

Arlington Sunset Rotary
Project Report of District Grant P-64
Literacy for Mayan village
June, 2014

1. **Describe the project.** What was done, when, and where did the project activities take place?

The purpose of this project is to expand our previous services to promote literacy in remote, rural schools in the Yucatan Peninsula of Mexico. Previously, we have worked with the Tulum, MX Rotary Club, as well as non-Rotarians in the communities of Paamul and Chumpon, Mexico to build and furnish a library and a preschool. The Secondary School in the Mayan village of Chumpon is able to provide only two non-consumable workbooks (math and geography) for their students. No other curriculum or reading materials are available to them. This school had 55 students enrolled in grades 7-9 when school was dismissed last June, and our grant application was based on that number. The enrollment at the school has increased to 69 (36 in grade 7; 20 in grade 8; and 13 in grade 9). Our goal is to provide Kindle e-readers with math, science, history, and literature curriculum in Spanish, as well as some fiction for pleasure reading to the teachers for use with each of these students.

In August and September, 2013 a committee of four of our club members worked with bilingual teachers in the Arlington, Castleberry, and Grand Prairie Independent School Districts to compile lists of recommended pleasure-reading materials and curriculum in Spanish for the Kindle electronic readers. Before we purchased the Kindle devices in October, the price was reduced and we were able to buy them for \$69 each, a savings of approximately \$18 on each device since our grant application was approved. In addition, we learned from Amazon that we would be able to transfer each book purchased to 6 devices, rather than just one. In October, we purchased 24 Kindles. The savings for these devices, as well as the ability to transfer the e-books permitted funds to be available for an additional 12 e-books. Therefore, we

purchased 36 e-books instead of the 20 requested in the grant. Thus far, we have not been able to find Spanish e-books for Math. Amazon is adding approximately 30,000 Spanish e-books to their Kindle Store, so we will continue to monitor the site for Math books. We have been able to purchase History, Science, dictionaries, classic literature, fiction and nonfiction for pleasure-reading, Speech and Public Speaking, and value clarification books appropriate for students age 11-15. The Board of Arlington Sunset Rotary will make a decision on how to use the remaining funds from the grant, which we did not expect to have. The tasks of delivering the Kindles to the village and training the teachers in how to use the devices still remains. Copies of the Kindle User's Guide in Spanish are being downloaded and printed this week.

2. How many people benefitted from this project?

69 Junior High students are enrolled in the school, and will have access to the e-books. It is likely that the families of these students will also benefit from this project, since the students will be able to check them out much like library books.

3. How many Rotarians participated in the project?

23 members of Arlington Sunset Rotary, 1 member of Ft. Worth East Rotary Club, and 60 members of Arlington, Washington Rotary Club participated in the project. One of the Grand Prairie, TX Rotary Club also donated over 1,500 toothbrushes and toothpaste for us to deliver to the Tulum Rotary Club for their dental project at rural schools in the area.

4. What did they do? Please give two examples, not including financial support provided to the project.

Members of the International Committee of Arlington Sunset Rotary considered recommendations from non-Rotarian bilingual teachers to make final decisions regarding e-books and downloaded the e-books on the devices.

Any questions refer to Pete Conlon Treasurer, or Ken Mattner

District Grant # _____

Individual Project Report # _____

To be completed by Rotarians. Return this form to your District.

Rotary Club: Arlington Sunset Rotary Club
Project Title: _____

Progress Report Final Report

Project Description

1. Briefly describe the project. What was done, when and where did project activities take place, and who were the beneficiaries?

See Attached

2. How many Rotarians participated in the project? _____

3. What did they do? Please give at least two examples.

See Attach

4. How many non-Rotarians benefited from this project? _____

5. What are the expected long-term community impacts of the project?

6. If a cooperating organization was involved, what was its role?

Financial Report (District must retain receipts of all expenditures)

7. Income	Amount
<i>RC Arlington Sunset, directed Donations</i>	<i>2129.00</i>
<i>District Grant</i>	<i>2158.93</i>
Total Project Income	<i>4287.93</i>

8. Expenditures (please be specific and add lines as needed)

<i>Staples 24 Kindles 6 wall chargers #1096</i>	<i>1775.94</i>
<i>Digital eBooks Amazon Reimburse To Tetras #1097/99</i>	<i>956.97</i>
<i>Best Buy 12 Kindles echeck</i>	<i>852.95</i>
<i>Digital eBooks Reimburse To Tetras Amazon #1108</i>	<i>302.85</i>
<i>Peter Conlon - Books</i>	<i>399.02</i>
	<i>4287.93</i>

9. 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 of the information contained herein is true and accurate. Receipts for all grant-funded expenditures have been provided to the district.

