



INTERNATIONAL SERVICE REPORT

November 14, 2024

- **D5500 GUATEMALA FORUM**
(and BUILDING AWARENESS IN INTERNATIONAL SERVICE)
 - The group conducted its first formal meeting at the home of PDG Diane Ventura-Goodyear on November 7, 2024. The meeting was also attended by Rick, Gene Medina, Gordon Goodyear and PDG Dennis Bergquist. After an extensive discussion, we thought these issues should be explored:
 - Developing strategies to energize clubs' interest in international projects. Providing lists of current "easy" projects in which to participate. An example was circulated at the District Conference by PDG Dennis Bergquist's "pick-and-choose shopping list".
 - Growing club focus on international projects across District 5500.
 - Engaging youth/young adults (Rotaract, Interact) in international projects. Provide opportunities for youth to reach out and become engaged internationally.
 - Establishing a process for clubs to actively share what they are doing in their international projects (what works, what challenges they have met, how they assess ongoing progress, make adjustment and adapt to issues, and to evaluate outcomes and the like). It was suggested that we use <https://slack.com/>
 - Creating a sense of interdependence in international service. How can we work together, across clubs and district to provide international service.
 - Rick and Gene Medina (RC Tucson Sunset) continue to develop a "targeted" plan to link OVRC with RC Tucson Sunset and other District Clubs and non-Rotary Organizations (churches, NGO's, etc.) in the Tucson Area doing work in Guatemala. For Guatemala, this Forum would link EcoFiltro, GLP, ESL and the "Goober Guys" across our District.
- **ICC USA-SPAIN**

The monthly ZOOM meeting was held today. Our discussion focused on:

- Global Grant #2572374 submitted by DG Dimas Rizzo of District 2203 in Spain to provide disaster relief to victims of Storm Dana.
- Future New Generation Service Exchange(s) between District 5500 and one of the Districts in Spain.
- District 6000 (Iowa) representative Greg Probst has two Critical Care candidates who would be available for an outbound exchange to Spain.
- District 5500 has several potential U of A Rotary students who want to apply. Dr. Patricia Rico-Martin indicated that she can arrange internships for in medical, nursing, physical therapy and laboratory and x-ray technicians.
- Greg also suggested and the group agreed that finding community service projects and organizations for "intern" experience would also be valuable to all candidates.
- Greg will also distribute additional information regarding the July 2025 RYLA openings for inbound international students.

THE FOLLOWING FIVE ITEMS ARE FOCUSED ON ROTARY'S "BASIC EDUCATION AND LITERACY" MISSION

1. FORGOTTEN CHILDREN (SENEGAL)

- The International Service Committee approved and committed \$1,000 to this project in Senegal. Elijah Ndoeye presented at our club and we had additional discussions at the District Conference before we made this financial commitment.
- We will need some help on exactly how we donate to the DDF so Elijah will receive the 80% match from Rotary International.
- Elijah and I want to learn more about how his experience can be applied to the underserved children in El Jute who NEED to have the "tools" found in higher education and future careers to escape the cycle of poverty.

2. EL JUTE SCHOOL LIBRARY / ESL CLASSROOM

- Stacey wired the \$16,100 to the Rotary Club of Gualan and the construction has already begun.



- This Library is also the temporary ESL Classroom that is important for the future opportunities of the children of El Jute, a topic that has been reported in detail and was discussed with the RC Gualan, Sheree, Tim and Linda while in Guatemala.

3. EL JUTE SCHOOL ENGLISH LANGUAGE INSTRUCTION

We have asked the Rotary Club of Gualán and School Director Sandra Carolina Mendez-Duarte to begin a search for qualified part-time ESL instructors (2 days per week). The budgeted cost is approximately \$2,000 per year. An insignificant investment for the future of the children of El Jute.

4. NEW BI-LINGUAL GOOBER GUYS

Tim contacted Brittany Cacopardo at QuikPrint who printed both the original English version and Spanish version of the GOOBER GUYS. A proof copy of the Dual language book was presented at the District Conference. 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 TUSD school libraries. Reformatting and printing costs are estimated at \$1,300.00. In the future, this would be a good District Grant request.

5. GUATEMALA LITERACY PROJECT (GLP)

David will make a formal presentation in January 2025. As previously discussed, 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.

We see two possible 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 (ONGOING)

This is being coordinated by Rick. The original article that Rick published in D5500 IMPACT has received a very good response. There are currently twelve 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). Dr. Patricia Martin-Rico is also interested in making a trip to Guatemala to visit El Jute and meet with Dr. Edwin Olivia.

- FRIENDSHIP EXCHANGE BETWEEN D5500 & GUATEMALA (ONGOING)

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.

- ZACAPA HOSPITAL – PEDIATRIC ICU EQUIPMENT

Attached to this report is the Rotary Global Grant #2569447 application submitted by our Sister Club in Gualan with a Request for Matching Funds from the Rotary Club of Burlington North (District 7080).

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 the Rotary Club of Gualan.

Basic Information

Grant title

Equipment for Pediatric Intensive Care Unit Regional Hospital Zacapa, Guatemala

Type of Project

Humanitarian Project

Address community needs and produce sustainable, measurable outcomes

Primary Contacts

Name	Club	District	Sponsor	Role
Edwin Oliva	Gualán	4250	Rotary Club	Host
Aldo Villanovich	Burlington North	7080	Rotary Club	International

Committee Members

Host committee

Name	Club	District	Role
Erick Contreras Jordán	Gualán [Rotary Club]	4250	Secondary Contact
Salvador Paz Cortez	Gualán [Rotary Club]	4250	Secondary Contact
Cristóbal Bade Paz	Gualán [Rotary Club]	4250	Secondary Contact

International committee

Name	Club	District	Role
Bill Leggitt	Burlington North [Rotary Club]	7080	Secondary Contact International
Barbara Lewis	Burlington North [Rotary Club]	7080	Secondary Contact International
Eva Quijano Rivadeneyra	Burlington North [Rotary Club]	7080	Secondary Contact International

Do any of these committee members have potential conflicts of interest?

