



Helping one person might not change the world, but it could change the world for one person.

Another Busy Meeting!

We were very pleased to welcome Mayor Maximo Chaves Ovares and Deputy Mayor Marta Luz Castro Campos as distinguished guests at our meeting.



Club members are encouraged to make reservations for our Nov. 15 dinner and music fundraising event. There are only a total of 40 seats available, and we will be extending the invitation to the public beginning Sept. 15. Please contact Nancy or Lynn today to reserve your seat before they run out!



The Fundraising Committee visited a potential venue for a RotaryFest event in 2026. It is called Roma Vista and is similar to a US country club. The facilities included everything we would need. Our attendance goal would be to get around 300 people. Our four main goals for this event would be: 1. Have fun, 2. Raise money for local projects, 3. Begin to introduce Rotary to the Tico and expat communities, 4. Build relationships while engaging locals in supporting events that are beneficial to their community. We would offer activities that would bring in funds such as an auction, bingo, and wine tasting. Also, we can do demonstrations and provide educational information. The Committee is looking into other potential venues and will continue to report back on their findings. Before we can make any commitments, we will be looking for sponsors to help cover costs.

The Outreach Committee worked with the Atenas Mayor and Deputy Mayor to create a list of ways we can put our time and money to use to support the local community. Our focus for this year will be Education. Some projects that have been mentioned are fixing up the park across from the school, purchasing desks for children at a local elementary school, and supporting community theater for teenagers. Let Eric, David, Russell or Joe know if you have any additional suggestions. We're still deciding what we'll support!

Lynn and Eric attended the local Atenas women's soccer game. President Eric encouraged all of us to go and said it is a lot of fun. The final game of the season is Sunday, Sept. 21 at 11am. The field is located at the stadium right next to the recycling. The only cost is 1000 colones to park and they have shady seating. Bring a picnic and support the ladies!



The Mas Millas Menos Polio bicycling adventure begins September 26! As a reminder, one of our District representatives, Nolan Zamara, is bicycling across 5 countries on a FIRST EVER TRIP to promote Polio awareness. We are pleased to report that Epic Bike Shop has agreed to support Nolan when he bikes through Atenas. We voted to contribute \$200 from our club for the polio effort. We will also be providing water, fruit, etc. on October 5 to support Nolan and his crew when they "pit stop" in Atenas. Follow his journey on www.masmillasmenspolio.org and stay tuned to WhatsApp for details!

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Guest Speaker

Our Deputy Mayor, Marta, invited us to visit the daycare in Atenas for low-income children. It is called Cecudi Atenas and serves a mixture of low-income children and all other income levels in the community. She also expressed her appreciation for our support of the police as there are only three official police officers in Atenas.

She encouraged us to attend the festivities for Costa Rica Independence Day. This coming Sunday, September 14 at 11am will be the torch ceremony. Later that night, at 6pm, will be the children's parade with lanterns. On Monday, September 15, the parade with all the school bands will start at 8am. She is excited to be working together with us.

Club News



Our own Stef Bogatinoff is the winner of the RayBan sunglasses raffle. She modeled them for us at the meeting. Beautiful! We are happy to announce that all 100 tickets were sold, for a total of 350,000 colones towards our fundraising efforts. Thank you to Rigo for contributing this great prize for our first fundraiser!

Leslie Mueller has agreed to work on our website and social media. Thank you, Leslie! With Leslie taking on this responsibility we will need a new volunteer for coordinating guest presentations. Contact Lynn if you're interested.

Cynthia Wonderink, sponsored by President-Elect Russell, has applied for club membership. Cynthia has completed her 2-meeting attendance requirement and is scheduled to be inducted at our next official meeting on September 18. (Per Rotary policy, active members have 1 week to express concerns or conflicts to the Board.)

Upcoming Events

- October 5 at around 9/10 in the morning we will meet Nolan, 5 of his fellow riders, and his backup crew to bring them water, fruit, etc. Final details and location will be provided at the October 2 meeting and on WhatsApp.
- November 15 – Fundraising Dinner & Music event from 2:00 – 5:00 \$60 (30 colones) per person includes dinner, wine, dessert & coffee
- Consider making plans to attend the District Conference on April 23 – 25, 2026.

Member News & Happy \$\$\$

Stef is happy to be the winner of the fancy sun glasses. Rosie is happy that her friend with serious health issues has an offer on her house. Lynn was happy to see our special guests. Eric was pleased to announce an anonymous donation of \$1,000!

Next Meetings

Our next formal meeting is September 18 at 12:20pm at Restaurant Guanacaste.