



Annual Report for the Rotary Year 2017-18

Rotary
Club Marbella-Guadalmina



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PRESIDENT'S REPORT: TONY GEDGE

Accomplishments

Hello Fellow Member

In July 2017, I set for myself and our club a compelling vision that would strengthen our club for the next 3 years and beyond: *to make our future bigger than our past*. "It's time our club grew up," Joanna said. In that respect, I think we are on track to move from infancy to adolescence and make this vision become a reality.

Our vision is to work in the spirit of Rotary International with goals that serve both local and global communities, thereby enriching the lives of our Members.

A summary of our accomplishments is listed below:

THE TEAM

The Club's stewards for our sustained and future success consisted of myself as President, Jim Fox as Past President, Ben Nememyi and Paul Church as Treasurer, Joanna Chrzanowska as President Elect, Alan Knight as Sergeant at Arms, and Pamela Lake as Secretary.

The Management was supported by several Teams: Membership, Ian Kuah; Charity (SPT) Martina Spann; Events, Ralph Brenk; Speakers, Labeed Hamid; Website/ Communications, Joanna Chrzanowska; Rotary Foundation, Martina Spann and Mark Shurey, Fellowship, Finola Harrington and Sarah Neil. All members of the above-named teams have greatly exceeded their duties with passion and commitment and have made great contributions to the progress of this club.

CLUB FELLOWSHIP

During my year many members became ill. Finola Harrington and Sarah Neil set up a new Fellowship Team to reach out to unwell members and organised much needed help and

assistance. This is especially important, as Spain is not many members' native land with family often far away. I saw real fellowship in our club since joining four years ago.

MEMBERSHIP

We have seen a drop in membership, which is in-line with an ongoing decline in overall Rotary membership. Recruiting younger members is a challenge; unless we change the structure of our club meetings to become more accessible to younger working people we will be in a steady decline.

Charities we supported: Local



Acepsa: This local charity looks after schizophrenic people and is the only facility of its kind between La Linea and Malaga. Our club's contribution facilitated purchase of equipment and animals, (hens, a scale to weigh eggs, a floor for the henhouse) for a workshop where ecological eggs can be produced and sold to restaurants on the coast. The workshop provides Acepsa with money to pay the patients with a small salary and the work is also therapeutic. We donated € 2,000



Fundatul: The local organization looks after handicapped people who cannot look after themselves. Fundatul has legal custody until they die. Handicapped adults are possibly one of the "most unattractive" groups that charities take care of (children, animals, etc. "sell" much better). Fundatul seeks to give these people a decent life, shelter, medical care, work if they are capable to work (for ex. people with Down Syndrome). We donated € 2,300 for their fund-raising fun run.



Aspandem has a number of local centres for the disabled, in which it seeks to normalise living conditions as much as possible. The day centre provides therapeutic swimming, hydrotherapy, physio, as well as speech therapy. Members of the Club visited the impressive facilities and as a result donated 1000€ for a hydraulic bed to help the children to get into the therapy pool.



Hogar Betania We have supported this remarkable organisation for some years. In 2018 we gave 1000€ towards a new storage room, as required by Health Inspectors. Hogar Betania in La Linea supports the socially excluded in many practical ways. In addition, private donations of 900€ enabled the purchase of food to help make their Christmas truly a season of goodwill.



We donated €700 towards a new van for **Las Lagunillas Cruz Verde**.

This association serves a marginalised area in Malaga. It looks after 3500 people who live below the poverty line, and desperately needed a van to deliver supplies to the needy. Our logo is on the van.

Charities we supported: International



Dental Mavericks: Charity for Dental Care, not only important to fix or prevent health problems, but also to provide children with an aesthetic aspect which helps in building a living. Some Club volunteers went to Morocco to help. The project includes 6,000 bags with toothpaste and brushes (with the logo of RC Marbella-Guadalmina) and a fluoride programme for children to protect their teeth. (it is cheaper to prevent than to fix!!) The cost was €784.88



Training Doctors from Gaza: Israeli doctors provide medical education to Palestinian medical staff from Gaza and enable medical care to many people who live there. The humanitarian project contributes to more peace in the area as it involves both parties: Israelis and Palestinians and provides Palestinian people in the Gaza Strip with the possibility to receive up to date medical attention. The project received 1000€.

Hagamos Las Paces Mediation Project in Medellín

It's the first time in our club's history we were able to win a **Global Grant** thanks to Martina Spann and Mark Shurey. Rotary Club Medellín and the Foundation Amor por Medellín partnered with our club for a school mediation project.



