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Schools' Debates Competition 2018

The Inter School Debating Competition which Rotary Club Calvia International

organised reached the Finals last month. At an event sponsored by Palma Pictures and the Town Hall, the four Teams, from The Academy, Agora, Bellver and Queens schools came together to compete for the honours.



In front of an audience of Teachers, Parents, invited guests and some Rotarians, the four schools' Teams of three presented their arguments and assertions, some based on facts and statistics, others less soundly based!

But the content and level of debate was high and showed the amount of research and preparation every team member had put into the debate. From the start the Judges, Lucy Gorman British Vice Consul, Jason Moore, Editor of the Daily Bulletin and Dolina Reynolds, Ajuntament, Calvia, knew they had some hard work ahead.

The Academy and Agora, started off the proceedings with the Motion 'The #Me Too movement has done more for diversity and equality than anything else in the last 50 years. Both sides were serious in their approach and presented lots of facts and information. For example, the #Me Too movement has spawned a number of other movements which are helping people report or come to terms with abusive or inappropriate behaviour; Nelson Mandela had, arguably, had the greatest impact on the subject by his dismantling of the Apartheid system in South Africa.

Bellver and Queens then went head to head debating 'Teenagers are not sufficiently experienced to contribute to

the democratic process'. Lots of conflicting statistics presented here to show that Teenagers were/were not interested and informed about politics and issues that affect their lives. Also, that the 'democratic process' was more than simply voting in National and Local elections.

In the event the Best Debaters, who were awarded Certificates, were Anna Murrell from the Academy and Erik Nusser from Queens.

The overall winners were Queens, who received their Prize from Paul Abrey of Palma Pictures, Second was Bellver, who received their Prize from Eva Serra, Deputy Mayor of Calvia, Third was Agora who received their Prize from our President Saskia Porta and Fourth was The Academy who received their Prize from Dolina Reynolds.

All of the pupils who took part in the Competition received a souvenir Rotary International key ring.

After the Presentation Ajuntament, Calvia, hosted a Reception



for everyone present. That was a good way to round off a very interesting and thought-provoking evening.

Our thanks go to all the Schools who participated, the Judges for their time and efforts (not just in the Finals but throughout the competition) and

especially the Sponsors. We look forward to next year - we already have interest from another school who wishes to take part as do all of those who took part this year.

And the Winners **Were**



Overall Winners:

Queens College



Best Debaters were:

Anna Murrell from the Academy and Erik Nusser from Queens

From Our President

Dear members and friends of our Rotary Club Calvià International, this month I would like to start my monthly letter to you just with a big thank you note.

We are all involved with Rotary and proud to be a member or friend of this huge and worldwide family. Nevertheless we should never forget that every single one of us is sacrificing one's free time to help people in need within the Balearics, Spain or worldwide.

This is nothing which should be taken as granted. Every one of us is making a huge effort to keep our club running, and therefore every single one of you deserves a huge thank you, so: Thank you!

For this month I would have two wishes:

One is that we all thank each other more often. So just once a month, think of someone who had a great or innovative idea, took over a task nobody else wanted to do or just spent a lot of time on voluntary work. So just grab your phone and call someone, write a short WhatsApp or e-mail and say: "Thank you!"

This year our Rotary motto is "Making a difference". A little "thank you" once in a while can actually make a huge difference, and it doesn't mean at all that we should just scratch each other's backs, it just means that within one minute you can make one person involved with our club just feel good, motivate him or

her a lot and make sure his or her efforts are noticed. Thank you for that!

My second wish is something I already mentioned at one of our last meetings: I would wish that we would support more own projects. This means, instead of raising funds on behalf of other charities or instead

of just redistributing our own funds to other associations, I would wish that we would find more beneficiaries where our funds could go directly, and not through any other organization.

We actually have our own Rotary Foundation, we are ourselves a charity organization, so why not finding own projects or beneficiaries we could support. This way we could be very much more involved, nearer to people in need and do a great follow-up like inviting people who received funds to our meetings, have our logo on so much more merchandizing and spread the name of Rotary much better. We also at any time would know exactly what our funds were used for and see the smile on the faces of the specific individuals we supported.

This doesn't mean, of course, that we shouldn't support other Majorcan associations anymore, but I would wish that once in a while we would support individuals and fulfil some wishes through our own club or through our own foundation.

Thank you all and have a very nice March,

Saskia



Just to Say **From Jan**

Beach Clean



The beach clean in collaboration with Asociacion Ondine (including Dos Manos) which RC Calvía International is making one of their 'happenings' will be at **11.00 at Santa Ponsa on Sunday March 28th.**

It is hoped that as many of our members, friends and families, will come along - armed with gloves and bags - and make a good visible Rotary showing!

The most devoted group ever!

These amazing students from Son Rullan insisted on conducting a beach clean up as part of their Dos Manos Schools Programme despite of yesterdays bad weather, and they did it with big smiles and loads of positive energy throughout the whole wet morning! What an inspirational group!

