



HIGHLIGHTS



President Maria Coyi

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District Governor and First Lady: Andre' & Nan Lopez

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Dorothy Menzies Child Care Center (DMCC)



The walkway around the building is done! It is colorful and provides a dry track for the children and a safe pathway for wheelchairs. 14 Texans, seven Ghost Town guys and four other men did really beautiful work out there. Your help is needed for more renovations. Please contact Giovanni H at gioheredia@gmail.com

Gift of Life (GOL) Update:

From Jennifer A. Edwards Executive Director HeartGift Austin, TX

Dear HeartGift Austin Ambassadors, Board, & members of "Team Sherin"-

"On Sunday evening, we were happy to welcome our first patient of 2013, cute 2 year old Sherin, from Belize! Sherin and her father were greeted by our chilly winter weather, which came as a big surprise considering the average temperature in Belize in January is 75 degrees. Naturally, their regular wardrobe was inadequate for Austin -- so our Host Family, Kathy and Patrick Terry (HeartGift Austin Ambassador members) went to their closets to gather some warm clothing for our two newest guests. Dad Sherwin was tricked out in a P. Terry's sweatshirt in no time flat.

Earlier this week, Sherin was seen by Dr. Wright and Dr. Hines, who gave her a careful review and a flu shot. Little Sherin is a sweet and even tempered, in fact, she slept through most of the exam (except for that flu shot!). Sherin is CLEARLY a Daddy's Girl, and her doting daddy, Sherwin (age 22) obviously loves and cares for her. Together, they make a wonderful team, and a great reminder of why our mission is so important.

Sherin is on schedule for her lifesaving heart surgery next Thursday, Jan.24. In the meantime, they'll spend quality time with the Terry Family, who I imagine, might treat them to a burger, fries, and milkshake (or two). Our thanks to the Terry's, Dr. Wright, Dr. Hines, and all those in our "village" of helpers.

I'll send regular updates on little Sherin's progress on her path to a healthy & happy future! "

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Special Dates

- **Gift of Life (GOL) Clinic:** Feb. 18, 19 and if necessary, on the 20th Volunteers needed.
- **Board Meeting** Tuesday, February 19 at 5:30 p.m. at the home of President Maria Coyi. Visitors are welcome. Please RSVP.
- **District Conference:** Feb. 28 - Mar. 2 hosted by Rotary Club of San Ignacio
- **Entertainment for our Golden Citizens:** May
- **Full -Moon Dance:** May

Global Swimarathon Raises Money for Polio Eradication



Roger Graves and Paul Wilson, event coordinators.

By Paul Wilson, a member of The Rotary Club of Grantham, Lincolnshire, England, and Rotary Global Swimarathon

event coordinator The Rotary moment that changed my world was watching 14-year-old Moin Junnedi, India's youngest national Paralympian, completing his swim in last year's Rotary Global Swimarathon. Junnedi suffers from a severe brittle bones condition which has meant he's suffered with over 200 fractures during his young life. Just a day or two before this swim, he suffered four fractures, but was so determined to take part. It was pure inspiration, as this video shows.

For more than 23 years, my club, the Rotary Club of Grantham, Lincolnshire, in District 1070 (England) has held an annual Swimarathon event raising over £560,000 (US\$883,000) for local charities.

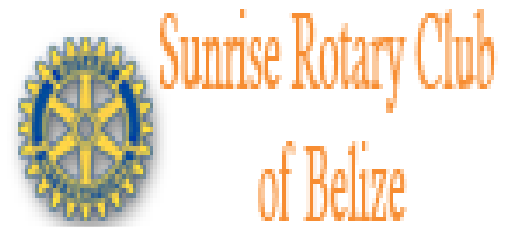
Inspired by the London Olympics in 2012, we set out to share the magic of our event with Rotary clubs around the world. I had the privilege of leading a 10-month social media campaign using videos, pictures and regular updates which enabled us to get support from Rotary clubs across all six continents.

Despite all the obvious time zone and language barriers, Rotarians, Rotaractors, Interactors, and other members of the Family of Rotary made that dream come true, supported and inspired by Paralympians, Olympians, and World Champions. The most inclusive and biggest simultaneous global swimming event in human history took place from 12:00 to 13:00 G.M.T on 25 February, 2012.

Guinness World Records officially recorded 4,546 participants aged between 8 and 93 synchronizing their 100 meter swims in the exact same hour across 15 different time zones. The effort raised more than \$100,000 for polio eradication.

