



ROTARY TWEETS OF THE WEEK

Weekly Tidbits to Keep You Informed

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February 14, 2013

Calendar

- **Board Meeting**, Tuesday, Feb. 19, 5:30 p.m.
- **Next Rotary Meeting:** Election of President-Elect for 2014-15. Nominations are open.
- **Training/Distribution of Water Filters** Be prepared to serve.
- **Wheelchairs are in!** Be prepared to serve.
- **District Conference:** Thurs. Feb. 28 – Sat. Mar. 2 hosted by the San Ignacio Rotary Club. Please plan to attend and support our Belize District Governor and the San Ignacio Club. Register and pay online or charge payment: See Treasurer.
- **Gift of Life (GOL) Clinic:** Feb. 18, 19 and if necessary, the 20th. Volunteers needed.
- **Entertainment for our Golden Citizens:** May TBA
- **Full Moon Dance:** May TBA
- www.referendum.gov.bz for updates

Program

- **Past Pres. Cisco W.** led the meeting.
- **Toast:** Barry N toasted patience, tolerance and to being part of the solution and not part of the problem.
- **Fun 2:** John W shared the joke about a horrible chemical fire in a small town. In order to save the secret formula locked in the center of the plant, the company president offered a \$200,000 reward to any volunteer fire department who could save it. After many fire companies attempted, one rural volunteer department with an aging truck and more aged volunteers rushed into the burning plant to save the secret formula. When asked what they would do with the money, the reply was, "The first thing we will do is fix the brakes on this old fire truck!"
- **Sergeant at Arms** collected: Fines: \$ 77
Foundation: \$ 90

The District Conference includes a Western BarBQ at Ariel Mitchell Farm: Friday, March 1; 11 am – 5 p.m. A fun filled afternoon including: Food, Drinks, Music, and Game for all ages, including Skeet shooting, cave tubing and zip-line adventure. Please register.

Woman's Polo Shirts with Rotary insignia were modeled by Yvette B, Maria P and Mala V and can be ordered at Olivia Creative Marketing in white, gray, blue and red for \$35 ea. The price may be reduced for additional orders.

Rene' V, Sr. Gives Presentation for Scheduled Guest Speaker Herman Bird

Rene, Sr. explained that sadly, Mr. Bird fell ill and could not be present today. We wish him well. Rene' with humility, carried on with "1859 and 1931 Treaties: Two Major Pillars of Belize's Territory Sovereignty" slide presentation which was shown at the Campaign Launch in January, 2013. Topics included: 1) Belize's Territory Interpreted Treaties. Rene shared that he stood at the markers for Guatemala, Mexico and Belize and reiterated the physical boundaries are poor as they relate to Belize whose name was in magic marker. 2) Guatemala's Protest. 3) 1931 Exchange of Notes and explained the markers for Mexico and Guatemala are concrete Monuments. 4) The importance of Treaties. Belize's boundaries are solidly rooted in these Treaties, using ICJ in the Libya and Chad boundary dispute. A Q & A followed. In order to be informed of Guatemala's issues, more discussion will follow. *Author's note: Congratulations to Lovefm who today celebrate 20 years of service.*

Attendance: 47 Members: 27 Present, 57%