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Rotary Club of San Marino Rosarito Project 2010/2011

The Rotary Clubs of San Marino in California and Rosarito Beach in Mexico have been working hand in hand to start a soccer league for boys and girls of ages 5 to 12 in Rosarito, Baja California.

The communications first began in July 2010 and resulted in a visit in August to San Marino by President Bernabe Hernandez and members of the Rosarito Beach Rotary Club. Bernie told the San Marino Rotarians his wish to involve the children in Rosarito in sports and community service, so that they will be less inclined to turn to drugs. His plan is to start a soccer league, initially for 300 children and eventually increasing to 3,000. It was a good match, as San Marino Rotary was looking for a hands-on international project that they can be actively involved in.

After approval from The Rotary Foundation for matching grants to fund the purchase of soccer balls, team uniforms and computer equipment as well as other costs such as building sanitary facilities for the soccer field, insurance and the printing of pamphlets, the project was well on its way. San Marino Rotarians, led by Foundation Committee Chair Shody Chow and International Projects Co-Chair Wayne Carter, were in Rosarito in early January 2011 to hold a review of the project, witness the opening ceremony of the soccer league office and meet with the host Rotarians, City officials, the league administrator and soccer coaches.

The Rosarito Youth Soccer Championship officially kicked off on April 10, 2011. Twenty soccer teams with 15 players each have been formed. A perpetual trophy for the Rosarito Youth Soccer Championship was donated by the Rotary Club of San Marino.

This Rosarito project is a good example of "building communities" and "bridging" the borders of two countries. Hopefully, this will be the beginning of a long relationship between the two Rotary Clubs and many international projects to come.



Bernabe Hernandez, President of Club Rotario de Playas de Rosarito, and other Rotarians from his club visited the War Memorial in Lacy Park in San Marino, after attending the weekly meeting of the Rotary Club of San Marino on August 5, 2010.



Children awaiting the official opening of the Soccer League office in Rosarito.



Kids touching the soccer ball brought to Rosarito from San Marino.

Joint venture by Club Rotario Playas de Rosarito and Rotary Club of San Marino.



San Marino Rotary Foundation Chair Shody Chow and Rosarito Beach Rotary Club President Bernabe Hernandez at the ribbon cutting ceremony for the new soccer league office on January 8, 2011.





A donation of computer equipment and projector for the soccer league office.



Rosarito children from ages 5 to 12 with their soccer coach.

Let the games begin!



Rotarians from Rosarito
and San Marino.





Soccer teams provided with new uniforms on April 10, 2011.



20 teams with 15 players each for a total of 300 boys and girls in Rosarito.



The blue team.

The white & yellow team.



The blue & red team.



A total of 20 new soccer teams.





Soccer balls and trophy.



Rosarito Youth Soccer
Championship Trophy
April 2011.