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**Music At Dia Di Arte**  
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At Dia di Arte, young kuarta and drum students from Papa Cornes, Reina Beatrix and San Luis Bertran schools performed. The youngsters were taught by well known musician Rishinel Anthony. The program was sponsored by the Arts and Culture Foundation.

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# Flotsam and Jetsam

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**The plan to expand Bonaire's Flamingo Airport to become a "hub" is getting public criticism.** Critics point out that the estimated cost of \$28 million is unaffordable, the additional noise and pollution undesirable and the construction unnecessary. The last time the island government contributed to airport expansion (with the improvement of the runway), the island's roads fell into disrepair because of lack of funds. One local newspaper sarcastically labeled it an "adventure."

Supporters of the airport expansion highlight the bootstrap effect on the island's economy when Bonaire was a KLM South American hub in the early 2000s and the jobs created. An airport hub will supposedly allow more tourists to visit and the resulting uptick in room occupancy and business will mean prosperity for everyone on Bonaire. The hub can also provide opportunities for lower cost and more convenient travel for island residents.

► **Former Bonaire Governor Lydia Emerencia was named interim Managing Director of the SGB High School (Komunidad di Skol Boneiru).**



The previous director, John van t' Hoff, was discharged for an apparent lack of trust and perhaps political pressure. The weak performance of the high-school students in recent exams was mentioned in news stories (see page 5). **Van t' Hoff believes the school board's actions were without merit and has taken legal action to contest their action.**

Mrs. Emerencia has a great deal of experience as an educator. Before she served as Bonaire's Governor she headed the Aruba Law School.

► **There is a great new free newspaper available on Bonaire—Esun ("This is the One").** Published monthly in Papiamentu by the people who put out the daily newspaper *Extra*, it is filled with features, stories and photos of interest to anyone who is interested in what's going on on Bonaire. You will enjoy it and improve your Papiamentu at the same time.

► **As of July 1 all vehicles were required to have a 2014 paid road tax sticker on their license plates.** Enforcement will begin in September according to a press release.



► **On July 1, 2014, the Bonaire Consumer Union (Unkobon) started a program called "knowledge is power."**

Unkobon will begin to monitor the quality of a company or institution on Bonaire via surveys. Every 14 days they will select a different business or service. They will begin with Curoil.

A request to complete the survey is sent to all Unkobon members via email. The survey will be on the website of Unkobon [www.consumentenbonaire.com](http://www.consumentenbonaire.com) for everyone. The consumer has 14 days to complete the survey. Unkobon will publish the results on the website.



► **AMSTELVEEN—KLM has sold three of its Fokker F70 aircraft to Insel Air in Curaçao.** The three aircraft have been flown to Norwich in Great Britain from where they will make the passage to Curaçao. KLM's partner, Insel Air, will be using the narrow-body, twin-engine jet aircraft with 85 seats, including business class, to fly to destinations in Latin America.

The Fokker F70, which is used for KLM Cityhopper flights within Europe, was first delivered to KLM in 1995. The aircraft were built in The Netherlands until 1997. Fokker went bankrupt in 1996.

Insel Air has been expanding its itinerary to Latin America and is in need of additional aircraft to carry out flights to its new destinations. Passengers can use the code-sharing between KLM and Insel Air.

According to KLM, the sale of the Fokker aircraft to Insel Air offers more possibilities for the hub function of Aruba, Bonaire and Curaçao and Europe and Latin America.

**For this reason, KLM is also participating in the project to expand Bonaire's Flamingo Airport.**



► **Southwest Airlines executed its inaugural flight to Aruba, the carrier's first destination outside the US.** Southwest will take over the 11 weekly flights of its low budget subsidiary, AirTran.

It will fly seven flights from Baltimore, seven from Orlando and one from Atlanta each week. **Southwest's fares are much lower than those of other airlines serving Aruba when purchased on-line in advance.** There is at least one flight per day from Bonaire to Aruba that can connect with Southwest flights in Aruba and provide time to pre-clear US Customs and Immigration in Aruba. Reportedly Insel is adding a Bonaire-Aruba non-stop flight.

► **Recently the Caribbean Netherlands Customs Service intercepted several significant illegal drug and currency shipments.**

A total of 920 grams of cocaine were

intercepted on Bonaire, and almost \$12,000 cash on St. Eustatius.

The cocaine was found on a 19-year-old female passenger, who wanted to travel on a scheduled flight from Bonaire to The Netherlands. After investigation it turned out that the female passenger had hidden the cocaine in her underwear.

On May 17th members of the Physical Supervision Team checked a male passenger on St. Eustatius. This passenger was travelling to St. Maarten with an undeclared amount of money which was more than the allowed \$10,000. The man was arrested and handed over to the KMAR for further investigation.

Customs always remains alert to attempts to smuggle illegal goods in or out of the Caribbean Netherlands.

► **According to the latest Statistics Bureau report, more than one quarter (25%) of the population in Bonaire and Saba occasionally feel unsafe,** whereas in St. Eustatius, only 10% of the people sometimes didn't feel safe.

This might be due to the fact that about one in every five residents of the Caribbean Netherlands were the victims of one or more crimes in 2013.

These are some of the findings of the Omnibus Survey carried out by the Central Bureau for Statistics (CBS) in the Caribbean Netherlands in 2013, that were publically released last Thursday.

On Bonaire 33% of the people surveyed were concerned about their safety. To compare: in the Netherlands, 38% of the people sometimes feel unsafe.

17% of the Caribbean Netherlands population indicated in 2013 that they had been the victim of one or more crimes. Not all crimes were reported to the police the survey found. **Theft is most prevalent in Bonaire** with 7% of the surveyed people reporting they had been robbed.

Home burglary, car theft or another vehicle and violent crimes were more often reported than theft from a car, boat or yard, destruction and pick-pocketing.

**Traffic, especially driving at high speeds, was the number one non-criminal problem for most people** on the islands, followed by physical degradation of the neighborhood, such as animal feces and rubbish on the street. Social nuisances like drunk people on the street were not deemed a widespread problem.

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►The Board of STINAPA announced that as of June 1, 2014, **Johan Afman** was appointed as **Interim Director for the period of one year**. In this role, he succeeds **Willem van Hees**



who was with STINAPA for more than six months. The Board of STINAPA extends their gratitude to Mr. van Hees for his skillful leadership during this period.

Mr. Afman has previously held positions in the former Island Government of Bonaire and was involved in work on the preparations of the Public Entity of Bonaire.

►The spread of the mosquito borne **chikungunya, dengue-fever-like virus** in the Caribbean continues and the number of cases continues to climb. New cases have been reported recently in Aruba and St Lucia. **It was previously reported that it was detected on Bonaire but that report was later withdrawn. However, experts say it is only a matter of time.**

►On Saturday, July 12, Dive Friends is hosting another quarterly Clean Up Dive. Dive Friends consistently coordinates efforts to improve and protect Bonaire's environment and this is another such event.

Check in for volunteers will begin at 9:45am at the Yellow Submarine location, with a briefing for all volunteers at 10am.

Lionfish hunters - bring your ELF's! To gather as much fishing line as possible, please bring along your dive knife or shears.

Non-divers are also needed to help with a shoreline clean-up and to log the items removed from the water for PADI Project AWARE. It'll be fun for the whole family.

At 6pm, Dive Friends will host a potluck BBQ for volunteers at their Hamlet Oasis location. It's a potluck, so please bring a snack, side-dish or dessert to share and Dive Friends will provide the main course and one beverage. Questions? Call 717-2929.

►Digicel Bonaire contributed \$10,000 to Bonaire's Special Olympics teams.

For years Digicel has been a huge financial supporter of the Special Olympics organization worldwide. This is the seventh consecutive year that Digicel has generously supported Bonaire's team. Next year the team will travel to Los Angeles for the Special Olympics World Games.

►The Storehouse Mangasina is grateful for the overwhelming business support from the Bonaire community.

Currently, all storage units are occupied with waiting lists for all sizes. In response to this demand, more units are currently under construction and will be available soon. The new building will have all five storage unit sizes available: 5x5 ft., 5x10 ft., 10x10 ft., 10x15 ft. and 10x20 ft. If you think you will need storage space in the near future, you can reserve your space now by contacting them at [info@bonaireselfstorage.com](mailto:info@bonaireselfstorage.com) or call 700-1753. Don't wait until the last minute.

► Last week Gilbert Isabella\* was named the next Kingdom Representative (*Rijksvertegenwoordiger*) for Bonaire, St. Eustatius and Saba. Isabella, age 53, is a member of the PvdA party. He was a Commissioner in the municipality of Utrecht.

