

INTERNATIONAL SERVICE REPORT **April 10, 2025**

- **ICC USA-SPAIN – New Generations Service Exchange (NGSE)**

- We are actively searching for a law firm to accept our 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 selected U of A NGSE Outbound Candidate Hendrick Read to “exchange” with Senén. Hendrick is a medical student and Spain has identified both a clinic for his internship and lodging. Hendrick is completing his paperwork and collecting all necessary documents from the University.

- **FRIENDSHIP EXCHANGE BETWEEN D5500 & SPAIN¹**

- This exchange is being coordinated by Rick.
- Due to various cancelations, there are currently only six D5500 Rotarians who are still interested 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.

- **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**

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.

¹ The Inbound Exchange from Spain to Arizona for April 2025 was canceled due to uncertainties regarding the current foreign tourists’ policies of the USA.

2. GUATEMALA LITERACY PROJECT

- David Stevenson made a presentation to our Club on February 27th.
 - 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
 - These two initiatives are currently active:
 1. Rick & Gene Medina (as co-coordinators) have developed a draft letter to Club Presidents to encourage greater awareness and participation in international service among the Clubs District 5500. As previously stated, 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 is being sent to encourage International Service, Sister Clubs and Grant preparation.
 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:

GRAZIOSO	JULIO	4250
STJERNEGAARD	AL	5050
WORMALD	BRIAN	5050
BROWN	GLEN	5050
FRANKLE	NICK	5240
PRISBREY	DAVE	5420
STROBELL	DAN	5420
MEDINA	GENE	5500
CHIMBLO	RICK	5500
GRANT	BRUCE	7620
EDWARDS	REGINA	5810

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. A similar approach will be used for Belize and Honduras in the other Districts of the proposed ICC.