



THE ROTARY CLUBS OF BERKELEY & LA PENITA

**"Lend a Hand in Friendship"
2018 Global Grant**



Dear Volunteer welcome,

Registration begins November 1, 2017. You will receive an email confirmation within a week. Preference to dates will be given to volunteers from clubs that participate in the funding of this grant. We prefer you register and drop out rather than sign up late as housing gets very tight. There may be a modest cancellation fee if housing cannot be re-rented.

The DATES 2018

The Advance Team	April 12, Thursday arrive Chacala – depart April 25 or later
Week 1	April 17, Tuesday arrive Chacala – depart April 25
Week 2	April 25, Wednesday arrive Chacala – depart May 3
Week 3	May 3, Thursday arrive Chacala – depart (your choice)

there will be a May 11, Friday and May 13, Sunday departures.

- If you are planning on attending the District 5160 conference it is May 4-6
- If you are part of week 3 – some of us will take a day or two in Puerto Vallarta – check if you want to be part of this before booking your flight
- If you want housing at a particular place **reserve for the project NOW** some places are already booked. **And, look at the booking information section in this memo.**
- If you want a specific week because of who you are traveling with; let us know the group

WHAT TO DO NOW

- **Book your week and let us know if you need housing.** Let Grier and Mariana know you want to participate.
- Book housing through Grier & Mariana or direct
We will let you know how to book housing or if we can arrange your stay.
Housing varies; plan on \$25 -\$35 usd/night double occupancy. Mariana has reserve Tachoes Aurora, Tachoes Concha and Guest suite Norma. Other accommodations are available.
Las Brisas can be booked through us or directly. Casa Pacifica needs to be booked directly.
If you need to drop out we would appreciate as much notice as possible.
- Check your passport for expiration date.
It must be good for a minimum of 6 months beyond your return date

COSTS

No money is needed at this time.

\$400 - Your donation to Berkeley Rotary Endowment for 1 week (8 days –see above schedule)

This covers ground transportation from and to the airport, daily transport to the work site, communal lunch at work site, communal dinner on the beach, work day snacks, T shirt, etc and a contribution to the project

\$225 for an additional week - those staying for more than one week (8 day week)

For those arriving and departing on unscheduled days there will be a separate transport charge to the airport – to be arranged.

Advanced Team costs will be increased for meals, no increase for transportation.

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HOUSING

- We will help with your housing if you like – discuss the options with Grier
- You can book Las Brisas (book directly with Karla – **DO NOT USE BOOKING INC and similar sites. Las Brisas phone (international code then) 52-327-219-4015** They charge Karla too much, ask for the Rotary rate.
- You can book Casa Pacifica and other places directly. **phone from usa 760-715-1599 or Mexico 52-327-219-4067 or email susana@casapacificachacala.com**
Ask for the Rotary rate

➤ PLEASE ADVISE GRIER AND MARIANA IF YOU BOOK DIRECT AND (WHERE & WHEN)

AIRLINE TRANSPORTATION

PLEASE do NOT book your flight just yet. –we will let you know when TRF comments on the grant. Approval is not expected until spring but comments in late November

Airline tickets vary but are about \$420 round trip –this is your responsibility

Try to arrive between 3:30 PM and 5:00 PM in Puerto Vallarta.

From San Francisco –

Alaska and United both fly morning flights. Alaska has been the preferred flight in the past.

From Oakland –

Southwest flies a morning flight. – This is new

Return from Puerto Vallarta – try to leave at 3:00 PM or later

THE PROJECT

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Mamey Primary school

This is a two room primary school. They need everything. Most young people left the community and the school has not been used for 15 years. Young people have returned and there are now 15 kindergarteners and first graders.

Las Palmas Secondary school

This school has grown and is now 100 students (school year 2017-18). This is the secondary school that most of the Las Palmas primary students attend. Computer desks modeled on the La Prepa design will be part of the volunteer work.

Felipe Angeles elementary in Las Varas

Much has been accomplished at this school by parents and the administration. Their main need is to complete the painting of the exterior and for a library and computer room. Computer desks modeled on the La Prepa design will be part of the volunteer work.

Videos of previous projects - Watch the Video on youtube,

Shoulder to Shoulder 2015 La Prepa HS, Las Varas and Las Palmas Primary <https://youtu.be/TtYqFRCWcgk>

La Penita 2013, Conalep HS and Justo Sierra primary <http://youtu.be/2EULiNAy9MA>

Carolina's story, a story of a changing community <http://youtu.be/s5UxGWMKoG4>

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