Important information about upcoming trip to Guatemala

Hello fellow Rotarians,

This email is going to AK club presidents, please distribute this information to all your club members. it is also going to a list of interested folks who heard Maria Pacheco, founder of Wakami speak at the D5010 conference in May.

**First information** regarding a District 5010 trip to Guatemala to visit and learn about Wakami Jan. 31- Feb. 7, 2023. Enclosed is an information packet with itinerary and cost information and preliminary plane flight information. You may be thinking to yourself why does the trip start and end on a Wednesday. Simply because booking hotel rooms in Antiqua over the weekend can be very challenging, as this is wedding season in Guatemala.

The trip officially starts with an evening meal on Wednesday, Jan. 31st. However travel to Guatemala City (GUA) is a long journey from Anchorage. I will probably arrive late on Jan. 30th and relax until the group dinner on Jan. 31. The trip officially ends with breakfast on Wednesday, Feb. 7th. However, you can extend your stay at your own expense. See the attached information packet for details.

Cost is $2,200-2,500 for double occupancy room, additional $325 for a single room. The final cost will be established when we have a firm number of travelers and the itinerary is finalized. A 50% deposit is due December 1, 2022. The balance is due Jan. 1, 2023. Trip fees will be paid to the Seward Rotary Club. Seward Rotary will write one check for the deposit and one check for the balance to Wakami. This is the most efficient way for Wakami to handle the funds, not 20 people sending checks or credit card numbers. Thank you for your understanding. Again, details are in the attached information packet.

I have 20 spaces for this trip, don’t delay signing up and risking being put on the wait list. To register please email me:

1. your name

2. your rotary club

3. best email to reach you at

4. best phone number to reach you at

5. emergency contact name and contact number for that person

6. any special dietary requirements

7. hotel room type requested (double or single). If double share with whom?

Eventually I will ask for flight arrival and departure information.

**Secondly**, attached is an appeal letter for your clubs to consider a donation to purchase tablets for the newly forming Girls’ Clubs in “Wakami villages”. Please consider a club donation before some of us travel to Guatemala to visit Wakami. I’m proud to say Seward Rotary has already committed $1065 to this Girls’ Club tablet campaign.

Please send me your questions or text or call me.

In service,

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DONATION APPEAL LETTER