Isabella succeeds W.J. Stolte who resigned on May 1, 2014.

The Council of Ministers nominated him for appointment, on the proposal of Minister Plasterk (Internal Affairs and Kingdom Relations). The appointment will take effect on September 1, 2014. At this moment J.C. Woodley is acting Kingdom Representative.



\*Profile of Mr. Gilbert Isabella (as provided by the RCN press office)

After graduating from the Academy of Social Studies, Mr. Gilbert Isabella studied pedagogics (did not graduate) at the University of Utrecht.

Through the youth care assistance at The Police in Utrecht he joined the municipal field. For more than nine years he has advised the Council of Mayors and councilor (municipal council members) of the city of Utrecht about various policy areas ranging from social care, integration, labor market policy, substance abuse treatment and diversity, economic affairs and employment and income. He then focused on the theme of reintegration at the UWV and consulting firm KPMG. He returned to the municipal practice in the city of Dordrecht as a program director Antilles Policy. For this, he maintained contact with the National Government and the Government of the Netherlands Antilles. The last three years as a councilor, he worked as a Program Manager urban economy at Nicis Institute, the knowledge center for the city of The Hague.

Since 2006, Mr. Isabella has been active in the municipal council of Utrecht. From November 2011 until May 2014, he was the councilor for Spatial Planning, Housing, Leidsche Rijn, Real Estate, Land Use, Building the City and district councilor for neighborhoods Vleuten-De Meern and West. He is currently a board member / faction leader of the Labor Party in the city of Utrecht.

Mr. Isabella is unmarried, has a partner and two stepdaughters.

►Correction: In the last edition of *The Bonaire Reporter* (June 23-July 7,) on page 3, the photo of the Dutch soccer fan is of Sharella Coffie, not Ruthy Pauletta. We are sorry for the mixup, Sharella!

►You can always find *The Bonaire Reporter* on Facebook or online at [www.bonairereporter.com](http://www.bonairereporter.com) or the University of Florida archives at <http://ufdc.ufl.edu/> ■ G./L.D.

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# On The Island Since... 1998-2001 and 2012... the Van Bussel Family

“When we lived in Holland we always had the plan of moving and working abroad.” *Leon van Bussel explains.* “My wife Johanny and I were both elementary school teachers, and when we saw an ad from the Roman Catholic School Board on Bonaire in which they were looking for teachers, we applied. We didn’t know Bonaire or the Caribbean and that was okay with us. We decided to let it come as a surprise. When we had a meeting with the representatives of the School Board in Holland, Johanny told them that she also would like to get a job as a teacher as she ‘didn’t feel like sitting underneath a palm tree all day.’ That gives you the idea we had about Bonaire. Ha. Ha. It was a very positive interview and on the way home I said to Johanny, ‘I think we’re hired!’”

“We didn’t tell our children anything before we had some kind of certainty, as we didn’t want to shake them up for no reason,” *Johanny says.* “I suspected something,” *son Rik says,* “because I’d spotted a booklet about the Dutch Antilles in the kitchen and it made me wonder.” “I was the last to know,” *daughter Tineke laughs,* “and when I told my girlfriend (we were nine at the time) she said, ‘oh well, but I can come and see you on the weekends can’t I?’ That was reason enough for her mom to show us the map of the world!”

“We decided we would try it at least for a year,” *Johanny says,* “and so all of us, including our dog Lappie, moved to Bonaire. Leon became a teacher at Kolegio San Bernardo, later at Kristu Bon Wardador and I started teaching at Kolegio Papa Cornes where our children also went to school. At that time the instruction language was Dutch.

I had been a teacher for a long time and I taught the same way here as I’d done in Holland for all those years. Of course you adjust yourself to the school and the children, but the way you interact with children doesn’t change: You need to respect children and you have to deal lovingly with children. That is the essence of teaching and of course right next to it, is the transfer of knowledge.”

“I went to the sixth grade and at first I had a hard time,” *Rik (now 26) says,* “but by the end of the school year it went better. I’d become pals with Cars Jasperse and from then on I had a buddy to go sailing and to built huts with. For me Bonaire was the sea in front of the house of Yellow Man. There were all the Optimists and we would pick one and go out. Once, when I was 13, we sailed all alone to Klein Bonaire, tacking back towards Bopec because the wind had come up! That’s what you did in those days!”

“I liked it right from the beginning,” *Tineke (now 25) says.* “I had a lot of girlfriends and I was invited frequently. I had an easy start. I went around with children of all nationalities and I loved to snorkel and the fact that I ended up studying biology and ecology has found its origin here – in my childhood years on Bonaire.”

*Rik says,* “I think I became a cultural anthropologist because I grew up with a totally different view of the world. Not only because we lived here, but also because we backpacked a lot through Central and South America with our parents

during every single school holiday while we lived on Bonaire. I’ve developed such an interest towards other population groups and their lives that in the end I chose this study.”

“We had a contract for three years,” *Leon says,* “and then we had to make a very difficult decision. In the end we chose to go back to Holland so the children could finish high school there.”

“I remember,” *Tineke says,* “that from the moment we went back to Holland the topic was always where we were going to live next. After I finished high school when I was 18 I went to Bolivia for a year where I worked in an orphanage and a hospital.” *Johanny says,* “In Holland I went back to my old job at a center for asylum seekers and I added arts and crafts to my job. Also, I got my diplomas for teaching Dutch to children in elementary and school for whom Dutch is a second language.”

“The moment we got back, I started studying history,” *Leon says.* “It had always been a passion of mine and in the second year of my studies I was offered a job with a contract at a high school. Then the children went to university and moved out of the house and we felt we didn’t have to hold back anymore, so we applied for a job at SGB on Bonaire. We had an interview in Amsterdam and they told us that we could come and then... we never heard anything anymore, and when we



The Van Bussel family: Leon, Tineke, Johanny and Rik

land at all. But... we also didn’t want to stay on St. Martin. So I thought about Taiwan or Singapore. Johanny wasn’t all for it. However, I’d written a letter of application to an International School in Singapore and when they answered they asked for two overseas experiences and so I referred them to Bonaire and St. Martin. I asked Carinne Thielman, the director of Kolegio Kristu Bon Wardador, for a reference, then she said, ‘Why don’t you come back to Bonaire?’ I explained to her that I had not been working at elementary schools anymore and that I was a high school teacher now and then she said they would think of a position in which I would guide the children who were in transition between elementary school and high school.



Leon and Johanny

ity Management- but I heard too late that my thesis had been approved, and by that time the registration time for the Master’s was expired. So I went to Bonaire for six months and I worked at the most beautiful office on the island: Sorobon Beach Resort. I went back to Holland, but when something went wrong again I was back on Bonaire in no time. I saw a vacancy at Little Havana and got the job. Now I’m a barman and it’s fun! And I get to surf as much as I can. I am totally happy where I am.”

“I want to get a PhD,” *Tineke says,* “and for the research I want to try to get a scholarship so that I can stay on Bonaire. The research is written for the Caribbean with its focus on Bonaire. I want to try to publish two articles and I hope I will succeed. The process is in progress and I am supported by Bonaire, St. Martin, Statia, Guadeloupe and Martinique and the environmental organizations.

“We’re very privileged to be together again,” *Johanny says.* “Of course they are adults now and you have a different kind of relationship, insights and ideas and that’s very special.”

*Leon laughs.* “If you would have told me five years ago that we would all be back together again on Bonaire under one roof, I would have never believed it!”

Story & photos by Greta Kooistra



**“Of course you adjust yourself to the school and the children, but the way you interact with children doesn’t change: You need to respect children and you have to deal lovingly with children. That is the essence of teaching ...”**

called we couldn’t get hold of anybody. A year later we saw some vacancies on Curacao and St. Martin and we applied. Both of us got offered a job on Curacao as well as on St. Martin! We’d been in St. Martin in 2003 so we decided to go there. In the meantime six years had gone by. It was 2009 when we made the move and the island had changed beyond recognition. What a rush! Johanny and I both worked for three years at Milton Peters College on St. Martin.”

“Rik and I would go every summer and Christmas,” *Tineke says,* “to see our parents on St. Martin and they would come to us in May. I did my thesis and internship on St. Martin.”

“When our contract finished,” *Leon says,* “we didn’t want to go back to Hol-

Carinne Thielman and Nilva Wout of the school board came to St. Martin to discuss the matter, and for Johanny they created a special class at Kolegio Papa Cornes where she would teach Dutch. It was an offer we couldn’t refuse and so we came back to Bonaire in 2012.”

