

Muskegon Rotary ReWine Notes

April 20, 2017

ReWine Members in Attendance: Papa Njai, Esther Ricco, Kevin Ricco, Ken Johnson

Lunch Members in Attendance: Orville Crain, Susan Crain, Jules Terry

Guests: Linda Meyers, Karen Cloutier, Stephanie Stewart, Megan Dickson, Kaytie Ely, Jadyn Midkiff, Danielle Woodring

Introductions were made.

Baker Rotaract students who made the trip to Honduras attended to tell us about their trip. We started the discussion by asking them if the chili cookoff we hosted in February should be repeated and their answer was a resounding “YES”. The funds that were raised not only purchased building supplies and water filters, but any additional funds went to reducing the expenses for the students travel.

While they were there the students installed 24 water filters, built 3 latrines and helped pour one concrete floor. They inspected water filters that were installed on previous trips and 90% were still performing well.

Each family getting a water filter installed paid \$2 so that they would have some buy in to the process. The water filter would last 10 years. If a family wanted a latrine, their buy in was to dig the hole for it. It had to be 5 feet wide and 10 feet deep.

Students were encouraged to engage with the families while they were there. The students said that the Honduras people made use of everything they had. They didn’t have much but that they were happy. The students had several cultural opportunities, they attended church and went into the city for shopping/dinner.

They distributed items collected here by various Rotarians to give to the families in Honduras. School uniforms, toothbrushes, school supplies, etc.

We talked about next year’s trip. When do students get notified of the opportunity, when is their money due, etc. They usually get notified in November and their deposit is due in December. Their final payment is due the end of January. For this trip they ended up paying \$1,100 out of pocket. They said the timing of the chili cookoff for the 2nd Thursday of February was good.

Meeting adjourned at 6:30pm

Submitted by:
Esther Ricco