

The Rotary Wheel

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OLATHE ROTARY CLUB

District 5710 Club 1625



February 14th, Happy Valentine's Day Olathe Rotarians!!

2015-2016

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Another Year of Success in Guatemala!

On January 20th, Woodland CEO and Shawnee Mission Rotarian, Jorge D. Coromac, provided a 2015 Guatemala project update to Olathe Noon Rotary Club members who have been supporting the project through our Days of Wine and Rotary fundraiser.

In 2015, 6,723 medical checkups were provided to the communities of Patanatic, San Juan, San Pablo, San Andres, San Pedro and Sand Luis Patanatic. 46 newborns received pre and post neonatal care that included medical checkups, medicine, multi-vitamins, baby clothes, baby care kits with hygiene supplies and vaccination follow ups.

3,500 students received medical checkups, vision checkup and dental supplies and education orientation in regards dental health care, deworming, hand washing and importance of have access to safe drinking water.



Woodland Public Charities was able to engage more than 170 international volunteers that include doctors, nurses, med students, nurse students, engineers, and high school students, Rotarians, Rotaractors and Rotary Interactors. Local volunteers from the Guatemala communities also engaged with international volunteers to learn and work together.



Jorge thanked club members who helped to provide the basic resources for direct care to the people of Guatemala and also to motivate international volunteers to travel to the country and be part of a direct "Hands On" volunteer experience.

**To learn more about
the next "Hands On"
Volunteer
opportunity contact:**

jorgec@woodlandcharity.org

Woodland Public Charity became involved in Central America in 2002, to address the worldwide crisis of lack of access to education, health and safe drinking water. Ongoing community participatory programs have been established to respond to these critical needs working closely with the local leaders and families of Guatemala, Honduras, and Panama. The goal of the program is to facilitate education, health, nutrition, dental care, neonatal care, and access to safe drinking water. Woodland Public Charity achieves this through:

- Developing capacity in the community
- Community engagement
- Self-sustainable programs
- Strong partnerships and volunteer opportunities



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Olathe Rotarians Lend a Helping Hand to Olathe School District Nurses

Olathe District Schools places a nurse at each of 51 school buildings to help staff keep students healthy and ready to learn. Daily they deal with a multitude of health concerns ranging from diabetes to colds/flu to more serious illnesses. In addition, our nurses are responsible for all standard health screenings such as vision and hearing. They are the first responders when young students get sick at school and they are the daily providers of doctor prescribed medication for our younger students.

With school budgets being trimmed, often we see school nurses reaching into their own pockets for some of the comfort items needed to keep students in class, ready to learn. The Olathe Noon Rotary recently took on the challenge of providing each of our 51 nurses with a bag of items intended to help them help our kids. The blue tote bag with the Rotary logo printed on the side was filled with anti-bacterial gel, cough drops, and new socks and underwear for the elementary programs. We also included granola bars and goldfish for the kids who just need a little something to settle their stomachs. Mints help with coughs, lip balm soothes chapped lips and Skittles help when a diabetic child needs a quick dose of sugar to keep levels steady. Each bag was topped off with a letter from our Rotary Club, sharing our support.

The bags were assembled by the Rotarians attending the January 20th meeting and members hand carried them to our schools. Early reports back to Cindy Galemore, Director of Student Health Services demonstrate that our school nurses are so grateful for not only the items in the bags, but for the outpouring of support they are feeling from our club.



Many thanks to Cindy VonFeldt, Geoff Neufeld, Wes McCoy, and all committee members for receiving a matching grant from RI, and making this project a big success!



Days of Wine and Rotary Committee Meeting Scheduled

Our 2016 Days of Wine and Rotary meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 10th, after our Rotary lunch meeting.

American Lung Association Fight for Air Climb, February 28th

The Olathe Rotary Ramblers are back in action for the KC Fight for Air Climb at the One Kansas City Place building. It's \$15 to be a team member and we are also looking for cash donations, as our team goal is to raise \$1,000.

Our donation program is the Penny Plus Program. The walk is about 900 steps.
A donation of a PENNY per step, PLUS a buck is just a \$10 donation.

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February Newsletter Deadline, Wednesday, February 24th, swilson199@msn.com