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## KICK-OFF CARIBBEAN NETHERLANDS WEEK

Source:RCN press release by Atseline Winkelaar

St. Eustatius -The representatives of *Bonaire*, St. Eutatius and Saba are in The Netherlands from June 8th 2015 to talk with the departments about a number of issues among these are: poverty alleviation, rights of the child and economic development. The Minister of Home Affairs and Kingdom Relations, Plasterk welcomed the delegations to the meetings in the morning hours. During this Caribbean Netherlands week meetings will be held with government officials and civil servants. Other scheduled activities are visits and meetings with the Second and First Chamber.

### STATIA HAS A NEW GOVERNMENT

St. Eustatius - The people of Statia went out on March 18th and participated in the Island Council Elections by casting their vote for the political parties to earn one or more seats in the Executive Council. The eligible voters had a say with their vote to determine the course that their island will take over the next 4 years. This was the first time in history that so many political parties took part in the Island Council Election. These parties were: The DP (Democrat



party) the PLP ( Peoples Labour Party) UPC United Peoples Coalition, SLAM ( St. Eustatius Labour Action Movement) The STEP, St. Eustatius Empowerment Party) and the Blanco list.(continue page 2)

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## STATIA HAS A NEW GOVERNMENT

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The parties held public meetings by Television radio and the old fashion way at a designated location where their supporters and other folks went out to listen to the messages and of course to support their team. The Government was formed with a coalition comprising at of the PLP and UPC parties. On March 26th 2015 the new government was sworn-in, in an Island Council meeting. The New Island Council Members are: Mr. Reuben Merkmán, Mr. Clyde Van Putten, Ms. Recheline Leerdam, Ms. Adelca Spanner and Mr. Nicolas Sneek. The registrar for the Island Council is Mr. Louis van Ameijden. The office of the registrar is responsible for everything that relates to the Island Council Members.



## STATIA PUBLIC AWARENESS COMMUNICATION TEAM INVOLVES SCHOOL CHILDREN IN AWARENESS PROGRAM

St. Eustatius— The Island Government of St. Eustatius was challenged for many year with the waste management issue. Today we are proud to acknowledged the process taking place with regard to the building of the recycling plant. This is the first step in the right direction. The community needs to make an effort to assure that the recycling program works. The Island Government of St. Eustatius through the public Awareness Communication Team (PACT)

organized an exhibition on Statia Day, November 16th 2014. The goal was to bring about awareness through the eyes of the school children. Claire Blair visited the schools frequently to share information, about the project, whereas the PACT team

held forums for the youth to express their views on television about recycling at school and at their homes. Several districts were visited to promote the proper use of the bins and other aspects of the program .



## STATIA GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS BEING UPDATED ABOUT RECYCLING PLANT

**St. Eustatius**– The Members of the Island Council along with the Executive Council and PACT (Public Awareness Communication Team) were invited to a meeting with the Project leader, Mr. Remco Noordermeer. He held a presentation highlighting the purpose and function of each equipment and shared other technical information about the project. The Island Council members posed questions and contributed ideas towards the realization of the project. One of the points that stood out from former council member Mr. Elvin Henriquez was his advise to make sure that the ordinance is in place so that all the regulations are



taken up in it. Recommendations was to work closely with Saba as they were already operational. The former commissioner responsible for physical planning and spatial development, Mr. Carlyle Tarr encouraged the

project leader, Mr. Remco Noordermeer to also informed the community about the recycling plant, in a town hall meeting. The awareness of recycling in general is an on-going process.

## MINISTER OF JUSTICE VISITED BONAIRE, STATIA AND SABA

**St. Eustatius** - The Minister of Justice, Mr. Gerard van der Steur accompanied by his delegation of approximately 7 persons visited St. Eustatius on June 8th 2015.

A number of stakeholders were visited, like the Fire Department, Police and the Prosecutor's office.



