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Nancy's commanding presence.



If you can't feed a hundred people, then feed just one.

--Mother Teresa

Meeting Highlights

Well. You didn't miss much. And there were a lot of you who didn't. After Lynn told everyone to stay home*, most people did just that, and that's alright. We chatted, ate some food, and called it a day.

Technically*, she didn't tell people to stay home. She just told them there'd be no reason to come.

***Technically,* she didn't tell them there'd be no reason to come. But given that there was no guest speaker and everything that was said was a repeat, it was one in the same.

There are no More Meeting Highlights

I thought that would be obvious.

Weekly Highlights

There *was* this:



On Wednesday, October 7, Nancy delivered all the clothes she's been collecting to the Comprehensive Care Center for Adults with Disabilities (CAIPAD) and the Atenas Association in Support of Adults with Disabilities (APRODISA), located next to the municipal building. They fund their adult education and support programs through sales of secondhand clothes.





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Does anyone really care?

Those of you who donated clothes, take a bow. Those who wished they did, you'll have another opportunity as it's already been suggested to Nancy that this is something we could do semi-annually. (Let this be a warning to anyone who has such noble goals as Nancy).

More Meeting "Highlights" (I was told "find some")

- **Basic English** conversational practice is coming in November. Lynn is looking for volunteers to say and listen to basic English words and phrases with Ticos. *You don't need to be able to speak Spanish.* Classes will be on Tuesdays at 5-7pm beginning in November. Please reach out to Lynn if you're interested. She's hosting an organizational meeting soon.
- Chris is putting together a **Gantt chart** of every member's vacations so that everyone will know when your house will be empty. Please contact him so he can complete the chart.
- Lynn's **self-defense class** was a big hit, attended by 12 people with equal mixes of young/old, Tica/expat. Kudos to Lynn for doing this important community service fundraiser. We have raised 83.000 colones to date. Proceeds go to our End Polio Now contribution.
- **Three new members** will be inducted into our club next meeting. Come see **Chris, Ingrid, and Ricardo** join our merry band.
- A desk and chair was presented to **Directora Kattia Fonseca Chacón** at the **Escuela Jesus de Atenas** on Oct 1 after the meeting. They're happy. We're still perfecting our process and hope to produce at least 24 more. Our cost is roughly $22-24 per desk. Gifted by Dave's ex-wife and daughter.

Member News & Happy Dollars

Today's guest:

- Ricardo, who is now a regular and this'll be his last guest appearance.

He joined those people who didn't get the message that the meeting was optional: Eric, Lynn, Russ, Holly, Everett, John, Joe, and Nancy.

Happy People

- Holly is celebrating her oldest son's 53rd birthday.
- Eric and Lynn. No reasons needed.

Upcoming Events

- Next fundraising committee on October 13 at 9:00 at Robin's place. Come find out why we're not doing bingo (Don't no committee member tell anyone who asks. Make them come to the meeting). Seriously, committee meetings are important. You should find one that suits you.
- Strategic Planning was to be October 8. It's been rescheduled. Contact Eric or Chris if you'd like to join us.
- Rotary District Conference – April 22, 23 & 24 Hotel Sheraton Presidente, San Salvador, El Salvador. See Lynn for details.

Next Meeting

Oct 15 **Shelly Robinson** and **Rainee Busby** will give us an overview of UPE, the new non-social collaboration tool. They will also introduce the new Health & Aging Support program.