



# ROTARY TWEETS OF THE WEEK

*Weekly Tidbits to Keep You Informed*

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December 6, 2012, 2012

## Calendar

- Sat., Dec. 22: Truck Raffle: URGENT: Sell Truck Raffle tickets for \$100 each. Cisco W. gave an update: 100 tickets were sold; 400 tickets are being sold in outlets; 500 tickets remain. Will save \$5-\$7,000 from duty exemption
- 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
- **Christmas Fireside:** Rene, Sr. expressed "Thanks" to all who attended. The youngest to the oldest had loads of fun!
- **President's Announcement:** Dec. 15 is the deadline to submit nominees for President Elect 2013-14. Submit name to Lynn Y.

## Program

- **Toast:** Enrique R toasted to the real meaning of Christmas, Jesus Christ
- **Fun 2:** Jeremy S. said many funny things happen in life. Today, while near Tourist Village, he was greeted with, "You Spooners blend in well today!" Meaning he looked like the pale tourists. Jeremy reminisced about being a hard drinking rugby player in 1973 England. One hung-over morning he misunderstood a "Wait on the other side" sign and missed his bus.
- **Rotary Experience:** Mike K. shared his gratefulness when Rotary Belize and Orange Walk Clubs made it possible for his daughter to undergo successful eye surgery in Belize.
- **Sergeant at Arms:** Mike K. directed fines to The Salvation Army Toy Drive collecting \$365.00

### Rotary Speaker: Iron Man Jim Scott, *Iron Cause for Iron Kids*

Mary M. gave the **introduction**. An informative slide presentation featuring the Iron Man Triathlon 2012, Cozumel brought many "oos and awws." Most touching were the kids of Dorothy Menzies holding their hands in prayer for Jim and another of them flexing their muscles offering encouragement. Ironcauseforironkids.com and the Facebook page can be utilized for another event. Jim announced that Chris R. wants to be the next Iron Man and expressed thanks to special friend and supporter Rotarian John B. for traveling with him, cycling and remaining with him the whole trip. He also thanked Corporate Sponsors: Belize Bank, whose Representatives were present at our meeting. Also present were Rotary Members, Lauren Duty Free and RF&G Insurance. Other Corp. Sponsors: Publics and Belize Dry Cleaners. Jim also thanked the many donors who pledged and the companies who allowed him to speak to their employees. We then went on a slide tour of the event beginning with the 3000 person mass start which Jim termed, "chaos!" The underwater shot was amazing, reminiscent of "Jaws!" Next came the bike competition. Instead of throwing them away, Jim carried empty official water bottles, tucked near his chest to throw to Belizean supporters as mementos. He expressed inspiration from bikers with physical disabilities. The run was the most difficult with three laps on the west side of Cozumel's business area. But the crowds were enthusiastic. Those who gave assistance were invaluable and some resorts had bands to cheer them on. Always the promoter, Jim retorted to those who called out, "Belize!" with "Your next vacation!" An answer to a question, Jim explained that participants wore ankle bracelets with electronic chips to keep track of times when passing various points. These stats were shared on live computer feeds throughout the entire race. The dream was to finish! Jim placed the official 294 overall and did better than he expected. **Thanks** was given by Rene, Sr. who invited guests, Mrs. Dorothy Menzies and Board Members who presented Jim with a glass plaque and a donation of \$400 for Iron Cause for Iron Kids

**Attendance:** 47 members: 25 present; 55.3%