

Rotary Club of Meadow Ridge



- Currently 35 members
- Chartered in 1990
- Major Fundraiser: Rotary Duck Race, raises between \$80,000 and \$100,000 annually for youth.
- Second fundraiser: Oktoberfest, raised approx \$6,000 in its inaugural year.
- Some additional minor fundraisers: Christmas Tree sale, Cyclamen Sale, each raising approx. \$1500 for “End Polio Now”.
- Limited International “hands on” experience – 2014 Nicaragua Project first major “hands on” project.



Rotary Club of Coquitlam Sunrise

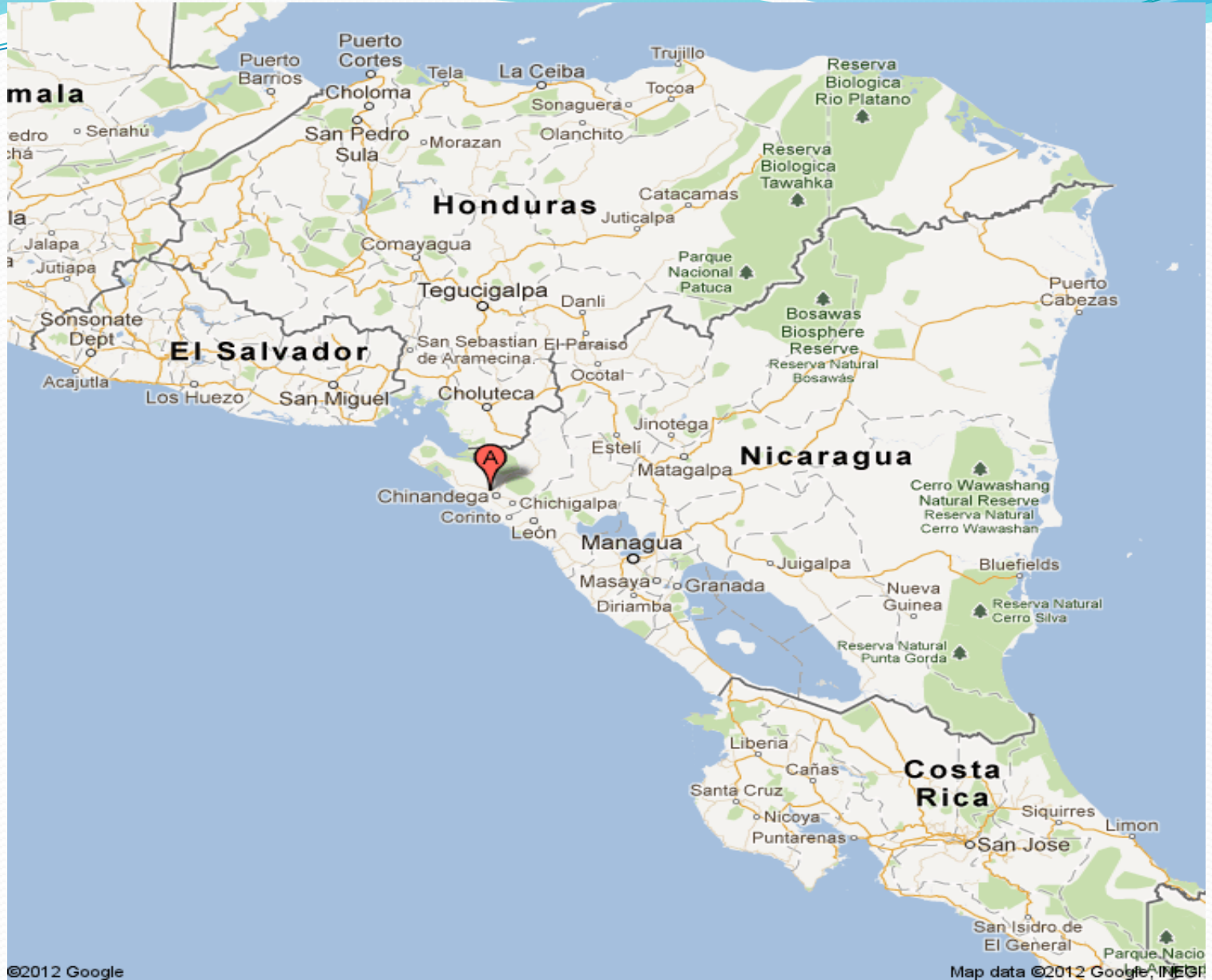
- Currently 27 members
- Major Fundraiser – Golf Tournament,
joint with Port Moody raises between \$35,000 – \$40,000
- Major Hands On – Operation Red Nose
- Limited International hands on project exposure

