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Newsletter



Summer time...

...and the newsletter is skimpy!

But never mind, thanks to some stalwart contributors, notably Mike Knight, Cristina, Gerdi and Werner Meyer, the presses keep rolling. Robert Maxwell and Rupert Murdoch - eat your hearts out!



Rotary Calvia

INTERNATIONAL



Project Manacor

New English-Speaking Rotary Club on the Island

The District Governor, Jesus Martinez, has honoured our Club and asked our Sergeant at Arms, Geoff Moore to take charge of the process to start a new English-speaking Rotary Club International in the North east of the Island. Rotary Club Calvia International has been pleased to take on the role as a Sponsor Club for this new venture.



So, what does it all mean in practical terms for our Club. Well, first and foremost it does not mean that Geoff will be leaving us, or that he will be a Member of the new Club. As our straight-talking Sergeant at Arms from Yorkshire (sorry, I mean God's County!) we can't get rid of him that easily. Nor will it mean that anyone from this Club will be required to transfer to the new Club – though for a Christian Ronaldo type fee, the writer might be persuaded!!

Given Geoff's experience both in the UK and here in Majorca of administering a successful Rotary Club International he was an obvious candidate for the job of helping to set up a new English-speaking Club on the Island. And he has enlisted John Legate, Peter de Pradine, Frank Garrelts and Mike Knight to help. So, what do they all have to do, you ask.

Well, I can tell you (because Rotary International have a comprehensive booklet on the subject of starting a new Club), there are 9 steps:

1. Identify a Locality for the New Club – this has already been done – the NE of the island.
2. Get organised – this is where we are at, Rotary Club Calvia International will sponsor the new Club by providing the practical advice and support which can lead to the setting up of the new Club – Geoff and the Group think this will take up to 2 years.
3. Make a Communication Plan – this involves identifying prospective Rotarians, tailoring the message to the audience etc.
4. Hold informal/informational meetings- this will need us to plan agendas, so that we are providing information and discussion on those things which the prospective members are concerned about or interested in.
5. Recruit Charter Members – obviously, we will sign up attend-



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ees at the above meetings and look further afield – any leads members of Rotary Club Calvia International might have would be greatly welcomed.

6. Hold organizational meetings – with prospective members to determine Name, venue, day of meeting, choose Officers, etc.
7. Submit the New Club Application – to District and International
8. Celebrate the Charter and Publicise the Club.
9. Continue Developing the New Club.

We are now approaching Stage 3 above. We will be developing a Communication Plan and if anyone knows of any possible/likely Rotarian, based in the NE of the Island – Manacor onwards, let us have their name and contact details so that we can get in touch. Ideally, we need 20-30 prospective members, so personal contacts really matter.

We will also be inviting prospective members of the new Club to our Meetings so that they can get a feel for Rotary and the fellowship it brings.

If anyone wishes to join us in assisting in this task, please let us know , though unashamedly we will get in touch with you if we need your help!

We will keep you all in touch with progress. Any questions or comments, please contact Geoff, John or Mike.

byline: Mike Knight 22-Aug-2018



A busy year ahead 2018 - 2019

Summer is our club's busiest time for visitors coming to Monday club meetings at the Hotel Bendinat. It is also the time when the club is planning its high-profile events – a walk in aid of charity and the Inter Schools debating competition.

This year the walk will be taking place on 7th October at Finca Galatzo near Capdella, and afterwards, there will be food and a BBQ for all those taking part



at Sa Vinya Restaurant in the village. The cost will be 10 Euros, (whether or not you go for the food afterwards, or skip the walk and go to eat!). For those who needing something more energetic than a comfortable stroll there are more challenging routes, and for the indefatigable, there's a Mountain Bike trail.

Finca Galatzo and its estate is a historic site in Calvia and Calvia Council, having acquired it some years ago, are gradually restoring both the house and the estate. Well worth a visit and especially one as an organised group.

The Charity benefiting from the money raised will be going to ASDICA a Calvia based Association which

helps the physically and mentally challenged and their families. They organise treatment for individuals, opportunities for working in groups to help develop social and communication skills as well as the use of Social Media. These activities provide respite time for the families too. So all in all, a well deserving cause and the possibility of a good day out in October.

