

Wisconsin Professional Partners

Greetings EWB WPP Members & Friends,

The EWB WPP Board has been meeting regularly and working diligently towards a new Organization Plan that will take us into the future. In September, we met the Wisconsin University liaisons, many of which have been with EWB WPP from the beginning, and in October we met with the Milwaukee student chapter leaders. We gathered valuable feedback from everyone and will do our best to incorporate it into the organization plan that we will use as a road map to guide us, increase our impact and help us grow into a valuable resource for students and professionals.

In the meantime, consider attending an upcoming workshop or event.

Diego Ramirez, our in country contact and friend, arrived in the United States on Tuesday, October 15. He has many events and potluck dinners lined up. See the article below on how the EWB@UWM co-chair, Megan Pinter, made his visit possible.

Also, consider stopping by the **EWB WPP Holiday Happy Hour** on Thursday, December 5 at the **Best Place**. The only agenda is to mingle and catch up. We hope to see you there!

Lastly, please contact Benjie Hayek at benjie.hayek@rasmithnational.com to contribute an article or event information to the upcoming newsletter.

Sincerely,

EWB WPP Board

EWB Holiday Happy Hour

Thursday, December 5

Cash Bar and Socializing

5:30pm to 7:30pm

Best Place

901 W Juneau Avenue

Milwaukee, WI

<http://www.bestplacemilwaukee.com/>



Upcoming Events

October 29: Chicagoland Chapter Meeting

November 1: Diego Ramirez presentation at UW-Milwaukee

November 1-3: Great Lakes Regional Conference

Contact Mike Paddock to coordinate carpooling mike.paddock@ch2m.com

November 8-10: Midwest Regional Conference

Contact Heather Cleveland to coordinate carpooling heather.a.cleveland@gmail.com

November 5: EWB WPP Board Meeting

December 5: EWB Holiday Happy Hour at The Best Place

February 11: Student Presentation Event at Marquette University

UWM's Megan Pinter is Key to Bringing NGO Leader to Milwaukee



We all know how much thought and planning goes into a trip or vacation—hours of research, weeks of preparation and months of saving. But what about those once in a lifetime trips where you want to see and do

Building Water Systems in Guatemala

Friday, November 1


UW-Milwaukee Student Union

Wisconsin Room

7:00pm to 8:00pm

Invite your friends!




UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MILWAUKEE &
ENGINEERS WITHOUT BORDERS @ UWM presents:



BUILDING WATER SYSTEMS IN GUATEMALA: A GLOBAL DIALOG WITH DIEGO RAMIREZ

University Wisconsin-Milwaukee students formed an Engineers Without Borders chapter in 2007. Since then, five village water systems are complete, and number six is in progress. None of this would be possible without our non-governmental organization, in-country contact, and friend, **Diego Ramirez, founder and president of La Asociación**. He formed an organization to help the Quiché region rebuild after the 36-year civil war that ended in 1996. He is a leader, organizer, and an inspiration.

Please join us for the presentation on his experience and vision for the future.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2013 | 7-8PM

**LOCATION: UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MILWAUKEE STUDENT UNION
WISCONSIN ROOM (2ND FLOOR). 2200 E. Kenwood Blvd., Milwaukee, WI**

Followed by refreshments and discussion.

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everything there is? This is that kind of trip for Diego Ramirez.

Engineers Without Borders at the University of Wisconsin Milwaukee (EWB@UWM) has been planning since early spring for Diego's arrival and he will finally be here Tuesday, October 15th. Diego knows EWB@UWM well; every year in January an EWB@UWM team travels to Guatemala and spends two weeks working with Diego on their current project. Diego is a mason and head of the Guatemalan NGO La Asociación which consists of a group of 50 villages in the Quiché region in the northwest highlands. This time the tables have turned and Diego will be coming to Wisconsin to spend time with the EWB@UWM team and see what life is like in the US.

During the month of Diego's visit he will be taking English lessons, go bowling for the first time, travel to Kansas City for the Midwest Workshop, and give presentations on his work, his people, and the engineers that help them. Many of his nights will be spent at pot-luck dinners with past, present and future travelers discussing projects, family, and catching up with old friends. This experience will be just as life changing for him as it is for each EWB@UWM member that travels to Guatemala.

Preparation and fundraising started in spring with EWB@UWM's fundraising team led by Megan Pinter. Grants needed to be written, logistics needed to be decided upon, and events needed to be created. The estimated cost for Diego's visit is in the ballpark of \$2200. All of this money was successfully fundraised by the EWB@UWM team and all events were planned in advance so that Diego and EWB@UWM can sit back and enjoy the amazing relationship between Guatemala and UWM.