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Happy Central America's
Independence Day 9.15.1821
(Semana Civica from my site.)

This issue has more news from Honduras, NPCA, old stories and info on our latest grant. **We need more donations to our Amigos Grant fund** so please send your donations to our treasurer. For our November issue share a holiday story while in Honduras. **Semana Santa/Navidad/ Fiestas Patronales/Thanksgiving.** Also I will post again info of worthwhile NGOs you think RPCVs should donate to. **Our web site** has the forms for applying for Amigos de Honduras Grants and it has the old newsletters. <https://amigosdehondurasrpcv.weebly.com/> Check out and post at **HONDURAS PEACE CORPS** <https://www.facebook.com/groups/2209604190>

TREASURER REPORT

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**Treasurer's report for period
ending July 31, 2022**

As of the close of business \$ 3,311.22
the fund balance was \$2,853.21.
Beginning balance 5.1.22 \$3,053.21
Ending balance 7.31.22 \$1,762.19

Total **deposits** and transfers from
NPCA

May	\$	200.00
June	\$	0.00
July	\$	400.00

Total **withdrawals** and projects
funded:

May *	\$	1,500.00
June	\$	69.99
July	\$	321.10

*\$1,500 withdrawal for project in Siguatepeque. An ambulance was purchased for the region. **See news article below! Amigos de Honduras (Friends of Honduras) is a 501-3c approved organization. All contributions are tax deductible.**

SECRETARY REPORT Brenda Sims Crumacker (Pespire, Choluteca, 1990-1) 509-758-4165
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Thanks to all of you who have paid your membership dues. We currently have a total of 190 members. There are 131 members receiving paper newsletters (39 with overdue memberships 2019 -20 and 59 receiving their newsletters by email (with 12 overdue memberships 2019 -20). I totally understand how time flies by and the many demands on your time. I give members a two year grace period, after which I give you a reminder. After that you go on my Not-Active List.

Just a reminder that your membership dues are \$15.00/ year or

\$50.00/5 years. Your membership entitles you to a subscription of our Amigos de Honduras newsletter that is printed February, May, August and November. The cost to produce each paper newsletter is around \$1.50 which includes printing and mailing. As you can realize, there is a cost difference between printing the photos in color or black & white. So, for 4 editions of the newsletter per year @ \$1.50 per newsletter, comes to a whopping total of \$6.00 which leaves \$9.00 to go into our **Amigos de Honduras Grant Fund**. The back page of the newsletter, **Membership Info**, is how you can keep us updated. If you wish to change how you receive your newsletter please let me know.

Once again we are experiencing HOT weather this summer in Washington State, 100+ for the past several days and 90+ before that. The fire fighters in our area have been on high alert and thankfully have quickly extinguished the few fires we've had. We are so thankful for central air conditioning and that we live minutes from the cooling waters of the Snake River.

**SIGUATEPEQUE
AMBULANCE PROJECT
Anthony Ives (La Ceiba, 2003-5)**

I belong to the University District Rotary Club in Seattle, WA and am very active in the scholarship program. I received a phone from

someone in the North Seattle Rotary Club in May 2022. It was curious as I did not know the person. Long story short, **Gustavo Gonzalez** is from Honduras and has lived in the United States for a long time. He works closely with the areas around Siguatepeque via Rotary and other organizations. Gus had mentioned to a mutual friend his activities and his continued support for Honduras. He contacted me about this project.

What Gus and his associates had the opportunity to do was **purchase an ambulance with the help of Red Cross International and his local club Rotary North Seattle**. The total cost was \$18,000 of which \$7,500 originated from Rotary North, \$9,000 from the Seattle Rotary District 5030. He was short \$1,500. He wanted me to approach the University District Rotary Club for the balance so we could fulfill the project. Initially, I thought that was a fantastic idea but the length of the application process precluded a quick resolution to support the project. I almost forgot about Amigos de Honduras! This is what we do!

