

R. I. District 5550  
**Rotary**  
Ripple Effect Program



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REPORT TO DISTRICT 5550 WORLD COMMUNITY SERVICE AND DISTRICT 5550 INC.

This Quarterly Report is an overview of the accomplishments of the Ripple Effect Program  
For the period April 1, 2023 to June 30, 2023

**2022/2023 School Projects Progress Report**

School Number & Name	Description	Stage of Completion	Lead/Host /Support Clubs
2.129 GG # 1875249 Water, Sanitation and Hygiene WASH in Schools	24 school projects in 6 Departments benefiting more than 4,000 students. Budget \$317,750	Construction is completed at 24 schools The training in the last two schools is nearing completion. <b>Status:</b> Progress report submitted 31/05/2023 (requires invoices, cheques, bank statements as none with report).	RC Moose Jaw Wakamow RC of Nueva Guatemala Support Clubs: RC Estevan, RC Melfort, RC Moose Jaw, RC Weyburn D5550 DDF 8- US Districts –DDF 9- US Clubs
2.132.1 Colpech School WCSF District Grant	To upgrade electrical, replace the existing asbestos roof with new lamina, provide classroom security and furniture for the computer classroom. Cost estimated is \$3,000 US.	<b>Status:</b> the project is complete. Final report has been requested.	RC of Kenora RC of Huehuetenango D5550 WCSF District grant
2.0.14 Santo Domingo Xenacoj Scholarships	28 Middle school and 15 High School Scholarships are provided by the REP for the 2022 school year. RC of Vista Hermosa the host club also provides an additional 5 Scholarships for High School students.	The students are enjoying being back in class after nearly three years of Covid -19 <b>Status:</b> the wire transfer was sent on June 5 for the 2023 school year.	RC Moose Jaw Wakamow RC Vista Hermosa Support: Rotary Year 2021/2022 RC Dryden RC of Neepawa RC Assiniboia RC of Kenora RC Regina Eastview RC Saskatoon North plus, many Rotarians
2.125.6 Teachers Scholarship Project.	University Valle de Guatemala in Sololá. 3 young women and one young man	<b>Status:</b> the students are completing the 1 <sup>st</sup> semester classes. RC of Winnipeg Assiniboine recently committed to provide the leadership and support of the program for three more years to 2026/2027.	University del Valle de Guatemala. RC of Winnipeg Assiniboine Support: RC Winnipeg Assiniboine, D & N Morris, E. Thompson Foundation Ashley Nordlund. Kim Mowrey
2.137 Casserio Los Pinos GG # 1862925 Simple schools	Three classrooms, furniture, boy's and girls' washrooms and biodigester septic system. Budget \$61,000 US	<b>Status: next report due 19/07/23.</b> Brenda Valdez completed the REP schools Annual monitoring report. The school is operating well.	RC Los Amates RC Saskatoon Meewasin Support: RC Saskatoon Meewasin RC Saskatoon Riverside RC Saskatoon North, RC Watrous, RC Bolton RC Los Amates D5550 & D4250
2.129 Nuevo San Luis GG # 2096181 for Simple Schools	two classroom and washrooms Cost is \$44,132 US GG was amended to include the construction of a kitchen with the surplus funds.	<b>Status:</b> Final Report has been received and is incomplete as of May 18, 2023. ( requires a copy of bank statement and ledger as well as copy of training materials and results.).	RC Coatepeque-Colomba RC Saskatoon Riverside Support: D5550 -DDF RC Saskatoon RC Saskatoon Meewasin, RC Saskatoon Nutana, RC Saskatoon North, RC Brandon
2.148 GG # 2351655 WINS in Schools	Water and sanitation, health and hygiene in 7 schools. The project will directly benefit approximately 1,400 students. Cost estimate is \$97,000.00 (USD	<b>Status:</b> draft application resubmitted on May 23. The GG was authorized on June 27 and is under review by TRF. TRF requested GG bank account number Information from RC of Retalhuleu.	RC of Regina Eastview RC Retalhuleu Support Clubs: D5550 DDF and World fund RC of Saskatoon North RC of Moose Jaw Wakamow RC of Encinitas US Endowment Direct Gift D5550 DDF World Fund TRF

