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 **THAT THEY MAY WALK** 

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THE DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S CORNER

The Centennial Year of Rotary is now underway and we have much to celebrate! The most humanitarian District project to which we have ever committed ourselves historically has been the Belize Crippled Children's Program. This never-ending act of love has assisted more than 200 kids from Belize during their surgical preparation and recovery in St. Louis. These kids can literally walk again and lead a normal life uninhibited by the crippling shackles of their once-debilitating defects.

There is more than cause for celebrating. Each of us who has supported this wonderful program through monetary donations or home stay assistance can be very proud and comforted by the results. Think of what great joy we can bring to another 200 or more children by sustaining our dedicated efforts to this exceptionally worthy cause. Let us rededicate ourselves and share the commitment to keep this program visible, viable, and victorious for another 100 years! I only wish we could beat these crippling defects, but we must know that there will always be a list of kids that need our help

and we simply must renew our pledge as often as it takes to keep us centered on this program.

Open your hearts and homes to these youngsters who ask only for your care and love while they courageously travel thousands of miles without their parents to undertake corrective surgery to start a new life. Without our help these children would be left unattended because their parents cannot possibly accompany them due to the costs involved. This is that one action you can take in your life to do something so good for a child and your rewards will certainly be in heaven!

Jack Langowski
District Governor, 2004-2005

PROGRAMS

Hal Harsin presented a program on the Belize Project to the Rotary Club of St. Clair West on June 23. He is scheduled to present the program to the Olney Rotary Club on Monday, July 26.

Hal is available for future dates so take advantage of this opportunity. Call him at 476-9967.

SPOT LIGHT



JOSEPH SEAN MICHAEL HINDS

A host family is needed for Joseph Sean Michael Hinds pictured above with his mother. Joseph has some very special needs. He suffers with Orthograposis which is a joint disabling disease. The disease affects most of the joints of the body. His initial need is for Double Club Foot

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surgery. Joseph was born November 22, 2000. Since Joseph comes from a large family his host family should preferably be a large one so he would be able to interact with other children and be one that will be willing and able to help him with future surgical needs. Joseph will be the second case of Orthograeposis that the Belize Committee is managing; the first was Nixon Sosa hosted by the Hulliung family in Mascoutah with the help and support of the Mascoutah Rotary Club.



DG Tom Micetich on the left in an awards ceremony at the banquet. Others from the left are: Timm Lashley standing behind Antonio Perez, Patrick Brennan holding Rosana Perez, and Chris Lashley behind Stephanie Missark.

**DISTRICT 6510
2004 CONFERENCE**

Three of the Belize Children were brought to the banquet of the Annual District 6510 Conference on May 2. Those children in attendance were Stephanie Missark hosted by Dee and Sue Boswell of Centralia, Rosana Perez hosted by Rena Murphy of Swansea, and Antonio Perez who was hosted by the Kukielski family of Troy. They are pictured at the right.



Deputy Governor for Operations, Dick Erdmann presiding over the Belize projects awards ceremony.

HELP WANTED

The editor of this newsletter would like to receive stories and/or pictures portraying the worth of this project. He would like to include material telling how the lives of these children have been changed through the services of the Belize Children's Program. In particular, please send "before and after" photographs. All photographs and written material will be returned.

STATUS REPORT

Children currently in the United States

<u>Need</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>D.O.B</u>	<u>Host Family</u>
Dwarfism	Antonio Perez	10/09/93	Mark Kukielski Family, Troy, 667-4622
Wrist growth plate	Ruby Cocom	4/30/93	Dean Neuner Family, Belleville, 539-5808
Leg Osteotomy	Angela Augustine	08/22/89	Lashley Family, Belleville, 397-0439
Club Foot	Kevin Jones	08/19/99	Bockhorn Family, Belleville, 965-9750
Right knee	Tifanne Heusner	03/15/90	Bischan Family, Belleville, 394-7702
Leg Shortening	Itzell Patt	07/19/91	Lashley Family, Belleville, 397-0439

Cases Pending

<u>Need</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>D.O.B.</u>	<u>Host Family</u>
Orthograeposis	Joseph Hinds	11/22/00	Needed
Hip Malformation	Ken Myers	03/08/88	Harsin Family, Millstadt, 476-9967
Torn Meniscus	Juan Carlos Gonzalez	01/14/87	Needed
Knee Injury	Clement Bol	03/27/91	Needed



Ken Myers is scheduled to enter the clinic on October 27. He will be third child hosted by Hal and Marlene Harsin in the past year.



On the left is the mother of Ken Myers; next, a not so flattering picture of one of the hardest workers of the Belize Children's committee, Charlene Brennan, as she photographed Ken Myers during a recent trip to Belize.