



“If you are lucky in life, make sure a bunch of other people are lucky, too.” ~ Warren Buffett

Meeting Highlights

There are currently 25 spots available for our fundraising dinner on November 15. If people are interested in reserving a spot they should contact Lynn, Nancy or Stefanie. The cost of 30,000 colones (\$60 US) includes dinner, wine, and music. It will be held in Lomas del Paraíso at a neighbor's charming venue.



Eric and Lynn attended an Atenas town council meeting last week. They spoke with Marta, the deputy mayor, and representative Iliana from Santa Eulalia, who was a guest at our meeting. Atenas has many worthwhile causes to support. As we evaluate our resources, our club will have the tough job of selecting recipients.

Russ gave us an update on our involvement with Mas Millas Menos Polio, the 5-country bicycling event to support Polio Awareness. We will be meeting Nolan and his team in front of the big Atenas sign in the park on October 5th around 9:00am. Stef has agreed to bring beverages and fruit for him and five other riders. We're meeting him in the park because we were concerned about traffic in front of El Fogón. After we greet him in the park, we'll meet with the support team at El Fogón for breakfast. Let Stef or Russ know if you're planning to attend breakfast so that we have a headcount. Joining Nolan and his team allows us to meet Rotarians from other clubs and demonstrate our desire to participate in the wider Costa Rica Rotary community.

Club News

We were very excited to welcome Cynthia Wunderink as a new member. Cynthia brings lots of business knowledge, enthusiasm and great suggestions. President Eric and her sponsor, Russell, formally initiated her into the club. Everyone is thrilled to have her on our team.

Leslie reported that our website is up and running: rotaryatenas.org. The website creation tool, Hostinger.com, charges a nominal fee for the first year for hosting and email, which Leslie has generously covered. The website will ultimately include information about Rotary International, our club officers, meetings, our events and projects. We are also going to try and list our newsletters on the site so that they can easily be accessed by website visitors who may be interested in joining our club. Please let Leslie know if you would like to include something or if you have additional suggestions. Our thanks to Leslie for her work on our beautiful, new, informative website!

Eric let us know that the incorporation of our rotary club is moving along. As soon as it's completed, we will be able to open a bank account in our club's name.



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Upcoming Events

- October 5 in the morning we will meet with Nolan in front of the Atenas Park sign around 9:00am to bring him water, fruit, etc. Although Nolan will continue his journey, his support team and other Rotarians will share breakfast with us at El Fogón Restaurant.
- November 15 at 2pm is our dinner & music fundraising event in Loma del Paraiso. Limited seating available. Reserve your place now!
- Consider making plans to attend the District Conference on April 23 – 25, 2026 with Lynn and Eric. It's a great opportunity to meet Rotarians from all around Central America, as well as see some of the successful projects being worked on by other clubs.

Member News & Happy \$\$\$

- David is out of the hospital and doing better. Yay!
- Holly is pleased that Ann and Felipe will be our speakers on October 2nd. They will be talking about their experiences working with youth who have been abused.
- Holly also let us know that the Angel Tree Project is looking for volunteers with organizational skills. They'll need lots of volunteers and the party will be December 14. Please see Holly if you would like to help out. (Cynthia reminded us that Green Valley students are required to do community service, so maybe they can help!)
- Holly let us know that she and Russ just celebrated 55 years together.
- Lynn is happy that Iliana, from Santa Eulalia, came to the meeting.
- Leslie is happy that her daughter had her fifth baby.
- Eric announced that he will have his first grandchild in March.
- Lynn and Eric also just celebrated their 13th anniversary.

Next Meetings

Our next formal meeting is October 2nd at 12:20pm. Location to be announced.