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STATIA 'S ISLAND COUNCIL UNANIMOUSLY APPOINTS NEW COMMISSIONER

St. Eustatius– The Island Territory of St. Eustatius was provided with a new commissioner in the form of Mr. Carlyle Tarr. The sworn-in ceremonies with the in-coming Commissioner took place at the V.A Lopes legislative hall, where an Island Council meeting was held. The Island Council of St. Eustatius unanimously accepted the appointment of the incoming Commissioner, Mr. Carlyle Tarr on Thursday December 13th 2012. He now forms part of the Coalition government with Democratic Party (DP) and the Independent Island Council Lady honourable Millicent Lijfrock. Each member of the Island council extended constructive remarks and pledged their support to the incoming commissioner. After Mr. Carlyle Tarr was sworn in he got the opportunity to address the members on the floor of the island council. He started off expressing gratitude to the island council for endorsing his appointment unanimously. He gave a short summary of his background and his intentions. “I come from a background where modesty is a virtue. But the modesty is about demeanor, not about vision and goals. It does not mean the lack of commitment or leadership. Rather, it is quiet determination in action to get things done without so much fanfare. Indeed, our Organization is modest in its means, but not in its values. We should be more modest in our words, but not in our performance. The true measure of success is not how much we promise, but how much we deliver for those who need us most. Given the enduring purposes and inspiring principles of our Organization, we need not shout its praises or preach its virtues. We simply need to live them every day: step by step, program by program, mandate by mandate.

My defining mandate is to strengthen the island so that the community may be better served amidst new challenges. As Commissioner, I will make the most of the authority invested in my office by the council and the mandate you give me. I will work diligently to materialize our responsibility to protect the most vulnerable members of the community and stability.”

Commissioner Sneek also congratulated him in his new function and look towards a good working relationship. This reshuffling of commissioners was a result of the lost of confidence of Council Lady Lijfrock in former Commissioner Glenville Schmidt. The former commissioner was asked to tender his resignation in and he complied.

The incoming commissioner had a audience of family and friends present at the sworn in ceremonies at the V.A. legislative Hall. **(see pictorial on page 8)**



BLESSINGS OF THE SEASON
 We count your friendship among ours on this joyous occasion. Our very best wishes to all.

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LIFTING OF PRELIMINARY SUPERVISION IS NEW YEARS GIFT FOR STATIA GOVERNMENT

St. Eustatius - In a one on one interview on G.I.S.-TV on Monday December 11th 2012, the Commissioner of Finance, Mr. Koos Sneek, expressed his happiness for reaching to the point that the prior supervision is lifted. He talked about the actions taken within the government administration to assure that, government did not spend what they did not have. The measures taken during the financial supervision to drastically cutback on spending, resulted in government ended up with a sur-plus which will now be used to repair a number of roads, like the bay road and the road adjacent to mansion hardware. The news of the lifted supervision came as Christmas and New Years gift for the Island Government. When asked what government will do to assure that this situation does not reoccur, he reiterated that we should not spend what we do not

have. In the same interview he informed the community that the Preliminary Supervision will be lifted by January 2013. The Public Entity of St. Eustatius was informed by Minister of Interior Affairs and Kingdom Relations, Mr. Ronald Plaskerk, that the island of St. Eustatius was under this preliminary supervision based on the law Finbes article 35 member 5.

According to Minister Plaskerk, there is no need for extending the supervision, since the island territory complied with the conditions set fourth by the commission for financial supervision (CFT). On December 4th 2012 the Minister of Kingdom Relations was advised by CFT not to extend the preliminary supervision, because the Island Territory of St. Eustatius complied with the 4 conditions set fourth by the CFT. These 4 points are:

- An approved balance amendment to the 2012 budget;

- A balance budget for 2012, timely approved by the island council
- A timely submission of the annual statements over 2012 approved by the island council
- The preparation of a plan of approach concerning the improvement of the financial management for 2013.

The minister of Kingdom relations, Mr. R. Plaskerk extended compliments to the Island Government for their successful efforts to improve the quality of the supplied products. As a result of the Island Governments action the preliminary supervision for the 2012 budget is lifted effective immediately.

THE VESSEL WATERMAN IS OFFICIALLY SEA WORTHY



St. Eustatius - The Harbour master Mr. Austin van Heyningnen officially signed the certificate of sea worthi-

ness for the harbour vessel Waterman on December 1st 2012 at the Ministry of Inspection.

