

SERVICE PROJECTS 2018-19















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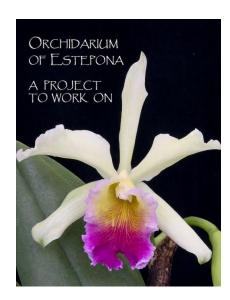
1000€ Emergency aid for flash flooding in Majorca, where 10 people were killed, and **500€** for Serrania de Ronda, where there was a huge amount of flood damage, some families having lost everything. Local Rotary Clubs supervised the distribution of aid to people who were not able to get immediate aid from local government. RC Ronda gave our funds to a terribly affected family from Ronda who were very grateful.







The **Orchidarium in Estepona** https://www.orchidariumestepona.com/ is a unique collection and tourist attraction, but the striking architecture means some parts become over-exposed to the sun in the summer, leading to plant stress and burns. The solution was to install a shade mesh of about 60 square meters, anchored onto the pillars. Our Club provided 500€ of the total cost of 2270€, sharing the project with RC Estepona-Sotogrande International and other clubs. Diagram below shows the extent of the shade.









Organising an Official Guinness World Record Event to raise money for Alzheimer's and other local charities

Marbella Town Hall donated the use of the Palacio de Congresos, but the Beetle Team (the World Record was for most players in a simultaneous game of Beetle) had to provide furniture, audio, display stands, crowd control, refreshments and publicity.

It took months of organising, but the record was beaten by at least 40, since over 300 people came to enjoy the family game, the entertainment and the displays. The record has been officially confirmed by Guinness World Records. Over 8500€ was raised overall from sponsorship and entry fees, of which 6000€ went to AFA Marbella. 500€ was given to ADSI, an English Alzheimer's Support Centre.

Below: The Beetle Team with the young winner of the Golden Beetle (posing in the Beetle cut-out).

YouTube video of the event



AFA Used the money to buy NeuronUp, a system for neurorehabilitation







Monsalvat for Asia - Children's hospital www.monsalvatforasia.org

A children's cancer hospital in Nepal has inadequate sanitation, so this project is to help build effective toilets in the bathrooms. This infrastructure project will have long term benefits. Nepal is one of the poorest and most corrupt countries in the world, which is one reason for the bad healthcare situation of these children.

RC Marbella member Alessandro Della Morte, a director of Monsalvat for Asia, takes the money personally and ensures it is used for the purpose intended. Donation: 2000€.











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Annual Charity Fundraising Walk for Fundatul and other local projects

The walk raised 1920€.

Fundatul is a local charity that has guardianship of disabled people and aims for their inclusion in all activities of everyday life, both work and leisure. They seek appropriate employment and inclusion for those they look after.

A District Grant of 1755€ was obtained for equipping a training centre suitable for their special needs, social and work-related skills. RCM-G donated an additional 545€.

















Christmas Food for Hogar Betania https://www.hogarbetania.es/

Hogar Betania is in La Linea, one of the poorest and most crime ridden areas of Spain. Their mission is to help anyone who is in a situation of social exclusion (homeless, inmates and ex-inmates, immigrants, women victims of trafficking, families, immigrants ...)

Much more than a hostel, Hogar Betania supports people psychologically, socially and educationally, and fights for the human rights of vulnerable people. At Christmas RC Marbella-Guadalmina delivers supplies of food, to extend the Christmas spirit to these marginalised people and those who dedicate themselves to caring for them.

This year over 2000€ was raised, and two carloads of food costing 1600€ were delivered. The rest will be donated to the summer camp they run to look after children whose parents have to work during the school holiday.





SOS Animals District Project

Thousands of dogs and cats are abandoned on the streets of Spain every year. As a health hazard, many are taken to municipal slaughterhouses.

The aim of the project is to increase adoption and sterilisation programmes, to relieve animal suffering and to educate people about the value and care of animals.