He was also given a tour of the island. This visit was intended to familiarize with the islands (photos by Mercedes Lopes-Spanner)



## OLDEST RESIDENT ON STATIA CELEBRATES HER BIRTHDAY



The Commissioner of Labor and Senior Citizen Care, Mrs. Astrid Mc. Kenzie Tatem presented a basket to Mrs. Agatha Simmons on June 4th 2015 for her 101 Birthday. She expressed well wishes to her and family. Mrs. Agatha was surrounded by her family members.

## STATIA AIRPORT PERSONNEL TESTED BY HUREX ANNUAL TRAINING

St. Eustatius— The Airport Manager of the F.D.R airport, Mr. Ellis Schmidt and the Representative of the Dutch Marine informed the Government Information Service of the annual Hurex exercise which took place at the airport on Tuesday, June 16th 2015. The exercise was centered around the crashing of an aero plane at the FDR airport carrying visitors and residents of Statia. The fire department needed to take immediate action. The doctors were on scene helping the wounded. The military was in placed to avoid third parties, (like the crowd control) off of the scene. It was interesting to see how the different characters tried to fight and force

their way through to see if their love ones were on the flight. Several scenarios were played out such as: Aero plane on fire not allowing another plan to land and the security not able to leave the building. These scenarios gave a feedback of the performance in each area. The awareness of the airport security was also tested. The evaluation highlighted areas where improvements are required. Mr. Schmidt explained that the



Hurex training was a great opportunity for the airport to test it's preparedness, related to International regulations. His main objective in all this was to test the security infrastructure, fencing and barriers, and the security personnel.

( see pictorial on page 11 )

## **STATEMENT KINGDOM REPRESENTATIVE ISABELLA ON ADMINISTRATIVE SUPERVISION JUNE 17TH 2015**

**Source: RCN Lucia Beck, Head of communication**

Dear Residents of St. Eustatius,

As Kingdom Representative for Bonaire, Saba and St. Eustatius I would like to inform you about recent developments in the relationship between Public Entity St. Eustatius and the Central Government.

Last week during Caribbean Netherlands Week (CN Week) in The Hague the Secretary General of the Ministry of Home Affairs and Kingdom Relations, spoke with the two commissioners about the administrative situation and the consequences for the financial situation for this island. It was made clear that the present situation is worrisome, which has led to a direct intervention. The Minister of the Home Affairs & Kingdom Relations has placed St. Eustatius under tightened Administrative supervision, and decided that the Public Entity St. Eustatius is not allowed to enter into any new financial commitments.

I am assigned by the Minister to form a Steering Committee to look after the interests of St. Eustatius together with the Executive Council. This is the main purpose of my visit to the island right now.

I want to assure you that it is my intention to work together with the Executive Council to help restore order and stability

to the administrative management in the interest of the Public Entity of St. Eustatius.



Following the reports in the media I recognize that some residents of St. Eustatius understand why these measures had to be taken, while others do not comprehend the situation at hand. The fact is, though, that despite repeated requests to tackle things differently and to provide transparency and openness in the affairs, there was no notable improvement. To prevent further decline the Minister decided it was now time to intervene.

### **Administrative Supervision**

During the past years and months several matters have come to light. Things were not going the way they ought to. Decisions were not taken in keeping with administrative procedures of the Public Entity. Unfortunately, the advice and instruction of the Board of Financial Supervision and

Kingdom Representative was not always followed up. I am sure you will agree with me that in the governing process it is important that decisions are taken in accordance with established laws and regulations. When this does not happen there are serious consequences for the proper functioning of government. This in turn will also have serious consequences for the community. There is a need for more transparency which I believe will eventually result in better governance.

Because of the limited capacity of the civil service organization of St. Eustatius it is not expected that the island finds all the solutions to the current problems on its own. Neither should it be expected that civil servants from The Hague will come and take over the responsibilities of the island government. That is certainly not the intention. However, I'm willing to provide expertise in order to quickly determine what is needed and where extra support can be given.

The Minister has intervened based on the provisions in the law. However, in order to accomplish this objective within the shortest time possible, it goes without saying, that we must work together.