I proposed the project to the Grant committee the very next day. Gus wrote up the proposal and the project committee approved the collaboration! A donated ambulance will assist medical and rescue workers in Honduras to serve the needs of Siguatepeque and surrounding areas including transport of ill and injured residents to local medical facilities and to the major hospital to the capital Tegucigalpa. Siguatepeque is a Honduran City with a population of about 75,000 located in the Central Mountains of Honduras, midway between Honduras' two largest cities. Typically, those in need are put in the back of a pickup truck or a car even now.

As I spoke to Gustavo, we talked about the desvio en Siguatepeque,

the road up the hill towards La Esperanza by the gas station where the busses stop on the way to the North Coast and other areas, the restaurants there on the main highway, and how things have changed since the Millennium Challenge Authority (MCA) rebuilt the road. It was refreshing to speak with someone with such commitment to capacity building y los hondureños. **Training of personnel will begin in Oct. 2022.** The inauguration will be in mid Jan. 2023. For myself, my ticket has been purchased via the new airport in Comayagua! Hopefully, the new Central America Rotary Governor Carolina Corvo will be present as well. Bienvenidos for those interested in attending. I will keep everyone apprised of the dates! I will not only represent Rotary International but will be a proud representative of Amigos de Honduras! Member participation is so valuable for a simple and important project such as this. **Thank you to all the members for your continued support!**

FIRST PEACE CORPS

STORIES Carol (Gregg) Welsh Somma, SPS Honduras I – 1962-64 Ed. Note: Carol shared some great stories that came out of 2010 PC reunion in Iowa City where the first PC Honduras director Tom Walz lived. She was responding to prompts from long time **editor Alan Wahl**. 1) What was their pre-Peace Corps background and what led them to select Peace Corps Honduras? 2) What were their recollections about the Kennedy assassination which occurred while we were in-country? and 3) What way, if any, did their Peace Corps experience affect their personal and professional choices in life? Here are a few stories she chose to share in 2022. **Sixty years later!**

Presidente Asesinado! In 1962, the First Lady of Honduras placed a request for Peace Corps volunteers to help staff the new health and community centers. With a BS in Social Group Work and experience in developing programs for community centers, I was thrilled to have this opportunity. We arrived in Honduras in October 1962. A year later I talked to my Honduran supervisor, Blanca Estela about having a **fund-raising carnival for Centro Comunal**. She enthusiastically supported the idea. We visited the businesses in San Pedro Sula and each generously provided samples of their products to be used as prizes. The carnival was scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 23.

During lunch on Nov. 22, the young girl, Julia who helped the family where I lived started screaming, **“Presidente ... asesinado!”** It was not uncommon for a president of a Latin American country to be assassinated so I didn't fully comprehend initially. She became hysterical so her sobs were mixed with laughing. Suddenly Dulce Maria, the widow and owner of the house, slapped Julia soundly. She gasped as did I but it stopped her hysteria. That's when I realized she was talking about President Kennedy. No! No! No! This can't be true. This doesn't happen in the United States! I was too shocked to even cry. Numbly another volunteer and I got drove back to the center. People poured out into the streets crying. They loved President and Mrs. Kennedy. **We were grief-stricken and then my tears flowed with theirs.**

The center's staff wanted to follow the traditional customs for grieving out of respect for us and

President Kennedy. That meant the carnival would be cancelled! My heart sank. Our office space was filled with the prizes. The games were sent up in the main area. We had been working on the preparations for a month! Shaking, I explained that the Peace Corps was President Kennedy's dream. In honor of his dream we should go ahead with the carnival. Fortunately, they agreed. 350 lempiras were raised from nickels and an additional 150 came from an auction for items too big to use as prizes such as a roll-away bed. 500 lempiras were equal to \$250 in 1963. About two weeks after the carnival, there was a military coup. The 500 lempiras kept the center running for several months, including the first 8-week day camp I started, until the government funds for the center were restored. President Kennedy's dream lived on.