School materials for children in Colombia: When RC Medellín and the Foundation Amor por Medellín started implementing the school mediation project, they noticed that many poor families do not send their children to school, because they cannot pay for school material like backpacks, exercise book and pencils. Providing the children with school education is the only way they have a chance to escape poverty one day. The contribution pays school materials for 210 children for 1 year. € 2,500

- In many parts of Nepal menstruation is considered a taboo
- Women are considered untouchable during the 5 days of menstruation. They cannot touch the important areas of the house and community i.e. the kitchen, the religious areas – women are not allowed to enter temples, as menstruation is seen as being impure.
- In some parts of Nepal, women cannot even enter the house during menstruation and its a custom to stay in the animal sheds.



the guardian



Girls banished to animal sheds

SATHY ROSE

Monsalvat for Asia. Satin Rose is a women's menstrual hygiene programme developed by Monsalvat, a project founded by a Rotarian from RC Marbella. During their period, girls don't attend school and eventually can drop out altogether, reducing their life options drastically. In traditional Nepal menstruation is considered a taboo and girls are banished from areas of the house and the community. Some are even left in the animal sheds. The project aims to inform and educate, to reduce the stigma. RC Marbella-Guadalmina has donated 1500€ for the programme of education and the supply of sanitary pad kits.

Emergency Fund and President's Discretionary Fund

It was agreed that 5000€ of the budget could be set aside to enable a quick response to emergencies. In the event it was not used and went back into the general budget, being used for other projects.

PRESIDENT'S DISCRETIONARY FUND



I was proud to donate 1,000 Euros on behalf of our club to paralysed 13 years old Mikey who needed eye sensor technology to communicate. A donation by an anonymous Club member added 3000 GBP, allowing the purchase of the equipment to dramatically improve the quality of Mikey's life.

STRATEGIC DIRECTION FOR A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE

In order to make our future bigger than our past it was imperative we set a clear vision and three-year objectives which could be implemented by the next two Presidents for continuity. The whole club was invited to a meeting to set a compelling vision and three-year objectives. Some goals are underway and on track, and some are non-starters.

- The goal of increasing membership numbers, with more corporate members and Spanish speakers, may take longer than the three years. Some of the founder members are retiring from the Club or taking less of an active role. They are slowly being replaced by more active members, so that Club numbers are just under 40, still one of the larger Clubs in the District.
- While formal involvement in District is still low, there is much greater co-operation with other local Clubs, which is planned to continue.
- Internal communication has improved, and member engagement remains an important goal.

MEMBER ENGAGEMENT

A) We are starting to get better at communicating and engaging members with voting and more transparency early in the charity selection process. As a result, we were able to support all the Charity projects recommended by the Service Projects Team.

B) To retain members, we must get better at engaging members' sustained interest in our club and have a voice. Under Pamela Lake's expert management direction, we undertook the only club survey in our 8-year history. It became clear we need to give members more information on which charity projects we could support. Potential projects are now voted on by members, and presentations throughout the year are given by Service Projects to keep people informed.

DESERVED RECOGNITION

None of the above would have been possible without the support, commitment and hard work of members organising successful charity events. Ralph Brenk and his team deserve a special mention. Pamela and Joanna have diligently worked across all roles to make our club an even greater success. There is no Lotus without mud! Martina Spann and her team created a charity verification framework to make it easier to select charities which meet sustainable guidelines.

CLUB EVENTS

Thank you to the Events Committee who organised some successful events. We had a lot of fun at the Christmas Party, the charity walk is always a fun event too and many small social events kept members engaged.

EXTERNAL RELATIONS

A small group of members have been busy attending District events and other clubs' events. We are now forging greater links and relations with our clubs in our area and played Padrino to the formation of new club Estepona-Sotogrande International. I personally attended the 100 Rotary Foundation conference in Atlanta and District Conference in Cueta.

SPEAKERS

Under Labeed Hamid's direction we had a good variety of speakers, but we can always get better. A new PA sound system for the hard of hearing system was introduced and purchased through individual donations.



Here's to making our future bigger, bolder, brighter than our past,

Tony Gedge, Past President

July 2017 – June 2018

FINANCIAL SUMMARY: CLUB ACCOUNT

Balance Sheet			
As at June 30 2018			
ACCOUNT NUMB.			
100	Bank	11,783.61	
		11,783.61	
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY			
220	Due by the Club	2,308.55	
800	Equity, beginning of the period	7,491.33	
	Excess of Receipts over Disbursements, current period	1,983.73	
		11,783.61	
ROTARY CLUB DE MARBELLA - GUADALMINA - CLUB ACCOUNT			
Statement of Receipts and Disbursements			
For the period from July the 1st 2017 to June the 30th 2018			
RECEIPTS			
ACCOUNT NUB.			
700	Membership fees		13695
710	Petty Cash		400
			14095
DISBURSEMENTS			
620	Rotary District	5,272.15	
625	Rotary International	2,960.00	
630	Bank charges and interest (incl. Charity)	212.85	
637	Palma Trip	897.27	
638	Key holders	1,375.00	
640	Paul Harris Award	1,130.00	
639	Plaques	264	
		12,111.27	12111.27
	Excess of Receipts over Disbursements		1,983.73

