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CHARITY GOLF DAY AT MONTE REI GOLF AND COUNTRY CLUB



Estoi Palace International Rotary Club held its 4th Annual Charity Golf day at Monte Rei Golf and Country Club on Sunday 28th August. 66 players played an individual 18 hole stableford with Monte Rei providing its usual excellent service to all the participants including practice facilities and breakfast prior to the start. During the round players were able to participate in the 'beat the pro' competition on the 9th, 6 players were delighted to achieve this feat,

After play a welcome drink supplied by our main sponsor 'About Wine' was followed by lunch at the bar restaurant overlooking the golf course. Golfers were then able to enjoy the 'Rory McIlroy washing machine challenge' on the lawns in front of the restaurant, congratulations to winner Brendan Kelly with a score of 15 points

Our prizes were provided by 'About Wine', a boutique wine shop in Faro, run by a young professional couple, Alexandra and Luis.

There was a silent auction with prizes including a week at Vale do Lobo, a Fine Dining voucher, Football memorabilia and a signed 18th hole flag by Tom Watson from his final open Championship appearance

Many happy golfers left at the end of the day and keen to participate again next year. Many thanks to Monte Rei Golf and Country Club for their superb professionalism in helping our Rotary Club deliver another very successful event, a big thank you to our sponsors Avalon and 'About Wine' who delivered such excellent prizes for the event and to those who supported us in other ways including Fine Dining. Congratulations to competition winners Brendan

Kelly and Zoe Pirrett and thanks to everyone who participated and contributed to enable us help the underprivileged in our community.



With the funds raised, around 6000 euros, we will be assisting amongst others Estoi Lar Community Centre, Refood, and supplying milk for the Faro Food Bank.



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SUMMER CAMP IN SAXONY FOR MARTA



Short term youth exchanges are an integral part of the RI programme and are a chance for students between 15 and 19 to experience the culture of another country alongside other like minded students.

Our selection process led us to choose Marta for her enthusiasm, level of English and family circumstances, to attend a summer camp in Paulsdorf at Lake Malter near Dresden sponsored by RC Freital in District 1880.

Marta and the other participants had the opportunity to take part in lots of sporting activities including archery, rafting, hiking, rock climbing and diving amongst others. The group also visited Meissen, Dresden, Frieberg and Saxon Switzerland. The group were received by RC Radebuel on a visit to that city. President Jim Ditheridge welcome Marta home from her trip and below are her own words:

I really loved this experience. At first I was scared because I had never traveled alone to another country but it was easy. They were all very friendly. Staff members were like our parents in these 12 days and I can only thank them for taking care of us. I made friends from different countries and hope one day to return them to do. Thanks to everyone that made this possible. I hope to return one day to have this kind of experience with the Rotary Club.

RCEPI will be looking to sponsor two students next year to give them an opportunity to broaden their horizons.



INDUCTION OF 2 NEW MEMBERS



On the 6th of September we were delighted to induct two new members into our Club.

Peter Zahner has transferred from RC Bonita Springs in Florida.

Antoine Barreta has joined us from RC Le Touquet in France.

As experienced Rotarians they are a welcome addition to our Club. Peter will be joining our Club Committee and Antoine Community Service.

Peter was born and educated in the eastern part of Switzerland. His father was a pioneer organic farmer.

After graduation as Mechanical Engineer he joined the defense branch of a Zurich based conglomerate. In the military he served in the Swiss Air Force and ended that career with the rank of a full Colonel.

In 1980 he became a Logistics Project Manager for Martin Marietta in Orlando and cofounded the European Branch of the Society of Logistics Engineers (SOLE). In 1991 he transitioned to the commercial sector becoming Director of Logistics in a large retail chain.

Following a diagnosis of skin cancer in the early 90s Peter realized there was a connection between sunscreen creams and the rise in the incidence of skin cancers. He set out to find a way of making a sunscreen without harmful chemical ingredients and UV filters. His laboratory efforts led to the invention of a new generation of biodegradable sunscreen made from ingredients that are 100% natural.

Peter became a Rotarian in 1998 joining the Rotary Club of Bonita Springs, Florida.



Antoine was born in Portugal but became a French National.

He trained as an Economist and has worked as a director with several multi national companies in France, Belgium, Canada and the USA.

He specialized in Strategic Business Development with extensive business exposure to North America, to all the major European Countries as well as to all Portuguese and French speaking Countries in Africa.

He and his wife have done considerable charitable work and Antoine joined RC Le Touquet 8 years ago. Following his retirement to the Algarve he is now joining us at RCEPI.



PRESENTATION OF CHEQUE TO ACAPO



The White Night Dinner in May raised funds for ReFood and ACAPO. The latter charity helps the blind and visually impaired and a cheque for 1865 euros to buy much needed items was handed over to Dr. Tomé Coelho by Jim Ditheridge, President of RC Estoi Palace International, Maria Carmo Justo President of RC Olhão, Vitor Justo Past President of RC Olhão and António Bernardo President of Alliance Française and Past President of RC Olhão.

ACCA BACK TO SCHOOL APPEAL



ACCA launched their annual appeal to buy equipment for underprivileged children returning to school for the new term. RCEPI were pleased to be able to support them with a donation of 100 euros.

FARO FELLOWSHIP SUNSET CRUISE



The Rotary Club of Faro organised a sunset cruise and invited other Algarve Rotary Clubs to come along for a fun afternoon. Almost all Algarve Clubs were represented to enjoy an afternoon on board with snacks and live music. Our return into Faro allowed us to view a spectacular sunset. The funds raised will be used to benefit local charities.

