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- 01 **SOCIAL INVESTMENT**
- 02 **COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT**
- 03 **LEADERSHIP VALUES**

**SCOUTING**  
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## Cleaning of Scout Lot

October 26, 2018



On October 26, 2018 the Scout lot located on Regent Street immediately behind the Hilda Rosado Girl Guides Hut was cleaned with the assistance of inmates of the Kolbe Foundation.

Left to right - Francis Woods, member of the building committee and Dr. Rene Villanueva inspecting the Scout lot before cleaning



Cleaned Scout lot after a day of hard work by inmates of the Kolbe Foundation

This parcel of land was granted to The Scout Association of Belize as a grant in 1981 and since then it has been cleaned as frequently as possible but now with the Belize Scout Foundation taking on the challenge of building a home for the Scouts of Belize, it is foreseen that this is the last time the lot will be cleaned in this manner as plans are to fill the land and prepare it for the construction of the Scout building.

Thank you Kolbe Foundation and inmates for the great job done in cleaning the land for the Scouts. It is now ready for filling.



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## Courtesy visit of Executive Committee of The Scout Association

October 24, 2018

The Executive Committee of The Scout Association of Belize paid a courtesy visit to the Chairman of The Belize Scout Foundation Dr. Rene Villanueva



**From left to right: Jennifer Larrieu - Director of Operations, Aliza Vasquez - Director of Support Services, Armando Aban - President of The Scout Association, Rene Villanueva - Chairman Scout Foundation, Hilberto B. Riverol - Executive Director, Scout Foundation, Nephtali Palma - Field Executive and Roberto Lopez - Director of Education**

At the start of the meeting Mr. Aban explained that the purpose of the courtesy visit was to introduce his new directive which is a mandate from the National Scout Committee.

He continued by saying that he was happy to report that all vacant posts at the National level have been filled and that the Regional Office has been informed. He also said that the Association recently completed their Belize Leadership Training Course.

He went on to say that the National Scout Committee has taken the following decisions:

- Establish contact with all Sustaining Members
- In view that Scout membership is down, launch a campaign to increase membership through consolidation
- First Groups to be targeted are 1st Belize Holy Redeemer and 1st Corozal
- Orange Walk and the south need to be targeted since Scouts are non-existent
- Camp Oakley needs refurbishment due to damage caused by Hurricane Earl
- Camp Oakley lacks proper water supply
- Mr. Mario Puck has agreed to be Camp Oakley Coordinator

He then said that basic infrastructure at Camp Oakley need repairs to the tune of \$26,000.00 for the following:

- Repairs to the solar system \$10,000.00
- Repairs to the water system \$10,000.00
- Repairs to cabañas and other buildings \$6,000.00

This would bring Camp Oakley to where it could be rented as an income generation project

Other issues brought up are as follows:

- That the Regional office will be conducting an assessment of the Association
- That they are requesting representation on the Foundation with a vote
- That Mr. Mario Puck and Mr. Eric Neal will represent the Association on the joint Scout building committee

Dr. Villanueva for his part informed Mr. Aban that the Foundation is there to support The Scout Association which it has been doing since the Foundation was established. He also said that, being aware of the difficult time the Association has had in not having its own headquarters building, the Foundation is committed to constructing a building for the Scouts. In addition, the cleaning of the Scout lot will be done within the next few days and the Foundation will continue to support the Association with funding for specific projects that meet the Foundation's requirements.

**He closed off by thanking the members of the Executive Committee for the courtesy visit.**





## First Phase of Land-Filling

November 16, 2018

November 16, 2018 will be a landmark date for the construction of the Sir Colville N. Young Building as it was the day that the first load of fill was delivered to the Scout lot. This first phase of the project was aimed at preparing the driveway so that clay fill material could be dropped off at the back of the land to facilitate the spreading of the fill. This was followed by many more loads of fill donated by Cisco Construction Ltd.



Cisco machinery and personnel spreading first loads of fill on Scout lot



Not only did Cisco Construction Ltd. donate the fill but also the machinery to spread the fill on the lot

We at the Belize Scout Foundation are thankful and appreciative of the contribution of over \$10,000.00 by Cisco Construction. Thank you, Mr. Francis Woods, for your generosity.

## Clay Filling of Scout Lot

December 11, 2018

The first trucks of clay fill started rolling on the Scout lot on Albert Street, Belize City.

It took fifty loads of fill to get the lot to the point where construction can begin. This was made possible through the generosity of many individuals whose interest is to see our young people develop into responsible, contributing citizens in our society. A hearty thanks to all the Directors of the Foundation that contributed financially towards this phase of the project, including Belize Ship Handlers and Mr. Francis Woods for donating machinery and personnel.



Dump trucks delivering clay fill to the Scout lot



While the clay was being delivered, it was spread through the kind assistance of Cisco Construction Ltd.



Filled lot





## Association receives grant of \$6,000

December 21, 2018



The Belize Scout Endowment Foundation handed over a check of \$6,000.00 to The Scout Association to support their ongoing programs and needs.

\$1,500.00 went towards the repairs of the windmill that pumps water to overhead water tanks that then gravity feed the entire camp with water.

\$1,168.44 was used to buy a heavy duty weed cutter to maintain and keep the camping sites clean and safe.

\$515.50 was used to insure and license the Scout vehicle.



\$1,661.51 went towards subsidizing the Christmas Scouts Color Festival Mini Camp held at Camp Oakley.

