

International Service Committee

Meeting Highlights, Wednesday, September 21, 2022

[Link to Video of Meeting](#) (meeting starts at about 10 minutes in)

LaPlata Report: Renee Brouse shared a brief recap of the recent trip by the Joint International Service Committee (JISC) of Sherwood and Newberg Early Birds in LaPlata Huila, Colombia. They checked on their existing projects to be sure they are sustainable and explore new project ideas. Jane Vankuren dedicated a peace pole on behalf of the JISC at the senior center they have worked closely with.

Rotary Foundation Thank You! Renee shared a video you may want to use during Rotary Foundation month in November. We also have a list of [speakers](#) you could invite to share various aspects of International Service.

East Africa Trip: Grace Kuto, Tigard, her husband Paul, and Stewart Martin are planning a group trip to East Africa in late March or early April. There will be work on several District 5100 projects. Projected cost is \$5000 to include airfare, ground transportation, local tours, and room and board at the Harambee Center. The trip will be about 10-14 days unless you decide to add additional side trips. Some may also choose to add the WaSH project in Tanzania with Stewart. If you are interested, please use this [link](#) to let Grace know. It is a beautiful area, with lots of opportunity for tours and safaris (although safaris will not be included in the tour price). Contact [Grace](#) with questions.

Project Updates/New Projects/Opportunities:

- Adam Steckel introduced our guest, Jacob Paul, from the Global Passport Rotary club. Jacob is leading EL NIDO (The Nest) in the Armenia region of Colombia, where there is a high suicide and teen pregnancy rate. The project focuses on lowest status in the community in impoverished neighborhoods. These girls are without easy or consistent access to health care and reproductive education, with early sexual initiation, high incidence of rape, sexually transmitted disease, early and high-risk pregnancies.

The two-year project objectives include: to decrease mother and child morbidity and mortality among teenaged mothers; improve access to preventive health care; and to increase awareness of, and provide information about, sexual and reproductive health. Their application is approved, and they are now fully funded.

- Howard Baumann, Salem, Haiti Project WaSH Project. This project will dig six more wells in the central part of Haiti, in a deforested, hilly area, where they do small crop farming. This is resulting out of a 12-year relationship with an orphanage and several villages. This is the 4th project in the area where we have now built 17 wells and 4 community latrines, including providing water for a local hospital. This new project will include solar power since the electrical grid is very unpredictable. The project value is \$115,000 for wells and solar. We need to raise \$42,000 at the district level. We have \$12,000, so are looking for \$30,000 from other clubs. Howard has provided a Project Summary and it is in the meeting folder on the [Google Drive](#). If you are interested in helping, reach out to [Howard](#). Alan shared kudos for Howard and the Salem club for pursuing these projects in an area that has had so many roadblocks, but they keep pushing forward – heroically!

Next Meeting: October 17, 2022. All members of the district are invited and welcome to attend this meeting. We meet by ZOOM. If you want to be included in the invitation, or would like the complete meeting notes, please contact me: Renée Campbell, 503-931-2256, PDG.Renee.Campbell@outlook.com