



ANNUAL REPORT

Year 2018-19

Rotary 
Club Marbella-Guadalmina

District 2203, Spain

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT: JOANNA CHRZANOWSKA

Issues and Accomplishments

Should we find a new Club 'Sede' or base?

The year began with a review of alternative options for the Club's premises. A list of criteria was drawn up and several hotels and restaurants visited by a task force of members. None of the options fully met all the criteria, although the closest was an upstairs room at Los Naranjos, which was subsequently used when Ramiro's was closed or busy. A new price for the regular meal was negotiated with Ramiro, which members agreed to pay.

Increasing membership throughout the year

We started the year with 38 members, and despite a number of people leaving for personal reasons, the year ended with 42. There was a steady stream of new applicants, with eight new members being pinned. We are still in the top 10 Clubs in District in terms of size.

We impressed the Governor

We were one of the first clubs to be visited by Jesus Martinez, and we put on quite a show.



Each team showed the work they had been doing, creating a folder of information for the Governor. One of the highlights was Ralph Brenk dressed as a town crier, announcing the Events that were to come.

The Governor was very impressed, and later wrote:

"Your potential is very high. All of you are excellent persons. Your Rotary mood is admirable. Your impulse and Janrgy can beat anything. Your enthusiasm was impacting. I wish you all lots of joy, Rotarian prosperity and health." Jesus Martinez

R C M-G became a World Record Holding Club!

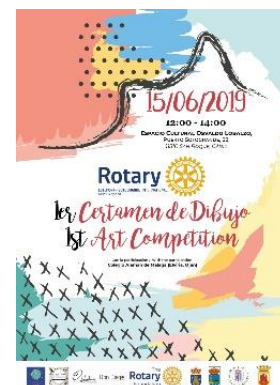
October 2018 saw the long-planned Guinness World Record Beetle Drive event – where all the impulse and energy went into a challenge that was met and overcome by an amazing effort from the hard-working Beetle team. The full story can be read on the Rotary International Blog.

Suffice to say the event took place on a wet and windy Saturday, in a hall the size of an aircraft hangar, which had been transformed into an event space by the team. Marbella Ayuntamiento donated the empty hall, but everything else had to be supplied. It took a lot of organisation and help from others, too numerous to be named. Over 300 people came to play the game, enough to beat the World Record, which was later ratified by Guinness World Records with an official certificate.



Inauguration of our Sponsored Club

Soon after the Beetle event, we had the inauguration of RC Estepona-Sotogrande International – which we sponsor, and that became a thriving Club. The Club started to fulfil its aim of educating children with visits to places of interest, followed by an art competition. They have also put up Rotary Wheel symbols in the main towns they serve.



The Social Scene – some unforgettable moments

2018 finished with the AGM, a great Christmas party and a Cinderella Pantomime. Who could forget the sight of grown men in dresses as the stepmother and stepsisters? Finally, we had Ben's generous birthday party, which raised money for Hogar Betania.



Social meetings and events continued into 2019 with a Quiz night, International Dishes of the World Event and Barry's party; this year on an English Country Garden theme.

Visitors and Meeting Speakers

We had a variety of Speakers from our Club, other Clubs and external organisations, on a range of topics from the Middle East and Brexit to Public speaking and qigong. We continued to have visitors at each meeting, with some returning regularly.

Conferences

Members attended Rotary Conferences in Valencia and Malaga, as well as the United Nationalities of Marbella summit, as part of our program for more effective work in the community.



Service Projects: charities we supported

Service Projects

Over the year, we supported several projects to the tune of 28,000€ and worked towards another Global grant of \$45,000 USD. This is for a unique project in which Palestinian doctors come to Israel to be trained in emergency medicine – an educational, humanitarian and peace project all in one.

Other projects included: emergency aid for flood victims in Majorca and Ronda, a training room for Fundatul, equipment for an Alzheimer's charity in Marbella, and a football project with RC Marbella. Further afield we gave aid to Honduras, a children's cancer hospital in Nepal, school materials for Children in Medellin and supported vital dental treatment for children and adults in the Bekaa Valley in Lebanon.



