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BELIZE LITERACY PROGRAM

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Belize Literacy Program Update

Dear Jackie,

Did you know that... District 5370 clubs have been working in Belize for at least 10 years...

What a record of service and commitment to support educators and students in this beautiful country. We have been fortunate, along with the \$80,000 generous donations from D5370 clubs, to have had funding support from the Government of Alberta, The Rotary Foundation and CRCID to develop the Belize Literacy Program. One year from now, our grants will be completed (details below).and we will be submitting our final reports to our funders.

To assist us in the coming year, we are once again asking clubs to consider financial support to this program...checks payable to Belize Literacy Program may be sent to District 5370 office.

\$1000 will send a teacher to Belize who will impact 30-50 Belizean teachers and principals...and thousands of children; \$1000 will equip 2 classrooms with top quality and essential supplies and resources....

If your club would like a presentation or would like to get involved contact

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This program is building capacity and making a difference...**THANK YOU** for your continued support. we look forward to discussions about next steps...

Jackie Hobal, D5370
Eve Aird, San Ignacio Rotary Club

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Thank you to our funders!



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Visit the BLP WEBSITE

The website belizeliteracy.com tells the story of the Belize Literacy Program and provides program details and updates, Rotary Clubs, teachers and all of the other groups and individuals who have worked hard to make this program successful. The site includes photographs from the Professional Development sessions in Belize and from other work involving technology in Belize schools.

Photos on the home page are different every time you visit the site: and if you've been wondering why we are working in Belize just watch the photos of the young students. We are making a difference. Check the blog on the main page to keep up to date with the activities and programs in Belize.

We have worked hard to make this website useful and informative to everyone who visits it and we welcome your comments and suggestions.

Updates continue...

Thanks also to Rotarians in Belize and the San Ignacio Rotary Club and the Ministry of Education our partners on the ground in Belize for their support.

- 3-H Grant from RI has been extended to December 31, 2012
- CRCID work plan has been submitted - grant completion date - March 2013
- Application submitted to Alberta Culture
- workshops held in November in Belize City for principals and coaches of pilot schools - math/science
- meetings being held in San Ignacio - April 15/16 to plan for coming year of program
- program development plans include
 - completion of the revisions to the mathematics and science curriculum;
 - support 16 pilot schools - resources and professional development;
 - upgrade original six pilot schools with mobile technology and wireless internet;
 - provide professional development in ICT to Managers (Ministry of Education) and learning coaches;
 - support country wide teacher and principal professional development in August 2012
 - Purchase of net books
 - Contract work to be completed in Belize

GET YOUR CLUB INVOLVED.....there are many schools in Belize who would welcome support, however we have identified **20 schools for adoption**. Details www.belizeliteracy.com/ancillary

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The Belize Literacy Program welcomes Rotarians who are interested in lending a hand at the committee level.

[Jackie Hobal](#)
[Eve Aird](#)

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Project Partners

- Literacy Alive
- Literacy Without Borders
- TFABB

Learn more about the BELIZE LITERACY PROGRAM

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See you on Facebook

If you use Facebook (or if you are looking for a reason to try it) go to the [Rotary D5370 Belize Literacy Program Facebook group](#) and join in the discussions. We currently have 115 people following us on Facebook.



You don't have to be 22 to participate in Facebook and other social media. The fastest growing group using Facebook and Twitter are people over 55. They are discovering that these media tools allow them to keep in touch with friends and with the rest of the world.

[Learn more](#) about how Rotary International has embraced social networking to tell the world about what Rotary does.

Clubs are making a difference in Belize - Ancillary Projects..."adopt a school"



You and your Rotary District 5370 Club could play an important role in the Belize Literacy Program by creating or participating in an Ancillary Project. Ancillary projects may be described as "Rotarians working with Rotarians helping schools and communities in Belize." Ancillary projects involve Rotarians helping other Rotarians to build schools and playgrounds, to improve current schools, to provide teachers with books and equipment, and to meet other local needs. Clubs have opportunities to work directly with schools and communities. This work often includes hands-on work by District 5370 Rotarians and their families.

