



Nicaragua 2013 Newsletter # 5

February 17, 2013

Dear YASC and YSN volunteers:

In just 27 days we will arrive in Managua (26 days if you are arriving one day early, as I am). Orientation is this Saturday, March 23, at the Rose Alumni House. About 20 volunteers will attend and Frank will travel from Nicaragua to meet everyone. Also, if you will be in New Haven this Friday, please support the Yale School of Nursing fundraiser. More information is at the end of this newsletter.

Group Spotlight

Health Team

The health team will run a comprehensive children's and women's health assessment program, urgent care walk-in clinic, and mental health/domestic violence intake. Early childhood reading workshops will take place in cooperation with the arts & education group for mothers. The team will also train community leaders called brigadistas to continue our efforts after we leave.

For the second year in a row, the health team is led by Dr Ave Melnick and Pat Ryan-Krause, APRN.



Ave Melnick, '70
Health Team Co-Leader

Ave has been involved with YASC for over 2 years. With other board members, he has been involved in leading the health care consulting group. He co-led the health team to Nicaragua in 2012, and was on the medical team to Dominican Republic in 2011, and Monterrey, Mexico in 2010. He is an internist in Boston.



Pat Ryan-Krause, YSN '81
Health Team Co-Leader

Pat Ryan-Krause is faculty in the pediatric nurse practitioner specialty at Yale School of Nursing. She is involved with many aspects of global health at YSN and has traveled with groups of nursing students to Dominican Republic and Nicaragua for the last seven years. She enjoys collaborating with YASC and is looking forward to the upcoming trip next month!

Business



Bob Gould, '81
Business Group Leader

The project

The community of Trohilo has asked our business consulting group to visit a group of 15 – 20 women who run a co-op. The women sell papaya, star fruits and they also make jelly. Although the women are interested primarily in marketing strategies, the business group will also look to understand and improve all areas, including transportation, seasonality, and inventory.

About Bob Gould

Bob studied mechanical engineering at Yale and then started a banking career in NYC. He worked for Brown Brothers Harriman in New York for almost thirty years, and earned an MBA at NYU Stern. He is now the chief investment officer for a foundation in New York. Bob has attended several YASC service trips with his wife and three daughters.

Book Discussion

Paco Sharp has agreed to lead the book discussion. In a survey sent out last week, most volunteers indicated that they are interested in reading *The Country Under My Skin: A Memoir of Love and War*. Paco has also read *Blood Brothers* and will discuss this book as well, if there is enough interest.

AYA Photo Contest

Yale alumni, family and friends travel with Yale to over 40 countries each year seeing the most beautiful and the most photogenic sites in the world. The AYA has collected thousands of photographs of people and places from travelers over the years. Now, the best photos of 2013 will be recognized and shared with the Yale alumni community.

After our trip, enter your photos to win the Grand Prize of a trip to Holland and Belgium in 2014. On the trip, Michael Marsland, Yale University Photographer, will provide special photography sessions. Refer to the attached document for additional details.

FUN-DRAISER FOR YSN HEALTH PROJECTS IN NICARAGUA!

Each year, Yale nursing students travel to Nicaragua to
provide healthcare to children and families!



COME TO GPSCY
FRIDAY - FEBRUARY 22nd
8pm - 2am

A \$5 cover will get you access to \$2 well drinks 'til 11pm and
a night of dancing!

Your money goes directly toward health care supplies and any follow-up
treatment needed.

Learn more about YSN's global health projects in Nicaragua by visiting
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Thank you for your time and commitment.

Best regards,

Crystal Astrachan, ES '04
Nicaragua 2013 Volunteer Trip Producer
YASC Board Member