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Julia Marisol Martinus, Jr. Ranger Commander, opens the program



Elsmarie Beukenboom receives the Nature Ambassador Award from Desiree Croes

Junior Ranger Graduation Showcases Pride and Accomplishment

Success filled the room at the 9th Annual STINAPA Bonaire Junior Ranger Graduation Ceremony held last Thursday night at the Marriott Courtyard Hotel.

Those traits could not be more evident than when **Arjen de Wolff**, Executive Director of STINAPA, addressed the graduates and guests, talking about how

the Junior Rangers performed at the sargassum crisis that plagued Bonaire earlier this year.

Normally, when you have a large group of volunteers show up, it can often be a little chaotic and disorganized. Not so when the Junior Rangers arrived. Mr. de Wolff was very impressed with how well organized and disciplined they were. He credited them with helping to make the Sargassum cleanup and recovery a success.

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Just because it's not front page news anymore doesn't mean it's gone away.

Around 2011 Sargassum seaweed began to spread. Before then, open-ocean Sargassum was mostly found in the Sargasso Sea, a patch of the North Atlantic enclosed by ocean currents that serves as a spawning ground for eels.

So when Sargassum first hit the Caribbean, scientists assumed that it had drifted south from the Sargasso Sea. But **James Franks**, a marine biologist at The University of Southern Mississippi, used satellite imagery and data on ocean currents to tell a different story. His studies of ocean currents and satellite tracking confirmed that it originated from the tropical Atlantic, east of Brazil. The suspicion is that it is this "new" weed which may be a new species of sargassum with a broader leaf, that is causing the deluge of seaweed on Caribbean beaches.

The Caribbean is struggling to cope as **yearly bouts of Sargassum become "the new normal,"** says **Iris Monnereau**, a regional project coordinator for the Food and Agriculture Organization of the US. She's particularly worried about this year, noting that the blooms visible in recent satellite imagery dwarf those of previous years. "You can't solve the problem; you can't put up a wall or anything," she says.

Source: Science- Oceanography Plants & Animals

► **Robbie Beukenboom and Mirugia Janga**, for decades key stalwarts of Bonaire's Democratic party (PDB), have formed a new party, the *Frente Soshal Progressivo (FSP)*, or Social-Progressive Front. The internal conflict was



substantial enough that last year Beukenboom and Janga became part of the current Executive Council coalition which is made up of the UPB-party, independents Bernabela and Raphaela and now Beukenboom and Janga representing themselves as the FSP. The core Democrats (including party leader Clark Abraham and the party leadership) concurrently formed part of the opposition. Two weeks ago the PDB leadership formally expelled Beukenboom and Janga, who subsequently formed the FSP. The governing coalition will continue unchanged.

► **Insel Air** (Curacao) is trying to emerge from the wreckage of its business that crumbled when it couldn't afford to recertify its ancient jet fleet.

The airline announced that it has resumed daily jet flights between Curacao and St. Maarten with a leased E-190 Embraer from Conviasa Airlines. It will cut one hour from the flight currently using a turboprop Fokker 50.

The aviation press also reported that InselAir will soon resume operations to and from Maiquetia, Valencia and Punto Fijo in Venezuela. Last week talks began between Curacao and Venezuela to pay InselAir air fare proceeds withheld by the Maduro government

► **A round trip American Airlines ticket booked Miami to Bonaire is \$72 less expensive than booking Bonaire to Miami.** For example the flights leaving July 21, returning July 28, cost BON-MIA \$843, but MIA-BON is \$770. Taxes are identical. No explanation was offered.

► **In 2017, approximately 128,500 tourists arrived on Bonaire by air, down 5% from 2016.** This may have been due to

InselAir's difficulties. The majority of foreign tourists were either Dutch or US nationals. However, cruise ship tourism to Bonaire grew by 88% to 407,000 passengers in 2017. The number of cruise passengers in the Caribbean as a whole went up in 2017 too.

► **This month fuel prices are up, except for diesel:** **Gasoline 95-** \$1.20, was \$1.16 per liter. **Kerosene-** \$0.61, was \$0.604 per liter. **Diesel-** \$0.80 was \$0.81 per liter. **LPG-100LBS** \$36.47, was \$32.82 per tank **LPG-20LBS** \$9.38, was \$8.56 per tank.

► **All vessels sailing in the vicinity or around Bonaire's South Pier are requested to limit their speed.** There are signs posted on the South Pier that indicate that the speed around the South Pier should be limited. Excessive speed creates wakes which make the construction work around and below the pier dangerous for the workmen.

The port office will monitor which vessels violate the request. The registration numbers will be taken and the owners of these vessels will receive a note of dangerous and annoying sailing behavior.

► **Think house prices are rising fast in Bonaire?** Not as fast as in the Netherlands, however. The average price of a house or an apartment in the 15 biggest cities in the Netherlands has risen by 40% over the past five years, according to property price research company Calcasa. In **Amsterdam housing prices rose by 65%** over the five-year period. Calcasa said the price hike for the rest of the country averaged only 25% in the same period. But higher increases were registered also in the main suburbs of the largest cities.

► **The Bonaire local government's Department of Civil**

Affairs continues to convert paper certificates of births, marriages, etc. into digital form. The project was started last year and customers can now print their deed digitally on request. This makes the service more efficient and faster said Deputy Edsel Cecilia.

► **Girobank announced it will no longer continue its bank activities on Bonaire.** Account holders were advised to transfer out their accounts to another Bonaire bank. However loans, credit card and online banking can be done via its Curacao office. Girobank was providing cash payment access for the Tax Office but **no banking alternative was mentioned.**

► **Bonaire will soon have its own Masonic lodge, named Loge Harmonie,** after the 19th century Masonic Lodge of Bonaire as of September 29, 2018. It is an initiative by Michiel Bijkerk who's goal is harmony in the lodge and on Bonaire in general. Organizing committee members are Michiel Bijkerk, Thijs Kieft, Michiel Rumpff. The working language of the lodge will be English. If you are, or want to become, a freemason, please contact the committee at: tel: 796 2650 or Logeharmonie.bonaire@gmail.com.



► **STCB volunteer Beachkeepers discovered two nests during a single patrol last month.** This has been Sea Turtle Conservation's busiest nesting week since the start of the 2018 sea turtle nesting season, with a total of seven loggerhead and hawksbill nests since June 9.

Sign up for a nest monitoring patrol on the main nesting which is Klein Bonaire! STCB goes every Monday, Wednesday and

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The Bike Professionals

Flotsam and Jetsam (Continued from page 2)



Marked turtle nests— stay clear

Friday morning at 7am. If you'd like to make a reservation, please send an email to Communication's Officer Kaj Schut at cepa@bonaireturtles.org.



►The survival of Bonaire's Flamingoes is worsening. Elly Albers of Bonaire's Wild Bird Rehab sadly reports that the mystery of why the young flamingoes are dying of starvation is still not solved. "We have 60 flamingo chicks in the Rehab center and many of them are returnees," she says. The center has been releasing groups of youngsters who have been fed and cared for, only to find that once they are freed they can't seem to find food and are picked up and brought back to the center.

The public has been very responsive according to Elly, with contributions for special flamingo baby food and medical supplies but it's been used up. So the center has re-started up a GoFundMe page: <http://gofundme.com/help-the-flamingo039-on-bonaire>. Or you may donate via the Mangrove Center, MCB Account 41010104.

