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## COMMUNICATION, THE THEME AT THE GOLDEN ROCK SCHOOL

### Field trip to the Government information Service



to their pupils so that they would get a clear understanding of sending and receiving correspondence through the post office. The children were welcomed by the staff of the post office and received detailed information how the process works. (photos of the various sights are available on page 8). The children of Cycle 1 group 1 and 2 visited the Government Information Service. They got first hand experience on the Shedding Light Radio programme at the Statia Radio Station. The chief of the G.I.S.

The Golden Rock School held the theme communication for one month. During this period the children went on a number of fieldtrips to the local telephone company, the post office and the office and studio of the Government Information Service. In an interview with the principal of the Golden Rock school, Mrs. Deborah Clarke Brown we learned that it is customary at the Golden Rock School to have a monthly theme. She explained to

the GIS the activities undertaken by the youngsters at school. They talked elaborately about communication, what it means, how important it is and the different form of medium used to communicate. This discussion has taken place in all the class rooms. The children wrote letters to each other and visited the post office to experience the process of mailing a letter. The teachers of Cycle one sent letters

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# POSTMENOPAUSAL BLEEDING

Monthly Health updates with  
Dr. Sharda Baboe-Kalpoe.

In our regular interview for this newsletter, Dr. Sharda Baboe-Kalpoe acknowledged the importance of educating the community on medical issues that are affecting this community. She chose female health because it is an important health care issue. The topic for this month is Postmenopausal Bleeding. The first question that comes to mind is

## What is Post Menopausal Bleeding? Definition

Postmenopausal bleeding is bleeding from the reproductive system that occurs six months or more after menstrual periods have stopped due to **menopause**.

### Description

Menopause, the end of ovulation and menstrual periods, naturally occurs for most women at age 45–55 years. The process of ending ovulation and menstruation (perimenopause) is gradual, spanning one to two years or more, due to shifts in hormone levels.

**Postmenopausal bleeding** is bleeding that occurs after menopause has been established for at least six months. It is different from infrequent, irregular periods (oligomenorrhea) that occur around the time of menopause.

Many women experience some postmenopausal bleeding. However, postmenopausal bleeding is **not normal**. Because it can be a symptom of a serious medical condition, **any episode** of postmenopausal bleeding should be brought to the attention of a (woman's) doctor.

During perimenopause, changes in menstrual bleeding are common.

During a normal menstrual cycle, the levels of the hormones **estrogen** and **progesterone** increase and decrease in a regular pattern. Ovulation occurs in the middle of the cycle, and menstruation occurs about 2 weeks later. During perimenopause, hormone levels may not follow this regular pattern. As a result, you may have irregular bleeding or spotting. Some months, your period may be longer and heavier. Other months, it may be shorter and lighter. The number of days between periods may increase or decrease. You may begin to skip periods.

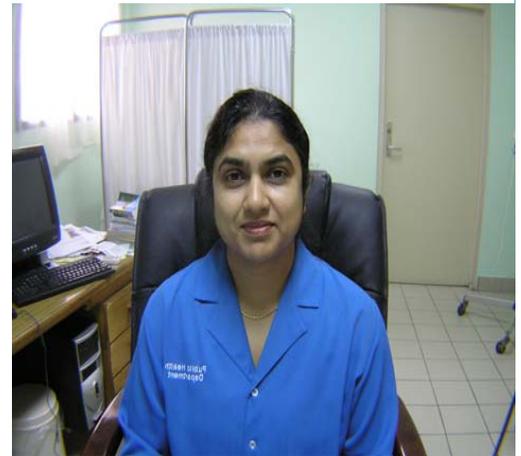
Although these changes are normal in perimenopause, abnormal bleeding sometimes can signal a problem not related to perimenopause. A good rule to follow is to tell your doctor if you notice any of the following changes in your monthly cycle:

- Very heavy bleeding
- Bleeding that lasts longer than normal
- Bleeding that occurs more often than every 3 weeks
- Bleeding that occurs after sex or between periods

Women taking estrogen (called [hormone replacement therapy](#) or [HRT](#)) are more likely to experience postmenopausal bleeding. So are [obese](#) women, because fat cells transform male hormones (androgens) secreted by the adrenal gland into estrogen.

### Causes and symptoms

Postmenopausal bleeding can originate in different parts of the repro-



ductive system. Bleeding from the vagina may occur because when estrogen secretion stops, the vagina dries out and can diminish (atrophy). This is the most common cause of bleeding from the lower reproductive tract.

Lesions and cracks on the vulva may also bleed. Sometimes bleeding occurs after intercourse. Bleeding can occur with or without an associated infection.