So we are doing it again for 2013, Rotary's 108th anniversary. Already, 188 clubs in 43 countries and six continents are planning to take part. You can see how widespread the support is on the Rotary Global Swim map In every second of those 24 hours somewhere in the world people will be swimming in the event. All you have to do to help is find at least one person who can swim on 23 February 2013 and register at <http://www.rotaryglobalswimarathon.org/>

Then just let us know where you are swimming, at what time, with how many people and after the event tell us how much you raised and for which charities. Please join us, be part of something bigger than all of us.



This club became official on March 6th 2007 and is made up of vibrant young professionals who want to give back to the community. The main area of interest to the club is Education in Belize. Rotary Club of Belize salutes the Sunrise Rotary Club of Belize!

2013
A Warm Welcome to Rotaract

Rotaract Club

Contact us to find out about accommodations as low as \$10US per night

Special Registration Rate of \$100US offered to Rotaract

Visit our website at www.rotarybelizeconference.com to register or contact us at rotarybelizeconference2013@gmail.com Tel: (501) 833-3470

Rotary District 4250 18TH DISTRICT CONFERENCE

SAN IGNACIO, BELIZE Feb 27th - Mar 2nd, 2013

[Visit Rotary District 4250 Website](#) for your Registration and full schedule

CONFERENCE SCHEDULE FOR THE FIRST DAY!

Below is a preliminary schedule for the District Conference. Keep in mind it is subject to change.

Date	Time	Event
Wednesday February 27th 2013 DRESS: Cocktail, Semi- Formal	8:00 am - 5:00 pm	Registration, San Ignacio Resort Hotel Caracol Room
	1:30 pm - 4:00 pm	Membership Workshop - PDG Allen Sellers, Bedran Hall
	5:00 pm.-6:00 pm	Buses Leave Hotels for the Opening Session at San Ignacio Hotel
	5:30 pm.-6:30 pm	Cocktails and Light Hors d' oeuvres* at San Ignacio Hotel

7:00 pm -
8:30 pm

PLENARY SESSION #1

- Arrival of Prime Minister, Honorable Dean O. Barrow
- Arrival of the Governor General of Belize, H.E. Sir Colville N. Young
- Arrival of the Mayor of San Ignacio/Santa Elena, H.L. John August
- Introduction of Dignitaries and installation of Head Table
- Parade of Flags (Belize, Guatemala, Honduras, U.S., Canada, Panama)
- National Anthems of the United States, Guatemala, Honduras and Belize
- Invocation by TBA
- Remarks and Introduction of RI President's Representative by District Governor, Andre Lopez
- Remarks by RI President Representative - Carolyn Jones
- Introduction of Prime Minister by TBA
- Inaugural address by Prime Minister Dean Barrow
- Historical video of El Cayo
- Theme of XVIII Conference presented by DG Andre Lopez
- Announcements by Master of Ceremony
- Departure of Governor General
- Departure of Prime Minister

8:30 pm Reception* by poolside at the San Ignacio Hotel

9:00 pm Bus Route begins to transfer participants back to hotel

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“Service above Self”

ROTARY FOUR-WAY TEST

1. Is it the truth?
2. Is it fair to all concerned?
3. Will it bring good will and better friendships?
4. Is it beneficial to all concerned?

Luncheon Meeting Time

Each Wednesday

12:30 p.m. – 1: 30 p.m.

Arrive at noon to visit

Radisson Hotel Fort George, Belize
City, Belize, Central America

The Rotary Club of Belize was chartered on July 7, 1955. There are now eight Rotary Clubs in Belize who take pride in serving our communities and our country through club projects and vocational commitments by our members. Rotary’s main objective is service – in the community, in the workplace and around the world. Rotary is a worldwide organization of business and professional leaders who provide humanitarian service and encourage high ethical standards in all vocations.

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Beneficiary:
Rotary Club of Belize
Account No. 100-163-305
(Please state purpose)

Please note that there is a deduction of US\$27.50 from the amount being transferred.

With sincere thanks...

Support Rotary-Sponsored Service Clubs



Interact Clubs of Belize For young people, ages 12-18. Develop leadership skills and personal integrity. Demonstrate helpfulness and respect for others. Understand the value of individual responsibility and hard work. Advance international understanding and goodwill.



Rotaract Club of Belize for young men and women ages 18 to 30. Rotaract clubs are either community or university based, and they’re sponsored by a local Rotary club. This makes them true "partners in service" and key members of the family of Rotary.