►You might think of a coral reef as an animal high-rise hosting an algal co-op. Each efficiency apartment in the calcium carbonate complex is occupied by both a animal with food-gathering tentacles related to jellyfish and with an alga tucked inside it. The alga uses light to make food which it shares with its roommate. The animal catches food with its stinging tentacles which it uses to fertilize the algae and build the apartment block. If wiped out by storm, pollution or other factor, man can help jump-start the high rises by providing a good base and seed stock. During the recent Bonaire "Coralpalozza" divers worked on making and cleaning the foundations for these co-ops

In coral, to optimize the relationship, the host animals tamp down their own immune systems to admit algae and produce proteins that transfer nutrients to or from their symbionts. The algae likewise alter their metabolism in ways that benefit both themselves and their coral hosts. Even slightly warmer seawater threatens the relationship, the algae move out, the corals starve, begin to die and lose the color the algae provide and look bleached.

►Locals are disgusted that electricity rates went up about .01 per kWh, the month after basic rates were raised. □ G./L.D.



Rotary photo

►On Saturday June 23rd, during the annual turnover dinner, the Rotary Club Bonaire installed their new board for the Rotary year 2018-2019.

Outgoing president Eric v/d Keuken gave some highlights of his presidency year and talked about what they have done and what they have accomplished. The most important highlight was the necessity of member involvement in the club to achieve the goals set in the beginning of each Rotary year. There are 30 members in Bonaire's Rotary Club. Membership is by invitation.

The Rotary Club's contribution's support several projects that assist Bonaire's less fortunate citizens.

After this speech, Eric went over to install the new board, which this year consists of:

Gregory Obersi as President, Huub Grootas Secretary and Edwin Vrieswijkas Treasurer. Sergeant at arms for the year is **Robert Smaal and Jeaniro Balentin** as the next incoming president.

Incoming president Gregory Obersi spoke a little about what he expects to accomplish this year and encourages all members to get involved in all activities planned for this year. For his board, the most important activity is for the club to become more visible in the bario's, especially for those that need it the most.



►At its annual installation dinner the Bonaire Lions Club recognized two of the island's sports figures. **Ismael Soliano** is getting help to keep his traditional wood sail fishing boat, **Etienne**, sailing and young baseball player **Gabriel Statia** was "adopted" so he could participate with his team, **Phillies Boneiru**, in the World Baseball Foundation events in Miami Florida.

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Letters to the Editor



FIGHTING CRIME IS NOT A DAY JOB

Dear Editor,

Can the burglaries, vehicle thefts, armed attacks be stopped? Can these habitual criminals who spend a few months in jail, then get out and start again be foiled? Having participated in too many crime meetings and having heard dozens and dozens of suggestions what to do, the answer is a huge emphatic NO!

All the ideas from both the private sector and the governmental have one common thread - the victims are always at the center of the problem. 100% of all the ideas involve the victims making all the changes to their lifestyle.

The true and only answer to this plague hurting Bonaire and all who live or visit here is proactive policing. At one crime meeting, the officer who represented the police force told everyone that 95% of all crime happens in the daytime and that is why almost all the police work in the day. If you ask the victims they will correctly argue that 95% of the crime happens at night!

How many of us have called the police at night to report a robbery only to be told, "We have only one patrol car and we will

get there as soon as we can." Two hours later maybe someone will show. Or told, "I am the only one here at the station and I have to stay here to answer the phone." With answers like that there is no hope.

Bonaire has for the most part a reactive police force. They wait for a crime to happen and then go to the scene or ask the victims to come to the station to fill out a report. And that is about it.

Proactive policing has an officer "on every corner" so to speak. Would you rob a store if a police officer is standing outside watching? Proactive works. It has been proven to work. Crime rates drop dramatically when there are police everywhere. Bonaire keeps saying it needs more police, but if one looks at the average number of police per 1,000 population, Bonaire is high on the charts. All working in the daytime, filling out crime reports from the night before when far too few police were patrolling.

Working all night is not fun. It is not easy. It disrupts lives but it does stop crime and unless this is done, don't look for any other solutions. It is a waste of time.

-A Victim

Picture Yourself With The Reporter in Battle Creek, MI, USA

When asked how she would describe all her trips to Bonaire Karen Sue Mackaluso had one answer, "They're Great!"

That is why Karen Sue decided to bring *The Bonaire Reporter* to the original Kellogg Company factory in Battle Creek, MI and pose with Tony the Tiger, the iconic mascot for Kellogg's Frosted Flakes cereal, whose famous phrase is "They're Great!"

Karen Sue and her husband Steve Secondi, have been scuba diving since 2011 after retiring from the sport of triathlons. They have competed in ironman triathlons in more than 12 countries around the world including the most coveted event in Hawaii. They also have completed multiple marathons as well. With more than a dozen visits to Bonaire, Karen Sue and Steve have been visiting the island since 2013, including three visits this year. *Photo by Kathy Louise Holley, Karen Sue's sister.* □

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Remembering SCUBA Pioneers

There are two men we must recognize for making Bonaire the diving Mecca it is today: **American Captain Don Stewart** and **European Hans Hass**. They may be gone but are not forgotten. Last Monday, the late Captain Don's 93rd birthday was celebrated at the Habitat dive resort that bears his name.



Hans Hass at "Beneath the Sea"



Hans Hass with The Reporter

Dee Scarr found the recent "Beneath the Sea" Dive Show interesting and sent us a couple of wonderful photos of Hans Hass, Austrian

dive pioneer, and his wife Lotte (né Baierl). Hans first explored underwater



Hans Hass and Lotte in the 1940s
Dee Scarr photos



Lotte Hass signs; Dee Scarr looks on.
Dee Scarr photos

Bonaire in 1939. After World War II he returned for more adventures. When Dee asked them for a photo with *The Reporter* instead of just posing with the paper, they signed it. We will frame it in our office. Hans is now 87 years old. Hans and Lotte have been married for 56 years. G.D.

Janet Thibault, Captain Don's Bonaire life-partner, looks on as Habitat employee, Bianca, cuts the cake she baked for the occasion

Austrian pioneer diver **Hans Hass** explored the waters of Bonaire and Klein Bonaire in the days when compressed air diving was often life threatening. Coincidentally, **Rosemary Kirty**, who was one of the organizers of the "Beneath the Sea" Dive Show (see photos at left) that honored Hans and his wife, **Lotte**, five years ago was on hand at Habitat for Captain Don's "birthday party." □ G.D.



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On the Island Since... 2004 - Hugo Bernal Benavides and Gilberto Lira

Gilberto: “A long time ago I came from Curacao and started working at Sunset Beach Hotel as the front office manager. I also worked at Divi Flamingo as a front office supervisor. Then I moved to St. Martin where I worked for American Airlines and in hotel management. It was on St. Martin where Hugo and I met.”

Hugo: “I was born in Cucuta, Colombia, where I worked for the credit department in a bank. When I got an offer to manage a car rental in St. Martin, I left Colombia. It was a challenge because I didn’t speak English, but everybody helped me and I also started studying English. Then – and it’s now 17 years ago - I met Gilberto through a friend and we’ve been together ever since. And as we say, ‘Every love story is beautiful, but ours is my favorite!’ However, we haven’t been living together all the time, because one year after we met, Gilberto went to Curacao to set up a Cuban restaurant for a friend and I stayed in St. Martin.

