



**January 28, 2017 Monthly Learning Center Meeting**

January 28, 2017 46 Learning Center (LC) Representatives attended and celebrated the first monthly meeting of the year at the W/NP Office in Managua, Nicaragua.

**Agenda.**

- Welcome words.
- Prayer.
- Brief personal introduction from each Learning Center Leader.
- Workshop general information regarding W/NP LC Trek and other travel groups.
- Snacks.
- Evaluation.

The main topic of the monthly meeting was focused on writing reports according to INATEC policies.

**LC's in Attendance:**

- Centro San Judas Tadeo Managua
- Centro Alfa y Omega Chontales
- Centro Las Muñecas Managua
- Centro Renacer San Juan de Oriente
- Centro Casa de la Mujer Ocotal
- Centro Unidos en un solo Abrazo
- Centro Rosa Tipitapa
- Centro El Caimito Carretera a Leon
- Centro Brazos de Amor Managua
- Centro Buenos Aires carretera a Pochomil
- Centro Casa de la Mujer Erlinda López Managua
- Centro Todo lo puedo en Cristo Managua
- Centro APAN Diriamba
- Centro Las Camelias Nueva Segovia
- Florence y William Nellis de la comunidad de Samaria
- Sagrado Corazón de Jesús en San Benito,
- Gloria Chavarría en colonia Primero de Mayo,
- Chilamatillo en comunidad Chilamatillo, Tipitapa
- Carolina, Managua
- Manos Solidarias- Mina Rosita
- June Lemke Managua
- Gracias a Dios Cedro Galan
- San Gabriel Carretera vieja a Leon
- Hossana Masaya
- Dulce Porvenir Tipitapa



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Our meeting was started with a recall on WN/P Agency Profile in order to keep all activities according to policies and regulations. Then a drill on the importance of attendance to monthly meeting was made.

Additionally, the WN/P 50 years of operation in Nicaragua developed were reminded to strength our vision and encourage women to continue with the legacy inherited by our founders. Also, the remarkable Chica-Nica Program was mentioned and drilled that WN/P is the unique organization in Nicaragua that has such program with a great acceptance in US and great profits for women and their families as well.



A summary on how LC activities have improved the quality of life of women and their families by the methodology implemented in workshops and how that enhanced their labor area.

Leaders were explained how to write down their reports and the importance on the photo evidence of their daily activities.

Furthermore, leaders were instructed to inform the W/NP Managua office staff through their reports regarding their achievements in their communities by all the support received from Wisconsin.

The two most far LC leaders located in Rosita and Caribbean Coast offered to come in to share their experience with other LC leaders to strength their links and purpose that W/NP was founded 50 years ago.



**Testimonials.**

**Ulda.**

I feel very happy to be part of W/NP because we are all like a family. I have put in practice through LC's all knowledge and abilities and feel more enthusiastic since INATEC seems to be eager to help us with certifications.

**Luz Marina.**

I have been part of W/NP for a long time and I want to continue this way in order to increase our current abilities acquired and develop some others. Also, I propose that monthly meeting starts at 8am so we can expend more time together to share our new experiences.



**Ramon.**

I did not attend the monthly meetings last year because of my studies.

**Josefa.**

This year have been very productive since we have libraries, which were helpful. Besides, harvest classes were given to learn how to handle familial gardens. It is important to mention that even a small and tiny piece of garment is very appreciated and helpful as well. Thanks to W/NP I got levels that I have never thought before I could get. I will continue helping people as long as I can.

I thank W/NP for all donations sent and I hope that W/NP continues this new year.

**Carolina Learning Center.**

In our LC we teach to play piano, flute. We have a proposal that is a basic course of Cut and Confection.



**Sabrina.**

I enjoy every class because I can practice by doing craft that I can sale later. I want to continue in W/NP to learn much more



**Nubia.**

I know W/NP thank to Karla. Thanks to W/NP staff members and volunteers I could expand my business a little bit.

