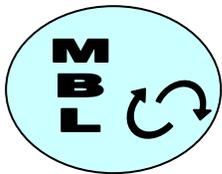


A New Name and Logo



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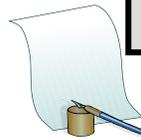
We are the Belize Association of South Florida. Our desire is to keep all Belizeans and supporters informed. The mission of the BAF is to actively impact the lives of Belizeans at home and abroad.

The name **MI-BEL-LINK** –pronounce My Bel-Link which means Miami and Belize linking and coming together to influence the lives of all Belizeans. We will build BAF reputation as a leading voice for members and supporters. BAF will encourage participation in all the activities. The outcome of our activities will promote and strengthen families and link Belizeans. **“Together We Stand”**

The logo of BAF is the cycle loop. The cycle loop is symbolical of our mission ‘to actively engage and to positively impact the lives of Belizeans at home and abroad’. The cycle loop represents converting information into knowledge by utilizing all Belizeans synergy and culture. We will accomplish this by our interaction (cycle loop) of ‘one single mind, one single goal’. We will come together supporting, caring, accepting and respecting our differences. The logo also depicts the creation of bonding and exquisiteness as we come together to achieve our mission **“Belizeans Are Here And We Care.”**

BAF will keep you informed with quarterly newsletter. All active members of BAF can submit announcements, news or views for the newsletters to our email address at www.basfla.com

President’s Message



I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Belizean members-at-large for placing their trust in me by selecting me as their President of the Belize Association of South Florida (BAF) for 2013 – 2014. I am truly honored and pledge to uphold our tradition of being a professional and ethical board. BAF is a philanthropic Not-for-Profit organization made of Belizean-Americans.

The primary mission of BAF is to actively engage in positively impacting the lives of those Belizeans living at home and abroad. This will be done through active fundraising activities throughout the year to enable the provision of overarching services and support to charitable bona-fide organizations in Belize. The mission of this newly elected board is that through all our efforts BAF will be successful in reaching large service areas of Belizeans. The board of directors 2013-2014 want to become more salient and viable thus bringing back to Belize, just a little of what Belize has given to all of us. In order for BAF to do this we have to come together with one single mind, one single goal, to pool our considerable energies and talents to raise funds because as our motto states ‘Belizeans are here and we Care!’

I am very eager to unite forces with each and everyone for of the betterment the BAF and the Belizean community-at large.

If you have any questions please contact BAF.

Margaret Usher-Harris

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Upcoming Events

Mark your Calendar

Pre Mother's Day Dance **May 4th**
Father's Day Picnic – **June 16th**

Thank You



BAF board members are positively working together to achieve our mission. We cannot accomplish this mission without the members and supporters of Belize. BAF Board members thank all those who attended and supported the picnic. The March 10th picnic was a huge success. 'We da fu ya'. A special **SHOUT OUT** to the following individuals

Dorothy Arnold
Debbie Atkins
Ronnie Balla Leslie
Mr. & Mrs. Dennis Bent
Octavia Everett
Marilyn Gabourel
Glenda Guerrier
Stephanie Hamilton
Andrea Haylock
Grace Lopez
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BAF in Action



Hon. Consul General of Belize in Florida



We applaud the efforts of the Belize Association of Florida led by the new President, Ms.

Margaret Usher Harris and her Board of Directors in hosting a very successful 9th of March picnic. They had an enormous turnout of people who came to enjoy great food, music and good company.

Mrs. Janine Sylvestre Vega
Hon. Consul General of Belize in Florida,
Trade Representative of Belize in Florida

Snip and Clip from Belize



Information on Land Tax Partial Remission of Arrears

The general public is hereby notified that the **LANDS AND SURVEYS DEPARTMENT** is currently implementing a partial remission of land tax arrears programme, also referred to as "LAND TAX AMNESTY PROGRAMME" designed to afford land owners the opportunity to settle their outstanding land tax and speculation tax arrears over a six month period. The programme provides for conditions. Reference website

<http://www.belizemission.com/notice-land-tax-partial-remission-of-arrears>

Children's Corner

FCAT – The Florida Comprehensive



Assessment Test is a standard reference assessment. The FCAT overall plan is to

increase student achievement. As a parent you can help your child by following these helpful hints:

- Stay informed
- Discuss any test review materials that might be sent home with your child.
- Stress the importance of being at school every day and on time
- Make sure your child gets a good night sleep before the test
- Make sure that your child has a nutritious breakfast on test days.
- Free breakfast are served at school every morning - MDCPS
- Limit television
- Let your child know the importance of Math, Reading, Writing and Science
- Realize that your child may seem more tired than usual after each day of testing
- Express your support and your confidence that your child will do well on FCAT.
- Help your child understand that testing is a part of the instructional process and is not something to fear.
- Encourage your child to do their best

If your child is found with an electronic device that reproduces, transmit, calculates, or records (e.g., a cell phone, camera, or pager) in his or her pocket, at his or her desk, or within his or her reach during testing, **the test will be invalidated.**

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