A team developed the 'Plastics project' – aiming to increase awareness of the environmental dangers of plastic and what individuals and groups can do to reduce this. The group visited a local waste recycling facility (Urbaser) and organised an Action Day in Marbella, to coincide with a European Rotarian event 'EndPlasticSoup.'







In summary, it was a very active and busy year. There was a strong Club spirit, and increased co-operation with other Clubs and organisations in the local community.

A fitting finale was the achievement of a Presidential Citation, awarded by RI to Rotary Clubs that exceed their goals. Huge thanks to all the members, without whom it would not have been possible,

Joanna Chrzanowska, President 2018-19

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FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Rotary Club Marbella-Guadalmina has two bank accounts

- A General Account to deal with membership dues, running costs, etc.
- A Charity Account to use for donations and spending on goods and services for the charities we support.



Our Treasurer, Ben Nemenyi, has supplied the financial statements for the accounts, which will be presented separately and can be seen in the members section of the website.

The **Charity Account** overpage shows receipts of 32,289 €, from Events, donations, and various fundraising activities.

During the year itself disbursements of 21,000 € were made. For various reasons some of the money promised to charities was set aside and payments were made after the end of the financial year. Those payments have been included in the report on service projects, since they were agreed during 2018-19.

In the **General Account**, the balance carried forward from the previous year was 11,783 €. Membership fees raised another 11,800 € and there were various other credits.

Spending consisted of payments to Rotary International and to District, Conference attendance, and expenses incurred for the running of the club, including insurance. As sponsors of the new club RC Estepona-Sotogrande International, we helped them set up by buying Rotary flags and emblems for 486 €. 8000 € was transferred to the Charity Account so it could be put to better use. At the end of the year the account showed a balance of 9475 €.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Rotary Club Marbella-Guadalmina Charity Account

Statement of Receipts and Disbursements
For the period from July 1st, 2018 to June 30th, 2019

	RECEIPTS				
700	Donations				1970.80
720	Rotary Foundation-Peace Project -return				1128.00
730	Paul Church donation				994.00
740	Beetle Project				8796.42
750	Raffles				710.00
755	Walk				920.00
760	EFPG				1000.00
765	Donation for Hogar Betania				500.00
770	Collection at Ben's Birthday party				1230.00
775	Medical Project				1000.00
780	Rotary Club-Guadalmina from membership				8000.00
785	Fundatul				1755.00
790	Xmas party				859.00
795	Barry's party				3426.00
					32289.22
	DISBURSEMENTS				
610	San Lloren-Flooding			1000.00	
620	E-club, animal project			500.00	
635	Monsalvat			2000.00	
640	Archidecom			1000.00	
645	Collar			45.56	
650	Hogar Betania			2183.64	
655	Peace Project			2500.00	
660	Ronda-Flooding			500.00	
665	Alzheimer			5550.00	
670	Calendars			292.00	
675	Football project			2000.00	
680	Fundatul			1755.00	
690	Medellin			2000.00	
				21326.20	21326.20
	Excess of receipts over disbursements				10963.02

Looking Ahead: Goals and Activities for 2019-20

Continuing the vision for our club we plan to expand our membership to 45 members this year, with the aim of increasing our number of Spanish speakers and members from a younger demographic.

We will continue to have closer relations with the Rotary District and to follow the guidelines issued by our Governor Arturo Alagon, in order to help fulfil his aims for this Rotary year.

One of the priorities of district is to form more Rotary clubs in Spain. In accordance, we will form and mentor a new Rotary club in Nerja. This will extend the reach of Rotary into the East of Malaga which will benefit the area and also bring great credit to our own club.

We will continue to have social and fund-raising events as before but must rely more on raising finances from the public than from our own membership. To this end we plan to hold a public concert or concerts in the form of a guitar festival in Marbella. We hope that this will become our main annual fund-raising event and we hope to break our previous money-making records using this strategy.

We will continue to support local and international projects and try to visit and physically interact with more of the charities that we support, not just financially.

We look forward to an interesting program from our speakers team which largely accounts for the high number of visitors to our club each year.

I am proud that we have a strong membership who are hardworking, dynamic and enjoy the company and friendship offered by our club. I look forward to fulfilling our aims for the coming year, building upon the fellowship of our club members and continuing to excel in our rotary endeavours.

Mark Shurey

President RC Marbella Guadalmina 2019-20