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# Flotsam and Jetsam

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**T**he Island Government recently issued a letter in support of the in-the-water expansion and jetty at Karel's Beach Bar Pier as a contribution to economic and tourism value of Bonaire. The expansion is bitterly opposed by the Marine Park and local conservationist groups. It wrote, "... construction of the jetty is another important step for the development of tourism in Bonaire. It is for both local and central government an important trade-off between economic and environmental interests. The extension of the pier is related to the construction of Seaview Hotel ... (while) protection of the Marine Park remains central in the context of good governance, however, the development of tourism in Bonaire should also be considered."

► **Bonaire's sewage treatment system will soon begin trials of the treatment plant out on the Lagoen road.** It will begin using the sewage water that had already been treated by the small wastewater treatment plant that began operation in mid-2011. In recent weeks several elements of the sewage treatment plant and sewage pumping stations have already been successfully tested. If the test run with clean water is successful, trial operation with wastewater will begin this month.

To protect the fringing reef, wastewater from the coastal zone from Hato along Playa and Playa Pabou Pariba to the vicinity of the airport and of Belnem to Point Verkant is being treated. There are more than 1,000 connections in the system, about 990 households and 75 businesses. At this time, about one-third of the connections are complete.

► **The Central Bureau of Statistics (CBS) published the book, "The Caribbean Netherlands in Figures 2012," in late October.** The publication includes several themes such as demography, prices, energy, water and labor.

It lists the **minimum wages** for the BES islands that were established in December 2012. **Workers aged 21 and older in 2013 on Bonaire earn minimum \$ 4.55 (€3.37)**

per hour, on St. Eustatius \$ 4.89 (€3.63) per hour and Saba \$ 4.61 (€3.42) per hour. Adjustments, if any, for 2014 have not been announced.

In 2014 European Netherlands workers aged 21 will have a minimum €6.21 per hour wage. Employees aged 23 and older get a minimum €8.57 per hour. Compared to the minimum hourly wages on the BES islands, **European Dutch (23 years and older) receive more than twice as much.** by *Belkis Osepa*

► **A special committee will review operations at the three large piers of Bonaire, at Bopec, Cargill Salt at Saliña and in the harbor of Kralendijk, to see if they meet the International Ship and Port Security (ISPS) code.**

The ISPS code is an amendment to the Safety of Lives at Sea (SOLAS) and regards protecting ships and ports against terrorist attacks. The moorings of Bonaire were recently inspected by the American Coast Guard.

These inspections are related to the aftermath of the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001. The code was introduced after that and demands that all harbors receiving ships from the US guarantee the safety of such.



► **On 11th of October 2013 a new foundation was started by a group of top Bonairean windsurfers and two family members.** Tonky Frans, Choko Frans, Taty Frans, Kiri Thode and his mother Edelda "Della" Thode, grandfather Florenzio "Bubui" Thode established The Children of the Wind Foundation. It is a foundation to generate funds so Bonairean windsurfers can travel to the upcoming events and so on. They will try to make this happen by organizing positive activities among the young ones and related activities for the elders. Checkout the Children of the Wind Foundation on Facebook.

► **WILLEMSTAD—Curaçao airline Insel Air will be flying to Venezuela with smaller aircraft.** The five daily flights with MD-83 jets will be discontinued, said director Edward Heer-even. "This is due to the Venezuelan foreign exchange controller, Cadivi, holding on to our receipts from ticket sales there. We haven't received any payment for 10 months and now have to take measures."

► **Bonaire will get a Boeing 787 Dreamliner jet flight in 2014,** says Arkefly's (to be renamed just Arke), parent company, TUI Netherlands.

Starting July 2014 it will use the new plane for flights to Aruba, Bonaire and Curaçao. Details about the upcoming changes in planes, capacity and the summer schedule will be released later on by TUI Netherlands.

The Dreamliner is to replace the current Boeing 767-300 that flies three times a week to Bonaire.

► **King Willem-Alexander and Queen Máxima kicked off the Youngsters on Healthy Weight program** in Bonaire at Wilhelmina Park during their visit to the islands last weekend.

The Youngsters on Healthy Weight (*Jongeren Op Gezond Gewicht*- JOGG) is a Dutch initiative in which 32 municipalities in the Netherlands are participating. On Bonaire the program will be coordinated by Bon Bida Gym/Bon Fysio.

On Monday, November 18, a covenant of cooperation between JOGG Netherlands, the Bonaire island Government (OLB) will be signed by representatives of JOGG Netherlands and Bonaire Commissioner of Health Serfilia. In Papiamentu the slogan of the campaign is "*Hoben Sa Bo Peso Adekuá*" or "Youngsters Know Your Weight."

A 2008 study showed that in Bonaire **32% of girls and 24.4% of the boys between the ages of four and 16 are obese.**

► **On Sunday, November 10, around 13:15 pm,** the emergency room of the police received a telephone report of a **problem from divers who had been diving near Willemstoren.** The divers group of about 30 people was there to dive but experienced strong currents. The dive was terminated immediately. A fishing boat that happened to be in the neighborhood put some of the divers ashore. **However, tragically one person was missing, Fabian Hernandez, 26 years old.** He was wearing a fluorescent yellow wetsuit. The police, including several dive shops, Customs, Stinapa, Coast Guard aircraft and the Harbor Master were informed and asked to help with the search for the missing diver. On Monday, November 11, police conducted an interview with the group of divers in connection with the inves-

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tigation. As of press time the man had not been found.



► Thanks to the "Breakfast in School" program (which started in 2004), each school day 350 children receive a healthy breakfast. This successful program is possible thanks to the support from individuals and businesses.

To help sustain this project Roan Jaspers and Frederick Vloerberghs will make an attempt to paddle from Bonaire to Klein Curaçao sometime during the first week of December. The distance to be covered is 42km. (26 miles). The crossing will be done on stand up paddle boards. For more information and to enter the contest: info@supbonaire.com

► Fundashon Kuido pa Bista i Oido (Sight and hearing Foundation) is selling tickets for a fundraising Thanksgiving Dinner to be held on November 28 at Eddy's Gourmandises Restaurant at Sand Dollar. FKBO is one of the most deserving

assistance foundations on Bonaire and staffed by dedicated volunteers. They have accomplished much on a shoestring budget. So help them out and enjoy a great dinner at Eddy's The cost is \$60 per person and will go a long way towards supporting FKBO's 2014 activities. We've got our tickets already. Get yours now. Contact : Roxanne.Timp at 715-5552 or E-mail: roxanne.timp@mcbbonaire.com.

► Support Bonaire, Inc., the organization that formalized and simplified American IRS tax-free donations to Bonaire charities, is shutting down. SBI, spearheaded by Jake Richter (deceased), will stop accepting donations on November 30, 2013. Remaining funds will be disbursed to charitable projects on Bonaire by the end of December 2013.

Since its founding as a US501(c)3 charity in June 2001, SBI has been accepting US tax deductible donations from US citizens for various charitable projects on Bonaire. After many discussions, the Board decided to shut down due to steadily increasing operating costs and the time required by the all-volunteer Board members to maintain SBI as well as no desire to use donations for its operating expenses.

The NGOs of Bonaire still need the support of donors. In light of this need, SBI plans to leave a web page up at [www.SupportBonaire.org](http://www.SupportBonaire.org) with the contact information for NGOs and their projects.

► FORMA, the training center for adult education, recently presented another certificate of Basic Training to a detainee in Bonaire's Judicial Institute Caribbean Netherlands (JICN). It is the second time detainees at the local prison completed this course successfully. FORMA and JICN

have an agreement to provide some basic training in prison. A teacher makes sure that the detainees are offered an educational program on a daily basis, thus preparing them for further study or a job on the labor market after having served their sentence.

► Arguably, the best-built car brand that is affordable for persons of average means is a Honda. And one of the best Hondas for Bonaire with its often rough roads, is its mini SUV, the CRV. And one now on display and available at Autocity! See their ad on page 6.

► Thanksgiving is an American tradition.... And Thanksgiving Dinners at Rum Runners are legendary. Go for their All You Can Eat Buffet (at the same price as last year) on Thanksgiving day, November 28. For more info and the menu see page 10.

► A new exercise/yoga schedule is in effect at Bon Bida Spa and Gym. If you want to improve your health or lose weight join up now. There are 9 different classes to choose from including Spinning, Weight Pump, Yoga, Zumba, Pilates, TRX, Cross-Fit, Abs, etc... Schedule is on page 15.

