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## Friendship Exchange from Belize

By Dick Pritts

President Lenny introduced Andre Lopez, PDG of RI District 4250. PDG Lopez from the Belize City Club introduced his Friendship Exchange team members Lauren Phillips, Sherley Chen and Andre's wife Nan. Andre explained that RI District 4250 covers three countries – Belize, Honduras and Guatemala. He indicated that Belize became independent from the British Empire in 1981 and was formerly known as British Honduras. PDG Lopez reported there are 10 clubs in Belize and Belize has the fewest clubs in the District however the most members per population.

Andre stated that all their clubs have women but when he was District Governor he chartered the first all women club. He went on to say that Belize has a diverse society composed of many cultures and languages and reflects its rich history. He said we are Asians, Creole, Spanish, English, East Asians, Mayans, Lebanese, North Americans, French, Puerto Ricans European Jews and Mennonites. He called this rich mixture "the Belizeans."

PDG Lopez gave a brief history of the country. He indicated that the structure of the government is based on the British parliamentary system. Andre stated that they have a small Army and at its largest it has about 1000 thousand troops. Belize is on the Caribbean coast and its Southern most city is Punta Gorda. Belize City is the largest city. He showed pictures of the diversity of its people and talked about how music in Belize is unique. The basic language in Belize is English and Creole but most of the people are multilingual. Andre spoke of one of the unique plants in their country being the Night Blooming Cactus. Lopez indicated that some of the benefits of the earlier British rule was that they have mostly good water in all the towns, a good education system and the agriculture school. One of the most known celebrations is the September Celebrations where all the towns and villages celebrate the date of their freedom from the British, September 21<sup>st</sup>. PDG Lopez said it was a grand time for fun and all the cultures celebrate themselves. Andre stated that there was no point to celebrations if they don't make you smile and leave you proud and happy!





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## ANOTHER New Member Inducted!



The Rotary Club of Franklin installed Valerie Norton into the club on September 14th. Valerie works with the American Cancer Society and is sponsored by Dennis Sanders. Let's give Valerie a big club welcome. We are excited you are a part of our organization!

**Friendship Team Enjoying WNC!** The GSE team from Belize took part in a tour and tasting at Lazy Hiker Tuesday as well as visiting Historic Cowee School. Thanks to Pres. Lenny and Stacy, Ben Laseter, Daybreak as well as everybody involved in welcoming them to the mountains!



## Back to the Sunshine State!

Dick Ellsbury announced Wednesday he's heading south till next spring. Thank you Dick for all you do with the Rotary Club of Franklin!





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## We Won a Blue Ribbon!...and Need Help at the Fair!

Congrats to Public Image Chair Debbie Tallent on ANOTHER blue ribbon the club's educational booth was awarded at the Fair. We do need volunteers to help sell cruise tickets. Please see Cindy Rodgers now! Thanks for all you do!



## Need Help Moving!!

Our Club's Boy Scout Troop 202 is ready to move their gear from storage back into the basement of Slagle. The date is Saturday, 24 September, 9:00a – noon. We need about 6-8 members and a couple of pickups to make it an easy job. The scouts and parents will be there. Let's have a good showing of Rotarians. If you can help, please email or call Mike Norris – [miken@wayah.com](mailto:miken@wayah.com) – cell [828-421-5886](tel:828-421-5886).

## Membership Minute

This is the first posting for new membership for John Osterhoff sponsored by Bob Scott and Hogar Tait sponsored by John Barbee. If you have any questions or concerns see President Lenny or any board member

## Backpacks Are Back!

We are packing back packs again each 4th Monday of the month starting Sept. 26th 4-6p. We need Rotarians as this will help feed the hungry in Macon County. See Patrick Betancourt to sign up!

## Rotary Direct is Easy!

Foundation co-chair Mike Norris is stressing the importance and ease of contributing to the foundation through Rotary Direct. Go to [rotary.org](http://rotary.org) or see Mike if you would like to contribute through direct now! **We currently have 16 enrolled!**

## Rotary Service

9/21

Greeter: Marvin Ramsey

Prayer/Pledge: TBA





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## Notes From the Top



This week has been one of those weeks where you have too many things to do and too little time to do them all. I don't know the mix of those in our club that work versus those that are "retired", but for those of you who are still juggling work, family, Rotary, and perhaps a host of other things, sometimes decisions have to be made on where you will spend your time. I hope all of you recognize the need for balance and will work to find it, including finding time to work Rotary into your busy schedules. It can be as simple as staffing the Fair Booth for an hour or two, or packing backpacks at CareNet, helping to support Bea, our wonderful exchange student. These are all things that don't take a lot of time, but mean a lot to those you are helping and I find often it is me that feels good afterwards. And of course, if your week is crazy, maybe just coming to our meeting will give you some balance. Whatever it is, do good and continue 'Serving Humanity'!

We had a great group from Belize and learned a lot during PDG Andre Lopez sharing of his book, Belize – An Intimate Portrait. In addition to Andre, we hosted his wife, Nan, Sherley Chen, and Lauren Philips. These group Friendship Exchanges always open the window of the world a little wider. We get to learn about other lands and cultures and often realize while we have our differences, we share many common goals. Rotary is a kaleidoscope of people who share common goals and our club is so lucky to participate.

On another note, I was pleased to see a picture of Sean Gibson's daughter and an article about the H.S. Tennis team. Guess who besides Sidney Gibson won all 3 of her singles matches....our own Beatrice Pasini! Way to go Sidney & Bea!

Lets welcome Valerie Norton into Rotary as our newest member! Valerie, we look forward to learning more about you and finding something you are passionate about within Rotary where your talents can be used.



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## You Still have a Good Opportunity to a LOW Registration Fee for the 2017 RI Convention in Atlanta

This is a once in a lifetime opportunity. Cost of registration has gone up a little bit but you can still register for **ONLY \$340** until December 15) Here's the link for registering for the convention...[www.riconvention.org/en/atlanta](http://www.riconvention.org/en/atlanta) **Also you need to hurry because hotel rooms in Atlanta are booking Fast!!!! Here is some additional incentives for registering NOW!...** You can still get \$65 re-imbusement AND earn a PHF for your club by registering the highest percentage of Rotarians in your club category size for the International Convention in Atlanta June 10-14, 2017 AND a PHF for registering the highest percentage of Rotarians in your club category size for the Young Leaders and District Conference in Hickory April 28-30, 2017!!



## More of Fred's Funnies...



## Young people have their texting codes, now Seniors have their own PART 2:

- \* **CUATSC**- See You at the Senior Center
- \* **DWI**- Driving While Incontinent
- \* **FWIW** - Forgot Where I Was
- \* **GGPBL**- Gotta Go, Pacemaker Battery Low



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## The Rotary Club of Franklin Officers and Board Members 2016-17

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Immediate Past President: Sean Gibson

*Thanks for all you do in service!*

## Upcoming Events



### Sep 14-17 Macon Co Fair

### Sep 21—Noah's Ark Playground

### Sep 28—Polio Plus Ride for Rotary

## 50 50 Drawing

1 Ticket —\$1.00

3 Tickets —\$2.00

5 Tickets —\$3.00

10 Tickets—\$5.00

25 Tickets—\$10.00



Lauren Phillips of the Belize Friendship team did not win



the 50 50. \$42 rolls over to 9/21.

## Next Regular Meeting 9/21 Noah's Ark Play- ground.. See you 12 noon Tartan Hall

