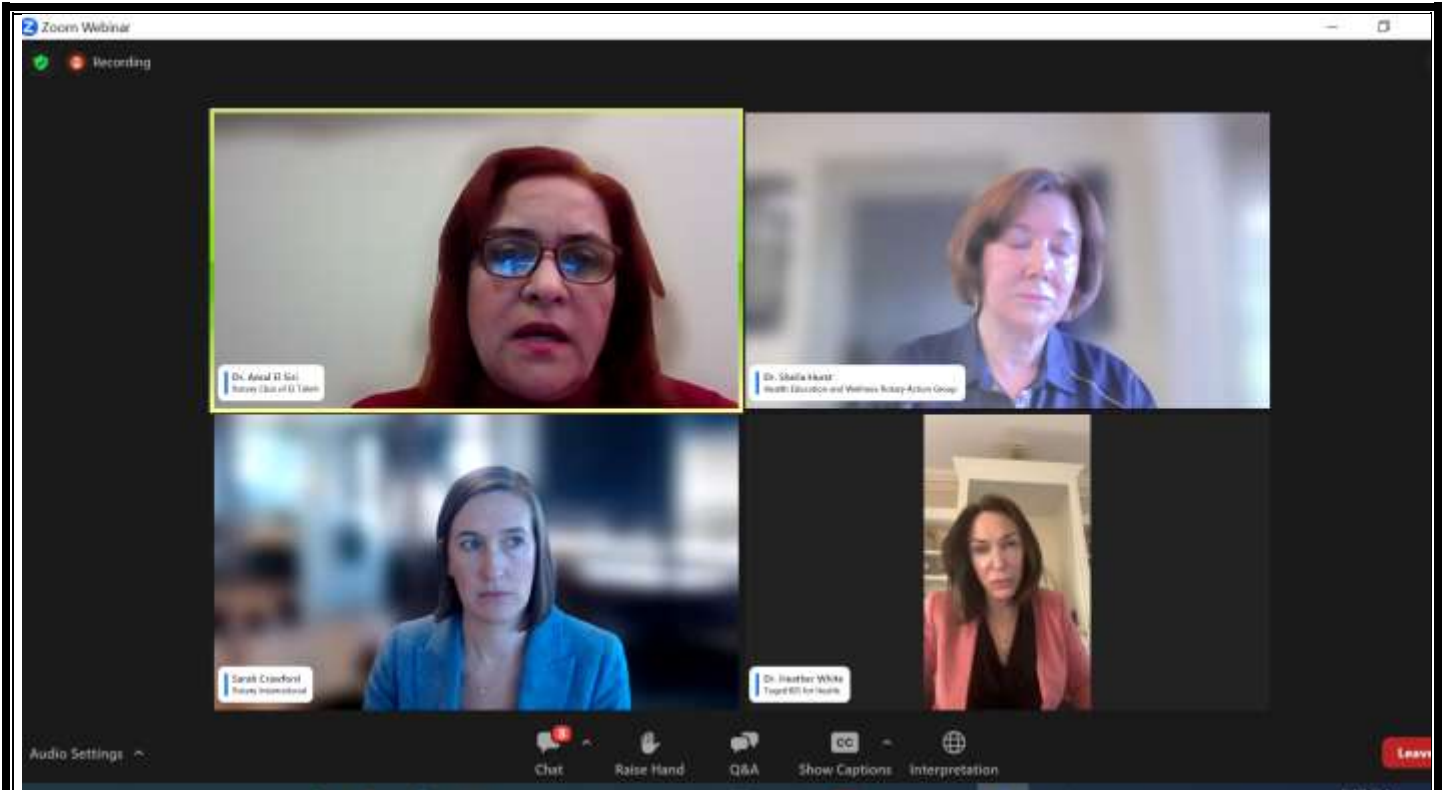
Participation in the Program of Scales Project: “End Cervical Cancer in Egypt”

The Rotary Club of Nicosia Lefkothea is a proud partner of the Program of scale project initiated by the Rotary Club of Tahrir (D2451). It is a USD 2 Million project that aims to provide awareness to women in Cairo about the Cervical Cancer, and the preventive measures that will be taken such as a vaccination campaign that will be undertaken by Rotary Clubs. The long-term objective is for this program to scale outside of Cairo and beyond Egypt

The event was a two-day webinar that included the main stakeholders from HEWRAG, and RI Fellowship for Healthcare Professionals and other Rotary clubs interested in cervical elimination programs to understand what they'd find useful to learn from this type of program.



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Updates on Projects

Global Grant 2352702: IN SUPPORT OF LIFE II



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 to be provided will enable 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 to the Rotary Foundation for review and approval.



CONFERENCES / CONVENTIONS / EVENTS

<u>DATE</u>	<u>VENUE</u>	<u>PRESENTER / SPEAKER</u>	<u>TOPIC</u>
Jan 9th	Semeli Hotel	RCNL Board and Committee chairpersons meetings	Updates on projects
Jan 25th	Koutouki Chalandra (Κουτούκι Χάλαντρα)	Vasilopitta	Vasilopitta event €27.00 for full meze, unlimited Cypriot drinks (including bottled wine Petritis/ Andesitis) and live music
Jan 31st	Cleopatra Hotel	Minister of Energy Mr. George Papanastasiou	“Energy Policy of Cyprus, Vision, Considerations, Prospects” Joint Dinner event with RC Nicosia Aspelia

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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TDxrLIFPRB8>



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