

INTERNATIONAL SERVICE REPORT
May 13, 2025

- **ICC USA-SPAIN – New Generations Service Exchange (NGSE)**
 - NGSE Inbound Candidate from Spain. Sr. Senén García Bravo will be hosted by the Rotary Club of Florence (D5500) and will participate in an internship at the Courts in that area.
 - NGSE Outbound Candidate from U of A. Mr. Hendrick Read will “exchange” with Senén. Hendrick is a medical student and Spain has identified both a clinic for his internship and lodging.
- **FRIENDSHIP EXCHANGE BETWEEN D5500 & SPAIN**
 - This exchange is being coordinated by Rick and the Rotary Club of Denia, Spain.
 - Due to various cancelations, there are currently only two D5500 Rotarians who are still interested to go on an exchange in July 2025.
 - Rene and Veronica Garayzar, Rotary Foundation Committee, RC Nogales
- **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.

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
- District 5500 Grant – EcoFiltro Water Purification Units for Remote Villages in Guatemala

Gene Medina (potential new OV Rotary transferring from RC Sunrise) will be working with our International Service Committee to write a District Grant to be submitted in July to purchase and distribute water filters to villages in Guatemala. We have experience with these water purification units manufactured in Guatemala. We will be working with PDG Julio Grazioso (D4250) in Guatemala City to provide “boots on the ground” support for this project.

- District 5500 International Service Forum

Rick & Gene Medina (as co-coordinators) have developed a draft letter to DGE Bruce Munro & incoming 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.

- Guatemala NGO Cooperation Project

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 “Goobar Guys” across District 5500. A similar approach will be used for Belize and Honduras in the other Districts of the proposed ICC.

- ICC USA-BELIZE-HONDURAS-GUATEMALA

On May 5th, this new ICC conducted it first ZOOM organizational meeting and included:

GRAZIOSO	JULIO	4250
KNEPPER	GAYLE	5010
ESTES	SHAYNE	5010
STJERNEGAARD	AL	5050
WORMALD	BRIAN	5050
BROWN	GLEN	5050
FRANKLE	NICK	5240
PRISBREY	DAVE	5420
STROBELL	DAN	5420
MEDINA	GENE	5500
CHIMBLO	RICK	5500
SCHOOLEY	CLAUDINE	5500
EDWARDS	REGINA	5810
GRANT	BRUCE	7620