

ROTARY CLUB OF ORO VALLEY
CLUB ASSEMBLY
2024-01-04
INTERNATIONAL SERVICE REPORT

- I. BALI SEWING PROJECT DONATION
 - a. The Bali Sewing Project - \$1,000 is committed to the project and we are still waiting for additional information from Bali to release the funds.
 - b. At this time, there are no plans to visit or to conduct a Friendship Exchange to Bali.
 - c. The Club should consider if a Sister Club relationship should be formed.
- II. GUATEMALA TRIP & PROJECTS
 - a. Rick & Rianne are planning their trip for mid-April 2024. David Stevenson is also planning to coordinate a trip with GLP potentially in March 2024.
 - i. Either way, we recommend OVRC members who plan to make a trip to Guatemala also book a guided tour of the country.
 - ii. Several OVRC Rotarians are interested in joining the trip.
 - b. GARDEN IN A BAG - Rick & Tim Aalbu are working with the RC Gualan to have a service project during the visit to El Jute.
 - c. PEACE POLES - Rick & Jim Nook have contacted RC Gualan regarding the use of Peace Poles in Guatemala and if they can be manufactured in country rather than shipped from the USA. We want to place one at the El Jute School to start.
 - d. EL JUTE SCHOOL LIBRARY¹ - Rick has contacted several Clubs in D5500, the ICC USA-Spain members and donors from the original Global Grant for El Jute to help fund the School Library Project. Total project cost is \$16,000. Two clubs in the USA and one in Spain will commit to \$1,000 - \$2,000. We propose OVRC commit \$2,000 from the International Service Budget and \$8,000 from the Oro Vallet Rotary Foundation. Jane's efforts to obtain a District Grants were stopped because we still have an open grant for Edge High School.
- III. FRIENDSHIP EXCHANGE BETWEEN D5500 & SPAIN² – This is being coordinated by the ICC USA-SPAIN. Rick has emailed information to DG Don, Cindy & John Dooling and Randy Brooks who were all planning on an exchange with India that fell through. Spain is seeking participants from their Districts.
- IV. D5500 GUATEMALA FORUM - We are trying to create a D5500 Guatemala Forum link OVRC with RC Pantano and other District Clubs and non-Rotary Organizations doing work in Guatemala. Pat Patton, D5500 International Chair has agreed to help support the creation of this forum. No further progress during the holidays.
- V. NEW GENERATIONS SERVICE EXCHANGE³ – The files of five outbound candidates from U of A Rotaract Club have been circulated to the three Districts in Spain. The files of two inbound from Spain have been circulated to the five Districts in the USA that are members of the ICC USA-Spain.

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ENDNOTES:

¹ El Jute, Guatemala School Library

In early December, I sent a group email asking for your help in funding this "Adopt-a-Village" project in El Jute, Guatemala, just as we participated in the school project in Peru last year. Each of your Clubs and/or Districts also participated in our successful Global Grant #2096305 in 2022, "Water, Sanitation & Hygiene" for the benefit of the children at the El Jute school and the Families in this remote village. The budget for this project is \$16,100 which is too small for a Global Grant (minimum of \$30,000).

We need to know if there is any interest for support from all ICC USA-Spain member Districts and Clubs.

² Rotary Friendship Exchange (RFE) with District 5500

District 5500 Governor Don Jorgensen is selecting a group of Rotarians to visit Denia in April for a period of 7-10 days. I received another email from him on 2023-12-27 requesting information from Spain.

We need to respond with details from Denia with dates and number of people that will be visiting D5500 from Spain.

³ New Generations Service Exchange (NGSE)

This is one of our stated goals for the 2023-24 Rotary Year. Angelines (Spain) and Kanita (University of Arizona) continue to work diligently on trying to place the following candidates:

From Spain:

1. Idoya Pineda Botella
2. Lucía Morón Ares

From USA (University of Arizona)

1. Brooke McKalip
2. Megan Dwyer
3. Raquel A. Rodrigues
4. Serena Allen
5. Tyler McMurrich

We need to provide an update from California and Spain.