

Rotary



**Club Rotario de Boquete
Boquete, Chiriqui,
Panama
District 4240**



August 2022 Newsletter

What does the Club Rotario de Boquete Do?

Our club (chartered in 2005), is a mix of 44 Panamanians and expats of multiple nationalities. We meet for fellowship, stimulating speakers and project discussions every 2nd & 4th Thursday of the month and we welcome visitors. Our club projects are highly focused on education (scholarships, lending tablets to school age children, English in the Comarca, clean water access in schools), on health (spearheading a Rotary Global Grant for maternal and child welfare in the Comarca Ngäbe Buglé) and on the environment (planting trees, establishing recycling bins).

For more information about Rotary, contact Vernon Kruger, President at +507 6405 0295.

Upcoming Meetings and Events

August 22nd *Special Lunch Meeting – District 4240 Governor Tito Mancía**

Be sure to mark this special MONDAY meeting on your calendars to hear our District Governor address us on the 2022-2023 vision for Rotary! Lunch will be at The Rock and is from 11:30 – 1:00.

Sept 8th Lunch Meeting, Speaker Oscar & Megan Peña, “Connecting Across Cultures”

Rotary Meeting & Activities Recap

July 14th Speaker Ricardo Trivaldos, Rotary Youth Exchange in Panama



Ricardo Trivaldos is the Youth Exchange Chair for our Rotary District 4240 and has just begun the first Rotary Youth Exchange (RYE) in all 4 countries of our district. This first step has been for the Club Rotario de David to send out an outbound exchange student to Germany this year, and will grow this program in Panama. Thus far 6 clubs have joined the RYE National Association, with an association fee of \$350.

July 15th New Boquete Park Tree Planting

Club members joined with several friends of the park to assist Park Curator Adriane Comer in planting about 50 trees in the lower, rocky section of the park. Among the trees planted were several important native species including espaves, siguas, guabos, heamelias and mamacellias. Rotarians also donated money for the purchase of soil for this project.



August 11th Lunch Meeting Speaker Mauricio Cyjon, SEMM Ambulance Service

Mauricio Cyjon briefed our club on SEMM - a private, highly regarded, ambulance service in Panama for 27 years. Each ambulance is well equipped and has every crew consisting of an operator and a highly trained, English speaking, professional paramedic. SEMM is exploring the possibility of a Boquete location, and was very positively received by the Rotary Club.



Ongoing Rotary Project Updates

Manchichi Project – Rotary Global Grant

(The Manchichi Project is a Rotary Global Grant project, training mid-wives in the Comarca Ngäbe Buglé to address the high maternal & infant mortality rates.) In late June, Dr. Miriam Rittmeyer and her team provided phase II training to 29 midwives. In addition to delivering babies safely, training in the additional medical services (blood glucose levels for diabetics and hypertension detection to reduce strokes) provides a really great service. Thanks to our Jeff Flynn, Rotary project coordinator for Manchichi, along with member Dr. Rod Gottula, and our friend John Wiseman, Phalarope Chairman.



Casa Hogar Trisker Project

(Casa Hogar Trisker is a home for abandoned and abused children that our Rotary Club has been supporting in its various needs.) The purchase and installation of new commercial laundry machines was coordinated by Rotarian Tony Royle in July.

Bobi McGann Drinkable Water School Project

The urgent need for potable water at many schools in the Boquete area was brought to our attention and our Rotary Club has jumped right on to address this need. Rotarian Ginny Wooley updated the club at the June 9th meeting on the extraordinary success and quick work on this project - 674 students in 6 schools now have access to clean water, and we have 6 more schools to go.

Other Club Events

News From Club Rotaract de Boquete: (Rotaract is our sister club that is targeted for the under 30 crowd.) In late June, Rotaract members delivered dental kits to children in the Comarca, and were joined by several of our Rotarians. Lots of excited kids!



On July 2nd, 6 Club Rotario de Boquete members attended the **Club Rotario de David's induction ceremony (TOMA)** for the new Rotary Club President Ricardo Trivaldos and his incoming board. It was a lovely, more formal, event at the Hotel Ciudad de David. We all enjoyed great fellowship and discussed ways of doing more combined club interactions.



Past President John McGann,
District Governor Elect Nominee
Antonio Singh, &
President Vernon Kruger



Doug Avery, Dallas
Kruger, President
Vernon Kruger, &
Rotaract President Ana
Julia Ortega



The 2022-2023 Rotary Year Board for
the Club Rotario de David

Speaking of enjoying continuing club interactions, on August 13th many members of our Club Rotario de Boquete also attended the **Club Rotaract de Boquete induction (TOMA)** for incoming Rotaract Club President Ana Julia Ortega and the new board. The Rotaract Club presented a group of our club members with a certificate of appreciation for all their hands on assistance with the school water project.



What Is Rotary International?

Rotary International is a volunteer organization of business and professional leaders who provide humanitarian service, and help to build goodwill and peace in the world. There are about 1.4 million Rotary club members belonging to 47,000 Rotary clubs in over 200 countries. Founded in Chicago in 1905, Rotary has awarded more than US\$2.1 billion in grants, which are administered at the local level by Rotary clubs.

What is the purpose of Rotary?

Rotary clubs exist to improve communities through a range of humanitarian, intercultural and educational activities. Clubs advance international understanding by partnering with clubs in other countries. Rotary also encourages high ethical standards in all vocations.

What do Rotary clubs do?

Rotary clubs address critical issues at home and abroad by providing health care and medical supplies, clean water, disaster relief, environmental cleanup, food, job training, youth development, and education to millions of people in need.

Rotary Four-Way Test

Of the things we think, say, or do:

1. Is it the truth?
2. Is it fair to all concerned?
3. Will it build goodwill and better friendships?
4. Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

De lo que se piensa, sedice o se hace:

1. Es la verdad?
2. Es equitativo para todos los interesados?
3. Creará buena voluntad y mejores amistades?
4. Será beneficioso para todos los interesados?