



THE GATEWAY GAZETTE



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The Rotary Club of Warton

District 6330 Chartered 1938
Dinner Meetings –6 P.M. Thursdays
Royal Canadian Legion Branch 208

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President Mike greeted everyone as they joined the group. We enjoyed a 20 minute social time before Pat started her presentation on Guatemala.

Pat entertained us with a wonderful slide presentation on Guatemala, a country she has winter vacationed in for the last few years. Interestingly Rotarians Bev, Eric, Kathy, Gay and Richard have all traveled to Guatemala fairly recently. Pat started our tour with pictures of the ancient Mayan Ruins at Tikal, then on to the beautiful and historic town of Antigua. Guatemala is a very mountainous country and as a result agriculture is a challenging occupation....endless mountainside terracing and virtually all farming is done by hand. We enjoyed a number of beautiful pictures of the stunning scenery around the Lake Atitlan. Pats pictures highlighted a big disparity between the way tourists live and where the common labourers live. (54% of Guatemalans live below the poverty level). Pat briefed us on a successful project called CECAP where Guatemalans can receive training to prepare them for the tourism industry, primarily culinary skills. The program receives some funding from the restaurants that are hiring the students and this has enabled them to expand the program into sewing and tuk-tuk repairs. Another project in Santiago, Guatemala involved providing cook stoves to homes with proper venting thus minimizing the respiratory damage caused by the current methods of open fires in the home. Pat went on a four day adventure to a remote town called Todos Santos. There she found what could potentially be a Hand-Up project for our club in the future. The town is in desperate need of an expansion of their water reservoirs. The town has plenty of water diverted from the mountain runoff in the wet season but without an adequate reservoir storage system water availability becomes a problem in the dry season.

Richard presented a few pictures from his trip to Guatemala in 2018 highlighted by a hike to the top of San Pedro volcano.

Pat requested that Rotarians get behind our Zoom Trivia Night on May 23 and get your teams registered as soon as possible to build excitement for the event.

Scribbled by : RB

Attendance: 14Rotarians

Guests:

Birthdays:

May 16 Mike Mason

21 Joanne Veerman

Anniversaries :

None

Upcoming Meetings:

All meetings are cancelled till further notice

Next Zoom meeting May 21

Zoom District Conference June 13

Zoom International Conference June 20

Next Zoom meeting,

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