FINANCIAL SUMMARY: CHARITY ACCOUNT

Balance Sheet			
As at June 30 2018			
ACCOUNT NUMB.			
100	Bank	13729.23	
220	Due by Club	2308.55	
		16037.78	
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY			
800	Equity, beginning of the period, bank balance	14975.15	
	Excess of Disbursements over Receipts, current period	1062.63	
		16037.78	
Statement of Receipts and Disbursements			
For the period from July the 1th 2017 to June the 30th 2018			
RECEIPTS			
ACCOUNT NUB.			
700	Donations	925.00	
720	Petty cash	1590.00	
725	R/C -Peace project	428.00	
730	Raffle	1460.00	
740	Charity Walk	2144.00	
750	The Eiplimited EFRBS	1000.00	
760	Dinner-Yacht Club	25.00	
770	Xmas Dinner	1700.00	
780	Almond Blossom Run	275.00	
785	Ben. Nemenyi - Birthday lunch income	1160.00	
790	Various donation for Hogar Betania	870.00	
797	Barry's Party	2610.00	
798	Change of Collar	130.00	
799	Spring party	1380.00	
			15697.00

DISBURSEMENTS				
620	Juan Carlos Torrego – Mediación Workshop	1200.00		
630	ACEPSA	2000.00		
640	Dental Mavericks	784.88		
645	Tel Aviv Uni. -Training Palestinian Doctors.	1023.00		
650	Hogar Betania	1941.98		
660	Monsalvat for Asia	1500.00		
670	Fundatul	2300.00		
680	Club Contribution to RI for Global Grant Colombia	1959.51		
690	Asociación Lagunillas	700.00		
695	Unicef-Syrian Project	2025.00		
697	Tree of Hope	1000.00		
710	Nabugabo project Revised	-1800.00		14634.37
	Excess of Receipts over Disbursements			1062.63
NOTE	Please be advised that in connection with "Tree of hope" (account 697 above), an anonymous member donated an additional 3000 UKP in England			

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

- The entry 'Due by the Club' 2308.55€ found in both accounts, refers to monies exchanged between accounts, that were originally incorrectly allocated. This happens when members pay in money without specifying what it is for or which account it should go to.
- Two further payments were made to charities which do not appear in these accounts:
 - 2500 for Hagamos Las Paces which was taken to Colombia
 - 1000 for Aspandem for the hydraulic bed.
 These were paid from a loan which was returned in 2018-19 and will appear in next year's accounts.
- During the year 2017/18 3,944.51€ was paid by our club to Rotary Foundation Germany, for our club undertaking to contribute towards the Global Grant Peace Project in Medellin, Colombia. It was paid in two stages, with 1959.51 showing in the accounts above. (No 680) The other amount of 1985€ was entered in Financial year 2016/17 as a debt and brought forward.

As a result of this contribution, a few other clubs and District, the amount of \$30,000 was subsequently transferred by Rotary Foundation to Rotary Medellin.

- The money given to UNICEF was destined for Syrian children in the previous financial year, but it was too difficult to find a robust way of ensuring the funds could be transferred and would be used for the purpose intended.

Notes on Current Rotary Year 2018-19

Overall the Club remains in good financial health. At 8 November, balances were:

CHARITY A/c	€ 19,379
CLUB A/c	€ 8,156

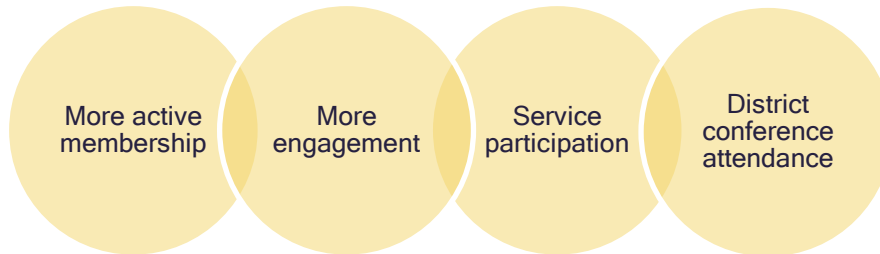
The Club has already donated:

1500€	for flood relief in Majorca and Ronda
500€	for the Orchidarium project of Estepona- Sotogrande International
2000€	to the Monsalvat children's hospital in Nepal
6000€	to AFA Alzheimer's (5500 as voted plus 500 from the sponsor)

The Guinness World Record Beetle Challenge raised over 9500€.

GOALS AND ACTIVITIES FOR 2018-19

Goals for year two of the three-year plan



The current membership goal is set at 45, but having active members counts for more than simply having a large number. Some members spend time abroad for a variety of reasons, so it is unusual to have more than half the Club at a meeting. Club teams aim to be as flexible as possible so that when members are in Spain they can contribute to the work of the Club.

There will be another survey at the start of next year to help understand how to increase member engagement further.

Rotary International is evaluating clubs by service hours rather than attendance statistics. Service in the community is fulfilling and is one of the main reasons why people join. The Club is looking at ways to provide service opportunities that offer easy participation.

Events for 2018-19

After the success of the Guinness World Record Beetle Challenge, which filled the Palacio de Congresos with over 300 people and raised over 9500€, there is a full programme of events for the rest of the year. Events include the traditional Christmas Party, Barry's Party and a Car Run - with a difference.



There is a **District Assembly in Valencia on 1-2 March**, which includes the Mascleta, a stunning display of pyrotechnics.

16-18 May, the **National Congress in Malaga**, is organised primarily by our own District 2203. This will be a big event, with national media present, and will be a great opportunity to showcase our Club.

Joanna Chrzanowska, President 2018-19