Recently the Dutch Government through the Quarter-maker of education, Mr. Hemmie van Xanten presented schoolbooks to the school board of the secondary education, in the presence of the Dutch Inspection of Education and employees of the regional service center. These school materials were promised after the Dutch inspection had evaluated the education system on Bonaire, Saba and St. Eustatius after which was determined that the school level on all three islands was below the expected level. There were many feedback both positive as negative about the Dutch inspection report. The island government was in the process of organizing an educational conference, which was executed shortly after the results of the Dutch report. Many Statians are open minded and are following the developments within the educational system. A committee was established during the conference to evaluate the bottle necks and come-up with solutions which were contributed by the various stakeholders. A number of positive actions were undertaken to bring about the change desired in education. A new school board was installed for which members were selected by parents, Mrs. Clarsina Rivers-Berkel, Mrs. Pammela Pandt-Brown, members representing the Island government are: Mr. Charles Lindo, Mr. Simon Dijkshoorn, selected by the new school board, (Continued on page 5)

RENEGOTIATION OF SOCIAL SERVICES SYSTEM FOR ST. EUSTATIUS

The Island Government of St. Eustatius disapproved the document presented by the Dutch government in Bonaire in July 2009 for the Social Services System once the islands are re-structured. The island Government is more focused on having research done to determine the amount of money essential to meet ones basic livelihood. In an interview with the Commissioner of Finance and Social Affairs, Mr. Roy Hooker he explained the meaning of Social Services, basically when somebody is not working and government tries to assist them. He went on to explain that Holland (Continued on page 2)
THE INFORMER

In an interview with Dr. Sharda Baboe-Kalpoe she talks about high cholesterol and it’s risk for progressive disease called atherosclerosis.

She explained the importance of knowing the meaning of the illness, and the consequences once infected.

WHAT IS CHOLESTEROL?

It is a fatty substance also called a lipid, normally found in your bloodstream. Your body needs a certain amount of cholesterol to function properly. But high cholesterol can lead to health problems. LDL-C is called bad cholesterol because if you have too much in your bloodstream, it can become a danger to your health and can lead to potentially serious conditions. HDL-C (High density lipo protein) is known as a good cholesterol because it may help remove excess cholesterol. Common health factors such as diabetes, high blood pressure, smoking, obesity, family history of early heart disease, and age can make control your cholesterol more important. Some illness have complicated names to pronounce but there meanings are quite simple, take for example atherosclerosis it is the progressive buildup of plaque in the arteries over time. One major cause is high levels of LDL-C. (Low density lipo protein) Other health factors mentioned for cholesterol also play a role in the formation of plaque in arteries.

THE DANGERS OF HIGH CHOLESTEROL

每月健康更新与 Dr. Sharda Baboe-Kalpoe.

BURNING HEALTH QUESTIONS

你不需要浪费另一个问题和担心。Dr Baboe将带你直面问题。发送你的问题到statiapublichealth@hotmail.com

COMING SOON HEALTH TIPS

即将到来的健康提示，来自Public Health Department by Dr. Sharda Baboe-Kalpoe

TOURISM LANDSCAPING AND BEAUTIFICATION WORKSHOP

The Tourism Foundation organized a workshop from August 31st to September 4th 2009 for landscaping and beautification. This workshop was given by Representatives of the firm FAVACA in Florida. Many members of the community participated in this workshop to enhance their skills in this area. To support that which was taught at the workshop, participants got the opportunity to carry out that which they learned, by beautifying a number of areas in the Historic Core.

RENEGOTIATION OF SOCIAL SERVICES SYSTEM FOR ST. EUSTATIUS

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was asked to support the islands in a number of areas, education, healthcare, social security (including a number of components, like Pension, minimum wage, etc.) In the government’s radio program “Shedding Light’ he elaborated on a number of issues, like the pension, social security. The Dutch proposed to take the highest minimum salary of Bonaire and use it as the point of departure. The same idea applies for the pension. i.e. Presently the Central Government pays Nafl. 650.00 old age pension, but an individual pension may differ in amount (certain people lived abroad for many years). When the Nafl. 100.00 from the Island Government is added to the old age pension, it totals Nafl.750.00. During the negotiations the proposal was made to use the Nafl. 750.00 for Statia as point of departure. According to commissioner Hooker the entire report needs to be renegotiated.
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### The St. Eustatius Festivity Committee
The St. Eustatius Festivity Committee is in the process of organizing another Grand Week of Activities working up to Statia Day November 16th 2009. Members of the community are encouraged to submit a written request to participate in the cultural Exchange.

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What is up with the Ambulance

The concern has been expressed several times in the radio programme Shedding Light about the Government ambulance. The observation was made of the consistent use of the Red cross Ambulance. One wonders why the Island Government is not making an effort to purchase a new ambulance. Recently, something happened that should not have occurred. While transporting a patient to the airport to catch a flight, the ambulance stopped. Today, we can look back on this situation with a sense of relief because it did not end in a disaster. This situation should not re-occur. In an interview with Mr. Ricardo Courtar of the Red Cross, we learned that the Red Cross ambulance has a number of technical problems. He told the G.I.S. that the fuel-gage and battery are two of the major problems. The gage gives a different reading than what appears on the gage box. This problem is solved by always refilling the ambulance after one or two usage. Ricardo went on to say that the information regarding the technical problems was conveyed to the staff at the Queen Beatrix Medical Center. According to information released in one of the Island Council Meetings, it appeared that the Queen Beatrix Medical Center was in the process of acquiring an ambulance through an agency found on the internet. Unfortunately, this contact turned out to be a not trustworthy source, what we call locally a scam.

