



INTERNATIONAL SERVICE REPORT July 11, 2024

- NEW GENERATIONS SERVICE EXCHANGE

As previously reported, The Rotary Club of Denia and the Hospital Clinica Benidorm (HCB) in Denia have selected U of A Public Health Student Brooke McKalip for our first New Generations Service Exchange (NGSE) organized by the ICC USA-Spain.

Brooke will arrive in Valencia on Saturday, July 6th. Rianne and Rick will meet her at the airport. Brooke will spend her first two nights at the home of Rick and Rianne in Denia.

On Monday, July 8th, Brooke will start her 4-week internship at HCB and also move to her host Family home of District Youth Chair Angelines Asperilla.

DG Sue Archibald is up-to-date with all communications regarding this subject.

- EL JUTE SCHOOL LIBRARY (**ON HOLD**)

Unfortunately, after repeatedly contacting 1) several Clubs in D5500, 2) the ICC USA-Spain members, 3) the donors from the original Global Grant for El Jute, and 4) the Ripple Effect Coalition in Canada to help fund the School Library Project, we have only received the Rotary Club of Denia donation of \$1,000.

Total project cost is \$16,000. This project is below the \$30,000 minimum for a Global Grant. This Library is also the temporary ESL Classroom that is important for the future opportunities of the children of El Jute. **We are asking for suggestions from the BOD, International Service Committee and the Membership.**

- EL JUTE SCHOOL ENGLISH LANGUAGE INSTRUCTION (**ON HOLD**)

During our visit with the Rotary Club of Gualan, it was decided that in order to assist the students obtain higher education and viable work opportunities in the future, classes in English as a Second Language need to be available in the school in El Jute. With this the aforementioned LIBRARY PROJECT will serve a dual purpose. Since the school already operates in two separate sessions (Morning Group & Afternoon Group) in order to accommodate the number of children in the village, classroom space for a special class is not available. The Library would initially provide this space. For future reference, a part-time ESL instructor (2 days per week) would cost approximately \$2,000 **per YEAR**. An insignificant investment for the future of the children of El Jute.

NEW BI-LINGUAL GOOBER GUYS

Tim presented a Spanish Language copy of the 4-Way Test Book "GOOBER GUYS" for children to the Rotary Club of Gualan. It was agreed that this book would be a perfect working tool in ESL Classes to promote one of the guiding principles of Rotary and be included in all the nearby school libraries. Reformatting and printing costs need to be discussed by this committee after we review our discussions with the RC Gualan to make clear all the benefits of this new version. Once we establish a budget for reformatting and printing of books for D5500 and Guatemala, then, if the BOD agrees, this would be a good District Grant request.

- GUATEMALA LITERACY PROJECT (GLP)

The Guatemala Literacy Project (GLP) is one of the largest grassroots, multi-club, multi-district projects in Rotary. It is coordinated by the Ohio Pathways Club in District 6600. The 2024-2025 Global Grant #2463588 is hosted by the Rotary Club of Nueva Guatemala (D-4250) and sponsored by the Windsor-Roseland, Ontario, Canada (D-6400). Our Rotary Club contributes \$1,000 annually to this very large Global Grant which typically raises over \$500,000 each year.

David and I have discussed two routes for this source of funding. Our Club already commits a minimum of \$1,000 per year to this huge (\$500,000) Global Grant. If we go the District Grant route our \$1,000 (or more) is matched by the District. It is an annual application, i.e., one-time deal. If we can convince DG Sue Archibald to make D5500 an annual District participant in this amazing Global Grant, then our Club's \$1,000 is matched by the District and the District's \$1,000 is match by 80% from Rotary International. And with her approval, this can be an annual contribution of \$2,800 without having to file a District Grant Application every year.

- FRIENDSHIP EXCHANGE BETWEEN D5500 & SPAIN

This is being coordinated by Rick while he is in Spain. The original article that Rick published in D5500 IMPACT has received a very good response. There are currently nine D5500 Rotarians who have signed up to go on an exchange in June or July 2025. Keep in mind, Rotary International Convention in Calgary is June 21-25, 2025.

Rick is working out the details with the Rotary Club of Denia and participants from Spain would arrive in Arizona in April 2025 (to avoid heat and rattlesnakes). *DG Sue Archibald is up-to-date with all communications regarding this subject.*

- FRIENDSHIP EXCHANGE BETWEEN D5500 & GUATEMALA

During our visit with the Rotary Club of Gualan, President Linda, Sheree, Tim, Rick & Rianne opened a discussion and extended a formal invitation to the members of our Sister Club to visit Oro Valley in October 2025, possibly at the time of the District 5500 Conference. *DG Sue Archibald is up-to-date with all communications regarding this subject.*

- ZACAPA HOSPITAL – PEDIATRIC ICU EQUIPMENT

Waiting on the Dedication of the New PICU in August.

The main objective is to supply five (5) mechanical pulmonary ventilators and five (5) vital signs monitors, all new, for use in the Pediatric Intensive Care Unit (PICU) of the Regional Hospital of Zacapa, Guatemala. The April 2024 Guatemala Team from Oro Valley also visited this facility with Dr. Edwin Oliva who is also a Rotarian from Gualan. Rick and Edwin are in direct communication with the MINDRAY (Medical Device Manufacturer) representative for Guatemala in hope of obtaining the equipment as a donation.

- D5500 GUATEMALA FORUM (**NO CHANGE**)

We are trying to create a D5500 Guatemala Forum to link OVRC with RC Tucson Sunset and other District Clubs and non-Rotary Organizations in the Tucson Area doing work in Guatemala. Rick and Eugene Medina (RC Tucson Sunset) continue to have discussions regarding both collaboration in Guatemala and attracting other clubs to International Service. Eugene, PDG Diane Goodyear and Rick are trying to build interest in International Service among the other club members. Pat Patton, D5500 International Chair has also agreed to help support the creation of the Guatemala Forum.