*Johanny continues,* “Tineke came with us to Bonaire and did her dive master course here. Then she went to Holland, from there to Curacao for a study, then to Bonaire for a final internship, and now she has graduated. Leon went to Kristu Bon Wardador and in February 2013 to SGB where he stills works as a history teacher. And I am teaching three times a week at Papa Cornes.”

*Rik adds,* “I got my Bachelors degree a year ago and I wanted to do a Master’s on Public Administration – Safety and Secu-

# SGB High School Grades Up Overall for 2013-2014 School Year

The percentage of SGB High School students receiving passing grades was up following the "second chance" exams. The final tally: 69% of all examinees, a total of 182 of the 265, passed successfully. **This percentage is 5% higher than last year (with 178 candidates, of which 114 were successful: 64%).**

VMBO achieved good results in particular. The table shows that both the success rate and the number of successful students has risen. This is therefore by far the largest group of examinees within the SGB. Also in secondary school the success rate and the number of graduates has increased.

For VWO (pre-university) there was a decrease compared to last year. They comprise a relatively small group of students within the SGB. Therefore, in the coming period, a further analysis is to be

made and considered what things can be further improved. Contributing to this may have been the shortage of instructors for various courses.

Last week diplomas were to be awarded to most graduates; on July 1, to students in secondary vocational education; and on July 3 to students of HAVO and VWO. The SGB congratulates them on obtaining their diploma and wishes them every success in their further studies or their career.

Study Track	2013/2014			2012/2013		
	Total Enrolled	Passed	in %	Total Enrolled	Passed	in %
vmbo	169	119	70%	113	70	62%
havo	55	36	65%	44	28	64%
vwo	18	9	50%	18	13	72%
vso*	3	3	100%	0	0	nvt
Pro*	20	15	75%	3	3	100%
<b>Total</b>	<b>265</b>	<b>182</b>	<b>69%</b>	<b>178</b>	<b>114</b>	<b>64%</b>

\*Note: Schools for special education as the secondary special education (VSO) and practical (Pro) do not count in The Netherlands at the European Central Written Exam (CSE) but have their own goals. This is also the case with the VSO and

Pro of the SGB in the Caribbean Netherlands. In total, 18 of the 23 candidates passed, a good score. It involves three students of the VSO and 15 students of the Pro. ■ G.D./Press release

## Food Price Controls

As a result of discussions between consumers and providers, price controls will be applied to "necessities."

One of the proposals to reduce the rise in prices and economic hardships for low income people was to introduce price controls on necessities. Last week agreement on setting maximum prices for 36 "basic market basket" items was reached by a group that included representatives from the VBIS supermarket association, consumer union Unkobon, *Fundashon Tienda pa Konsumidó Bonaire* (FTpKB) and the island government of Bonaire (OLB).

The benchmark prices that were set were investigated and confirmed by the independent SEO Economic Research organization.

Soon the campaign named "BonKomptra" will begin. "BonKomptra" products will be clearly identified on the shelves of the market. Also participating supermarkets will have the BonKomptra logo on their door. It's planned to have the BonKomptra process begin in July and be fully operational by the end of August 2014. It is the first time that such a price control arrangement will be used in the Dutch Caribbean islands.

Members of the VBIS supermarket association will offer at least one product at or below the agreed maximum price of these 36 products. Through this agreement, the prices for these products in most VBIS supermarkets will go down. The items in the stores identified by special BonKomptra shelf cards. The members of VBIS will be recognizable by the logo above. Some items are: white and brown rice, toilet paper, laundry detergent, stew beef, cornmeal, canned corn, beans, chicken legs, peanut butter, jam, vegetable oil, tomatoes, onions, sugar, toothpaste and more.

The complete list of 36 products and the corresponding maximum prices can be found on the website of Unkobon: [www.consumentenbonaire.com](http://www.consumentenbonaire.com). ■ G.D./Press release



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# Captain Don Remembered At Taste of Bonaire

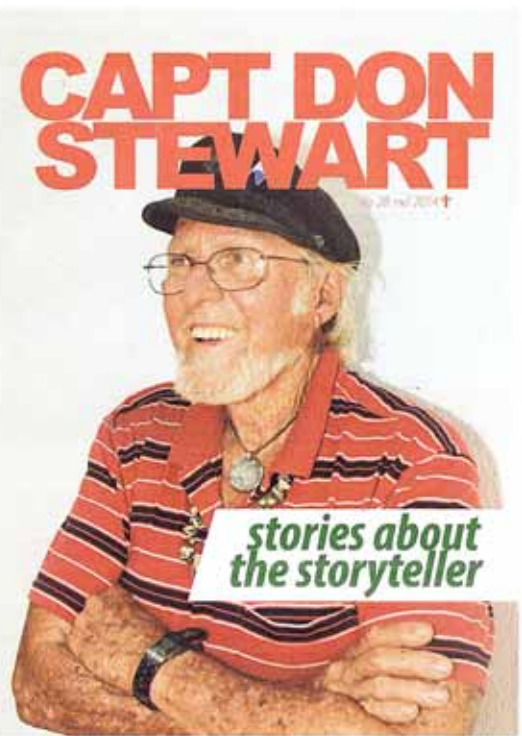
The regularly scheduled Taste of Bonaire event at waterfront Wilhelmina Park on Friday, June 27, was opened by a presentation featuring speakers, a movie and slides in memory of Captain Don Stewart, the founder of the SCUBA diving "industry" on Bonaire.

Elsmarie Beukenboom was Mistress of Ceremonies for the hour-long program. That included numerous speakers and a tribute by Bonaire's Jr. Rangers. ■ G.D.



The STINAPA Jr. Rangers vowed to keep Captain Don's conservation practices alive

Below: Speakers sat the remembrance included (from l-r.) Captain Don's children Kevin and Gwen, M.C. Elsmarie Beukenboom from STINAPA, Dr. George Buckley from Harvard, Henry van der Quast of Maduro Holdings (Habitat and Insel Air) and Sidney Manual, from childhood, Captain Don's friend and Bonaire building contractor.



A folio with anecdotes of people's remembrances of Captain Don was handed out by the Junior Rangers who also offered to paint your right thumbnail green—a Captain Don trademark.



Captain Don's friends: Karen Pace Dillehay, Donald Schrader, and Jim Carez from Scuba West Virginia came down to be at the ceremony

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Overall the team received a silver medal, a significant achievement considering the competition from "deep pockets" teams from Puerto Rico.

And that's not all they won. Another Plaza chef, **Tjitte Knol**, won bronze and received an honorary mention in the Cheesecake Competition. **Bartender Jean Jacques Frans** from At Sea received a bronze medal, **Giovannie Veld** another silver for Junior Chef of the Year.

But perhaps the sweetest prize was the special award for the best team spirit in the Caribbean due in no small part to the leadership of team manager - **Floris van Loo** of Rum Runners. ■

G.D/ Press release



Photo:Taste of the Caribbean

Chef Rashindra Donge receives her gold award from the judges



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Team members: Bartender Jean Jacques Frans At Sea, Jr Chef Giovannie Veld - IRF, Jr Chef Ronald Gosepa - Spice, Chef Rashindra Donge -Plaza Resort, Pastry Chef Junior Janga - BFG, Chef Tjitte Knol - Plaza Resort and Manager - Floris van Loo Rumrunners

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# Word on the Street

**T**he weather radar in Curacao has been off the Internet for months. But now, with the advent of the hurricane season, it is critical. While Bonaire has not experienced a direct hit from a hurricane, passing storms can be dangerous to sailors, shoreline businesses and homes. What is necessary to get it up again?

- The recently announced **Air Canada flights from Toronto and Montreal to Curacao is good news for Bonaire-bound Canadians.** The arrival/departure times in Curacao allow for good connections on Divi Divi Airlines to Bonaire...which seems to be the only fairly reliable way to get to and from Curacao these days.

- The former **Lucky Import Store** near Warehouse Supermarket has undergone a transformation. The new sign boasts "Lucky Mega Store" Home and Hardware. Will it be Bonaire's answer to Home Depot?

- Some Bula readers have posed an interesting question. **With the increasing incidents of home burglaries,** are the police monitoring the Facebook and other social media sites that sell used merchandise on Bonaire as part of their investigations? Apparently, some of these "posts" occasionally seem to have

a "surplus" of TV's, bicycles, scooters, etc. for sale.

