

On April 29th the Learning Center (LC) monthly meeting took place at W/NP Managua Office .

The meeting began with reviewing the gracious assistance of the LC Leaders and representatives. Each one of them updated their contacts numbers and addresses, then a prayer was presented to God.

Leaders and representatives gave a brief self introduction, including where they come from and their daily activities in their LC and most importantly where they are heading to.

During the meeting, two handicrafts classes were given, a bamboo basket class was instructed by a trainee from Ulda's Centro Renacer LC and a Mantequilla Flower Craft led by Ana Julia from Las Muñecas LC.

Attendance was excellent, LC members seemed enthusiastic and eager to continue their improvement.





In addition, the starting of the Cruseta Class was announced to being on June 5th; from 1 o'clock to 3 o'clock. Immediately following the announcement, seven students officially signed up for the class. Estela Olivas is the instructor who comes from San Benito, 20km from Managua. All attendees will need to carry a needle and a scissor since W/NP is providing all necessary additional materials to guarantee the class in a timely manner.



Soya cooking Class.

Rosita attended the Soya class and stated that she learned a lot in the workshop and now she is making products that are derived from Soya; such as, milk, chorizo and other healthy food.

Maria shared her experience in order to encourage the rest of LC members to become part of the Soya Project. Also, she explained the business model training and the importance it has to their line of businesses.

Another participant shared with LC Members the personal, family and healthy benefits regarding Soya. Soya is highly recommended for children and it must be implemented in our daily diet.

Despite the fact that one attendee arrived late to the Soya Class, notes were gotten from partners in class. The attendee was able to make tacos, enchiladas and chorizo for sale in their LC. As a result, they raised up to C\$ 900 (US\$ 30) in just one evening. The money raised from the sales were invested in Corazón de Jesús school desk repairing.

Once both testimonial were heard, a great interest was displayed in Cheese made of Soya.



Final Comments.

Josefa, Gracias a Dios LC.

Bamboo baskets are beautiful and we can get some extra incomes. Apples, flowers, candies can be put inside to make them more attractive.

Karla, Gloria Chavarria.

I am seeing all this tremendous work, I feel inspired with so many ideas. I thank Ulda for feedback which I used for my work with kids in elementary school and thank W/NP for all its unconditional support given to everyone of us.

Nubia.

The Cinta work was really hard for me, but I made it.

Hilvia, Carolina LC.

I made my basket, got a cut in one of my fingers, but happy to be here. I have materials those I will share with women to put to sell these crafts.

Rosita.

I am not good at giving speeches, but I have to tell that I really enjoyed the class since it was very helpful.

Yolanda, Cedro Galan

I like this class and I am planning to be entrepreneur for mother's day. Also, I want to thank W/NP for the sewing machine donated to me, which I use to work.

Marina from Chilamatillo.

I do magic because everything I learn is reproduced for fundraising in LC I lead.

Karla.

We must love this W/NP, I have been a volunteer for more than 30 years and I love W/NP which keeps open doors to knowledge and other benefits, so, it wouldn't be fair to not fulfil our commitment to W/NP.

We all are called to think in what we do and how a leader must be, so conclude that a leader must be:

- Trusty.
- Respectful.
- Committed.

Finally, the importance of monthly reports were explained and ask one more time to be presented in office for evaluation.

The investment of funds from monthly workshops was explained to all attendees. Snacks, materials for workshops and economic help for transportation for the elder LC leaders.

- Ulda.
- Leonor Mendoza.
- Fany.

This transportation help was established many years ago. The money collected from workshops is not enough, so W/NP donates the difference to keep activities going.



They were asked to vote online in favor of Wisconsin Nicaragua Partners everyday until May 12th. All attendees agreed to bring something to eat for free or put out to sell at monthly meetings and office provides coffee.

They were all informed that warehouse in Wisconsin, USA has no more room for anything else; board members are waiting for a green-light to send donations down to Managua, Nicaragua.

Attendees requested a class of bags made of bottle on Fridays since the trainer is Emilia Castro and She is available only on Friday. Emilia lives in San Antonio, Old Road to Leon 40kms away from Managua, one way. Eighty kms back and forth!

Conclusion.

Learning centers leaders and representatives were very impressed for the improvements made to the W/NP building, especially to the conference room.

The plan for next monthly meeting schedule on May 27th includes a brief celebration in honor to Mother's day after since the Nicaraguan tradition is to have a celebration on May 30th. Every member was pleased to bring a meal for all to eat and W/NP Managua Office will provide sodas.

