



Third Quarter – July/ September 2013 Belize Association of Florida Newsletter 3

President's Message
Belize in You, Belize in Me, Land of the Free



BAF extend to you and your families' best wishes for a joyous 10th and 21st of September. Let us take this moment to remember our history, heritage and sense of purpose as we move forward with our many challenges at home and abroad. Encouraged by the love for our country and strong compassion for our fellow Belizeans let us stay united and continue to demonstrate that Belizeans are Here and we Care.

Margaret Usher-Harris, President BAF

Belize Independence

"Belize in You, Belize in Me, Land of the Free" is the theme for the 250th anniversary of the Battle of Saint George's Caye and the 32nd anniversary of Belize Independence. Belize formerly known as British Honduras was official renamed Belize in 1973. Independence was attained on September 21st 1981. Belize is located on the northern coast of Central America. Belize is bordered on the north by Mexico, on the south and west by Guatemala and to the east by the Caribbean Sea. Belize has a diverse society, with many cultures and languages. It is the only country in that area that was formerly a British Colony.



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We ready fu de Miami Carnival 2013



Tornado coming!!!! Put on yu dancing shoes, jump up, put up yu hand and wave yu Belizean Flag. All Belizeans and Supporters - Get ready fu ride yu donkey. The Miami Carnival has grown from a small festival to an international event. Activities are held from Friday to Sunday within the majority of the Caribbean communities. The Miami Carnival celebrates, unifies the history and brings together the richness and diversities of the Caribbean cultural traditions.

Miami is buzzing and preparing for months before the activities commence. The fun begins on Friday night with a festive jump up dance with DJ Special at The Italian American Civic League of Broward County. Here Belizeans meet, greet, wave their flag, jump up and reminisce about our beautiful Belize. On Saturday the big celebration will continue in an elegant atmosphere. Here Belizeans and supporters will attend the extravaganza with the Caribbean Dynamics Band, special guest artist Lova-Boy and DJ Special. On Sunday, Belizeans can attend the Carnival Parade that has more than 25 steel bands, live entertainment from Soca stars and DJ's. This is truly a fun filled weekend to remember.

Honoree

Raymond Gongora will receive the Meritorious Service Award at this year's Tribute to Belizean Patriots. The Ceremony is scheduled for September 12th, 2013 at the Bliss Center for the Performing Arts. Ray, this recognition is well deserved. Congratulation, for setting a record of high achievement and unusual competence, we are happy for you. Ray, continuously demonstrate exceptional community service, noteworthy public relations and distinctive character. Ray we are fortunate that you choose to inspire others to improve their quality of work.

Thank You



Belize national flower - Black Orchid

BAF Board members thank all those who are attending and supporting the many activities. A special **SHOUT OUT** to the following individuals:

- Alton Baldwin*
- Lorenzo Baldwin*
- Ivy Leslie-Blease*
- Everett Coburn*
- Glenda Guerrier*
- Althea Neal*
- Barbara Reneau*
- Rona Savery*
- Mark Staine*

Congratulations 2013 BAF Members



The Belize Association of Florida welcomes and encourages all supporters and organizations to become registered members of the association. Membership forms can be downloaded from the website, completed and submitted to BAF. Congratulations to our newest members

- Everett Coburn*
- Darlene Goodrich*
- Shirley Staine*

Congratulations 2013 BAF Corporate Member

The Gillette Law Firm, PA

- Board Members**
- President Margaret Usher-Harris*
 - Vice President Thelma Savery*
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 - Glenda Lewis Treasurer*
 - June Longworth..... Asst. Treasurer*
 - Sandra Long Board Member*
 - Glenda Savery Board Member*
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Upcoming Events

- Pre-Carnival Dance*– Oct. 11th, 2013
- Carnival Dance* - Oct. 12th, 2013
- Thank you Party* - Dec. 21st 2013

BAF in Action



- Editorial staff**
- Doris Sampson
 - Sandra Long
 - June Longworth
 - Web Site: <http://www.basfla.org>

Children’s Corner

How to Get Ready for School

Be clean – Keep nails filed and at a reasonable length. Put on clean, ironed clothes and clean shoes.

Take notes – This will keep you ahead and prepared

Use your backpack properly – Use a binder to keep all important papers organized.

Teachers are a part of the school – Say ‘Good Morning’ when you enter the classroom. Teachers are human beings treat him/her with respect. Do not encourage the class clown and goofballs; be a leader **NOT** a follower.

Stay on top of your projects and tests – Review your notes when you have an upcoming test and ask your teacher for assistance. Do not wait for the day before the project is due to complete the assignment.

(Murphy’s Law - "Anything that can go wrong will go wrong".)

Go to bed early so you can wake up early – Plan to arrive on time, punctuality is a good practice and will help you in adulthood – Good practice makes perfect.

Use your lunch to relax – Lunch is a time to socialize and relax. Eat a healthy lunch, choose fruits and vegetables. Remember you need energy to get through the rest of the day.

Flash News

All are invited to visit BAF new website at <http://www.basfla.org> to be informed about BAF mission and current events.