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Meet Andrea Lorenzana

Andrea Nikole Lorenzana is this year one of the applicants for the District 6440 Vocational Scholarship. She was first mentioned to Marianna Zeidler back in 2021, when the Rotary Club of Tegucigalpa Sur, Honduras recommended her for a Youth Exchange opportunity. Unfortunately, at the time, Rotary had suspended all Youth Exchange programs due to the pandemic and no match could be arranged anywhere.

Having secured herself a student visa after graduating from high school, she arrived in August 2023 to pursue a degree at the College of Lake County. She is currently hosted by our club's sponsored 2021 D6440 Vocational Scholarship winner, Adriana Ulloa-Alonso, who encouraged Andrea to follow her example. Andrea is enrolled at CLC in the Computer Digital Graphic Design program.



Andrea would like to meet all of our members at the next club meeting; Thursday, March 14th. She hopes our club will sponsor her application for the District 6440 Vocational Scholarship. Applications for the District Vocational Scholarships are due by March 23rd.

Potential Community Grant Project

Maryville Academy has 4 home shelters for teens that could use some "Welcome Packets" for their newcomers. This project DOES NOT exist yet but need a club or Rotarian that would take the lead, organize it and bring it to reality.

The Welcome Packets would consist of a Duffel Bag or Back Pack containing Pajamas, Socks, Shoes, House Slippers, Toiletries and/or any personal items that would help a teen get initially settled. Of course, gift cards are also welcome. Anything in any number helps.



The idea would be to seek item donors, and then recruit Rotarians from the District for a "hands on" packing, etc. District 6440 has funds to match contributions but the project would need to be completed by June 30, 2024 if District Funds are to be factored in. Suggestions are welcome.

Mental Health Task Force

Our Rotary District 6440 is organizing a Mental Health Task Force encouraging Rotarians to join. Our club's Sharon Weingarten and Marianna Zeidler are leading this initiative. A Newsletter and Webpage are currently in the works for the District Website. Stay tuned for more. Contributions, initiatives, and ideas related to Mental Health are welcome.