



ROTARY TWEETS OF THE WEEK

Weekly Tidbits to Keep You Informed

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Re-Wind

- GuestSpeaker Continued: The Constitutional right to privacy is guaranteed. It is part of the fundamental rights to privacy of sex life of citizens. Human sexual relations is natural part of privacy for each person. Penalty for breaking the law is 10 years. Last year 17 cases of Carnal Knowledge. This year by June there were 41. A child cannot give consent. The Constitution guarantees each citizen freedom of expression, dignity and equality before the law. The LGBT community are the most targeted group. Belize is now listed as one of the top 10 global gay hostile countries. We rank with Iran, Iraq and Jamaica. The biggest question is, "Who would choose to be gay in Belize?" This year 4 unsolved murders of gay men not by their lovers. Last year 9 unsolved murders of gay men. Belize needs a national discourse on Tolerance. Human Dignity must be upheld. The Rotary 4 Way Test does not apply to LGBT community. CJ will rule on case shortly. Will take to CCI if have to do so.

Maria introduced Guest Speaker , Lisa Shoman whose extensive resume could fill many pages. Some of her positions included: President of Bar, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Belize 's Ambassador to USA& High Commissioner to Canada. Lisa preferred to be identified as chief provocateur, chief troublemaker and Gun for hire. She indicated that the case (Orosco VS AG) is one of the most controversial and titty-lating cases ever. Case not about amending Constitution, religious freedom, or introducing Sodom and Gomorrah to Bze. In 1889 law changed which set out Offenses for Unnatural Crime (A person who has sexual relations against the order of nature: 2 ideas- humans with humans – humans with animals.) The real Crime has to do with consent. Age of consent for sex is 16. At 16 can have consensual sex but cannot drink, drive or vote. Against the order of nature is: Oral, Anal or Sex with Animal. Anyone, who is married, straight, Bi, Trans, or other -- who are engaging in any of the above are actually UNDISCLOSED FELLOWS. Question asked, "Is it okay that there be a law which is not enforced?" Is it right that the State is ignoring a law? LGBT community spent 5 years trying to get the law restored to pre- 1889 which the issue was "By Force and Without Consent." Law imported from Victorian UK through colonization. Law has not changed through many re-writes. Definition of rape – a penis forcibly and without consent penetrates a vagina. There can also be oral and digital (Finger) rape. Contends that the State should not be in the private sex lives of citizens.

Enrique Riverol indicated Attendance: 18 out of 45 for 40 %.

On Time

- **Fellowship:** Greeters, Sandra and Joe did not make the meeting and so the presentation was shared between Maria, Mala and Lynn. As the meeting started a bit late, the report was abbreviated. The house will be built in a kit form before assembly. It was suggested that a good weather day be chosen by consulting with GOD for the best day. Other Rotarians were challenged to match Jim's generous donation of a TV to the DMCC. A collection was taken up from members and several gave generously. This was to be used for Giovanni's kids birthday parties. His NGO, has parties for the kids at DMCC every 2 months.

SGT: Johnny Searle agreed to be "SirGent", After Lisa's presentation he was somewhat perturbed as to the possible intrusion by GOB in people's private lives. Much thought was provoked. He suggested that we may soon need chastity belts for our minds, if things got any worse.

Birthdays: Happy Birthday was sung for Cisco and Jackie also , Sani and Karen who were absent.

VOTE OF THANKS: Errol indicated in his vote of thanks that there should be tolerance and no discrimination. Do unto others, as you would have others do unto you. Indicated that sexuality is God given gift of organs and instruments between man and woman, which when put together through harmony and melody will create music.