The balance of \$1,154.55 was used for other needs like radio license, severance payables, fuel for vehicle and repairs to building.

The Foundation is pleased it was able to assist the Association with this grant to enable them to function effectively.

## Scout Foundation Breaks Ground for Scout Headquarters Building

February 25, 2019

The Belize Scout Foundation held groundbreaking ceremonies for the "Sir Colville N. Young Building", home of Scouting in Belize. The ceremony took place on February 25, 2019 at the Scout lot on Albert Street behind the Girl Guides Hut.



Guests started arriving between 1:30 to 1:50 p.m. and were greeted by a guard of honor mounted by Scouts from the Belize, Corozal and Toledo districts.

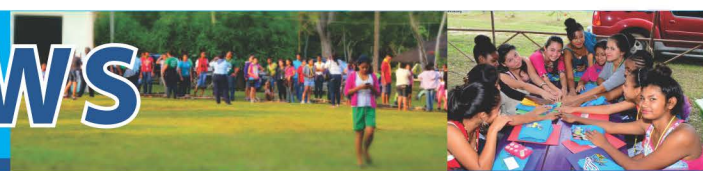
The ceremony started at 2:00 p.m. sharp with the arrival of His Excellency Sir Colville N. Young, Governor-General and Patron of the Belize Scout Foundation



The Belize National Anthem was sung by everyone, followed by the playing of the National Anthem of the Republic of China (Taiwan). Immediately following was the Scout prayer by Venture Scout Felina Luk and the welcome address delivered by the President of The Scout Association, Mr. Armando Aban.

Chief Scout Major Eric Neal then gave an overview of Scouting in Belize. He narrated his experience growing up on the south side of Belize City and the challenges associated with gangs in his neighborhood and how Scouting helped in molding him into the person he is now.





## Scout Foundation breaks ground...

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Dr. Rene Villanueva, Chairman of The Belize Scout Foundation, delivered an address in which he spoke about the work of the Foundation and its financial support to The Scout Association. He also focused on the challenge accepted by the Foundation to build the "Sir Colville N. Young Building", the home of Scouting in Belize, the need for the building and support needed from the business community to be able to construct the building.

An address was also delivered by His Excellency Mr. Remus Li-Kuo Chen, Ambassador of the Republic of China (Taiwan) who at the same time made a most timely and generous presentation of a check for a total of \$200,000.00 to His Excellency Sir Colville Young towards the construction of the building. In receiving the hefty donation, Sir Colville thanked Ambassador Li-Kuo Chen on behalf of the Foundation and the Scouts of Belize.

The Keynote address was delivered by His Excellency Sir Colville N. Young who thanked the Government of China (Taiwan) for their generous contribution to the building and then he related one of his famous stories.

The unveiling of the cornerstone and groundbreaking followed. His Excellency Sir Colville Young, His Excellency Mr. Remus Li-Kuo Chen, Dr. Rene Villanueva, Chairman Emeritus Mr. Julian Castillo and Mr. Armando Aban took part in this symbolic act.

The vote of thanks was delivered by Venture Scout Adrian Pott who thanked everyone present and those that assisted in some manner in bringing this project on its foot. Refreshments were then served.

The Master of ceremonies was Mr. Armin Arana.

A special thanks to LOVE FM for broadcasting live the entire ceremony. Also to Special Events Rentals for providing the canopies, chairs, tables and drinking glasses for the event.



The blessing of the grounds was conducted by Reverend Amelio Chi from Our Lady of the Way Church in Ladyville







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Governor-General of Belize

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THIS EASTER HOLIDAYS.**



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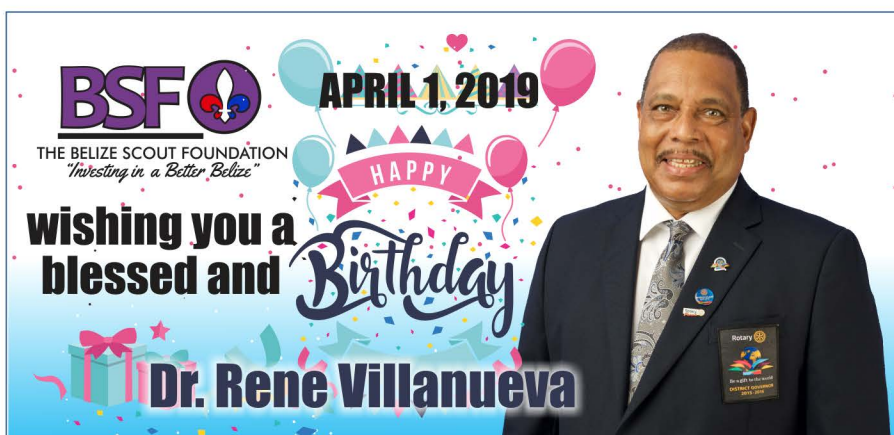
It is a separate incorporated body from **The Scout Association of Belize** whose purpose is to raise, invest and administer funds for use in any special Scouting purpose or project anywhere in Belize, which is not within the field of normal day-to-day operations.

## IT IS TIME TO MAKE A CONTRIBUTION

YES, I would be delighted to join the Scout Foundation & help ensure the growth of the Scout Movement in Belize  
(A receipt for income tax purposes will be issued)

### Commitment Level:

- ESTATE **\$100,000**
- CORPORATE **\$50,000**
- DIRECTOR **\$25,000**
- FELLOW **\$10,000**
- PARTICIPANT **\$5,000**
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