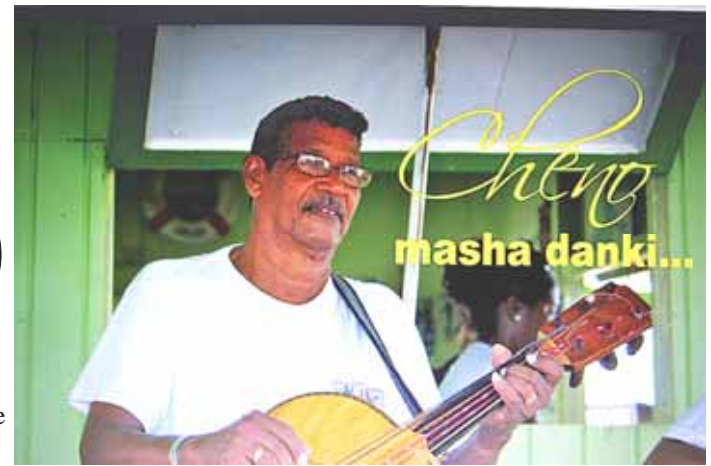
- Americans have jumped on the soccer bandwagon after the USA's goalkeeper, Tim Howard, played such an amazing



game against Belgium. What most of them probably don't know is that Howard has been playing in the English Premier League since 2003 and is considered one of the top 10 goalkeepers in European "futbol." The 35-year-old New Jersey native has appeared in 347 Premier League games. Despite the USA's loss to Belgium (2-1) last week, **Howard was awarded "man of the match," during which he broke the record for most saves in a World Cup game: 16!** ■ *Bula Bonchi*



## Ayo, Cheno



**O**n Friday, the 27th of June, at 2 in the morning, one of Bonaire's kindest

and most beloved and talented musicians - **Benecio Arsenio 'Cheno' Thomas** - passed away after a relatively short but violent sickness.

For 24 years Cheno sang and played the guitarron in the 'Los Principes' trio together with Calixto Coffie and Audy Flores. For many, many years the trio also performed together with Cheno's

sister Mamita Sundays at Lac and at many other events on the island.

Cheno was born on December 14th, 1941. He leaves behind his wife Christine, five children, his grandchildren and his brothers and sisters. He will be dearly missed. Rest in peace, Cheno and thank you for the music. ■ *Greta Kooistra*

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# Jazz Festival 2014 Preview



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The Bonaire Heineken Jazz Festival will be held for the 10th consecutive year on August 1, 2, and 3. The organization has managed to put together a unique Bonaire line up of big-name artists like Oleta Adams, Matt Bianco, Frank Reyes, The Original Wailers, Jose "El Canario" Alberto and the famous Oscar D'Leon.

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Prices are:  
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More information about the program and the festival can be found on the website of the organization [www.bonairejazz.com](http://www.bonairejazz.com) and / or on the facebook page [face-book.com / bonaire jazz](https://www.facebook.com/bonairejazz). ■ Press release



# Bonairean Homes and More



A classic Bonairean large home

## PART I OF III

Architectural styles on the ABC islands (Aruba, Bonaire, Curacao) are unique to these islands. Although many structures have already been lost—either by being abandoned or by being bought and torn down only to be replaced by a modern structure- there are still quite a few of the originally built houses in Bonaire's neighborhoods. I am going to break it down for you in a three-part story.

A house, an owned home, is highly important to a Bonairean. When you have achieved owning your own home you have accomplished a great deal and this shows in the community. Once you have the land - either inherited, or bought , or long leased (*erfpacht*)- then you start buying the concrete blocks (blokkis). As the money comes in to finance it and time rolls on, the house begins to take shape, starting with the foundation, its walls and then the roof. When the highest point of the roof is reached, there is a celebration and a short break called *Spantebier*. In Dutch this means "Rafters Beer." The owner buys cases of cold beer to celebrate having reached the tip top of the building.

Often times you will come across a house where the building has stopped. This is usually because all the money that was saved has run out. Then there is a pause for as long as it takes to put enough money aside until construction can continue again. This can drag on for years.

Relatively speaking the average Bonairean maintains his home pretty well. Very often in the past the reason for a home to be left in a bad state could be because the owners left the island for one reason or another, leaving the house without any caretakers. The owners don't want

to sell their house as they may return some day.

On moving in day, a Catholic priest will usually be invited to bless the home. Money and bread would be buried in the corners of the main room, allowing prosperity and health throughout the existence of the home.

One is not pleased when a guest leaves the home from where he did not enter, thus leaving behind unwanted "vibes." It is always best to leave the home from where you entered.



Large cistern attached to a home

Water cisterns (*renbak* in Papiamentu, *regenbak* in Dutch), built by hand, were mandatory in the past. It was the only way to collect potable water; thus rain water was the only means of sustaining yourself. Sometimes, if you look closely at an old Bonairean home today you can see where a cistern has been used as an added room to a home. The larger the cistern, the more land this individual owned. A young aloe

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# Professional Windsurfing Association Freestyle World Cup

With perfect weather and a strong easterly trade wind, the end of the Professional Windsurfing Association (PWA) Freestyle World Cup was seen as a wonderful closure to four days of hard competition by all surfers. During the final competition between Jose "Gollito" Estredo and local hero Kiri Thode, there was an anxious moment for Kiri in the last run.

Also, local Maaïke Huvermann, finishing second overall among the women, was a pleasant surprise for Bonaire. The 16-year-old succeeded in leaving number two of the world, Arianne Aukes, behind in her final round. Huvermann was slightly surprised by her performance, but during the prize-giving ceremony, she seemed more than satisfied.

Aruba's Sarah-Quita Offringa showed her true worth and why she's a six-time women's world champion.

In the final run against Estredo, Kiri's windsurfer's mast broke. Thanks to swift action by helpers among the spectators, he was able to resume the thread in the beautiful, but not really exciting heat.

Kiri won convincingly in front of his own public that was wildly enthusiastic. Steven van Broeckhoven finished second and Amado Vrieswijk – also of Bonaire – third after a tense last round against local colleague, Tonky Frans. Frans proved to be a good sport and congratulated Vrieswijk after the race.

PWA says it's very pleased that the event had gone smoothly. Director Duncan Coombs applauded Bonaire with the most ideal weather conditions for windsurfers. Coombs expressed the wish to return to Bonaire next year for the PWA World Cup Freestyle 2015. Whether this will come true remains to be seen.

The overall result for the men was: 1. **Kiri Thode (Bonaire)**; 2. **Steven van Broeckhoven (Belgium)**; 3. **Amado Vrieswijk (Bonaire)**.

For the women: 1. **Sarah-Quita Offringa (Aruba)** ■ *Press release*



*Overall winners*



*(above) Ladies Division Winners*



*(left) Winners of Day 1*



*Samples of the gravity-defying action of the Freestyle Championships*

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# Prokids Bonaire Championship

The 10th Prokids Bonaire IFCA Championship 2014 started with a very enticing opening ceremony on June 25th and closed with a bang on June 29th. The final results were announced during the Award Ceremony where all the winners who competed in Slalom and Freestyle were called on stage to receive their trophy, certificate and prizes. The other winners of Beach Soccer Veterans, Beach Soccer, Youth and Beach Bolas also received their trophy and prizes on stage. After the award ceremony the celebration went on with musical performances by local groups.

There were speeches from different guests (President of Aqua Speed, **Elvis Martinus**; IFCA Representative, **Ruben Petrisie**; and TCB general manager, **Ethsel Pieterella**) including acknowledgments to all who contributed for the success of the events

The final results in Slalom were: U-9 Girls first place **Rosa Ruijter** from Bonaire, U-9 Boys first place **Jeankarl Mayer**, second place **Dante Abraham** and third place **Davion Coffie**, all three from Bonaire. U-13 Girls first place **Alyssa Wijndand** from Bonaire, second place **Anne Coenen** from Curacao and third place **Koleta Abrahamsz** from Bonaire. U-13 Boys first place **Iosu Balzaretto** from Mexico, second place **Davinton Janga** and third place **Gian Martis**, both from Bonaire. U-15A Boys first place **Wave Antonia** and second place **Stijn Overwater**, both from Curacao, third place **Melvin van der Linde** from Aruba. U-15B Boys first place **Raynold Wilsoe**, second place **Arnold Wilsoe** and third place **Hayley Thode**, all three from Bonaire. U-15B Girls first place **Luz Day Zambrano** and second place **Davie Janga**, both from Bonaire. U-17 Boys first place **Gunther Landwier** from Bonaire, second place **Mark Tjon** from Aruba and third place **Jurgen Saragoza** from Bonaire. Women first place **Monique Meijer** from Bonaire. U-20 Boys first place **Ethan Westera** and second place **Willem ten Ham**, both from Aruba and in third place **Richard Richie** from Curacao.

