Betania Nogueira
Global Health Scholar

Our objective for this global grant is to work with Rotary International to provide an exceptional global public health research training opportunity for Betânia Nogueira, to equip her with research skills to reduce the burden of HIV/TB and substance use among Brazilians. Brazil has the highest number of persons infected with HIV in Latin America, and the co-occurring conditions of TB and substance use exacerbate challenges to curb the epidemic. By mentoring Betânia, who is in her 2nd year of our M.P.H. program (Epidemiology), we will also be able to build a stronger global public health collaboration with clinicians and researchers in Brazil to prepare the next generation of global public health practitioners to reduce the burden of HIV/TB/substance use in their home country. Specifically, this scholarship will provide support for the second year of graduate studies in the field of Public Health. The scholar will spend the spring and summer semesters studying at San Diego State University. The scholar will also be involved in the newly established Brazil Program at San Diego State University which seeks to become a national leader in Brazilian Studies.

The scholar will utilize the education she receives through the Public Health graduate program at San Diego State University to benefit policy, decision-making, and medical delivery through Brazil's Unified Health System and in South America throughout her career. Therefore, the experience gained through this scholarship will significantly affect health policy in Brazil, benefiting the entire nation, as well as South America. Our training plan for Betânia includes participation in the development of public health research projects focusing on reducing the burden of HIV/TB/substance use in Brazil. This work will be accomplished through collaboration with San Diego State University and FIOCRUZ, which is one of the most prominent research institutes in Brazil. The strengthening of this collaboration will certainly result in sustainable projects that will directly benefit the Brazilian population, but also generate knowledge to be applied in other countries with similar realities. Submitted by John Fistere – La Mesa Rotary
Important Dates:
May 17th  Betania Nogueira – Global Health Scholar
May 20th  Visit to Rancho Milagro Orphanage - Mexico
May 20th  District 5340 Conference – Liberty Station
May 24th  Club Assembly
May 31st  Habitat for Humanity
June 7th  International Grants
June 12th  Board of Directors Meeting

La Mesa Rotary - Charitable Giving
$12,000 Donation to Shelter-To-Soldier

A Huge thanks goes out to La Mesa Rotary members Rob Ridge, Mark Matthews & President Steven Looser for their work in raising $12,000 for Shelter-to-Soldier! With this amount of money they can afford to buy and train a service dog for a needy veteran. Saving lives, two at a time! They bring post-9/11 combat veterans together with trained, rescue dogs to help both recover and move forward!

President Steven Looser, Mark Matthews & Rob Ridge present a check for $12,000 to the Graham Bolem with Shelter-To-Soldier!
La Mesa Rotary
Charitable Giving
$500 Donation to the
La Mesa Arts Academy

President Steven Looser and Bill Ashman present a check for $500 to Principal Thomas for the La Mesa Arts Academy.

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Congratulations to all our Lambert Award Recipients!

The following outstanding school Principals, Teachers & students were honored at this year’s Lambert Awards Ceremony. Each teacher received a plaque and a check for $750, each student received a plaque and a check for $250.

La Mesa Arts Academy Center- Principal – Beth Thomas
Teachers: Bonnie Hayman – Counselor
         Jennifer Schroeder- Social Science-History-Grade 7 and Community Action Team
Students: Harley Sheppard – Grade 8
         Kyle Zoellner – Grade 8

Spring Valley Academy – Principal – Meg Jacobson
Teachers: Ellen Kingery – Resource (students with special needs)
         Deb Lunamand – Social Science – Grade – 8
Students: Dana Campos-Ferriera – Grade 8
         Michelle Padilla – Grade 8

Congratulations to all our recipients!

La Mesa Rotary Club Mission Project
With Mt. Miguel Interact Club
Visit to Rancho Milagro Orphanage

Saturday May 20th meet at Mt Miguel High School at 6:30 am. Plan on returning approximately 8:00 pm. Travel to Valle de Las Palmas, Mexico. The group will be doing various projects at the orphanage which is about 30 minutes south of Tecate.

Please RSVP to Mark Matthews if you are interested. (619) 454-0545
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Lambert Award Recipients from La Mesa Arts Academy Center!

Lambert Award Recipients from Spring Valley Academy!
Rotarians At Work Day
Thank you to all that helped with the clean up project!