Bleeding from the upper reproductive system can be caused by:

- hormone replacements
- **endometrial cancer**
- endometrial polyps
- **cervical cancer**
- cervical lesions
- uterine tumors
- **ovarian cancer**
- estrogen-secreting tumors in other parts of the body

The most common cause of postmenopausal bleeding is HRT. The estrogen in the replacement therapy eases the symptoms of menopause (like hot flashes), and decreases the risk of **osteoporosis**. (continue on page 14)

## Peter van Dongen bids farewell



Mr. Peter van Dongen came to St. Eustatius in September 2009 to assist Mr. Willem Sanderse for a half year in several areas in the transition of Statia for 10/10/10. This support is in the best interest of the Executive Council, the Island Secretary and the Civil Servants. Although this was his first trip to Statia, he is familiar with Curacao and Bonaire since he resided in Aruba in the past.

He worked with pleasure with the civil servants and accomplished set goals with the necessary humor. He

focused specifically on the job ranking process. This process is ongoing for 12 years, but on November 30th 2009 the Executive Council of St. Eustatius made a decision on this process. Mr. Van Dongen was the Chair of the Objection Committee. In this period Department Heads created a department plan. A trainings programme for 2010 has been approved of which the initial trainings are presently conducted. In cooperation with the Personnel and Organization Mr. van Dongen assisted with the establishment of a Quick Scan for departments like Public Health and physical Planning and Development. He supported the management team with important topics. Presently a project is underway to get a person to full the position of Head of Economic Affairs. He was able to give the assignment to the committee for garbage process to create a tangible plan. He is happy to have been able to contribute towards all these plans that will benefit the Government of St. Eustatius. Special thanks for everyone's cooperation. The



VNG delegation with a few Department Heads

VNG administration paid a visit to St. Eustatius and met with a number of civil servants. They explained about the opportunities for civil servants to do training in the Netherlands and for Dutch experts to come to the islands. This programme if fully financed by the VNG.

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### Field trip to the Government Information Service

(Government Information Service), Head Mrs. Malvern Dijkshoorn-Lopes was happy to introduce the future leaders to the community through the radio programme. The children talked on the radio about the theme communication. Most of them were familiar with the different methods used like chatting on the computer, talking by phone, using the newspaper, radio, television, sign language, one on one talks while playing, and they went on to explain why it's important to be able to have clear communication. They expressed the importance of the receiver understanding the message sent by the sender. Although the young-

sters brought it simple in their own words it was crystal clear that they had worked at school on this theme because they were knowledge able of the subject. After the radio interview they visited the office and studio of GIS where they gathered additional information on the subject. The camera men, Mr. Michael Spanner and Dwight Barran translated their work on the level of the youngsters so that they understand what their job entailed. Mrs. Mercedes Lopes-Spanner shared with the children the importance of having good manners and being ambassadors for their island. She explained her field of work and was assisted by Ms. Nadjeska Jack who took photos of all the

children while they visited the different offices within the Department of GIS.



THE DUTCH ASSOCIATION FOR MUNICIPALITIES (VNG) GIVES WORKSHOP ON DUALISM



the floor were: What does dualism mean for civil servants, or what effect will it have for civil servants? What does one wish to accomplish with the implementation of dualism? Will the island government be able to make adjustments in areas where dualism does not benefit the island when looking at the scale and population? How was the implementation of Dualism experienced in small municipalities in the Netherlands? Mr Schoop explained that Dualism should strengthen the position of the island council and the council should operate more as a Representative of the people. When dualism is implemented we will have three official functions: Griffier; Ombudsman and a Government audit office. To clearly understand the Dualism concept, we first need to know the cause for its introduction.

**Why was Dualism introduced?**

- It was introduced for the simple reason of trying to get politicians and citizens closer together.
- To make the local administration more transparent.

When the Island Council and Executive Council is separated as a result of dualism, it will lead to the following division of responsibilities.

**THE ISLAND COUNCIL**

- Representative of the people
- Determine the framework for policies
- Control: supervise the execution of his decisions.

