



Meeting Highlights

Yeah. Okay. We'll get there. FIRST LET'S TALK BINGO!

Final returns are not yet in, but the turn-out on the first annual *Asociación Bachillerato Internacional de Liceo de Atenas / Club Rotario de Atenas Bingo extravaganza* seems to have been a resounding success. Estimates are that over 400 people enjoyed themselves for hours, playing bingo, winning prizes, and eating good food. Space at the preset tables ran out before 9:45 am and people were setting up outside.

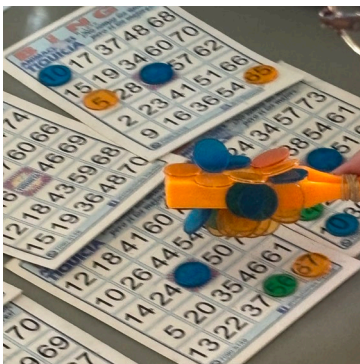


Our club was well represented in their snazzy new tee-shirts. If any Rotarian won anything, kudos to you because we were competing with some professional bingo players. The woman at our table was playing 21 cards *and* helping the gringos. While all had fun, and some much-needed funds were raised, we should all take a bow for showing our Costa Rican friends that we too can (help) put on a wonderful event worthy of community standards.



Meeting Highlights

April 23 seems so long ago...



The meeting highlight was welcoming the **President of the Alajuela Rotario Club, Marianela** and her guest Gustavo. They spoke to us about their hopes of expanding their local Spelling Bee contest to other communities. Their program seems like a wonderful opportunity to spread the love of education among Costa Rican children. They are currently looking for help running a new spelling bee in Sarchi. Costs will most likely prohibit us from doing anything this year. But we will keep this in mind for future educational outreach opportunities.



Eric spoke about the trip into San Jose with Lynn, Chris and Rosie to the **Asamblea Legislativa de la Republica de Costa Rica** for the official declaration of the Rotary Clubs of Costa Rica as a “Meritorious Institution of Social Service” – the highest recognition ever bestowed upon the Rotary Clubs of Costa Rica. Each of the fifteen clubs were represented by club officers, and the seventy-five Rotarians got to rub elbows with national politicians.



Officers & Committee Chairs

President

Eric Snyder

President Elect

Russell Herold

Treasurer

Rosie Olds

Secretary

Lynn Snyder

Sgt-at-Arms

Mary Beth Clark

Foundation Chair

Chris Toal

Membership

OPEN POSITION

Minister of Disinformation

Joe Rossi

PR/Website

Cynthia Wunderink

Shannon Farley

Programs

Leslie Mueller

Sunshine Committee

Betty Van Putten

Fundraising

OPEN POSITION

Club Events

OPEN POSITION

Outreach

David Mullins

More Meeting Highlights

Since the last meeting, several Rotarians went to the Atenas community-run daycare center behind the CAJA clinic to view the facility and assess needs. The center provides free-to-low-cost care for children aged 3 months to 12 years to enable their parents to work. They could use several small donations. Details to follow.

The nature walk in Los Altos de San Isidro on April 18th went well and provided us an opportunity to wear our tee-shirts and advertise the bingo.

Please note: *There is a new form for suggesting fundraising events or proposed beneficiaries of our club's efforts.* The form is available from Joe Rossi and will soon be made available on [Facebook.com/atenasrotary](https://www.facebook.com/atenasrotary). Please return filled out forms to Joe.

Member News & Happy Dollars

- Nancy donated the Spring Fling event at her house. Thank her again.
- Holly is happy that her nephew is recovering from recent ills.
- Leslie is happy to be upright.
- Nancy is happy because Bingo is going well (went well).
- Eric was happy to have had translators for Marianela (yay! Tatiana)
- Rosie is our new treasurer. You'll have to ask her if she's happy.

Upcoming Events

Believe it or not, we have no upcoming events as we get a well-deserved rest before we fire up our next project.

Next Meeting

Next meeting will be May 7th at 9:00. Same place, **Cafetales y Orchideas** café on Calle Plancillo. **Yerlin Porras from Rescate Animal Atenas** will be talking about local efforts to help stray dogs and cats.

And finally...

I hope that woman with the 18 Bingo cards won something.

Seriously, be proud people. We did good on many, many levels.