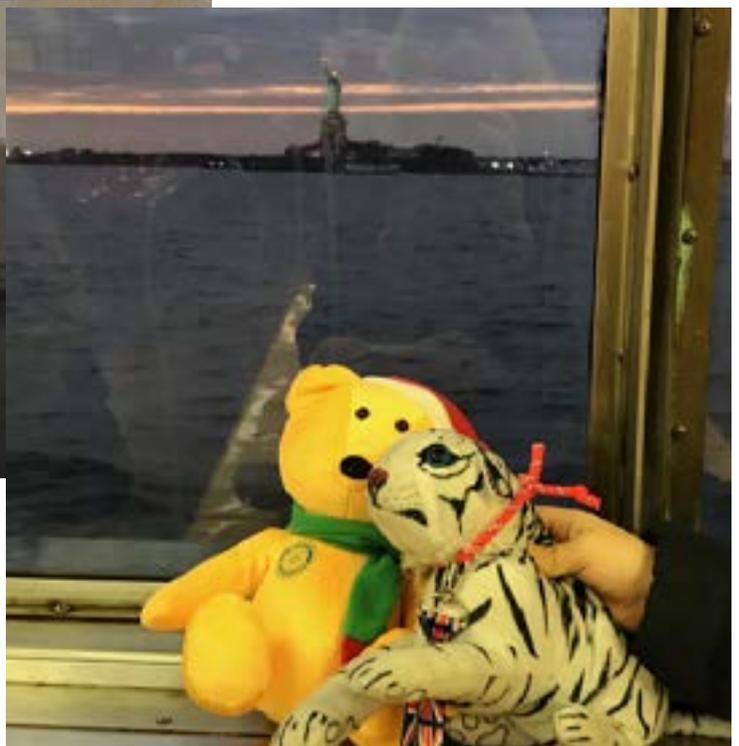


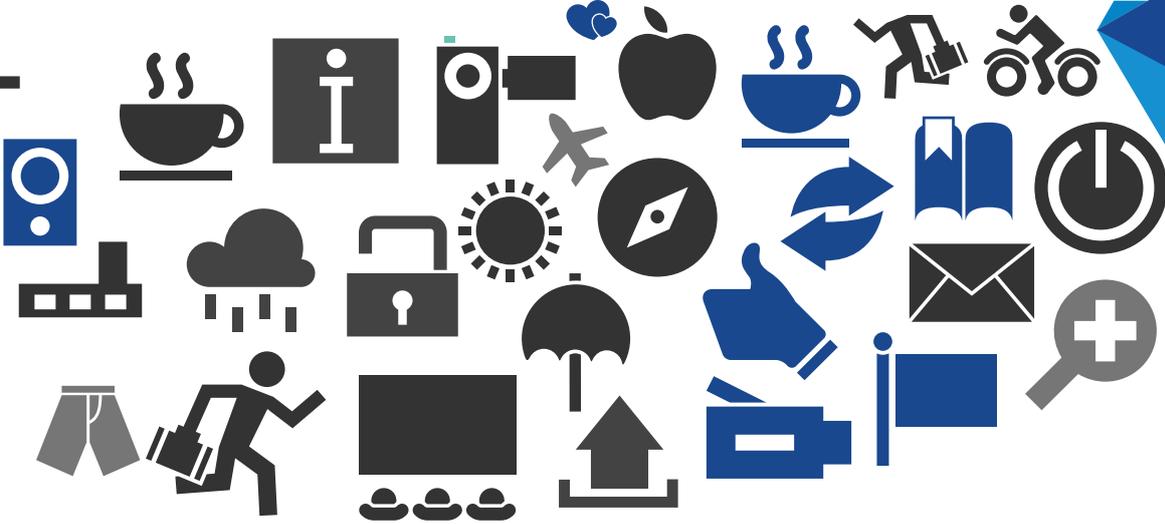
Ted's Travels



Still in a Christmas mood, Ted's been across the 'pond'.

Anybody want to guess where?





District **Assembly 2018**

From February 23 and during the weekend, the city of Palma welcomed more than 250 representatives of the Rotary clubs of Andalusia, Murcia, Valencia, Ceuta, Melilla, and the Balearic Islands.

It was the XIth Assembly of the District 2203 celebrated in Mallorca, at the request of the new governor 2018-19 **Jesús Martínez**, Rotarian of the Club Palma Almudaina.

From February 22 to 25, future presidents and secretaries of 75 clubs received the update and training for the performance of their duties. At the same time, were reviewed the social needs in Spain and by extension in the world. Especially emphasizing the five segments that are priorities for the International Rotary Club.



Saskia with the President of RC Marbella



Good company and a pleasant lunch and Ted came too!

Help **Needed**

Filling a monthly newsletter with interesting material is not a simple task. Peter de Pradines, the editor, needs your help – and, even better, your contributions.

“To my knowledge none of us are journalists so not to worry if you feel you cannot write a story. If English is not your first language please do let this hold you back. I will happily edit anything significant although I always try to maintain, as much as possible, the writer’s original style. Everybody can write a couple of interesting paragraphs - and that’s all that’s wanted - plus some happy-snap photos off your mobile too, please!” Send to: peterdep@gmail.com Thank you



Dates for Your Diary

18.03.2018 - Beach Clean Fundación Ondine – 11.00h at Santa Ponsa

24.05.2018 – 27.05.18 District Conference in Ceuta

30.05.2018 – Club Jazz Night – Hotel Saratoga - details to follow



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 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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