



# ROTARY TWEETS OF THE WEEK

*Weekly Tidbits to Keep You Informed*

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March 6, 2013

## Calendar

- **Training/Distribution of Water Filters** Be prepared to serve.
- **Wheelchairs have been delivered!** Many thanks to all who participated.
- **District Conference was a success:** *Celebrating 25 years of Women in Rotary.* Honoree Sandra Bedran as first woman Pres. of our District; Past Pres. Cisco received an award for *Membership Development Initiative* and our 2013-14 first woman District Gov. Carmen Villalta, Minas-Tegucigalpa will be installed in July.
- **Entertainment for our Golden Citizens:** Saturday, May 4; **Fireside** follows
- **Full Moon Dance:** Saturday, May 25 at Old Belize Beach
- [www.referendum.gov.bz](http://www.referendum.gov.bz) **Peace Forum** This Thursday TBA on Lovefm featuring three experts and 15 Rotarians to ask questions and enrich discussion. **This meets a requirement for Rotary Presidential Citation.**

## Program

- **Toast:** In response to a recent quote by a visiting Notable, Mary M toasted to the sperm and the egg, equal partners in the creative process.
- **Fun 2:** Mike K told a tale on Sani before he met Maria, of course. Very caring, Sani asked his rather large date her preference for supper. "The \$5 chicken," was her reply. After the meal, Sani was embarrassed, but asked, "What would you like to wash down the \$5 chicken?" Her reply, "The \$3 chicken!"
- **Sergeant at Arms:** Rene' Sr. shared about a pastor, sermonizing about the dumping of all beer, wine and whiskey into the river, after which the Song Leader closed the Service with a loud rendition of "Shall We Gather at the River."  
**Collected:** Fines: \$79 Foundation: \$ 13

• Elizabeth Fisher representing Rotary Dunnedin, Florida presented \$2000BZD for the Food Program and Dorothy Menzies Child Care Home. They want to partner with us in a large Global Matching Grant Initiative. Banners were exchanged. Laura and Natalie from First Presbyterian Church, Dunnedin joined her on this trip.

• Darrell Ward, a visiting Rotarian investigating Water Filtration projects, exchanged banners and a pin from the Muskogee Chamber of Commerce making President Maria an "Okie from Muskogee," Oklahoma (In the good sense) .

• Former Rotarian and a Past President Tony Flynn, Florida shared a recent personal experience of how Rotarians are remembered saying, "One never leaves Belize." He announced that his daughter will spend this summer working at an orphanage in Orange Walk Town and his son may return to Belize.

• **Club President Elect 2014-15** was nominated and given unanimous assent. Errol Robateau shared that he is happy to accept the position with the promised support and thanked the club for the confidence placed in him.

Rotarian Chris Coye: *Banking on Education*

Chris shared statistics on homicides in 2010 and 2011. Although stats are not official today, by now homicides may surpass diabetes **and** heart disease as the major cause of death in Belize. He linked these stats to education, showing that 17,000 children are not in pre nor primary school and 19,000 youth are not in high school, with males making up the largest segment with a poor rate of literacy. This and the unemployment rate of 16.1% must motivate Rotary to develop a strategy to ensure an excellent return on investment in Belize youth. Discussion followed this "extremely informative" presentation.

**Attendance: 47 Members:** 25 Present, 53.2%