When my contract with the car rental ended I was planning on going back to Colombia, but Gilberto told me to first come to Curacao to see the island. He introduced me to his friends at the restaurant and told them I was good at design. So I designed a new menu – it was like a placemat. They liked my work a lot and asked me to stay to do more design but also to handle their administration as I had experience working at the bank. I didn’t like Curacao; the people were rude and they treated the Latinos badly. But I liked the work. We stayed two years in Curacao. Then we moved to Bonaire together with our *guacamaya* (macaw), ‘Colita,’ in 2004. I was fascinated with the island. The people were so friendly and although they didn’t even know me, they would greet me on the streets.”

Gilberto: “I always loved Bonaire; it was and still is my place to be. We’d saved money to pay the first month’s rent and expenses until I could find a job, because Hugo had to wait for his permit. I did a lot of things: I worked for Hertz car rental and at the Great Escape with **Sylvia Abraham**. I worked at Plaza Resort as a night manager and also at Lion’s Dive. Then I went back to Plaza as a front office manager and got promoted as back-of-the-house manager in charge of maintenance, housekeeping and security. But later on I also worked at DROB and DJI. I did lots of things!”

Hugo: “I worked at Zeezicht in administration and I was also warehouse supervisor for Zeezicht, the Cappuccino Bar and Karel’s Beach Bar. When they opened the sushi bar I worked there as a waiter, but I also helped the chef making the sushi. I did the design of the menu for the sushi bar and for their Pinchos Restaurant as well.”

Gilberto: “In 2006 we bought the house in Nikiboko. The place was completely ‘naked,’ but we planted a lot of fruit trees and decorative flowering plants. And then... it started with one dog... My sister, who lives in Holland, came to visit and saw some puppies and told the guy she wanted one. Then one day, I got a phone call from a guy who told me to come and pick up my dog! My sister was long gone so we got the dog. Then we had two and three and then, all of a sudden, we had seven! We started buying some love birds and now we have like 12 different types of birds and the garden became green like a jungle and the birds and the dogs and the *morrocoy* (land turtle) are all very happy! Then we started to collect decorative plants too and every time we



Dessert Plate made by Hugo, won points for the team at the Taste of the Caribbean (photo Casper Douma)

travel, we bring home plants. It’s mostly me who travels and then Hugo takes care of the house. But sometimes we do travel together because we have a friend who takes care of the house and the animals. I will never give up my animals to be able to travel more because they are our kids and we love them! We even have a cemetery at our kunuku for the dogs that have passed away.

Nowadays I work at the landfill as a team leader. I manage the place and also Morotin in Rincon. What we personally do to keep the island clean and recycle stuff is make art, wind chimes and utensils of beer bottles, coke, soda and wine bottles and liquor bottles. Hugo is the artist.”

Hugo: “I am a frustrated designer because

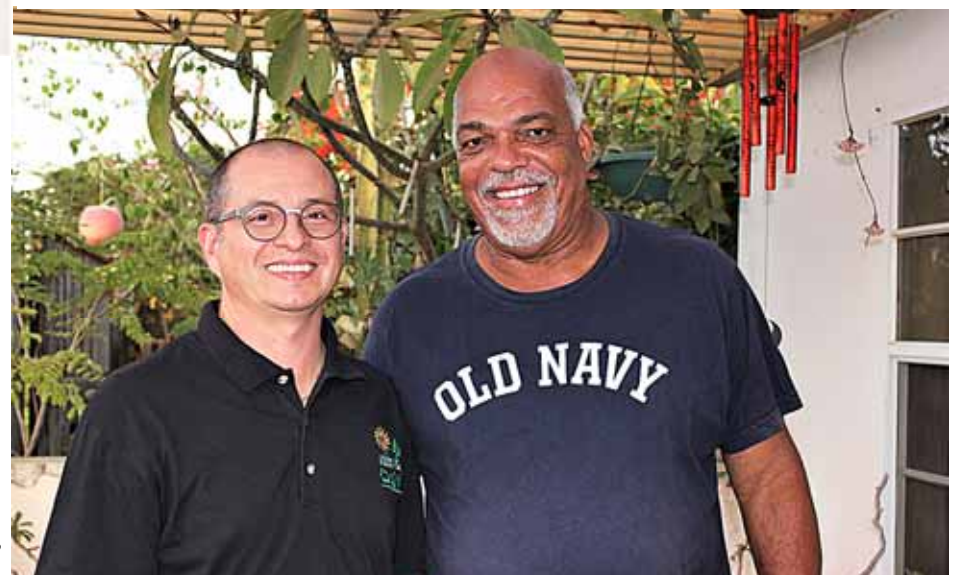
“Bonaire could do better if we dedicate more time to improving education and introducing vocational schools and a hotel school because those are the main sources of income for the island.”

I would have loved to study to become a designer, but there was no opportunity in Colombia at the time. Here I etch my designs in glass and make different items like candle holders, wind chimes, incense bottles, vases and drinking glasses, incense oil burners and lamps for the table and hanging lamps and Christmas decoration bottles and glass blocks with Christmas lights inside and other gift items. We have a stand at the Saturday market across from Warehouse, and during the week I work at Flamingo Beach as food & beverage cost controller. But I am planning on doing my art full-time in the near future. Now I am doing it from the house, which is nice as I can spend more time with our animals.”

“We are looking for some land, *Gilberto says*, “to build our own souvenir shop in walking distance from town. The shop will be combined with a workshop so that people can see how Hugo makes his creations. Hugo also paints and makes drawings; he is very creative.” “The etching is always different,” *Hugo says*. “First I have to make a design and print it. Then I stick it on and peel it, - like a tattoo more or less - and start etching. I do designs on request too, like logos for weddings, birthdays, Mother’s Day and Father’s Day, and special events.



Gilberto and Hugo at the Saturday market across from Warehouse



Hugo and Gilberto at home

are the main sources of income for the island. We have a lot of kids here who are good with their hands, and there should be training available to become a carpenter or an electrician or a car mechanic or plumber. And those trainings should be all under one roof. We have to make our kids professionals who can make a living for themselves.

Our life has slowed down a bit. I am no longer a party animal, but we love to go out for dinner and try out new restaurants or go for a coffee and an ice cream, staying out of trouble and being relaxed, ha-ha! We don’t go to the beach so much, because they are so crowded nowadays, especially during the weekends and during the week we are working. But we love driving around, exploring the island and we also like very much the nature walks with **Boi Antoin**. Bonaire is nice; I’m going to retire here. That’s what I said from day one. When I come back from a trip I feel like kissing the tarmac... I am back home! At night, when we sit here, we leave the door open and it’s peaceful and everybody knows everybody – a place like that is hard to find, especially nowadays, because it’s really scary what’s going on in the world with Trump and Russia and China. So, you don’t know what will happen, but we feel we are good here.” ■



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The Bonaire Barracudas Sprint and Water Polo Family Day

This past week the Bonaire Barracudas Swim and Water Polo Club had their annual meeting in which the past year's accomplishments were reviewed and goals set out for the future. A fun filled family day featuring competitions with not only the team members, but their parents and families followed on the weekend with a great BBQ sponsored by the *Woodwind* to round out this school year. Family teams sprinted for the finish in individual races and relay races as well as water polo competitions. We would like to thank the outgoing board members, **Agnieszka Spruit** and **Simone Sweers**, and welcome the continuing and new board members, **Anita Smits**, **Danny Bol**, **Richinella Wanga**, **Jasmin Divine** and **Danielle Volmuller**.