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## STATIA ISLAND COUNCIL ATTENDS ANNUAL VNG CONGRESS IN THE NETHERLANDS

an outlined of activities of island council members in the Netherlands

Source: by Registrar office

St. Eustatius— The members of the island council along with the general-secretary of the Island Council, travelled to the Netherlands on Friday, 29 May 2015, with the intent to attend the annual VNG Congress, but also to make use of this opportunity and meet with various stakeholders while in the Netherlands. They arrived in the Netherlands on May 30<sup>th</sup> 2015 and travelled to Apeldoorn where the VNG Congress and the Democratie 1000 (D1000) study day would be held.

Monday, 1 June 2015 D1000

Tuesday, Wednesday 2,3 June VNG Congress

On Sunday, May 31<sup>st</sup> 2015, the majority of the Island Council took the

time out to visit the Driestroomhuis Zorgsamen where two little Statians are staying. The Council wanted to see personally how they were adjusting and how things were proceeding with them. After the Congress the Council and their secretary travelled to Den Haag, where there were meetings scheduled : Wednesday, 3 June 2015 Meeting Island Councils of Bonaire, Saba and St.Eustatius. Thursday, 4 June 2015 Meeting with 2nd Chamber. Friday, 5 June 2015 - Kiesraad in Den Haag

- Raad van State

- Rekenkamer Rotterdam

Sunday, 7 June 2015 Meeting with FOEF and Statia Students

On Sunday June 7<sup>th</sup> The Island council

also met with the members of the Executive Council who had arrived in the Netherlands for CN-week. The Council members left Holland on Tuesday, 09 June 2015

### FAREWELL OF ISLAND SECRETARY



The Interim Island Secretary Mrs. Evelien Blaauw was presented with a photo album of all civil servants by Ms. Nadjeska Jack of the GIS. .

## STATIA PORT FACILITY ASSEST FOR COMPLIANCE ISPS

St. Eustatius— The government port facilities at Gallowsbay and the Nustar port facilities at Tumble Down Dick were visited and audited and assessed to determine if the port is in compliance with the International Ship and Port Security (ISPS). On march 2nd and 3rd the USCG liaisons for ISPS Americas & Caribbean came to the island to do the assessment. The US Coast Guard (USCG) delegation comprised of:

**Lt.Commander David Otani**

- USCG Atlantic Area Preparedness Division International Port Security Branch.

Liaison for Caribbean, Central and South America

**Lt.Commander Rob D. Adams**

- USCG Atlantic Area Preparedness Division Int'l Port security

**1. Commander Robert Moorhouse**

- International Port Security Liaison officer USCG Activities Europe

Based in Antwerpen

The Public Entity delegation:

**1. Governor G.Berkel - ISPS Designated Authority St.Eustatius**

**2. PSO (Port Security Officer) St.Eustatius and Harbourmaster Austin van Heyningen**

**3. Bram Leeuw Caribbean Netherlands Shipping Inspectorate**

Both facilities were found to be in-compliance. The USCG delegation was very much impressed with the developments to improve security both on infra structural- and awareness levels ( internal as external). However there were some recommendations (minor)

that will be addressed at both facilities.

De-briefing was held with the designated authority, Governor Berkel to update him on the initial findings; recommendations and concerns.

The delegation has departed to Bonaire to audit the port facilities on that island.

By Austin van Heyningen.



## **STATEMENT KINGDOM REPRESENTATIVE ISABELLA ON ADMINISTRATIVE SUPERVISION JUNE 17TH 2015**

### **(Continued from page 5)**

My intention is to support the Executive Council in building its own administrative capacity and to strengthen the civil service organization. This is the best way to achieve improvement.

I understand that the instruction of the Minister has caused mixed feelings. As Kingdom Representative, going forward, I must ensure there are checks and balances and that there is good governance. As mentioned previously an action plan will be drafted. The approach is to prepare and implement this plan in close cooperation with your island representatives. The ambition is to get this done as soon as possible and I stress once more TOGETHER.

