



TENERIFE CANCER CHARITY

A very successful fundraiser



↑ F.A.C.T. members with Polly and Nigel at the cheque presentation

F.A.C.T., Fighting Against Cancer Tenerife was created after Moira Dixon was diagnosed with breast cancer in November 2014, following a routine mammogram.

She had surgery at the Nuestra Señora de Candelaria Hospital in Santa Cruz, and is grateful for the kindness and the treatment that she is still receiving. This episode highlighted the fact that Moira felt isolated because she did not speak Spanish and did not understand what she was being told. What's more, all her family were in the UK. Moira wondered whether there were other people on the island who felt the same so eventually, she asked that question on Facebook and received an overwhelming response. At this point she knew that she had to create a way to help sufferers.

Nowadays, F.A.C.T. is registered as an association. Moira's wonderful team aim to provide support for cancer sufferers in Ten-

erife, and they also extend that support to causes outside of the cancer area. They help in any way they can, or by just providing a friendly face and someone to talk to. One or two volunteers can visit you at home, and some speak Spanish. F.A.C.T. also works with other cancer associations and has strong links with AMATE.

Recently Polly and Nigel Pinfield, owners of The Club House in Palm Mar held a Last Night of the Proms event, and raised a massive €1,700 for F.A.C.T. Earlier this month, the cheque was presented to the association at the bar. Polly says, "Palm Mar has been blessed with a great community, the members of which have all put themselves out for a number of worthwhile causes. This has been our third fund raising event at The Club House in the seven months we've been open. In total we have raised €2,800, €2,600 of which has



↑ Polly and Nigel were presented with their certificate of donation by F.A.C.T. members

been given to F.A.C.T. and €200 to Helping Hands. We would like to take this opportunity to thank them all, especially Darlene, Peter, Debbie, Eric and all of The Club House staff who worked so hard that evening".

Polly and Nigel, and of course all the members of F.A.C.T., would also like to thank all the individuals and businesses for donating services or vouchers:

Sandra and Graham Coats (PADI diving course), Nigel Pinfield (Island Tour and a Trike Ride), Tapati Restaurant, Frutería Los Delgado, Juan (Milano Hairdressers), David from Made in Belgium, Xtrength Gym, Barbers Rule, Barbara, Stefano and Cristiano (El Cortado), Mario (Sol y Mar), Pascal (Bar Rasca), Alan and Caroline (Bon Appetit), María (Baobab), Carlos and Fabiana (Ferretería Palm Mar), María and Lauren (Cartier Chic Beauty), Bobby's IV Indian Restaurant, Cristian (Palm Bar), Chantal (Sealounge), Antonio (Mix Bar), Pepe (El Pescas-

tico), Chantal (Bahia Beach), Charlotte Chalkey (therapy sessions), Chantal (Les Copains Del Mar Boutique), Adele (eyelash set), and Chocoloco (homemade cake).

Polly concluded, "A huge thank you to all our customers who not only donated bottles of wine, spirits, games, toys etc., but came to The Last Night of the Proms charity event for F.A.C.T. and gave so generously. But there are two people who need to be praised above all others, Moira Dixon for setting up such an amazing association with a great team behind her and to Darlene who wore out her shoe leather and her voice while asking people and businesses to donate to this event".

If you are a cancer patient or a relative and would like some help, or if you would like to be a helper, call F.A.C.T. or if you are able you could come along to their weekly meetings at the Palms Bar in San Eugenio Alto on the first Monday of every month, from 6pm to 8pm. For contact details, see www.cancertenerife.com.

PENGUIN PROGENY

Special Loro Parque delivery

Loro Parque is now home to one penguin family with an incredible four generations.

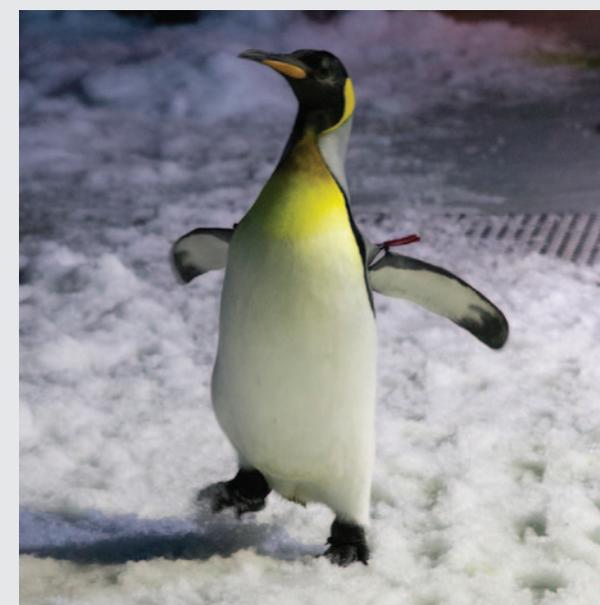
The latest birth is not only special for that fabulously fecund achievement, but the matriarch of the group is no less than Geisha, a penguin with a fascinating history.

Accidentally trapped by a Japanese fisherman, Geisha was handed to a local veterinary centre, which cared for the shocked and undernourished penguin before contacting Tenerife's top wildlife park to enquire if they had a long term placement available. In 2003 Geisha was duly escorted across the continents to be carefully integrated into Loro Parque's Planet Penguin facility. Geisha quickly adapted to the change, regained full health and became a fully fledged member of the penguin colony.

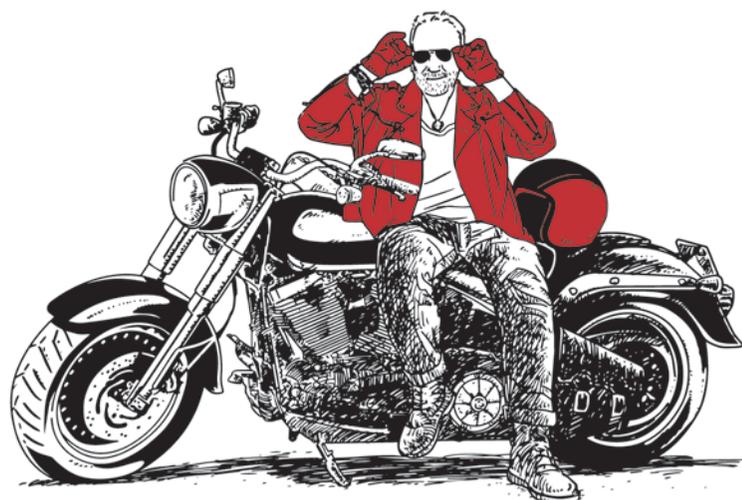
Her first chick was born in 2009, with another one following in 2011. Both females, the two daughters now have three youngsters between them, one of which has now made Geisha a proud penguin great-grandmother.



↑ This little one means one penguin family in Loro Parque has four generations in it



↑ The wonderful great-grandmother Geisha



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