► Following the wet weather mosquitoes are breeding in growing numbers, and several cases of dengue fever have already been reported. Keep the area around your home free of clean standing water where the mosquitoes breed to reduce your risk.

► To help make our underprivileged Bonairean kids happy during the month of December a group of friends came up with an idea. Together with "FESBO" this or-

ganization works daily and mostly with less fortunate kids. As they have in past years they are organizing a St. Nicholas Feast on December 1<sup>st</sup> for 200 kids between 4-8 years and a Fun Fair on December 14<sup>th</sup> for 100 kids between 9-12 years. A donation of just \$15 will provide a gift for a child. For more information on how to help, email [drijna@ennia.com](mailto:drijna@ennia.com), or call any time -Dalitza Victorina -786-6378, Alda Dirksz-785-6378 or Ilva Sint Jago—786-5451.

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# A Place For All Donkeys On Modern Bonaire?



Four of the Sanctuary lady donkeys



New arrivals with ear tags

I wrote the following story about 10 years ago. Alas, it's still appropriate as at least once a week a donkey is killed by a car... which is one too many every week.

Bonaire has changed in many ways and there are way more cars, way more people who are so much more in a hurry than ever before and also... the donkey population has grown over the years due to some rather good rainy seasons.

Now, if I may say so, I find the island is way more beautiful and interesting with the donkeys than without. Of course I know many people see it differently. But it breaks my heart when I see the foals along side the roads, so innocent and vulnerable in such a dangerous place, and they do get killed, just like the poor moms and the wild young stallions. And if that's the price we have to pay to have the donkey's roam free - it might be getting too much. Too much hurt...

However, luckily, very seldom a person gets badly hurt and also, many times a donkey is blamed while the driver says he or she never saw one. He or she just drank too much or drove too fast and what's easier than to put the blame on a "stupid" donkey.

So everybody has their own opinion and point of view and all through the years it has been Marina who took care of the sick, the wounded, the unwanted and the dying.

Finally the time has come that "a solution" has been found for the "donkey problem". It's not ideal, it's not according to everybody's different views and wishes, it's not the best, but apparently it's the best we could do:

From November 4th, Marina and her crew from the Donkey Sanctuary started catching the donkeys with the help of the people of Bonaire. "We pay the people \$20 per donkey, but the donkeys need to be unharmed - no scratches, no wounds. Aimed Ayubi announces it three times per day on Radio Digital. We're asking the people to let the donkeys into their yards. Mamas and babies have to stay together and the people have to provide them with food and water until we come to collect them.

We started in Tera Kora and Nikiboko, then we 'did' Antriol and Amboina. From Monday the 18<sup>th</sup> we will be picking up donkeys from North di Salina, Republiek and Hato. From the 24<sup>th</sup> of November we will be in Rincon and then it's back again to Tera Kora and Nikiboko. This a four-week schedule which we will repeat until we're done.

Jan Laarakker, the vet, is castrating the stallions. All the males that are in good shape and healthy are castrated. Then they get a fluorescent ear tag, which we got from Botswana, South Africa, where all the donkeys are tagged this way. Then the castrated males are registered and set free in a very remote area.

Mrs. Odet van der Doest, a veterinarian from Curacao, supervises the project for the government. We've got one year to solve the "donkey problem" on Bonaire and we're going for it!" ■Greta Kooistra

## Today a Friend Of Mine Died



Above: Tiburcio visits on the porch. Below: Tiburcio near the end. Photos from Extra



For more information call 782-5520 and please, help to make Bonaire a better place where we don't hit animals and leave them dying on the road. It's all about karma - what goes around comes a round - if you hurt another soul - and animals do have a soul - you will be hurt too. Show compassion and life will be better, not only for the animals but for people too.

"Today a friend of mine died. He was hit by a car and he was left to die like a piece of garbage alongside Donkey Beach.

For years this donkey, whom we called "Tiburcio," used to walk into the garden, eat the almonds that had fallen from the tree, climb the stairs of the terrace and join us for breakfast, lunch or dinner. Weeks passed by when we were not on the island, but as soon as we were back, so was Tiburcio. A faithful friend who liked our company, and we liked him.

One day we found a puppy in the remote area of Washikemba, and from that time on we had to keep the gate closed. Tiburcio couldn't come in anymore so we hung a shopping basket with food for him on the fence. He kept on coming every day as usual, but after he had eaten he stayed, hanging around as if he missed the social visits. The last few weeks he started braying every time he saw one of us coming out of the house, loud and enthusiastic: "Hey guys, good to see you today!"

That's how it went this morning. This afternoon, at 3 pm, as I was driving back after picking up my daughter at school, from far away I saw something lying alongside Donkey Beach. Even before I got there I knew it was a donkey. The moment I saw his face I knew it was Tiburcio - blood dripping from the mouth, the body swollen, shaking, the legs trembling. No sound from his throat. Dark eyes full of pain. Complete silence around us. "Call Marina. The number is in the cellular," I yell at my daughter. I take his head and start talking to my dying friend. Marina is there in what seems to be a minute. She calls the vet. She looks at Tiburcio. "He has internal bleeding," she says. "The vet has to put him to sleep." I hear my daughter asking, "How do you know?" Marina simply answers, "Believe me, I know, sweetheart. I've seen it before."

More people stop. Farid, Marina's friend, goes to the truck and comes back with a hammock. He wraps it around the donkey's head against the sun, against the rocks. We wipe away the other little stones from underneath his body, his legs. The donkey pees, his legs become wet. His ears have become very cold. Between the front legs, where a donkey's heart is, he starts sweating - terrible cold, ice cold sweat.

The vet arrives in what seems to be an eternal 15 minutes. He listens to Tiburcio's heart and says, "Oh, God, let's get it over with as soon as possible." He puts two injections into his neck. A slight sigh from this big beautiful creature and it's done.

Tiburcio knew his way around the island for many years. He was not bothering anybody. He was eating, drinking and sleeping and he had his love affairs. He was an intelligent creature enjoying life, like all of us, just minding his own business. He died because somebody drove too fast - far too fast. That same someone left him to die in the burning sun, all by himself. That someone didn't have the guts to stay and call Marina or the vet. That someone didn't have the decency to sit with him and say, "Sorry, pal, I didn't mean to."

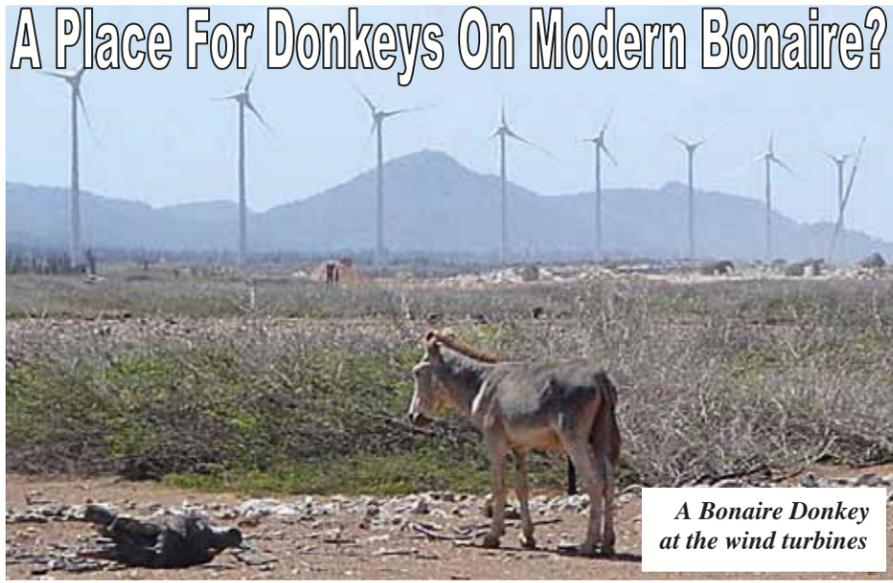
An accident can happen, although it was broad daylight, a road without bushes, no curves. I've seen them strolling around Donkey Beach a hundred times, easy-going donkeys. You can spot them from far away.

