



Conferred upon Yves Lafontaine on June 25, 2024

Think Micro-loans. Think Co-op. Think Calendar sales. Think Economic Development. Think Peru. Think Yves Lafontaine.

Yves transferred here in June 2022 from the Trois Rivieres club bringing with him a passion for a project *Economic Development of Poor Communities in Peru*. He demonstrates incredible devotion, persistence and commitment to this international project.

His fundraising efforts are relentless: last year alone he sold an amazing \$5400 of calendars which help raise awareness of our club's work in Ottawa and raised \$10K for the Peru project to augment ISC support of \$3K to the volunteer women led Co-op soup kitchen located in the village of Puquio, Santo. Yves sought an additional \$1,500USD from ISC to purchase a refrigerator and food supplies identified by a community needs review. In the past, with the help of Collaboration Sante Internationale (CSI), Yves shipped many wheelchairs to Peru with a Rotary Club paying only for the shipment.

Yves and his wife Kay have developed a good rapport of trust with local contacts through their many yearly trips to Peru which were interrupted only by Covid. They follow closely the progress of micro-loans provided at 0% interest. This winter two women were recipients of their loans – one woman purchased 4 pigs to serve as future income sources; the other woman has a sewing machine and was able to purchase materials to sew items for sale. He has spoken of one success story wherein the project President was provided a micro-loan allowing her have an income and send her daughter to university and who has now graduated. The cooperative (NGO) produces a detailed report for each micro-loan.

Their most recent Peru visit saw them visit two villages with micro-loans. One community, Barranquito is home to 100 families and has low pressure running water – about 16 hours per week. Asking themselves how they can help, Yves decided to work with Wings of Hope to develop a project proposal to get them a new well.

In March 2024, Yves met with the Rotary Club Nueva Era (Chincha, Peru) President and the Mayor as well as the Rotary Club of Trois-Rivieres to seek ways to help in Peru and to work on a Global Grant project.

His ongoing promotion of the Peru project also has raised awareness of some of the International work our club does.

Yes, please come forward to receive your Lloyd Loynes trophy for Volunteer Service.

Lloyd Loynes Trophy for Volunteer Service:

Upon approval of the Club's Board of Directors, winners receive an ornament of a bear suitable for table-top display that commemorates the trophy they will also receive on loan from the Club—a stone sculpture of a white spirit bear with the list of past winners updated with their names. Lloyd Loynes was a Club member who promoted hands-on volunteerism. The unmounted stone trophy was donated by the late Club member Ted Ferrier for the purpose of creating this Award. The award citation is also presented.

Winners must have provided:

- a. Outstanding “hands-on” volunteer service (time and talent) in support of the Club's projects, and/or
- b. Outstanding volunteer service to the community, external to Rotary.