

NEWSLETTER



RC Calvia International

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Big Welcome to our very First Associate Member Lorraine Wilsdon

New Associate MEMBERS

At our meeting on the 22nd of January PP John as Chairman of our Membership Committee with PP Kate welcomed Lorraine Wilsdon as our first Associate.

Lorraine, wife of Eric a member of RC Wetherby Wharfedale, was presented with her pin which John had borrowed from his former Club!

As there are many more applications in the pipeline Geoff has ordered a significant quantity from our suppliers.

Associate status is available to Rotarians from other Clubs as well non-Rotarians and interested parties should contact John at jvlspain@gmail.com



Kate Mentink, Lorraine Wilsdon and John Legate

Since we launched the New Scheme last month eight people have told me that they wish to become an Associate of our Club.

They are:

- ❖ Lorraine Wilsdon
- ❖ Helmut Baur
- ❖ Stuart Cooper
- ❖ Wolfram Funk
- ❖ Frank Garrelts
- ❖ Ragnar Hagen,
- ❖ Jane Kampf
- ❖ Werner Burkart.

Help Needed

Filling a monthly newsletter with interesting material is not a simple task. 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. Everybody can .

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.

Please have a go, we need all the interesting content we can get.



Editor: Peter de Pradines

From President Saskia

Dear members and friends of our Rotary Club of Calvià International:

Winter is ending, the last month of stormy and cold weather just began, so we are all enjoying the blossoms of our almond trees here in Mallorca.



As beautiful as the almond blossoms should and will be our Rotary fellowship of this month.

On February 21st we are all invited to the Schools Debating Competition Final at Sala Palma Nova in the early evening. I pretty much hope you will all be able to come along in order to support the students and also to just have a good time.



On the 23rd and 24th of February there will take place the annual District Assembly, and this time in Palma. Our next Governor, as you might know, will be Jesús from RC Palma Almudaina. We are all very proud that someone of our beautiful island will be in charge of our District next year. Therefore, I hope that you all will be able to support him by joining some of the activities planned.

If you have any great ideas about other charity or fellowship activities during this coming month, just let me know.

Have a very nice February, Saskia

New Members PROFILE

Dear friends,

Ulla and I are new members of the Rotary Club Calvià International and want to introduce ourselves in a few words:

We used to live near to Düsseldorf, Germany, when we still were in business, but since 2007 we live in Mallorca and every year seems to be better than the years before.

We are happy to have joined the Rotary Club Calvià International, because we meet so many nice and interesting people from almost all over the world and want to be involved in social programs and to help other people.

Ulla: I was born 13.05.1946 in Alsfeld, Germany.

My profession was a merchant but now I am retired. I am married for the second time with Ralf for 25 years. From my first husband I have a boy and he was 50 years on the 16th of January – *(but that's a big secret! - Editor.)*

Ralf: I was born 22.07.1948 in Wiesbaden in Germany.

My profession was a civil engineer and retired 31.12.2006. I am married with Ulla for the second time for 25 years and I have two children with my first wife. One girl and one boy and until now we have two granddaughters and two grandsons.



Ralf and Ulla Jansen

Ted's Travels

" I went tree planting with the President at Galatzo, have received a nice welcome in Paris Chateau de Versailles, have also been to Germany visiting the Rotary club Munich Residence. I am now on my way to Texas USA with Jim Aneff.

I have become the mascot of two restaurants in Palma who love to tell their clients about my travels and what I'm trying to do for those less fortunate than ourselves.

Now I am waiting to get my new outfit, so I can take off my Christmas hat. All the best for now, TED xxx "



School's Debates – Hotting Up !

In 2016 the President at the time, Kate Mentink, was asked by various schools if it would be possible for the Rotary Club of Calvia to re-start the Inter School Debates Competition.

Of course, the answer was yes, and over the winter 2016/2017 the first Competition was held between the Academy, BIC and Queens College.

This winter 2017/2018, the Club is delighted that 6 schools are participating, this year also including Agora, Bellver and San Cayetano. The competition is intense, the preparation by the students is excellent, and the level of Debate is extremely high.

Rotarians Mike Knight and Kate Mentink have dedicated a great deal of time and effort to the project, but both are very pleased with the result. However, our volunteer Jury members deserve special praise, dedicating a full morning from their busy schedules.

Thank you to:

- Paul Abrey
- Pat Bullock

- Jan Edwards
- Graham Whitmore
- Kathy Simmonds
- Julie Brogan
- Oliver Neilson
- Sue Worthington
- John Legate
- Shirley Roberts
- John Lambourne
- Jan Siegl
- Kay Halley.

