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Newsletter of the



Help people even when you know they can't help you back.

What We're Doing

Last week Eric, Rigo and Lynn (and some visiting Rotarians – more about them below) met with the Mayor of Atenas, Maximo Chaves Ovar. It was a great opportunity to make new connections and learn about some of the needs of the community. Rigo shared with the Mayor that the Legislature of Costa Rica has recognized Rotary as an exemplary organization doing valuable community service work around the country. There is a possibility that the Deputy Mayor (who speaks fluent English) may attend meetings and perhaps apply for membership in our club.

Club News

Our Phase 1 fundraising committee met last week to discuss fundraising ideas. They considered many options including a raffle for sunglasses, 50/50 raffles with half of proceeds to Rotary and half to winner, an auction, a wine/beer tasting, and bingo. In addition, they considered a more inclusive, multi-activity type of event such as the Chili Cookoff, as it had been a very successful community event in the past. The nine committee members voted after considering the pros and cons of each idea.

Our immediate efforts are going to start with the raffle for sunglasses. We're also considering a dinner/concert event in the early part of November. It would be held in a charming concert venue in a residential home in Lomas del Paraiso. The location has room for about 40 people.

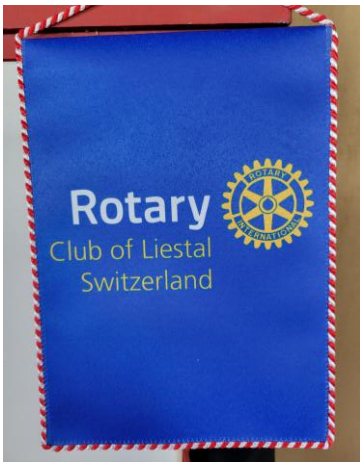
There will be another fundraising meeting next week to discuss next steps. All members are encouraged to attend!

We had visitors from Switzerland at our July 24 meeting: Sandra and Markus. They brought us an exchange banner from their club and some delicious Swiss chocolate. Sandra was the first woman member in her club and is now president-elect. Currently, they come to Atenas about four times a year for 3-5 weeks and then return to Europe. They hope to be in Atenas more next year.

Lynn encouraged us to create our own exchange banner. We learned that most clubs have banners and exchange them with other clubs when they visit. By visiting other clubs and exchanging banners we learn a lot about these clubs and build new friendships.

We'll be ordering new Rotary pins with magnets for our club members. By wearing these pins everywhere, we expose people to Rotary and will often get questions about the organization. During meetings, some clubs wear name badges which include their name and profession. We're checking with Russell Hampton for pins. Lynn will report back on size options, colors and cost. We want to order these before Lynn and Eric go to the states in September so they can bring them back. (pictured at left are the gold-plated and nickel options. Sizes are 5/8", 1/2" and 3/8").

Lynn is putting together a list of Club members with their email, phone number and WhatsApp numbers. This is to share exclusively within our Club. There were no objections to be included on the list at the meeting but let Lynn know if you'd like to be left off.



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Important Changes

We decided to change our meeting time to 12:20 pm to accommodate Rosie, who comes from her Writers Group. Rosie does our invocation and takes notes for our Newsletter, so it's important she be there!

In November and December we will be shifting our meeting dates so that we can have two meetings instead of one each month, due to holidays. A new calendar for the rest of the Rotary year will be released soon.

We now have a Zoom account! That means that we will be able to hold remote meetings with our members who can't be in attendance. The link to the Zoom session will be included in the Agenda prior to the meeting.

Upcoming Events

Next year's district conference will be held at the Wyndam Resort in Herradura. The dates are April 23 to April 26. Cost per person is \$300 for the conference; with an extra cost for hotel rooms. Sessions will be offered in English and Spanish. Eric reported that he found past conferences to be educational, useful networking opportunities, a great place to make friends from other clubs, learn about projects being done in our District and beyond, and for connecting with like-minded people to celebrate Rotary's accomplishments.

La Guaria Club of Moravia invited Rotarians to attend their art fair this weekend. Several of our members plan on attending. We were reminded that, when we have these types of fundraising or celebration events, we should invite other clubs to attend ours. Attending other clubs' events shows we are willing to support and collaborate.

Member News

Nancy has attended several meetings and has met her application obligations. If Lynn receives no objections to her membership by 7/25, we'll induct her as a new member. We can tell by her enthusiasm that she will be a great member!

Erin is our other applicant for membership. She was a member in good standing in Los Gatos, CA. So in this case, we can welcome her into the club as a member if there are no objections before the July 25 deadline. We're so pleased that Erin will be joining us and has indicated an interest in working on PR and social media for our club.

Happy Dollars News: Lynn is happy that we're making a lot of progress on fundraising. Stef is happy to have Sandra and Markus visiting. Markus is happy to have received his Costa Rica Driver's License. Eric and Lynn are happy about a clean FBI report, in preparation for their Residency applications. Rosie is happy about a good visit with her son and daughter-in-law.

Fundraising

IMPORTANT - There will be a meeting to discuss next steps for our fundraisers on Thursday at 12:20. Please notify Lynn if you intend to go. We will select a lunch/meeting location convenient for those attending.