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Newsletter of the Rotary Club of Atenas





When we all help one another, everyone wins.

What We're Doing

We're off to an exciting start! President Eric and Lynn met with Jorge Jenkins and the Atenas police chief, Collado Palma, who then joined us for our lunch meeting on April 3rd. During their meeting they learned that the government isn't able to fund police car parts and labor in a timely manner due to government budget constraints. Sometimes the staff has to go out-of-pocket for funds. This recently left our local department with only two working vehicles and two in disrepair to cover the entire Atenas area.

Since we had been informally briefed on this need a couple weeks ago, Mary Beth began the charge to raise funds for the cars when the Painkillers played at Finca Huetares. The club collected $181 to be applied towards a battery and labor to install it. The police are not permitted to take our monetary donations, but we understand that we can contribute to parts and labor.

Another project with the police that we'd like to support in the future is contributing to the construction of new police barracks so officers have a place to sleep while on duty. Currently, some of them sleep outside during busy shifts. We may be able to assist in purchasing supplies and contributing to the cost of labor. The department plans on building the barracks above the current police headquarters pictured in the photo below.

As time goes by we hope to meet with the Bomberos, Red Cross, and Police as a group to see how we can work together to support the entire Atenas emergency responder community.



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Club News

We are excited to report that we've reached our 20-member requirement which allows us to apply to be an official club with Rotary International! In addition, we have a slate of officers willing to step in for the rest of the Rotary year.

Upcoming Events

Our next meeting will be April 24th at 12pm. We voted to make Restaurante El Guanacaste our regular meeting place.

Member News

At our last meeting we honored Lisa Levine who turned 64 last Sunday. We sang a resounding rendition of the Beatles *When I'm 64*.