

Rotary
Club of Ajijic



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Executive Summary

At Rotary Ajijic, we believe that friendship is the fertile ground from which service grows. Rotary began in 1905, when Paul Harris gathered a small group of friends in Chicago to share ideas, build trust, and support one another. From those early friendships, service naturally emerged—and a global movement was born.

The joy of fellowship creates trust. And from that trust, inspiration arises—sparking projects that bring lasting benefit to our community and beyond. While we gather in friendship, we do so with purpose: to share ideas, lift one another, and combine our talents for meaningful action.

In 2024–25, Rotary Ajijic turned that spirit of camaraderie into action—funding scholarship and literacy, expanding menstrual health education, strengthening food security, and uplifting women facing cancer. We're proud to say: Service is our expression of friendship. And friendship is the heart of Rotary.



Dr. Santiago Rafael Hernandez Martinez
President 2022-25

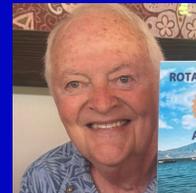
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Executive Secretary



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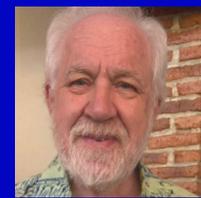
Jeanette Monosoff, PhD
Service Project Chair
Director at Large 24-25



Israel Mexia
Youth Services
Director at Large 25-28



Ravi Chakravarty
Director at Large 24-27



Peter Jeshofnig
Public Relations
Global Grant Advisor

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Mission, Vision and Impact



→ Vision

We envision a vibrant Rotary Club rooted in friendship, where authentic connection inspires meaningful service—uplifting lives through education, health, sustainability, and compassionate community action.

By fostering joy, trust, and partnership, Rotary Club of Ajijic shines as a beacon of collaboration and positive change in Ajijic and beyond.

→ Mission

To transform friendship into action. We bring together people of goodwill to identify local and global needs, and to design impactful service projects that benefit youth, families, and the underserved—anchored in respect, inclusion, and shared purpose.

→ Building Impact Through Partnership

Guided by our Vision and Mission, we support local changemakers already doing impactful work by offering Rotary's structure, visibility, and resources to expand their reach and sustainability. At the same time, we empower our members to initiate projects or invite inspired leaders into the club to develop new initiatives. This blended approach ensures our projects remain grounded, responsive, and driven by genuine care for the community, while strengthening Rotary's legacy of compassionate, partnership-based service.

Service Project Highlights, 2024-25



Menstrual Health Education for 760 Lakeside girls

Rotary Club of Ajijic led a Global Grant project in partnership with Niñas Sabias A.C. to empower adolescent girls through menstrual health education and access to sustainable hygiene solutions. With a total budget of **\$39,000 USD (626,689 MXN)**, the project reached 760 girls across 36 schools in the Lake Chapala region. Each participant received a high-quality, reusable Gift of Menstrual Management Kit and attended culturally sensitive workshops led by trained facilitators. The program reduced shame and absenteeism while promoting confidence, dignity, and open family dialogue around menstrual health. **A life-changing investment in education, health, and opportunity.**



Strategic Support for Operation Feed's Cold Storage Expansion

Rotary Club of Ajijic collaborated with Elgin Breakfast Rotary, Brentwood Rotary, and the ACT Foundation (Mexico & USA) to help Operation Feed overcome a critical challenge: the inability to store perishable foods during hot seasons. Together, we raised **\$13,000 USD (162,437 MXN)** to fund a commercial-grade refrigeration system, allowing Operation Feed to expand weekly food distributions—now reaching approximately 750 individuals (150 families) with fresh produce, dairy, and meat.



Mama Cleo's Boys Home Kitchen Upgrade

Rotary Club of Ajijic donated **\$3,713 USD (68,700 MXN)** to fully equip the kitchen at Mama Cleo's Boys Home in Chapala, which currently cares for 15–20 children. The kitchen upgrade included a commercial stove, refrigerator, appliances, and a backup battery—enabling preparation of three hot meals daily. **This project was guided by RCOA member Alex Bernardino, who also serves as the home's director, ensuring hands-on leadership and trusted follow-through.** A model of Rotary compassion and commitment, with boots on the ground.



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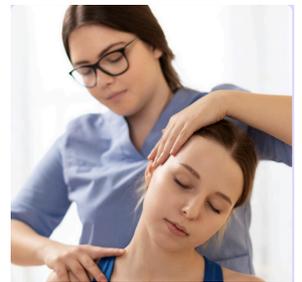
Lakeside Dementia Awareness

With a contribution of **\$3,162 USD (58,500 MXN)**, Rotary Club of Ajijic supported the launch of a member-led dementia awareness initiative by RCOA member Elly Contreras. The project created a support Share Group for those affected by memory loss and culminated in a public Reader's Theater performance that drew record attendance and inspired a second event. The program continues to grow, expanding empathy, inclusion, and community dialogue around dementia.



Salvati Breast Cancer Recovery Support Expansion

Rotary Club of Ajijic donated **\$2,000 USD (39,000 MXN)** to Fundación Salvati A.C. to support women receiving breast cancer and lymphedema care. The funding provided physiotherapy, rehabilitation, and follow-up support for over 12 women, improving their quality of life and emotional well-being. A compassionate investment in healing, dignity, and hope.



Chapala Prepa Scholarships

Rotary Club of Ajijic awarded scholarships to 22 students at Chapala Preparatoria, contributing **\$2,000 USD (34,000 MXN)** to support their education. Students are selected based on need and potential and are monitored throughout the year for academic progress and attendance. The program helps motivated youth stay in school and succeed—an investment in education and future leadership.



