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Newsletter of the

Rotary Club of Atenas









People appreciate and never forget that helping hand, especially when times are tough. ~ Catherine Pulsifer

Meeting Highlights

We welcomed Drew and Gwen, guests of Chris and Rosie, and Nancita.

David reported on the status of donating much needed supplies to the Barrio Jesus school. All supplies have been delivered, including: colored ink for the main printer, 360 pencils, black ink for every printer, five cases of paper, toilet paper for many months, 150 individual pencils and 160 pencil sharpeners. David, Eric, Katia, and Glenda met and did a tour around the school to see what kind of repairs are needed. They found that the Special Ed class meets in a tool shed that is falling apart. It could use painting and repair. Parents and teachers do a lot to fix things such as paint walls and sand desks, but more is needed. Thank you to Stef for ordering the pencil sharpeners, and to Holly and Russ for bringing them here.

Eric is still waiting on some comments from the Committee for the by-laws. They should be ready to vote on soon.

Nancy took final orders for the T-shirts which are twenty dollars. She'll be bringing them back later this month.

Lynn reported on the bingo fundraiser. Last week several of our members created tickets with representatives of the IB Program. Joe and Joy entertained the group with questions and comments and kept everyone in good spirits. All 2000 tickets had to be printed, numbered, signed and stamped. One ticket will be worth one mil and six tickets are five mil. If people would like to support us, but don't want to come to bingo, they can buy tickets and then donate them back. They will be distributed to families from the schools who want to come, but can't afford to buy a ticket. When someone pays for the tickets and donates them back, we'll put stars on the back of the tickets and return them to the school.

Drawing a lot of people to the bingo event is important, as the students will be selling food as a fundraiser for their school trip. It also gives Rotary positive exposure and publicity for the businesses who donate. Bingo is a huge cultural event in Costa Rica. Bingo callers actually have groupies who follow them around. Our caller is popular. In addition, the bingo event will be a fun way to connect with the Tico community.

For this event to be a success, all members need to buy or sell tickets. The one mil tickets come in packets of fifty and the five mil for six come in packets of ten. If you take tickets, you're responsible for bringing either the money to cover them back or turning them in so someone else can sell them. We have until the end of April to sell them all. Also, Lynn passed out a folder of letters that we can use to approach businesses about donating prizes.

Nancy is tracking the organizations we're approaching for prizes so let her know if you plan to approach someone so we don't duplicate effort. Prizes should be between 10,000 and 15,000 colones each. Also, Lynn could use a couple committee members to help her with the fundraiser. Mainly to help her keep things moving along.

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Club News

Be sure to like our Facebook page, https://www.facebook.com/AtenasRotary/ and our posts. We are trying to increase our social media presence.

Upcoming Events

- Nancy reminded us that we'll have a Spring Fling at her home on April 11 and she needs volunteers for parking. It will be a potluck with an honor bar.
- For Halloween we'll have a costume party at Holly and Russ's home.
- We're looking for hosts for an end of Rotary year party (in July and to induct new officers) and a holiday party in December. Let Nancy or Lynn know if you can host.

Member News & Happy $$$

- Betty is happy that her son is taking her on a trip this weekend to Rincon de la Vieja in Guanacaste.
- David is happy about the donation of pencil sharpeners.
- Lynn is happy everyone has stepped up to get things done, and about other schools in the community finding out what we are doing.
- Judy is happy she got her roof fixed.
- Nancy is happy she got her internet fixed.
- Stef is happy her septic tank got pumped out.

Upcoming Meetings

- Our next meeting is March 12 at Tica's Café at 8:30am. Suzan Boshouwers from EarthTale will join us. EarthTale is a creative children's book initiative that brings imagination and the interconnectedness of nature together in accessible stories for young readers. As an author and scientific illustrator, Suzan collaborates internationally with various local nature organizations. For Costa Rica, the first book has already been realized, focusing on the Osa Peninsula, developed in collaboration with the experts of Corcovado Foundation.
- On March 19 we'll have a club assembly. This will be a closed meeting where we'll review how are club is doing and look at changes we might want to make. **No guests will be invited.** It's a lunch meeting at 12:00pm at The Cafeteria in Plancillo. David and Karen recommended this for a quiet location with good food.