CLUB MEMBERSHIP

The club membership is growing yearly, now representing over 60 members. Our members represent swimmers of all ages from kids to master's swimmers with training and competitions for all ages. Every member can participate at their own level and abilities. The ones who want to swim for fun can do just that and the ones who want to compete have to work harder. We offer a framework for proper training and event participation for various levels. Many members participate in both swimming competitions and water polo. Now, we are stepping up yet again and will run a synchronized swimming pilot program this summer for kids five to nine years old. If you are interested in any of these activities, please contact us at barracudasbonaire@gmail.com.

OUTSTANDING SWIMMERS

The swimmers had a fantastic year increasing their competitive level. Countless personal records were shattered during swim meets on Aruba and Curacao where the kids came back with many medals. It is a phenomenal success considering that all of the other competitors make hundreds of flip turns per day in their training, while our swimmers train in the sea and look to sneak into the pool ahead of the competition to practice and in some cases learn how to do a start or turn just moments before the competition begins. **Marcel Spruit** was able to bring home the high point trophy from the Aruba Stingray Challenge and the 3rd place overall in his age group at the Aruba Dolphins, qualifying him to represent the island along with **Chenice Bergman** at the Carifta games in Jamaica. They were able to experience a competition on a much higher Caribbean wide level.

As we look at our young swimmers we see a great potential for team development. With the young swimmers' enthusiasm and intense training we believe we will be able to send more kids to this competition and look to even more and higher level competitions as the skills improve. Some of our master swimmers took part in the World Masters Competition in Budapest where the relay team took 10th place proving that they can still compete at the world level! We applaud the passion of our trainers **Anita Smits** and **Janny Tjalma** to take the team to the next level.

WATER POLO

Water Polo presents a great challenge requiring large numbers of participants as it is not just one team, you need teams of various ages and girls teams, boys teams and mixed teams. A top coach from the Netherlands was brought in to do a free workshop for all and to elevate those interested to the trainer level to help **Simone Sweers**, our head trainer, to work with the younger teams and develop a multiyear plan to grow the sport in the region. Thanks to the success of this program, an active mini polo program feeding upward as they grow up, and enthusiastic kids of all ages, this is the first year that we have enough members to have a full mixed team in each age group.

Bonaire hosted the 2nd International Waterpolo tournament at the North pier which worked out as a unique and perfect set up for spectators and players alike. We hope with better airlift next September that we will have an even larger tournament. Two mixed U-16 and U-19 teams went to the Carifta games in the Bahamas, competing against the men's teams from around the Caribbean in 2017 which was a great learning experience with the second international level competition.

CURACAO-BONAIRE COOPERATION

After traveling with multiple teams in one large competition, Curacao and Bonaire came to an agreement to do multiple competitions, each with a single age group, so each month, one team would travel to Curacao for competitions, making it far more manageable. This gave our players an opportunity to compete in a pool rather than the sea. Continuing in the next school year Curacao teams will come here monthly to compete in our "sea pool." The team of 18 and under finished the year by coming in a close 2nd in the First ABC Waterpolo Cup in Aruba. Some of these players are graduating and leaving Bonaire for further education. We thank them for their participation and look



Barracuda pile-up at the waterfront



Coach Simone Sweers with some top swimmers

forward to their success in other places!


It was also announced that with the greater activity and success in aquatics, the *Bonaireaanse Aquatics Bond* is becoming much more active. They are planning on official's courses for swimming and water polo in the coming school year as well.

BUILDING THE COMMUNITY


Beyond training and competing, the team is focused on a community spirit and participates in many other activities together such as the Jong Bonaire Swim to Klein, Bon Doet, Swim Walk and Run for the Roses, Swim-a-thon, BBQ's, Car Washes and many other activities. Some of these activities are fund raising for others and some for our own travel expenses.

We also would like to thank OLB, Budget Marine, *The Bonaire Reporter*, Orange Express, Tandprothetischepraktijk Bonaire, Firgos, Delfins Beach Resort, de Freewieler and Wega di Number and our many other sponsors small and large for making some of this travel possible. The club has been successful in getting the kids in the water, away from electronics, by creating a fun and friendly atmosphere. We are putting a lot of effort to have Bonaire back on international aquatics arena. We have people who want to put time and effort in organization and training. But most important we have water polo players and swimmers who are very enthusiastic and promising. We look forward to new members, so please join us when we reboot on August 15 at our sea pool at Parke Tului. **Pam Teitel** -Barracuda photos


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Body Awareness Week at GoGreen



The Body Awareness Week team at the opening meeting and luncheon: Norca Loff, Mary Timmermans, Tina Woodley, Danielle van Esch, Lolymer Sanchez, Dragana Drmesic, Francheska, Vivek Gaur, Dr. K. Kumdesma, Laura Stefani, Rosita Paiman, Sasha van Duyn .

Body Awareness Week at GoGreen

“It was my dream come true, to bring together all the body and mind practitioners on the island,” said GoGreen’s Tina Woodley, referring to the super successful Body Awareness Week, June 25 to July 2. Special guest-lecturer-consultant was Dr. Vivek Gaur, Director, Pts. Dayaram Institute of Holistic Healings and Sciences.



Babette, Tina, Norca, Lee-ann, Mary

It was a gathering of the island’s top mind-body-health-spirit-fitness practitioners who offered several types of yoga, massage, massage training, acupuncture, Reiki healing, crystal healing, nutrition, meditation, medical bi-magnetism, Pilates, spiritual dance, even a hike up to Seru Largu.



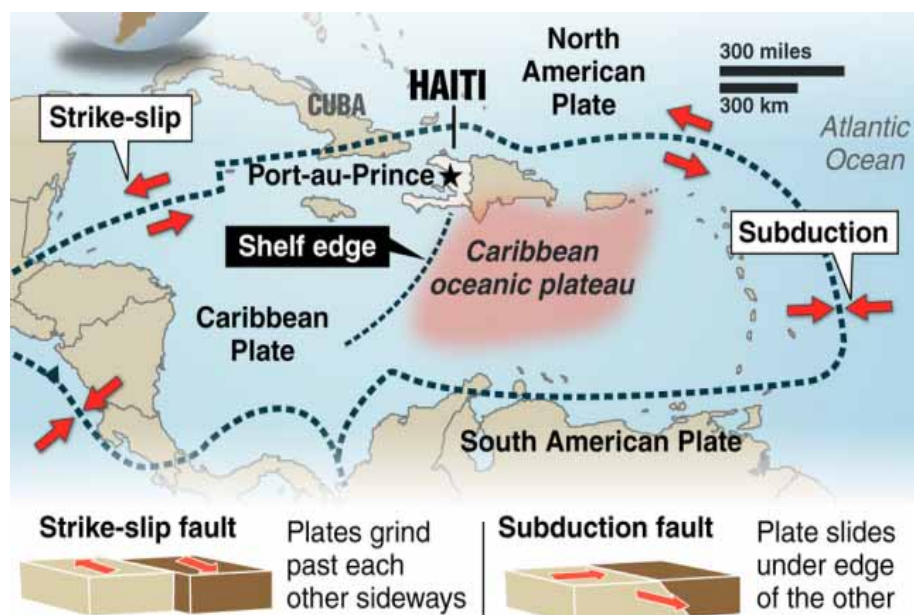
Francheska and Karon

During the week Tina offered her usual vegetarian, sometimes Indian-inspired lunches, every day, ending with a sumptuous evening buffet on Friday.