School Project in Nicaragua

- 2012 was the first year and 3 schools were constructed
- In 2013 flush toilets were added to the schools
- Our International Committee looked at this project, after a presentation to our club by the Coquitlam Sunrise Club; the International Committee proposed it to our Executive, which accepted it.
- Meadow Ridge and Coquitlam Rotary went to Nicaragua January 2014: small kitchens were added to 2 of the schools
- **We, in turn are asking this club to look seriously at this and possibly support and/or participate in this awesome “hands on” international project.**
No experience required!

Member Participation

- Meadow Ridge and Coquitlam Sunrise clubs are going back in January 2015 – We have found other clubs to join as well.
- Looking for 2 or 3 more clubs to join us; ideally we need 10 clubs total, to complete and furnish a vocational school, replace school roofs and do some repainting as well. Total project cost approx \$75,000
- Investment per club is \$2,500US, which will be matched by District 5050 and RI(Global Grant)
- This is a “hands on” project and we invite Rotary members (family, friends) to come with us for 2 weeks to Nicaragua; an experience of a lifetime, you won't regret it!
- Anticipated cost per person for flight, accommodations, food, etc, approx \$2,000 (all in)



About Jiquillio

- Jiquillio is a remote fishing village, with no tourist “industry”, it provides a great opportunity to see authentic Nicaraguan life. Literally on the beach, the sea is the life blood of this community that consists of about fifty families whose livelihoods depend on fishing. The village is typical of how Nicaraguan families provide for themselves using the scant resources available to them.
- Village life is quiet and laid back, the people friendly and welcoming. Foreign visitors are a novelty here: if you speak any Spanish (and even if you don't!) whenever you visit the beach or pulperia (shop) someone will chat to you. If you are able to learn some common words in Spanish your experience will be enriched.
- Jiquillio has no stores beyond very few tiny pulperias selling sodas, snacks, cigarettes, beer, rum and essentials like soap. Most food is bought at the markets in Chinandega and brought into the village. At Monty's you will have great food, and fresh local seafood caught locally.

Accommodations

- Monty's Surf Camp in Jiquillio, an awesome place(google)
- We slept in small palm thatched "huts"; very simple but more than adequate accommodations
- Large outdoor dining / gathering area, covered by another palm thatched roof.....don't forget the insect repellent! Although the geckos do a great job!
- Well stocked bar, self serve, honour system; plenty of rum & coke and "Tonya"
- Monty's located directly on the beach, with those absolutely unbelievable sunsets!

More about Monty's

- The staff are warm and welcoming and they treat their guests and each other as family. Gerry(Nicaraguan) and Monty(Canadian), the owners, are committed to serving the local community and creating sustainable growth in a beautiful and as-yet untouched area of the world. Whether you are looking for a quiet beach to rejuvenate, an opportunity to give back (Monty's supports many local sustainable projects), you found a piece of paradise here!

Last year's Project

- Coquitlam Sunrise and Meadow Ridge Rotary- Build 2 small kitchens, replaced roofs at 2 of the schools, painted roof panels and prepared (lots of sanding) in- and outside of 6 classrooms for painting
- Club contribution was \$2,500.00 US each + \$5,000 from Global Change for Children; matched by District 5050: total \$20.000

Building the Kitchen Foundation



Starting to look like a kitchen....