STATIA TO GET POSSIBLE SUPPORT FROM PORT OF ROTTERDAM

Statia harbour master gets firsthand knowledge of the functioning of Harbours in the Netherlands

Story by Mr. Austin Van Heyningen

St. Eustatius - Since the recording of the three Caribbean Islands Saba, St. Eustatius and Bonaire as a public body in the Dutch administrative order, is the Minister of I&M (Innovation and environment) responsible for the nautical management around the Islands. The nautical management regulates, in short, safe and smooth settlement of the shipping traffic.

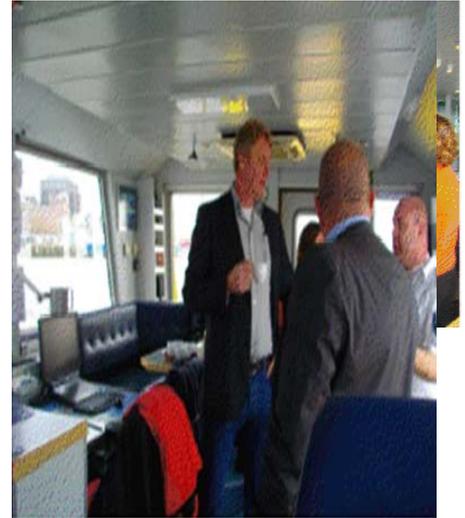
From December 3rd through December 6th 2012 a delegation from St. Eustatius consisting of Commissioner Sneek, Island Secretary Jan Helmond and the port masters of St Eustatius and Bonaire at the invitation of DGB/Maritime Affairs/Seaports travelled to the Netherlands to participate in the national consultation of port masters. The purpose of the visit was discussing forms of support in the professionalization and possible empowerment of the ports in Caribbean Netherlands.

On the first day introductory conversation were held with the Director of Maritime Affairs and Head of the Department of seaports. The topics discussed were: nautical traffic management and expected improvements in the Islands, the TZ (Territorial Seas).

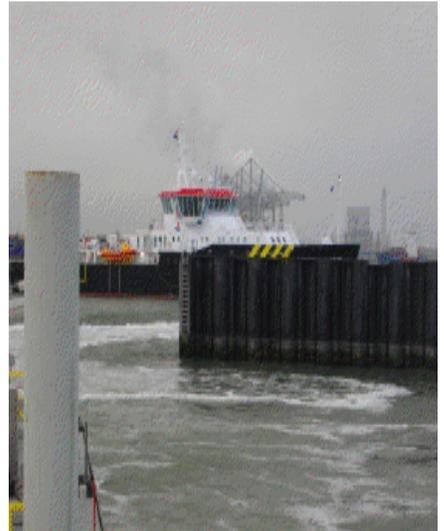
On the second day during the trip the delegation visited a number of locations like the Port of Rotterdam NV, World Port Centre in Rotterdam. They held conversa-

tions with emphasis on; main tasks, functions and responsibilities of a port business as port of Rotterdam NV. and possible support in the direction of their counterparts in the Caribbean Netherlands.

In addition contact talks were held with the Marine Pilotage Organization. This organization is responsible for pilotage in Netherlands divided in region Noord, Amsterdam-Rotterdam-Rijnmond and IJmond, Scheldemonde.



Commissioner Koos Sneek, Island secretary Jan Helmond and Rob Gubeling



RCN COMMUNICATION TEAM VISITS COUNTERPART ON STATIA

St. Eustatius– In the beginning of December 2012 the office of the Government Information Service was visited by Mrs. Carla van Konink, Communication Advisor for RCN stationed in Bonaire accompanied by Ms. Alida Francis Communication Advisor at RCN stationed in Saba. We were happy to welcome Carla to Statia and at the same time give her an introduction and tour of the mini studio at the G.I.S on Statia. Although staff members of G.I.S met with Carla in Bonaire in August 2012 for the workshop held for International Day of the Press, we were pleased to show her our working environment. Carla and Alida were visiting the island for the media training which was a follow up of the workshop held for International day of the Press in Bonaire. This media training was

organized by RCN and was planned for Statia and Saba. The instructor which was used for the media training in Boniare, Mr. Rob Harms was also responsible for the training in the Windward Islands. The G.I.S. hopes to organize a similar training in the future .



From R to L : Carla van Konink, Alida Francis, and Malvern Dijkshoorn-Lopes.