A conflict of interest occurs when someone is in a position to make or influence a decision about a grant or award that could benefit them, their family, their business, or an entity in which they serve in a paid or voluntary leadership or advisory position.

For each Rotary member who serves on the grant committee, list all relationships that the member has with any scholarship recipients, cooperating organizations, project vendors, or other individuals or organizations that will benefit from the grant.

Ninguna - none

Next, list all relationships that district officers and other members of the sponsor clubs or districts (other than the members of the grant committee) have with any award recipients, cooperating organizations, project vendors, or other individuals or organizations that would benefit from the grant.

Ninguna - none

Project Overview

Tell us a little about your project. What are the main objectives of the project, and who will benefit from it?

The main objective is to supply 5 mechanical pulmonary ventilators, and 5 vital signs monitors, all new, for use in the Pediatric Intensive Care Unit (PICU) of the Regional Hospital of Zacapa, Guatemala. The beneficiaries will be pediatric patients who require treatment in the intensive care unit. So far the aforementioned unit provides care with equipment for only 5 beds, which is insufficient for the demand for care in the local area served by the hospital. The Zacapa Regional Hospital is currently in the process of remodeling and expansion the pediatric ICU. This work includes a new building with 10 more beds for the PICU. All necessary equipment except the ventilators and monitors will be supplied and installed by others and ready by September 2024. When that facility is ready, this Rotary project will then supply the necessary ventilators and monitors to finalize the installation and make it fully operational

Areas of Focus

Which area of focus will this project support?

Disease prevention and treatment



Rotary
District 7080



The Rotary Club of Burlington North (D7080, Ontario, Canada)

Dear friends!

The Rotary Club of Burlington North (D7080, Ontario, Canada), has agreed to support a Global Grant (GG2569447) initiated by the Club Rotario Gualan in Gualan, Guatemala.

The GG2569447 for \$121,103.00 US will provide funds for 5 Pulmonary Ventilators and 5 Vital Signs Monitors for the improvement to the Pediatric Intensive Care Unit at the Zacapa Regional Hospital, Zacapa, Guatemala.

Please see the attached page showing the following:

1. The ground-breaking ceremony attended by members of RC Burlington North, CR Gualan, Doctors from the Zacapa Regional Hospital, Pediatric Unit and Claude Piche' (from the Piche' Family Foundation which provided the funds to build the Pediatric Unit addition).
2. The plan for the new addition showing the total of 10 new beds in the new Pediatric Intensive Care Unit.
3. The new Intensive Care addition being constructed.
4. Showing the existing Intensive Care deplorable conditions.
5. Showing the proposed Pulmonary Ventilators and the Vital Signs Monitors.

NOTE:

The RC Burlington North asks for your Club's generous support to provide the funding for the GG2569447, to assist CR Gualan to greatly improve the Pediatric Intensive Care Unit at Zacapa Regional Hospital, Zacapa, Guatemala by providing the much needed critical care equipment to support proper care for the infants in this impoverished Region of Guatemala.

We thank you in advance for your Club's generous support.

Aldo Villanovich (GG Primary Contact)

RC Burlington North (D7080)

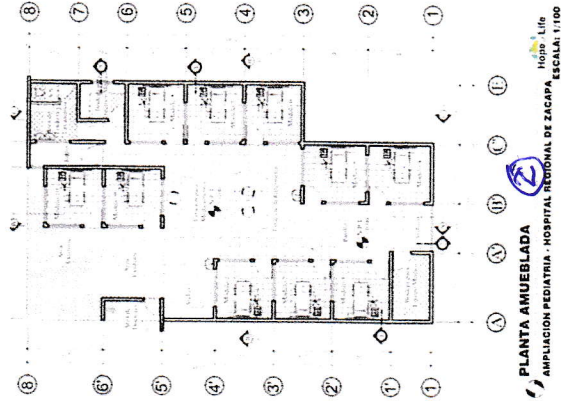
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Zacapa Regional Hospital, Guatemala



① Groundbreaking Ceremony



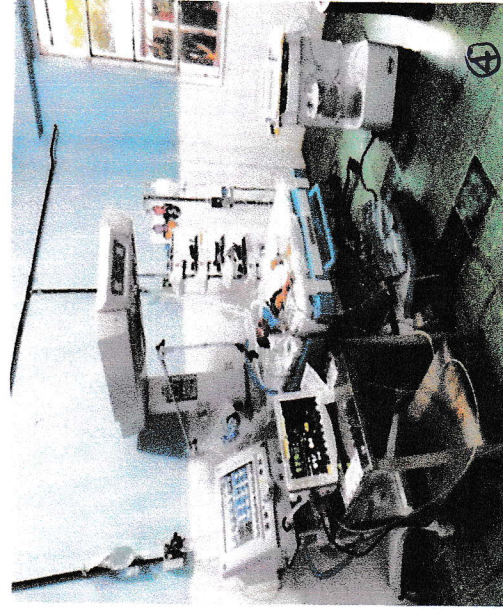
② New Addition Plan



③ New Addition



④ Existing Intensive Care Unit &



Proposed New Equipment

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