Literacy program in Chinle AZ Navajo Nation

Rotary Club of Ajijic contributed **\$1,120 USD (20,705 MXN)** as an international partner in a Global Grant to support literacy development for Navajo children in Chinle, Arizona—providing culturally appropriate books and educational materials to promote reading and self-expression.



Fueling Impact: Fundraising, Partnerships, Membership

→ Fundraising Events

- **Thriller Dance Fundraiser** – Volunteered time and support for a community “Day of the Dead” Dance event.
- **Holiday White Elephant Fundraiser** – Scholarship recipients performed; Santa visited community engagement; joyful spirit.
- **February Art Auction** – Signature event showcasing local artists and generating significant funds

→ Partnerships

- **Rotary Clubs:** Elgin Breakfast Rotary, Illinois; Rotary Club of Brentwood, CA; Rotary Club of Fort Bragg, CA; Rotary Club of Minden, NV; Rotary Club of Saddlebrooke, AZ, Rotary Club of Lansing, Michigan, USA, Chapala Sunrise Rotary Club, Mx; Rotary Club of Jocotopec, Mx. Districts 4140, 5470, 5500, 5130.
- **NGOs:** Operation Feed, Salvati, Mama Cleo’s Boys Home, Ninas Sabias, ACT Foundation, USA, and ACT Foundation, Mexico
- **Local institutions:** Preparatoria Regional de Chapala, Foundation for Lakeside Charities, Lake Chapala Society, primary schools from San Pedro to Jocotopec
- **Community members and businesses:** Michael Pumphrey, Peter and Linda Jeshofnig, La Bodega of Ajijic, Hotel Real de Chapala, Janine Kirkland, Jannet Gutierrez

Artists who donated their art: Boifjolie, Michale Humphrey, Rose Parella, Robina Nicol, Kate Adams, Claudia Nery, Matsor, Chelo Gonzalez, Efram Gonzalez, Isidro Xilotl Xilonzochitl, Dennis Wackerbarth, Thomas J Lloyd, Jeanne Tullach, Jesus V Lopez Vegas, Dulce Luna, Padukas Artisans

→ Membership

Rotary Club of Ajijic was honored as a 100% Paul Harris Fellow Club, recognizing that every active member has contributed at least \$1,000 USD to The Rotary Foundation—demonstrating our collective commitment to global service and lasting change.

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Financial Summary 2024-2025

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All figures are rounded and reported in Mexican Pesos (MXN)

Overall Club Financial Health:

Yearly Income: 287,347 MXN

Yearly Expenses: 256,220 MXN

- Cash in Bank (as of June 30, 2025): \$194,000 MXN needed for following:
- Admin Fund (Operating Reserve): \$42,000 MXN
- Reserved for Operations (2 months): \$16,000 MXN
- Expenses Due in July: \$26,000 MXN (Includes Website, Legal & Notary Fees)
- Funds Available for Projects: \$17,000 MXN
- Committed Project Funds (Pending Disbursement): \$93,000 MXN

Project Impact

- 7 Community Projects Completed
- **Total Value: Over \$1,000,000 MXN**

Membership & Income

- 2024 Membership Dues Collected: \$55,000 MXN (Covered both District and Rotary International dues)
- Additional Revenue Sources: Door Fees, 50/50 Drawings, Happy Bucks, and Other Fundraisers

This summary reflects a fiscally responsible club with strong community impact, prudent operational planning, and healthy financial reserves to support ongoing and future service.



Looking Ahead: Service Projects 2025–2026



As we conclude the 2024–2025 Rotary year, we look ahead with clarity and purpose. Guided by our Vision and Mission, the Rotary Club of Ajijic remains committed to listening deeply, strengthening trusted partnerships, and responding to community needs with practical, compassionate action.

The projects below reflect our planned initiatives for 2025–2026. Together, they support local changemakers, empower Rotary members to lead, and invest in sustainable solutions that advance education, health, dignity, and community resilience.

Proposed Service Projects & Budgets — 2025–2026

- *Niños de San Antonio – Food Security \$6,000 USD | \$108,000 MXN
- *Chapala Prepa Scholarships – Education Support \$2,000 USD | \$40,000 MXN
- *Operation Feed – School Uniforms \$1,000 USD | \$18,000 MXN
- *Niñas Sabias / Wise Moms – Menstrual Health Education \$7,222 USD | \$130,000 MXN
- *Puerta de Inglés – After-School English Program \$470 USD | \$8,460 MXN (fully funded)
- *Fundación Salvati – Women’s Cancer Recovery Support \$2,000 USD | \$36,000 MXN
- *Mama Cleo’s Boys Home – Solar Power System \$9,139 USD | \$170,000 MXN
- *Lakeside Dementia Awareness \$3,278 USD | \$59,000 MXN (pledged & donated)
- *Fire Truck / Emergency Services – Community Safety \$5,000 USD | \$90,000 MXN
- *Natural Farming Global Grant (India) – \$6,000 USD | \$108,000 MXN (fully pledged)



Special Thanks To all members, donors, volunteers, and friends of Rotary Club of Ajijic whose support, creativity, and dedication made this year’s service possible.



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Tuesdays - lunch @ 1:00pm; meeting at 2:00pm
Casa Lule Restaurant
Ocampo 180, 45920 Ajijic, Jalisco
5th Tuesday of the month: Social - location will be posted on website

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