The Semi-Finals and Finals will be held on Wednesday 21st February at the Sala Palma Nova (beside the Palma Nova Post Office). Doors open at 17.00, the first Debate starts promptly at 17.30. The Finals will finish at 19.30, followed by the prize-giving and refreshments and an aperitif.

Our Club wishes to thank our sponsors for this event:

- The Town Hall of Calvia
- Palma Pictures.

Please join us for a really interesting and enjoyable couple of hours at the Sala Palma Nova. You are all most welcome. There is no charge of any kind. Please just confirm to:

mike@mbknight.co.uk



“a competition designed to encourage the learning and development of research, team working and presentation skills”

The Return of INGVAR



Re-Induction

Ingvar Bedrot was a member of RC Calvià International in the summer of 2007. He left on his return to his homeland of Sweden.

Later when he came back to Mallorca this autumn, his wife, which he was married to for almost forty years, was diagnosed with cancer, and following years were focused on her care. Eventually she passed away in 2010.

After that he thought many times to ask to rejoin the Rotary, but other things came between; time flew by.

But now, he is very happy to be accepted again as a member, and hopes to be a member for a long period, trying to serve as best he can.

Planting at Finca Galatzo

Finca Galatzo is a large estate in Calvia which was bought by the Ayuntamiento de Calvia some years ago.

The Finca, its out buildings and the extensive estate are slowly being restored by the Ayuntamiento. As part of the restoration program, work is in hand to plant thousands of indigenous trees and shrubs to restore the woodland to its former glory.

The Rotary Club of Palma Almundaina (under the banner of Rotary in Action) organised a "reforestation" event on Saturday 27 January, as part of the restoration program, with the Conselleria d'Agricultura.

An invitation to help was extended to all other Rotary Clubs on the Island and as Rotary Club Calvia International is proposing to use Finca Galatzo for a major event later in the year it was appropriate that we responded positively. We met at 11-30 a.m. There were about 35 people of all ages).

We walked from the car park through the estate to the planting site, about 15 minutes, and were then instructed in how

(properly) to dig a hole and plant the holm oak seedlings we were responsible for by the experts from Xraxa Forestal.

Altogether about 150 seedlings were planted. Apparently, a lot of the seedlings don't survive, but proper preparation of the ground and planting is important we were told. Hence the instruction. Also, it is necessary to plant far more than needed to improve the chances of re-forestation in the medium term.

After two hours hard work by everyone, the party returned to the Car Park for a picnic. The weather was dry and cool and with rain forecast for the afternoon so ideal conditions for the hard work of planting and for watering the seedlings in, but not ideal conditions for a picnic.

So, I left the party in the Car Park having enjoyed the mornings work and with a feeling of a job well done. Come October, when RC Calvia International holds its event there I will return to see how the seedlings I planted have fared.

Mike Knight



The experts arrive with the tools



One of the seedlings we planted



President of RC Palma Almundaina

Cross of Merit Dr. Helmut Baur

We would like to record our warmest congratulations to Helmut Baur, a regular visitor to our Club, on his award of Germany's highest honour.

The Cross of Merit First Class was awarded to Helmut in December by the President of Germany H.E.Steinmeier for his contribution to International understanding, species protection and the promotion of sports and education in German Universities.

We are delighted this honour has been bestowed on Helmut and equally delighted he has joined the growing list of people wishing to become an Associate of RC Calvia International.

The award reads:

Over the past years, you have been a dedicated advocate for the concerns of your fellow citizens in many different ways, making an outstanding contribution to public welfare. I therefore proposed you to the Federal President of Germany as a candidate for the Order of Merit of the Federal Republic of Germany in order to express its gratitude for your outstanding commitment.



I am very glad to be able to inform you today that the Federal President of Germany has conferred to you the Officer's Cross of the Order of Merit of the Federal Republic of Germany.

This is a deserved recognition of your outstanding service to the German public good. I would like to congratulate you on this great distinction and at the same time thank you for your extraordinary service to our country and its people.

Visits to OTHER CLUBS

My visit to the Rotary Club Vienna International – Gerdi Edtstadtler



During my last stay in Vienna, I took the chance to attend the meeting of the Rotary Club Vienna International on Monday, January 29, 2018, at the famous Hotel Sacher in the very heart of Vienna.

Although I had just gone through a bad influenza and had hardly recovered, I did my best to achieve a healthy-looking make-up so that nobody would step back when seeing me.

To all who have never been to the Hotel Sacher (most probably most of you – I myself as a Viennese had been there only once in my life for a coffee): This is a really incredibly beautiful place! Just everything you look at is about the most beautiful and

elegant sort of thing, being the chairs, sofas, chandeliers, paintings, flower arrangements etc. Not to mention the stylish staff and its exquisite politeness.

