



## ***Welcome to the July Monthly Newsletter!***

Welcome to July newsletter! You will be intrigued to learn in this edition of all the exciting things happening in our Jewel such as the amazing Belizean beach volleyball athletes who did us proud and returned home with trophies or learn of some extraordinary Belizeans living in the US such as Mr. Rhodel Castillo, owner of Garifuna Flava Restaurant who won top “Big Wow” award in Taste of Chicago becoming our “Belizean Star of the Month”. Also read about the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Grand Caribe Deep Sea Classic Fishing Tournament which took place in San Pedro. Last, but not least, “What’s Trending,” is that Costa Maya Delegates had a great time in La Isla Bonita visiting iconic restaurants and gift shops. Similarly, we are happy to share with you Ambassador Gutierrez’s interview by FOX 5.

Check out our recipe of the month, which features a staple dish in the Garifuna culture, using green bananas, black pepper, fish and much more. Check out the section *Upcoming Events* to find out more about “Belize Day Flag Party”, “Belizean Cultural Explosion” and many more Belizean celebrations happening in the month of August.

For those of you who have not had the opportunity to visit the Consulate's office nor are familiar with the services that we offer, you may visit our website at [www.belizeconsulatefla.com](http://www.belizeconsulatefla.com) or follow us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [Instagram](#) to receive updates about Belize, the Consulate and upcoming events.

We continue to update our database, and as a result, the Consulate of Belize in Florida continues to conduct phone calls to its constituents to confirm each's contact information. We appreciate your cooperation and support in sharing your contact information, so that you and your family can continue to be informed about services offered by the Consulate as well as get updates on Belize.

If you are aware of a Belizean residing in the United States who is making a positive impact on the lives of others while contributing to their native country, please submit their story to us so that we may feature them in our newsletter. Perhaps the Star of the Month for August could even be you!