

EWD-DENVER CHAPTER MEETING JUNE 12, 2007

Meeting began at 7pm June 12th at Knudson Hall, University of Denver, by Vice President Chris Fahlin.

25 people present (16 members)

FUNDRAISER UPDATE:

The ERM check of \$10,569.65 has arrived

Cherry Creek Arts Festival, July 6-8, 2007

In need of volunteers (10 am – 8 pm Friday & Saturday)
(9 am – 6 pm Sunday)

Money will support the general project fund for Ecuador and Togo

June 20 & 27 will be the booth supervisor training

Contact Jen Cook (jencewb@gmail.com)

Sand Sculpture Contest

Event date is August 25, 2007

The sand sculpture contest organization is well underway. The event brochures has been professionally designed by Kristol Kumar and printed by Ken's Reproduction (both services donated). The brochures will be available next week for distribution. The brochure is also in a pdf format for email advertising.

EWB-Denver representatives will be attending the American Academy of Environmental Engineers meeting June 21st where Marco Aieta will be discussing EWB and has agreed to advertise our chapter as well as the Sand Sculpture Event.

Many Volunteers will be needed for set-up, the contest day, and clean up. This is looking to be our largest fundraising event of the year so please recognize the importance (as with all fundraising) of being involved in promoting our projects and chapter.

For information about participating or getting your hands on printed or electronic versions of the brochure please contact Amanda Peirce (peirce@lrcwe.com)

Broncos Game

1.) Attend a concession stand or other retail outlet inside the stadium for each of the 10 Broncos home games and possibly a 4th of July-weekend fireworks show (not all groups are needed for this event, but they ask you to be prepared to do it). Workers need to be at the stadium approximately 3 hours before game time and stay until about an hour afterwards.

2.) There is no definite number of people that we are required to have, but from what Matt Bliss understood once we give them a number, we need to supply that many people for all events

3.) Minimum of \$56 (or so) per worker per game or a certain percent of total sales at your stand.

Matt Bliss thinks we would need to be able to commit at least 5 people per game to make it work. That would make a minimum of $(5 \times \$56 \times 10) = \2800 over the season

Contact Matt Bliss for more information – blissmj@cdm.com

Rotary matching grant program

Drew Lockman will be pursuing the Rotary Matching and Competitive Grants for both the Togo and Malingua Pamba projects. The Rotary Matching Grant program is a great fund raising opportunity and an excellent way to support the project communities and establish in-country networks for project resources. In the next few weeks/months he'll be looking for help with the grant writing from project members.

If interested in helping with this effort please contact Drew, drew.lockman@gmail.com

PROJECT UPDATES:

Malingua Pamba

A detailed, draft report summarizing the assessment and implementation trips (Nov '06 and Apr '07) is being prepared and will be available for review on the project FTP site in early July (insert address). This report will contain detailed information on the present condition and needs of the several potable and irrigation systems. Following the completion of the report will be project team meetings to fine tune a design and implementation plan for the fall trip and an outline for the future as well as identifying a specific project and objectives in order to apply for the rotary grant. Pam Gilbert is presently working with several Rotary clubs on obtaining an international matching grant.

During the April trip the group taught and tasked a group of secondary school students with collection of flow data from the recently installed H-flume; rainfall data; and taking GPS measurements of farm fields identified for potential irrigation by the community. The first set of this data has been received.

A fall trip time slot has been identified based on queries to the community, Pam Gilbert (NGO) and Jill Sares (key in-country translator/driver/community liaison) as Oct 26 – Nov 3. The project team would like to develop implementation goals in July and early August, and submit the trip application (807 Form) to EWB-USA by August 24 (pending on the approval of plans by the EWB-Denver chapter and availability of funding).

If interested in participating in implementation planning or in volunteering for the fall 07 work efforts, contact Debbie Hathaway (dhathaway@sspa.com). Several project meetings will be held in July.

Agou Avedje, Togo

The Togo group is in the process of finalizing a site assessment report for promotional materials to raise awareness and use as starting point for new volunteers to understand the project in great detail.

The trip focused on data collection and site assessment to develop recommendations for a community development plan for the village including the issues of:

- Water supply and storage
- Sanitation
- Irrigation
- Water treatment
- Clinic rehab, provide enough electricity through solar panels to refrigerate vaccines and provide light.

The EWB-Togo team has solicited expertise from other CDM offices and EWB chapters to meet these efforts.

The Proposed Community Development Plan will be translated and sent to Agou Avedje in July.

Ned Breslin, Water For People Director of International Programs, will be reviewing the Community Development Plan and will provide comments before the plan is sent to Agou Avedje.

Earliest possible trip is estimated to be late January or early February 2008.

Request for geotechnical help for the village of Sipakapa, Guatemala

Rob Robinson a representative from the attended the June EWB meeting to request help for a village in Guatemala.

The village of Sipakapa neighbors the Marlin Mine which started operation in September of 2005. The village feels that the mine has had adverse effects on the quality of life and the resources of the village.

The Unitarian Universalist Service Committee has studied the economics and water quality of the village. Recent concerns are the stability of the homes near a hauling road used by the mine. These homes are noticing cracks and are they may be the result of the heavy mining traffic nearby.

For additional information please contact, Rob Robinson (rob_robinson@blm.gov, 303-239-3642)

(This project is not in conjunction with EWB-Denver or EWB-USA)

WORKSHOP:

Plumbing 101 – Brad Davidson

Demonstrated a few skills involved in the Malingua Pamba trip and provided examples of pipes and fittings used.

Brad has requested that at the next meeting people make a note of what construction skills they may have (plumbing, rebar, concrete, etc.).

EMBROIDERY PRODUCTS:

Chris Fahlin has received a price sheet from Pinyon Creek Enterprises, Inc for a variety of EWB-Denver products (see attached sheet). He is looking for someone to help with finding more options for chapter merchandise. It is desired that those participating in volunteer activities and professional presentations be wearing the chapter logo.

Meeting minutes by Amanda Peirce (peirce@lrcwe.com)