## New Projects for the Rotary Year 2023/2024

School Number & Name	Description	Status	Lead/Host Club
2.118.1 Official Urban Mixed School Otto Rene Castillo (La Cienaga)	Construction of two classrooms on the 2 <sup>nd</sup> level. Cost estimate is \$30,600 US	<b>Status:</b> 2 <sup>nd</sup> level construction is still under review. <b>Not Funded</b>	RC of Gualan RC of be determined
2.114.1 Las Carretas School	Drill a well and provide a water purification system and 2 level building for equipment. Cost Estimate is \$14,000 US.	<b>Status:</b> Planning stage. <b>Not Funded</b>	RC of Gualan RC to be determined
2.101.2 Dona Maria	Replace/ reinforce the retaining wall that is going to collapse into a classroom.	<b>Status:</b> Budget and plans to build new retaining wall have been approved. Budget Estimate: \$7,839 US <b>Fully Funded</b>	RC of Gualan RC of Kenora  Support Clubs: RC St. Boniface/St. Vital RC Winnipeg Charleswood Member donations RC of Kenora
2.100.2 San Isidro Robles	Construction of perimeter wall behind the school on the edge of a cliff. Safety hazard for children.	<b>Status:</b> Budget and plans to build the perimeter wall have been approved. <b>Fully Funded</b>	RC of Coatepeque-Columba RC of Kenora  Support Clubs: RC of Dryden RC of Brandon Member donation RC of Regina
2.144 GG # 2126029 A Goal for Guate III	20 school computer project, 320 computers, 20 servers, teacher training and tech support. Budget \$99,000 US	<b>Status:</b> GG was cancelled due to not being approved by R.I. within one year of submitting the draft plan. <b>Next step: resubmit the draft Global Grant.</b>	RC Regina Eastview RC of Oeste Support Clubs RC Cloverdale D4250-DDF D5550-DDF Endowment direct gift fund - Guatemala
2.136 Xecoxol School	Construction of new washrooms for kindergarten and primary children and teachers. Cost estimate is \$20,000 US <b>Note:</b> existing washrooms refurbished by community and parents.	<b>Status:</b> Budget and plans have been approved. <b>Fully Funded</b>	RC Nordeste RC of South Eastman  Support Clubs: RC of Regina Eastview RC of Brandon RC of Charleswood Saskatoon Clubs



## NEW Projects

**Proposed WASH in Schools Global Grant for 7 schools-directly benefitting over 1,400 students**

Cost Estimate is \$97,5 00 US. Fully Funded

**Host Club: Rotary Club of Retalhuleu**

**International Partner: RC of Regina Eastview**

**Sector Aguilar School** - 253 students & 16 teachers

Only 3 working toilets

Needs new septic system, wash stations,  
Clean drinking water



**Pajales School** - 500 students & 20 teachers

Only 6 working toilets.

Need 6 – 8 more



**School Cabanas Sector Lopez**-122 students

Only 3 working toilets

One for boys, one  
for teachers.



for girls and one

## Ripple Effect Scholarship Program

### 2022 Graduation Photo



[The Ripple Effect Scholarship Fund](#) is administered by Rotary Club of Moose Jaw Wakamow. The Project Manager is Marian Kettlewell of the RC of Moose Jaw Wakamow. School opened in February 2023 at the Santo Domingo Xenacoj Middle and High School. New for 2023, RC of Vista Hermosa announced at our visit that in 2023 one of the graduating Scholarship students will be awarded a three-year scholarship to attend San Carlos University in Guatemala City. This Scholarship will be funded by the RC of Vista Hermosa.

