

Mexicali Weekend

*(A Rotary Club of Palm Desert
International Service Project)*



***A Brief History of What This
Very Cool Project Is All About***

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-Started when PRIP Frank Devlyn introduced Taco to RC Mexicali Oeste back in 2011



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- RC Mexicali Oeste chartered 1976 & is small but mighty club where everyone participates;***
- Proud home to 2 Past DGs.***



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-Soon after our first meeting in 2011, a “Sister Club” agreement was signed between RC Palm Desert and RC Mexicali Oeste.

***-This agreement has functioned very well, a
COMPLETE SUCCESS!***

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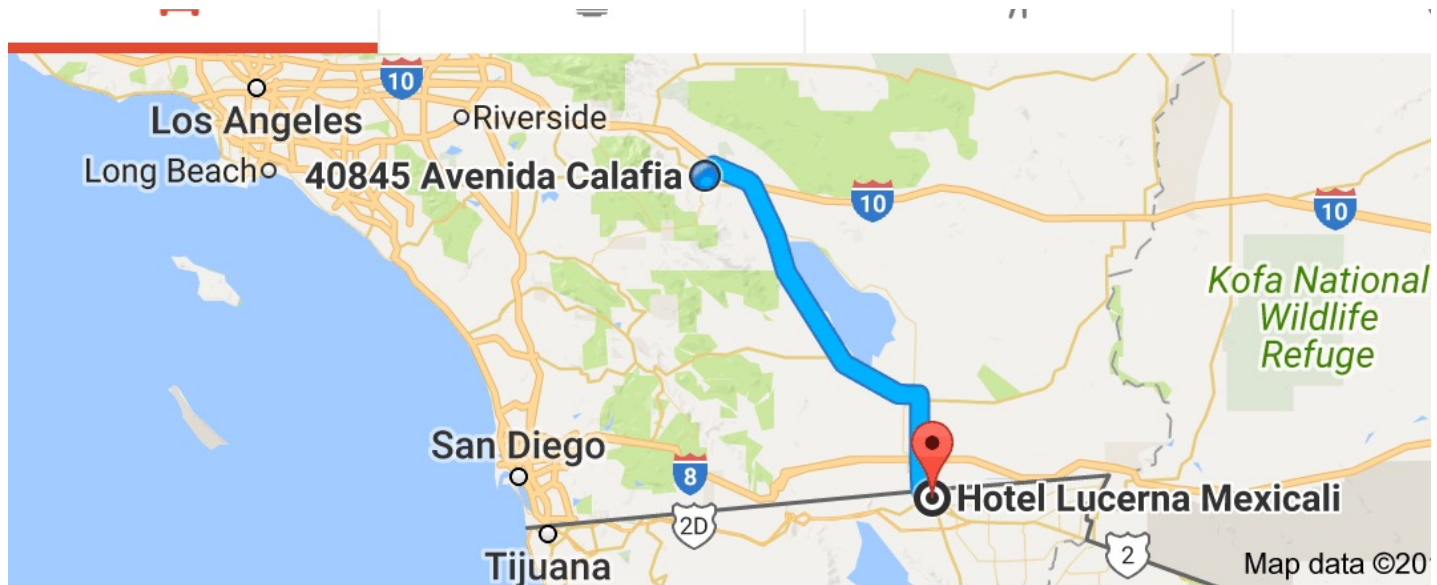


-Through the years, many Palm Desert Rotarians & friends have visited Mexicali and participated in service events and fellowship, and nearly ALL of the members of Mexicali Oeste have reciprocated, by coming to events in USA.

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It's very close...just 2 hour drive!



2 h 6 min (114.0 mi) via CA-86 S

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-RC Palm Desert has donated all kinds of stuff to help RC Mexicali Oeste meet needs including:

-Money & Food

-A fire truck & an ambulance

-Clothes, toys, blankets, piñatas

-Woodworking machine shop tool

-4,000 refillable water bottles

-Coming soon: Refurbished park playground ("Angelique Park!"), Cervical Cancer clinic, scholarships, computers for libraries & schools and MORE!

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-And spearheaded by a \$16,000 contribution from Palm Desert Rotary club member Arnold Kirschenbaum, during COVID we contributed a dining hall building to Eduardo Huet School For Deaf, with kitchen, appliances & all utensils to make it work.