Boys Desnudos: While working at the Centro Comunal, I had a woman's club, a boy's club and a girl's club. The boys were about 6-7 years old. We played games once a week which led to my little book, *Vamos a Jugar* – games that required little or no equipment. One day we went for a walk. It was a typical summer day in San Pedro Sula – over 100 degrees with the humidity. We were soaked with perspiration even if we were just sitting. The boys spotted an empty wading pool. It was in what apparently was previously a park. The pool was concrete and about 3 feet deep. There was a spigot and to their amazement, when one of the boys turned it on, water came out! The boys looked at the water, looked at me, looked at the water and then one shrugged and said, "It's okay. It's only Carolina." With a shout of joy, they ripped off their clothes and

played happily in the cool water. I even let them splash refreshing water on me...but my clothes stayed on.

Bridges: When I lived in Honduras from Oct. 1962 to June 1964, there were few paved roads and bridges. We had to ford the rivers. Therefore a day trip to the ocean had to be during the dry season when the rivers were only streams. Currently the drive is about 90 minutes but we had to allow 2 ½ hours each way.



Rio Ulua had to be crossed by a non-motorized ferry which was pulled across the river with cables. It was only a floating platform. If a truck was in front of us, we had to wait for the truck to be unloaded on to the ferry and then the empty truck went across and had to be reloaded. In 1964 a concrete toll bridge was completed. It cost 50 cents (a US quarter) to cross. It was the size of an average highway bridge in the US.

Some places had wooden single-lane plank bridges. You had to drive carefully to make sure the wheels stayed on the planks. We saw one tragic accident. There was a sign that warned that the bridge was not to be used by heavy trucks. **But 87% of the population couldn't read!** There was a place where trucks could ford the river instead (and cars could during the dry season). A driver of a logging truck apparently couldn't

read so started to drive across the bridge. The left front tire broke through the bridge causing a log to crash through the rear window of the cab and killed the driver. Today most road signs use graphics rather than just words.

FIRST DAY OF FIRST PCV IN NUEVA OCOTEPEQUE, 6.2.67 Mark G. Wentling 1967-69

I stayed for a few days in Doña Teresa's Pension in Tegucigalpa before being taken to the Toncontin Airport and put on a SAHSA Airlines DC-3 flight to Nueva Ocotepeque in far Western Honduras. Our first stop was in San Salvador, El Salvador. I stayed on the plane for about an hour with a few other passengers and lots of baggage while the plane refueled. Our next stop was the border town of Nueva Ocotepeque on the Honduran side. It took less than an hour to get there. The plane flew low over the grassy landing field to chase the cattle off and then it circled around, making a bouncy landing. The plane came to a dusty halt and a side door was swung open. A creaky oxen cart pulled alongside the plane to transport the baggage. I was told to hop on the cart for the ride to the town which was about two kilometers away.

I was taken to the Mayor's office. Nobody seemed to know anything about a PCV arriving. The Mayor was in too drunken of a state to receive me and was using all his faculties to prepare for a political rally that was forming in the road in front of his office. I was told to wait. I clutched my suitcase and joined the crowd in front of the office. The Mayor appeared in front of the crowd. **All the men in the crowd who had pistols began shooting**

them up into the air. The man standing next to me fell down. Evidently a bullet that had gone up came down and pierced his leg. After seeing what happened to this man, I withdrew from the crowd and sat on a concrete bench in the nearby park.

I waited patiently for the crowd to disperse and for somebody to come to the aid of this 21-year-old new PCV. Finally a young man came up to me and said something in Spanish I barely understood. I used to the best of my ability the Spanish I had learned after three months of Peace Corps training at Camp Crozier, Puerto Rico. **I picked up enough words in Spanish to know that he had said I was a child of Kennedy looking for a place to stay.** He grabbed my suitcase and said follow him. We went across town and I was introduced to a man and told I would be staying at his place. I was shown inside his house and introduced to his wife and two beautiful teenage daughters. We had a meal together and I was prepared to make this my home for the next two years.