If an accident like this happens, one has to deal with it. One has to respect life. Life is not only for people. Life is for all of us creatures. ■

Story & photos by Greta Kooistra



## A Place For Donkeys On Modern Bonaire?



A Bonaire Donkey at the wind turbines

### BONAIRE DONKEYS NEED HELP. HAS BONAIRE LOST ITS HEART?

Dear Editor:

I am told that the Bonaire government, the Dutch authorities and Bonaire's Donkey Help/Sanctuary have agreed formally to catch the wild donkeys, keep the females, castrate the males, and kill the old and sick or injured.

On November 9th, 2013, I was informed that 20 or more donkeys had been killed. For a time, five to eight dead donkeys a day were carried to the landfill. [substantiated by SELIBON (landfill operator) information. Ed]

Myself and many others here on Bonaire, residents and visitors alike, are shocked by this action.

It is beyond belief that these 20 or more Bonairean donkeys had to be killed, rather than treated. We feel it reasonable to ask whether they were really in such bad condition, or is this a mere excuse wantonly to destroy these wonderful, harmless animals? Rumor has it that the conspiracy is to kill off all but 200.

I know it is hard work, but, in my opinion, Donkey Help falls short of caring for the donkeys put down. Maybe due to work load etc. But the fact remains they have and are putting down donkeys that do not have to be killed, to relieve the pressure they created in this donkey catching campaign.

If more donkeys than just those who are sick or injured are killed, then it should be announced openly and subject to informed public debate.

In the past, when most of the islands in the Caribbean exterminated their donkey populations, in the name of "progress," we on Bonaire were happy to decide to co-habit with our animals. Such reverence for our natural heritage has been part of what made this such a great island and such a global attraction to our visitors. It gave us the reputation around the world of caring for our marine and land fauna: truly a green island. It was a culture and ethos of which to be justly proud (Amigo DiTera wrote an article some years ago about our co-habitation.)

The veterinarians, as part of their contract with the then government, were expected to treat the injured creatures.

Countless hours and dollars have been spent over many years by myself, the Jouberts at Santa Barbara, the Animal Shelter (when it was managed by Elly), and many others, protecting and caring for the injured animals.

Has Bonaire lost its heart, or is there a

cruel and insensitive caucus who are determined to taint our image and to make us appear that way?

The killing and mutilation of the donkeys of Bonaire must be stopped.

Is there a warm-hearted solution? Yes.

\*1. Let us ensure that no one can make a decision about our animals, unless they have a heart-felt understanding of them and all living things.

\* 2. Slow down and manage the traffic. If a car can hit a donkey, it can also kill a person. The guilty are the reckless at the wheel, NOT the donkeys. \*\* (remember Germito killed by a speeding car while on his bicycle on the road to Rincon).

\* 3. Clear back the vegetation that grows right up to the sides the road in places in order to make the vulnerable donkeys more easily visible in advance to approaching drivers - just as they do in Australia, so that car drivers can see the kangaroos and slow down appropriately.

\* 4. Have all the government administered kunuku wells serviced regularly so as to keep a small trap of accessible water; donkeys make rounds and always come back to their water source. This will help to keep most of them in the bush and off the roads and town.

\* 5. Set aside large parcels of protected land, before we become a concrete jungle. (50 years from now they could become parks, such as Central Park in the center of Manhattan).

\* 6. Have the population secure, or place their trash cans in their yards. (as I told Burber when he was the head of LVV, if anyone needs help securing their trash barrel, have them call me and I will do it- his solution then was to shoot them). Alternatively, SELIBO can supply hooks so that the trash containers cannot be knocked over by the donkeys.

\* 7. Encourage and assist those persons who have fenced kunukus to adopt some donkeys (if they are capable of caring for them).

The money now being spent on catching, castrating, and killing and dumping carcasses can be used to fund the above humane measures. If this is not enough then there are plenty of willing volunteers truly happy to help with the above regimen.

It has been suggested, in justification for the cull, that the donkeys are destroying our plant life! This is most likely a myth derived from accounts of other countries. Our donkeys have been in balance with the vegetation of this island for hundreds of years and are part of a delicate ecosystem, not a threat to it.

To the critics, I say, "Donkeys and

goats do more to fertilize than to harm."

About two years ago, Donkey Help, in collusion with the Vet, killed about 20 donkeys. When I asked about it, I was told they were old and aggressive!

Also the Donkey help only took females, which disrupted the natural balance to the extent that the predominant male population was competing for the remaining females

(which was a part of their running across the roads). Apart from this man-made unnatural competition I have never come across an aggressive donkey. To the best of my knowledge, up until this new agreement, that practice had stopped.

Most islands are searching for a touristic icon for guests to associate positively with their memories. Our donkeys are just such iconic symbols of Bonaire and there are hundreds of photographs, past articles and Government-sponsored promotional materials that show pictures of donkeys. To prove this point.

With right-minded management of this living resource, it will remain an attraction of major interest to all green groups and will retain our long-standing tourist base, at minimal cost. Our donkeys contribute to our economy and good standing in the world. They do no harm, other than to the thoughtless and reckless of this island.

So the intent of this article is to let the



Al Catalfumo and friend

public know what is going on and to let the Donkey Help Sanctuary know someone is looking over their shoulder. I received information that said only 100 males will survive and the rest will be put down.

My suggestion is to let a person or group on island that is involved with the humane society also check and give final approval of those donkeys that really need to be put to sleep.

The decision-makers must be capable of seeing the big picture and have basic humane sensitivities for our fauna.

If you agree, please let the government know that this practice of killing donkeys is neither decent nor humane. ■

Al Catalfumo

PS: Anyone interested in forming a civil lobbying group to help with this problem please email me: [bonaire@blackdurgon.com](mailto:bonaire@blackdurgon.com)

## Bonaire Gets New Medical Center



Bonaire/Kralendijk –

On Monday, October 28<sup>th</sup> Mr. Schraeder, Mr. Pieterse and their four assistants started working on their new *Bonaire Medisch Centrum*, located in a brand new building on Kaya Soeur Bartola. After years and years of helping patients in an old and not that efficient building south of the hospital they moved a little north, about the same distance from the hospital. The new Medical Center is easy to reach and there are plenty of parking spaces. Kaya Soeur Bartola is located between Kooijman's and the Juventus soccer field.

Merry, one of the assistants to the two doctors, is very pleased with the new location. Everything is new and clean and efficient, there is air conditioning and the building has a nice appearance. For the moment she has to deal with the

absence of internet and the doctors still miss their staplers and their stamps. But who cares. They've coped with bigger problems in history! The four assistants- Merry, Rose, Shemedy and Niovis -are pleased with their fashionable purple work clothes.

Outside, a bunch of laborers is busy rolling and crushing and flattening the little pebbles and rocks in front of the building. When this tough work is done a firm layer of tarmac will be laid over the surface to create a flat and spacious parking lot.

The new Bonaire Medisch Centrum is a real gain and profit for our Bonairean society.

■ Story & photo by Jan Brouwer



# ART IN FASHION

Exhibition and Sale of Antique Jewelry

A unique exhibition and sale of antique and vintage costume jewelry from the collection of **Alix van Hees** will take place on December 6 and 7 at Image Women in Kralendijk.

Alix is a passionate collector of these imaginative jewelry pieces made of non precious or semi precious materials. For many years she has shown and sold her collection of jewels dating from ca. 1800 – 1960 at well known art and antique fairs in The Netherlands and neighboring countries, via her online shop and every other year at a solo exhibition, “Art in Fashion.”

She shows her jewelry by period, as a journey through time, a view of what was in fashion between the years 1800 to 1960. It's a tiny museum of approximately 100 pieces where you can see everything, may touch everything, try on everything and even buy what you like! Prices vary from \$75 to \$1,400.

It's all about what it does to you, about character. A jewel may be a conversation piece. Authenticity, originality, creativity - those are the values on which the jewels are selected. Those are the factors on which their value depends. Is it a true and unique find? Who was the maker? Who was the designer? When was it made?

Alix has been on Bonaire for the last year and a half – with a completely new life. Part of her jewelry collection she brought with her, but for a long time this collection was left wrapped in its boxes. Now you may come and admire the jewels in a unique exhibition at Image Women.

Imagine Christmas, beautiful clothes, a jewel that twinkles in the candle-light..... ■ *Laura DeSalvo*



*Alix and Image Women owner, Renate de Boer*

*Art in Fashion Exhibition and sale of antique and vintage costume jewelry from the collection of Alix van Hees*



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# Med School Volunteers



A group of students from St. James School of Medicine formed an American Medical Student Association (AMSA). Their goal: to help the community by promoting health, wellness and education. They have already volunteered at the Special Olympics event not long ago.

