

Rotary President 2021/2022: Peter Marmot



Good afternoon ,

I am here to give the President's report of my year 2021/2022.

To continue my nautical musings -

The good ship RCMG continues to flourish!

In 2021 we were still struggling with some Covid restrictions and could only have FTF meetings with a limited number of people. Therefore our Club meetings were conducted by zoom, which Joanna so kindly always arranged for us with the appropriate links.

Our main goals were to regroup after Covid, build fellowship, have fun events and raise money for our good causes. We were awarded a Rotary citation for achieving our submitted goals for 2022. We have recruited four new active members who are keen and destined for progress through our ranks and higher office. We now have 39 members with two further willing recruits joining soon.

We are establishing relationships working together with other local clubs both English speaking and some Spanish clubs. With the help of our new Spanish speaking members we hope that this will grow and flourish.

Joanna and her communications team with the help of Martin Nathan have assembled an excellent new web site which is clear and easy to use and has extra features including the capacity to take payments!.(even tested by me!)
Many thanks to the team!

We had some great events- organised by the events team. They managed to organise our Bollywood Gala on 4 December 2021. The attendance was an amazing 170 people. The evening was a great success with the help of our good friend and compere Biddu. This enabled us to raise over €12 500 for SoBo Rotary Club Mumbai to help them in their fight against Covid via Bhavdara Foundation and Oscar Foundation. This with the particular help and drive of Rani Lakhani, Lorraine Powell and Roshini. We also helped SoBo Rotary raise a Rotary Global Grant for \$170 000 for heart operations for deserving needy children.

Various other events helped raise funds for our local charities, which we continue to support. Just to mention the "Octoberfest" celebration at Ralph and Margit which was huge fun, and "Walk Istan", promised as being 'nearly flat' causing some consternation with some of our members who had to be helped back down the mountain. All of these and the various plastic clean ups raised awareness and increased the fellowship of those who attended. I was particularly pleased to use my "President's Fund" to purchase an orthopaedic bed via the Polish Rotary club ZAMOSC who are looking after and caring for Ukranian refugees there. This connection will be on going.

And now to Willem's special baby the environment, End Plastic Soup, of which we are a global ambassador: We celebrated the inauguration of our first "plastic eating fish" at Mijas with more in the pipeline. Willem, Saskia , Caroline and I went to Cadiz University and discussed the joining together of projects relating to cleaning the environment and the current circum - navigation of Spain to raise awareness to that end.

Finola, Lorraine and Roshini organised several social fellowship events. They have been well attended and much enjoyed, increasing our mutual fellowship. I would like to mention Lorraine's almond blossom car run which culminated in a special picnic under flowering Mimosa trees and ended with a lovely lunch – a happy start into Spring 2022.

So, all in all it has been a good year.
I was just the president - it has all been about team work!

I was particularly supported by my past president Pamela, by my board, Ian Kuah, Hans and Pamela, Stephen and Jeanne, by Joanna, Lorraine, Stephen and Jeanne and then by Willem.

A Big Thank You to you all!

And last but not least to Caroline who has supported me through my year and hopefully for many more years we trust.

I am extending my best wishes to my successor Willem, an experienced mariner and to his chosen officers with whom I am happy to entrust the continuing voyage of this excellent vessel, which is ship shape and Bristol fashion.

God bless you and all that sail in you !