Today I met with the members of the Executive Council. They have informed me they will be submitting a written appeal to the Minister of Home Affairs and Kingdom Relations.

In my meeting with the Executive Council I informed them that my objective is to work with them and with you the people. The better the cooperation, the sooner the goals, namely good governance, transparency and financial stability, can be achieved.

Based on the WOLBES the Minister has instructed me to establish a Steering Commit-

tee in which at least the Island Governor, the commissioners and the Island Secretary are included. Under the chairmanship of my person this Steering Committee will prepare a plan of action to restore order and control to the administrative problem. I am on the island for the first round of meetings with the Executive Council. This plan of action must be ready by September 1<sup>st</sup> and must clearly outline how concrete improvement will be realized in the administrative functioning (meaning the day to day management), what costs will be attached, who will contribute to this and the timeframe in which this will be realized.

As chairman of the Steering Committee, during the implementation phase, I am required to submit a monthly progress report to the Minister. Frequent reporting on the progress is beneficial for all involved.

Contrary to certain remarks in the media, the Central Government will continue with the implementation of the child allowance and the minimum wage. No benefits will be withheld from the people of Statia. I emphasized this in my meeting with the Executive Council today. Although the Multi Annual Plan was not signed by St. Eustatius there is still money reserved for projects on the island where residents will directly enjoy the benefits. I will work with the Executive Council to ensure that the projects taken up in this Multi Annual Plan benefit the

community. With the approval of the Minister these projects can continue as scheduled. I will do my best.

I believe that ultimately the Central Government and the Public Entity of St. Eustatius should have a common goal and that is good governance, transparency and financial stability. These are necessary for the wellbeing and the development of St. Eustatius. I trust that this will be experienced as a step in the right direction and also as an opportunity to ensure sound financial management and decision making. I look forward to working with everyone (the Executive Council, CFT, Steering Committee, civil servants and residents of St. Eustatius) for the common good.

### **How to Resolve Arguments**

Whenever we become involved in a confrontation, it's best to allow ourselves some time to really think about all sides of the situation. Before becoming defensive, let's give ourselves the opportunity to be receptive. All persons have more than one answer; there are always extenuating circumstances for each of us to consider. We must be willing to listen and open to the possibility that things can be worked out, that nothing has such an all-encompassing conclusion that we cannot reach a compromise.

By Deanna Beisser

## STATIA PARTICIPATING IN THE ENERGY SUMMIT OF OCT MINISTERS IN BRUSSELS

St. Eustatius - The Association of the Overseas Countries and Territories of the European Union (OCTA) extended an invitation to the outgoing Director Economy and Infrastructure Siem Dijkshoorn to participate in the summit of OCT energy Ministers in Brussels. The Director of STUCO, Mr. Fred Cuvalay is also in attendance of this summit which is taken place on June 16 to 17th 2015. Funding for participation to this summit has been provided by the European Commission.

able economic and social development, which takes into account climate change and other development challenges, the overseas countries and territories have engaged in a long-term commitment to sustainability. This commitment is further confirmed by the selection of renewable energy as one of the focal areas for both the Caribbean regional programme (40 million euros) as well as the thematic programme (16-18 million euros) of the European Development Fund. The OCTs

are thus a global lead in the transition of islands towards sustainability. The first ever Summit of the Oct Energy Ministers will be the setting for the adoption of an OCT wide sustainable Energy roadmap, facilitating and supporting the path towards lowering fossil fuel dependency and increasing energy efficiency to further as-

sist OCTs in the transition to sustainable energy. Besides agreeing on common targets and a roadmap, ministers will also provide guide regarding sustainable energy priorities for the Thematic programming under European Development Fund.

The 1st day of the OCT Energy Summit will take place at the European Parliament and is hosted by Member of the European Parliament, honourable Morten Helvig Petersen, Vice-chair of the European Parliament's Committee on Industry,

Research and industry, who will deliver a keynote address. There will be four sessions in which OCTs can exchange on the opportunities and chal-

lenges in relation to sustainable energy, agree the roadmap and share best practices.