David Taylor, PDG from the Rotary Club of Camrose, and other members of our committee have worked very hard and successfully to develop ancillary projects. Click on Ancillary Projects on the belizeliteracy.com site and learn more about playground projects and school/community needs assessments.

District clubs including Glenora, Camrose and Edmonton West have become involved in ancillary projects, hands-on projects in which have involved numerous members and partners. These projects are continuing.

The website contains detailed lists of schools identified for adoption. Contact David Taylor (david@rtntaylor.com) for further information on how you and your club could create a project.

Visit www.belizeliteracy.com/ancillary for details or contact PDG David Taylor david@rtntaylor.com

Join us and get your Interact students involved!! Check out project just completed in Hopkins! Details on our [BLOG](#).

Playground Builds in Belize

Wendy Andrews of the Edmonton Glenora Rotary club reported in the blog in the Belize Literacy Program (belizeliteracy.com) website that she and the rest of the playground installation group have completed the playground at Hopkins.

Check out the Hopkins Playground site and photos - created by heydan Mills, Calmar Interact Club. [Hopkins Playground Build 2012](#)



Rotary Foundation Review in Belize

Dr. Bill Stumbaugh spent three days in Belize reviewing the Belize Literacy Program and its 3-H grant for Rotary International. Dr. Stumbaugh interviewed students, teachers, Rotarians and others who have been involved in this program and also toured several of the schools where our program has been active.



Jerome Martin joined Bill in Belize and served as a resource person for him while he was there. Jerome also met with members of our BLP committee in Belize to discuss applications for the letterment of the the

committee in Belize to discuss priorities for the latter part of the the program.

Club and Private Funding for Belize Literacy Program



District 5370 Rotary Clubs as well as private firms and individuals have provided much-needed funding for this program. These contributions are vital: they allow us to obtain matching grants from other funders and to cover costs which are not covered by other sources, such as travel costs for our teacher

facilitators who travel to Belize to present workshops.

Go to belizeliteracy.com/about to see a list of clubs, companies and friends who have contributed.

Thank you Spruce Grove Rotary - for your recent donation.

Centennial Interact Sponsors ABCs for Belize

Erin, from the Centennial Interact Club added an item to our blog describing her club's Belize project.

"Our biggest project is on an international scale: supporting and improving the education system in Belize. For the past 5+ years we have been sponsoring 2 schools in this country, Eden Primary and Ocean Academy, and have raised thousands of dollars to build classrooms, a computer lab, cover student tuition, purchase school supplies, and even more.

Twelve members of our club will be traveling to Belize during the Easter week, spending 9 days volunteering in these schools. This incredible opportunity will include delivering books and supplies, painting classrooms, running a sports camp and literacy day for the kids of Caye Caulker island (Ocean Academy), a mangrove restoration project, and hands-on outbuilding construction at Eden Primary.

To support these projects, we are holding our annual ABCs for Belize Banquet & Silent Auction fundraiser on April 13th at the Ramada Conference Centre (11834 Kingsway Ave). Tickets are \$50 each, with cocktails at 6pm and dinner and 6:30pm. In addition to a buffet the evening will include an extensive silent auction, presentations from our club members about our projects and trip to Belize, and live entertainment from some Ross Sheppard talent.

I have tickets on-hand right now and I would love if you would be able to to attend! This is a completely student-driven event and your support would mean a lot to everyone that is working hard to make it a success. We are also gratefully accepting silent auction donations, and I have attached copies of our silent auction letter and sponsorship package (please note that the non-monetary sponsorship has already been covered). If you know anyone that would be interested in making a contribution, please pass this on to them."

Call Erin at 780.218.9416 to reserve tickets.

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