

# Rotary Club Estoi Palace

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## VISIT OF DISTRICT GOVERNOR ABILIO LOPES



On the 22nd of February our Club was delighted to welcome our DG Abilio Lopes and his wife from RC Tavira Isabel Lopes. We gave the DG an over view of our work and projects to date. He was full of praise for the work RCEPI carries out both in the local community and internationally. He presented the Club with a certificate of recognition for the donations we have made to the End Polio Now campaign.



### Rotary Club Estoi Palace International

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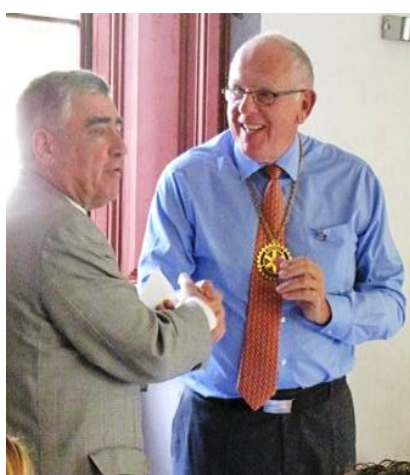
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RCEPI gave a donation of 300 euros to the DG for a charity of his choice.



## VISIT OF DG ABILIO LOPES



Rotarian Isabel Lopes is involved in a venture in Sao Tome and Principe providing assistance to mothers and babies as the infant mortality rate and death rate for young mothers (12-15 years old) is very high. Delivery kits are provided to improve sanitation when babies are born.

Isabel is asking for help from all Clubs in District 1960 to purchase these kits and our Club is delighted to help in this worthwhile project with a donation of 500 euros. RCEPI already have an involvement in Sao Tome with a micro-financing project to help a women's cooperative there expand their business.



Joining us for the visit of our District Governor was one of the two students that RCEPI are helping with their studies.

Our first student Beatriz Guerreiro, aged 20 is now in her second year at Faro University studying orthoprosthetics. She gave us an update on her studies and how much she is enjoying the course. Recently she had the opportunity to go to a workshop in Madrid and see how lifechanging prosthetic limbs are for amputees.



Our second student, 32 year old, Iolanda Afonso, aged 32, could not join us due to illness. She is doing a course in European studies through the Open University. Iolanda lives in Santa Catarina with her 12 year old son.

She was unable to afford tuition fees and approached us for assistance. RCEPI are helping her in her first year and after that she will be eligible for a Government bursary. She hopes ultimately to apply for an internship in the European Parliament.

## INDUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS



Our new member Vitor Rosao, sponsored by incoming President Manuela Robinson, was inducted into the Club on 7th February. 44 year old Vitor was born in the Ribatejo area and moved to Estoi in 2003 when he married his wife Zelia. He has a degree in Physics, a Masters in Physical Engineering and a PhD in Acoustics (Noise and Vibration).

In 2005 Vitor founded the company "SCHIUI, Vibration and Noise Engineering" and is the General Director.

In his spare time, Vitor plays guitar in the Estoi Church choir and composes music.

He is particularly interested in helping young people in the community and will be joining our Youth Service Committee.



Paula Duarte sponsored by Peter Zahner was inducted as a member into the Club on March 14th. Paula is 43 years old and was born in Mozambique. She served in the Portuguese Army reaching the rank of sargent before retiring.

She has a degree in Marketing and Management from IPAM. She is an entrepreneur and is self employed working in the activities of Insurance Mediation, Training and Mental Coaching.

She is passionate about interpersonal communication and lectures about emotional intelligence and mental training encouraging others to develop their full potential. She will be joining the Community Service Committee.



## VISITING ROTARIANS



At our meeting on Tuesday 7th February we were delighted to welcome Diane Chantler, District Governor of District 6330, her husband Bill, both of the St. Thomas Railway City Rotary Club, Ontario, Canada.

As District Governor of District 6330, Diane's area covers Ontario and part of Michigan, USA with 59 clubs, 42 in Ontario and 17 in Michigan with approximately 1800 Rotarians. Her own club was chartered in May 2014 and currently has 27 members.

Diane gave us a short talk on the way Rotary International was making clubs and meetings more flexible and that we should look at the advantages this now provided for Rotary Clubs. She also told about Satellite Clubs and the benefits they could provide. The Rotary Club of London, Ontario has recently set up the first "Satellite" club in her District, the "Rotary Satellite Club of London Centennial". It currently has 21 members, the majority under 35 years old. They meet twice a month directly after work. They are often joined by spouses/partners and children making it a real family club.