On Sunday, November 10th, they took it upon themselves to clean up a portion of Sorobon beach. Spokesman Luis Ruda wrote, “This section was full of debris and a beautiful sandy stretch looked like a dump site. It was a great student turnout and we got great joy knowing we are lending a small hand. It was a great time and we received many thanks from locals and tourists who were enjoying the beach. We like to think that we made a difference in making the beach look cleaner, and we hope to repeat this event next year and make it even bigger and better.

Our goal is to continue serving the community of Bonaire. We love our stay here and have embraced the culture and its people. We are planning several events for next year to promote health and wellness. Some of the events will be health clinics, health education and more. If there are events for next year where we can volunteer, please share them with us. Any information would be valuable.”

Unfortunately, the medical schools is set to close at the end of 2014. ■ *Luis Ruda*

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# Word on the Street

**St. James School of Medicine will close as of January 2015...** by their own choice. The school had previously filed a petition to begin the process of examination/investigation for recognition under Dutch law, but the school itself chose to withdraw the petition. The process was required in order for SJSM to remain on Bonaire now that the island is part of the Netherlands. Students of Bonaire's St. James will have to go to the Anguilla SJSM campus to finish their studies. Of note is the fact that the Saba University School of Medicine, on Bonaire's sister BES island, passed the same Dutch "exam" with positive results and will remain on Saba as an accredited foreign medical school. Loss of the medical school is a significant loss for the Bonaire economy, based on past statements by elected officials.

**Will the "passive demonstration" planned by SGB personnel dressed "in mourning" (at a location where the King and Queen will be able to see them) get results?** The demonstration was in response to a meeting held at SGB where it was announced that beginning in January 2014 there will be major cutbacks in the high school's budget that will likely result in cutting salaries, personnel layoffs and larger class sizes. Despite the need for the Dutch Government to cut costs, Sra. Bonchi thinks that it would be false economy especially when the same government pointed out that



Bonaire schools were not up to European Dutch standards.

**Deputy James Kroon has announced he is not resigning** his post with the island government after all as he had previously announced. This new announcement comes after reports that he will definitely not be able to return to his job with Douane (Customs).

**We've heard that Sara Matera has resurrected the Bonaire Restaurant Association.** A meeting last week was well attended and some of the attendees are already addressing some of the problem issues faced by local restaurateurs. Among them are: inability to get consistent product, Curioil deliveries, certain vendors steadily increasing prices.. How about tackling the grocery business "monopoly"?

**Sra. Joan Theodora-Brewster, director of Monitoring and Enforcement (Toezicht en Handhaving), recently announced that preparations are underway to introduce a boating license (vaarbewijs) on Bonaire.**

Just like you need a driving license to drive a car, you soon will need a boating license to drive your boat. This license is in addition to the currently required boat registration, and of course there will be a fee to get the license. The politically savvy cartoon characters, Monchi & Tonchi of the local newspaper *èxtra*, probably said it best: ...."then soon a running license, walking license.... mark my words!"

**Rumors have been rampant that former UPB Party stalwart Elvis Tjin-Asjoe has begun the preparations of start his own political party to run in the next elections** and has gone quite far already. Interestingly, the UPB reportedly has invited him to a meeting next week. What's the purpose? Reconciliation or retribution?

**Lots of activity over the last few months at the location of the former Jan Blonk Boatyard in Hato.** Brush and trees cleared, lots of boats lined up - being worked on, some being launched. Any readers have any idea what's up? New marine business? Current marine business renting the space? Inquiring minds want to know.

**Bonaire is planning to extend price controls** which currently apply only to public transport, oil derivatives and eggs. The action is motivated by the outlandish price increases following the adoption of the dollar and the new tax structure. The action was recommended following the results of a study commissioned by the Island Government and carried out by the SEO, Foundation for Economic Re-

search which held discussions with consumer organizations and the commercial sector. Outgoing Deputy Burney el Hage is convinced that if appropriate actions are taken, eventually prices will stabilize and more consumers will have more purchasing power.

**Whisperings there is or will be a "One Dollar Store" on Bonaire?** Oh boy! Where?

**If you have a Digicel phone and are planning to travel to Curacao, be aware that you now have to go to a Digicel store beforehand and arrange for "roaming" as Curacao is now considered "overseas."** That means a deposit of \$140 said the Digicel store clerk. Someone we know who visits Curaçao regularly was unpleasantly surprised when she tried to call Bonaire from the Curaçao Airport. The "Help" operator explained the roaming procedure and said she had to do this at a Digicel store. This was a little inconvenient as she was on the way to a doctor's appointment. She was able to call Curaçao numbers and receive calls from Bonaire, however.

**New supermarket parking lots:** We wonder what is behind the design of these two new intricately twisting parking lots. Perhaps the supermarket owners, anticipating a robbery, are making sure the robber will have a hard time finding the exit to escape. The red clinkers are lovely, but the drive is so narrow that any car larger than a VW will run over and scatter them in a week. ■

Sra. Bula Bonchi



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## New Playground Dedicated



Belastingdienst photo

Those tax service (*Belastingdienst*) people aren't always that serious. Recently the local employees of the office donated equipment for a new playground in Bonaire's "Den Tera" barrio.

The guy shaking hands with the head of Customs Edward Thielman is Timothy Silberie (left), the representative of Bonaire Sports Commissioner Serfila. Looking on are Juana Eugenia Frans, the representative of Barrio den Tera and behind her Giovanna Thielman, head of personnel at SGB and connected to Foundation "Tabitha Kumi" which offers women and teenage mothers a safe haven. The kids are from the neighborhood.

The new playground, "Kas di Hunga," is located in the yard of *Kas di Pan* church. The facility is an initiative of Foundation *Tabitha Kumi* -with the help of Max Stuart of the *Bureau Integrale Wijkaanpak*, which is responsible for the living conditions in the neighborhoods of Bonaire. ■ G.D./Karen van Dyke

## Helmet On Wheels

This is the 25<sup>th</sup> of a series of Bonaire Reporter short articles by J@n Brouwer, about helmets and helmet awareness.



Bonaire/North of Salina/Rincon – The bad news. On Tuesday, November 12, a 20-year-old youngster had an accident with his scooter/moped. Around 9:30 pm he lost control and hit a wall in the barrio of North Salina. The boy was transported to the hospital by ambulance. Unfortunately he did not survive the crash.

At least once a year a person on a motorcycle, moped, scooter, quad or bicycle dies because of an accident. A helmet does give serious protection, as do gloves and boots. We are able to continue life without an arm or leg. We are not able to continue life without our head.

The good news. In May 2012 *The Bonaire Reporter* published an article about Eric and

Jolande Gietman and their beloved daughter Rianne. They ride Hondas and wear helmets. They are well known because of their Cadushy Distillery, located next to the old movie theater in Rincon. Rianne, as we all do, grew older. She became taller too. One day her helmet had to be replaced with a bigger one. So the Cadushy family decided to donate the almost-brand-new helmet to the unofficial helmet awareness foundation.

Sizes of the black and white full face helmet are: 53-54 centimeters; 20 7/8-21 1/4 inch. If you are in the need of a helmet of this size please get in touch with me: [digitalis1956@hotmail.com](mailto:digitalis1956@hotmail.com). It's the house with the helmets in the tree, Hato. ■

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## Goodbye Old Fishing Line



Jan Brouwer photos

Bonaire/Playa –

On Sunday November 10<sup>th</sup> a group of experienced volunteers came together at the Dive Inn location of Dive Friends Bonaire to receive information and instructions about the recovery of fishing line. The Fishing Line Project is one of the many activities of the STCB. Every second Sunday of the month a recovery dive is held. Richard Willis informed the volunteers about the importance of a clean sea and the removal of especially new fishing line as turtles and other sea creatures can be trapped by the lines. For turtles the result might be death as they have lungs and have to reach the surface every now and then to breathe.

Again the underwater world of the South Pier was the goal. STCB got permission from the harbor master and the captain of the *Freewinds* who promised not to start his engines to move the propellers. Twenty two divers jumped in the water to find their way in the direction of

the South Pier. Among them there were two members of the crew of the *Freewinds*. Especially on the North side of the South Pier, under the front of the hull of the *Freewinds*, a lot of new fishing line was expected. For some divers it was a new experience to dive in the shade of a huge vessel instead of in the shine of the sun. After the no decompression, one-hour dive the result was a large tub of line, a complete fishing net, lead and hooks and an original American made Zippo lighter with the inscription, "Muys."