The other major event is the Inter-School Debating Competition, which the Club has organised for each of the last two years. Last year there were 6 Schools involved, and this year the number may increase to 8. A team of 3 from each school debate against each other, one side arguing for the motion and the other against it. There are three independent Judges. The winning team is the one with the best intellectual content and presentation skills.

Motions are broad and cover topics like euthanasia, the environment and voting age. The finals to determine the top 4 places take place in February/March. Sponsored by Calvia Town Hall and Palma Pictures, the competition takes a deal of organising. Drawing up a timetable, making sure that Judges are available and, importantly, thinking up the topics for debate.

President Nidya and her colleagues at Rotary Club Calvia International have a busy schedule for the next year.





White Dinner Event Palma Nova



A few impressions of the White Dinner at Il Chiringo, Palmanova, organised by Rotary Junipero Serra. If I tell you that 80 had been registered and 140 attended, you can imagine the catering problem.

However, everybody was really nice and we had fun and our Rotarian friends appreciated the presence of the 10 representatives of RC Calvia





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The Handisport Foundation **was founded by Rafa Winckelmann in 2006** who, as a result of an accident 20 years ago, suffered a spinal cord injury at the level of C4 and C5 vertebrae, causing incomplete quadriplegia which made it necessary for him to use a wheelchair.

A great lover of sports and outdoor activities, he discovered the possibility of practicing sports again thanks to a friend, also a user of a wheelchair, who encouraged him to try and practice adaptive diving with him. As he saw all the possibilities for people with disabilities to practice sports, he started to investigate, train and study all the adapted activities which were available at the time which led him to want to show others all the different possibilities to help people in a similar situation.

In short, over the past 11 years we have worked in favor of the inclusion of people with disabilities in society through sports and leisure, providing physical and psychological rehabilitation through a new relationship with nature and the environment. ☑

We have launched eight sports activities totally adapted for people with physical, mental and / or sensory disabilities such as: Blokart, Sailing, Kayak, Scuba diving, Water skiing, Hiking and Golfing.



The main objective of Handisport is to focus on the specific skills and abilities of people.

Therefore, all our activities are designed to be practiced individually, within a group of users, or with friends or relatives, regardless of whether they have disabilities or not. The objective is real social integration.



Some of the facilities we can offer our users are:

- ☑ Activities within 25 km, in an accessible environment.
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- ☑ Specialized and experienced instructors, which fully guarantee both quality and safety to users.

Promoting integration and "Yes, I can!"

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- ☑ Fully accessible facilities.
- ☑ Trust and confidence with over 10,000 services given to people from different countries.

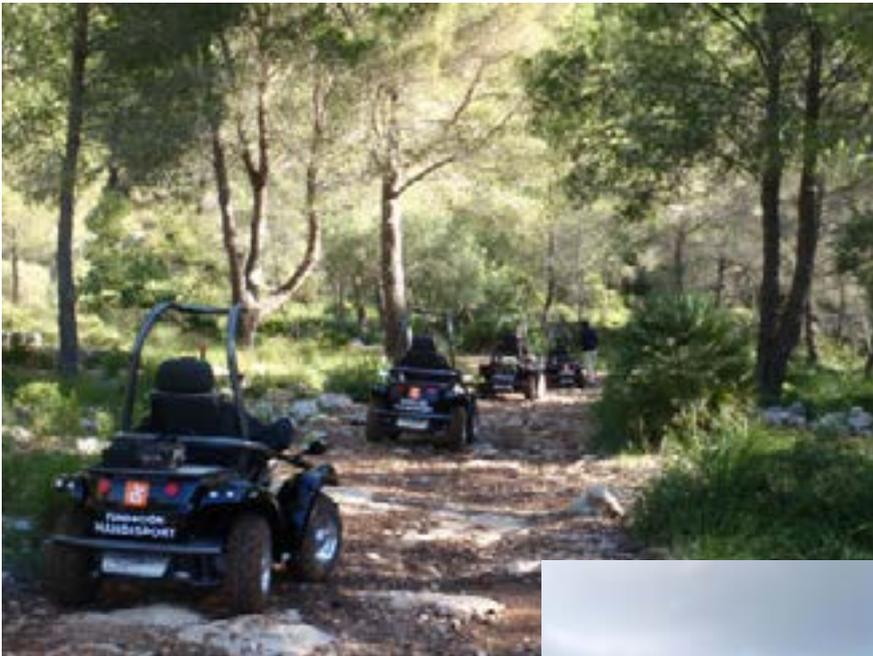
Until recently, it was unthinkable that a person with reduced mobility could dive in the sea or