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The Island Council which is the highest legislative body on St. Eustatius is made up of five members. These members are: Mr. Reginald Zaandam; Mr. Roy Hooker, Mr. Clyde van Putten; Ms. Adelca Spanner and Mr. Julian Woodely. They were in attendance along with the Act. Lt. Governor Mr. Gerald Berkel and a few Department Heads at the workshop on Dualism held at the conference room at the Department of Education. The representatives of VNG focused a part of the content of their presentation partially on three components: 1) to ar-

range work placement for a training period; 2) send out experts to support departments in areas where they may not have sufficient human resources and knowledge in a particular field; 3) to arrange study visits. The Dutch delegation comprised of: Ms. Famke Kweekel; Mr. Nico Schoop; Ms. Marieke Verhoeven; and Mr. Gilbert Isabella. Mr. Nico Schoop was responsible for the presentation regarding Dualism. The participants got the opportunity to introduce themselves after which each person had to indicate what they wanted to know about dualism. The questions that came to

**SOCIAL COMPULSORY EDUCATION PROGRAMME HOSTING TRAININGS**

Recently the Scep (Social compulsory Education Programme) held a training for teachers and students separately. The overall goal of the training was to equip teachers for competency-based teaching and guidance of the youngsters participating in the mandatory social education programme. The teachers were given the opportunity to prac-

tice competency-based teaching and learning in cooperation with their colleagues. They will experience firsthand that the training is built around individual teacher's learning needs. Through the assignment they will discover that learners can learn constructively if you give them adequate opportunities combined (Continue on page 5)



*Photo by Ms. Nadjeska Jack*

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## SOCIAL COMPULSORY PROGRAMME

With a learning to learn approach. In the training they demonstrated how to do that and teach them the necessary skills. And last but not least the teachers learned goals are hinged in real life problems are much more likely to motivate students than traditional goals from the textbook **(photos of the workshop can be seen on page 10)**. There were a number of teachers like Mr. Derrick Simmons; Mrs. Joyce Weijshacker; Ms. Minerva Pantophlet, Mr. & Mrs. Van Engel; Ms. Versely Courtar; Ms. Raquel Carty; Mr. Brian Carty; Mrs. Ruth Pandt; Ms. Shaminda Gibbs; Ms. Holleband and Mrs. Samuel who participated in the workshop. Although we were not able to interview

all the teachers to get a picture of what their expectation was prior to the session. However, we draw the conclusion that the workshop was well received and the teachers seemed satisfied during the workshop which was filmed. Not only teachers were trained, but the students at the second chance education were given the opportunity to participate one day in training which was prepared to meet their needs. A number of topics were selected which the students can relate to, such as dress code when going to a job interview; sexual education; gender issues with regards to battered and abused women; individuals who were drug addicts and with rehabilitation are

presently contributing in a large and positive way in our community. The significance of being in shape as a people was highlighted to emphasize the benefits of having a good health. All these sections were discussed with the young people by persons like Mrs. Christina Timber-Glover; Mr. Granville Hassell; Mr. Luke Blair; Mr. Rob de Waal



## WINAIR NEW POLICIES AND THE EFFECTS ON THE COMMUNITY OF STATIA

St. Eustatius— Winair is the air transportation between the Dutch islands in the Eastern Caribbean Saba, St. Eustatius and St. Maarten. They also fly to other destinations in the direct surroundings. Winair was initially established by a private entity before the Central Government purchased all the shares. It is the main mean of transportation between the SSS islands (Saba, St. Eustatius and St. Maarten). There has been a number of new policies set by this airline, like the baggage policy which stated one check in-piece of luggage should not weigh more than 23 kg.; previously passengers could travel with more than one piece of luggage as long as it all totaled 20 kg; the airfare increase a 2nd and third time, but Winair does not consider it as an increase on there side because the Princess Juliana International Airport charge the airline a number of fees, like for example transfer fee (all airlines making use of the PJIA

(Princess Juliana International Airport need to pay this fee); screening fee; and the introduction of a service fee which was added on top of the ticket. Many of these fees which are included into the ticket in return have to be repaid back to the airport. Today, passengers are confronted with the weighing of hand luggage, which should weigh no more than 3 kg. In the past passengers were not hassled with hand luggage policy. Presently Winair introduced a new policy which according to them is from the FAA (Federal Aviation Administration) which according to Winair confirmed that a flight may not carry more that 16 Persons. In the past Winair use to carry 20 passengers, it dropped to 19 passengers and now down to 16 passengers. Many people are angry, irritated, and upset that Government is not giving an explanation with regard to all these changes. Many persons in the community are questioning: What Winair policies are based on.

Other individuals with whom the GIS have talked shared the views that they believe that Winair have bend the rules (of International Civil Aviation which is the European system to the American FAA system) over the years to meet the needs of the people of these islands.

Many interviewers shared different views. An individual informed GIS that every company should have a year plan (and Winair is no exception) what the cost will be per year. What ever Winair is selling suppose to cover the cost of their operations. All the extra fees should be included upfront in the Year Plan. It shouldn't be changed every time they see fit, this means that management doesn't have any vision what is happening in their organization. The example was shared of a couple of years ago when the market price for oil increased **t r e m e n d o u s l y ,**  
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## TAX INFORMATION

### Information Center of Taxes Sint Eustatius.

#### Assistance in payment of your tax arrears

Over the last period of months many citizens of Statia have received assessments regarding to back/ outstanding taxes. (Income tax, Turnover tax, Wage tax and Profit tax.)

