Training/Distribution of Water Filters Your assistance is needed

Wheelchairs are in! Your help is needed.

District Conference: Thurs. Feb. 28 – Sat. Mar. 2 hosted by the San Ignacio Rotary Club. Please plan to attend and support Belize District Governor and the San Ignacio Club. Register and pay online or see Treasurer.

Gift of Life (GOL) Clinic: Feb. 18, 19 and if necessary, the 20th. Volunteers needed.

Entertainment for our Golden Citizens: May

Full Moon Dance: May TBA

The History of the Rotary Club” Part II will be shown TBA.

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Interact Seminar was a success! Approx. 40 students were in attendance and gave great response to the Presenters, Lynn Y and Jim S.

District Governor Andrea Lopez: Encouraged members to register for an exciting District Conference for only $225. Applications were available and hands raised to pledge support. “Please make the effort!”

Gift of Life Update: Infant Sharin is doing well after receiving a heart in Houston.

Toasts: Mary M. toasted to all things good about Belize

Fun 2: Rene, Sr. shared jokes including: The man who called 911 to report a burglar and was told no officers were available until he told the dispatcher he had shot the burglars; A man told his mother-in-law she would not get another Christmas gift until she used the one he had already given her: a cemetery plot. After two more jokes, Rene, Sr. was politely applauded off the stage.

Rotary Experience: Yvette B shared that while still young, she has been a Rotarian for a very long time. Her first experience with Rotary was when, as a child, she remembers a speed boat arriving to help her village after a terrible flood. They were Rotarians and the first to arrive to offer assistance. She cherishes her three years on the Gift of Life (GOL) International Board. Even though names of some groups have changed, out of 41 groups present at the GOL Conference all but three had Rotary beginnings.

Sergeant at Arms: Collected: Fines: $ TBA

Foundation: $ TBA

Rotaract Annual Valentine Day Raffle. Have 500 tickets. Please support. A Rotaract Liaison was requested.

Guest Speaker Bernie Tarr – National Basketball Coach

Paul H who met the speaker a year ago, introduced Mr. Tarr who is from Niles, OH and has been coming to Belize since 1996. He is quite popular with Belize youth whom he works with through sports to get and keep them off the street. The speaker apologized for hoarseness of his voice, explaining he had been in Banque with a high-spirited Gayland Basketball Team. Mr. Tarr is the GOB Tech Officer since 2011. His goal as National Coach is to award one scholarship per year to an athlete who will represent Belize abroad. To date three young men have received scholarships to University while one high schooler lives aboard with a Guardian. Bernie Tarr showed a video highlighting a game at Broad King James Tournament in Ohio last April. Fifteen youth and a number of coaches stayed in the Host homes for ten days. Bonds were formed and a highly emotional and very memorable departure took place. Mr. Tarr shared that this initiative is more than just basketball. What binds the team together is the cheer, “We are Belize, we are One!” After Q & A, Rene. Sr. thanked the National Coach as a successful person, using the Ralph Waldo Emerson quote about the meaning of success. Bernie Tarr’s passion was apparent.

Attendance: 47 Members: 28 Present, 60%