



HIGHLIGHTS



President Maria Coyo

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A family of seven is sleeping comfortable after they received a new home. On Wednesday, May 8, 2013 the Rotary Club of Belize in partnership with Hand in Hand Ministries handed over the keys to a hard-working and deserving single dad and his loving family.

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Special Dates

- **Handing Over Ceremony:** Wed., June 26, 7 p.m. at the Radisson
- **Pres. Maria** thanked the Rotarians who attended Dorothy Menzies Child Care Center's (DMCC) Walk-through and encouraged others to make a visit to see Stage Three progress
- **Water Filtration Project Report** was viewed and accepted by the Rotary Foundation. Congratulations!



Guest Speaker May 22, 2013 was Will Mehia, Belize Territorial Volunteers



Figure 1 Will Mehia with Pres. Maria

Rene, Sr. introduced Will Mehia as being a good friend since

the beginning of LoveFM. They met once/month to do a live broadcast at Port Honduras. After modest efforts, the GOB declared the National Punta Gorda Marine Reserve. When Will was young like Ernesto V, he was a bus conductor from Punta Gorda to Belize and still looks forward to coming to Belize City. Belize Territorial Volunteers, together for almost five years, are ordinary citizens who desire to do something about our border. Their mission is the same as 15 years ago, when Guatemalans occupied, damaged, exploited resources and made money on Belize's Southern Cayes. The

border line can be clearly marked and cleared with the help of professional lines personnel. Villagers are ready to work to clear the border, but have been ordered out by the GOB, who seem to want to take only a diplomatic approach. Once again, money can be earned by operating hiking trails through the Maya Mts. Divide from Toledo to Cayo. NGOs should be accountable as with any other Reserve. Mr. Mehia circulated photos showing that while the GOB has ordered Belizeans Villagers out of the area, Guatemala businesses are working with impunity. Belize can stop the encroachment without reliance upon a lot of money or heavy equipment. Q&A: Diplomacy may help but a void can be filled by working on the ground; What can the group do w/o GOB support? Volunteer to help mark and clear the border; How are Guatemalans currently reacting? Since so one else is using the land, they will remain until made to leave. It is the Guatemala Gov't and powerful business owners who are threats. Contact 610-0978 or find Will Mehia on Facebook.

ANNOUNCING! Literacy Without Borders, the Rotary Club of Belize and Restore Belize will partner on an Education and Infrastructure Project for Southside Belize City. This \$500,000 USD proposal would begin July 1 2014 and run until June 30 2017.

Literacy Without Borders (LWB) is a federally-incorporated non-profit organization based in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada.

- Three main goals: Develop global citizens; Foster lifelong literacy ambassadors; Improve literacy levels for individuals and families
- By raising literacy levels, we aim to provide people with the tools they need to live the lives they want to lead.
- Whether an individual's goal is to learn a better trade, acquire a new set of job skills, or learn a language more deeply, the intention is for communities to experience intellectual, economic, and financial reward as a result of its literacy programs.

Basis of the LWB program:

- We help communities that value literacy, but, for reasons related to lack of funding or knowledge, find low levels of literacy among the people in their community
- We work in developing countries, and are launching our first pilot project in Belize in 2012.
- We recruit university and college graduates from Canada who are prepared to devote 12 months to creating sustainable literacy programs in communities in developing nations.
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Why literacy?

- Literacy is a right; Literacy is a key determinant of health; Literacy is the key to defining and driving one's own education; Literacy is a critical component in helping adults to
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- provide for their families; Literacy is a key element in enabling people to define and
 - contribute to their community
- LWB is a key component of UN Millennial Goals to 2015: improving literacy rates in the developing world.



Senior Citizen Fun Day
at Cucumber Beach
Old Belize
Saturday, May 18, 2013



DANCING!,DANCING!
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A grand time was had
by all, from the
youngest infant to a
93 year old guest.
Music, food, great
weather and fabulous
volunteers mixed
with lots of love!



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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?

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SWIFT: AIBLBZBZ

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...

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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.



Luncheon Meeting
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, 1957. 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.