STATIA GOVERNMENT STARTED WITH ROAD REPAIRS

St. Eustatius - The road project commenced with quick repairs of certain roads which were in a deplorable state. The road on the bay in front of Mazinga has been restored. An area was left open in the middle of the road to separate the roads. Formerly an old large tree was located in the middle of the road creating that division. One wonders if Government will utilize this open space with the placement of a monument or something significant to the island. Another road that will be repaired shortly is the road adjacent to Mansion Hardware. The island government is aware of the poor state in which the roads are, and it is a priority to repair a number of Roads in 2013 with funds from the Island Government Budget. We will follow up on the road project in the new year and highlight the improvements.



STATIA HARBOUR ADRESSING THE BEAUTIFICATION PROJECT

St. Eustatius—The harbour had again embarked on a beautification project to enhance the experience of first time- and returning visitors to our port. The overall frame work of the project is to:

- a. Beautify the lower town area of which phase I will cover the area from the harbour to the newly build pavilion area.
- b. Creation of parking area.
- c. Creation of a boardwalk setting stage I.

Phase I of the project was made possible with the cooperation of the following parties: TRICO NV supplying of material and equipment; Dep. of Agriculture Animal husbandry and Fishery; The St.Eustatius Tourism Foundation; Eardly Woodley, Gershon Lopes (donation of coconut-trees).



Photo by Austin van Heyningen

And most of all special thanks to the team of the Harbour Department for their tireless drive to realize this part of the project and their commitment. The staff at the Harbour Department also extend our support to the Tourism Foundation for the work they are doing in upgrading and beautification of the lower town round about.

Story by Austin van Heyningen



EVERY CHILD IS OUR RESPONSIBILITY

St. Eustatius -With the upcoming change of the Governor de Graaff school becoming a Foundation and relocating to a new building and area, we hope for a better environment and quality of education that will benefit our students in achieving their goals in life.

The School started nearly a year ago with a "Breakfast project". Serving a healthy breakfast helps the brain and body to function better, gives energy and stimulates better performed in school.

We of the school and school board are very happy with our government to have sponsored this project. We do hope that they will continue to finance it and take it to the next level by implementing this pass tradition in serving all students, a healthy nutritious breakfast, with the goal to avoid fast food products. Which can play a big role in preventing obesity?

On Holy Thursday we served coloured Easter eggs for breakfast, which turned out to be very exciting for our students, as they were part of this colouring event.

From day one Sandbox Tree Bakery have sponsored all our daily bread, along with parents that occasionally donates fruits, cheese. We had a \$200, - donation from the D& R Enterprises for the utensils (cups, bowls and plates). The school board donated a \$50, - pot's etc., the Lions club is donating as of December 2012, every month a case of oranges and last but not the least our voluntaries (parents, teachers and students).

We hereby wish to thank all our sponsors, parents (PTA), our teachers and staff who help carry out the task in preparing the breakfast everyday for their students. We also pray and hope that our governments will continue to see the

necessity of this project.

Once more many thanks for your cooperation and we wish to take this opportunity to wish everyone a blessed Christmas and a Happy and prosperous 2013 in our new school building.

The Governor De Graaff school board



Peace on Earth.

Best wishes for a wonderful holiday season
and a New Year filled with peace and happiness



The Island Labour Office



MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A BLESSED 2013

It has been a Pleasure Serving you in 2012

It is around this time of year
that we wish to thank all those
Who encouraged and helped in 2012.

Thanks from the dept of our hearts.
The Culture Department St. Eustatius



The Government Information Service & Protocol extends

Warm and Sincerest wishes to all her readers,

colleague, visiting friends and

The entire community of St, Eustatius

for a very

Christ filled Christmas and a New Year

which is resplendent with bright

Health and Prosperity for us all !

*Mercedes Lopes-Spanner, Mikchael Spanner, Nadjeska Jack,
Jennette Davis & Malvern Dijkshoorn-Lopes*



SEASON GREETINGS

On behalf of the staff of the
St.Eustatius Harbour Department,

We wish every one a

**MERRY CHRISTMAS,
HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS 2013.**

ST. EUSTATIUS HARBOUR



St. Eustatius

GOVERNMENT INFO PAGE

www.statiagovernment.com

NOTICE

The Head of the Finance Department, Mr. Rudy Poell, is informing the general public that the Finance Office will be open half days on :

- Thursday December 27th '12 pm from 08.00 - 12.00 (only morning hours)
- Friday December 28th '12pm from 08.00 -12.00 only morning hours

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Sint Eustatius, December 06, 2012

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Island Government of Sint Eustatius hereby informs the general public that the price for gasoil on the Island of St. Eustatius has to be adjusted for the month of December 2012.

