



January and February have been busy months for many with MESA and others who chose to travel to UNIENDO. District 6600 was represented by 33 people in San Jose, Costa Rica. Some took advantage of a great experience arranged by Chuck Stocking to work in the Rain Forest, others traveled after UNIENDO to Mesa Verde for a brief vacation, others went to a Project Fair in Mexico. Those Rotarians who have been working in Africa have sent in project pictures. We also have some very good detail on Micro Credit straight from Carolyn Jones, Trustee Rotary International.

UNIENDO Project Fair San Jose Costa Rica 2008 Composite



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UNIENDO Project Fair has been traveling Central America for 15 years. The fair is an opportunity for clubs in the US and Canada to meet with the Clubs from 4250 and 4240 and find common ground on projects to help the Underserved on Water, Literacy, Health and other areas.. It is a difficult and intense to find the time to give good consideration to the clubs who have invested in the booths at the fair. We have gathered many of the projects for District 6600 to be made available if possible at District 6600 Assembly.

Following a tough day Friday in discussion we enjoyed some fun with a complete description of how coffee is processed at the Doka Estate Plantation and later enjoyed a thorough description of how Johnny Walker Black is made complete with the appropriate samples.



MESA sponsored 6 students from the UF to attend Uniendo. On Saturday Lyn Child led a group to an orphanage in San Jose. It was the high light of the trip for the girls from Findlay University. **Virginia Wills, Melody Snyder, Stephanie Heydinger, Devin Games, Stephanie Back, and Nicole Shoemaker**



Because of a Mexico Project Fair in 2005, The RMMP Rotary Mexico Mission Project (Celina, St Marys and Wapakoneta) was developed to aid the needs of the communities of Nogales and Tijuana. Frank Murray related meeting the fire chief and discussing the need for a two pumper. Later he noted a poster from Tijuana which showed what they had for fire equipment and what they would like to have in the way of equipment. This situation set in motion the purchase, and repairs of the trucks (pictured below) and the additional ancillary equipment. These vehicles were shipped on Feb 15th. The project was stretched over two years to gather the funds required but the clubs made it happen.



It was an extremely cold and blustery day as members came together in Coldwater Ohio to load the trucks with firefighter gear they had accumulated over the past four months and the interior of the trucks was packed full. Inside the trucks there were over 65 turnout suits, 31 rolls of fire hose, helmets, boots, breathing equipment, suspenders.....you name it and it was on board.

The trucks were then loaded on to flat bed trailer and arrived 4 days later in Arizona where they were met by waiting Rotary Club members. The trucks were shipped to the Nogales Rotary Club for use in Nogales, Mexico and one for the Tijuana Rotary Club for use in Escuinapa, a community in the extreme southern end of the Mexican State of Sinaloa.

Rotary members in Nogales, Mexico and the RMMP worked on the project for nearly a year to find an economic way to get the vehicles down there and finally a company was found that would carry both vehicles on one truck.

Julie Fleck, RMMP Chair, said the project was the culmination of a commitment made to the Bomberos Preventivos de Nogales (Firemen) a year earlier at a District Project Fair held in Sonora State and attended by RMMP representatives.

The RMMP was originally formed in 2003 as a joint club project to assist the Tarahumara Indians of Northern Mexico. To date the Group has had a financial impact of over \$330,000 in the area.

Arnold Haring from Mansfield Rotary went to Ghana Africa along with his church to foster the development with others to Rehab a Health clinic and to build a School. One of the remaining issues is the disposal of waste water



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Diane Garver from Ada Rotary is working with Nelspruit, Rotary in Mpumalanga, Lipesi, South Africa. They have a project to provide teacher training in the areas of literacy, child development and technology.



Our D6600 has several projects under development with the Choloma Rotary Club, Honduras. The line up which you see in the picture below and on the front page is the result of a recent medical clinic which Choloma ran on a Saturday morning for women and children. The line went all the way around the building. Our district 6600 has a medical clinic sched-



Rotarians Wanted for MESA

MESA is looking for people who are able to communicate by computer, who would like to fill positions of Secretary, Treasurer, and Promotion/Development. These positions will open July 1st, 2008. Contact Chuck Stocking PDG, casox@worldnet.att.net. (800) 467-3224 X 209

International Service Committee Members

The District International Service Committee is looking for people who have an interest in helping people in Central American countries primarily. All skills would be appreciated although the only requirement is a strong interest in this fourth avenue of service. Involvement will take some time. Having the means to travel is a great help. Speaking Spanish is a super asset. Committee work covers our entire district as well as some other districts close by. Enabling club partnerships', finding new medical equipment and vehicles that work, engineering funds through networking and or development, writing grants and smelling the roses occasionally. You will even get to speak to different clubs when requested.

Medical Missions Scheduled

We have two medical missions scheduled. The requirements are that you pay your own travel expenses, if you prescribe drugs you must bring them with you and you must donate your services. The patients you see in San Pedro Sula area will be located in rural Sula Valley . You will be accompanied by a local Rotarian. MD's and Nurses are welcome. If your patients require follow-up a local doctor has volunteered to handle their care.

Scheduled time at present is July 6th through July 9th in San Pedro Sula, Honduras. Contact Bob Ruehl married@wcoil.com 419-991-0004

The second medical mission is in Guatemala in the Tikal-Peten area. This is a combination mission exercise with Rotary and Christens (SEWHOPE). The mission is scheduled from 7 June to 21 June.

Contact Bill Schmidt [BSchmidt@edschmidt.com].

Remarks from Carolyn Jones, R.I. Trustee

The context of the remarks was in a forum on Micro Credit.

Keeping the trust with projects is a big deal. Stewardship matters, we should follow the guidelines for Implementation and treat TRF as a Sacred Trust. We need to maintain competence in project supervision, using standard business practices. Reporting is expected as fund placement has to be transparent.

The only acceptable financial review is with a bank statement at the completion of a project. The R.I. Trustees rely on Integrity.

All projects require the same picture of success among active participants. Helpful keys to success are Work on communications, having a viable project, physically supervising what happens, insuring a strong partnership, keeping detailed records and working on the relationship on a continuing basis.

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The Monteverde Conservation League

Exists “to support the conservation, preservation and rehabilitation of tropical ecosystems and their biodiversity”.

Chuck Stocking organized an opportunity for eight folks to



The Stocking Family led us with Jim and Jan Heinrich, Bob Ruehl and Gary Davis. Have you dug a ditch lately? We helped dig and construct for five days prior to UNIENDO. Physical work at an altitude of 8000 feet can be deceiving in terms of energy use. Can I say that we welcomed lights out



Above right are pictured Pete, Carol and Chuck Stocking, Jim and Jan Heinrich, Scientist Stocking and hiding in the back Bob Ruehl.

While Chuck Stocking led his group on the Atlantic side Judy and Tom Riggle led a group on the Pacific side to another Monteverde exercise. From the Left Harry and Charlene Frietchen, Jan, Sharon, Jim Heinrich, Shobha and Ram Pai, and Jim Miller in the back.