The 2nd day of the summit will include a dedicated OCT event during the policy Conference of the EU sustainable Energy Week, led by the European Commission's Directorate for Energy

Source:

Kedell Worboys President of the Executive Committee of the OCTA

### CULTURE:

The great law of culture is: let each become all that he was created capable of being;

Thomas Carlyle



Sustainable energy was identified as an essential area of cooperation during the most recent overseas countries and Territories Ministerial conference, held in February 2015. Participants, including many Heads of Governments agreed to support the development of an OCT Sustainable Energy Roadmap to help reduce their reliance on fossil fuels and improve their energy efficiency. By recognizing that Sustainable Energy is the basis for a sustain-



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Sint Eustatius, June 23, 2015

## PUBLIC NOTICE

The Executive Council of St. Eustatius in accordance with Article 21 of the "Vergunningwet BES" announces that on May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2015 an application from **Jennifer Enterprises N.V.** has been received and taken in for preparation to obtain a **Liquor** license for their business located at **Paramiraweg 43**.

Interested parties have until [14 working days from date signed] to express their objection with regards to said application in writing to the Executive Council.

The objection must contain the following information: description of the application where you give your objection on, your name and address, date, signature and motivation. The application can be viewed at the following locations during two weeks, starting as of the date this notice was signed:

- Government administration Building, located at van Tonningenweg z/n
- Commissioners' office, located at Kerkweg 7.

Respectfully,

The Executive Council of the Public Entity Sint Eustatius,

The Island Governor,

The Island Secretary,

Cc.: GIS  
Radio Station



ST. EUSTATIUS  
CARIBISCH NEDERLAND

Sint Eustatius, June 23, 2015

## 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 June 2015.

**- Gasoil US\$ 0.921 per liter -**

The new price will go into effect starting immediately at all pump stations.

The Executive Council of the Public Entity Sint Eustatius,

The Island Governor,

The Island Secretary,

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Sint Eustatius, February 10, 2015

## PUBLIC NOTICE

The Executive Council of St. Eustatius in accordance with Article 21 of the "Vergunningwet BES" announces that on January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2014 an application from **Cherry's Canteen** has been received and taken in for preparation to obtain a **Restaurant B/ Snack license** for their business located at **Knip road #7/ Fiscal z/n**.

Interested parties have until [14 working days from date signed] to express their objection with regards to said application in writing to the Executive Council.

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Sincerely,

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The Island Governor,

The Island Secretary,

Cc.: GIS  
Radio Station



ST. EUSTATIUS  
CARIBISCH NEDERLAND

Sint Eustatius, June 23, 2015

## PUBLIC NOTICE

The Island Government of Sint Eustatius hereby informs the general public that the price for gasoline on the Island of St. Eustatius has to be adjusted for the month of June 2015.

**- Gasoline US\$ 1.188 per liter -**

The new price will go into effect starting immediately at all pump stations.

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## NOTICE

The Island Government of St. Eustatius is inviting the entire community to a town hall meeting on **Thursday, July 9th 2015 from 7.30 – 9.30 pm at the Lions Den**. The Government will provide information regarding the instruction given by Minister Plasterk of the administrative and financial supervision, other points of attention is the finances with CFT and the discussions held with the Kingdom Representative. We are encouraging you to come out and be informed while we welcome your ideas views and opinion. The panel will comprise of members of the Executive Council.



The island Government of St. Eustatius is informing the community that the Airport Renovation project is scheduled to start **at March end 2015**. To avoid any interruption of aero plane service to the community the decision has been taken **to do all construction within the fencing of the airport during the night**. The construction work will start **every night from 7 PM until 07.00 AM**. We recognize that residents at the borders of Jeems, Golden Rock, Bay Brow, Concordia and Zeelandia may experience some noise hindrance from the engine of large trucks and equipment moving, dust and flood lighting. We are asking you to bear with us throughout this period **from March end to November end 2015**. This is a small price that the residence may endure for the progress and development of the Airport project.

