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If you want to help for a while give them a tree;  
If you want to help for an eternity, give them an education.

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## Coronado Rotary Selects David Lynch for Peacemaker Award

by Coronado Rotary

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From the Coronado Times.

Changing lives for the better is a worthy goal for all of us. Coronado resident David Lynch has changed generations of lives for the better and many of those who have been given a chance have, in turn, transformed lives so that the world becomes a better place. Rotary Club of Coronado recognized David Lynch as its 2020 recipient of its Peacemaker Award.

Starting with his own transformative experience traveling from New York to Tijuana to teach for one month in the summer of 1980, David found that the needy children of Colonia Pan Americano, or “El Dompe,” who had no school, showed him where to commit his life work. He moved to Tijuana full time in 1983 and to establish the Responsibility School. It was clear to David that education needed to include trips to the city and to businesses to show the students what life away from the dump was like. David established a similar school in Matagalpa, Nicaragua. Forty years later, his former students have businesses of their own, have achieved academic excellence and some have returned home as teachers, transforming the lives of young students. Truly, David is an enthusiastic example of what one person with energy and commitment can accomplish and an inspiring choice for the Peacemaker Award. *(Susan Enowitz, Rotary Peace Committee Chair, presents Peacemaker Award to David Lynch. Photo by Bill Sandke.)*



### RESPONSIBILITY IN MATAGALPA, NICARAGUA

For the 2019 school year, our enrollment was 437 students. At the first day of the 2020 school year, the enrollment was 583. (The school year is the calendar year in Nicaragua.) Our school ranges from preschool through 9<sup>th</sup> grade and we have 14 teachers. Some of the classes have 45 students in them. I asked our kindergarten teacher, Professor Sarahi, this question: *What is one outstanding event that happened in your classroom in 2019?* She responded: “The first day of school is always a day I remember because I have a whole new group of 32 students in my classroom. I have no idea how this group will work together and with me. To have a successful school year, we all must collaborate: the teacher, the students, and the parents. My goal is to prepare the children for first grade.

In 2019, our school participated in several city sponsored recreational activities



that. We participated in various folk festivals singing, reciting poems and dancing. Our kindergarten class won second place in the dance competition. It is part of the new government curriculum for schools of all levels to actively participate in national holiday celebrations which include the parents’ partaking as well - a highly successful learning experience for all.



**OUR SCHOOL IN TIJUANA, MEXICO: LA ESCUELA DAVID LYNCH**

I asked Directora Lili the same question as I did of our Matagalpa kindergarten teacher about an outstanding event. “The aspects that stood out most in my class were undoubtedly the creativity and performance of the students



who are always willing to learn something new. They always show their



interest in the activities, especially those related to games where they learn math. They all loved art project using different

materials that they can manipulate with their hands to create something. Although they are shown a model, they always end up being different since each one gives their personal touch.

Another thing that stands out these 2 past years is the support I receive from parents to help their children with their assignments.

**THANK YOU**

As always, friends, we thank you for your support. If you didn't receive a thank you card for your gift, please accept my apology. I do all the administrative office work alone, so sometimes I make mistakes. But that doesn't mean your gift is less appreciated. It means I should hire an assistant, but I won't. I prefer to use your donations for the education of the kids. Your continued support is both needed and appreciated, especially today.

Gratefully, *David Lynch, the Board of Directors, the Mexican Staff, the Nicaraguan Staff, and all of our students.*

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**Photographs during the 2019 school year**

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Computer Class



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