



District 2203 Spain President 2023-24: John Graham

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Minutes of 1st February 2024 Meeting in Atalaya Golf & Country Club

Attendance

Total: 17

Members: 16

Visitors: 1

Rolf Falkenberg, RC Oslo

President John (PJ), open the meeting before the appointed time as everyone was present and accounted for.

Yottie delivered the Rotary 4-Way Test invocation.

Ralph, Acting Sergeant-at-Arms declared that we had 15 Members and one Rotarian Visitor in attendance.

The number was subsequently adjusted upwards following Campbell's late arrival.

Martin Nathan informed us that our Projects Team represented by Jane, Martin, with Joyce as translator had enjoyed a rewarding visit to the AFESOL (Asociación de Familiares y Personas con Enfermedad Mental de la Costa del Sol) new facility in Estepona.

Provided gratis by the Estepona Town Hall and refurbished by AFESOL, this building provides daily help to approximately 40 young people, although they officially help people from ages 18-60, and occasionally some younger than 18 with the consent of a parent or guardian. It will be a great pleasure for us to help them, and we await their list of requirements, some of which were identified during the visit.

This visit was a good example of ROTARY in action, and a meaningful way to end the week.

Writing from afar, **Lorraine's** highlighted the forthcoming Gala Dinner held by **Interact** who we support. Here is their message and flyer:

Dear Rotarian friends,

Please find attached the invitation to the gala dinner our Interacts Aloha College are organising.

Our governor and his wife have confirmed their assistance. It would be fantastic if your clubs will support the children with their attendance.

All the supporting Clubs will have their logo showcased in the Photocall and on the table menus.

Best regards on behalf of Interact,

Susana



Interact is a youth organisation linked to local Rotary Clubs. Our local branch is based at Aloha College and is jointly support by our Club and RC Marbella. Interact Clubs aim to bring together young people aged 12-18 and develop their leadership skills, the power of Service Above Self and discovering how learning to lead can be fun.

At this juncture **Campbell** arrived, breathing heavily from being late and out of shape! The **Minutes Secretary** for the Meeting, he had been caught out by the unusually early start. Apologising profusely, he made a huge sacrifice by starting to scribble on his notepad without (shock, horror!) first imbibing any alcohol.

Pamela announced tentative plans for our annual popular 'Blossom Run' that coincides with the flowering of the almond blossom within Málaga Province. Last the year the almond blossom was late, but the Mimosa was a delightful cascade of yellow. That's Mimosa the flower and not the cocktail!

The dates proposed this year are February 16th or 23rd, Friday being the traditional day, with Members to be notified as soon as possible.

Subsequent to the Meeting, an exploration has been hiked by **Jane** who found blossoms aplenty near Monda.



Our meeting on the **15th**, the day after Valentine's, will be on the subject of '**Openness and Love**'. The Events and Fellowship Teams have organised something special, so Members are encouraged to attend with a sticker on

which they should write their answer to "Love is?" Note that love will be bought for an extra 4€ euro on the day as the special lunch will cost 35€ euro.

There will be no meeting on the 22nd as many Members are attending the concert in Marbella that evening. Due to our connection to the performer and sympathy for the cause, the Club is sponsoring 10€ euro per Member.



W.A. Mozart: Violin Sonata No 21

L. Beethoven: Romance n2

C. Debussy: Sonata G Minor

C. Saint Saens: Introduction et Rondo capricioso

Duration: One and a half hours

As there was no formal speaker, there was plenty of chatter at the tables and an enjoyable lunch was formally finished promptly at 16:00, with IK delivering our customary toast to Rotary the World, Universe and Multiverse over.

Minutes by Campbell Ferguson. Editor Ian Kuah.