



ENGINEERS WITHOUT BORDERS-USA
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**CHECK OUT THE NEW
EWP-WPP WEBSITE AT:**
www.ewb-wpp.org

PRESIDENT'S UPDATE

EWB-WPP transitioned from 2009 to 2010 with success in our fundraising activities. Our goal was to raise \$15,000 for the El Aguacate bridge. As you can read from Mark's update below, we greatly exceeded that goal. A big, sincere, thank you to all who contributed.

In January 2009, the first volunteers were in Guatemala working on the footings and foundations for the El Aguacate and Tres Cruces bridges. They and other projects will be giving us a report on their progress at our February meeting.

In addition, we are interested to hear updates at our February meeting from the UW-Madison student group's recent trip to Haiti, and the experiences they can share with us.

Finally, thank you to those of you who have recently joined or renewed your membership in EWB-USA as a Wisconsin Professional Partners chapter member. If you are not a member, please join today. Recent reports from EWB-USA confirm our membership stands at about 55 members. Our e-mail distribution is over 3 times that, so we sure would like those of you who are not members to join. It is fast and easy to do at:
www.ewb-usa.org.

See you at the February meeting.

Max Schmiege, President, EWB-WPP

PROJECT UPDATE: UW-MADISON EWB IN HAITI

Please join us at the next EWP-WPP meeting on Feb. 2nd at 6pm. There will be a special presentation by Eyleen Chou from the UW-Madison chapter who will speak about their recent trip to Haiti and the aftermath of the devastating earthquake.



To RSVP, and for additional questions about the meeting, please contact Mark Rapant at Mark.Rapant@GRAEF-USA.com or (414) 266-9066. If you are interested in food and beverage, it will be served at a cost of \$5. Please mention to Mark whether you are interested in food and beverage or not. A call-in number for the meeting is available upon request.

FUNDRAISING UPDATE

At the December WPP meeting, I reported that our fundraising efforts were off to a slow start towards a goal of raising \$15,000 for the El Aguacate bridge project. I am pleased to announce that our combined efforts paid off well in November and December. During those two months, the WPP chapter received combined funds of over \$25,000, and it doesn't stop there! I am anticipating another \$30,000 by the end of January, putting our total fundraising at over \$55,000 for the last three months...more than three times our targeted goal.

How did it happen? We were successful on two significant grants awards: \$8,000 from the CH2M HILL Foundation and \$5,000 from the GPK Foundation. We also received numerous donations from individuals and member employers, including one notable donation exceeding 5 figures. Our donors did a fantastic job of leveraging donations, with an additional \$17,000 in matching funds through the Google match program. Finally, the chapter received \$20 for numerous annual membership renewals. That all adds up to over \$55,000! Many of the individual donations were made to the WPP chapter as general, non-project specific donations, meaning we have the flexibility to allocate a significant portion of the total funds raised to future projects.

My thanks to everyone for everything you did: personal donations, soliciting donations from family and friends, paying national dues, and providing assistance writing grants. WPP can now focus on being responsible stewards of all this generosity and putting the funds to work helping communities in need and fulfilling the mission of EWB.

~Mark Maday, Treasurer/Finance Chair



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INFORMATION

If you are interested in learning more about Engineers Without Borders, visit the following websites:

National Website

www.ewb-usa.org

Chapter Website

www.ewb-wpp.org



The EWB-WPP chapter now has groups set up on LinkedIn and Facebook. Click on the following links to become a group member and to connect with other group members:

LinkedIn

www.linkedin.com/groups?gid=2146334

Facebook

www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=218125455084

The next EWB-WPP meeting
will be held on:

February 2nd at 6pm
at Graef office
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www.ewbmapc.com

EWB - UW Madison Student Chapter

www.ewbuw.org