

**INTERNATIONAL SERVICE REPORT<sup>1</sup>**  
**March 13, 2025**

- **ICC USA-SPAIN – New Generations Service Exchange (NGSE)**
  - We have received an application from a potential NGSE Inbound Candidate from Spain. Sr. Senén García Bravo is 24-years of age and a recent graduate of the Universidad de Alicante Law School. He is interested in international trade, business development, and the evolving landscape of global markets. Senén also wants to participate in Rotary Service Projects while he is in Arizona. He is available for four weeks in July 2025. Our Club is the sponsor and is responsible for finding an internship and lodging for the four-week period in July.
  - Our Rotarians in Spain have advised that lodging has become a challenge for our proposed NGSE candidate from U of A.
  - As previously reported, Dr. Patricia Rico-Martin (D2203) is researching internships in medical, nursing, physical therapy and laboratory and x-ray technicians.
  - Juan-Manuel García (D2201) is working with Blas Muñoz Reja regarding opportunities at several non-medical businesses that would attract engineering students.

- **FRIENDSHIP EXCHANGE BETWEEN D5500 & SPAIN**
  - This exchange is being coordinated by Rick.
  - There are currently eleven D5500 Rotarians who have signed up to go on an exchange in June or July 2025, after the Rotary International Convention in Calgary (June 21-25, 2025).
  - Rick is working out the details with the Rotary Club of Denia and has requested a list of participants from Spain that would arrive in Arizona in April 2025.

- **FRIENDSHIP EXCHANGE BETWEEN D5500 & GUATEMALA**

A written letter of invitation was emailed on December 9, 2024. The Rotary Club of Gualán has responded and its members are “very excited with the invitation to Oro Valley, we already have six (6) members ready to go and in the next few days I think others are added, we will send you a formal acceptance to your Club’s invitation.” Target dates are late September.

- **ROTARY “BASIC EDUCATION & LITERACY” MISSION**

**1. EL JUTE SCHOOL ENGLISH LANGUAGE INSTRUCTION**

Now that the Library/ESL Classroom is complete, 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.

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<sup>1</sup> **The International Committee conducts a ZOOM meeting on the third Wednesday of the month at 1700 hours. All Rotarians are welcome to attend using the Club Zoom Link.**

## 2. GUATEMALA LITERACY PROJECT

- David Stevenson made a presentation to our Club on February 27<sup>th</sup>.
  - David plans to visit other clubs in our District with his presentation.
  - DG Sue Archibald has agreed to add D5500 to this annual Global Grant by matching Annual Fund donations from our Club and other District 5500 Clubs with DDF funds.
  - Our Club has budgeted \$2,000 for the GLP in Rotary Year 2025-26. When matched by DDF funds, our contribution will increase to \$3,600 on the GLP Global Grant.
- **D5500 INTERNATIONAL SERVICE FORUM & ICC USA-Belize-Honduras-Guatemala**
    - With the introduction of the proposed ICC USA-Belize-Honduras-Guatemala, this group now includes:
      1. Rick & Gene Medina (as co-coordinators), PDG Diane Ventura-Goodyear, Gordon Goodyear, and PDG Dennis Bergquist with the original DG mission of building greater awareness and participation in international service among the clubs of District 5500. Less than 30% of District 5500 Clubs are active in International Service, and there are only seven clubs with named International Service Chairs. Using the list of all District Club Presidents and their email address, an introductory letter and PowerPoint presentation is being sent to encourage International Service, Sister Clubs and Grant preparation. Future club meetings will include: 1) 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 2) Creating a sense of interdependence in international service. How can we work together, across clubs and district to provide international service?
      2. For the new ICC between and among Districts in the USA and District 4250 which includes all three countries of Belize, Honduras and Guatemala, the current team is led by Rick and Claudine includes:

PDG Julio Grazioso	D4250
Al Stjernegaard	D5050
Nick Frankle	D5240
Gene Medina	D5500
Rick Chimblo	D5500
Jim Benshoof	D5950
Rick & Mary Ellen Harned	D6710
Bruce Grant	D7620
      3. **Guatemala**: Rick and Gene will develop a “targeted” plan to link District Clubs and non-Rotary Organizations (churches, NGO’s, etc.) in the Tucson Area doing work in Guatemala. For Guatemala, this coalition would include EcoFiltro, GLP, ESL and the “Goober Guys” across District 5500.

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#### **Proposed 2025-26 International Service Budget**

The members of the Oro Valley Rotary Club International Service Committee have met, discussed and respectfully submit the following proposed budget for Rotary Year 2025-26.

<b>ADOPT-A-VILLAGE</b>	<b>\$ 5,000.00</b>	
ESL Teacher - One Year - 2 Days/Week - 4 Classes/Week		\$ 2,000.00
Additional Bi-lingual Books for Library		\$ 1,000.00
Contribute to Library Furniture & Bookcases		\$ 1,000.00
Unknown Contingencies		\$ 1,000.00
 <b>GUATEMALA LITERACY PROJECT (GLP)</b>	 <b>\$ 2,000.00</b>	
Donate to RI Annual Fund to Receive DDF from D5500: Net to GLP \$3,600.00		\$ 2,000.00
 <b>OTHER (NGSE, DENIA, UNKNOWN GG's)</b>	 <b>\$ 5,500.00</b>	
New Generations Service Exchange - One U of A Student to Spain		\$ 2,500.00
Potential Denia Sister Club Project		\$ 500.00
Unknown International Projects (non-Guatemala) - \$250-\$500 each		\$ 500.00
a) Biking on My Island, Cartagena, Colombia (Global Grant)		\$ 500.00
b) Kairos - Pedagogical-Artistic, Cúcuta, Colombia (Global Grant)		\$ 500.00
c) Resilience in a Rucksack, Ukraine (One-World Humanitarian Relief)		\$ 1,000.00
 <b>TOTAL</b>	 <b>\$ 12,500.00</b>	

In addition, Stacey has advised me that there is \$2,771.04 remaining in the International Service Budget for 2024-25 after committed funds. We have voted to contribute \$1,000.00 of those funds to the current Humanitarian Relief Project in Ukraine. The balance of \$1,771.04 will be carried over to 2025-26.