The final results in Freestyle were: U-7 Baby Class Girls first place **Gilliën Vrolijk** from Aruba, U-7 Baby Class Boys first place **Kingston Coffie** and second place **Everson Frans**, both from Bonaire. U-9 Boys first place **Jeankarl Mayer** and second place **Dante Abraham**, both from Bonaire. U-13 Girls first place **Koleta Abrahamsz** from Bonaire and in second place **Anne Coenen** from Curacao. U-13 Boys first place **Faan Coenen** from Curacao, second place **Davinton Janga** and third place **Darwin Perdomo**, both from Bonaire. U-15 Girls first place **Luz Day Zambrano** from Bonaire, U-15 Boys first place **Wave Antonia** from Curacao, second place **Smit Luis** from Bonaire, and in third place **Rowan Richie** from Curacao. U-17 Boys first place **Stephard "Cheppy" Gustowski** and second place **Quincy Marchena**, both from Bonaire and in third place **Johnny Yagen** from Israel. U-20 first place **Ethan Westera** from Aruba, second place **Kenroy Francisca** and third place **Richard Richie**, both from Curacao.

The organizers thanked the entire community of Bonaire and other visitors who came to Sorobon and cheered for the participants in all the different sports the entire week who are too numerous to list here. Visit website [www.prokidsfreestyle.com](http://www.prokidsfreestyle.com) and Facebook Page: [Prokids Windsurfing Bonaire](https://www.facebook.com/ProkidsWindsurfingBonaire) for more pictures of the events. ■

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Julia Middleton is a junior at Colby College and hopes to become a Marine Chemist. This semester she is participating in CIEE Research Station Bonaire's semester abroad program.



# Caribbean Reefs- 20 Years Left But Recovery Is Possible



**Fish traps and spearfishing have long been banned in Bonaire**

OSLO-- Most coral reefs in the Caribbean could vanish in the next two decades, hit by the loss of fish and sea urchins that eat a slime of coral-smothering algae, a U.N.-backed study said last Wednesday. The review, the most comprehensive to date of Caribbean reefs that are vital tourist attractions for many island nations, said climate change had played only a minor role in the reefs' demise, despite past speculation it was a main cause. "With only about one-sixth of the original coral cover left, most Caribbean coral reefs may disappear in the next 20 years, primarily due to the loss of grazers in the region," according to the study by 90 coral

experts. Bright-colored parrotfish and sea urchins are the two main grazers on algae - microscopic plants that can choke polyps, the tiny animals that build reefs with their stony skeletons. Over-fishing of parrotfish and a mysterious 1983 urchin disease had let algae thrive in the region. Still, the study said recovery was still possible, with restrictions on fishing and pollution. Tourism accounts for about 14% of gross domestic product in Caribbean economies. "Caribbean reefs are not a lost cause," Carl Gustaf Lundin, director of the global marine and polar programme of the International Union for Conservation

## Bonaire Royalty



**Beautiful people seen at the Taste of Bonaire: Mr. Bonaire Jhon Vivas, Miss Teen Bonaire Ulda Pinedo, Mr. Teen Bonaire Carlos Wanga**

of Nature (IUCN), told Reuters. Some of the healthiest reefs had big populations of parrotfish, including off the US in the northern Gulf of Mexico, Bermuda and Bonaire, the study said. All had "restricted or banned fishing practices that harm parrotfish, such as fish traps and spearfishing. Other countries are following suit," it said. And climate change was still a threat because corals struggle in warmer, more acidic seas. But the report showed that many measures could be taken locally, without waiting for other nations to cut greenhouse gas emissions. ■ *Reuters Reprinted at the request of several Bonaire divers.*

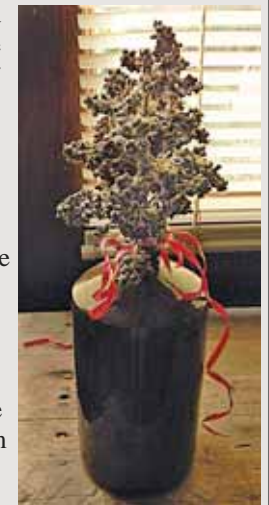
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plant with its roots tied with a red ribbon at the entrance of the home wards off disease, it is believed. A horseshoe might also be seen nailed to the top of the door into the door post, to bring good luck.

To help ensure abundance of food in the home a vase containing *tapushi* (an actual sorghum\* stalk) may be placed in a corner.

In the past those who were fortunate enough to have a *kunuku* (a farm, often inherited) would have their home in one of the villages and a farm where they would go to during the early morning hours or at the end of the day to tend to crops and or livestock. Weekends usually would be used to spend nights at the *kunuku*, surrounded by nature. All food prepping, cooking, is done on a charcoal fire. Dish washing usually happens outside under a *Divi Divi* tree (*Caesalpinia Coriaria*) in the shade.

\*There are well over 300 species of Sorghum/ Millet. Sown during the big rainy season at the end of the year, then harvested in February, March and April, during which time the *Simadan* (Harvest) Festivities take place. ■ *Christie Dovale*



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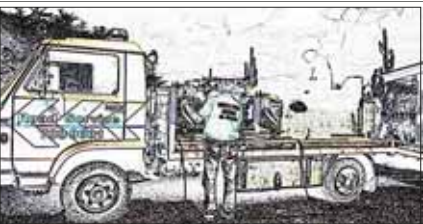
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**FOR SALE- Panasonic 45mm Leica macro lens.** Excellent condition, \$500. call Bonnie @785-9491.

**Bonaire-Sun Rise/Set, Moon Phase and Tides**

Day	High	Low	High	Low	High	Sunrise	Sunset
Mon 07		04:25 0.07 ft	07:39 0.19 ft	13:51 -0.11 ft	20:52 0.94 ft	6:16	19:04
Tue 08		05:20 0.00 ft	08:35 0.13 ft	14:18 -0.11 ft	21:30 1.01 ft	6:16	19:04
Wed 09		06:13 -0.06 ft	09:38 0.07 ft	14:52 -0.10 ft	22:13 1.07 ft	6:17	19:04
Thu 10		07:05 -0.12 ft	10:51 0.05 ft	15:33 -0.07 ft	22:59 1.09 ft	6:17	19:05
Fri 11		07:54 -0.18 ft	12:13 0.06 ft	16:25 -0.02 ft	23:49 1.08 ft	6:17	19:05
Sat 12		08:40 -0.22 ft	13:36 0.12 ft	17:34 0.05 ft	Full Moon	6:17	19:05
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Mon 14	01:39 0.96 ft	10:07 -0.28 ft	15:50 0.35 ft	20:44 0.17 ft		6:18	19:05
Tue 15	02:39 0.86 ft	10:47 -0.28 ft	16:42 0.50 ft	22:23 0.18 ft		6:18	19:04
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**Sudoku Solution**

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6	3	1	9	2	4	8	7	5
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## AIRLINES

**Divi Divi Air**- Bonaire's "on time airline" with 16 flights a day between Bonaire and Curaçao. Your first choice for inter-island travel. Now flying to Aruba.

## APPLIANCES /TV/ ELECTRONICS/ COMPUTERS

**City Shop**, the mega store, has the island's widest selection of large and small home appliances, furniture, TV, computers, cell phones and more. In-store financing too.



## AUTOMOBILE DEALER

Check out **Auto City Bonaire** for the widest selection of new car brands on Bonaire including Chevrolet, Honda, Isuzu, Suzuki, Subaru. Used cars too. Complete service department. Hertz rentals.

## BANK

**ORCO Bank** offers one-on-one attention, personal banking. Each client is a person, not a number. Their office is in the historic building at Kaya Grandi 48.

## BARS

**Zazu Bar at the Marina at Harbour Village** is all you expect in a great bar. Super bartender, quality drinks and friendly service. Plus Bonaire's only Rum Bar- over 50 types! Great hangout spot for divers and sailors.

## BEAUTY

**Hair Affair**. Expert hair cutting, styling, facials and facial waxing. Great new shop on Kaya Grandi. Walk-in service too.

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## ON and IN the WATER

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**Budget Marine** has what anyone with a boat needs, and if it's not in stock they can order it quickly. You can also find special hardware for general use and components for solar and wind electric systems.

**Dive Friends** has four dive schools and three retail shops so you always get the best deals and can be assured of top notch training. Remodeled shop, Dushi Shoes on Kaya Grandi, open now.