Project & maintenance

- Jiquillio is a very small community, NO tourism; Men work nights fishing, rarely seen in the daytime
- All labour, material and fixtures are purchased locally. The schools, toilets, kitchens are owned by the local school district (the community).
- Most maintenance is done by the local community, teachers and students. We connected last year with local Rotary Club in Chinandega, to “host” the project
- Schools are K- 6, that's as high as they go presently!
- Next : Vocational school built from 2ltr bottles filled with beach-sand! 2015 focus is to complete and furnish

REALLY.....bottles filled with sand!





- Coquitlam Sunrise, as the original initiating club, is applying for all Matching Grants for the 2015 project. No need for each individual club to do any paperwork!
- To date we have “on Board” for 2015 following clubs: Coquitlam Sunrise, Meadow Ridge, Coquitlam, Skagit, Port Moody and a few others haven’t committed yet.

In addition to the kitchens

- Last year the two participating clubs had raised additional funds and used it towards:
- School supplies for 2 schools
- Replaced and painted the roof on community stage at one of the schools –
- Made and stained Book Shelving for class rooms
- Supplied food and prepared lunch at “Dump” Soup Kitchen -

In total about \$2,000

Rotarians cutting veggies



..and preparing the soup



Time to fill containers with soup ...about 250!





Local support

- School was not in session in January but most parents (and the kids) signed up to work at least 2 hours with the Rotary work “crew”
- Most stayed for the whole day!
- Many came back every day
- They proudly took ownership and will protect and maintain with much pride.

Posing with parents and kids





Painting the roof panels



2014 Focus

- Add a kitchen to 2 schools – cost \$4,500 each- done!
- Place to store beans & rice, plus stove and sink(clean water) for washing/cooking/drinking. Also ensuring the kids would at least receive ONE hot meal per day!
- Obtain District 5050 Funding, depending on new grant model – was accomplished
- Looking for other Clubs in District 5050 to join project - accomplished; Meadow Ridge Club went with 7 people (including one student) Jan. 2014(again Jan. 2015)

2015 Plans

- Complete & Equip vocational school still being built including community garden on the school site
- Re-paint 2 schools and replace(and paint) rusted roof panels
- Work on dental office at the community medical post
- Approx. cost \$75,000 US total
- Partner with 10 clubs total – cost \$2,500 US / each club
- Obtain a Matching Foundation + District 5050 grant
- We needed to find a host club in Nicaragua; accomplished 2014! Rotary Club of Chinandega – strengthen that connection in 2015

Banner exchange-Chinandega Rotary



How much did Ineke spend personally....

- Air Fare: \$881, including taxes, baggage, all in
- Room & Board at Monty's \$800 USD
- Drinks at Monty's \$60 USD
- Volcano Sliding \$50
- Gifts, Rum, Cigars \$100

Total approx. \$1,900 + drink/food at the airport etc,
under \$2,000

Project - Schools in Nicaragua

- Do YOU want to join us January 2015?
- Limited work to be done and no experience is required, will have plenty of time for social interaction
On site schedule: we plan on working until 1 pm; balance of the day is spent on the beach, or....?
visit www.montysbeachlodge.com for details of Monty's.
- We are looking for partners –Club investment \$2,500
- Depending on number of participants, we could complete everything we set out to do
- Personal cost per participant approx. \$2,000 all in.
- Please join us on this “hands on” experience of a lifetime!

Mission accomplished..... !



Thank You Rotary!

What an awesome experience:

- We are neighbors, community leaders, and global citizens uniting for the common good.
- Rotary creates Service Above Self opportunities
- Rotary shows us real life samples of “Peace and Understanding”

What makes us different:

- Our passion and perseverance create lasting change!

Not all work – Volcano sliding







