



RAGCED Newsletter - December 2020

The ongoing change to the new normal is tolerable by many but for the hurricane stricken Hondurans it is almost unbearable. **Pres. Nick** has worked hard to connect donors with Rotary contacts helping in essential relief measures. At RAGCED our website is changing too. It offers more content of interest to the average reader with additional ways to help. Charities are banding together to achieve greater efficiencies. **Duncan Stanners** supports the changes and reports on **community development in conjunction with installing water systems**. In the article about **Women in Business in Nicauaraga** by **Mary Coward**, the positive impact of microcredit is highlighted - along with a request for funding. Rotary Foundation Focus manager **Bonaventure Fandhom**, in an article, discusses the essential component of empowering women, partly because they represent half the population and also because their **small businesses are the backbone of many community economies**. In the article about Puerto Cortes **Tony Madina** showcases the emerging relationship between a **community business funder, local entrepreneurs and Rotary**. As a wrap up RAGCED Pres **Nick Frankle** discusses two prominent Rotarian sources of project funding.



Honduras Hurricane Disaster & Donation Site

The thirty-three Rotary Clubs in Honduras are People of Action and have united to bring relief for victims of Hurricane Eta and Hurricane Iota. They have created the Rotary Honduras Hurricane Relief Fund. Your donation will help feed the hundreds of thousands who are now homeless, help clothe families who now only have the clothes on their back, and rebuild communities and help restore local...

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Economic Development - Installing Water Systems

Duncan said: "Calling on an existing relationship with Opportunity International Canada (OIC), we searched for an area that was in Central America where Rotary had a focus and OIC had local operations and thereby chose Honduras." Further, he said, "we were looking for other sustainable projects we could do there. We wanted to leverage our funding as much as possible and to establish a partnership infrastructure that could be..."

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Loans for Antigua Women Businesses

Our Rotary Club of Victoria Harbourside (and other Rotary partners) have a Global Grant with Namaste for business training for 140 women. Each woman receives a nine-month program of business training and support - as well as a micro loan. Namaste has continued to enroll new clients and support their existing clients through monthly phone calls from the business advisors.

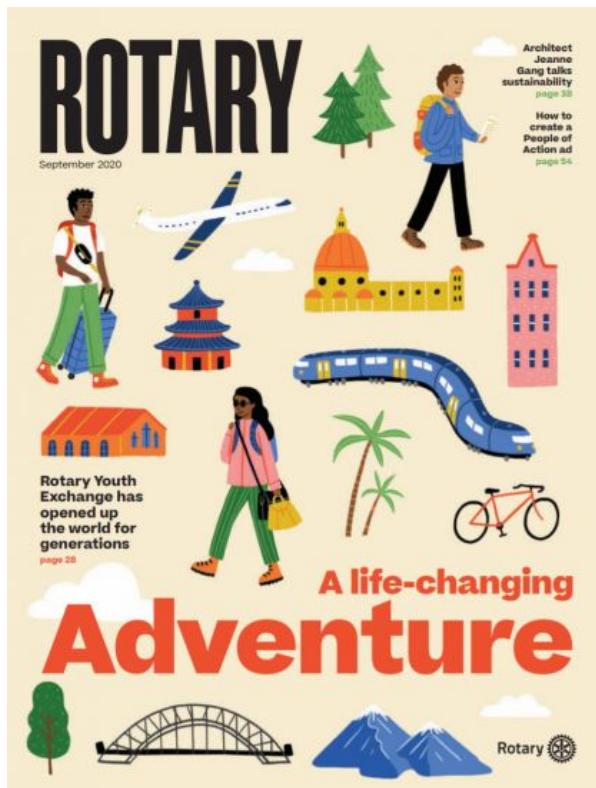
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Puerto Cortes Small Business Loans in Action

A good partnership makes all the difference. IDH and Opportunity International have been key in the development of this project. The new IDH agency in Puerto Cortés was opened to support this very project. In a short period of time, they have been able to support many micro enterprises.

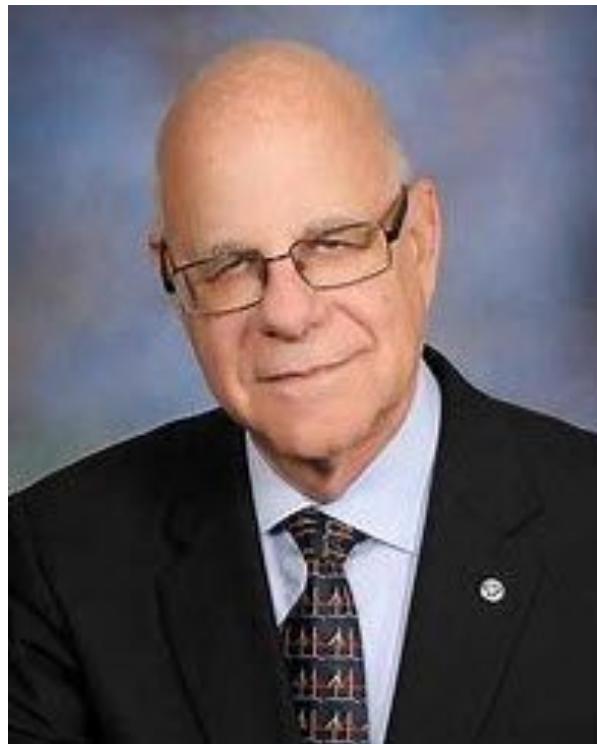
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GROWING LOCAL ECONOMIES For true economic development, women are an essential part of the picture

MARGARET THORPE WILLIAMSON third-generation Detroit resident has directed social justice initiatives in the United States for decades. When she and other Rotarians in District 6400 decided to tackle the high levels of poverty and unemployment in their own region, LaunchDetroit was born.

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Finding Money and Partners for Projects

Define the project's goals and needs. Set clear goals and identify the resources needed to achieve them. Use short, well-written text that is organized into sections preferably with bullet points so as to help supporters easily see what you are trying to achieve. Then look at matchinggrants.org and Great Grants Partners on WhatsApp.

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“Change is the only constant in life.” - Heraclitus. Who doesn't have a love-hate relationship with change?

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