

Quarterly Newsletter September, October and November 2017



LAVOSI Las Voces Del Silencio Events

DIRECTOR'S REPORT: PROFESOR ÁLVARO DE LEÓN CRUZ

Hello, dear friends of LAVOSI, I'm glad to see you again. It is my last greeting of the year 2017, wherever you are, and whatever you are doing, in Guatemala, in the United States, Mexico, Germany, Japan, China, Egypt, Australia, Spain, Canary Islands, Peru, Central America, and all countries of the world, receive this warm greeting from the Director of Lavosi. Now I want to tell you important events that occurred in the month of SEPTEMBER ... You know? The drums, the drums, the drummers

came up again ... the batonists began their preparation to show off at the Commemorative Parade of National Independence. A fond memory: Leoni Aron, our beloved volunteer, when he first came in September, 2016 was greatly surprised by the marching practices, he did not like it at all; I thought, "What do they do? What noise is this ... Do not they receive classes?"

I had to explain to him that it was a period of time where all the schools in the Republic did the same; he

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understood and joined the practices ... now, after a year, we remember the event and he, Leoni Aron simply smiles. Brenda Aron, his wife, enjoys memories at school. This year our parade was very showy, our students wore their best clothes, and their best smiles. It was great, as the parade passed through the colonial streets of La Antigua Guatemala, people cheered us, for being the only educational establishment that is dedicated to educating people with hearing loss. We are different, there is

no doubt about it! And this concludes our September activities.

In October, we were prepared to carry out all the activities that was planned; They are all very important to us. First of all, there was the end-of-year evaluations, which took place during the week of October 9 to 13. Our students were well prepared and the students did pass their respective levels. That was a great satisfaction for us and for their parents.

On October 30, we had a very important and decisive visit; the future of LAVOSI was decided. Very important people will visit us from the United States of America and Mexico; they had a lot of reasonable expectations for Lavosi! Phillipa, Ivan, Craig, John and Sandra; they represent two great Associations: "**New Lifeline**" and "**Integral Heart**", respectively. There are also new members joining our Board of Directors, Anne Kraemer and Rebeca Sánchez, two extraordinary women who lavish energy and dynamism to the school.

Among the activities of this 30th day of October were the following:

1. Inauguration and cutting of the symbolic ribbon of the Multiple Use Room, which was named "**NEW LIFELINE**" as a tribute to the Association that donated most of the funds for our students to have a comfortable and modern place to develop different activities. Thank you Phillipa Vernon, Ivan Bravo and people who contributed the funds to make this project a beautiful reality.
2. Celebration of a great year, to give varied information and acquire commitments for our students, with a view to the year 2018 and 2019.

3. Lunch and dessert was prepared and served by our students to our distinguished visitors. The important thing about this activity was that the dishes served was a specific product of the learning acquired by the students, in the pastry and Mexican cuisine classes, which thanks to the auspices and donations of the Association "**NURSING HEART INC**", through our dear friends and Honorary Members **Ronaldo Noecker** and **Gavin Kern**, who made the professionalization of our students a reality.

In conclusion, all the activities of the month of October were a total success. The goals and objectives that we set ourselves were reached, beyond our expectations. We thank all our friends and supporters.

We also wish a sincere and warm thanks to: to **NEW LIFELINE**, and to **NURSING HEART INC.** and their representatives, for their donations, which were abundant and generous, whose sole purpose is the education of our deaf students, which means real preparation so that in the future, they have the tools to be productive citizens in the workplace in different professions. Our donors were so excited and impressed to see students built from scratch the window frames, windows and metal doors for the 3rd floor renovation and they were delighted at the quality of food preparation that was served that day at lunch, made with passion at the hands of all our students. We presented the fruits of our labor and not fruits on paper. Thank you very much all our **FRIENDS** of LAVOSI.

During November, all Guatemalans call this month **NOFIAMBRE!** And do

you know why? For the delicious chapín dish, **FIAMBRE**. I know that Leoni and Brenda liked it very much. Mmmm, what a delight! Listen, friends of the world, when you visit Guatemala in the month of **Nofiambre**, ask for a plate. I know you will love it. There is no family in Guatemala that hasn't tasted this dish of cold cuts.

The activities of this month were also important: the annual November Camp. It was carried out in the 3rd week of November, the 13, 14 and 15th, at Finca Xejuyú, in the municipality of El Tejar, department of Chimaltenango. On the 16th, there was a field day at the Florencia Municipal Park in La Antigua Guatemala, for that day Brenda and Leoni prepared delicious lasagna, salad and garlic bread for the students, and on November 17, a fun day at the **IRTRA PETAPA** Amusement Park in the capital city of Guatemala.

