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Today's Program

Zoom Video Meeting

Scott Krug, Rapids Together Initiative

With the "Safer at Home" state edict Sunrise Rotary is conducting its weekly meetings on Zoom.



Click on this link to Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/76631647715?pwd=RWVteU1aMzhXTmtGa3QyRmtTTi9HZz09>
Meeting ID: 766 3164 7715
Password: 4J7xBF
Dial in: 312 626 6799

Coming Programs:

- **Andy Francis, Rafters Update, July 23**
- **Community Outdoor Learning Center, July 30**

Rotary News

- Next week Scott Krug will be sharing the initiative to address the Verso mill idling and the teams that are working to address the issue
- July 30th we will be doing a blended meeting, Outdoor learning center, with mask and social distancing with the Zoom Meeting on line.
- Mini Rider Cup will be in September, we are still determining the exact date. Dean is coordinating the event but will need a committee to help set this event up. Looking at food options and theme, Phantom of the Opera (mask will be worn during this event), having other activities there to help keep things going (Bags or Washers -like horseshoes but with washers)
- We agreed to continue the un-isolation project by making connections with the Waterford, Wellington Place, Our House on Pepper, and Hilltop on Gaynor. **If anyone has a contact at one of these please let Carrie know.**

Wisconsin/Nicaragua Partners Update: Amy Wiza

We really appreciate the continued interest and support from your Rotary group, you are helping to reach people in Nicaragua who are truly grateful for your kind assistance that improves their quality of life. Here are ways to help and be involved:

Collect: Gardening Tools, Fabric and elastic for face masks, Cell phones unlocked, Folding Chairs, Bakeware and utensils and/or Curbside pickup of coffee at W/NP office. You can also sign up for monthly e-newsletters.

Thanks again,

Amy

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Wisconsin Nicaragua Partners Warehouse

Drop off and Packing Days are **generally** the 3rd Thursday of each month, March to November

Or by appointment contact office

Start time: 9am - 'til done (3ish)



The 3rd Thursday of the month (unless otherwise noted) is dedicated to receiving, packing and sorting donations at the W/NP Wisconsin Warehouse. All are welcome to join in anytime that fits.

Help with snacks/refreshments is always welcome and appreciated but not required, we have a pot-luck lunch over the noon hour.

Throughout the year, volunteers are on the look-out for helpful resources (*in good condition of course*) that can be shared with our counterparts in Nicaragua to help support a variety of projects. (examples: educational supplies, sewing machines and supplies, sports equipment, bookshelves, tables and firefighting gear.) The objective is to help improve quality of life, vocational options, income, self-sufficiency and empowerment for people living throughout Nicaragua.



Thank you for thinking carefully about what is donated. Your help is greatly appreciated by many!!



REDUCE – REUSE- RECYCLE

Wisconsin/Nicaragua Partners
 Room 129 Nelson Hall, UWSP
 Stevens Point, WI 54481
 715-346-4702
<http://wnp.uwsp.edu>

As you come across items no longer being used **but are still in good condition**, please consider our counterparts in Nicaragua that could put your items to good use and a small financial donation to help with shipping costs is appreciated.



What might you have that could be useful?

- Carpentry tools
- Clean stuffed animals
- Gardening tools
- Backpacks
- Sports Equipment (bats, b-ball hats, gloves, balls)
- Educational games (puzzles, blocks, toys, Spanish books)
- Sewing supplies (fabric, scissors, needles, yarn)
- Small furniture (tables, chairs, bookshelves)
- School supplies (pencils, paper, scissors, rulers)
- Cooking supplies (mixers, blenders, bowls, utensils)
- Firefighting gear (helmets, coats, pants, boots)

(NO medical or electronics)

Wisconsin/Nicaragua Partners of the Americas (W/NP) has been actively implementing programs in Nicaragua for over 50 years. W/NP brings together volunteers – citizens of both countries getting to know each other, working to find solutions to common problems, leveraging international and local resources, and providing technical training.

Will my donations get there? Absolutely, every box is labeled and has a specific destination. Our dedicated staff members in Managua provide regular shipping reports and comments from recipients such as the one below:



Example: "Sonia is the leader of the Learning Center (LC) Saint Vincent de Paul from Managua. She received paint, 3 boxes of sewing supplies and a table. With the sewing materials she is making shorts, ladies blouses and bags. These products are sold in her neighborhood and the funds raised are to be invested in the purchase of new materials and supplies for the LC so they can continue working and being sustainable. The paint was used to paint the LC building to have a good image. The reason that made her be part of the LC's of WNP was to learn different skills and multiply them in her community to help other women. She has had the opportunity to receive three different courses and feels so happy of the fact she is 61 and continues to learn. Thanks to WNP for the supplies donated, greatly appreciate it!" - Mirna, Managua Office, Nicaragua



Donations from Wisconsin support a broad range of project activity as illustrated below:



CULTURAL DIVERSITY

Photo Exhibits
 Travel Tours
 Arts & Crafts Sales
 Cultural Festivals
 Coffee Sales
 Partner City Activity

HEALTH

Eye Glass Distributions
 Stove Pipe Project
 Community Water Projects

AGRICULTURE/ NATURAL RESOURCES

Gardening
 Honey Production/Bee Keeping

HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE

Firetruck Shipments
 Shipping Projects
 Disaster Relief

YOUTH

Scholarships
 Backpack Project
 Sports Initiative
 Junior Partnerships

WOMEN AND FAMILIES

Learning Centers
 Lending Libraries
 Chica Nica doll dresses
 Vocational training
 Opening Doors Projects

Directions to:

Wisconsin/Nicaragua Partners Warehouse

2139 North Second Drive, Stevens Point, WI 54482

Call W/NP Office to make an appointment to drop off items March - November: 715-346-4702



From Highway 139 –
Take Exit 163 - Casimir Road,
Travel East (Right) .2 mi to North 2nd,
Then turn North (Left) onto North 2nd Drive,
Travel North -- 1.6 miles – W/NP Warehouse will be on your left.
(PLEASE NOTE: The County Highway X exit ramps have been permanently closed)