MESSAGE TO THE YOUTH!

A MESSAGE TO ALL THE YOUNGSTERS OUT THERE FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF GIS, FIGHTING TEENAGE PREGNANCY PROVES TO BE AN UPHILL STRUGGLE..... DON'T LET AN EARLY PREGNANCY STEAL YOUR FUTURE AND YOUR LIFE!

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 Malvern.gis@statiagovernment.com

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. The information of this person can be submitted to the office of the Lt. Governor, Mr. H. Gittens. Tel.nr.: 318-2552 Fax. 318 2324

Monthly Press Conferences

The Government information Service is hosting monthly press conferences at the V.A. Lopes legislative Hall. These sessions will be held on the second Tuesday of each month. The first session is on Thursday, September 11th 2009. The first session was postponed from Tuesday, September 8th 2009 due to a number of factors beyond the control of the Government Information Service.

Tax Information Center St. Eustatius

The Information Center of Taxes located on the H.M Queen Beatrix road, is encouraging members of the community to acquire as much information as needed to comply with the request of the Inspectorate of taxes of the Windward Islands. If you haven’t submitted tax forms for years and you are lacking behind due to matters beyond your control, you are advised to come in and share your information, no matter how grave you may think it is, they will work along with you to find a solution in the interest of both parties. Not appearing to the office while you received a summons to submit your tax return form for 2004—2007 is not a solution. If you do not appear an estimated assessment will be imposed. The tax center is also offering the opportunity to teach interested persons how to fill out a tax form. To apply for this service you need to contact the office and make an appointment. Tel.nr.: 318-3325/26 Fax: 318 –3327 E-mail: informationcenter@taxes-windward.com
The Labour Department hereby makes it known that petitions have been submitted by employers to obtain work permits for foreigners in the functions mentioned below.

- **Full time Administrative clerk**
  The applicant should be able to work with Quick books, Internet Explorer, Taxation forms, book keeping, write and read Dutch language.

- **Part Time Administrative Clerk**
  The applicant should be able to speak English and being able to articulate in Spanish is a plus.

To acquire more information about these vacancies you may contact the Labour department by phone 318–2881 to make an appointment.

Email: statia.labour@yahoo.com

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**JOB OPPORTUNITIES**

The Island Government of St. Eustatius, Personnel Affairs Department acknowledged that there are a number of vacancies within the Government Administration that is presently vacant. These vacancies are:

- Head of Welfare Department
- Head of Sport Department
- Head of Economic Affairs Department

For more information regarding the conditions for each vacancy applicants are advised to contact the Head of the Office of Personnel Affairs, Ms. Florence Marlin.

Tel.nr.: 318 2931

E-mail: HR.goveux@gmail.com

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**NEWS FROM CENSUS OFFICE:**

Head of the Census office, Mrs. Maduro reports the following:

**BIRTHS**

**DATE** : August 11th, 2009

**SEX** : Female

**NAME** : D'shania Imaria Shardyna

**MOTHER** : Spanner, Derta Xiomara

**FATHER** : Fortin, Igmar Narcico

The Island Government is urging animal owners to keep their donkeys, cows, goats and sheep penned in according to the Island Ordinance of cattle registration.
The Commissioner of Education, Mr. Roy Hooker was presented with all the laws of the Netherlands Antilles by Mrs. Jolanda Ng, (the Director of the Ministry of Education Sports and Culture on Central Level, compiled all the laws in a book for the Netherlands Antilles. She also presented CD’s of the youth who participated for the Kingdom Netherlands Antilles. We learned through an interview with Commissioner Hooker, that the educational laws will be used as the point of departure, moving forward in the new Constitutional Status. According to Commissioner Hooker C’d’s of the Kingdom Cultural game in which the 75 youth, 25 from Aruba, 25 from the Netherlands and 25 of the Netherlands Antilles participated. The Games were hosted by Aruba in July last.

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were Mrs. Arlene Spanner-Schmidt, Mrs. Christina Woodley and Mrs. Leonora Sneek– Gibbes. The school board immediately undertook action and hired Mr. Hans Odijk to support the Management and school board.

The Domino Association, El Dorado is hosting the annual Domino competition on September 11, 12 and 13th 2009 on St. Eustatius. The visiting participants come from Tortola, Antigua and Anguilla. The first two nights of the dominoes competition will be held on Friday evening at 7 pm at Local and the final game and ceremony is at the Old Gin House.

**HAPPY HOUR, HAPPY HOUR**

Every Wednesday night the hot spot is at the Old Gin House. If you want to relax and enjoy some Barbeque along with live music, you are encouraged to visit the Old Gin House Bar & Restaurant. Where weekly another band entertains the guest.

Don't miss the opportunity every Friday night to dine & wine at Smoke Alley Bar & Restaurant. The weekly entertainment is by a DJ.

**NIGHTCLUB ENTERTAINMENT**

Stone Oven Bar & Restaurant is the place where one can party the night away every Saturday night.