



Updated Report as of May 13, 2024

District Grant Baja International Service event and changes:

1) June 7-9th Eco Garden build-up.

Last weekend Dale and I went down to Rosarito's Home Depot and checked on the material needed to build the garden. Fortunately for us, all we need, we can purchase there! The store is huge and has the inventory necessary to supply all we need. I want to thank Stephanie and Hayden (Environmental Committee) for providing an excellent list that will guide us through the process of purchasing the needed material. We are planning on building

4 vegetable boxes on the school grounds and adding them to a future garden.

Home Depot will cut the wood for us, and they will also deliver it for a fee to the school, which is not too far. We also need to secure the "good" soil from a nursery close by and purchase plants, seeds and trees. We are borrowing some tools from Hayden, Dale, and Mr. Palmer. This is a weekend trip that will be FUN and rewarding. Trip details to follow. Presently we have the following people attending: Stephanie Palmer and her husband, Dale & Margarita Martin, Hayden, Heather, Linda and Anita. We need a few more hands, so please let me know if you can join us.

Changes to the District Grant will be the following ...to reduce the eco-Garden boxes from 6-8 garden boxes to 4 boxes and to acquire a much-needed four burner stove for the small kitchen/lunch area for the school. Presently the children's mothers cook in their homes and bring the food in for the kids. The stove will be purchased at the Home Depot Rosarito, Baja location and will be delivered to the school. The cost will be approximately \$500-\$600 dollars. Also, a small propane tank \$400 that will be installed to the stove by one of our club members. Total approximate cost \$1000.00.

2) Saturday, June 15th RYLA

We are developing a RYLA at the Boys and Girls Club of Tijuana, not too far from the border. The Directors of the club are very excited to have us there. We will have a minimum of 50+students. This event will be a ONE-day event from 10am-to 2pm on Saturday June 15th. Maurilio and Emma are our Rotary counter partners in Tijuana. We will be having a meeting April 30th with Peli Guevara Director at large, Bridget (RYLA Usa Coordinator, Laura Ochoa (B&G TJ Director) and Margarita Martin. We will be coordinating as a team the event. We are also working with the company that develops the RYLA program here in the USA. (Bridget and her company will be leading and helping us with the appropriate games and structure for the event). We are all looking forward to learning and developing this important Rotary project in Baja.

Presently we have the following people attending: Bridget (RYLA USA) plus 6-8 counselors. Tijuana Rotary Club Maurilio and Emma E-Club Tijuana plus 3 members of their club. The Tijuana Rotaract president plus 6 students. Monarch Beach Rotary club members LJ, Heather & Jeff Gillon, Dale & Margarita Martin, Anita, Hayden and Linda. Director and staff from the Tijuana Boys & Girls Club.

Yours in Service,

M. Margarita Martin

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