After the dive there were some refreshments and the brave volunteers enjoyed a nice lunch on board the *Freewinds*. Free air and fresh water to rinse the gear was supplied by Dive Friends Bonaire. Thank you again: Dive Friends, thank you *Freewinds*, thank you harbor master. Together we can! ■

Story & photo by Jan Brouwer

## Carel Kraaijenhof and His Tango Concerts



On Friday, November 8th, the San Bernardo church turned into a veritable music temple. The Classical Music Board Bonaire presented a memorable school and evening concert.

The evening performance by Carel Kraaijenhof's group was sold out. The church had been turned into a beautiful concert venue with palm trees donated, excellent sound facilities, atmospheric lighting and a large video screen so even the people in the back rows could see the musicians.

Argentine tangos written by Argentinean Astor Piazzolla created their own special emotional atmosphere.

The ensemble was a wonderful example of unity and individual virtuosity giving great power, strength and emotion to the music. The Argentinean pianist, Juan Pablo Dobal, drew much attention with his elegant and technically perfect playing. Bert Vos, the lead violinist, was equally amazing, and of course Carel with his natural charm and humility was a joy to watch and listen to. From the way he played the Bandoneon it is clear why he is world famous. The sensitive melodies and Carel's playing showed off the versatility of the instrument. Carel has himself composed many a tango and he treated us to a few of his own compositions where even his hometown in the Netherlands had inspired him to write a tango.

The audience was so appreciative that a few encores were given. The committee members of the Classical Music Board were asked if they could organize more such concerts and use the church as venue. It is hoped that a good start has been made in developing a fruitful relationship with the church.

The school concert was attended by 550 children during which Carel Kraaijenhof and a few students of Violeta Rosario performed a few pieces together that they had rehearsed the afternoon before. It was a delight to see how Carel united his own ensemble with the students. The children were enthralled by the performances which Carel explained and Mevris Pijpers translated into Papiamentu.

On Saturday, December 14th, there will be the traditional December Holiday Concert. The CMBB thanks all of its sponsors, The Prins Bernhard Cultuur Fonds Caribisch Gebied and its many friends for making it possible to hold classical concerts on Bonaire. Please do support us and check out website [www.classicalmusicbonaire.com](http://www.classicalmusicbonaire.com). ■ Jan Brouwer/Carla Hay/Hans Faassen



Carel Kraaijenhof

## Perfect Bonaire Gift

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While it was a long, eventful day for the **King and Queen**, it was as equally long and nerve-racking for those lucky enough to be chosen to actually meet the royal pair. You could see the nervous anticipation and expectation on the faces of the "chosen ones." Many of them were required to be at their appointed places hours prior to the royals' arrival. But once the gracious King and Queen arrived, the faces of apprehension dissolved into **smiles and enthusiastic conversation**.



**Marlies Tiepel**, Bonaire Animal Shelter Manager, introduces ChaCha, to **Queen Maxima**.



At the **Mangazina di Rei** booth in the Park, King Willem-Alexander is introduced to a cooperative **iguana**.



At the **Mentor Landhuis Monument**, several people passively **demonstrated with signs**, many of which concerned the desire for a referendum and the problem of poverty. One sign, in Dutch, read: "**You are our last hope.**" In an unscheduled moment prior to departure from that location, King Willem got off his bus and spoke with some of the demonstrators. Jan Brouwer photo

We asked onlookers at various locations: "**If you could ask the King one question, what would it be?**" Some answers:

**The youth:** What kind of cars do you have? Where are the princesses? Can I borrow some money? What's it like to be King?

**The adults:** What do you think of Bonaire? Why is your visit so short when there is so much of Bonaire you should see? How can your wife walk in those shoes all day? Will you please come back to Bonaire with your girls so we can show you Bonaire in a family way? **The seniors:** Where is our pension? We cannot live on \$200 to \$400 per month. Can you help us? We are all poorer every day. ■

*Text by Jane Madden-Disko, Photos Jan Brouwer and Laura DeSalvo*



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## Barracuda Butterfly Clinic



Coach Kurt Schallitz from "Science Based Swimming" in California hosted a clinic for the Bonaire Barracudas swim club last week. This was of course not the average clinic that he is used to teaching! The "classroom" sessions were taught in the small park across from the swim lines with an inverter from the car battery to run extra monitors from his lap top so that all of the kids could see the exercises. And the pool, well, that was the sea! We had 14 dedicated swimmers in "The Barracuda 2013 Butterfly Clinic," ranging in age from six to 16. Some had not swum "fly" before while others have been swimming it for almost a decade. Coach Kurt says, "This is definitely one of our most challenging clinics each year and certainly one of the most rewarding!"

In the past few years Kurt has trained Olympic trainers and athletes in El Salvador, coached the Dutch Swimming Federation with swimmers from seven different countries, and has worked with thousands of swimmers worldwide. His newest book, The Super Sprinter's Handbook, is available on [Amazon.com](http://Amazon.com)

Most swimmers hate Butterfly as they are rarely efficient, so it is tiring. One of the best ways of winning competitions is to master this stroke, as many of the swimmers are doing it only because their coach forced them to. If you are good, this is the stroke that you can shine in! To be sure our swimmers had a great foundation. Coach Kurt worked with them each afternoon after school for two hours, then a full Saturday morning. Since they had such a great time, they asked if he would continue, so on Sunday he was back to do a ½ day clinic on breast stroke.

The results are in and... Average improvement for all swimmers: 21.70% - NICE JOB SWIMMERS! We are already looking to put this to use as we will have our end of the year sprint championships in December. If you are interested in competitive swimming or water polo, stop by the swim lanes Monday to Friday 4:30 – 6 on the waterfront in front of the play park. ■ *Story & photos by Pam Werdath*

## Picture Yourself At Castaway Cay, Bahamas



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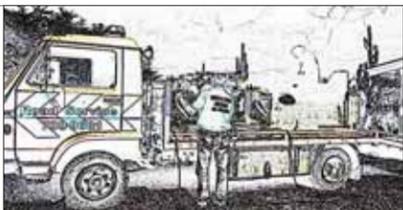
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Day	High	Low	High	Low	High	Sunrise	Sunset
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Tue 19	14:03 0.98 ft	23:21 -0.14 ft				6:35	18:07
Wed 20	14:43 0.95 ft	23:55 -0.14 ft				6:35	18:07
Thu 21	15:22 0.91 ft					6:36	18:07
Fri 22		00:24 -0.13 ft	07:52 0.45 ft	09:16 0.45 ft	16:00 0.86 ft	6:36	18:07
Sat 23		00:48 -0.11 ft	07:33 0.49 ft	11:00 0.45 ft	16:37 0.80 ft	6:36	18:07
Sun 24		01:10 -0.09 ft	07:40 0.54 ft	12:17 0.44 ft	17:15 0.73 ft	6:37	18:07
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Tue 26		01:47 -0.04 ft	08:13 0.69 ft	14:38 0.36 ft	18:36 0.55 ft	6:38	18:07
Wed 27		02:04 -0.02 ft	08:37 0.79 ft	15:48 0.30 ft	19:22 0.45 ft	6:38	18:08
Thu 28		02:22 0.00 ft	09:05 0.88 ft	16:58 0.22 ft	20:15 0.34 ft	6:39	18:08
Fri 29		02:41 0.02 ft	09:39 0.98 ft	18:06 0.13 ft	21:19 0.24 ft	6:39	18:08
Sat 30		03:03 0.03 ft	10:17 1.07 ft	19:10 0.04 ft	22:39 0.17 ft	6:40	18:08
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**Pasa Bon Pizza**—Bonaire's quality pizza-Best ingredients, best baking and best taste. Great salads and lasagna too. Eat in or take away.

**Unbelievable Restaurant** is offers rooftop terrace dining with a view of Kralendijk bay, a fine menu specializing in prime steaks and seafood. Just a short walk from downtown or southern "hotel row."

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**Bona Dea** is Bonaire's newest Caribbean lifestyle shop featuring good taste gifts, apparel, shoes, accessories and home décor

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## WATER TAXI

**Get to Klein Bonaire by Ferry.** Ride the *Kantika di Amor*. Hotel or downtown pickup The only water taxi to Klein Bonaire with an easy on/off built-in ramp at Bonaire Nautico (It Rains Fishes Restaurant)

# Behind the Scenes of the Royal Visit

The preparations for the arrival of the king and queen were herculean. Youngsters sports and activity groups were spaced around the parking lot next to Wilhelmina Park.

