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Cuernavaca conference a success
by Art Harrington

Report on USA-Mexico Friendship Conference



More than 100 participated in the 8th annual USA-Mexico Friendship Conference, held this past weekend in beautiful Cuernavaca, Mexico. Included were some 40 Rotarians & spouses from Arizona, four from the state of Washington and the rest from District 4180 in Mexico. Representing our club were Corky & Cathy Cornell and Art & Sharon Harrington.

The major focus of this gathering was the opportunity to learn about, and to exchange, proposed matching grant projects, designed to meet significant needs, either a club's own community, or in a nearby one. I lost count of the projects that were presented over the course of two days, but Corky kept track of them and says there were a total of 38 of them.

In addition, we were also able to personally visit some of the project sites - as well as to help dedicate some of the completed projects that were undertaken as the result of last year's conference.

A conference like this one demonstrates, in unmistakable terms, how much Rotarians really do recognize and care about alleviating suffering and solving problems - and how much they are willing to share out of their own pockets to meet those needs. In addition to the matching grants for major projects, we also dug into our pockets to help meet three more immediate local needs that were brought to our attention. **Rotary Shares!**

Bottom line: We came back feeling it was worth every bit of the time, effort and money we spent to be a part of such a conference.

Typical village housing
by Art Harrington



Living under hardship

Corky and Cathy had the opportunity to visit one of the mountain villages and to witness the hardships under which many of the people live.

Standing in front of a typical home, Corky points out that it is little wonder there is such devastation and loss when the heavy winds, rains and floods come to the area.

A Rotary solution
by Art Harrington

See what Rotary builds for \$800



While certainly not large or spacious, these low-cost housing alternatives certainly provide a more stable and secure shelter for families living in that same village.

Corky notes that Rotary is able to build these houses for only \$800.

Our project exchange
by Art Harrington



Working to make good things happen!

One of our primary reasons for attending the Mexico-USA Friendship Conference was to present a project our club wants to accomplish in our own community. We proposed to partner with a club in Mexico to assist them with a project in their community, in exchange for their helping us with ours.

We were successful! You will soon be hearing much more about the WeekEND Hunger Backpack Project we plan to implement at our Coyote Canyon School in Bullhead City via a Rotary Matching Grant.

Along with that, you will be also learning of the needed equipment we will be helping to purchase to aid in the early detection and treatment of mental & physical disabilities program at a remarkable special education school for children and their parents in Cuernavaca. That will be accomplished via a reciprocal Rotary Matching Grant.

Our top Rotary goal*by Art Harrington***PolioPlus:**

Our goal is to end Polio worldwide

Polio, a crippling and sometimes deadly disease, still threatens children in parts of Africa and Asia.

- Rotary members have donated their time and money to help immunize more than 2 billion children in 122 countries.
- Rotary is the largest private supporter of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative, committing more than \$600 million dollars and thousands of volunteers to the effort.
- For as little as 60 cents worth of oral polio vaccine, a child can be protected against this crippling disease for life.
- In the 1980s, about 1,000 children were infected by this crippling disease every day.
- In the two decades since Rotary and its global partners launched the Global Polio Eradication Initiative, polio cases have been slashed by 99 percent.

Rotary is making it happen!! Are you a part of this effort?

November is Rotary Foundation Month

Remember: It takes **EREY** - - - **Every Rotaran Every Year** contributing **at least \$100** per year to Our Foundation.

Help make it happen - a Polio-free world - soon!