Visits to OTHER CLUBS (continued)

The meeting was scheduled for 13:00 hrs. It is always held in the Grüne Salon (Green Saloon), an elegant and at the same time very cosy room with green silken walls covered with valuable paintings and centrally lit by the first electrical crystal chandelier in Vienna, produced by a renowned producer of crystal chandeliers for the Emperor's Court. All tables were set as if we had been heading a real gala dinner the normal Sacher style.

From a quarter to one on, people came dropping in and I took the first chance to address a gentleman who turned out to be the former President. So, I had found at least a competent person to explain my visit and to present myself and my husband.

The meeting started at almost quarter past one, with more people coming in even later than that (Viennese nonchalance). I was waiting for the President to start officially (looking around for a person wearing that beautiful Rotary sash, but without success). In the end, a nice and handsome middle-aged gentleman got up: Dr. Hannes Gruber, the President, greeted everybody and almost immediately presented me. We exchanged banners and the Secretary took some pictures. Shortly after, the soup was served (for those who had ordered it).

Talking about meals: I must explain that everything was quite different to our club. At arrival and before entering the Green Saloon, two nice young ladies of the Hotel presented a beautifully designed printed menu card, explaining that one could have either the full menu (soup, fish or meat as main course and dessert) or just soup or just fish or just dessert or any other combination of these, paying just what you ordered, but directly to these ladies, not to any Rotary member. I opted for fish, my husband for meat, nothing else.

The second thing that surprised us was that on these beautifully set tables we only saw water as a drink (in beautiful glass carafes with quite a big mineral stone in each of them). Used to the Spanish way of living, we decided to ask for a glass of wine. I guess we were the only ones... hopefully they did not take us for drunkards.... While we were sipping the excellent wine, many had already arrived at their Sacher Torte, but without any coffee served nor offered.

After lunch, we got an interesting presentation on a huge screen set up at the end of the room. It started with a movie about the production of the Sacher Torte (still all done manually, really) and then, an employee explained a bit of the history of the Hotel Sacher. I learned that first, there was the Sacher Torte and only then, the hotel.

Franz Sacher was employed as a pastry apprentice working under the private pastry chef for Chancellor Metternich. At the age of 16, when one day the chef was ill, he was asked to produce a "really nice dessert", and voilà – the Sacher Torte was born.

It was only one of his sons, Eduard Sacher, who worked at the famous Royal Pastry Demel (still existing today), who in 1876 founded the Hotel Sacher.

Nowadays, the hotel is still privately owned (according to the management, the only luxury hotel in the world which is privately owned) by the families Gürtler and Winkler. And for those who want to spend a night there, here is the price frame: from 440.- Euros up to 7,000 Euros per night.

After some more nice small talk and last good-byes, we stepped out again into sunny city centre of Vienna... myself with my first prey – the red-white-red banner of the Rotary Club Vienna International.

Rotary Music Night in Uelsen, Germany

In January of 2018 we attended the 10th annual Music Night of RC Uelsen-Coevorden (Dutch-German cross-border club).



Thanks to Rafael Barea, head of Ágora Portals International School and member of RC Palma Almudaina, and his colleague David León, we had the great pleasure to take 23 Majorcan students aged between nine and 16 and two of their teachers, Frédérique and Adriana, with us. Between the students there were five playing different instruments (transverse flute, cello, piano and two violins) and 18 members of the school choir.

Due to heavy storms in Germany the students and their teachers arrived very late on Thursday, January 18th. Our friends from RC Uelsen-Coevorden were very well prepared, so they received them with a warm dinner at the youth hostel of Uelsen. The youth hostel is actually closed in wintertime, but thanks to the RC Uelsen-Coevorden and the town hall of Uelsen it was made possible that it opened its doors just for our Majorcan Ágora Portals students. The members of RC Uelsen-Coevorden prepared all breakfasts, lunches and dinners for them and put together a very joyful and fun programme for their stay.

On Friday, January 19th, the students were taken to an amusement zoo before they could practice in the bank where they had their performance in the evening. The Music Night itself was very well attended and over 350 musicians played on 30 different stages, amongst them our Majorcan students! They performed very well, and it was a pleasure to listen to them. We were all very proud. Their repertoire was very wide, there was classical music but also fun songs. They were accompanied by their teachers, choirmaster Frédérique and piano player Adriana. After a lot of applause, we had some pizza and then explored the village of Uelsen and listened to some of the other musicians playing.

On Saturday, January 20th, we took the students to an old farm of the Bronze Age where they helped our RC Calvià International and the RC Uelsen-Coevorden to plant some friendship trees. The students hung some of their wishes in written form into the trees which hopefully will all become true. They even learned some Dutch and German as they insisted on writing them in several languages. Afterwards we had a campfire, prepared our own bread on sticks which we baked in the fire, sung some songs and had a hot soup.