The cost for a middle school scholarship is \$160 Canadian and high school is \$650 Canadian at current exchange rates. Total cost for 28 Middle School and 15 High school scholarships is \$11,000 US per year or \$14,500 Canadian. **Fundraising is ongoing for REP Scholarship recipients for the 2023 and 2024 school year. Rotary Clubs, Interact Clubs, Rotarian's and friends are encouraged to support this great program!**



November 6, 2023 meeting at school with students, principal, Rotarians, Gord and Deb

## Teacher's Scholarship Project

The Ripple Effect Teachers Scholarship Program is administered by the RC of Winnipeg-Assiniboine. The co-project Managers are John Saunders and Warren Thompson.

**Status:** First semester classes for the 3<sup>rd</sup> year students is ending in July and 2<sup>nd</sup> semester classes will begin in August.

Total cost for 4 Teacher Scholarships is \$4,500 US or \$6,000 Canadian.

**Fundraising is ongoing for the Teacher Scholarship recipients for the 2023 and 2024 School Year.**

Rotary Clubs, Rotarians and friends of Rotary are encouraged to support this program!



November 2022 -the four students, Deb and Gord

### Public Relations/Social Media

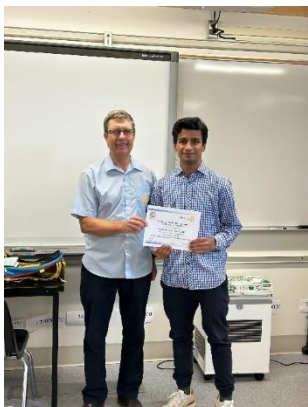
Ripple Effect Program Facebook group – [Ripple Effect Program](#) has 441 members

Canadian Ripple Effect Committee (CREC) had two zoom meetings, one CREC/GREC meeting and one CREC meetings in the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of the Rotary Year. Also, the RC of Moose Jaw Wakamow/RC Nueva Guatemala and RC of Regina Eastview/RC Retalhuleu have had zoom meetings on their respective Global Grants.

Members of the Canadian Ripple Effect Committee welcome all opportunities to do a presentation at your club. Please contact any committee member to set up a date and time for your presentation. We have a lot good news stories to share with you since the start of the pandemic in March 2020.

- Rotary Clubs in D5550 who would like to set-up a zoom meeting with a Guatemalan club in D4250. Please let me know, as this can be easily arranged. Since April 1,2023 the RC of Charleswood and RC of Regina Eastview received an excellent presentation from Diana Brown, a member of the Guatemalan Ripple Effect Committee, a member of the RC of Guatemala Oeste and District Governor Nominee for 2025/2026.
- Since April 1,2023, Members of the Canadian Ripple Effect Committee presented the Certificate of Appreciation to the RC of Winnipeg Assiniboine, RC of Sioux Lookout, RC of Kenora, RC of Regina Eastview, RC of Regina Industrial Parks and RC of Regina.
- Members of the Canadian Ripple Effect Committee will be presenting more Certificates of Appreciation to recognize supporting clubs in the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of the 2023/2024 Rotary Year.

## Interact Club of Kenora



Ripple Effect Program Certificate of Appreciation is presented by the Chair of the Canadian Ripple Effect Committee to Akbar Imran-RC of Kenora -Interact President for their club's support of the Scholarship Program.



District Conference 2023 in Saskatoon-Ripple Effect Booth and members of the Canadian Ripple Effect Committee. (l-r Peter Neufeldt, Ed Thompson, Deb and Gord LeMaistre and Glenn Hagel)



Presentation of the Donald MacRae Peace Award-Gord and Deb LeMaistre

## Fund Raising Opportunities- Saturday July 22

- This is the 13th year of the Ripple Effect Ride and the 3rd year of naming this **The Floyd Manz Memorial Ride**. For more information please contact: Peter Neufeldt at 306-535-8526 or Doug Mortin at 306-596-3076

**A big thank you to all the clubs, Rotarian's and friends of Rotary who have supported the Ripple Effect Program in the Rotary Year 2022/2023. It is very much appreciated.**

**The Ripple Effect Program is changing lives and creating hope for a brighter future through education!!**

**From the children of Guatemala: "Thank you for making our Dreams a Reality"**

Respectfully Submitted,

Gord & Deb LeMaistre, on behalf of the Canadian Ripple Effect Committee