We all enjoyed these activities at the end of the school year. Many thanks to the donors who made camp possible. Especially to: **Mrs. ROSAMARÍA MARTÍN**, a lady with a big heart and great character, and to the **KENNEDY FOUNDATION**, and to **INTERNATIONAL DEAF PARTNERSHIPS**, who provided funds for the entire Lavosi community. We enjoyed unforgettable moments.



Director: Álvaro de León Cruz at the parade presentation of the various schools during "Guatemalan Independence Day"



students were focused on performing tasks on worksheets.



September 14 personnel, volunteers and students of LAVOSI

En este Boletín:

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What joy! they have completed their first stage now they have a new stage and in first primary I wish them much success !!!

Primary: Teacher Adriana Morales.

I am very proud to see that the students have developed their different skills, and have satisfactorily completed evaluations of the fourth unit.



Teacher: Nelson Vivar Catavi

What an amazing quarter we have had with many activities, the final evaluations where our students showed that they can reach their goals and meet the objectives.

As well as the celebration of the Independence of our beautiful country where the students, despite being deaf, manage to feel rhythm by demonstrating it in the parade where the drums and snare drums played ...



They have also formed bonds of friendship between them which is very beautiful!



Miss LAVOSI Madelyn



Our beautiful baton twirlers

Teacher: Alvaro Ernesto De Leon Espinoza

School closure is near, fifth and sixth grade students completed their final exams. Congratulations to the sixth grade graduates for their achievements.



Students who completed the primary level. Congratulations!!!

Story Time and Horticulture:

It is impressive to see the attention given to Brenda, our Peace Corps volunteer, when she dramatizes and narrates stories in the classrooms is a special moment where everyone's mind flies in the world of imagination, regardless of age! !



Highlights of September, October and November.

- ❖ Guatemalan Independence Day parade
- ❖ Primary and 6th grade graduation ceremony
- ❖ Training and guidance for 2018 school planning by the Peace Corps.
- ❖ Meeting with "NEW LINE LIFE"
- ❖ November Camp for students

New Developments:

We are very grateful "NEW LINE LIFE" for the support in the development of our multipurpose room.



Thanks to "NEW LINE LIFE"



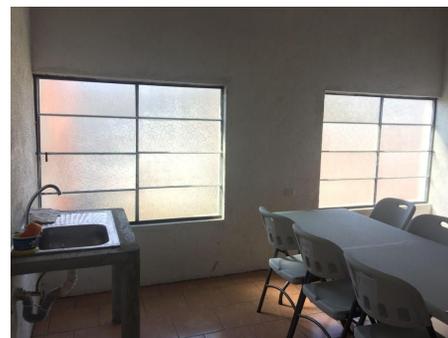
Starting the construction.



Nearing completion !!!



Completed!



The multi purpose room completed and equipped.

Camp LAVOSI 2017:

It was a wonderful experience, we started on Monday, November 13, traveling to the Xejuyu farm where we spent three days and two nights doing different activities.



Panoramic view from the hilltop of Xejuyu farm



The ingenuity of Elias, using a plant leaf to make a beautiful and natural hat.



Amilcar enjoying the games, yeah
Hike to the Hill ... how tired



Hike to the Hill ... how tired



Relaxing and enjoying the lagoon of Xejuyú.

On Thursday, November 16, we held a RALLY in Florencia Park where we had a lot of fun.



This is how they ended after having finished different obstacles.



trying to fill the bottle with water from a washcloth



we all participated in the RALLY and we stayed like this ...



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To conclude our camp we traveled to IRTRA Petapa Amusement Park where we were all children again enjoying the different rides.

What a thrill!!!!



Children enjoying the slides



Nekmar and Estuardo enjoying "driving" on the train ride



Guillermo and Teacher Nelson



Nelson, Guillermo, Leoni and Julio hoping not to get wet when we go down.



Teacher Alvaro Jr. enjoying spending time with the students.



Losing the fear of heights !!!

INTECAP Courses

Thanks to the LAVOSI donors, together with INTECAP, gave them the opportunity to conclude the Cake Decorating course.



In addition to the Mexican Food Course.



Congratulations for the achievements



Students completed 50 hours in each course for certification in the culinary arts.

Donors and Collaborators

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Our school cannot exist without your generosity

Lavosi Wishlist:

1. Extenders
2. Glue gun
3. Acrylic paint tubes, all colors
4. Paint for the second floor of the school
5. Clocks for each classroom and learning spaces (8)
7. Large toaster
8. Bean bag chairs 4-6 (student size)
9. Clay (non-drying type) in all colors
- 10 Music system with sufficient volume and lights that keep pace with music
11. Financing to add drums to the school band.
12. Glue with glitter
13. Electric hand dryer

Upcoming Events:

- New school year begins: January 15, 2018
- Celebration of Carnival: February 13
- Celebration of Valentine's Day: February 14
- Palm Sunday: March 25.

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