Later the head of the household signaled to me to come out front of the house. He was carrying my suitcase and said follow him. He walked across the wide road to another house. He apologized and said this is where I would be staying. I was confused but my confusion was quickly dissipated by the warm welcome I was given by Doña Tomasita and her elderly husband, Don Ernesto de Méjia. They rapidly moved their son out of his bedroom, had the maid clean it and I was told that this would be my room. **I did not know then that I would happily live with the Méjia family for the next two years.**

When asked about his service he wrote:” I was in an unstructured Rural Community Development

program which allowed me to get involved with many activities: credit and savings coop; community development center; community water project; a child feeding center; college English instructor and founding and organization of first Boy Scout Troop in western Honduras. The nearest PCV to me was in San Marcos, El Salvador. Lots of stories from a long time ago. I never went back because the **Futbol War destroyed much of the town and all the people I knew had moved away.** “

NPCA NEWS Jodi Hammer Global Reentry Career Services Specialist

<https://www.peacecorpsconnect.org/cpages/global-reentry>

Dear Peace Corps Community:

The summer season is a great time to connect with your local or cause-related RPCV affiliate groups, many of which are organizing picnics, happy hours, and other gatherings to help you reconnect with the Peace Corps community. **Visit the Affiliate Group Directory** to identify your local affiliate groups of interest. Many at NPCA, including Dan Baker and myself, will also be taking some time off during the season. As a result, you will notice a lighter than usual events calendar lineup in August, but we look forward to connecting with you upon our return. Wishing the entire Peace Corps Community a wonderful summer vacation or staycation. Enjoy!

Priority Peace Corps Legislation Advances in the Senate: On July 19, the Senate Foreign Relations Committee (SFRC) passed its version of the bipartisan Peace Corps Reauthorization Act (S. 4466) on a voice vote, setting the stage for further consideration by the Senate. As noted by SFRC Chairman Robert Menendez in this press release, “This once-in-a-generation bill implements

necessary reforms to make certain the Peace Corps has what is required to meet the needs of its Volunteers around the world.” Similar legislation in the House (H.R. 1456) has already passed the House Foreign Affairs Committee and awaits further action. Read more and take action here. Also, contact NPCA’s Advocacy Team if you can organize or participate in a district office meeting with one or more of your members of congress in August or September.

Job Opportunity: Director of the Museum of the Peace Corps Experience (part-time) Looking to reconnect to the larger RPCV population in a paid capacity? Check out the exciting new part-time position as Director of the Museum of the Peace Corps Experience. pcmuseumhr@gmail.com It’s a unique opportunity to work hand-in-hand with dedicated RPCV leaders from the Museum of the Peace Corps Experience, NPCA, affiliate groups, and the Peace Corps who are bringing to fruition this long awaited museum and permanent home for the thousands of artifacts that have been collected from returned Volunteers over the years. [Learn more and apply here.](#)

New Jobs with Jodi Podcast: The Coaching Phenomenon. This Jobs with Jodi Podcast episode explores the growing field of coaching, and its impact on the Peace Corps field experience. Career Services Specialist Jodi Hammer chats with Monica Suber-Duffy (El Salvador 2007–09) and Jennifer Di Bella (Eastern Caribbean 1997–99), who share their experiences working as professional coaches within diverse sectors, including as staff with Peace Corps — both at Peace Corps headquarters and abroad — as well as with other federal agencies and the nonprofit arena. Hear about the variety of opportunities within this growing sector and Peace Corps’ commitment to rolling out the

“Coach Approach” system in the field to support Volunteers in their growth, development, and ability to effectively coach those who follow them. [Listen here.](#)