- Gasoil US\$ 1.238 per liter -

The new price will go into effect starting December 1, 2012 at all pump stations.

Sincerely,

The Executive Council of the Public Entity Sint Eustatius,

Island Governor,



Island Secretary, *act.*

Cc.: GIS
 Radio Station / Newspaper

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Public Notice
 # 76/Gez.



Sint Eustatius, December 10, 2012

PUBLIC NOTICE

The office of the Island Governor will like to inform the General Public of St.Eustatius that Naturalization Exams will be held on the following dates.

December 11, 2012 for Orientation on Society & Political Systems
 December 12, 2012 for Language skills English
 December 13, 2012 for language skills Dutch

All persons interested in taking these Exams can register at the Government administration building starting October 16, 2012 and every Tuesday and Thursday from 8 a.m. - 12 noon.

The Final date for registration is November 22, 2012.

Governor

Gerald Berkel



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The Executive Council hereby informs the general public that all Government Offices will be **open** on Friday, December 14, 2012. All Government Offices, considering their department permits will be **closed** on December 24 & 31, 2012.

Hoping to have informed you accordingly.

Sincerely,

The Executive Council of the Public Entity Sint Eustatius,

Island Governor,



Island Secretary, *act.*

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SWORN-IN CEREMONIES INCOMING COMMISSIONER CARLYLE TEARR



JOB OPPORTUNITIES

THE LABOR DEPARTMENT HEREBY MAKE IT KNOWN THAT PETITIONS HAVE BEEN SUBMITTED BY EMPLOYERS TO OBTAIN WORK PERMITS FOR FOREIGNERS IN SOME OF THE FUNCTIONS MENTIONED BELOW.

ALL DUTCH CARIBEANS THAT ARE QUALIFIED FOR THE BELOW MENTIONED FUNCTIONS EMPLOYED/UNEMPLOYED, SHOULD APPLY AT THE LABOR DEPARTMENT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

ASSISTANT PROFESOR OF NEUROSCIENCE

Hours: 40

Education: PHD. degree

BARTENDER

Hours: 48 per week

Education: Experience

COOK

Hours: 48 per week

Education: certified

SEAMAN/ DECKHAND- 4 vacancies

Hour: 40 per week

Education: STCW-95 minimum 5 years sailing experience

Dienst Arbeidszaken, De Graaffweg 13, St.Eustatius Caribisch Nederland.

Tel: 599-318-2881. Fax: 599-318-3322. labour.dept@statiagov.com

PRE-CHRISTMAS CANTATA BY THE COMMUNITY CHOIR



Special Thanks to GIS for The Photos

Season



Greetings



Dear Colleagues & Education Stakeholders, at this joyous time of year, we are grateful for our work with you. We wish you abundance, happiness, and peace in a new year filled with hope.

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Kind regards,

Sherlene Berkel
Compulsory Education Officer

ALL THE BEST FOR THE SEASON

The Commissioner of Education, Honorable
 Carlyle Tearr wishes the general public a
 Merry Christmas
 and a New Year filled with
 Joy, Wisdom Strength and Happiness !

Commissioner Carlyle Tearr

CHRISTMAS



GREETINGS



***Commissioner of Finance, Honorable
 Koos Sneek wishes the Community
 Of St. Eustatius***

A Merry, Healthy and Prosperous 2013!

MERRY CHRISTMAS !

Commissioner Koos Sneek



MERRY CHRISTMANS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR
 From the Information Technology Office

