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Did you know.... Sacuanjoche is Nicaragua's national flower.

It grows on a tree and usually flowers in the month of May. The Sacuanjoche is a very beautiful and fragrant flower, and it also appears on the 1, 5, 10 and 25 cent banknotes.



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Volcanoes in Nicaragua

.....they can be a blessing and a curse, sometimes I have the same feeling with W/NP. We have a lot of projects and keeping **you** up to date but not overwhelmed is important to us.

Hope you enjoy this snippet of activity.

Happy St. Patrick's Day!!

Firefighters United

[Click here for details on FF United](#)

Vehicle donations to Nicaragua

"U.S. Ambassador Callahan participated in a donation of a fire truck together with Wisconsin-Nicaragua Partners of the Americas and the Nicaraguan Volunteer Firefighters Civil Association. Partners of the Americas, founded in 1964, is a private volunteer organization which seeks international cooperation and training through U.S. state associations with Latin American countries or regions. The Wisconsin-Nicaragua chapter has been working in Nicaragua for 43 years on diverse social projects."



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SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR WISCONSIN "FIREFIGHTERS"
yet another example on the importance of collaborative efforts to get the job done....



For quite some time, the office in Managua has been without fire extinguishers, and thanks to one of our WI volunteers, Larry Pingel (center in photo above) recognizing this... Fire Pro, Stevens

Point, assisted in making the purchase possible by lowering the cost to almost half price. *The importance of a team effort cannot be underestimated!!!*

VOLUNTEERS IN EAU CLAIRE GATHER FIRE FIGHTING EQUIPMENT

Thanks to the excellent coordination of Dr. Brad Martin, Whitehall WI, the W/NP Firefighters United Program has been a blazing success by allowing WI Firefighters to take action by helping out their fellow Firefighters in Nicaragua with much needed equipment. Click on link below for yet another example of a truly team effort involving many people to make it happen....

[Click here for recent news article](#)



Special Thanks

2-24-09

Thank you so very much Kevin (Marinacci, Padre Fabretto's) for your prompt response to our request and the wonderful donation of the battery for our pick up. We really appreciate your support and collaboration

tremendously and for allowing us to continue on with our activities. This is a great example of how working together we can make a difference. Thanks a million!

- Mirna Angulo, Managua Office



CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR RETIREMENT LEONOR

Over 20 years of dedication to the Wisconsin and Nicaragua Partnership, simply amazing!! A very special thanks to Leonor for her many years, and countless hours of devotion to the W/NP Learning Centers in Nicaragua..now numbering 100+ and touching so many lives. - we love you and hope you can squeeze in some time for W/NP in your retirement.



Next W/NP Quarterly Meeting

April 4, 2008

If you have never been to a W/NP meeting, now is your chance. We are fortunate to have some **very special guests** in attendance. Check

out the meeting notice to see who they are, and for more details:

[Click here for W/NP Meeting Notice](#)

[Click here for online registration](#)

or

email us today with your RSVP wnp@uwsp.edu

We'll look forward to seeing you, and you'll be glad you came!!

2009 W/NP MEMBERSHIP

It's time to renew your membership to W/NP - and thanks to all who have already done so.

Why have a membership? It's simply one viable way of showing your support for the many projects and programs that touch the lives of so many people in both Wisconsin and Nicaragua, not to mention those sprinkled through out the United States.

Here is the link to sign up for a W/NP Membership:

[Want to show your support? Click here](#)

...you don't have to be from Wisconsin to be a member. Just for fun, check out all the states our postal newsletter goes to.....

(AK, AL, AR, AZ, CA, CO, CT, DC, FL, GA, HI, IA, ID, IL, IN, KS, KY, MA, MD, ME, MI, MN, MO, MS, NC, ND, NE, NH, NJ, NM, NV, NY, OH, OK, OR, PA, SC, TN, TX, VA, VT, WA)

Join us today, and be a part of something great!



SPORTS EXCHANGE GRANTS AWARDED THIS WEEK

The US Embassy in Managua along with the Partners of the Americas announces today that three Nicaraguan communities have been awarded small grants to support youth baseball and softball activities.

Each grant is for \$250 and is part of the US State Department sponsored Youth Sports Management Exchange program managed by Partners of the Americas in cooperation with the Wisconsin-Nicaragua Partners.

The three grant winners are Leonel Cardoza (Ciudad Dario), Lilliam Gomez (Tipitapa), and Douglas Misael Ordeñana (Empalme de Boaco). In Ciudad Dario grant funds will be used to train community volunteers as coaches, umpires and scorekeepers so they can better support a league for 300 youth. The project in Tipitapa will help start a softball league for 60 girls. It will also focus parental involvement as a way to use sports to increase educational results. At Empalme de Boaco, the project will train community volunteers to support youth league activities with an emphasis on linking educational achievements to opportunities to play baseball. This next week two seasoned sports enthusiasts from Wisconsin, Ken Wiske (UW-Stevens Point), and Thomas Ordens (Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association, Sports Official of 37 years, Stevens Point), will be participating in the final set of workshops for this program, in each of the respective locations. The workshop content covers parental involvement and incorporating a spirit of volunteerism, training of officials for the game, and basic sports medicine practices.

Click here for Phase I update:

[Phase 1 Overview](#)

Click here for Phase II update:

[Phase II Overview](#)

More sports updates to follow soon.....email us today if you want to join in wnp@uwsp.edu



Another
Special
Thanks....
2-23-09

We were in
need of a new
cartridge for
the photocopier
machine, the
Chica Nica

Project, headed up by Lynda Pracht, made a donation to go towards the purchase of this supply, the total cost \$63.94.

Thank you Lynda, for your continuous support and hard work with the Chica Nica doll dress project. [Click here for more on Chica Nica!](#)

Note: our Chica Nica website (where you can purchase Chica Nica dresses made by the women in Nicaragua), is experiencing distress in a BIG way. If you know someone who can help get this site re-designed so it can soon be up and running again, please let us know. wnp@uwsp.edu

Don't forget to look at the...

W/NP PHOTO OF THE WEEK
[Click here to check it out!](#)

anyone you know??

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We welcome your comments, photos, activities or ideas for upcoming distribution.

The **spirit of volunteerism** is alive and well with W/NP thanks to **so many** who understand the value of taking action, focusing on the positive, and giving of ones precious time.

Sincerely,

Amy L. Wiza
Wisconsin Nicaragua Partners of the Americas

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(Please note: the online price will be adjusted Monday, ...I can't get to the paypal to change the amount today - ugh!)

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