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-RC Mexicali Oeste has helped Palm Desert by making it easy to find and execute service projects in Mexico and has also provided us with a wonderful event entertainment option:

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Have come to Coachella Valley from Mexicali many times, at no cost to anyone, and entertained at Rotary District Conference, Galilee Center, other partner orgs like Dr Carreón Foundation, etc.

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So What's "Mexicali Weekend" All About?

- Well, it starts Friday afternoon, 1st weekend in January, with a drive down to Mexicali...
- We stay at 5 star hotel @\$100/room
- Cost to participate, including 3 meals = \$100
- It ends Sunday morning, with drive home after breakfast.

Sooo...IT'S EASY TO DO, AFFORDABLE, FUN...!!!

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In between, we paint classrooms, building exteriors, wall murals and fences at a school for deaf youth, CAM EDUARDO HUET....and,

We take clothes, toys, blankets...and LOTS OF LOVE to a charity for poor, homeless youth, DESAYUNADOR UREDAE...and,

We provided MEXICALI TECHNOLOGY UNIVERSITY with 4,000 refillable water bottles, after helping them install water purification plant and 4 bottle refilling stations on campus, plus...

We have great dinners (with dancing!) and warm fellowship with Mexicali Rotarians!

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Let's look at some pictures...

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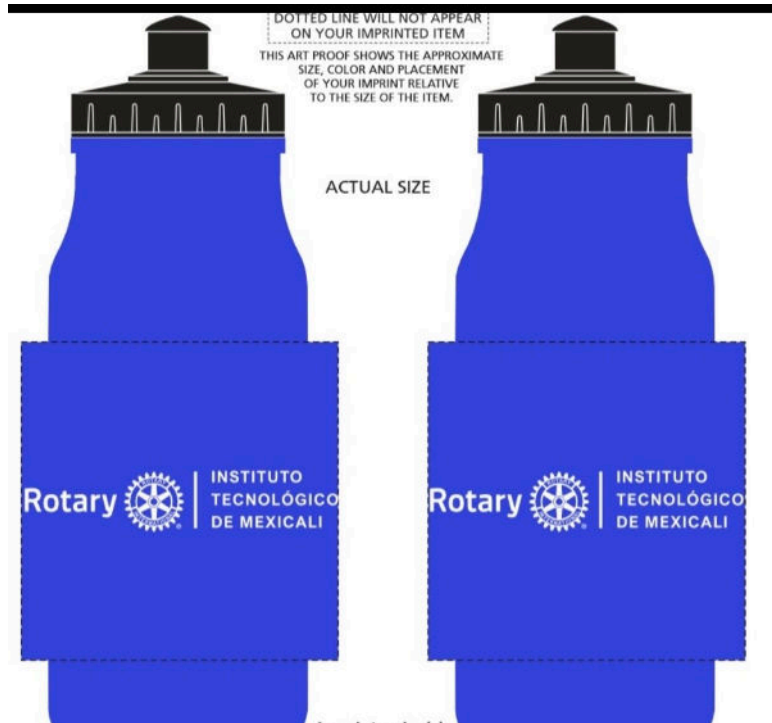
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***It's angels like these that keep drawing us back to
Desayunador UREDAE!***

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In 2023 we promised Mexicali Technology University President Maribel Guerrero that Rotary would try to provide EVERY student a refillable water bottle.

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In 2024 we delivered! Thanks to support from 8 D5330 clubs, we designed, ordered, bought and presented students 4,000 refillable water bottles.

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Here we are filling our new water bottles at one of the refill stations we helped install. President Maribel invited us to her conference room for a warm Mexican GRACIAS!

Two Additional Critical Need Projects



Two other projects we coordinated with Fontana RC and Joshua Tree RC. A fire engine and an ambulance. These vehicles are always needed south of the border.

Other Member Engagement Ideas

-“Angels of Service” for Food Insecurity

-Participate in pantry distribution

-Duck races on a pond

-Membership contest

-Call your city: “Where can we help?”

The principle characteristic all these activities share is getting members engaged. A club meeting to brainstorm which activities might be appealing is a good way to get the ball rolling.