

REGION 5 ALL STAR TEAM WINS THE HEARTS OF THE EL SALVADORIAN ATHLETES GYMNASTIC SUPPORTERS!!

An experience of a lifetime for the gymnasts, coaches and parents!!!

El Salvador, a land of sun, opened its arms
It was muy mucho FUN!
John was our leader with Dan at his side taking
Care of our "family" on a wonderful ride!!

The hotel was comfy and mere steps away
From the training arena where we walked every day!
The wonderful pool, a great place to lounge
Started lots of great tans as we all hung around!!

In the arena, extenders worked well
Unless with a bar change the inside pipe fell!!
The floor was adjusted from midget-like size
So our tumbling and dance could stay right inside!!!

The leotard gifts were were a special delight
And the children were thrilled and they smiled through the night.
The boys were in lines with smiles and a plan
To hug and kiss Kylee, and line up again!!

Our "gift" in return was the magic of surf
At the beautiful beach home, El Salvador turf!!
The joy of the ocean the meal and the rest
Made a so special day, we can never forget

Boqueran called us with cameras and flash
A volcano so mammoth, one false step and you'd crash!!
The Devils own doorway was a serious climb
Getting down was a challenge but worth all the time!

Each place that we traveled the sirens blared loud
For our escorts on cycles cleared streets and big crowds!
We shopped in the market and went through the red lights
We bartered and beached way into the night!!

Our Pizza Hut lunch was a feat of great skill
Marco, our "agua" man had stories to tell!!!
The great chapter on es, the parents and staff
Made this trip extra special with photos to last!!!

It's said that Dan's dancing caused quite the uproar
It was one, two, three lift!!! Then quick....run for the door!
The girls danced in the halls and played catch phrase for fun!!
Then they slept through the night, as they waited for Sun!!

Our wonderful dinner with all that great food
Was a most special treat!!! and those waiters were good!
Antonio was king when surrounded by girls
Trading Spanish and English...with smiles and sweet words!!

Counting was daily in the lobby or bus
When we shopped and we stopped 'cause they care about us!!!
We missed #2 but she was usually there
And laughing with others or combing her hair!!

Casey danced nightly while Ida made friends
The Burritos and Tacos...the "colon" we spend!!!
Cigars were the fashion with each nightly toast!!
And the plantation coffee was the very best roast!!!

Thanks to Irving and Mario, Wendy and crew
We saw so many sights and had so much to do!!
We're sure they' rejoiced when we got on the bus
And could finally rest 'stead of running with us!!

Congrats on performances bringing our cheers
To the joy of donations that brought love and tears
To the growth of a program that uses our rules
To the friendship and memories, the best of all tools!!!

The joy of our visit will stay in our hearts
For the people, terrific!! did more than their part
Thank you Region 5 for a lifetime event
To our coaches, our judge and the parents who went

To delight in the visit , appreciate most
The gymnastic family that acted as host!
To any not mentioned, my rhyming must end
But if I think up some more...then this poem will extend!!!!

A Dr. Suess Wanna Be...

Judy Dobransky...Region 5 Judge!!!
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