

## Invitation to Participate in the District 5190 Healthy Water Project

Is your club interested in an international service clean water project close to home? DG Anita and District 5190 have a great opportunity for us!

### The Project:

We will be distributing water filtration kits to 300 Mexican residents in rural communities around the community of Los Barriles in the East Cape area of Baja Sur, Mexico. This project is a joint effort by District 5190 clubs and the Los Barriles Cabo de Este Rotary Club.

Clubs are invited to contribute to this district-wide project and participating Rotarians will have the opportunity to be boots-on-the-ground to learn how the water filtration kits function from lead trainers and then to teach recipient families how to use them in a sustainable way.

Clubs are being asked to contribute \$250 or more to match district funds. A total of \$6500 is being raised from club contributions to match the District Grant of \$6500, for a total project funding of \$13,000.

Individual Rotarians from contributing clubs will be offered the opportunity to participate in the project. Rotarians will pay for their own travel, lodging and meals.

### Where:

Los Barriles is a small Mexican town on the Baja peninsula and Sea of Cortes 70 miles north of Cabo San Lucas. The population is comprised of about two-thirds local Mexicans and one third foreign residents from the USA, Canada and Europe. This beautiful community is known around the world for its safety and tranquility, big game fishing, boating, kite boarding and wind surfing, and the friendliest people you have ever met. The Cabo de Este region has mostly rural communities of 100 people or less.

### Host Rotary Club:

The Rotary Club of Los Barriles Cabo de Este is comprised of both local residents and ex-pats. Past President Chris Geyer has worked closely with many US Rotarians, including many from our own district. He attended Far West PETS prior to serving as club president, where he met many club leaders in District 5190. Many of our clubs have travelled to Los Barriles to conduct projects over the past several years and have enjoyed the hospitality and environment of the host club.

### Benefits of This Opportunity:

Participating Rotarians will interact directly with Mexican families living in rural areas. Helping train families on the proper use of the Sawyer Water Filter Kit is a rewarding experience and offers the opportunity to contribute to healthier lives. Almost every visiting Rotarian that has participated in this international project has experienced a true "Rotary moment".

### When:

Participation is projected to begin in January and end in April 2022 during three-day sessions:

January 13, 14 and 15

January 27, 28 and 29

February 3, 4 and 5

February 17, 18 and 19

March 3, 4 and 5

March 10, 11 and 12

March 24, 25 and 26

April 7, 8 and 9

April 21, 22 and 23

(Dates may be subject to change due to Covid.)

For each session, the Los Barriles club can host between 10-15 Rotarians who will work in groups of 7 which includes an in-country specialist, local and visiting Rotarians.

Flights are readily available to Cabo San Lucas where rental cars are available for the 1 ½ hour drive to Los Barriles. Local hotel are available and home hosting is

anticipated. Participants may want to take the opportunity to enjoy the beach and surrounding areas by extending their stay.

#### How to Register for The Healthy Water Project:

Rotarians interested in going to Los Barriles and participating in the project may sign up after their club has pledged or donated to the funding of this project.

#### For More Information or to Contribute:

Contact District Governor Anita Daniels ([adaniels5190@gmail.com](mailto:adaniels5190@gmail.com)) or District International Service Chair Carolyn Feuille ([cfeuille@espritgloballearning.com](mailto:cfeuille@espritgloballearning.com)).