Established in 2021, the **Chapman Taylor Family MBA Fellowship** provides tuition assistance specifically for Returned Peace Corps Volunteers (RPCVs) seeking an MBA from the University of Pennsylvania’s Wharton School. The fellowship was started by Wharton Graduate and RPCV F. Chapman Taylor (Samoa 1982–84), who originally aimed to pursue a career in education or the ministry at the end of his Peace Corps service. But after teaching for a few years, his passion for numbers and interest in business drew him to Wharton. “The people I grew up with are very nervous about people with money. The people with money are very nervous about the people who are doing social change. That’s a problem,” Taylor said. “If we want to create a world that’s a better place, we need people who can bring that sense of social justice and combine it with some practical Wharton toolkits so that they can be more impactful.” Thanks to Taylor’s generosity tuition assistance is available specifically for RPCVs. To be considered for the fellowship, RPCVs must complete an application and be accepted into Wharton’s MBA Program. The deadline for the next round of applications is Sept. 7.

Reminder: The NPCA Benevolent Fund was established in response to the realization that many RPCVs face significant physical, mental, or emotional health challenges stemming from their Peace Corps service. Due to these various life-changing challenges, there are many RPCVs who find themselves in need of assistance. Benevolent Fund assistance is modest but impactful, and it only

requires an expression of interest and a follow-up application to get involved. **Remember that this resource is available when speaking to any of your fellow RPCVs who might be in need.** Please contact us for more information.

NPCA LEADERSHIP CHANGE

Loren Hintz (Olanchito 1980-82) As part of the leadership team of **Amigos de Honduras** (an Affiliate Group of NPCA) I receive communications from the National Peace Corps Association. Here is a summary of the last 3 months. **5.22.22** I received an email from RPCV Allies (names kept confidential) complaining about NPCA leadership. **5.24.22** I received an email from Kim Herman NPCA Board Chair saying the allegations had been previously investigated and determined not to be valid. A few weeks later however President and CEO Glenn Blumhorst was dismissed by the Board. (Glenn was RPCV Guatemala and had attended several RPCV Honduras reunions.)

On **6.17.22** I received this communication in part: “Today, we begin a new chapter at NPCA. The Board of Directors announces the departure of NPCA President and CEO, **Glenn Blumhorst**. We are grateful for Mr. Blumhorst’s years of leadership and dedication to the Peace Corps through service, advocacy, and support, and wish him well in his future endeavors. **Kim Herman** has been appointed as Interim President and CEO with full authority while an Executive search is conducted for NPCA’s next leader. **Jed Meline**, former Vice Chair of the Board, is serving as Interim Board Chair.” “Prior to accepting this new role, Mr. Herman was the NPCA Board Chair. Mr. Herman served as a Peace Corps Volunteer in the Dominican Republic doing rural community development from 1967

to 1969, after graduating from Washington State University. Building on his Peace Corps service, Mr. Herman has had a distinguished career focusing on affordable housing across the nation. He has over 35 years of legislative experience working with the Washington state legislature and Congress,” and he has served on numerous boards

On 7.24.22 Kristina Owns, the new AGN (Affiliate Group Network) Coordinator sent out an email that said in part: “I imagine you are aware of Glenn’s dismissal in early June as president and CEO of NPCA and the resulting controversy regarding the lack of transparency. Over 141 NPCA donors and community leaders signed a letter requesting a fair severance agreement and accountability on the part of the board. One board member resigned in protest immediately after the dismissal vote was taken. **Warmest regards, Kristina J. Owens**; AGN Coordinator 2022-24 Peace Corps Bolivia 2000-02. If you want more clarification of the issues, I am happy to chat with you” I contacted Kristina **7.29.22** She answered some questions for me and shared in part: “At the affiliate group network meeting (**Aug.27**) we will hopefully have more clarity. I am also hopeful that the board members are really listening and the influx of new board members has helped significantly. All the group leaders I have talked to feel transparency is a major issue. As I said, the last five days I have seen progress, hopefully we continue this necessary healing.”