Mind-body-health-spirit-fitness is a perfect and obvious direction for tourism to go and we have the professional people who can do it.

Go Green Center is at Kaya Gob. N. Debrot 49. WWW.gogreenayurveda.com, telephone 700-5488. □ L.D.

DID YOU KNOW?



Have you ever stumbled upon seashell and coral fossils when walking to a dive or snorkel site here on Bonaire and wondered how old they are, how they got here? While Bonaire may be considered a “young” island, it is by no means less interesting or full of surprises. In this article I want to tell you about the importance of coral reefs and geology in a different, non-biological point of view. Let me take you back to 150 million years ago.

sia separate, forming the southern Atlantic Ocean. Millions of years later, the Lesser Antilles are formed as the Atlantic plate, which is very dense and heavy, slides under the eastern boundary of the Caribbean Plate (Subduction fault), causing volcanic activity. Over millions of years, the outer arc of the Leeward Antilles (which now consists of the Virgin Islands all the way south to Dominica) is created. Bonaire and other islands along Venezuela’s coast are formed (although they are not islands yet – they are still deep underwater) as the South

At the turn of the Cretaceous, the two mega continents Gondwana and Laurasia

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Junior Rangers Graduate Continued from page 1

The Junior Ranger program is an after school program that teaches about caring for Bonaire's nature and environment. It stresses cooperation, discipline and responsibility. It meets once a week after school for educational activities, and on Saturday mornings for recreational activities about the environment.

The night started off with **Julia Marisol Martinus**, Jr. Ranger Commander, introducing **Desiree Croes**, General Coordinator of the Jr. Ranger Program, who delivered the welcoming remarks.

Ms. Croes took over the Junior Rangers Program in 2009. This year she helped to develop a detailed manual for the next generation of STINAPA Junior Rangers, that lays the ground work on how the program operates and will allow it to continue into the future.

Kadet Denzell, one of two Rookie of the Year recipients, then recited the Junior Ranger Pledge in Papiamentu, followed by Trooper, **Rianne Gietman**, and Deputy 2, **Senna Bougie**, telling what the Junior Ranger program meant to them.

There are six rankings in the Junior Ranger program: Aspirant, Kadet, Trooper, Deputy 1, Deputy 2, and Commander, each represented by a different color shirt that the Junior Rangers wear.

Lieutenant Governor of Bonaire, **Edison Rijna**, who was off island at the time, delivered a video message congratulating the graduates.

The program continued with the Junior Rangers acknowledging all the volunteers and sponsors that help to make the program possible.

Finally, the highlight of the evening, Mr. de Wolff presented a Certificate of Achievement to all the graduates, including **Michelle Djamin**, who was the other Rookie of the Year.

The entire graduation ceremony was prepared by the Junior Rangers, led by Julia Marisol Martinus, who was the Master of Ceremony for the night, along with her team of **Rosa Rijna** and **Saffras-Samad**.

Together, with their assistants, they prepared a detailed program outlining the night's activities, listing the graduates and



STINAPA Executive Director Arjan de Wolff with Ranger Commanders Tom Lensick and Julia Marisol Martinus

a precise timetable as to when things were to happen during the course of the program.

Such attention to detail was seen down to the little white X's marked on the stage where the candidates would stand to receive their certificates. They were also instructed to shake hands, accept, and turn to the photographer after receiving their certificate. Such attention to detail repre-

sents how the Junior Rangers approach everything they do.

The night concluded with all the graduates taking a group photo sporting their new colored t-shirts, representing their new level in the Junior Ranger program, followed by a light reception. □

*Photos by Alan Zale.
Story by Alan Zale with reporting from Joan Campanella Zale*



Jr. Ranger Deputy 1's receive their awards



Troopers receive their certificates



Deputy 2's with certificates



Kadets receive certificates

Seven Medals For Bonaire Chefs



Our medal-winning chefs

The Bonaire Culinary Team, led by **Manager Floris van Loo**, delivered on their promise to showcase not only talent but also excellent individual and team effort by bringing home seven medals, a very special award, and the silver medal for the Team of the Year Competition. Their medal-winning dinner included an impressive dessert from **Pastry Chef Maria Maestroni** and virtuoso performances by the team members who included: **Senior Chef and Team Captain Miguel Saragoza**, **Senior Chef Sherundly Bernabela**, **Chef Dustin Libiee**.

Not to be outdone by the chefs, Bartender **Kelvin Ventura** impressed everyone with four different cocktails using local ingredients like shimaruku cherries and Rum Rincon, Cadushy Vodka and liquor which earned him a silver medal and the title for Best Rum Cocktail.

The team was awarded the very special award: **the Tony Mack Award For Outstanding Spirit of the**

Competition.

First-time competitor in the "Taste," **Junior Chef Josue Chalabi**, won a bronze medal in the Junior Chef of the Year Competition with his Zesty Herbed Scallop and Spice Tri-Tip dish.

The team returned to Bonaire on Friday evening to a rousing welcome! Well done!

To raise revenue for the team's traveling to the Taste of the Caribbean team members held **six Fundraising Dinners**, a **Taste of the Team** and a **fantastic BBQ**.

Special thanks to sponsors: Cadushy Distillery, Bonaire Heritage Foundation, Hang Out Beach Bar, De Stategie BV, BONHATA, I Love Bonaire, Tovari Caribbean B.V., Tourist Corporation Bonaire, PwC Bonaire, WEB Bonaire, Caribbean Bakery Supplies.

On July 8 the team will organize a Thank You Dinner. More information: bonaireculinaryteam@gmail.com; Facebook Bonaire Culinary Team 2018. **L.D.**

Photos from Culinary team, Casper Douma



Teamwork matters

Bartender **Kelvin Ventura** does his magic →

More teamwork matters ↘



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A Gift of Art



Placing the diver atop one of the sculptures on Friday morning. The diver represents Mark Ansier's late son who was an avid diver with his father



A closer look at the figure of the SCUBA diver at the peak of the sculpture. Photo by Ronnie

A unique reef life sculpture appropriate to the spirit, environment, history and culture of Bonaire has become a new attraction for Bonaireans and their visitors.

The non-profit foundation, *Fundashon Bunita Boneiru*, The Beautify Bonaire Foundation, made it happen. After months of planning, permits and perseverance the physical work began last year. The effort was delayed by equipment shortages, vandalism and personal considerations but finally approached completion last week.

Hoteliers **Debby Rauwers** and **Marco Vermeulen** sparked the idea of beautifying the weedy roundabout. Scuba diver, metal-working artist **Mark Ansier** wanted to create a memorial to his lost son and diver friend.

The steel for the sculpture is carved from scrap metal scrounged from the island and SELIBON in keeping with Bonaire's commitment to conservation of the environment.