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### **Notice**

The Island Labour Office hereby make it know that petitions have been submitted by employers to obtain work permits for foreigners in some of the functions mentioned below.

All Dutch Nationals that are qualified for the below mentioned functions employed/unemployed, should apply at the Island Labour Office within two weeks from the below mentioned date.

#### **IM DIVING N.V./SCUBAQUA DIVE CENTER**

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#### **G.E.C.**

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Security

#### **COLOURED FIN LIMITED N.V.**

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# SUMMER VACATION JOB PROGRAM 2015

These are the names of the Statia Students participating in the summer job program. They are placed at several Governmental and none governmental establishments. They are placed each year in a variety of summer positions. The summer job program provides students with hands on business training and mentoring.

## SUMMER VACATION JOB PROGRAM 2015

INTERNEZAKEN -	RIANDRO BUSBY
LEGAL AFFAIRS -	ANTOINETTE SCHMIDT
GOV. KABINET -	ANISHA WILMANS
FINANCE DEPT. -	AMABELLE SCHMIDT
AUXILIARY HOME-	ISLAINY WINDEFELDE
LABOUR -	JACKNELIES JENNIE
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FDR TOWER -	ERNEST VAN PUTTEN
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Dutch Caribbean*

## NEW FACES IN STATIA GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION

St. Eustatius-The Agriculture Department is enriched with a new department head, in the person of Mr. Anthony Reid. He



is of Jamaican descend. He was fortunate to acquire an academic scholarship to study in Cuba. At the University of Cienfuegos he did Natural Science and completed the master course in Business Administration at the same university. Mr. Reid worked in Suriname as program manager of the Fair Economic Development program for small entrepreneurs. The new director Of E& I. Mr Roy Hooker introduced him to their directorate followed by the rest of the government administration. The agriculture department is presently filling the positions which were open for some time now with qualified and experienced p e r s o n s .

Dr. Sharon N Veira, is a veterinarian at the Department of Agriculture on the island of St Eustatius, since April 1<sup>st</sup> 2015.



She is responsible for all the veterinarian activities on the island. Dr. Veira professional working career started in 2001 when she graduated from the Agriculture College (NATIN) in Suriname. From 2001-2002 she worked at the Ministry of Agriculture as a livestock extension officer. In 2002 she received an academic scholarship to study Veterinary Medicine. She obtained her certificate in Natural Sciences in 2003 and in 2008 accumulated her degree as DVM, Doctor in Veterinary Medicine. She acquired a lot of knowledge and expertise when she worked along with other veterinarian before opening her own practice.

Mr. Roy Hooker, is an accountant of occupation. He is son of the soil with capacities in many areas. Besides financing he has also com-



pleted the massage therapy in the USA. He worked at the Citco bank in St. Maarten, and managed the Golden Era hotel for years. He was Commissioner responsible for many proto folios on St. Eustatius. He has been appointed as Director of Economy and Infrastructure.

Mr. Koos Bartelds started his employment at the Island government in the function as Island Secretary on May 18th 2015. He started his career at an tender age of 17



years as a clerk at the municipality in The Hague. During this period he started his studies Municipal Administration I (3 years) followed by II for (5 years). He accomplished his doctoral in Government systems (staatsinrichting) at the Vrije University for one year. Mr. Bartelds has quite a lot of experience (30 years) working in government organization. He also worked for approximately 10 years in the private sector. He is familiar with the Caribbean region as he worked in Aruba from 2000—2003 at the Ministry of General Affairs. He worked for a short period in Curacao at the Ministry of Education. His expertise in the field of finances was required in 2007 to lay the groundwork for the new Ministry of Finance. His door is always open and accessible to everyone. He hopes to soon meet with all of the civil servants .

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## **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](mailto: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.  
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## **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.

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INVESTMENT THAT NEVER  
FAILS!!!**

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THAN TO HAVE THEM  
AND NOT DESERVE  
THEM!***