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Rotary

Today (Sunday the 23rd) is the Day of Youth and the Student in Peru, so on Wednesday the Ciudad Blanca Rotary Club invited all the Rotaract and



Interact students to attend their meeting, where the guests were treated to an excellent presentation on Leadership with Heart - a very nontraditional



approach to leadership, one which you might hear in a Rotary meeting, but probably not in Business School.

Happy Birthday, Dear Hyundai

Thursday marked 7 years from the date that we took delivery on our new Hyundai H-1 12-passenger van. In all this time, Victor has not put a



single scratch on the vehicle, which still looks brand new.

Maya's Visit

A few weeks ago, we met a young woman named Maya, who is a new member of the Ciudad Blanca Rotary Club. She volunteers giving talks on topics which would be of interest to our people here in Alto Cayma, so Victor invited her up for a get-acquainted meeting. She came up on Friday, and we



showed her our facilities both down the hill and up in Mujeres con



Esperanza, explaining about our various programs as we went along. She was very impressed, and wants to work closely with us, as we can offer her audiences for all the talks she likes to give, including on raising children without gender bias, helping underprivileged children to learn to aim high, empowering women starting in girlhood, and realistic sex education for adolescents. We'll test interest in these topics at our monthly meeting of the Acercádonos children's program on the first Saturday in October.

Bridge to Opportunity

Our group of students preparing for the National University entrance exam under our Bridge to Opportunity educational sponsorship program met on Saturday morning. The most recent exam was administered early this



month and none of our students got in, but the circumstances this time around were unusual. There had been an exam in August, but fraudulent activity was detected (some students were taking photos of problems with their cellphones and sending them to an unscrupulous academy professor who was sending the solutions back). That entire test was then invalidated. A new test was given in September, but with much tougher problems and with policing like in a high security prison.

RIP Norma Carpio Gonzales

Another of our pioneering (since May 2005) elderly sponsorees in the Acercádonos program went to her eternal rest on Saturday morning. Her funeral was today (Sunday). Sra. Norma had been at home, in ill health, in



the care of one of her sons, for some time. When she felt up to it, she used to insist that her son take her out for a tour of the neighborhood, but not always in her wheelchair. Often she preferred to be trundled about reclining in a wheelbarrow. Sra. Norma was quite a character. We will certainly miss her.

Construction in Mujeres con Esperanza

The formal contract for the current construction project in Mujeres con Esperanza was signed by Jesús the builder, and by Victor as ASAC Legal



Representative, on Tuesday. We had a good contract with Jesús for the construction of our current building 2-1/2 years ago, but as I've mentioned



before, this time around we've put even more teeth in the contract.

Meanwhile, the construction is proceeding at an ever-increasing pace, and we can already see our new facilities taking shape. Here are Victor, John



and Jesús standing in the future storeroom in the side lot. It looks nice and roomy, until it's completed and we begin filling it up.

Here is the wall that will separate the men's from the women's



bathrooms, which will be located between the storeroom and the existing building.

As the work progresses, there are always design changes to consider.



By the end of the week, considerable progress was being made on building the security wall around the periphery of the side yard.



Preparations are underway to begin work on the second floor of the



existing building, even while work is going great guns on the construction in



the side yard. Next week will see many more changes as the construction continues to take shape.

"Love God, Serve Neighbor/Serving Alto Cayma,

Jim