While they were waiting they practiced, chatted, posed for photos. When the royal entourage emerged from the bus, first one group, then the next performed for them: first the

BMX hurling through the air on bikes, then the girls' volleyball team got into a spirited competition. A stop at the chess players' booth, then on to the judo event, from the youngest to the more mature teens. Going through the Park, they were welcomed individually by 20 different NGOs. From the pier they witnessed demonstrations of windsurfing, kite surfing, Sunfish sailing and fishing boats. ■ L.D.



**Karate**— Even the youngest Karate Kid performed some impressive moves.



**Jr. Rangers:** The Junior Rangers were there in force.



**BMX**—An amazing show put on by our fearless BMX team.



**Healthy Weight** -The King and Queen kicked off the Youngsters on Healthy Weight program- *Jongeren op Gezond Gewicht- JOGG*



**Special Olympics**— Bonaire's Special Olympics Team after their run to meet the King and Queen at the Park.

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10:00 Spinning	10:00 Pump	10:00 <b>New Classes Starting!</b>	10:00 <b>New Classes Starting!</b>	10:00 Lady-TRX 45	10:00 Pump	10:00 Cross-Fit
18:00 TRX	18:00 Zumba	18:00 TRX	18:00 Yoga 90			
19:00 Spinning (Video)	19:00 Pump	19:00 Spinning	19:30 Pump			

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**B**ona Dea has moved to Kaya Grandi to an attractive larger space and it's full of new, unique, sometimes one of a kind items. Owner Ilonka shops all over the world to find exclusive items, now adding women's (not teenage) bathing suits, men's clothing and some very interesting furniture to her already bright, colorful gift items. The clothing selection has expanded, with that certain look: Caribbean, bohemian, vintage, beach. You will not see yourself coming and going. She carries only one or two pieces of each style.

To enter the shop is an uplifting experience. "I wanted to make the shop give off a positive and happy feeling," Ilonka says. "I want people to come out happier than when they came in."

Bona Dea is at Kaya Grandi #38B, next to Addo's Books. They're open Monday through Saturday, 9:30 am-1 pm, 2-6 pm.

■ Photos & Story by Laura DeSalvo

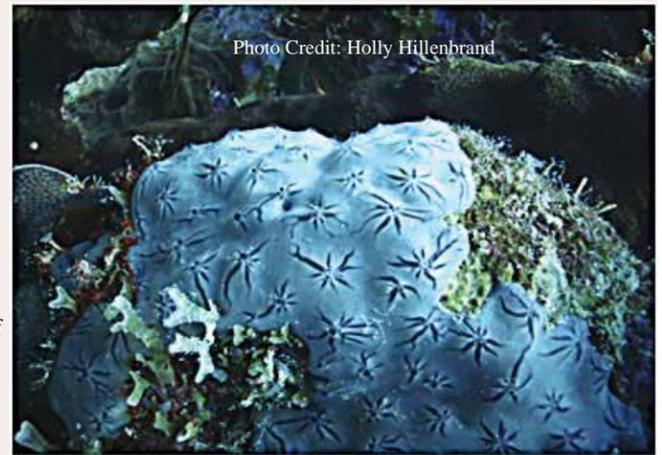


Owner Ilonka with staff member, Bianca (left) who worked with Ilonka at Best Buddies from 1993 to 1999.

## DID YOU KNOW?

That sponges may be the missing link in nutrient cycling on coral reefs? A recent study on Curaçao has shown that sponges commonly found on coral reefs take up dissolved organic matter which they then use for rapid cell division. Based on the amount of carbon that they take up, the sponges would be expected to double in size every three days. However, the sponges barely grow at all. This is because once the sponge's cells divide, the sponge sheds the old cells as waste, which can then be ingested by other organisms on coral reefs. This means that sponges could help answer the question of how coral reef ecosystems are so productive in nutrient poor water. Since it is predicted by some scientist that sponges may dominate reefs in the future, it is important to determine their role in what are now coral reef ecosystems. ■

Photo Credit: Holly Hillenbrand



McCrea Sims

Sims is an intern at the CIEE Research Station who graduated from Wofford College in South Carolina with a major in Biology.

### Special Announcement:

Fourteen CIEE students will be giving talks about their exciting and interesting research projects this week:

On Wed. 20th November, from 7-9pm the speakers will be Jacob Tepper, Jennifer Shaffer, Kyra Creger, Mackenzie Mason, Megan Beazley, Meghan Atkinson and Sarah Girouard

On Thurs. 21st November from 7-9pm the speakers will be Pamela Denish, Austin Lin, Kevin McFadden, Elizabeth Groover, Celeste Moen, Lucia Rodriguez and Michael Kenslea. Each student will present their work in the form of a 12-minute talk. On both nights, the event will be held at the CIEE Research Station (Kaya Gob. Debrot # 26.

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## CHINESE DIPLOMAT VISITS



China's Consul General, Ms. Qiman Chen, recently visited Bonaire and was welcomed by the Executive Council. In the photo the Council is joined by several of the island's Chinese entrepreneurs.

### Who's Who on The Bonaire Reporter

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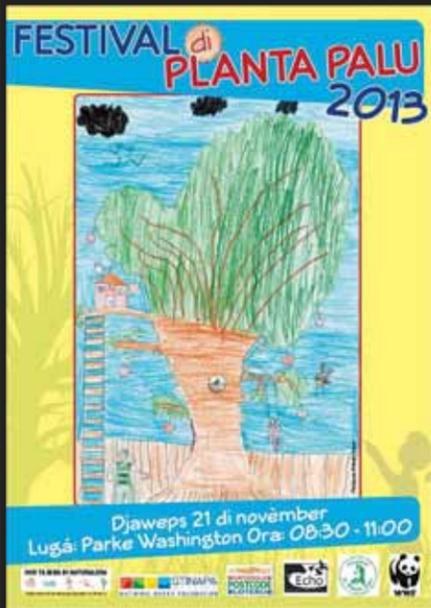
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# WHAT'S HAPPENING

## CLOSE-IN EVENTS



**Thursday, Nov. 21 – Tree Planting, Washington Park 8:30-11 am.**



**Saturday, Nov. 23 - Sanikolas (St. Nicholas) arrives at Wilhelmina Park, 3-6 pm.** Sponsored by Sebiki and MCB Bank

**Friday, Nov. 29 – Salsa Demonstration Fundraiser for SGB, at SGB, 6 pm**

**Sunday, Dec. 1 - Chichi Tan Fundashon- Local Artists show work 10 am – 4 pm, behind Rose Inn in Rincon, snacks and drinks too.**

**Friday, Dec. 6- Art in Fashion Exhibition and sale of antique and vintage costume jewelry from the collection of Alix van Hees 9:30am to 7 pm at Image Women, Kaya L.D. Gerhards 4**  
Repeated on Saturday, December 7 - 9:30am to 5:30pm

**Saturday Dec. 7 -**

**- Christmas Farmers' Market at Kriabon, 8 am to 1 pm, at Kriabon, Kaminda Yatu Bako #55, next to Aquamarin School**

**-Annual Animal Shelter Art Auction and Indonesian Dinner, Hotel Roomer. Information on [www.BonaireAnimalShelter.com](http://www.BonaireAnimalShelter.com), their facebook page or <http://auctionbonaire.tumblr.com> See page 18.**

**Saturday, Dec. 14-Holiday Concert, Classical Music Board Bonaire, Plaza Hotel, 8 pm**

## REGULAR EVENTS

• **Rooi Lamoenchi Kunuku Park Tours \$21 (includes tax).** Discounts for residents and local people. Tel. 717-8489, 540-9800.

• **We Dare to Care Park children's playground - closed** due to lack of financing.