## GARDEN SUPPLIES AND SERVICES

**Green Label** has everything you need to start or maintain your garden. They can design, install and maintain it and offer plants, irrigation supplies and garden chemicals. Off Kaya Industria, behind Lucky Supermarket.

## HOME CARE

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## REAL ESTATE /RENTAL AGENTS

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## RESTAURANTS

**Bistro de Paris**— Waterfront location at the Harbour Village Marina. Superb menu, genuine French dishes in a waterfront ambiance. Airco if you want it. Its Zazu Bar is a very popular hangout for divers too.



**Bobbejans**— Bonaire's quintessential "rib joint" not only has some of the best ribs but tasty extras like Gado-Gado, pork chops and fries. Open Friday night and weekends only.

**La Balandra at The Harbour Village Resort** offers Bonaire's most spectacular setting. Superb cuisine, top notch service. Eat on the deck or with your feet in the sand.



**Pasa Bon Pizza**—Bonaire's quality pizza-Best ingredients, best baking and best taste. Great salads and lasagna too. Eat in or take away.

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**Special Security Services** will provide that extra measure of protection when you need it. Always reliable.

## STORAGE

**The Storehouse (Mangazina** in Papiamentu) offers Secure Storage for Vehicles, Household Items, Diving and Sporting Gear, Business Files or Inventory. Across from the northern hotel row.



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**Bon Bida Spa & Gym** World Class fitness and health facility- Classes, top notch machines, trainers. Day, monthly or annual rates.

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**BonDiGro**— Cooperative discount super market offering low prices and friendly service. Expanding their selection almost daily. New location across from Warehouse



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## MADE ON BONAIRE

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## VARIETY STORE

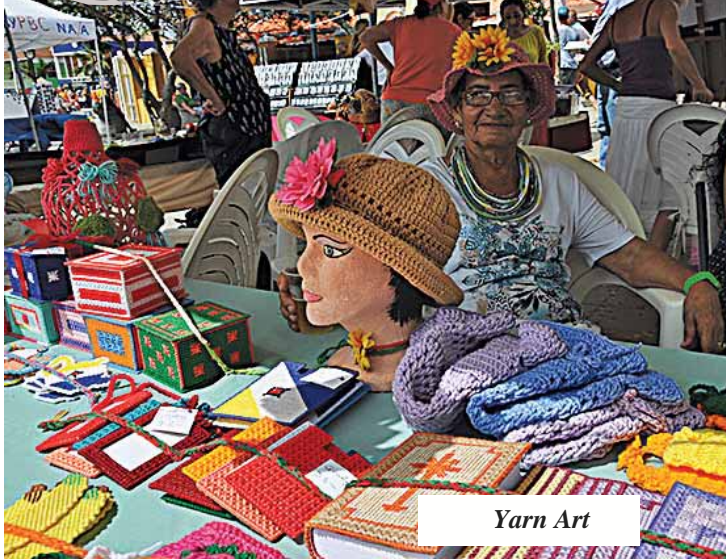
**The Tung Fong Store** is a great asset to everyone on Bonaire because it stocks so many thing we want: clothes, hardware, food, auto and bike supplies. If you don't see it... ask for it. They probably have it.

## WATER TAXI

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

# Art Day - Dia Di Arte 2014

The 22nd annual Dia di Arte dawned a perfect day with sunshine and trade winds. In Wilhelmina Park artists from the ABC islands, Canada, Venezuela, Colombia, US, Holland showed their works. On the stage were singers, dancers, poetry readers, the Tutti Fruitti group, Nos Kosecha and a marvelous group of youngsters playing the traditional kuarta. their graduation after many months of practice. In midafternoon excitement peaked as Holland won and the streets were filled with honking cars and screaming fans. ■ Story & photos by L.D.



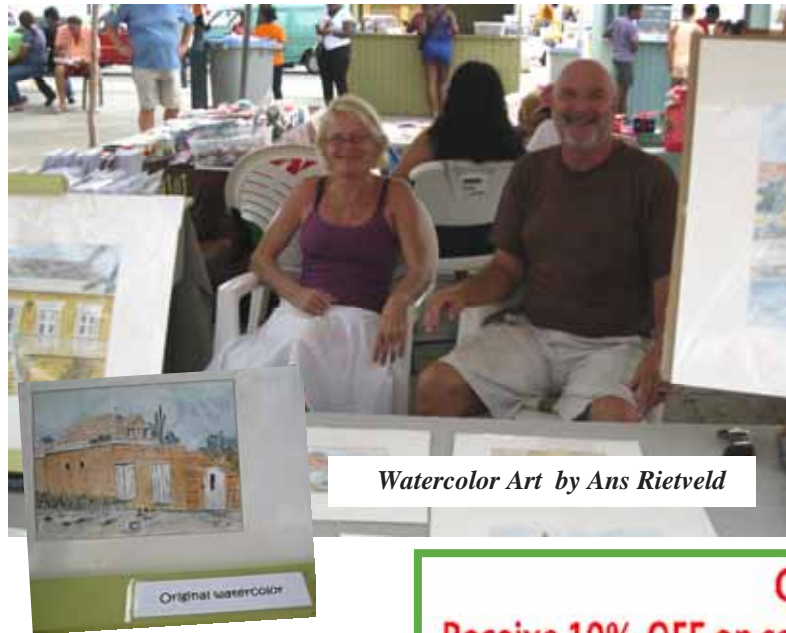
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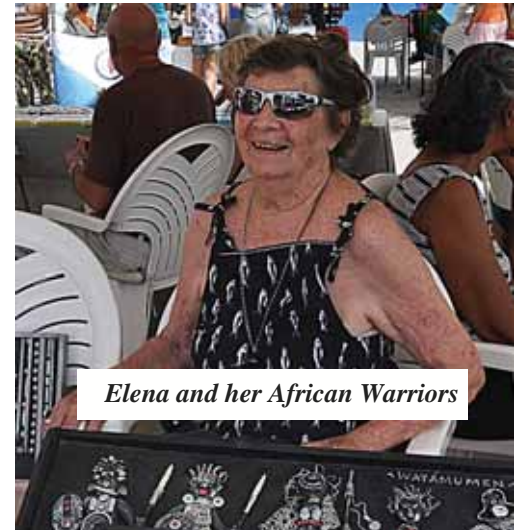
Henk Roosendaal's Pop Art



Susie's Roof Tile Art



Watercolor Art by Ans Rietveld



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# WHAT'S HAPPENING

## CLOSE-IN EVENTS

**Saturday, July 12 – Dive Friends Quarterly Underwater Cleanup Dive.** 9:45am at Yellow Submarine. 717-2929. More on page 3.

**Thursday July 10 - "Why We Love Birds" - talk by naturalist Jerry Ligon,** who has been studying the terrestrial and marine flora and fauna of Bonaire. CIEE Research Station Bonaire, Kaya Gob. Debrot #26, 7-8pm

**Monday, July 14-18 Barracuda Swim Club Summer Camp –** for kids. 780-8565  
barracudasbonaire@gmail.com;

**Saturday, July 19—Animal Shelter Big Book Fair Feast—** Feed your need to read! At the Bonaire Animal Shelter, Kaya Lagun #26, 10am-1pm. Bring your friends too.

**Saturday, July 26—Monthly Cultural Market at Mangazina di Rei,** 8am-2pm. Music, Creole kitchen, educational presentations. On the Rincon Road at the eastern entrance to Rincon

**Sunday, July 27 -Big Bike Fun Race.** "Elite" and "Fun" courses. Call De Freewieler for details 717-8545. More on page 5

- "Taste of Bonaire" at Wilhelmina Park 6-10 pm. Sample the culinary arts of the island, Music, entertainment, a fun evening for all ages.

**August 1-3- 10<sup>th</sup> Bonaire Jazz Festival.** Poster and more details on page 9.

**August 4-8: Barracuda Swim Club Summer Camp –**See Monday July 14

**August 16-23 — Wounded Warriors visit-** Bonaire will once again host the Wounded Warriors. During this week, severely wounded troops and their significant others will travel to the island to complete the final step in the process of obtaining their dive certification, hosted by Captain Don's Habitat. Each year the island opens its arms to welcome this group and shows them not only the natural beauty and pristine waters of Bonaire, but also the warmth and friendliness of the Bonairean people and their genuine hospitality.

## REGULAR EVENTS

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

**Parke di Libertat -Park-playground and canteen (formerly Dare to Care Park)** Behind the hospital. Open Monday-Saturday 8am-7pm. Free entrance.