In cases where it is not possible for you to pay the taxes within the stipulated period of time, we urge you to get in contact with us at the information center.

We will then make an appointment where we will consider, along with you, what is the best way to pay the outstanding taxes.

#### We can help you if you contact us.

INSPECTORATE OF TAXES WINDWARD ISLANDS  
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The Island Government of St. Eustatius, through the Planning Bureau is inviting the entire community to a Town Hall Meeting about the Development Plan for St. Eustatius.

**Date: March 15th 2010**

**Time: at 7.30 pm**

**Location: Lions Den**

The consultant bureau RBOI will present the Draft Strategic Development Plan. The group hopes to come to a conclusion of the options presented on December 1'09 when they presented the preliminary findings.



**Thursday March 4<sup>th</sup> from 15.00-20.00** will be the grand opening of the campaign

#### **"STATIA in SHAPE"**

On behalf of the Sport Department we invite you to this great festival at the **Community Center & Sportcomplex.**

Healthy food / drinks (special reduced prices) as well as entertainment (Kids Playground – Demonstrations – Music) and information will be served in a nice ambiance.

**ENTRANCE FREE!**

*Further information and program will be available end of this week!*

**Best regards, Rob de Waal  
(Head of Sport Department)**



#### NOTICE

The Island Government Department of Personnel and Organization acknowledges that an error has been made when identifying a member of staff in the New Years message as Lena Peter which should have been Lena Courtar.

*We apologize for this error.*

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#### NOTICE

The community of St. Eustatius is encouraged to come out every Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturday nights in the support of the different male and female volleyball teams. The location is at Lord Gene Sport Complex . The match starts at 7.30 PM

*Lets be supportive and involved in the local sport events.*

Government Information Service  
Mrs. Malvern Dijkshoorn-Lopes

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**Dualism workshop by Dutch Association of Municipality**



ment.

- Audit Office (Rekenkamer) is a strengthening control factor of the Island Council.

An important topic was the discussion of the WOLBES which offers the opportunity in a specific article to make exceptions for civil servants to become Island Council Members. Statia is a supporter of this exception based on the scale and the limitations of attracting Island Council Members. In our present structure civil servants who are island council members acquire the status of ambulatory .

Other questions of concern were whether persons employed in the private sector, if these persons can also become commissioners. Comparisons were made of the council allowance of for example Schiermonikoog and Ameland (islands that are a part of Holland) which is 200 euos. These islands do not have the services of an airport, harbor or hospital while these services are available on Statia. As a result of these factors the government is of the opinion that the present allowance should remain as is. The workshop was overall positive and informative for the Island Council Members and those that were given the opportunity to participate.

**THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL:**

- Governs and Manages
- Gives accountability regarding the execution of his policies

Below in the table is a clear view of what the new function of the Island Council should be. This is where they need to work to.

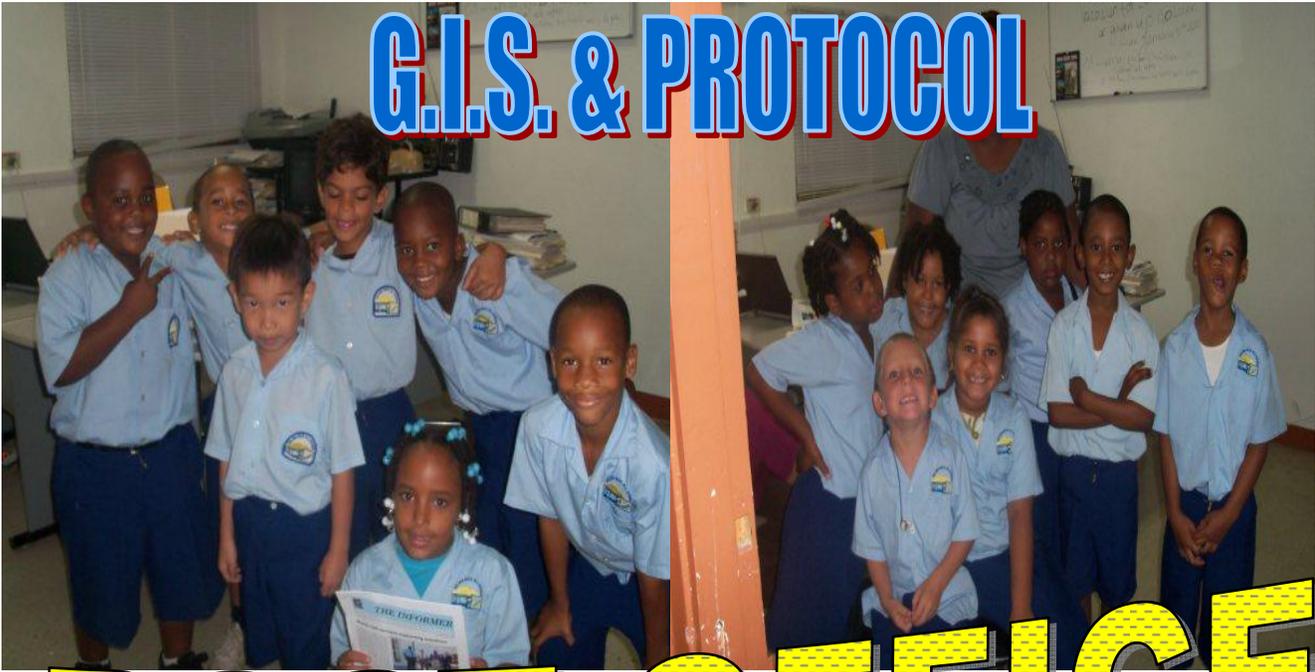
**WHAT ARE THE NEW FUCTIONS IN THE DUALISM?**