### Saturdays

• **Last Saturday of the month – donate foods and household items to Food Bank (Stichting voedselbank Bonaire) from 10 am-4 pm, in front of Van den Tweel Supermarket**

• **Open House at Semper Kontentu milk goat farm. Second Saturday of the month, 8 am to 12 noon. 786-6950 Closed until November**

• **Marshe di Kunukeru (Farmers' Market) 1st Saturday of the month, at Kriabon, Kaminda Jatu Baco #55, next to Aquamarin School, 8 am to 1 pm.**

• **Bonaire Animal Shelter's "Garage Sale" Pakus di Pruga—every Saturday, 8am-5pm.** At Kaminda Liberador Simon Bolivar, across from Brandaris Café. Tel. 717-4989. Drop off cast offs on Saturdays or at the Shelter on the Lagoen Road weekdays. 717-4989

• **Wine Tasting at Antillean Wine Company's warehouse on Kaya Industria, Second Saturday of the month, 7-9 pm. (Always call to make sure it's on: Tel. +5999-560-7539.)** Snacks and tasting of six wines for \$10 per person.

• **Soldachi Tours—See the real Bonaire and be transported back in time.** Learn about the history, culture and nature by Bonaireans from Rincon. Call Maria Koeks for more information—796-7870.

• **Petanque- Jeu de Boules, Saturdays 2:30 pm Tera Cora Ranch. Info: 786-0150**

### Sundays

• **Kunuku Arawak - Music, drinks, local food, dancing, 10 am—6 pm.** Live music starts at 4 pm. Tel.786-7210

### Mondays

• **Soldachi Tours of Rincon, the heart of Bonaire, 9 am-noon. \$20-Call Maria, 717-6435– Bonaire's best island tour value**

• **Meet the Captain Night at Captain Don's Habitat Bar—** Get up close and personal with Bonaire's dive pioneer. The Captain will autograph your copy of his newest book *Reef Windows*.

### Wednesdays

**Divemaster's Night at Bistro de Paris Restaurant** at Harbour Village Marina. Free house rum when you buy a coke.

**30-minute Meditation at Yoga Bonaire, 12 noon, Bonaire Basics.** Donation. 786-6416 or [info@bonaireyoga.com](mailto:info@bonaireyoga.com)

### Fridays

**Happy Hour party at Bistro Di Paris.** Ricky Thomas performs Reggae, Soul, Latin and more 6- 9pm.

## FREE SLIDE/VIDEO SHOWS

**Monday - Touch the Sea -- Will resume in November-** Dee Scarr, honored as a member of the Women Divers Hall of Fame, conducts Bonaire's Touch the Sea programs of personalized dive guiding. She presents a unique perspective on

critters and corals, plus an updated Bonaire lionfish report, **every Monday when she's on-island** at 8:30 pm in the Aquarius Conference Center at Captain Don's Habitat, Call 717-8290.

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## CLUBS and MEETINGS

**Bridge Club - Every Wednesday,** Bridge Club on Bonaire. 19:15, contact Jeroen Seegers for information tel. 717-4200 or 788-2819 or [jeroen@telbonet.an](mailto:jeroen@telbonet.an)

**Darts Club plays every other Sunday** at City Café. Registration at 4, games at 5. Tel. 717-2950, 560-7539.

**Lions Club** meets every **2nd and 4th Thursday** of the month at 8 pm at Kaya Sabana #1. All Lions welcome. For more information call 510-0710.

**Rotary lunch meetings Wednesdays, 12:15-2 pm - Divi Flamingo Beach Resort** in Peter Hughes meeting room upstairs above the dive shop. All Rotarians welcome. Call Gregory Obersi 785-9446.

**Toastmasters Club** meets every **two weeks.** For more information call Crusida de Palm at 786-3827 or Lucia Martinez Beck, at 786-2953.

## CHURCH SERVICES

**Protestant Congregation of Bonaire:** ( VPGB ), Kralendijk, Plaza Wilhelmina; Sunday service-10 am in Dutch. Rincon, Kaya C.D. Crestian; Sunday service-8:30 am in Papiamentu/Dutch.

Children's club-every Saturday from 4:30-6 pm in Kralendijk, (annex of the church.) Contact; [Marytjin@gmail.com](mailto:Marytjin@gmail.com) or [Daisycoffie@hotmail.com](mailto:Daisycoffie@hotmail.com)

**International Bible Church, Kaya Papago 104, Hato, behind Bon Fysio/Bon**

Bida Spa & Gym on Kaya Gob. N. De-brot. Sunday 9am-Worship service in English; 10:45am-Sunday school for all ages. Tuesday 7:30 pm-Adult Bible study class. 717-8377 for more info or ride [bonaireibc@yahoo.com](mailto:bonaireibc@yahoo.com)

**Catholic: San Bernardus in Kralendijk** – Services, Sunday at 8 am and 7 pm in Papiamentu, 717-8304.

*Our Lady of Coromoto in Antriol, Saturday* at 6 pm in English. Mass in Papiamentu on Sunday at 9 am and 6 pm. 717-4211.

**Assembly of God (Asemblea di Dios):** Kaya Triton (Den Cheffi). In English, Dutch & Papiamentu on Sunday at 10 am. Wed. Prayer Meeting at 7:30 pm. 717-2194

**Ministerio di Kristu Hesus Services** Sunday mornings at 10 am at Jong Bonaire Youth Center in English, Dutch and Papiamentu. Preaching the full gospel. Contact: 786-2557.

**Prayer and Intercession Church, in English. A full Gospel Church** located temporarily at Kaya Alexandrit # 20, Santa Barbara, Republik. Services are held Sunday mornings 10am-11:30am. Bible studies in English on Monday nights from 7-8 pm. Contact: 717-3322

**The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints:** Kaya Sabana #26, Sundays: 9 am Sacrament Services (Translation to English and Papiamentu upon request) 10:20am- Sunday School, 11:15 RS/YM/YW/PH Primary held from 10:20-12 noon Visitors welcome: Information: Call 701-9522 .

**Foundation Fountain of Living Waters, Centro Fuente,** Service Sunday at Kaya Aruaco 4 at 6 pm, in Papiamentu and Spanish. For Marriage Counseling, contact 717-2161.

**Iglesia di Cristo (Church of Christ)** Sunday: 10:30 am & 7:00 pm; Wednesday: 7:00 pm. Services in Papiamentu (English also if needed) Address: Kaya Msgr. Nieuwindt 25 (same street as Dr. Dorvil) Cell: 796-0721 email: [iglesiadicristobonaire@gmail.com](mailto:iglesiadicristobonaire@gmail.com)

**Call The Reporter at 786-6518 if you have something HAPPENING**

## Cruise Ship Tentative Schedule

DAY	DATE	NAME	ARR/DEP	PAX	Cruise Line
Tuesday	19---Nov.---13	<i>Vision of the Seas</i>	0800---1800	2446	Celebrity/RCCL
Wednesday	20---Nov.---13	<i>Noordam</i>	0800---1700	1920	HAL
Monday	25---Nov.---13	<i>Emerald Princess</i>	1200---1900	3200	Princess Cruises
Tuesday	26---Nov.---13	<i>Vision of the Seas</i>	0800---1800	2446	Celebrity/RCCL
Monday	25--Nov.---13	<i>Azura</i>	0800---1800	3080	P&O Cruises
Tuesday	26---Nov.---13	<i>Ryndam</i>	0800---2300	1258	HAL
Wednesday	27---Dec.---13	<i>Aida Luna</i>	0800---1800	2194	Aida Cruises
Tuesday	03---Dec.---13	<i>Ventura</i>	0800---1800	3080	P&O Cruises
Tuesday	03---Dec.---13	<i>Vision of the Seas</i>	0800---1800	2446	Celebrity/RCCL
Wednesday	04---Dec.---13	<i>Rotterdam</i>	0800---2359	1920	HAL

# Pet of the Week

A royal name for a regal red beauty! **Victoria** is one of those rare female ginger cats, a coloring found primarily in male cats. She wears her "red robes" with style and grace but her regal bearing gives way and she becomes a lump of love when you show her affection. Victoria loves attention and rewards the donor with cat "head bumps" and a "rollover." The sometimes unexpected head bump is essentially a cat's way of bonding and showing affection. It may head bunt humans — or even dogs or other cats. The bump identifies you as a friend, sort of a "kitty high-five." Only about