### Saturdays

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

• **Monthly Cultural Market at Mangazina di Rei—every last Saturday of the month,** 8am-2pm. See the real Bonaire: traditional music, crafts, local produce, Creole kitchen, educational presentations. Mangazina di Rei is on the Rincon Road, at the eastern entrance to Rincon

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

• **Parke di Libertat Bazaar.** Flea market tables to rent \$5. Used items for sale, 9am-2pm.

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

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

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

### Sundays

• **Landhuis DeTuin- Real Jamaican BBQ on the terrace** of the land house in the quiet countryside. Jerk Chicken, BBQ Chicken, Seafood Curry, Veggie Dish, Child's plate, Bread Pudding. On the road to Lac Bai – Kaminda Lac #101. Follow the signs, 12 noon to 6 pm. Tel. +599-786-6816, +599-701-1982. A Forsa training school.

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

### Mondays

• **Bonaire Goat Cheese Farm Tour—9 am.** Meet the goats, see milking, cheese making and more. **\$10 includes cheese tasting and tea, Kids \$5.** 786-6950- Also on Wednesdays & Fridays

• **Happy Hour at Captain Don's Habitat Bar.** The books of Bonaire's dive pioneer, Captain Don, will be available: *Island Adrift, Shangri-la, Sea Trauma* and his newest book *Reef Windows.* 5:30-7pm. Tel. 717-8290

### Wednesdays

• **Bonaire Goat Cheese Farm Tour—**

9am. See Monday for more information

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

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

### Fridays

• **Bonaire Goat Cheese Farm Tour—9am.** See Monday for more information

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

## FREE SLIDE/VIDEO SHOWS

**Monday - Touch the Sea --** Dee Scarr, honored as a member of the Women Divers Hall of Fame, conducts Bonaire's Touch the Sea programs of personalized dive guiding. She presents a unique perspective on critters and corals, plus an updated Bonaire lionfish report, **every Monday when she's on-island** at 8:30 pm in the Aquarius Conference Center at Captain Don's Habitat, Call 717-8290.

**Wednesday - Sea Turtle Conservation Bonaire (STCB)** presents an informative slide show: *Sea Turtles of Bonaire,* at 8pm, every **2nd and 4th Wednesday** in the conference room at Captain Don's Habitat (717-8290)

## BONAIRE'S TRADITIONS

**Mangasina di Rei, Rincon.** Enjoy the view from "The King's Storehouse." Learn about Bonaire's culture. Visit homes from the 17th century. Daily. Call 717-4060/ 790-2018

**Chichi i Tan Museum.** Step into the past—a typical old Bonairean home, furnishings and garden. **Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays, Sundays.** 10am-3pm. **1st Sunday of month,** live performances of local musicians, arts & crafts. Free but donations appreciated. **Kaya Melon #4, behind Rose Inn in Rincon. 786-6420/78-7842**

**Washington-Slagbaai National Park Museum and Visitors' Center.** Open daily 8 am-5 pm. Closed on December 25th and January 1st. **Call 788 - 9015 or 796 - 5681**

## CLUBS and MEETINGS

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

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

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

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

## CHURCH SERVICES

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

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

**International Bible Church,** Kaya Papago 104, Hato, behind Bon Fysio/ Bon Bida Spa & Gym on Kaya Gob. N. Debrot. Sunday 9am-Worship service in English; 10:45am-Sunday school for all ages. Tuesday 7:30 pm-Adult Bible study class. 717-8377 for more info or ride [bonaireibc@yahoo.com](mailto:bonaireibc@yahoo.com)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Call The Reporter at 786-6518 or email [reporter@bonairenews.com](mailto:reporter@bonairenews.com) if you have something HAPPENING**





# THE STARS HAVE IT

By Astrologer Michael Thiessen  
Mid- July 2014

**AIRES** (Mar. 21- April 20) Your passionate mood will be well received by your mate. Someone may not be thinking of your best interests. You may be looking through rose colored glasses. You're best to avoid disputes. Your luckiest events this month will occur on a Monday.

**TAURUS** (Apr. 21- May 21) Realize that you don't have to do everything yourself. Look into physical activities that will help get rid of some of that tension you may be feeling. You should put your efforts into creative projects. You will find your personal partner taxing this month. Your luckiest events this month will occur on a Tuesday.

**GEMINI** (May 22-June 21) You can make excellent purchases this month. Be sure to take care of any minor ailments. You can make financial gains if you are prepared to take a risk. Relatives will want to get together. Your luckiest events this month will occur on a Wednesday.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22) Secret affairs will only lead to deception. Try not to get backed into corners. Everything is moving quickly, just the way you like it. You will easily capture the interest of those you talk to. Your luckiest events will occur on a Wednesday.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug 22) Get involved in groups that can offer intellectual stimulation. You need to take some time out to decide what you want to do. Uncertainties regarding your love life will surface if you have neglected your mate. Get involved in the activities of children. They will teach you far more than you expect. Your luckiest events this month will occur on a Saturday.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23 -Sept. 23) A passionate party for two might be just the remedy. Such over indulgence due to emotional upset will be your downfall. Travel could bring you the adventure and excitement you require. Opportunities to learn important information will surface through discussions with peers or seminars you attend. Your luckiest events this month will occur on a Saturday.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 24 -Oct. 23) Ease the anguish by offering assistance. Beware of colleagues who don't have your best interests in mind. Anger may cause you grief; control your temper and try to sit back and calm down. This will not be the best day to sign deals or to take care of other people's financial matters. Your luckiest events this month

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22) Try not to be so demonstrative. Love relationships will flourish. You may attract attention if you get out socially. You can learn valuable information if you listen and observe what others are doing and saying. Your luckiest events this month will occur on a Thursday.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 23 -Dec. 21) Don't let your anger consume you and don't allow important matters go unattended to. Stick to doing things that will make you a better person both physically and mentally. You should regain some of your self esteem if you get involved in organizational functions. Travel for business or pleasure will be enlightening. Your luckiest events will occur on a Friday.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec 22.- Jan. 20) You will be highly sensitive to comments made by your lover. Unexpected bills may set you back. Don't overspend to impress others. Your interests could lead you down avenues you never realized existed. Your luckiest events this month will occur on a Monday.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 21 -Feb. 19) Don't overspend on items for your home. Your courage and willpower will enable you to get rid of destructive habits as well. Opportunities to get together with friends will be enlightening and entertaining. Problems with gas, oil, or water in your home may disrupt your routine. Your luckiest events this month will occur on a Friday.

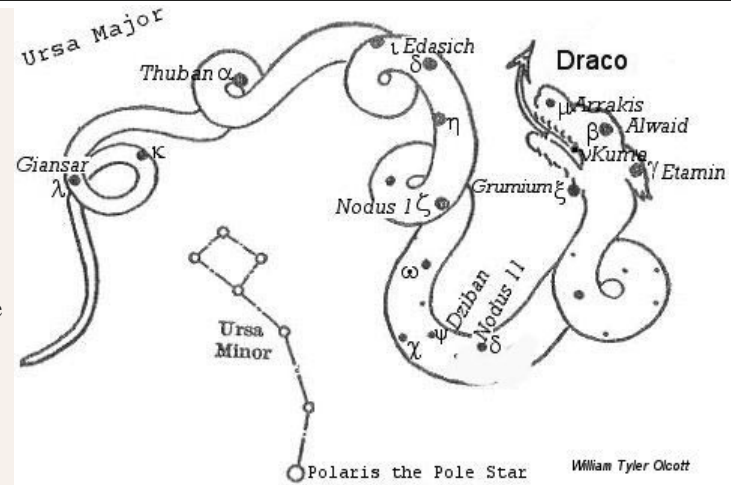
**PISCES** (Feb. 20-Mar. 20) This will be a great night to invite friend over to visit. A little overtime may help you reduce the workload. Don't say something you'll live to regret. Work hard on improving your living quarters. Your luckiest events will occur on a Wednesday. ■



## BONAIRE SKY PARK\* \*to find it... just look up

### SCARY CRITTERS IN THE SKY PARK?

What's scarier in the Sky Park – a dragon or a scorpion? There is a scorpion hanging out in the summer stars, up there in the southern sky, **Scorpius**. And the dragon is the **Constellation Draco** the **Dragon** who flies high in the northern sky in summer.



And the **Moon** will have a close encounter with the ringed planet, **Saturn**, on July 7th.

On any night this coming week around 11pm face south. Scorpius is one of the few constellations that actually looks like its namesake. You won't need to strain your imaginations to see a scorpion in these stars.