REFUGEE CAMP KATSIKA



Recently Gillie Stenvers , a long term Algarve resident, came and gave a talk to our Club about the plight of Syrian refugees stuck in a transit camp on the Greek/Macedonia border. Gillie is going to spend 6 months at Camp Katsika working with the charity Lighthouse. Our new member, Maria Jose Pires , Vice President of the Algarve Oncology Association was so moved by her talk she has decided to spend 2 weeks of her annual leave at the Camp to see what can be done to help. RCEPI will sponsor her accommodation and purchase some items for her to take. We will be liaising with the local Rotary Club, Ioannina, to see what we can do to help the 1000 plus occupants who are trapped there in a terrible conditions.



WALK/RUN 8KM MINI MARATHON 10KM HALF MARATHON 21KM

**THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE RUN EVERY YEAR FOR BREAST
CANCER AWARENESS AND FOR THE PROMOTION OF A
HEALTHY LIFESTYLE**

16 OCT PORTIMÃO RUN AGAINST CANCER!

Rotary Clubs in the Southern Algarve are joining together to purchase a new mobile breast screening unit for the AOA. The AOA are opening a public tender for this and also waiting to hear if they are successful in their application for European Funding as well. **The Maratona** fund raising run is the biggest charity event in the Southern Algarve. For information on how to take part and contribute visit <http://www.mamamaratona.com>

ITALIAN EARTHQUAKE



Following the terrible devastation and loss of life resulting from the earthquake and the resulting appeal for help, RCEPI contacted District 2090 and have offered a donation of 500 euros to be used in accordance with the local authorities, for the reconstruction after the earthquake.

DONATION OF DICTIONARIES



Rotarian Pauline Burnham, Chair of our Youth Committee, visited the Escola EB 2/3 Poeta Emiliano da Costa in Estoi to handover our annual donation of dictionaries to those children in the school who qualify for State aid. This year the number has increased to 60. The books were given to Assistant Librarian Teolinda Gomes. Later in the year we will be arranging Merit Certificates for some of the students there.

FELLOWSHIP CRUISE ON THE GUADIANA RIVER



A number of RCEPI members together with spouses and friends enjoyed a day out together cruising up the Guadiana River to Foz de Odeleite. The fitter members walked up hill and down dale for 45 minutes to meet the less fit at the lunch venue, a farm set on a hilltop with spectacular views down to the river. After a generous lunch with excellent entertainment provided by the waiters singing traditional Fado we returned to the boat for a leisurely return cruise down the river. This time entertained by a single fado singer. A very enjoyable day organised by our President Jim Ditheridge.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



Be a gift to the world

WINE AND CHEESE MEMBERSHIP EVENING

to be held at About Wine, Faro. **Thursday 20th October at 6.00 pm.** Following on from our successful Membership evening last year this is an opportunity for prospective members to learn about the work Rotary does and our Club in particular. For further details contact robin@rotaryestopalace.org

CHARITY QUIZ NIGHT



RCEPI ever popular quiz night to support our ongoing milk project at the Casa do Povo in Estoi, will be held on the **28th of October** at A Floresta restaurant in Almancil. Kick off is 7.00 pm, entry is 20 euros which includes a 2 course meal. Contact Shirley@rotaryestopalace.org to book your place or your team. Teams of up to 7 and if you don't have a team we can put you with other people. Come and join us for a fun evening.

In 7 years we have supplied a total of 41,000 litres of milk at a cost of 17,500 euros.

END POLIO NOW SPONSORED BIKE RIDE



The eradication of polio is a key aim of Rotary. There is no cure, but there are safe and effective vaccines. The strategy to eradicate polio is therefore based on preventing infection by immunizing every child until transmission stops and the world is polio-free.

Over the last 70 years a massive immunisation programme has reduced polio cases by 99% with an estimated 350,000 cases in 1988 to just 74 reported cases in 2015. Eradicating a disease costs billions but we are now very close to achieving this with only 3 countries in the world reporting any cases.

The ride will take place on **Sunday, November 20th**, starting from Estoi Palace Pousada at 9.30 am and ending in the square in Estoi. It will cover around 35 kms including the Cerro Miguel. All money raised from this will be matched 2 to 1 by the Bill Gates Foundation giving us an opportunity to raise a substantial amount to combat this terrible disease. To take part, sponsor a rider or donate please contact shirley@rotaryestopalace.com

Upcoming Events October to December 2016

4th October	RCEPI Weekly Meeting 13:00—Committee Meetings
11th October	RCEPI Weekly Meeting 13:00—Speaker:s New members Peter Zahner and Antoine Barreta
18th October	RCEPI Weekly Meeting 13:00—Speaker: Maria Jose Pires reporting on her visit to the Katsika refugee camp in Greece.
20th October	RCEPI Membership evening at About Wine in Faro 18.00.
25th October	RCEPI Weekly Meeting 13:00— Speaker to be advised
28th October	Quiz Night at a Floresta Restaurant Almancil 19.00
1st November	No Meeting—Public Holiday All Saints Day
8th November	RCEPI Weekly Meeting 13:00—Committee meetings preceeded by Board Meeting
15th November	RCEPI Weekly Meeting 13:00—Speaker TBA
22nd November	RCEPI Weekly Meeting 13:00— Annual General Meeting
29th November	Fellowship
6th December	RCEPI Weekly Meeting 13:00—Committee Meetings and Board Meeting
13th December	RCEPI Weekly Meeting 13:00—Presidents Christmas Lunch
20th December	No Meeting
27th December	No Meeting
3rd January 2017	Social Fellowship event
	As event scheduling can change at the last minute. Please always check with our MOC for up to date info.

For anyone wanting to know more about any of our events or to register for participation, please contact via e-mail the Secretary at SECRETARY@ROTARYESTOIPALACE.ORG

If you wish to attend one of our meetings please let our Master of Ceremonies know by sending an e-mail with your details to MOC@ROTARYESTOIPALACE.ORG