

Sábado 9 de Julio de 2016

Nos recogió el presidente del Club Rotario Palma Junípero Serra, Mateo a las 10:00 am en Petra. Mateo Bennasar ha apenas comenzado su presidencia pero ha sido Rotario desde hace 5 años. El club se reúne los miércoles y actualmente cuenta con 30 miembros. Ha estado involucrado en diferentes proyectos pero el que más captó mi atención es uno llamado " Esplai des jovent" que significa "Espacio para jóvenes", donde ayudan a jóvenes de entre 8-25 años, a salir de las drogas y estudiar. Este centro es dirigido por voluntarios ajenos al club Rotario.

En primer lugar fuimos a la Porciuncula, centro religioso de los Franciscanos. Durante el verano funciona la escuela "Almudaina". Toni Ribot, marido de Catalina Font es su director. También nos encontramos con Maricarmen y María José, quienes ayudaron a llevarnos a los dormitorios donde pasaríamos la noche. Toni nos recibió: es profesor en el internado durante el verano y nos mostró nuestras habitaciones, donde dejamos nuestras pertenencias.

Llegamos al club náutico en Andratx, donde paseamos en yate y disfrutamos del maravilloso mar Mediterráneo y la isla de la dragonera. Algunas nadaron en el mar y Tara y Sesy fuimos a la playa de Santelmo. Después almorzamos con miembros del club donde entregamos banderines, y disfrutamos de una deliciosa comida.

Regresamos a los dormitorios donde nos alistamos para el concierto en el castillo redondo, de los cuales sólo existen dos en todo el mundo. En el concierto en el castillo de Bellver, disfrutamos de la pianista Gabriela Montero y el director de orquesta Joji Hattori, salimos a las 11:48 del concierto, cenamos en "El pescador" con música en vivo y una bella vista. Por último disfrutamos de una noche de disco en Pacha.

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We were picked up by President Mateo of Rotary Club of Palma Junipero Serra at 10:00 a.m. from our beautiful home in Petra. President Mateo has just begun his presidency and has been a Rotarian for five years. Rotary Club of Palma de Juipero Serra meets weekly on Wednesdays for lunch. They currently have 30 members in their club. They work on a variety of projects throughout the year. I will share one with you all because it's the one that inspired me the most. Rotary Club of Palma Junipero Serra has helped create and set the foundation for youth centers "Esplai des jovent" meaning "Space for youth". Which are located in cities in Mallorca where there is a high employment rate and drug use. It is designed to give youth from the ages of 8-25 years resources and a place to be. Volunteers help run the center, there are currently two and have been working on this project for the past three years.

First we went to the Portiuncula Franciscan religious center . During the summer the " Almudaina " school work. Toni Ribot , husband of Catherine Font is its director. We also find Maricarmen and Maria Jose , who helped lead to the bedrooms where we would spend the night. Toni greeted us : he is a professor at boarding school during the summer and showed us our rooms , where we left our belongings .

We also had Maria Carmen and Maria Jose meet us to help with transportation to Andratx. Maria Carmen is married to Rotarian Marcelino and Maria Jose is married to President Mateo. Eight of us split up between the three cars and headed out on our destination Andratx which was about a forty minute drive from Petra.

We would be spending the night at a dorm room, where we checked in with Toni, Catalinas husband. Toni is a professor at the campus and has classes during the summer. We dropped off our personal belongs and made our way to the Port of Andratx.

Once we arrived, we met Rotarian and our amazing Captain for the day Bertolime. He took us on a breathtaking ride up the coast of andratx on his yacht. We all got a chance to see the beautiful blue Mediterranean Sea and the Island of the Dragon. The Island from a distance resembles one of a dragon. We had some fun jumping into the sea and swimming. Tara and myself got to experience the beach as Captain Bertolime had a smaller boat to take us closer to shore. Tara and myself were on the Beach of Santel.

We had lunch at the Yacht Club with the Rotarians and Maria Rosa, wife of Bertolime joined us. It was a delicious lunch and gifted our Sponsoring Rotary Club flags. It was a beautiful afternoon.

We returned to the dorms to get ready for an evening concert at one of two round castles in the world. We were picked up at 8:45 p.m. and headed to the concert with fellow Rotarians from the Rotary Club of Palma de Juniper Serra. The concert was at the Castell de Bellver that hosts a variety of concerts throughout the summer. We watched Gabriela Montero on piano and Joji Hattori was the director. It was a beautiful concert. We left the concert 11:48 p.m. And made our way to a late dinner. We had tapas at El pescador which had live music and a beautiful view of the port. We finished the night with some dancing at Pacha.









Domingo 10 de Julio de 2016

Nuestro domingo comenzó a las 11:30 am cuando un ex rotario quien fue rotario por 30 años, Jorge Vives nos recogió, fue uno de los fundadores del Club Rotario de Mallorca. Iba acompañado por su yerno Robert quien es de San Diego, pero reside en Mallorca desde hace más de 15 años.

Nuestro destino era hacia el suroeste para pasar el rato en la playa, a unos 15 minutos de Palma. Robert nos llevó por el Paseo Marítimo para explicar un poco de la ciudad de Palma. Mi vista favorita fue la catedral de Bellver que anteriormente se reflejaba en el mar. Pudimos observar "Maryvent" que significa mar y viento, donde el rey de España solía pasar el verano.

Magalluf es una zona turística donde se encuentran muchos Ingleses. Llegamos a "Ancla Verde" que está a sólo unos pasos de la playa. Disfrutamos de un poco de playa y sol. Después almorzamos a las 2:30 pm con Jorge y Robert, se nos unió Dito quien es miembro Rotaract y Claudia secretaria de Jorge. Comimos paella y tapas. Después nos llevaron a la estación del tren en Palma a las 5:10 pm para nuestro regreso a Petra.

July 10, 2016 Sunday

Our Sunday started off at 11:30 a.m. as we were picked up by former Rotarian Jorge, who was a Rotarian for 30 years! He is a chartering member for the Rotary Club of Mallorca. He was joined by his son in law Robert who is also originally from San Diego, but has lived in Mallorca for 15+ years.

Our destination was to el sur oeste to spend the day at the beach. It was a 15 minute drive from Palma. Robert took the scenic route to explain a bit of the city of Palma. My favorite sight was of the Cathedral of Bellver which used to be reflected by the sea water. We passed by "Maryvent" which means sea and wind. Maryvent is where the King of Spain spends his summer.

Magaluf us a popular beach that cater to English tourism. We arrived to have a light breakfast at "Green Anchor." It was an ideal location as we are only a few steps away from the beach. We all went for a nice swim and enjoyed the sun. We met Jorge and Robert for lunch at Green Anchor at 2:30 p.m. We were joined by Dito who is a part of Rotaract of Mallorca and Claudia with her family. Claudia works as Jorge Secretary. We had paeya for lunch and tapas. We were dropped off at the train station at 5:10 p.m. and made our way back to Petra.

