



# THE COCHA-LINA HERALD

Newsletter of the North Carolina Partners of the Americas (Partners with Cochabamba, Bolivia)



## Newsbits

- COVID infections [increasing in Bolivia](#).
- [Protests erupt](#) in Bolivia over abortion.
- Stair-shaped bread filled altars during [Bolivia's Day of the Dead](#).
- Bolivian indigenous women [celebrate heritage through bike racing](#).

PROGRAMA DE COLABORACIÓN

## BOMBEROS DE LAS AMÉRICAS

**INSTRUCTORES**  
 MÉXICO  
 EEUU

**NOVIEMBRE**  
 8-10 SANTA CRUZ  
 12-14 COCHABAMBA  
 16-18 LA PAZ

**WORKSHOP INCENDIOS FORESTALES**

**WORKSHOP MATERIALES PELIGROSOS**

**CONFERENCIA**  
 "El manejo del COVID en las emergencias"  
 "Seguridad del personal de bomberos en incidentes de tráfico"

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*Bomberos Project update (Illiana Diaz)*

"I would like to thank everyone who is helping us with this project. Los Bomberos de las Americas. . . . The great part is connecting with the most incredible people, and the most

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challenging task is pursuing to raise money. The Bolivian chapters are working hard, looking for housing, space budgets, logistics, and so on to make these workshops happen in their own cities.

What we have been doing in recent months is to aid Bolivia to train the firefighters – 'bomberos.' We learned that people who fight the fires have no training and no equipment.



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We will send four trainers to train firefighters in the three cities. Cochabamba and Santa Cruz and La Paz. They will start their journey in Sta Cruz, (Nov.6-20).

Texas Partners of the Americas (TPOA) began aid to Bolivia as a participating pilot project against COVID-19 and for which a vision, mission, and objectives were developed to implement them in Latin American countries. Our vision is that the entire Americas is effectively vaccinated against CORONAVIRUS-19 over the next three years. Five years. In July 2020 Texas Chapter began to see how we could help Bolivia during the pandemic. We held weekly meetings for a year or longer. We linked many professionals from the US and Mexico with many others in Bolivia. We linked medical doctors and nurses to provide guidance and support. We supported the efforts of the university to open an online clinic, housed in Santa Cruz, but served the whole country. People could call and get medical assistance. The last information we have is that they would seek medical doctors or medical assistants who speak Aymara and Quechua.

I believe that much of our efforts to assist will not necessarily be visible to us, but we know that we made a difference. At times, we had 40-50 people in our meetings, mainly Bolivian diasporas from La Paz, Santa Cruz, Cochabamba, a few from Beni. And Bolivian partners. We raised funds and we sent the money to the three cities to provide medicines to clinics that were in need. The logistics of how to send medicines or medical equipment from the United States to Bolivia (Cochabamba, Santa Cruz, and La Paz) was unbearable with the requirements of the Health Ministry of Bolivia so it was decided that each chapter of Bolivia should organize the purchase of medical needs to the most vulnerable hospitals in the amount of \$500 each city. It was performed very successfully.

We are getting very close to the travel date, and we are still in need of donations, hopefully, we can count on you and get some monetary help from other counterparts as well as our headquarters."



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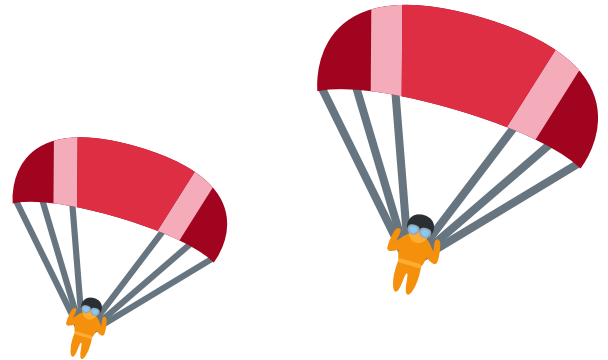
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# Thank you for your donations!



Thanks to our generous donors, NCPOA has successfully reached its financial goal and purchased parachutes for Bolivia's Search and Rescue. The three parachutes will be delivered in January, 2022!



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## NCPOA is selling Bolivian items!

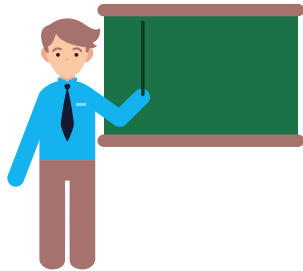
Items include a large leather and handwoven fabric bag, small handwoven bag, wallet, a salt and pepper set, clock, treasure boxes, basket, figurines, and more!

These Bolivian crafts will be available for purchase at NCPOA's January 22, 2022 meeting. Those interested in purchasing the listed items can also contact Sallie Abbas via text or call at 919-627-2584.



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# Teacher in Residency News

*By Virginia Freedman*

This year, the NC Partners of the Americas education subcommittee was not able to send someone to Bolivia or vice versa for a teacher exchange. Instead, the Cochabamba and North Carolina Partners of the Americas spent months brainstorming and creating modules for teacher participants to learn best practices for virtual teaching and to have an introduction to 2nd language acquisition pedagogy. Longtime Partners members, Deborah Wilkes and Virginia Freedman, taught the modules as well as past community college instructor Dave Urena. 28 teacher participants from all over Bolivia received certificates from Partners' national office and the [module website](#) will be available until 2022.

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