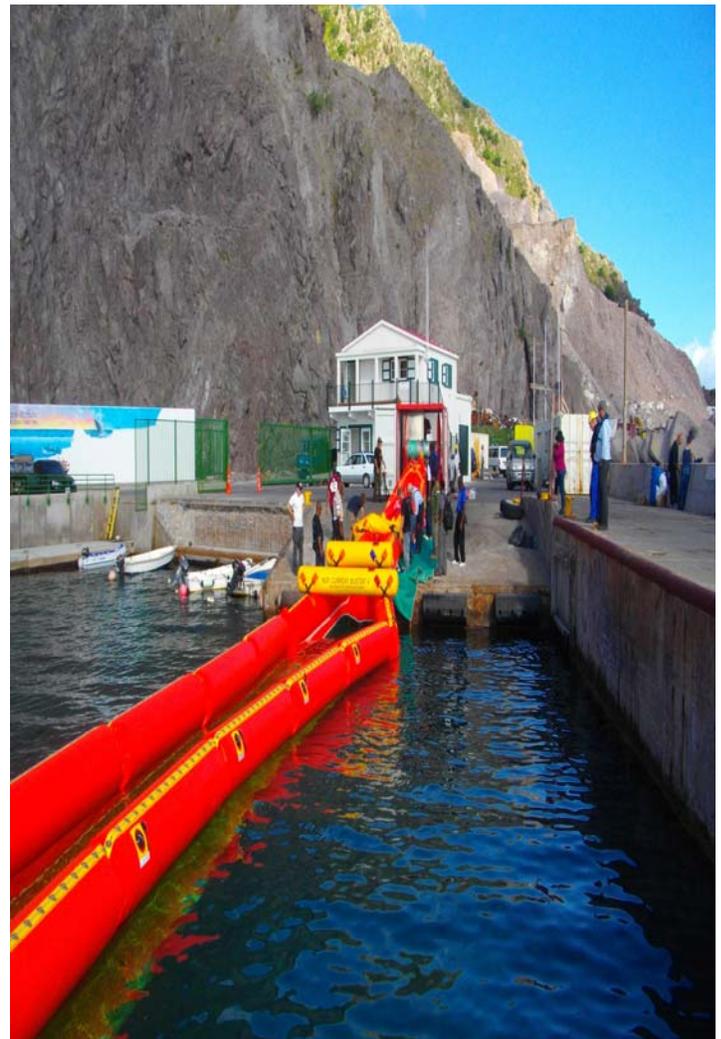
Mr. Derrick Simmons

UNDP SPONSORED WORKSHOP ON OIL SPILL PREPAREDNESS & RESPONSE

A delegation from St.Eustatius attended the National Workshop on Oil spill preparedness and response in the Bottom, Saba on November 27-29th 2012. This workshop was organized and sponsored by, United Nations Development Program (UNDP), Rijkswaterstaat Nederland and RAC/REMPEITC-Caribe. Attending the workshop were delegations from: St.Eustatius, Saba, St.Maarten, Bonaire, Curacao, The Netherlands, Turks & Ca Isl., Montserrat and Anguilla. The purpose of the workshop was to introduce and familiarize response personnel in the properties, fate and effects of marine oil spill. The Statia delegation consisted of the following participants: Austin van Heyningen Harbourmaster of St. Eustatius; Roy Lawrence; Cyrill Woodley; Ted Hassel; Melvis Harigan (stagier); Jessica Berkel (Stenapa), Edris Bennet-Merkman - disaster liaison; Andre Bennet St. Eustatius Fire Chief; and Mr. Luc van Osch - resident shipping Inspector.

During the workshop participants were actively engage in topics covering: background of marine oil spills; international contingency planning; properties fate and effect of marine oil spills; health and safety; command and control; response strategy; shoreline treatment; Waste managements; Claims and compensations; media, public relations & awareness.

The harbour vessel WATERMAN took part in the practical exercises which covered the deployment and retrieval of the Buster oil recovery system. Each island Saba, Bonaire and St.Eustatius will be receiving such a system complete with support systems.



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**THE GREATEST GIFT WE CAN GIVE TO OTHERS
IS A GOOD EXAMPLE!**

SHEDDING LIGHT

Join us weekly on Wednesday morning at 09.00 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 use the suggestion box near the entrance of the office or email gis@statiagov.com

Be Thankful for what you have;

You 'll end up having more.

If you concentrate on what you don't have, you will never, ever have enough!

Oprah Winfrey

Honour where Honour is due

Do you know anybody in your surroundings who do voluntary work, who render exceptional or outstanding service? The process starts with you recognizing that person, by submitting their name to the office of the Island Governor or Decoration Committee.

We encourage Statians and residents alike to submit names of persons in the community. If you want to nominate someone for a Royal Decoration it is advisable to contact the decoration Committee or the cabinet of the Island 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 collected the necessary information. Tel.nr.: 318 - 2552 Fax: 318 2324

Weekly Press Conferences

The Government Information Service is hosting weekly press conferences on Wednesday from 11.00 - 12.00 with Members of the Executive Council . We encourage all the media to participate in these sessions. If you wish to gather information about a particular topic, please submit the questions to the office of the G.I.S. and we will bring it forward in the first following press conference.

**GOODNESS IS THE ONLY
INVESTMENT THAT NEVER
FAILS!!!**

***IT IS BETTER TO DE-
SERVE HONOURS AND
NOT HAVE THEM
THAN TO HAVE THEM
AND NOT DESERVE
THEM!***