The main sponsors of the project are

Sand Dollar Condominium Resort, Den Laman Condominiums, Dive Friends Bonaire and Maduro & Curiel's Bank (Bonaire) in collaboration with IVA / Boneiru Nos Orguyo. But more financial support is necessary. The expenses for the artist are covered by the main sponsors. However, there are many more costs to build and maintain the project. The progress of the project can be followed on the Bunita Boneiru Facebook page. Donations can be made directly to the Bunita Boneiru Foundation, MCB bank account 413683 07.

Be sure to pull off at the Hato traffic circle to view the sculpture close up. The attention to detail and artistic expression cannot be easily captured by our camera.

□ G.D.



Happy Birthday!



Dear Habbo,
Happy B-Day to the best brother and the kindest man. Wishing you a wonderful day and many more years to enjoy
Hou van je — Greta



Penny Lane Exchange

The Fashion Revolution



Penny Lane is one flight upstairs of La Terraza, downtown Kralendijk

Kaya Grandi #23-G, Up the stairs—Across from Gio's Ice Cream,
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Friday: 10am to 5:30 Saturday: 11am to 3:00pm Closed – Sun. and Mon.

A Garden? Just Do It

HELPING SURVIVAL OF THE FITTEST



A beautiful Amaryllis in a small pot

Now I know what Darwin meant when he wrote *Struggle For Life And Survival Of The Fittest*. I can see it with my plants. They are struggling with the drought and only the strongest survive. I water twice a day now with a small can. Each plant that has a difficult start of the day gets a bit of water. And in the evening I go around again to water, especially those that are wilted. Every fourth day I use the hose and then all the plants get watered.

Some plants need a lot of shade and even when they have enough water they still look wilted, especially young plants. So I create shade. I put old banana and palm leaves above the pots and wheelbarrows that contain young plants. The leaves shade the plants from the hot burning sun while allowing fresh air to reach them. I cover them from about 10am 5pm. That's because the plants need sunlight, so the early soft sunlight and the late daylight is enough for them. Try this and you will see that your plants have a better chance to survive.

Another thing is that plants dry out when their roots cannot reach water. This is what I mean. When a pot is too deep and the plant has fine roots that stay on top and the water drains down fast and stays under in the dirt, the roots which do not grow so deep in the container cannot reach the water. Certain plants like papaya plants have long roots that can reach the water at the bottom of a tall container. But for vegetable plants wide pots which are more shallow are the best. The water stays around the roots and the plant has the benefit of the wet soil for hours.

Bulb type plants are very hardy. Their systems help them survive in extreme conditions. I have them in my yard: the amaryllis and the lily. They both do very well here on Bonaire, no matter what the weather. And I love them. They are so beautiful when blooming and smell so sweet. They look similar, but they are not the same. See the differences.

-Although the flowers of the amaryllis and the lily are similar, the plants belong to

different families. Both of these flowering bulbs have very similar cultivation characteristics.

-The amaryllis grows from a large, multi-layered bulb that is very similar in appearance to the onion. The lily grows from a bulb that is highly segmented or a cluster of bulblets.

-The amaryllis has leaves that are long and wide, originating from the top of the bulb, and blooms from a long stalk that emanates from the mother bulb. The lily has short, narrow, pointed leaves that grow off a tall stem that originates from the bulb. The lily flowers appear at the top of this long stem.

-The amaryllis is propagated from seed, offsets and surgical bulb division. Each amaryllis bulb produces from one or two to 12 funnel-shaped flowers at the top. One or two stems arise from bulb in the dry ground.

-The lily can be propagated from seed or bulblets. Small bulblets appear along the stem growing underground. The bulblets can be carefully removed, planted and nurtured into mature bulbs capable of producing new mother plants. When planting the bulbs make sure to space them at least 12-18 inches apart. The lily is beloved because of their beautiful colored large flowers and lovely smell. It flowers once a year for about three to five weeks. After this the flowers die and the bulbs take a rest. When the lily gets brown colored leaves, it means there is too much water. When the flowers get spots, it means they have too much sunlight.



Spots on the leaves of this lily because of too much sun

What do they have in common?

-Both are easy plants to care for. Just some water to keep them moist so water them once a week. They prefer year-round watering and fertilization but they can also tolerate completely dry weather. When their stems are too tall, give them some extra support by placing a stick into the ground next to them and attaching the longer stems to the stick. This will help to prevent damage from strong wind.

Do you have balcony or terrace? You can still enjoy these plants in pots and containers. Many people love the intense perfume-like fragrance by some lily species, but the scent can become overpowering in an enclosed space and can give some people a

Making Bonaire "Accessible"

OUR WHEELCHAIR CHALLENGES ON BONAIRE, #13- Handicapped Needs

Although nowadays more people on Bonaire with disabilities get help and appropriate ways to get around - like scootermobiles, electric wheelchairs, walkers - you still do not meet many on the streets or in our supermarkets.

Maybe it is very forward for me to say, but I am pretty sure that the condition of our streets, the sidewalks, the high curbs, the absence of zebra-crossings are the reasons why.

I know for a fact that in November letters and mails on this very topic have been sent to the Lieutenant-Governor and DROB, and not one answer to those have been received. Persons with disabilities are full fledged citizens and need infrastructure repaired as a basic necessity.

Every Saturday I go grocery shopping on my bicycle and the ride to Van den Tweel Supermarket is a smooth one, due to the wonderful bikeway. However, as soon as the supermarket comes into sight, I have to take very good care, because the bikeway stops, just like that, and you have to continue onto the big road. No sign warns of this, so you have to be very careful. You turn to the right, parallel to the sidewalk, which by the way is very high. The road continues and the sidewalk stops into the prickly shrubs. There is no way that someone with a walker or scootermobile can follow that road or use that sidewalk. This situation should be fixed. It is really very dangerous (see photos).

I think that before decisions are made about laying sidewalks, people with disabilities should be asked for advice. They know what is necessary.

Now that school is closing for the summer vacation young people finishing high school have to decide what they want to be, what they will want to study.

About two weeks ago the course "MBO Zorg & Welzijn," had an interesting introduction, combined with information from BESTcare Logistics. They had invited a lot of elderly persons and not only did it look like fun, they really had a lot to offer. The only thing that bothered me was the clown noses they wore. That diminished

headache.

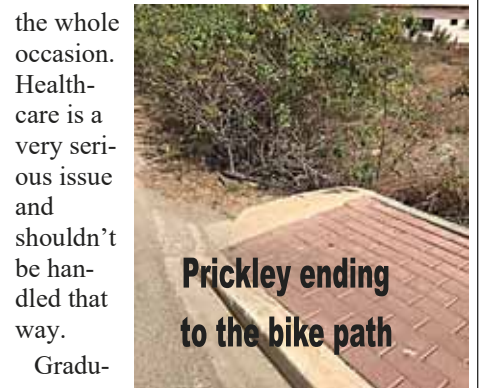
On Bonaire we have the white Madonna lily (*Lilium candidum*). For this lily the uppermost tip of the bulb needs to be planted right below the surface of the soil so that it can feel the warmth of the sun. Lilies like to stand with their heads in the sun and their feet in the shade. Plant lily bulbs close together. When they bloom they're beautiful.

Lily leaf is good against headache. Just roll a bottle over a fresh leaf (to bruise it so its liquid comes out) and put it on the forehead. Tie a towel around the head and take a rest. Slowly you get released from the headache. **Never consume it.** These plants are very poisonous.

