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MEETING NOTES: April 29, 2020

Call to Order: Jim Olson called the virtual meeting to order



Thought for the Day: John King shared “lessons from my mother”. Dick Hamlish offered an additional thought. This was a most appropriate topic given that it was maternal and child health month.

Happy Dollars: Ruth gave happy dollars.

New Member: Jennifer Hansen, a nurse and CEO, was inducted as a new member. Welcome!

PROGRAM

Dr. Michael Barrington and Susan Grossman, both Concord Rotarians, updated us on the Water, Sanitation and Hygiene program (WASH) centered around two cities in Northern Honduras, Tocoa and Trujillo, where most residents are destitute and use a bartering exchange for needed goods. Rotarians gathered data through a community needs assessment. Then they help by mobilizing resources, forming partnerships, and investing in infrastructure and training to yield long-term change.



The PDM Smith Company, experts in the field of pollution, has been working along with Rotarians in the WASH program. They have been assisting with water

decontamination and hygiene infrastructure. They have done a systematic cleaning and repair of toilets. Utilization of soap is becoming a mainstream practice. When people have access to clean water and sanitation, waterborne diseases decrease, and children stay healthier and attend school more regularly.



WASH volunteers work with students through their schools, parents, and teachers. Online weekly conferences with parents and twenty-five local Rotarians in that area improve communications.



Information about their educational program will be presented at the May 6th meeting. More information is also available at www.concordcarotary.org.

CALENDAR

May 6	Kenneth Pon & Katie Gomez – Bringing Education to Honduras
May 13	Robert Sieben – Changing Paradigm of Wildfire Prevention