On 8.5.22. Glenn Blumhorst shared: I’m writing to let you know that, after prayerful consideration, yesterday I reached a separation agreement with NPCA in order to bring closure to this matter. I owe my utmost gratitude to you - the Peace Corps family that has stood up,

spoken up, and supported me now and throughout my tenure at NPCA. My family and I were both uplifted and humbled by your overwhelming kindness, care, and concern. We are especially grateful to NPCA board chair emeritus Tony Barclay, who organized and led a campaign on my behalf, and to all 160+ of you who signed on to his letter (and many more who voiced support) calling for either my reinstatement or an honorable parting of ways. Serving the Peace Corps community as NPCA President and CEO was my dream job and one of life's greatest privileges. Cathy and I will forever hold fond memories of joining RPCVs across the country at conferences, reunions, and potluck dinners, meeting and working with some amazing people, and hearing your inspiring Peace Corps stories. I will miss NPCA, but am confident that I will continue my lifelong service in other ways. Stay tuned, and stay in touch! Gratefully and sincerely, Glenn.

NEWS OF HONDURAS Compiled by Loren Hintz

AP.6.30.22 More than 53 migrants died in a tractor-trailer abandoned in San Antonio, Texas in sweltering heat. Dead included 14 from Honduras. Here is the story of some of them. In Las Vegas, Honduras, a town of 10,000 people about 50 miles south of SPS, Alejandro Miguel Andino Caballero, 23, and Margie Tamara Paz Grajeda, 24, had believed his degree track in marketing and hers in economics would open doors to economic stability. Already together for nearly a decade, the young couple spent recent years applying for jobs with companies. But time and again they were denied. The pandemic hit, hurricanes devastated the northern part of the country and they grew

disillusioned. So when a relative of Andino Caballero's living in the United States offered to help him and his younger brother, 18-year-old Fernando José Redondo Caballero, finance the trip north, they were ready. "You think that when people have a higher level of education, they have to get more employment opportunities," said Karen Caballero, the brothers' mother. "Because that's why they work, study." Caballero did not feel like she could hold them back anymore, including 24-year-old Paz Grajeda, who lived with Alejandro in his mother's home and who Caballero referred to as her daughter-in-law though they had not married. "We all planned it as a family so they could have a different life, so they could achieve goals, dreams," Caballero said. When they left Las Vegas on June 4, Caballero accompanied them to Guatemala. **From there, the young trio were smuggled across Guatemala and then Mexico in the back of semitrailers.** "I thought things were going to go well," she said. "Who was a little afraid was Alejandro Miguel. He said, 'Mom, if something happens to us.' And I told him, 'Nothing is going to happen, nothing is going to happen. You are not the first nor will you be the last human being to travel to the United States.'" Caballero last spoke to them Saturday morning. They told her they had crossed the Rio Grande at Roma, Texas, were headed to Laredo and on Monday expected to head north to Houston. She had just gotten home Monday evening when someone told her to turn on the television. "I couldn't process it," she said of seeing the report about the trailer in San Antonio. "Then I remembered how my sons had traveled, that they had been in trucks since Guatemala and the whole stretch in Mexico. "Caballero was able to confirm their deaths Tuesday after sending their details and photos to San Antonio. Alejandro Miguel was creative, jovial, known for

hugging everyone and being a good dancer. Fernando José was enthusiastic and noble, willing to help anyone in need. He imitated his older brother in everything from his haircut to his clothes. They were soccer fanatics, filling their mother's home with shouts. The deaths of her sons and Paz Grajeda, who was like a daughter, are devastating. "My children leave a void in my heart," she said. "We're going to miss them a lot."

Washington.Examiner.6.22.

Honduras joined a number of other Latin American nations in boycotting the Los Angeles **Summit of the Americas** called by President Biden. The boycott started when the White House said it would not allow Cuba, Nicaragua, and Venezuela to attend because of their records of human rights violations. That set off a wave of other countries saying that if the U.S. excluded Cuba, Nicaragua, and Venezuela, then they wouldn't attend, either. The biggest boycotter is Mexican President Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador, who insists that every country in the Western Hemisphere be invited. Lopez Obrador is joined by the leaders of Guatemala, Honduras, El Salvador, and Bolivia. Biden's initial stand, denying entry to Cuba, Nicaragua, and Venezuela on the grounds of human rights, is exposing him to charges of hypocrisy among attendees who wanted to see those nations at the summit since he was getting ready to visit Saudi Arabia which has numerous human rights violations. The **alternative Workers Summit of the Americas** was held in Tijuana, Mexico with representatives from all across the Americas. **AFGJ.7.15.22.**

