

## District Grant Report 2016-2017

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District Grant # P-1302	Progress Report	Final Report
Rotary Club: Gillette Rotary and Gillette E Clubs	nergy Rotary	
Project Title: School and Student Support.		
Project Description:		

- 1. Briefly describe the project. What was or will be done and where did or will the project activities take place? Explain how the beneficiaries and other community members were or will be involved? The activity took place in San Juan Del Sur, Nicaragua. Before going to Nicaragua on February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2017, we sent \$8500.00 to the "Hester J. Hodgson, Libraries for all" organization. This organization directed by Ms. Jane Mirandette, is the contact in Nicaragua to purchase school supplies for students and teachers in the San Juan Del Sur District. Jane and her staff went to Managua to purchase these items and had them ready for us to sort when we arrived in their town. The grant was for \$9000.00, so that left \$500.00 for the group to use for luggage (we had twelve suitcases of uniforms), a couple meals on the way from Managua to San Juan Del Sur (which included Jane and the driver, as well as our group). Part of the \$500 was used to help with the transportation to and from Managua to San Juan Del Sur for the group from Wyoming.
- 2. How many Rotarians participated in this project? Four members of the Gillette Energy Rotary went to Nicaragua (Club President, Laura Besler; Club PE, Brent Hardy, Club Secretary, Stefanie Crawford and AG Lyn Velle). Joining us from the Casper Five Trails Club was PEN Albon Shaw and his daughter, Elle. We were assisted by the board members of both the Gillette Clubs as well as the the San Juan Del Sur Rotario in planning and organizing the trip.
- 3. What did or will they do? Please give at least two examples.
  - A. Sorted school supplies for teachers and students and delivered them to several rural schools. We made bags of supplies for all 28 elementary schools in the district, but only had the opportunity to visit six rural schools. The rest of the school supplies and uniforms were delivered by the library staff at the same time.

- B. Sorted uniforms for the students. Two Wyoming Catholic schools donated the "Gently used" uniforms. Well over 100 uniforms.
- C. The men in the group repaired outhouses, replaced doors on the outhouses, repaired windows in several schools and worked on water projects, such as hand-washing stations and building a cistern to get clean water into one of the most remote elementary schools. Assisted by several local community members.
- D. Painted both the inside two rooms of this remote school, as well as the outside of the school, assisted by the students of the school (awesome kids).
- E. Supported four Rural Saturday School Teachers at \$450 each for the year.
- 4. How many non-Rotarians benefited from this project? Students and teachers from 28 Rural Schools in the San Juan Del Sur District. Basically, the parents of the school children, as well, especially with the uniforms, the children won't go to school if they don't dress like the other students.
- 5. Who are the beneficiaries and what is or will be the expected long-term community impact of this project? We are managing to get more and more community member involved with this project every year. The parents are coming to the schools to help us and the local folks are joining us as well. Everyone benefits from a well-educated population in many ways, not the least of which is a road out of poverty.
- 6. If a cooperating organization was involved, what was their role? Three Rotary clubs were fully engaged (Gillette Energy Rotary, Gillette Rotary and San Juan Del Sur Rotario) with the planning, organization, fund-raising, proposal writing, arranging transportation and lodging and all the other aspects of the project.

## 7. Income:

Income Source	Amount
District Matching Grant	\$4000.00
Two Gillette Rotary Clubs @\$2500 each	\$5000.00
Total Project Income	\$9000.00

8.Expenditures: (number receipts starting with 1 and indicate a receipt # (s) for each expenditure) (Do not include travel expenses)

If international project convert amounts to US dollars	Receipt # (s)	Amount
Please see attached pages.		

Total project expenditures	\$9000.00

9. Project score (5=strongly, 4=agree, 3= neutral, 2=disagree, 1=strongly disagree)

	Project Score	Comments
The overall project was successful	5	
The grant process worked well	5	
My interaction with partner clubs was good	5	
We achieved the results we expected	5	

- 10. What worked well on this project and why? Every year we see more students who have gone on to high school or even to higher education. We see some of the student who actually have jobs in the town. The schools are working hard to keep their buildings in good shape and have clean, non-cluttered school-yards. This is the fifth year for some of us in participating in this project, but our hope is to involve more and more of our young children from the USA. It is an eye-opening experience to see the schools, the communities and the places to shop and eat and compare that to what we have at home.
- 11. What did not work well and how would you suggest improving it? We just need to keep doing it.
- 12. How was this project publicized? Mostly through presentations to various Rotary clubs, the Catholic schools, some other service organizations and at conferences. Hopefully, we will get an article written about the project to send to Kellie.

## **Project Inventory**

Please list all items provided in this grant that are over \$75 in value and are not expendable.

Item Purchased	Date of Purchase	Cost	Destination/ Location	Comments
None				

By signing this report, I confirm that to the best of my knowledge these District Grant funds were spent only for eligible items in accordance with Trustee-approved guidelines, and that all the information contained herein is true and accurate. Receipts for all grant-funded expenditures are attached. I also understand that all photographs submitted in connection with this report will

become the property of RI and will not be returned. I warrant that I own all rights to the photographs, including copyright, and hereby grant the District, RI and TRF a royalty free irrevocable license to use the photographs now or in the future, through the District and the world in any manner it so chooses and in any medium now known or developed. This includes the right to modify the photographs as necessary in the District's and RI's sole discretion. This also includes, without limitation, use on or in the web sites, magazines, brochures, pamphlets, exhibitions and any other promotional materials of the District, RI, and TRF.

Please attach all receipts or an invoice and a copy of the check used to pay the invoice. Funds over \$100 not used must be returned to the district grants treasurer.

Certifying signature of primary contact

Print name and Club name Dr. Lyn Velle, Gillette Energy Rotary

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