Once someone gave me a bucket full of lily bulbs. There were so many I didn't know what to do with them. So they lay



High curb makes it tough



Prickly ending to the bike path

the whole occasion. Health-care is a very serious issue and shouldn't be handled that way.

Graduates:

when choosing a profession and schooling you should consider a few things: Why do you want to do this? If you choose for health care, use your heart. Is your heart really in it? Use your common sense. Will it be something that you really want? Do you think you could do work like that? Think about the future. Will you have work once you have finished your studies? So many things are changing in health care. So much research is being done.

What does Bonaire need? Go talk to the professionals on our island: the caregivers, the nurses, the medical technicians, the physiotherapists, the ergo-therapist, the logopedist, the psychologist, the medical specialists, the pharmacist. Go and inquire at the hospital, the home and care for the elderly, the foundations for the handicapped- FKPD, FKBO, etc. And talk to someone at the ZVK.

But also, talk to the FCB and the DROB. The technical side and the financial side are as important as the medical. Even go to see the rehabilitation-clinic on Curacao.

Healthcare is getting better by the day on Bonaire and you, our youth, can help taking better care. Bonaire needs you!

Story & photos by Ria Evers-Dokter



there for almost a half year. But then I got the idea of planting them as an border in my garden. Soon after that they started to grow and now its such a beautiful green border, especially when they all flower. So lovely, with a sweet scent in the yard.

So when you are looking for some green in your yard or on your porch which does not use too much water and does not take too much time, look for some lily bulbs on the island. They are everywhere.

Just do it now. Story & photos by Angliet, Nature Lover



What's Happening

REGULAR EVENTS

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

Soldachi Tours—See the Real Bonaire and be transported back in time. Learn about the history, culture and nature by Bonaireans from Rincon. Call Maria Koeks for more information: 796-7870, 717-6435.

Parke di Libertat -Park-playground and canteen (formerly Dare to Care Park) Behind the hospital. Open Monday-Saturday 8am-7pm. Entry fee based on income level.

Nature Organization, STINAPA, has frequent events—bird watching, sunset hikes, lectures, etc. Go to their website for more information of events for the rest of 2018: stinapabonaire.org/events

Saturdays

•**Marshe di Playa (Bonaire Duodero)-Every Saturday**, 8am-1pm, near Warehouse Bonaire, locally made and grown products.

•**Marshe di Kunukero (Farmers Market) at Kriabon-First Saturday of the Month**. Kaminda Jatu Baco #55, next to Aquamarin School, 8am-12noon

•**Monthly Cultural Market at Mangazina di Rei**—Usually the last Saturday of the month, 8am-1pm. 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. Free entrance

•**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 cast offs on Saturdays or at the Shelter on the Lagoon Road weekdays. 717-4989

•**Last Saturday of the month** – donate foods and household items to Food Bank (*Stichting voedselbank Bonaire*) from 9:30am-2pm at Van den Tweel Supermarket

•**Petanque- Jeu de Boules**, 2:30-6 pm, Landhuis De Tuin on the road to Lac Bai. Info: 786-0150

Mondays

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

Wednesdays

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

•**Sea Turtle Conservation Bonaire (STCB)** presents an informative slide show: *Sea Turtles of Bonaire*, at 8pm, every 2nd and 4th Wednesday. Presentation upstairs at Yellow Submarine Dive Shop, Kaya Playa Lechi 24 courtesy of Dive Friends.

•**General 12-step meeting (AA, NA, CoDa etc.)** -Every Wednesday at Bonaire Basics, Kaya Korona 47. Starts at 19.15, ends at 20.30, walk in from 19.00. For more information, email: 12stepbonaire@gmail.com

•**Chess Club** meets to play starting at 6 pm at Tera Cora Ranch.

• **Echo** offers free (donation-based) Public Conservation Tours at 4:30. No reservation needed.

For optimal birding, you can also book a private tour by calling 701-1188 or email info@echobonaire.org. Please give at least one day's notice. Private tours are \$25/person with 2 person minimum.

Fridays

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

CLUBS and MEETINGS

Lions Club meets every 2nd and 4th 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

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints --Kaya Sabana 26 Sunday Services - Papiamentu/Espanol 9:00 am to 12 noon Add'l Info (599) 701- 9522 Dutch/English 1pm to 3pm Add'l Info (599) 701-2892

Protestant Congregation of Bonaire: (VPGB), Kralendijk, Plaza Wilhelmina; Sunday service-10 am in Dutch. Rincon, Kaya C.D. Crestian; Sunday service-8:30am 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. 717-8332 for more info or ride bonaireibc@gmail.com.

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

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

Prayer Walk at Rooi Lamoenchi every first Sunday of the Month (or on request) for all followers of Christ. Hours: 4.30 pm till 7.30 pm.

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EXHIBITIONS

— “Salute to the Sailors”— old maritime photos from the Bonaire Maritime Heritage Foundation, Museo Bonaire, Kaya Kachi Craane #34, free.

—**Coral Restoration Exhibit- Terramar Museum**

—**Yana's Fine Art Exhibition at Bistrotro di Paris /Zazu Bar-** Info: 599 785-5002

BONAIRE'S MUSEUMS

•**Terramar Museum** at Terramar Shopping Mall, on the waterfront. Monday-Saturday 9am-6pm. Sunday, closed. Cruise ship days 9am-6pm, \$10, \$5 for residents, children free, 717-0423, 780-4327

•**Museo Bonaire** on the waterfront at the old Kas di Arte, Kaya Kachi Craane #34. 717-8868. Monday-Friday 9am-noon, 2-4pm. Free

• **Mangasina di Rei, Rincon**. See, Feel and Taste the Culture of Bonaire. Enjoy the view from “The King's Storehouse.” Monday-Friday. Cultural Market last Saturday of the month. Call 786-2101

•**Chichi i Tan Museum**. Step into the past—a typical old Bonairean home, furnishings and garden. Open Thursdays through Sundays. Call for reservations 717-3183 or 795-2021 Free but donations appreciated. Kaya Melon #4, behind Rose Inn in Rincon.

•**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

•**Tanki Maraka Heritage Park and Open Air Museum**. Site of an American soldiers' camp during WWII. Self guided tour with excellent signage. After leaving Kralendijk on the Rincon Road watch for sign to the park on the right. Driveway to entrance just a short distance. Free entry.

•**Yana's Fine Art Museum at Lagoon Hill 19-** Call for appointment: 599 785-5002. Free entry.

•**Bonaire Museum of National History** Kaya Julio C. van der Ree #7, open Thursday through Saturday and cruise ship days, 10am-4pm. Free entrance ■

CLOSE IN EVENTS

Friday, July 27— Full Moon Hike, Lagadishi Trail, Washington Slagbaai Park, space for 25 people. \$10. Reserve: Stinapa, 717-8444.

Saturday, July 28

—**Nos Zjilea, Mangazina di Rei**, cultural market, music, food, local arts and crafts, 8am-2pm. At the eastern entrance to Rincon

—**Quarterly Underwater Clean up Dive with Dive Friends**. Briefing 10am. Information: 780-2572, Kaya Playa Lechi 24. Includes BBQ at the end.