www.issuu.com/rpinto.5.16.22

The **Museo Villa Roy** closed in 2010 due to damage to its structure. IHAH (Honduran Anthropology and History Institute) recently estimated it would take L80,000,000

to repair it. The building was built by the mine owner Adam Roy Gordon and later occupied by former President Lozano Diaz. It opened in 1976 as the History Museum of the Republic. (I used to visit this museum while in the capital.) **Noticieros.televisa.com.8.2.22.** A 5.3 earthquake was reported off the coast of Tela. No damage was reported.

Guardian.7.5.22.Jeff.Ernst The residents of Crawfish Rock on Roatan were happy when they learned the new government repealed the ZEDE legal framework which allowed foreigners to take their land for independent investment community but so far the ZEDE community is staying. "When investing in Honduras, Honduras Próspera, Inc. relied on specific legal stability guarantees from Honduras that the rights and authorities provided by the ZEDE legal framework would remain in effect as to Próspera for many decades," wrote investors in a statement published on 4 May, adding that they expect "Honduras to respect its commitments under legal stability agreements and international treaties." Investors had first appeared in Crawfish Rock about three years before as a charitable foundation, opening a community center and talking about plans to build a tourist center nearby. Residents said they saw no reason to be suspicious. But later enflaming the situation, Próspera posted on its website drawings of three stages of expansion that appeared to include the center of Crawfish Rock within its jurisdiction, stoking fears that investors could invoke a legal clause that would allow for the expropriation of the land the community has lived on for generations. Representatives of Próspera promised that they would not go that route, but their words provided little comfort. Government officials said that any ZEDE

currently operating has one year to conform to another kind of legal framework. But investors cite a sunset clause in the ZEDE law that gives them a term of at least 10 years, as well as other international trade agreements that they claim grants them decades more. Legal analysts consulted by the Guardian suggested that in order to avoid a lawsuit, the government could either strike an agreement with investors, or challenge whether the ZEDes were created in strict accordance with the now repealed law. **Meanwhile, the residents of Crawfish Rock remain vigilant. "We have our eyes open," said Connor. "We don't trust no one."**

Joanne.Ortiz.5.27.22.shared via email: Hi! Just to pass on a great story about a Honduran family, now here in the U.S. In 2008/09, I had an excellent student from Honduras in my third grade bilingual class. She graduated from Brockton High School in 2018 as #11 in a class of about 1000 students! Long story short, she graduated from Harvard yesterday! She had a FREE RIDE, and got an award for female science student of the year! I am SO proud of her! She is a DACA/Dreamer, and I worry about her. Her younger brother has eyes set on MIT! <https://hondurasisgreat.org/> **8.5.22** After the success by Macaw Mountain to reintroduce Honduras's national bird **Scarlet Macaw** to Copan, plans are being developed for the reintroduction of **Guacamayas** to Pico Bonito National Park in 2023.

David.Walker.5.25.PCHonduras. **Facebook** reported he used the new **Palmerola Airport** in Comayagua valley this year. Landing was smooth and used up less than half the available runway. American, United, Spirit, Copas etc. are using it now. It is near Soto Cano Military airbase, about half way to SPS. Teguc is 1.5hour drive and 2 hours from San

Lorenzo. **Others commented** it is much better than old Teguc airport (being uses for some domestic flights). No one claps upon landing now. OMG! The "blue bloods" ghosts of Comayagua must be cheering. **It's almost like moving the capitol back to where it began.**

CHISTES shared to editor from HCN Noel on Facebook

¿Por qué vas tan elegante a la universidad?

- Porque tengo clase.