There are three new functions:

- Griffier: something like a secretary: This person is on a certain level and will be fully responsible for setting the agenda for the Island Council and preparing everything with regard for the Island Council.
- Ombudsman: A person who is there to manage conflict situations of individuals with govern-

GOAL/OBJECTIVE	METHOD
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The local politics must become more transparent</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The administrative function will be separated from the control function so that it becomes clear who is doing what</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There needs to be more political discussion in the Island Council</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The council sets the outline: the execution of policy is the responsibility of the Executive Council</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Island Council needs to function more like a representative of the people</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The island Council needs to research what concerns are of the local community and put it on the council agenda.</li> </ul>

# G.I.S. & PROTOCOL



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## DUTCH GOVERNMENT COMMITTED TO IMPROVING EDUCATION ON STATIA



results which initiated this assistance from the Dutch Government. The children were very excited during the presentation of these new books.

The Quarter Maker of Education Culture and Science, Ms. Fleur Lagcher visited two elementary schools, to present them with books to improve the education at the respective schools. She was welcomed at Golden Rock and Governor de Graaff school by the principals, Mrs. Debbie Clarke-Brown and Mr. Floyd Woodley. The commissioner of education, Mr. Roy Hooker was present at both schools and thanked Ms. Lagcher on behalf of the Island Government, School Board and the children of Statia. The idea is to improve the educational system on the island by presenting the new school books and material which form part of the School Improvement Plan financed by the Dutch. In an interview with the G.I.S. the Quarter Maker of education, Ms. Lagcher referred back to the Dutch Inspection which evaluated the education on Bonaire Saba and Statia. We are all aware of the negative



### TEACHERS ACQUIRING ADDITIONAL SKILLS IN WORKSHOP BY SCEP



## CONSENSUS REACHED ON AIRPORT DEVELOPMENT

The Government Information Service learned in an interview with the Planning Bureau that Mr. Ton Franssen from the Netherlands visited the island again on January 28th 2010 to follow up on issues with regard to airport development. The Planning Bureau prepared a memo for the development of the airport which was discussed with the airport manager, Mr. Ellis Schmidt; Mr. Ton Franssen, The Planning Bureau and the Executive Council. All parties agreed with the content of the memo. The discussions were about the I.C.A.O (International Civil Aviation Organization). The I.C.A.O. promotes understanding and security cooperative aviation regulation. This organization I.C.A.O is a part of the United Nations. It's an organization

where International agreements are made with regard to air traffic. One hundred and forty six (146) countries are represented in the I.C.A.O .

A very important point in the memo was the relocation of the terminal building, further from the landing strip for safety regulation. Because a lot of cost is involved a time frame could not be given. With the new development in the Netherlands surrounding the fall of the Dutch government may have serious implications for this project. Many question whether these projects will go on the backburner even after a new Government is formed in the Netherlands.



