

La Orotava

Light up for less



More lights for less money

▲ The Christmas lights are up over nearly all of La Orotava, but what can't be appreciated by the eye is that this year they are using energy saving bulbs.

The workmen have been busy dressing up the different neighbourhoods of the town since October with poinsettias, mistletoe, gold and red bows, green swathes and green pine

with mini bulbs. The town will be lit up indeed with an increase from 5,000 to 9,000 linear metres of strings of lights. They've also pushed the boat out on more Christmas decorations for the Christmas trees in the various squares and new decorative arches. However the councillor for fiestas, Belén González Rodríguez, insists

that they will be saving on last year as the amount of electricity used will be sliced from 377,000 watts to 280,000 watts. The main streets of the Villa will also be adorned with the new arches and seasonal lights, with a total of 30,000 normal and 6,000 mini low-consumption bulbs employed overall in addition to the over

6,000 poinsettias which will be planted in the gardens and tubs all over the town.

The traditional lighting up ceremony will take place outside the San Agustín Casa de la Cultura at 7.30pm on 30 November and the town's nativity scene in the front of the town hall will be open to visitors from December 14.

Santiago del Teide

Retirement home



Juan Gorriñ, Concepción Henríquez and Cristina Tavío (l-r) inaugurating the centre

▲ A luxury private senior citizen's centre has just opened in Calle El Pino, Los Gigantes. As we get older, the thought of the loss of independence or the need to rely on our loved ones becomes for many an increasing worry. That is why it is such a joy to see installations like the Flor de Brisas opening here on the island. Their highly qualified professional staff will take care of every tiny detail to make sure your stay at the centre is as enjoyable and comfortable as possible. Flor de Brisas was inaugurated by the centre's manager, Concepción Henríquez, tinerfeño conservative representative, Cristina Tavío and the local mayor, Juan Damián Gorriñ Ramos who

showed his pleasure at having such facilities within the borough and at the same time was thrilled with the first class installations in the centre.

The new centre can accommodate 107 people and has rooms for leisure, swimming pools, a hair dressers and barbers, personalised 24 hour medical attention and a rehabilitation centre.

It is undoubtedly set to be one of the most important facilities for senior citizens in Tenerife and both the medical and administration staff are determined that they will help residents ease the loneliness of old age and encourage their will to live and to enjoy their lives to the best of their abilities.

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