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Or the visit of Queen Letizia in 2011, but our best prize is the recognition of all the users we have every year and enjoy their abilities with us.

If you like to join us, please contact at info@handisport-mallorca.org we are waiting for you!



stroll through the Sierra de Tramuntana, declared a Heritage Site by UNESCO, this being quite a unique experience.

We have had the recognition of many public and private companies such as:

2016- Prize Tourism, by Balearic Government





At our Meeting on 23 July, our Sergeant at Arms, Geoff Moore reminded us that the President of Rotary International, Barry Rassin, had asked all members, worldwide, to Be the Inspiration, in Rotary. He went on to challenge all present to come back to the

Meeting on 30 July to tell everyone how they intended to Be the Inspiration. And so, the 30 July Meeting came to pass. And what happened? Well, we had a very very good session.

First of all, Geoff Moore went first – on the basis that he had to do what he'd asked others to do. He related the District Governor's request to him to help from another English-speaking Club in the North of the island. In saying yes, he had been inspired by the actions (and now the memory) of Peter Nichols who had fought long and hard to form Rotary Club Calvia International as the first English speaking Club in Spain. He hoped his work in setting up this new Club (for which Volunteers gratefully accepted) would be inspirational, or at least encourage others to engage more with Rotary Club Calvia International.

Other members followed, Mike was reminded of an appraisal, early in his public service career when they suggested he became an Exemplar – having to look it up - it meant "A person, or thing, serving as a typical example or appropriate model". He would ensure that he continued to take on ad-hoc tasks as well as work connected to the Walk and Debate events as well as attend Club events or support them financially. He hoped others would follow this example.

Christina and Sue had similar messages for us. Christina was keen on promoting Rotary to Business on the island by asking them to "Help us (Financially or Practically) to Help Others" Sue suggested we could

invite those businesses we came into contact regularly – Doctors, Dentists, Accountants etc., all of whom operated appointment systems to join the Centimo 50.

Challenge whereby they gave Centimo 50 for every one of their appointments to Charity [there may even be Tax relief possibilities]. In this way, the scope for increased Charity Funds could provide increased opportunity for us to help and serve others.

Kathy was inspired to increase the membership by seeking to introduce a small number of individuals who she believed would be able to make a positive contribution to the Club's work and activities. Gerdi meanwhile felt that every Club Member had the opportunity to Be the Inspiration by involving themselves directly in the Club's activities, bringing their personality, experience or profession to bear on the outcomes.

Kate reflected that Inspiration was a quality of leadership and that the President, Board and Committees had to understand their role in inspiring all of the members. Peter, took that up and his message was that Inspiration was in direct proportion to interest.

Peter and Kate remarked on the frank views expressed, reflecting how far the Club had come in the last few years. As an entity, the Club was becoming a team with its diverse membership communicating, not just upwards but with each other.

Well done Geoff for your spur of the moment decision on 23 July to challenge us all. It produced a lively and positive response, and by consensus, you were very much 'being the Inspiration'.

Thank you. We can certainly all build on and develop what we heard. (byline Mike Knight 24-Aug-2018)

Rotary World Convention

Toronto 2018

Rotarian Werner Meyer from RC Uelzen, Germany, spoke of his trip to Canada at a meeting of RC Calvia International on 23 July 2018. Here is a transcript of his very interesting talk:

Dear friends, I want to tell you a little bit about the Rotary World Convention in Toronto this year at the end of June. In advance, my wife and I toured Canada by car : Niagara Falls , Algonquin Park ,Ottawa ,Quebec ,Montreal and Kingston before visiting the convention in Toronto.

