



# ROTARY TWEETS OF THE WEEK

*Weekly Tidbits to Keep You Informed*

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November 15, 2012

District Governor Andre Lopez Visit

## Calendar

- Sat., Nov. 25: Iron Man Triathlon Cozumel: Support Iron Cause for Iron Kids! Plan to attend. Fly, drive or reserve your van ticket - \$50 Round Trip; give \$20 for a T-shirt and share to promote The Iron Cause
- Sat., Dec. 1, Noon – 8 PM: Christmas Fireside at Rancho Villanueva. Bring canoes & paddles and a gift to donate.
- Sat., Dec. 22: Truck Raffle: Sell Truck Raffle tickets for \$100 each
- District Conference: Feb. 28 - Mar. 2 hosted by the San Ignacio Rotary Club
- May: Entertainment for our Golden Citizens
- May: Full Moon Dance
- Week of Feb. 17: Gift of Life (GOL) Clinic

## Program

- **Night Reception/Meeting:** Music was provided by the Pantempters Steel Pan who recently represented Belize at the Republic of China and Taiwan. The menu featured a traditional Belizean meal with complimentary wine. T-shirts were on sale. Rene, Sr. served as M.C.
- **Fellowship Report:** Ellison Flowers could not resist a Gen. Pattraeus joke.
- **Fun 2:** Paul, again adamant that conch can make babies, told real-life humor relating to The Gift of Life (GOL) and it's forerunner.
- **Sergeant at Arms:** Mike Kelly announced numerous fines, even in absentia and told one joke. Collecting \$73 in fines and \$57 for the Rotary Foundation.

**Gift Presentation:** Maria P presented a handcrafted carving with likeness of the District Governor and Spouse and a Rotary Pen in a monogrammed case. The District Governor presented original art to President Maria, promoting the District Conference

**District Governor's (DG) Message:** Married to Nan for 45 years. As DG, he has a wider perspective that all over the globe, Rotarians are doing the same thing: Service. DG Andre likened Rotary to carpentry, the field he entered at age 12. "We create and build in our community." His vision is to utilize technology to save time, energy and money and used E-clubs and video conferencing as examples; increase membership among women and promote young future Rotarians. The DG highlighted the speakers and our requested help for the District Conference. Since women make up only 10% of Rotary membership, the District Conference's featured speaker from Alaska, is the first Black woman Trustee of the Rotary Foundation. Another speaker is a Rotary Peace Scholar from Honduras who seeks two other Peace Scholars from Belize and Guatemala. The third speaker will teach us about the little-known Rotarian Saint, the founder of Polio Plus, Dr. Carlos Canseco. To raise funds for Every Rotarian Every Year (EREY) to combat Polio, he will shave off his beard and sought other volunteers, while eyeing Ariel's mustache. This year's District Conference promises to have plenty of good food (donating two steer from his ranch), lots of wine, music, activities and fun!

**Paul Harris Awards Presented by Past District Governor Marcelo Coyi** commenting that these designees are past Presidents who are being commended for their service. Recipients: Maria Price, Arsenio Burgos, Chris Roe and Elias Awe (Posthumously). Each gave a word of thanks. Errol Grinage, of Cayo gave a stirring tribute to Elias Awe. Alias Awe's son, Joe Awe accepted the pin on his father's behalf. Inspired by his father "who gave ½ of his life to the aged," he made a public commitment to live a life of service. A moment of silence was offered.

**Mala V closed the meeting with the 4 Way Test the music and community continued until 11 p.m.**

**Attendance:** 47 members: 29 present 61.7%