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From One Disaster to Another

Rotarians in Guatemala and Mexico are collecting funds and providing direct aid to communities devastated by last week's mudslides and floods brought on by Tropical Storm Stan. In Guatemala — where more than 650 were killed — Rotary International District 4250 spearheaded relief efforts. According to District Governor Hector Guillermo Guillén, an emergency committee of Guatemala Rotarians mobilized soon after the storm made landfall and is now shipping food, clothing, medicine, and other supplies to Rotary clubs throughout affected areas for local distribution.

The storm took a severe toll on communities in Mexico's southern state of Chiapas, as well, and Rotarians from several Mexico districts have answered the call to service. The Rotary Club of Tapachula Centenario has established a temporary hostel for the flood victims with support from the Rotary clubs of Huajuapán de León, Monterrey, and Ciudad de México (Mexico City), the effort is providing newborn babies and their mothers medical attention, clothing, food, and milk.

"The other urgent needs are water purification kits and hanging bridges to reach the flood victims in the mountains. It has been impossible to provide food and medicine because of the broken [roads and bridges]," says Celia Páramo de Molinari. Rotarians in the area have established a Spanish-language. (RI website)

Club Programme

25th October - We have 2 speakers from Redditch Nightstop which is a charity that provides shelter for homeless young people.

November 8th - Ambassadorial Scholar

November 15th - Dr K. Erdley – Kidney talk

November 24th – Visit to Droitwich Saltway

November 29th - Prison Officer from Long Lartin high security prison.

December 6th - Special AGM

December 13th – Christmas meal with partners/friends please book your menu choice via Alan King.

December 20th - Visit to B&Q with a DIY supper, probably bangers and mash, likely cost £4.

News from Other Clubs

The Rotary Club of Alcester are holding their 50th Anniversary Charter/Ladies Night on Saturday 19th November in Alcester Town Hall. This is a formal dinner with an entertaining speaker. The cost of £25 includes table wine. Lets see if we can get a party together, its not often a local club has a 50th anniversary dinner or even a charter night.

Visiting Rotarian

For several weeks we have been visited by David Britain who has moved to the area and is interested in joining a local club. For some unknown reason he seems to like ours. He is on holiday at the moment but if anyone would like to contact him his email address is: d-rbrittain@hotmail.com

This Week in History

On 24th October 2003 the legendary supersonic aircraft, Concorde, made its last commercial passenger flight amid emotional scenes at Heathrow airport

Duties this Week

Meal Collection – Alan Atkinson

Grace – Wilf Albutt

Vote of thanks – Neil Wycherley

Reserve – Jim Willis

Thought For The Day

'If we don't succeed we run the risk of failure' (*Bill Clinton former US President*)

Raffle - Alan Atkinson won the raffle, which he deserved after giving us an interesting talk on Knights. He wasn't even sitting next to you know who.

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