



ROTARY TWEETS OF THE WEEK

Weekly Tidbits to Keep You Informed

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Happy Thanksgiving to U.S. Expats

Calendar

- Sat., Nov. 25: Iron Man Triathlon Cozumel: Van leaves from the Radisson at 10 p.m. sharp. Take your Passport and flag to wave.
- Sat., Dec. 1, 10 AM – 8 PM: Christmas Fireside at Rancho Villanueva. Bring 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

- **Facilitator:** Past President Francis Woods
- **Toast:** To Jim Scott. Salute!
- **Fun 2:** Yvette Burkes is “joke challenged.” Paul Hunt came to her rescue. She told a tall tale by an Irishman who was adamant that, according to his sister, Irish Pubs have more “amenities” than any other.
- **Sergeant at Arms:** Mary Martin shared a prayer for Jim, all the Triathletes and organizers of the Iron Man Triathlon. Fines: \$60; Foundation: \$ 103

Rotaract Announcements: Alexander Bevans shared: 1) Friday 1 p.m. – FILTER , a reading program featuring “Goldilocks” 2) Happy Feet Program will identify and provide 100 – 150 pairs of shoes to at-risk H.S. youth ; Recipients are required to participate in a day of community service. 3) Dec. 1, 2 – Galan Univ. Rotaractors will be at Bowen & Bowen Booth to grill and sell barbeque to raise funds and recruit.

Rotary Experience: Rene Villanueva, Jr. was most touched by theme “Lend a Hand.” Reconsidering membership due to inactivity, except for a short period, he asked the question, “Why did I become a Rotarian?” Without any Board experience, Rene, Sr. agreed to fill the position as President, which was difficult, but fulfilling. Membership grew to 68; recorded the first video of the Rotary History of Belize. Rene, Sr. immortalized in the first booklet, memories of his time as President, 2003-4 which includes making the Guatemala President an Honorary Rotarian and the first time a Rotary meeting was held outside the usual location: the Mess Hall at the Belize Central Prison.

Speaker: Past District Governor Marcelo Coyo “Follow the Money”
Marcello creatively explained the Rotary Foundation “money trail” from the time money is donated to one of the three designated funds where, except for Polio Plus the Principle is kept with the interest goes into one of two designated funds, ready to be used. The interest funds projects in Rotary’s six areas of focus:, which we were challenged to answer: Peace and conflict prevention/ Resolution; Disease prevention and treatment; Water and sanitation; Maternal and child health; Basic education and literacy; Economic and community development. Marcelo said, “Smart clubs get the money,” coming back to full circle. Money given by Rotary Belize helps clubs all over the worlds, who help communities all over the world. We were motivated to give and to write grants for our projects.

Attendance: 47 members: 24 present 49%