



Welcome to the May Monthly Newsletter!

The month of May has come and gone in a flash and the people voted Yes in the *ICJ Referendum* on May 8th to take the Belize-Guatemala territorial dispute to the International Court of Justice. Many are wondering, "What happens next?" To find out more, read below in the *ICJ- Be Informed*.

In this May newsletter, there's a lot of exciting news! Belize has come out with its first animated film, Belizeans observed International Day of Families, the annual Chocolate Festival took place in Punta Gorda, and Belizean-American, Tatyana Y. Talamas, received her Doctorate of Philosophy in Politics in "Student of the month"! Last, but not least, "What's Trending," is that the Government of Belize has been extremely pro-active in the fight against cancer by raising awareness. We are happy to share with you Ambassador Gutierrez's monthly message!

Check out our recipe of the month, which features a delicious sweet bun, called *Coconut Powder Buns*, using coconut flakes and exotic spices. This bread is perfect with a morning cup of coffee or at tea time. If you are wondering what to do for Father's Day, check out the section *Upcoming Events* to find out more about a special Mission Trip to Belize, the 2019 Children's Essay Competition and much more. To all Belizean mothers, Happy Belated Mother's Day!

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 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 June could even be you!