**Chilamatillo LC.**

W/NP is the best experience anyone can has. Everything I learn I put it to practice in our LC by using all donations sent from US to Nicaragua.

**Ana Julia. Las muñecas LC.**

The name of our LC comes from a visit we had of Leonor Guerrero several years ago, who asked for a typical doll dress. Thanks to Leonor our design and quality got second place. This new year I will continue teaching to all those who wants to learn sewing.



**Leonor Mendoza.**

In the beginning of our Learning center we had the chance to train and graduate several students in sewing works. Sometimes we had some difficulties and our LC was about to close, but I got my supporters closer to encourage them to continue in order to keep it open. We do embroideries and piñatas.

**Alfa y Omega LC..**

Thanks God and W/NP we started to sew skirts.

**San Judas Tadeo LC.**

We face difficulties to recruit people to our LC since we are a few people who attend classes, but they get benefits from the classes received.



**Casa de la mujer LC.**

Were more than 40 people working in our LC. We can tell that in W/NP knowledge can be achieved.

**Manos solidarias.**

The bag class was awesome since profits were gained by sales made.

**Maria Elena Hurtado.**

I am a teacher in Canada School. We have a project in Timal and El Triunfo in which all community is involved. I am a volunteer at W/NP we are planning a barber workshop.

**Karla Nuñez.**

In Canada School we have basic bakery workshop, beauty, sewing and crafts. All this is possible thanks to W/NP support.

Additionally, the stove project was more than useful since women got their own stoves and learned how to use them in an effective way, since they don't have a regular oven.

**El Caimito Community.**

I believe that I will learn much more this new year so I will be able to train my partners in our LC. All I know I learned it at W/NP and I made profits through this knowledge.

**Jose Santos.**

Wrongly, we all men in community though that the classes at LC are just for women then we realized that was a mistake, so we took action and got involved in LC activities. Today, a lot of men are working at LC and more importantly sharing our experience to young people.

**Dulce Porvenir.**

We are currently working in several communities. The classes we take are sewing and cartoon-carpentry that we hope to finish. We have regular meetings and we planned two workshops in February.

**Norma.**

I came to W/NP two years ago and what I have learned here is priceless because I make some money by making what W/NP taught me to make.

**Estela.**

We all hope that 2017 be a prosperous year for all of us. An order for dresses was placed, 10 women are working on embroidery. Also, special people we have received orders for cartoon-furnitures.

We are working hard and a lot. We all know that all teachers and instructors we have today is thanks to W/NP, which makes me feel full of joy.

Thanks to all volunteers and other people who participated the last annual meeting in our Corazon de Jesus LC. The Ministry of Education sent us beans that we cook for our kids in the stove provided by W/NP. I want to take advantage to state that the food provided for the last annual meeting was afford by all the kids we have in our community in recognition for each help that W/NP shared.



**Mayra.**

I am more than glad to know that we all are together no matter what. Kids in our LC learned a lot last year.

**Soila Boniche.**

We sell bags that we make. Also, we were working with INATEC that certified us. We make wines, which are ready in 40 days.

**Diriamba, Carazo.**

For more than 17 years I have been working at W/NP in such time I created my center that is known as APAN. Our center is based on drug prevention consuming and our courses are imparted for free. INATEC is supporting us by paying the salary of our instructors.

Our principal objective is to learn how to prepare a good plan of classes. We have proposal is that W/NP extends a diploma for all those who attends classes in all LC's in order to make it easy for our partners to get a job.

**Conclusion.**

Regarding attendance to the LC Trek, we all agreed that the schedule time for workshops departure is at 9 o'clock in the morning; if by that time there are just three people ready to go and the rest is missing, then, we will have to depart with just that three people.

All attendees stated that the workshops were very helpful with a remarkable significance for all of us.

**Final evaluation.**

Josefa presented a better way to improve our experiences to implement them in our LC's and make a prayer for W/NP and Ardit who passed away.