RO​TARY TWEETS OF THE WEEK
Weekly Tidbits to Keep You Informed
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January 10, 2013

Calendar

• Business Meeting: Wed., Jan. 16, 12:30 pm
• Club Assembly: Wed., Jan. 23, 7 pm
• District Conference: Feb. 28 - Mar. 2 hosted by the San Ignacio Rotary Club. Please plan to attend.
• Entertainment for our Golden Citizens: May
• Full Moon Dance: May
• Gift of Life (GOL) Clinic: Week of Feb. 17
• Announcements: Polo shirts will be for sale at the next meeting. 2nd and 3rd Quarter Statements will be distributed at our next meeting. Reminder: District Conference fees will be deleted
• Sergeant at Arms: Collected: Fines: $101.50 Foundation: $12
• The History of the Rotary Club” Part II will be shown next week. You want to see this!

Attendance: 45 Active Members: 28 Present, 62.2%

Program

• Toast: Cynthia A. toasted a great 2012 in spite of recent events and that we continue to do our best.
• No Fun 2
• No Rotary Experience
• Special Recognition: Rene, Sr. commented that since 1957, except for two meetings (Kolbe Foundation and the Princess Hotel), our club has met here at the Radisson Ft. George Hotel and Marina. He expressed appreciation to the Radisson staff for their dedicated service. It was noted that due to the heavy Christmas schedule the Banquet Service Team had to forego their own Christmas party. They were presented with three cases of Heineken beer and a large bottle of rum. The manager of this awesome team, Gaynor Smith was invited to the podium to receive the large bottle. With her grace, enthusiasm and, “Yes we can!” personality, she thanked the club and said, “...and we look forward to serving you for many, many years!”

Presentation of the 2004 Video: “The History of the Rotary Club”

This very well done documentary was produced and narrated by Rene, Sr. during his term as Club President. This video fosters appreciation for our club. Beginning with the history of Rotary International, some of the key people in the development of the Rotary Club of Belize were noted, including our first club President, Joe Crocy and other Charter Members on July 24, 1957 at the Ft. George Hotel. Stella Maris School for the Handicapped was the first large project. A Piano Marathon raised funds in the amount of $2,447.17. More notables shared thoughts. John Crump: “Rotary responds to societies needs.” Paul Hunt gave the history of the Gift of Life program. Yvette Burke described the work of B.E.R.T. and the Endoscopy Clinic. Dr. Marcelo Coye described Rotary’s objective to eradicate Polio. John Woods discussed the emphasis placed on rehabilitation of the incarcerated at the Kolbe Foundation and the re-build of the Emergency Room at Belize Hospital. John Searle described the tears upon completion of a home build. The club sought partnerships with other clubs. Cisco Woods explained the process of wheelchair donations and distribution. Karim Burgos shared how Rotary helps the elderly and the indigent, and involvement in HIV/AIDS awareness and prevention. Salvador Espat explained the necessity of a Children’s Wing of the Belize Hospital. Rotary opened to woman members in 1989. Yolanda Crombie was the first woman elected as Club President. Kay Menzies related how it felt to be the second and youngest Rotary Club President, the Project Fair and the Activity Center for Dorothy Menzies Child Care.