24 Clubs from 2 Districts worked together to produce this calendar for animal lovers.

RC Marbella-Guadalmina donated 500€ as well as purchasing some calendars, and latterly some dog bandanas, modelled beautifully below.

Some of the money raised went to a cat charity in Estepona, and some to Voz Animal, a non-profit run by a Rotarian.

ANIMAL VOICE (Voz Animal) is dedicated to the collection of abandoned animals, mistreated and pending slaughter, which gives care, psychological treatment, veterinary assistance and seeks a family to adopt.

They also

- lodge complaints for mistreatment of animals
- for non-compliance with animal protection laws,
- conduct awareness campaigns on the responsible holding of animals,
- on sterilization,
- rescue and control colonies of feral cats, etc.



"Here is the photo of the TAU-Sackler MD Palestinian program that took place on Dec 11-14,2017. Eight Palestinian Arab physicians from Gaza joined us at Tel Aviv University to train at the Sheba Medical Center at the Messa Simulation Center. The team included women for the first time, including the first (and only) woman surgeon in Gaza. More were supposed to arrive, but in the end, this is the only number that received permits." Prof. Karen Avraham

Training Doctors from Gaza in Emergency medicine in Israel

Israeli doctors provide medical education to Palestinian medical staff in Israel, enabling them to provide more medical care. The humanitarian project can even contribute to more peace in the area as it involves both parties: Israelis and Palestinians. Last year we donated 1000€ to this project, this year we are filing for a Global Grant of 45,000 USD. There is a 3000€ contribution from our Club.









Aid for Honduras Disaster relief

Crowdfunding via the District raised enough money to send 14 tons of humanitarian aid to the Honduras, which had been battered by a series of tropical storms and hurricanes.

Private donations came to 700€.











Local Action Against Plastic Pollution

https://www.facebook.com/groups/950628298467310/?source_id=317640531653698

There is escalating international concern and action against plastic pollution. The United Nations, Governments, the EU and multinationals are legislating and pledging to reduce plastic pollution. Individual action is also important, as everybody needs to Reduce, Reuse and Recycle single use plastics. The Club is

- Discovering and sharing replacements for single use and nonbiodegradable plastics in daily life.
- Working with local media and social media to promote and reward desired behaviours
- Working with schools, other Clubs and organisations to promote awareness and behaviour change.

Marbella-Guadalmina has joined the Rotary EndPlasticSoup movement and is promoting awareness, better recycling behaviour and alternatives to single use plastic, with other organisations along the coast.









Football Project with RC Marbella to help children from marginalized families on the Costa del Sol. The children are disadvantaged as they come from problem families, and the football training increases their self-esteem. We donated 1000€ to this shared project.

Below: School materials for children in Medellin – we discovered that some children can't attend school because they can't afford the materials. 2000€ pays for 170 children for one year.







Dental Mavericks in the Bekaa Valley, Lebanon. https://www.dentalmavericks.org/our-work/lebanon/

They treat 600-800 adults and children from poor communities per month; they run a fluoridation programme and an education programme for oral hygiene, including tooth brushing clubs. RCM-G donated 3000€ to support this work.

Below: Orbis Flying Eye Hospital https://gbr.orbis.org/en

Although famous for their mobile operating theatre, most of the eye surgery is done in clinics on the ground, by volunteer surgeons. They are always in need of supplies and equipment, and the donation of 500€ will go towards these, when a proforma invoice is received.











Aspandem http://www.aspandem.org/

Aspandem started in 1980 when a group of parents with disabled children got together to seek help. Now there is a residential centre, a day centre, 640 clients, 120 staff and 100 volunteers. The day centre provides therapeutic swimming, hydrotherapy, physio, as well as speech and language therapy.

It caters for a very wide range of disabilities and seeks to 'normalise living conditions' wherever possible. RC Marbella-Guadalmina has already donated some hydraulic beds and will give 2600€ for another one. They are used to help move people around the facility and help get them into the therapy pool. Below you can see members of the Club at the side of the therapy pool during a visit to the impressive facilities.