This was followed by a very typical tradition called: "Kloatscheeten".

It is a game which was invented long time ago when the eldest sons of the farmers of that area who were supposed to take over the farm were sent away to learn the business at another farm. For Christmas they were allowed to come home, and as it was usually a long way they all met in order to walk together and they played "Kloatscheeten" on their way to kill time.



It is a game which is played in several groups, each one gets a kind of a disc (the so-called "Kloat") which needs to be rolled over the ground. The group which has rolled it widest after everyone got his or her turn wins. The students very much cheered their groups and had a great time. We also determined the king of the game which is done by some kind of bowling procedure and who usually needs to organize next years "Kloatscheeten". A young boy from Ágora won, so we can look forward to playing "Kloatscheeten" next year in Mallorca!

After a hot dinner the students were taken to a village closed by where they met Polish students and together with them they gave another concert in a sold-out church. The concert was fantastic and accompanied by much applause. The whole weekend there were Rotarians from all over the world around, even a delegate from Rotary International from the US was participating. Therefore, it was a perfect opportunity to meet open-minded, passionate and international Rotarians. It is truly overwhelming what Rotary can do.

The Ágora Portals students really are the most handsome children, they were all incredible, and we did not want them to leave on Sunday at all!

Many thanks to the members of RC Uelsen-Coevorden who really did an incredible job. They organized so much food, decorated the youth hostel, got transportation for free sponsored by the local transport company and took so much care of our students! In particular, many thanks to Claudia, Dita, Marja and Hans-Georg! Such wonderful, nice, well-organized and passionate people! Of course, also many thanks to all members of our club who accompanied me on this occasion, I hope you had a lot of fun!

I am very much looking forward to the next Music Night in 2019 and hope to see all people involved very soon again! Saskia.

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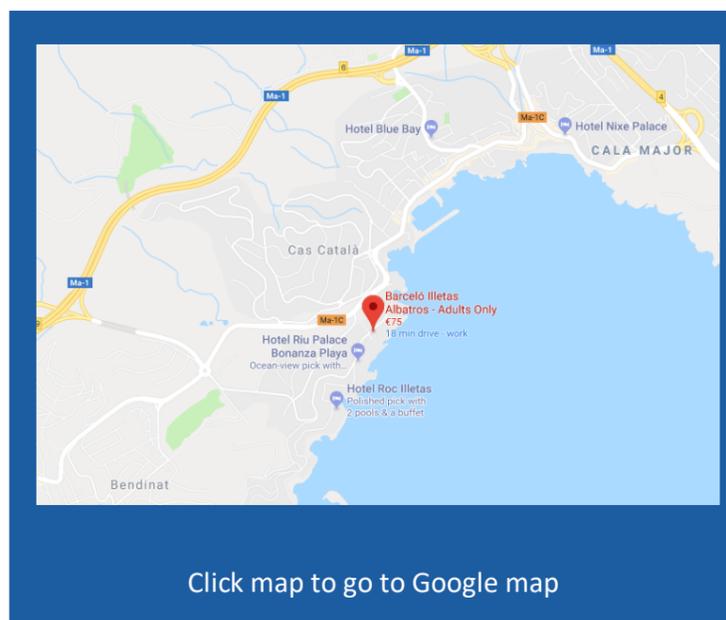
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Parking

Parking in Illetes is notoriously tricky. However, we are fortunate that there are three possible place to park.

1. Immediately adjacent to the left hotel is a fairly small public parking – free if you're lucky to find a space.
2. Opposite the hotel they have their own private park which is extensive but reception will make a small charge for its use.
3. Closer to the Illetes-Palma main road close to the petrol station there is a municipal car park which is free. Access to this is by walking through the Hotel Albatros private car park

RC Calvía International Regular Information

Our club meets every Monday at 13.30h for 14.00h at:

- ✓ Hotel Albatros in Illetas Jan & Feb 2018
- ✓ Hotel Bendinat for the summer 2018 (from Monday, March 5th)

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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*dates
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- ✓ 12.02.2018 - 12.00h RC Calvía International AGM
- ✓ 21.02.2018 - Debating Competition Final Sala Palma Nova
- ✓ 23.02.18 – 24.02.18 District Assembly and PETS Palma
- ✓ 18.03.2018 - Beach Clean Fundación Ondine– details to follow
- ✓ 24.05.2018 – 27.05.18 District Conference in Ceuta
- ✓ 30.05.2018 – Club Jazz Night – Hotel Saratoga