*From left to right; Mr. Ellis Schmidt, Mr. Maldwyn Timber and Mr. Ton Franssen*

## DUTCH INSPECTORATE VISIT STATIA ON FACT FINDING MISSION

The Inspector General of the Dutch VROM Ministry, also chairman of the umbrella organization of Inspectors General of the various ministries, Mr. Harry Paul, visited St. Eustatius on February 10th 2010 accompanied by colleague Mr. Stef Strik and Mr. Manfred Beckman. They participated in a workshop concerning Inspectorates in the broadest sense of the word. The purpose of the workshop was to look and see how many Inspectorates are needed on St. Eustatius and how they can be combined. The Netherlands has many Inspectorates for almost every field or area, they have approximately 40 Inspectorates. Looking at the scale of the island and population the Inspector talked with the local group about finding workable solutions for Inspectors on Statia. The island Government was represented

through various departments like : Mr. Esmond Hook of Drob, Mrs. Carol Jack-Roosberg of Public Health; Mr. Cedric Lijfrock of Domain, Mrs. Nicole Esteban of Stenapa, Ms. Brenda van Putten of the Department of Education and Siem Dijkshoorn of the Planning Bureau. The civil servants got the opportunity to indicate two areas of priorities on Statia so that the Inspectors can investigate how these inspectorate can be implemented efficiently and effectively. The priorities noted in range of importance from top to bottom were: 1) Education, 2) Environment, 3) Social Issues such as teenage pregnancy and school drop outs, 4) Spatial Development. Besides the discussions of the priority areas they also talked about the gradual introduction of Inspectors to the island.

## EUTEL EVOLVING

The local telephone company Eutel is presently under going some positive changes. The company hired IMC to do research and marketing communication project for the company. The company responsible for marketing, held it's first session with the press on January 29th 2010 at the library. The company is presently in the process of distributing a questionnaire so that members of the community can complete this form as honest as possible, in this way the IMC can get a clear picture of what you want to see change and or improve at Eutel. In the process this company IMC will enter your living rooms in different forms, like by t.v.' telephone, flyers or through a representative to get an idea how you think the new emblem of the company should look. The idea is to create a new image for the company by the people of Statia. We encourage you to participate in the proces

# Statia Future Leaders on Field Trip at EUTEL



# Books Presentation at Governor de Graaf School



## Continued from page 2 Postmenopausal Bleeding

Sometimes this supplemental estrogen stimulates the uterine lining (endometrium) to grow. When the lining is shed, postmenopausal bleeding occurs. Most women on HRT usually take the hormone progesterone with the estrogen, and may have monthly withdrawal bleeding. This is a normal side effect.

About 5–10% of postmenopausal bleeding is due to endometrial cancer or its precursors. Uterine hyperplasia, the abnormal growth of uterine cells, can be a precursor to cancer.

### *Endometrial Hyperplasia*

In this condition, the lining of the uterus thickens. Endometrial hyperplasia can cause irregular or heavy bleeding. In some cases of endometrial hyperplasia, the cells of the lining become abnormal. This condition, called atypical hyperplasia, can lead to cancer of the uterus.

Endometrial hyperplasia most often is caused by excess estrogen without enough progesterone. Diagnosis and treatment of endometrial hyperplasia allows for prevention of the most common form of endometrial cancer.

### *Polyps*

Polyps usually are noncancerous growths that develop from tissue similar to the *endometrium*, the tissue that lines the inside of the *uterus*. They either attach to the uterine wall or develop on the endometrial surface. They may cause irregular or heavy bleeding.

Polyps also can grow on the *cervix* or inside the cervical canal. These polyps may cause bleeding after sex.

### **Diagnosis**

Diagnosis of postmenopausal bleeding begins with the patient. The doctor will ask for a detailed history of how long postmenopausal bleed-

ing has occurred. A woman can assist the doctor by keeping a record of the time, frequency, length, and quantity of bleeding. She should also tell the doctor about any medications she is taking, especially any estrogens or steroids.

After taking the woman's history, the doctor does a pelvic examination and **PAP test**. The doctor will examine the vulva and vagina for any signs of atrophy, and will feel for any sign of uterine polyps. Depending on the results of this examination, the doctor may want to do more extensive testing.

### **Invasive diagnostic procedures**

**Endometrial biopsy** allows the doctor to sample small areas of the uterine lining, while **cervical biopsy** allows the cervix to be sampled. Tissues are then examined for any abnormalities.

**Dilatation and curettage (D & C)** is often necessary for definitive diagnosis. This is done under either general or local anesthesia. After examining the tissues collected by an endometrial biopsy or D & C, the doctor may order additional tests to determine if an estrogen-secreting tumor is present on the ovaries or in another part of the body.

### **Non-invasive diagnostic procedures**

**Vaginal ultrasound** measures the thickness of the endometrium. When the endometrial stripe is less than 0.2 in (5 mm) thick, the chance of cancer is less than 1%. The disadvantage of vaginal ultrasound is that it often does not show polyps and fibroids in the uterus. A refinement of vaginal probe ultrasound is saline infusion sonography (SIS). A salt water (saline) solution is injected into the uterus with a small tube (catheter) before the vaginal probe is inserted. The presence of liquid in the uterus helps make any structural abnormalities more distinct. These two non-invasive procedures cause less discomfort than endometrial biopsies and D & Cs, but D & C still remains the

definitive test for diagnosing **uterine cancer**.