We were also pleased to welcome Janine Dupuy, President and Marie Dulce Marmouset, Secretary, both of the recently formed Rotary Club Lagoa International.

The newly formed French speaking Club has 21 members and already has 2 fundraising projects underway.

They will be selling carnations on the 25th of April in Lagoa and are organising a Petanque tournament in Pera on the 14th of May. The proceeds raised from this event will be going to the AOA mobile breast screening project.

We wish them every success with these two events.

## Rotary Club Tavira Pig Roast

On Saturday 18th March 7 of our Club members attended the Rotary Club of Tavira's Pig Roast. Around 70 people attended the event including Presidents and representatives from several other Clubs.

A fine selection of food and wine was available and a good time was had by all and it was a great opportunity to catch up with Rotarians from other Algarve Clubs and discuss the various projects being worked on.

The Tavira Interact club members assisted by taking the entrance monies and providing lucky tickets. Our President's wife, Kath, won first prize in the lucky draw, a hamper full of goodies.

## VISITING ROTARIANS AND VISITS TO OTHER CLUBS



During a holiday in Australia Rotarian Christine Fay paid a visit to RC Mill Point in Perth. Christine exchanged banners with Club President Alison Thair. This club has more than 85 members, most of them still active in various businesses. They usually meet at 7.15 am. Meetings close by 8.30 am. They work on many projects especially in African and Asian countries.

Christine gave a short presentation on RC Estoi in Portugal, and explained the various projects we are working on to help the community.

There was also a guest speaker, the chairman of an association called **Wheelchairs for Kids**. With 35 volunteers, they have for 20 years manufactured wheelchairs for kids and give them, free of charge, to anyone who needs them, all over the world. They are now producing around 350 chairs per month.

During the meeting Christine had noticed a copper kettle being circulated around the members tables with coins being put in it. She was astonished at the end of the meeting to be told that the money collected in the kettle was a donation for our Club. We are very grateful to RC Mill Point for their generosity and the 150 euros raised by them will go towards our milk fund. This is an ongoing project which supplies milk on a monthly basis to supplement the food packs given out at the Estoi Casa do Povo on behalf of the Faro Food Bank.



In January we were pleased to welcome to our Club Finnish Rotarian Ari Niiniviita, from RC Nurmijarvi, Klaukkala and have a traditional banner exchange

## CAREER TALKS

4 members of the Club and 2 friends of Rotary gave career talks to pupils at Escola Poeta Emiliano da Costa in Estoi. Bruno Costa spoke about engineering, Manuela Robinson discussed the financial sector, João Conceição talked about graphic design, Maria Jose Pires explained psychotherapy, while Robin Wilson gave an informative talk about being a professional sportsman and Antonio Mariano explained the different types of work done by electricians.



This is the second year that our Club has gone into a school to give pupils an insight into career options available and they have been well received. The children appreciate the opportunity to ask questions to the professionals and have an idea where qualifications can lead.



## BRITISH AMBASSADOR VISITS ALMANCIL



Almancil was host to the British Ambassador Kirsty Hayes, who recently visited the Pinetrees Riding Centre to meet many of the people involved in Riding for Disabled in the Algarve. She was accompanied by Consul Simona Demuro, Vice Consul Clive Jewell, and Manuela Romano de Castro, Press Officer.

The President of Almancil's Parish Council, Sr. Joaquim Pinto, was present to welcome them together with the Director of Almancil Schools, Dr. Rui Filipe, and also Adriana Pereira, Teacher of Special Needs Education and who has 6 autistic children benefitting from the AEDA's sessions.

Many of the volunteers involved in helping with riding for disabled are from a variety of nationalities. Riding for the Disabled Barlavento group was represented by David Hibbert and João Moura from Loulé Riding Club and Existir, plus volunteers from the AEDA all enjoyed meeting Kirsty, who is herself a keen horse lover and rider.

Five youngsters from APPC (the Cerebral Palsy School in Faro) demonstrated their skills on their horses and were presented with some red, white and blue rosettes by the Ambassador.

Our Club is very proud to sponsor 15 year old Irina Rodrigues and she showed her abilities by riding unaccompanied in walk and trot. Irina won the highest number of points in last year's Special Olympics Championship in Lisbon in the walk trot test and is keen to better her score in the next championship.