Certifying Signature



Date:

6-21-2014

Print name, Rotary title, and club

KEN MATTNER

President

Arlington Sunset

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 Cash Basis

Arlington Sunset Rotary Club
Transaction Detail By Account
 July 2013 through June 2014

Type	Date	Name	Memo	Paid Amount	Balance
International Service					
Mayan Project					
Bill	10/2/2013	mayan project	kindles and charger adapters direct buy staples	1,775.94	1,775.94
Bill	10/6/2013	Tetens, Larka	digital books for Kindles advance to Larka	400.00	2,175.94
Bill	11/12/2013	Tetens, Larka	over spend for ebooks not authorized	556.97	2,732.91
Bill	4/23/2014	mayan project	12Kindles echeck to best buy	852.95	3,585.86
Bill	5/28/2014	mayan project	ebooks reimburse Larka	302.85	3,888.71
Total Mayan Project				3,888.71	3,888.71
Total International Service				3,888.71	3,888.71
TOTAL				3,888.71	3,888.71

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4287.93

Handwritten calculations:
 3,888.71
 - 399.02

 3,489.69

Peter J. Conlon Jr.

From: Ken Mattner [ken@digitalcorporatecompanies.com]
Sent: 08/20/2013 4:42 PM
To: 'Ken Mattner'; 'Peter J. Conlon Jr.'; larkat5@tx.rr.com
Subject: District grant app

Country: Mexico **Location:** Chumpon **Total Budget:** \$4,258
Area of Focus: Basic education and literacy

Activity Type: Education: Literacy

Summary: Kindle e-readers with ebooks for Junior High 8th & 9th graders in the Yucatan Peninsula of Mexico city of Chumpon

Literacy

The purpose of this project is to expand our previous services (last years grant of \$1200 for the Preschool)to promote literacy in remote, rural schools in the Yucatan Peninsula of Mexico. Previously, we have worked with the Tulum, MX Rotary Club, as well as non-Rotarian's in the communities of Paamul and Chumpon, Mexico furnish library books and furniture for their elementary school. The library now has over 2,000 children's books in Spanish. The preschool has additional books and educational toys. (Chumpon is a Mayan village located in a remote jungle area about an hour from Tulum, Mexico in the state of Quintana Roo.

Our Current needs are for: The Secondary School in the Mayan village of Chumpon. They are only able to provide two non-consumable workbooks (math and geography) for their students. No other curriculum or reading materials are available to them. This school has 55 students in grades 7-9.

We would like to provide 25 Kindle e-readers with math, science, history, and literature curriculum in Spanish, as well as some fiction for pleasure reading to the teachers for use with each of the 8th & 9th grade students.

Amazon has given us a price of \$86.33 per Kindle x25 = \$2158.00 and the average price of a e book is \$5.00 and we will load 20 books and educational programs on each = \$2500.00. The total price will be \$4258.

The opportunity to continue our work with the children will improve their education, and help them to become productive citizens in their local Spanish-speaking community. These Mayan parents are anxious for their children to learn to speak, read, and write Spanish, which is a second language for them. Poverty in the village is extreme, and the villagers do not have the resources to promote literacy or education for their children

All members of the Arlington Sunset Rotary Club and the Tulum Rotary Club are committed to continuing work on this project. At least two work trips are being planned for Rotary year 2013-2014 for work on this project, with the next trip in October. Our plan is to work with bilingual teachers in Arlington to select curriculum and pleasure reading material that is age appropriate. The principal at the Secondary School in Chumpon will have final approval for curriculum decisions. Once approved, the e-books will be downloaded to the Kindles. After consulting with the Kindle Business and Education Department at Amazon, we learned that the downloading must take place in the U.S., and then we can

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transport the Kindles to Mexico. Internet access is not available in the villages, and it will not be needed for using the Kindles. Periodically, our club members will bring the Kindles back to the U.S. to download additional e-books as funds become available in the future.

Our Goal is to have the e readers in the children's

Our work trips will be open to our fellow Rotarian's in other clubs and their friends or family, traveling at their own expense.

Project Contact Person

District: 5790

Rotary Club of: Arlington Sunset

Primary Contact: Ken A. Mattner

Email: ken@digitalcorporatecompanies.com

Project Status

Fully Pledged

This project is "**Fully Pledged**". This means the amount of the pledges is equal to the total budget of the project. Now the project needs to be finalized and go through the club signature process. This process gets started on the [administration page](#).

Project listed for the 2013-14 Rotary Year.

Ken Mattner

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