### **Treatment**

It is common for women just beginning **HRT** to experience some bleeding. Most women who are on HRT also take progesterone with the estrogen and may have monthly withdrawal bleeding. Again, this is a normal side effect that usually does not require treatment.

Postmenopausal bleeding due to bleeding of the vagina or vulva can be treated with local application of estrogen or HRT.

When diagnosis indicates cancer, some form of surgery is required. The uterus, cervix, ovaries, and fallopian tubes may all be removed depending on the type and location of the cancer. If the problem is estrogen- or androgen-producing tumors elsewhere in the body, these must also be surgically removed. Postmenopausal bleeding that is not due to cancer and cannot be controlled by any other treatment usually requires a hysterectomy.

### **Prognosis**

Response to treatment for postmenopausal bleeding is highly individual and is not easy to predict. The out-come depends largely on the reason for the bleeding. Many women are successfully treated with hormones. As a last resort, hysterectomy removes the source of the problem by removing the uterus. The prognosis for women who have various kinds of reproductive cancer varies with the type of cancer and the stage at which the cancer is diagnosed.

*The G.I.S. is encouraging the community to participate in the shedding light radio programme on March 3rd 2010. The discussion is about Winair policies and the effects it has on Statia!*

St. Eustatius— The Director of Tourism Ms Alida Francis has taken a one year leave of Absence to take on the new challenge at the Regional Service Center as Communication Advisor. ***We congratulate her on this new opportunity that she has undertaken.*** The key persons (*Department heads*) in Government who worked near Lady Francis knows that she has a dynamic personality. Her over all contribution to general discussions at meetings or workshop will surely be missed. She is a no nonsense person who at all times try to give an objective view of what ever she undertakes. She never allows friendship with anyone influence her decisions or opinion and or advise on a particular matter. Although she issued a press release informing the public of her departure and noted a number of accomplishments in the community, we noticed that she was mod-

est identifying all the areas where she contributed her effort and time towards the betterment of young people growing up in Statia. She taught children on the secondary level how to speak in public, how to dress when going on the job training and much more. She has focused many years on preparing young Statians to Represent Statia in the Miss Teenage, Miss Toursim Nectar, the local Carnival Queen show and the list goes on. Lady Alida Francis is truly a skillful person. She grabs each opportunity to upgrade in areas where she see possibilities of improving a particular standard on the island. For example event management. We all recall the annual G.E.BE new years party, especially the last one which was according to the feedback of the community one of her best work. Although she enjoy doing all these different activities, she assured the community of Statia that her com-



***Lady Alida Francis***

mitment continues to the youth of Statia and she will remain involved in education.

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#### **WINAIR POLICIES AND IT'S EFFECT ON THE COMMUNITY OF STATIA**

Winair rightfully introduced a fuel charge on top of their price. The fuel price should be seen as an exception simply because this was unforeseen circumstances. In the mean time the oil market has stabilize, yet the fuel charges remain. The interviewer was of the opinion that government should not be in the airline business because you get a lot of these unfair charges that are blatantly passed on to the consumer. The second part is that the airlines are protected from competition. The consumer has no where to turn because there is no alternative in the form of a second airline. He went on to highlight an example of another government owned company. G.E.B.E has a fuel charge in their billing system that when the price of fuel fluctuate it is automatically passed on to the consumer. Many see this as an unfair charge to the customer because when the oil prices are high, GEBE tends to make a tremendous profit. An objective Statian indicated that the rules that apply at Winair to check inn at least one hour prior to

departure time, is simply to give the dispatcher time to formulate the weight and balance of the cargo for the pilot. Often times persons may come to the check inn late and get upset when a reaction is given from Winair personnel the “the flight is close” although the aircraft may not yet arrived. Many people are slowly understanding that time is significant. However, Winair has a time problem. Let us take St. Maarten as the island of departure., where passengers are advised to check in 1—2 hours before departure time and are advised to be at the gate 30 minutes before time of departure. Then you reach to the hall to realize that the aircraft already departed. Conclusion Winair leaves earlier than the schedule time. Although many may agree that the last months Winair has been very much on time but the experience that Statians and other Caribbean passengers have to endure when the flight is called, passengers have to stand or sit on a step for sometimes up to 10—15

minutes before they are really escorted to the aircraft. This is not experience as customer friendly, people complain but no change is seen in attitude of this airline.