- Quisiera comprar un libro sobre la fatiga y el cansancio.

- Lo siento, están agotados.

- Oye, ¿te gusta la teoría de Einstein?

- Relativamente.

- Alguna vez pensé que entre tú y yo todo se podría.

- Y pues sí, se pudrió.

- Mi hijo está practicando natación.

- ¿Y qué tal le va?

- Nada mal.

- Doctor, soy asmática. ¿Es grave?

- No, señora, es esdrújula.

- El mes pasado contraí matrimonio.

- Contraje.

- Claro, fue una boda muy formal.

- No me quieres porque soy daltónico. ¿Verdad, Celeste?

- ¡Me llamo Violeta!

- Oye. ¿Cómo te llamas?

- No soy el ayer, ni soy el mañana.

- ¿De qué hablas?

- Me llamo Eloy.

- Hola, cielo. ¿Cómo estás?

- Parcialmente nublado con probabilidades de lluvia.

- Joven, ¿podría decirme por dónde vio por última vez a la señora de la verdulería?

- Por su puesto.

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Name(s) _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ ZIP _____

Phone: _____ e-mail address _____

Peace Corps Info:

Years of service: from _____ to _____ Group # _____ Site(s) _____

Job _____

Post-Peace Corps Experiences (occupation, marriage, children, travels, interests) _____

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Amigos, NPCA & another group: \$30
name of other group _____

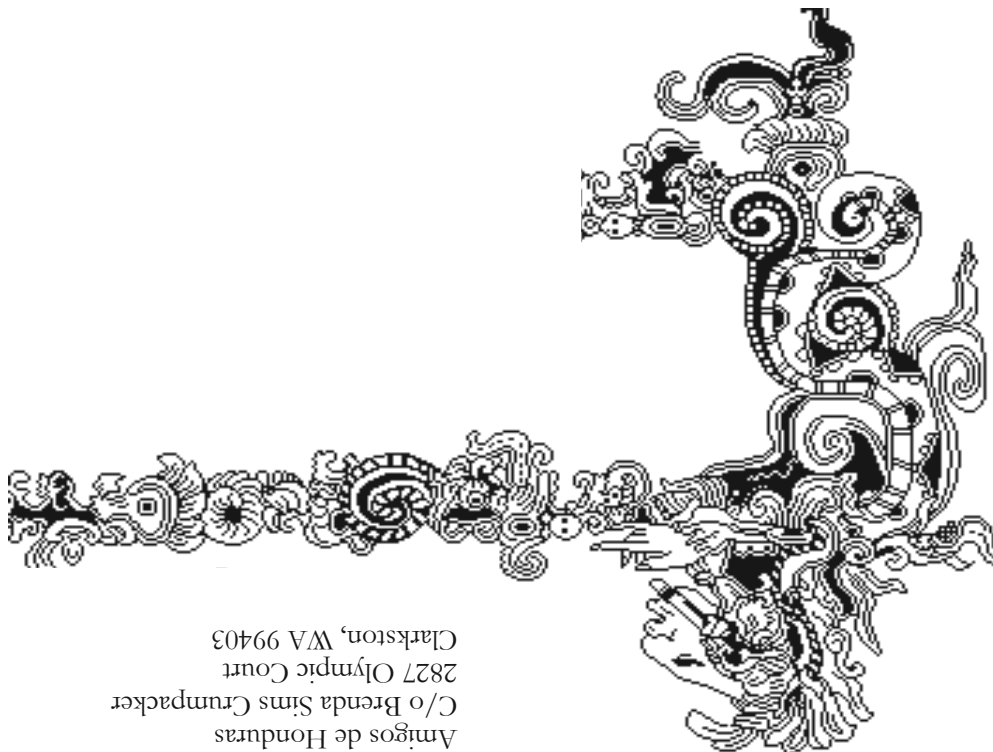
5 year membership Amigos: \$50 _____

Contribution to projects Amigos will fund in Honduras: \$ _____

Total Amount Enclosed: _____

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