

**"Belizeans Are Here And We Care!"**



Belize Association of Florida (BAF) is a Not-for Profit Corporation. The primary purpose of the association is to promote the economic, social, cultural and

educational advancement of Belize and Belizeans at home and abroad.

Membership is open to all Belizeans and non-Belizeans in the United States of America, who are interested in the advancement and purpose of the association. Corporate membership in the association shall be open to all corporations operating within the State of Florida which supports the purposes and the objectives of the Association.

One of BAF goal for the year 2014 is to increase paid membership to the association. This will enhance growth and awareness of the planned events. At the same time assist with the management, tradition and purpose of the association to serve the Belizean community at home and abroad.

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*We are very humbled by the strong show of support and suggestions from the Belizean community. As we move forward into 2014, the board members will*



*continue to focus on bringing the Belizean culture to its members and supporters through food, music and the many festive activities. We will*

*continue to provide the best possible fundraising and social activities to serve needed organizations at home and abroad. We aim at increasing our donations to support education, homelessness and the cancer society who are developing programs that assist the community to enhance an easier way of life. Thank you for your continued support. We look forward to strengthening and building our relationship in the coming year. Please know that you can always contact us with any questions, ideas, or concerns. Please visit our website at [www.basfla.org](http://www.basfla.org)*

*Margaret Usher-Harris, President BAF*

**January 19th**

**2014 Events Calendar**

- General Meeting
- February 15<sup>th</sup>** Valentines' Day Dance
- March 9<sup>th</sup>** Baron Bliss Picnic
- April 6<sup>th</sup>** Tea Party
- May 10<sup>th</sup>** Mothers' Day Dance
- June 1<sup>st</sup>** Picnic proceeds to help mission to Belize
- July** TBA
- August** TBA
- September 20<sup>th</sup>** Independence Dance
- October 10<sup>th</sup>** Pre-Carnival Dance
- October 11<sup>th</sup>** Carnival Dance
- November 15<sup>th</sup>** Carifuna Dance
- December 20<sup>th</sup>** Thank You Dance

## Thank You



Thank you to our donors and supporters who are helping us to

achieve the purposes and the objectives of the association. We hope you all had a great year and enjoyed the activities, food and conversations. Again, thank you we hope to see you at our next events. **Happy New Year May the Blessings of Joy, Peace, Health and Prosperity come your way in 2014.** A special **SHOUT OUT** to the following paid BAF Members for 2013.

*Araceli Acosta*  
*Augusto Acosta*  
*Ilna Acosta*  
*Rupert Anderson*  
*Dennis Bent*  
*Elaine Bent*  
*Ivy Leslie-Blease*  
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*Rosa Savery*  
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*Mable Savery*  
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*Michael Devin Young*  
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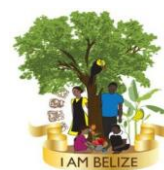


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## Belize Folklore



Anansi stories originally came to Belize by slaves brought from Africa. The phrase 'Anansi story' is used in

Belize today to refer to any sort of folk tale. In the days of slavery Anansi stories were told as a comfort to the slaves. They saw themselves like the powerless but clever Anansi, and hoped for times when they would have victory like Anansi over Tiger, who represented the slave-master.

## Board Members

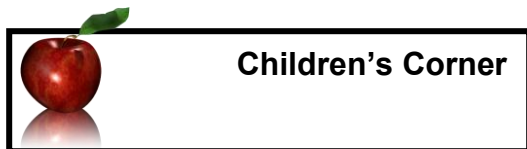
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**Back to the Future - 2013**  
*It was the Season to be Jolly*



- 2013 Activities**
- General Meeting
  - Board Meetings
  - Pre Mother's Day Dance
  - Father's Day Picnic
  - BAF Bash at Shady Rest
  - Lobster Fest
  - Pre- Carnival Dance
  - Carnival Dance
  - Independent Dance
  - Thank you Party



## Children's Corner

**Students who use study methods and strategies score higher on their exams.**

- Review Materials when it is still fresh in your memory- Do not review all the material the night before the test or quiz.
- Break it up – When there is a lot to study, it can help to break things into chunks.
- Pay Attention in Class – Good Studying starts in the class room.
- Take Good Notes – Write down the facts – keep your notes, quizzes, and papers organized by subjects.
- Ask for help if you get stuck – Try to understand the material, ask the teacher for help when you are confused about something.
- If you choose to study in a group, only study with others who are serious about the test.

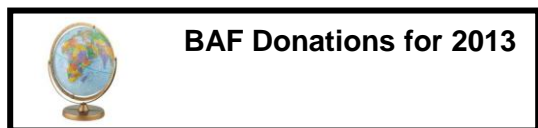
## Mission to Belize



**Friends Reaching Friends**, an outreach organization will go to Belize for one week in 2014. Rev. Anthony Holder from Holy

Sacrament Episcopal Church presented this information to BAF board members about the missionary work to serve and help the Belizean community. The organization visited Belize to ascertain the areas of need. They determined that the areas for assistance will include the Dorothy Menzies Children Home, health care for the homeless and construction to the Queen Square Anglican School.

To make this mission a success many donations are necessary, this include but not limited to monetary, bed linens, shoes, writing materials, coloring supplies, books, toys, games etc. Rev. Anthony Holder is asking the Belizean community to pray for the success of the mission, spread the message of the ministry to serve the needs of the Belizean people particularly children, assist financially and to support the fund raiser dance on **Saturday February 8<sup>th</sup> 2014**.



## BAF Donations for 2013

### BAF Scholarship

The Belize Association of Florida (BAF) Scholarship will award students with a four year scholarship. The student will attend a four year Belize high school of their choice. The scholarship donation will be in the amount of *US \$3,000.00*.

### Toys and Clothing

BAF donated *US \$300.00* towards the annual Christmas party that supported less privileged children - This program was directed by the Governor General of Belize His Excellence, Sir Colville N. Young

### Less Privileged Children

This contribution from BAF in the amount of *US \$400.00* assisted the well-being of children in Belize. BAF came to know about these programs through *Ms. Barbara Reneau* - Star Brite Preschool in Ladyville, Peer Helping Body in Belize City, The Belize Red Cross Society in Belize City, Unidad Nacional De Oncologia Pediatrica in Guatemala.

### Needed Families

This contribution from BAF in the amount of *US \$300.00* helped with toys and food hamper for the well-being of the Belizean community in Cayo.

### American Cancer Society

This contribution from BAF in the amount of \$500.00 served as a donation towards research to pursue the answers that will help us understand how to prevent all cancer types.

### Mental Health / Homelessness

This contribution from BAF in the amount of *US \$250.00* helped with the Christmas party at the Belize Resource Centre, this information was presented to BAF by *Mr. Wilburn Defour*

### Gift card for seniors

This contribution from BAF in the amount of \$250.00 assisted with the gift cards for the seniors and supporters who attended the December 21<sup>st</sup> Thank you Party.

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