*What is really effecting the community of Statia as a result of the high cost involved for tickets.* The island will become more isolated, while we are promoting this island as a tourism destination. People travel from the Netherlands on KLM with many bags and are confronted with the high cost at the counter of Winair. Families would not be able to travel with their entire family for a long weekend to St. Maarten as a result of the high cost; People may end up seeking an alternative like boat transportation which is less expensive but a longer travel. People in Holland have an options to travel by bus, train, plain car to go to another destination. It is relatively cheaper to travel to the Netherlands, than in the Caribbean. Some people talk about a strike on Winair while others were not willing to organize a boat charter to St. Maarten.

## JOB OPPORTUNITIES



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### **STDF seeking a Public Relations Officer (PRO):**

In order to strengthen the promotion and communication brand "The St. Eustatius Tourism Development Foundation is currently looking for a Public Relations Officer (PRO)

#### **Job Description.**

The PRO will be responsible for the public relations sector. The responsibility for this function will include:

- Development of core messages based on the present conditions and priorities.
- Elaboration of the communication strategy and the ways to effectively achieve the set up goals.
- Cooperate in the establishment of a network locally, regionally and internationally.
- Present activities and practical examples of this function are:
- Managing of the foundation's website
- Coordinating the issue of a quarterly newsletter (electronic format)
- Organization and coordination of events
- Maintaining and developing contacts with specialized press

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#### **Profile:**

The successful candidate is required to be:

- Open-minded, with strong interpersonal and communication skills (written and verbal)
- Ability to work with professionals in an international and multicultural environment
- Flexibility, ability to work autonomously on own initiative, and to cope with stress and deadlines
- Excellent organizational and multi-tasking skills
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills- fluent spoken and written English is essential. Knowledge of the Dutch is an advantage.
- Communications, Public Relations, Marketing or a similar background and two years experience in the related area.

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## Core tasks

The Public Relations Officer (PRO) of the St. Eustatius Tourism Development Foundation will work in-house. The role is very varied. Core tasks involve:

- planning, developing and implementing PR strategies;
- liaising with colleagues, stakeholders and key spokespeople;
- liaising with and answering enquiries from local, regional and international media, individuals and other organizations, often via telephone and email;
- researching, writing and distributing press releases to targeted media;
- collating and analyzing media coverage;
- writing and editing in-house newsletters, case studies, speeches, articles and annual reports;
- preparing and supervising the production of publicity brochures, handouts, direct mail leaflets, promotional videos, photographs, films and multimedia programmes;
- devising and coordinating photo opportunities;
- organizing events including press conferences, exhibitions, open days, press tours and special events;
- maintaining and updating information on [www.statiatourism.com](http://www.statiatourism.com) and the St. Eustatius tourism BlogSpot;
- sourcing and managing speaking and sponsorship opportunities;
- commissioning market research;
- fostering community relations through events such as open days and through involvement in community initiatives;
- Managing the PR aspect of a potential crisis situation.

## Offer

Challenging position and flexibility

## Conditions of employment

Full-time position, starting Tuesday, May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010

## Application

Please apply by email with Curriculum Vitae and motivation letter to President of the Board, Mr. Julian Woodley [info@statiatourism.com](mailto:info@statiatourism.com)  
Deadline for application is Friday, February 26<sup>th</sup>, 2010

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## **SHEDDING LIGHT**

Join us weekly on Wednesday morning, at 9 Am sharp, on the Government radio programme *Shedding Light*, for a day of self discovery, sharing information, reviewing developments in our community, questioning our elected officials about important issues. If you have ideas, suggestions contact the host, Malvern on 318 - 2745 or email [malvern.gis@statiagovernment.com](mailto:malvern.gis@statiagovernment.com)

Please put your suggestions or opinions in the GIS idea box at our office at Princess.

## **Honour where Honour is due**

We encourage Statians and residents alike to submit names of persons in the community that do exceptional or outstanding services in the community. If you want to nominate someone for a Royal Decoration it is advisable to contact the Decoration Committee for relevant island territory or the cabinet of the Lieutenant Governor. They will inform you whether the services rendered by the nominee are exceptional or outstanding enough to warrant a Royal Decoration. They will explain you exactly what you need to do, once you have collected the necessary information. Tel.nr.: 318-2552 Fax.318 2324

## **Weekly Press Conferences**

The Government information Service is hosting weekly press conferences at the V.A. Lopes legislative Hall. These sessions will be held every Tuesday from 9.30- 10.00 am .We encourage all the media to participate in these session.

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We apologize that we were not able to host our weekly press conferences for the last few weeks due to the absence of our local representatives. **Thanks for patience.**