In Ottawa we were enthusiastic about the parliament buildings in Tudor style.

Here we participated in a debate in the House of Commons which was very lively hold in English and French. Unfortunately, Prime Minister Trudeau was not present but otherwise the meeting was completely filled with MPs.(members of Parliament).

After a 2500 km long trip in Canada we drove back to Toronto. Finally, I attended the rotary convention. It was one of my dreams coming through visiting once in my life a World Convention, to meet so many Rotarians from about 160 nations , to talk to other people, to make new friends, listening to very interesting reports, to go to the House of Friendship where you can visit a huge number of fellowships - did you ever hear from a Wine or Whisky fellowship? Rotary Fellowships are international groups that share a common passion.



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- All sessions, welcome and closing events, House of friendship and all traffic facilities. All other events cost extra money as well as visiting the local clubs.
- I participated in an event speaking on indigenous people.
- All speakers from different countries had worked successfully for many years to improve the living conditions of indigenous people.
- In the evening we had dinner at a very elite local Rotary Club in the Financial District.
- In this 5story noble house (1874), Rotary meetings were held on each floor.
- We enjoyed a four-course meal with musical accompaniment and North American Indian dances.

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Rotary World Convention Toronto 2018

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At the Rotary Fest in the open air there were about 2,000 to 3,000 participants who made for a good and relaxed atmosphere. We enjoyed rustic food and drinks and country music sitting at a table with people from Canada, Missouri, Pennsylvania and Germany, talking and laughing.

On the last day we took part in a session in Air Canada Park with about 5000 spectators.

Here was great enthusiasm among the speakers. A young African American from Chicago talked about equal rights. A girl with Yale graduation talked about problems in the environment. She visited Venice and decided to commit to problems in the environment.

A young black girl from Rwanda has witnessed the genocide of a section of her own family. She still suffers from the trauma today. She has been lucky enough to have a family who immigrated to Canada. Today she is married and works as a peace ambassador for Rotary.

The World President and former Prime Minister of New Zealand took part in a panel discussion. The theme was women in leadership positions and equal rights. The world Rotary President reports on Rotary's huge financial success with a large



donation of \$ 320 million worldwide in 2017/18. To conclude, Prime Minister Trudeau appeared and made a brief statement in English and French - he is an excellent speaker - and honoured the honorary post of Rotarians in Canada. Everybody was deeply impressed by all the speakers and the worldwide success of Rotary.

Anke and I would be very glad to meet you next year (1.-5.June 2019) in Hamburg. I am sure our Rotarian friends in Hamburg will prepare a big party for all of us.

Werner Meyer

Werner's talk was interesting and informative and gave some insights to the worthwhile content of the Convention, coupled with the varied social activities that accompany it.

As next years' Convention is on our doorstep let us think about Rotary Club Calvia International making a real effort to attend in numbers.

There are already details of the event available on the Rotary Club International web-site ri-convention.org.



Dates for Your Diary

7.10.18 Annual Walk – The Galatzo Challenge -New venue, New format – in Finca Galatzo followed by Barbecue and Family Fun Afternoon in Restaurante Sa Vinya in Es Capdella village.

7.11.18 JAZZ NIGHT, Hotel Saratoga, Palma.

18.1.19 Rotary Club Uelsen – Coevorden Music Night. Weekend International Visit.

16.5.19 – 19.5.19 District 2203 Conference, Marbella.

1.6.19 - 5.6.19 Rotary International International Convention, Hamburg, Germany.



RC Calvía International

Regular Info

Our club meets every Monday at 13.30h for 14.00h at **Hotel Bendinat**

VISITORS are always welcome especially visiting Rotarians and their families.

Please contact us at either of the email addresses below if you would like to attend a meeting. We ask to be advised at least 24 hours beforehand so that the dining arrangements can be confirmed with the hotel. Thank you.

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