Scorpius scuttles just above the southern horizon as a long fish-hook shape of stars. The curve marks the scorpion's tail and stinger. You need more imagination to see his body and claws but there's his red beating heart - the red supergiant star **Antares**.

Antares has inspired observers for thousands of years. It means "rival of Mars" because it's similar in color to the red planet. But it's nothing like Mars. First, Antares is a star and Mars is a planet. Second, Antares is one of the largest known stars in the galaxy.

In mythology, Scorpius was the slayer of **Orion**. of course we all know about Orion's belt of three stars, but Scorpius has three stars almost in a row. You can find them at the head of the scorpion. Okay, they're not quite lined up like Orion's belt, but still they're easy to find. Their names are **Graffias** on the top, **Dschubba** in the middle, and **Pi Scorpii** on the bottom.

Dschubba is a variable star. That means it changes its brightness from time to time.

Now let's look to the northern sky and go dragon-hunting! Draco the dragon lurks in the north with her tail beginning between the **Big Dipper** on the left and the **North Star** on the right.

If you're having trouble finding the North Star, use the brighter stars in the Big Dipper to point the way. Shoot an arrow from the two stars at the end of the Big Dipper's spoon and continue that to the right and bingo! You'll run into the North Star.

You'll need a dark sky to see the dragon's tail that coils around the **Little Dipper**. If you zoom into the dragon's head you will see the brightest stars in this monster constellation.

Three semi-bright stars mark his head in a neat triangle. They are, in order of brightness, **Eltannin**, **Rastaban** and **Grumium**, and if you're in a darker sky, you might be able to make out a fourth.

To the Babylonians, Draco was the she-dragon **Tiamat**. She's said to have had a body seven miles long and a mouth as big as the sky. Along came a god named **Marduk** who slew the great beast with a bow and arrow. Marduk then sliced the dragon in half - one half becoming the earth and the other becoming the heavens above. ■ *Dean Regas & James Albury*

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# Pets of the Week



How rare it is to find small dogs up for adoption at the Bonaire Animal Shelter. And here you see two of them – brothers “Peter” and “Paul.” And they are two of the cutest we’ve seen anywhere. They were brought in by someone who had expected them to grow into larger dogs. Peter and Paul are about nine months old and have spent their whole lives together so they should be adopted together. Besides, what laughs can be had by watching these two clowns cavorting and racing around. They’re alert, enthusiastic and lots of fun. Telling them apart may be a challenge so perhaps they need different color collars.

Peter and Paul are in perfect health, having been checked out by the vet, given their shots, worming and are already sterilized. Each of them has an ID chip as well, so they’re ready to go. Keep in mind the adoption fee covers all of the above. You may meet Peter and Paul and the other pets up for adoption at the Animal Shelter on the Lagoen Road, open Monday through Saturday, 9 am to 1 pm and 3 to 5 pm. Tel. 717-4989. They have a webpage [www.Bonaireanimalshelter.com](http://www.Bonaireanimalshelter.com). ■ Story & photo by L.D.

Look at the Shelter Facebook for more info on dogs and cats to adopt.

# Shelter News

## Tick Problems On Bonaire

On Monday morning we found a dog in the drop off cage. He was covered in ticks, afraid and more dead than alive. It was a horrible sight. Unfortunately the dog died, he was very, very sick.



Lots of dogs on the island have ticks and just like the dog in the picture, they can die from it and it is a terrible way to die! It can be prevented **The best way to protect your dog from the hazards of ticks is to keep them from attaching to your dog in the first place.** Routine checks should be done to search for ticks on your dog. Bathe your dog with an anti-tick shampoo and brush your dog every day and check out the “hot spots” where ticks like to hide: neck, in the ears. Finding them before they attach is helpful, but this is not the most accurate method of prevention. To reduce the number of ticks hiding out in your yard, treat outdoor areas with anti tick spray. You can buy this spray at the vet, the LVV, or you can ask a professional pest control service, or the *hygiensche dienst* (health department) to do this for you. One of the most effective ways to keep ticks off your dog is to directly apply a

prevention product specifically designed for dogs. And if your dog has a severe tick problem, please visit the vet for anti-tick medication or call the Animal Shelter for help. The sad dog in the picture died from the ticks. Very, very sad. The Shelter posted a picture of this dog on their Facebook wall and it went viral. From all over the world the Shelter received mail and comments. The picture reached about 250,000 people and almost everyone was shocked. The poor dog died an unnecessary death. But let’s hope that the picture of this poor suffering dog was a wake-up call to all the dog owners on the island. ■ Story & photo by Marlies Tiepel





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# BOOK FAIR FEAST

## Feed your need to read!

Book Fair at the Animal Shelter  
Saturday, July 19, 10am - 1pm  
At the Bonaire Animal Shelter, Kaminda Lagoen 26

On Saturday, July 19, the Bonaire Animal Shelter presents a secondhand book fair on the shelter premises. All the funds raised will benefit the Bonaire Animal Shelter. Snacks and drinks will also be available. Please drop by and bring all your friends!



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## New Rotary Officers



**D**uring a very special dinner at the Unbelievable Restaurant on Saturday, June 21, the Rotary Club of Bonaire installed its new Board for the 2014-2015 year. Rotary Club Bonaire has been serving the community of Bonaire for over 32 years.

In this new Rotary year the international slogan is: Light up Rotary. Rotary Club Bonaire is part of Rotary International of over 34,000 clubs and 1.2 million members form this service club organization world wide. With a focus on youth education, where awareness and self-esteem play important roles in our society, Rotary will be working with already existing programs and organization to strengthen and assist them with joint knowledge and experiences. As well, Rotary Club Bonaire will focus on youth, and from a long term effort similar to the Breakfast in Schools which RCB started in 2004, feeding the body and minds of our youth on Bonaire.

In addition to the Rotary International "Light up Rotary" theme, President Herbert Domacassé presented a new slogan for the Bonaire club: "It is possible." This means keeping an open mind, and that it is possible to achieve our

most ambitious goals if we have a positive and innovative attitude.

"Youth Excellence and Zero Illiteracy will be a big part of this year's activities," says President Herbert Domacassé, "and one we plan to carry forward in coming years."

### The new board for Rotary Year 2014-2015 was announced:

- President Herbert Domacassé
- Secretary Corine van der Hout
- Treasurer Sara Matera
- Sergeant at Arms Andre Lendering
- Incoming President for year 2015-2016 Orphaline Saleh

New President Herbert Domacassé extended the club's gratitude to the outgoing Board consisting of President Aniek Schouten, Secretary Larry Gerharts, Treasurer Eric van der Keuken and Sergeant at Arms Leonard Domacassé for their hard work and dedication during the past year, which was a successful year for the club.

For more information on our activities, and how to support the Club, check out <http://www.rotarybonaire.org/> ■

Press Release

## Is Spinning Magic?



A class last week at Bon Bida. Residents and visitors welcome

**I**t's one of the hottest activities in the American and European gyms these days, indoor cycling, often called Spinning. And there is good reason.

Maybe you've tried to lose weight before. You want to stay in shape. You want to keep motivated and have fun doing it. If these are your goals you should try spinning. And it's available as individual classes or as part of a membership at Bon Bida Spa and Gym on the northern hotel row, taught by certified instructors.

Here's the thing... **The hardest part of starting to spin bike exercise isn't the workout; it's walking through the door of Bon Bida Spa for the first time.** Sure, the workout is intense, but riders tell us over and over again that they were intimidated by the IDEA of Spinning before taking the leap.

That's why you get individual attention-free-before the class— proper set-up, how your body should look and feel on the bike, and a breakdown of the moves you will do on the bike.

How many calories will you burn in a spinning class, and what is the approximate equivalent distance in road miles traveled? The number of calories you'll burn depends on a number of factors, including your weight and the intensity at which you exercise. Research indicates that on average, experienced spinners burn about 500–750 calories in a 50-minute workout. The "distance" traveled depends on cadence; however, as an estimate, an average 50-minute class at a moderate cadence is equivalent to approximately 15–20 miles on the road.

Anyone can do it. Old, young, bad knees or weak back, spinning is a low-impact exercise that is easy on the joints. So no matter what size you are or what limitations you face, you can probably do it. Spinning burns big calories. Hop on the bike, start moving, and burn some major calories. Spinning is not a magic weight-loss or fitness solution. But because you are part of an enthusiastic exercise group, kept motivated to keep coming and improving your fitness you **WILL** get results. Just ask your classmates. ■ *George DeSalvo*

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