## DEATH OF DR. JOSE SANTOS PEREIRA FOUNDER OF THE ALGARVE ONCOLOGY ASSOCIATION



Dr. José Santos Pereira the Founder and President of the Algarve Oncology Association has sadly died at the age of 80. The surgeon was the driving force behind the creation of the Radiotherapy Unit of the Algarve, as well as many other improvements for cancer patients in the Algarve, achieved through years of dedication to the cause. In 2012 he was awarded the Portuguese Medalha Grau Ouro in recognition of his outstanding work in the healthcare field.

Our Club was working with him on the new mobile breast screening unit for the Algarve and we are very sad that he won't see this come to fruition in the next few months, but it will serve as a memorial to his hard work and dedication.

RCEPI has made a donation towards an exhibition being organised by the AOA to celebrate his life and achievements.

# DATES FOR THE DIARY



**Rotary**

Club Estoi Palace International



<b>CONCERT</b> <b>Rotary Foundation</b> <b>Centennial Celebration</b> Thursday evening April 20th at Lethes theater in Faro Doors open at 19h00 / Curtain up at 20h00	<b>CONCERTO</b> <b>Celebração Centenário</b> <b>Fundação do Rotary</b> Quinta feira à noite 20 de Abril no Teatro Lethes em Faro Portas abrem às 19h00 / Concerto começa 20h00
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<b>SÃO LOURENÇO SINGERS</b>  <p>Tickets for this special event must be purchased in advance so please take note of the options below regarding where to buy tickets:</p>	<b>BELLA A CAPPELLA</b>  <p>Os bilhetes para este evento especial devem ser adquiridos com antecedência, (por isso), tome nota das seguintes opções onde pode comprar bilhetes:</p>	<b>CORO DOS AMIGOS DO MUSEU</b> 
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Teatro Lethes - Faro | Pousada de Estoi | The Printshop - Almancil  
**Enquiries / Informações: 936 933 799**



## 3RD ANNUAL WHITE NIGHT

RCEPI, RC Olhao, and the Alliance Française will be hosting this annual event at the Catering College in Faro on 3rd of June. Proceeds will be going to SPEM which helps multiple sclerosis victims. For further information please contact [christine@rotaryestoiipalace.org](mailto:christine@rotaryestoiipalace.org)

## 5TH ANNUAL CHARITY GOLF DAY AT MONTE REI GOLF AND COUNTRY CLUB

Our popular Golf Tournament will take place on Thursday 31st August. Please contact [robin@rotaryestoiipalace.org](mailto:robin@rotaryestoiipalace.org) for further information.



## Upcoming Events April to June 2017

4th April	RCEPI Weekly Meeting 13:00—Committee Meetings
11th April	RCEPI Weekly Meeting 13:00— speaker Elidérico Viegas ‘Hotels and Tourism in the Algarve’ . Preceded by a Board Meeting.
18th April	RCEPI Weekly Meeting 13:00—speaker from “Pais en Rede” , Faro
20th April	20.00 Rotary Foundation Centennial Celebration Concert Lethes Theatre Faro
25th April	No meeting Public Holiday
2nd May	RCEPI Weekly Meeting 13:00— Committee Meetings
9nd May	RCEPI Weekly Meeting 13:00— Preceded by Board Meeting. Speaker Tony Edwards ‘ Living and working in four countries, the story of a serial migrant’
16th May	RCEPI Weekly Meeting 13:00—Joint meeting with Rotary Club Loulé, speaker Iga Pietraz “Humanitarian project in the Middle East” re school supplies for refugee children in Jordan
23rd May	RCEPI Weekly Meeting 13:00—Silves Rotary Club giving presentation on a project
30th May	RCEPI Weekly Meeting 13:00—Committee Meetings
3rd June	WHITE NIGHT - 19.30 Faro Catering College
6th June	RCEPI Weekly Meeting 13:00— Preceded by Board Meeting. CLUB ASSEMBLY
13th June	RCEPI Weekly Meeting 13:00—Speaker to be confirmed
20th June	RCEPI Weekly Meeting 13:00—Speaker to be confirmed
30th June	RCEPI Evening Meeting —Presidential Handover
	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](mailto: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](mailto:MOC@ROTARYESTOIPALACE.ORG)