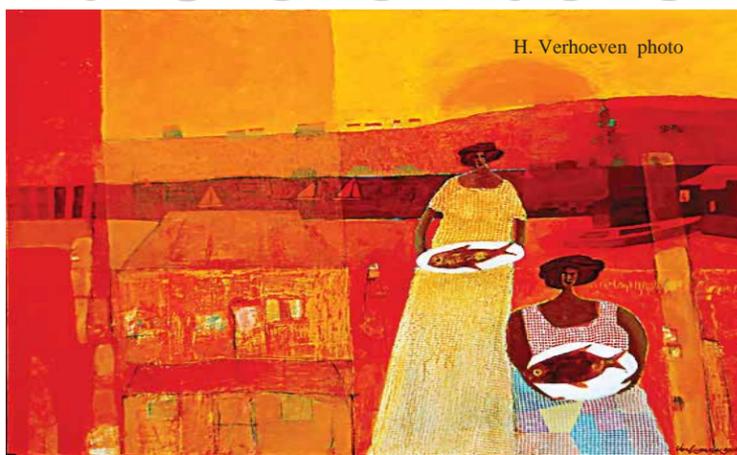
Victoria

25% of cats do the "head bump," another rare quality in Victoria. Continue with the affection session and she'll give you a "rollover," exposing her stomach for rubs. In cat body language, it's a playful way of showing her trust in you — and trying to get your attention. Victoria is about two years old, healthy, sterilized and a mature, calm and quiet cat. She's very unique and the

perfect candidate for someone looking for a companion cat that is beyond the hyperactive kitten stage. She's happy just to eat, sleep, give head bumps and get belly rubs. You can visit Victoria and all the Shelter residents Monday through Saturday 8 am- to 1 pm and 3 to 5 pm at Kaminda Lagun 26A. Tel. 717-4989. WWWBonaireAnimal ■ *Jane Madden Disko*

# Animal Shelter Auction

Next month's Bonaire Animal Shelter fundraising auction will have some truly amazing and valuable items to bid on. For example: an original painting by Ronald Verhoeven titled "Baked Fish," a wood art piece by artist Elena, a huge doghouse made of wood by Paul van Balkom, the original number plates "1-D" used by the Gezaghebber (Governor), a very original cat collar donated by Littman's with a lot of bling bling and a silver name tag, a tattoo made by tattoo artist Andre, kite surfing lessons, dinner coupons and much more art and fun! Check the auction website to bid on the amazing stuff we offer at <http://auctionbonaire.tumblr.com>.



H. Verhoeven photo

Start with the authentic Indonesian dinner at 6pm. Make reservations by calling Paul at 787-0466 or pass by the Shelter to buy a ticket. The Auction will follow the dinner at 8 pm. It's on Saturday, December 7. Hurry, only a limited number of seats are available.

■ *Amanda Casten.*



Shelter photos



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## COMET FROM THE OORT CLOUD CAREENS TOWARD THE SUN

It's make or break time for **Comet c/2012 S1 (ISON)**, a ball of ice hurtling toward the **inner solar system** that will make its closest approach to the **Sun** this month. Whether ISON will flare into a "great comet" or fizzle out is still an open question, but scientists say either way, ISON offers an unprecedented opportunity to understand the ingredients and history of the solar system.

Comet ISON was discovered in September 2012 by two Russian astronomers using telescopes in the **International Scientific Optical Network (ISON)**. The comet, made mostly of water and carbon dioxide ice, has been slowly making its way toward the Sun from the **Oort Cloud**, the roughly spherical cloud of comets thought to extend about a light-year from the Sun, about a third of the way to the nearest star. The comet "is going from the absolute coldest place in the solar system to the absolute hottest," says Matthew Knight, an astronomer at Lowell Observatory in Flagstaff, Ariz. The ISON comet, known as "**Sungrazer**," will make its nearest pass to the sun on November 28, flying close to the surface. "We've never had a comet that seems to come directly from the Oort Cloud on its first passage to the inner solar system in four billion years, all the way to within three solar radii of the solar surface," says astronomer Michael Kelley of the University of Maryland, College Park. Kelley has been part of several campaigns to image ISON using telescopes in Hawaii, Arizona and the Canary Islands.

October 9 photographs from the **Hubble Space Telescope** and other measurements suggest ISON's core is still intact and the comet is brightening somewhat. This news has heartened some who are still hoping the comet may put on a good show for naked-eye observers after its closest solar approach, or **perihelion**. "It's still brightening but it has not been brightening as rapidly as we would have hoped," Knight says. The object is currently about 10 times fainter



Adam Block/Mount Lemmon SkyCenter/University of Arizona

than the unaided human eye can see, and just on the edge of being visible through ordinary binoculars. Just how bright it will get largely depends on whether ISON withstands its encounter with the Sun or breaks up under the intense solar heat and tidal forces. If it survives, ISON is likely to flare much brighter than it is now as it curves back around the Sun, and will enter a region of the sky that makes it prime viewing. "The next few weeks are going to be a very interesting time," says Carey Lisse of the Johns Hopkins University Applied Physics Laboratory.

Part of the reason ISON is so unpredictable is because it is the first of its kind. "It's this unique combination where it's something from the Oort Cloud that's never experienced this heat before, and then it's coming into this extreme environment where the change in temperature and gravitational pull makes it hard for us to predict what's going to happen," Knight says. When ISON nears the sun, some scientists suspect its top layer will be dissolved, revealing a pristine underbelly—a window to the comet's core. And ISON's encounter with the Sun could also serve as a probe of the solar atmosphere, a chance to test the strength of its magnetic field and solar wind. "It's such a unique appearance that even if it disappoints from the 'ooh and ah' standpoint," Knight says, "I think the science is going to be really interesting." ■  
*Clara Moskowitz*



# THE STARS HAVE IT

By Astrologer Michael Thiessen  
November 2013

**ARIES (Mar. 21- April 20)** You may have a problem with someone you live with if you don't include them in your gathering. You're in the mood to spend money. You will have a problem dealing with groups. Take precautions while traveling; you don't have to get anywhere that fast. Your lucky day this week will be Wednesday.

**TAURUS (Apr. 21- May 21)** Take part in stimulating debates that will allow you to show off your intelligence. A change in position could be better than you thought. Be careful when dealing with superiors. Don't let others put unreasonable demands on you. Your lucky day this week will be Monday.

**GEMINI (May 22-June 21)** Insincere gestures of friendliness are likely to occur. Relatives may not be telling you the whole truth about a family situation. Your creative ideas must be put to good use. You may find yourself changing crowds. Your lucky day this week will be Monday.

**CANCER (June 22-July 22)** Concentrate on work or make changes to yourself. You will need to spend extra time sorting through your work. You won't be admired at home if you haven't been taking care of your share of the work. Insincere gestures of friendliness are likely to occur. Your lucky day this week will be Thursday.

**LEO (July 23-Aug 22)** You may find that your quick wit and charm will help you in obtaining allies. Travel opportunities should be your first choice. Avoid functions that will bring you in contact with those you find difficult to get along with. Avoid lending money or belongings to friends. Your lucky day this week will be Saturday.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23 -Sept. 23)** Old friends may not like your choices. You need an outlet that will not only stimulate you but also challenge your intelligence as well. Deception is apparent. You should follow through on educational endeavors you have wanted to pursue for some time. Your lucky day this week will be Tuesday.

**LIBRA (Sept. 24 -Oct. 23)** Someone

left a real mess for you to sift through. You can get into self awareness groups or look into physical enhancement programs. Your professional attitude will not go unnoticed. Don't allow colleagues to stand in your way. Your lucky day this week will be Monday.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22)** Educational pursuits should help you develop your hobbies. Try to deal with the problems of those less fortunate; however, don't allow them to make unreasonable demands. Don't be too eager to spend what's left over; more unexpected expenses are evident. Work quietly behind the scenes. Your lucky day this week will be Monday.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 -Dec. 21)** You can make financial gains through your unique and creative approach to business. Rest and relaxation may be required; minor health problems will prevail if you don't watch your diet. Take care of yourself or you can expect to suffer from minor illness. Visit friends or relatives you don't get to see very often. Your lucky day will be Friday.

**CAPRICORN (Dec 22.- Jan. 20)** It's hard to stay mad if the object of the anger refuses to react. Authority figures may be less than accommodating if you have done something deceitful. Be careful not to exaggerate when interacting with your lover. Unexpected changes in friendships could occur. Your lucky day this week will be Wednesday.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 -Feb. 19)** You may have difficulties with foreigners. Don't argue with family. Older relatives may make unreasonable demands. You will be too quick to point your finger at your mate. Your lucky day this week will be Saturday.

**PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20)** Don't be taken advantage of by any fast talking salesperson trying to part you from your cash. Be precise in your communications to avoid any misunderstandings and arguments. Travel will lead you in new directions. Do you really want to start something with someone you can't reason with? Your lucky day this week will be Wednesday. ■

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