Saturday, August 4—Taste of Bonaire at Wilhelmina Park. “Recycle Edition.” Food, culture, local handicrafts. Opportunity to taste signature dishes from well known restaurants at special prices. 6-10pm

Saturday, August 25—Nos Zjilea Cultural Event at Mangazina di Rei (See Saturday, July 28)

September 1-7—Bonaire International Dance Festival

Thursday, September 6— Bonaire Flag Day, legal holiday, at one of the barrios. Locals and visitors dance, eat, drink on the streets, bands, Motorcycle event with over 400 participants flying in from around the world. All day

September 15—Bonaire Cleanup Day, sponsored by Selibon

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Bonaire-Sun Rise/Set, Moon Phase and Tides

Winds and weather can further influence the local tide's height and time

Day	High	Low	High	Low	High	Sunrise	Sunset
Mon 02	03:13 0.75 ft	12:21 -0.21 ft				6:15	19:04
Tue 03	03:51 0.68 ft	12:39 -0.19 ft	19:24 0.41 ft	23:29 0.35 ft		6:15	19:04
Wed 04	04:32 0.61 ft	12:54 -0.17 ft	19:25 0.49 ft			6:15	19:04
Thu 05		00:56 0.31 ft	05:14 0.52 ft	13:09 -0.15 ft	19:39 0.60 ft	6:15	19:04
Fri 06	L Quarter	02:12 0.25 ft	06:00 0.43 ft	13:25 -0.14 ft	20:01 0.72 ft	6:16	19:04
Sat 07		03:21 0.17 ft	06:50 0.32 ft	13:45 -0.14 ft	20:31 0.84 ft	6:16	19:04
Sun 08		04:26 0.09 ft	07:46 0.22 ft	14:08 -0.13 ft	21:06 0.96 ft	6:16	19:04
Mon 09		05:29 -0.01 ft	08:48 0.14 ft	14:37 -0.13 ft	21:46 1.05 ft	6:17	19:04
Tue 10		06:29 -0.09 ft	10:00 0.07 ft	15:12 -0.11 ft	22:32 1.12 ft	6:17	19:05
Wed 11		07:26 -0.17 ft	11:22 0.03 ft	15:53 -0.08 ft	23:21 1.15 ft	6:17	19:05
Thu 12	New Moon	08:19 -0.24 ft	12:52 0.04 ft	16:45 -0.03 ft		6:17	19:05
Fri 13		00:13 1.15 ft	09:09 -0.29 ft	14:18 0.10 ft	17:54 0.05 ft	6:18	19:05
Sat 14		01:09 1.11 ft	09:56 -0.32 ft	15:30 0.20 ft	19:22 0.12 ft	6:18	19:05
Sun 15		02:06 1.04 ft	10:41 -0.34 ft	16:28 0.32 ft	21:01 0.18 ft	6:18	19:04
Mon 16		03:05 0.94 ft	11:23 -0.34 ft	17:18 0.46 ft	22:39 0.20 ft	6:18	19:04

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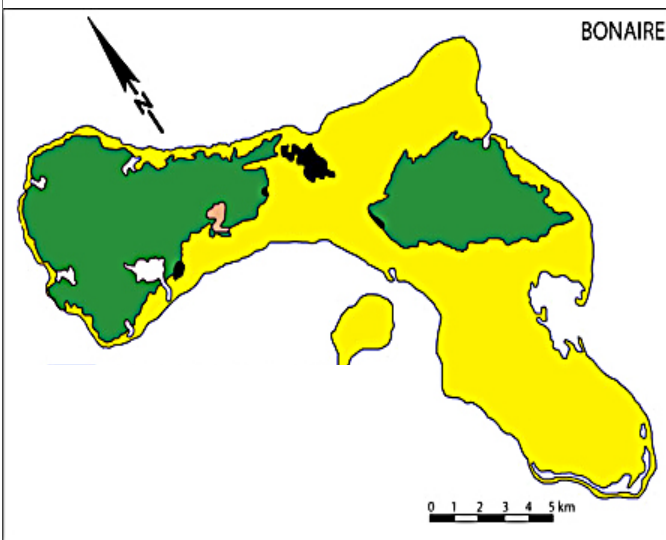
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Did You Know (Continued from page 7)

American Plate and the Caribbean Plate slide against each other (Strike-slip fault). Eventually, these volcanically-formed, underwater land masses begin to erode and decay, leaving space for the formation of coral reefs. Twenty million years later, the younger, inner arc of the Lesser Antilles (Windward Islands) is formed and it is still volcanically active today. That's why you still have volcanic eruptions in islands like Montserrat.

Since its formation, Bonaire has been shaped by many biological and geological processes. When they die, marine organisms, including corals rich in minerals (such as aragonite and calcite), sink into the seabed, eventually turning into limestone. As dead coral skeletons create a new bottom layer for new stony corals, the area of seafloor grows in both width and height as long as it remains submerged. Eventually, thanks to volcanic uplift and sea level drops, the once underwater landmasses emerge and become an island. So, unlike many other islands throughout the world that are formed by just one process, Bonaire's geologic history is complicated, involving volcanic activity, tectonic uplift and the ongoing growth and death of coral reefs.



- Limestones (Neogene and Quaternary)
- Limestones and marls (Eocene)
- Rincon formation (upper Cretaceous)
- Washikemba formation (upper Cretaceous?)

Did you know that the Washington Slagbaai National Park and the town of Kralendijk are sitting on top of volcanic rocks of the Washikemba formation which dates back to the Cretaceous?

While you may find more ancient, larger fossils in other parts of the world, in some cases they are not as easily found and as well preserved as those you see here. Just walking down the stairs at "1,000 Steps" you can admire beautifully preserved corals on the steep, limestone walls. Those corals were growing in these seas more than 40 million years ago! And if you look closely enough, you may even recognize some of the corals species that still live in these waters!

Story by Alessandro Corubolo, STINAPA intern. Connecting People With Nature

Alessandro Corubolo is an intern from Italy working in the STINAPA Nature Unit. He's currently involved in numerous marine conservation projects including daily Sargassum monitoring, coral bleaching analysis, sponge transplantation and bird monitoring. In addition, he will also help with outreach and education.



He is a graduate in Marine Biology from the University of Aberdeen.

ANIMAL SHELTER NEWS

IT'S VACATION TIME!

You're going on vacation, but your pet can't go with you. What now? Did you already book boarding for your pet? A lot of people do not understand that when you are planning a vacation for yourself you also have to think about your pet. When you have your estimated travel dates you should also start looking into boarding for your pets. It has happened often that people call in at the last moment to see if there is room for boarding. Please remember that you are not the only one going on vacation during the vacation periods, and those who were on time for boarding will have a spot, and if you wait until the week before you leave, then it's already too late.

Boarding on the island can be done in a few places. For these places you have to book in advance like you would at the hotel you'd be staying at. You wouldn't call a hotel at the last minute to see if they had rooms, would you? So why wait to arrange one for your pet?

Opting for your pet to stay at home with a friend or family member is also a good idea. This way your little friend will be at home in his/her own environment. This is especially good if your pet is older or does not like the stress of moving back and forth.

When taking your pet in for boarding make sure they are vaccinated and treated against fleas and ticks. They should also be castrated or sterilized before doing so. This will help prevent altercations between them and other animals. Also important is to tell the boarding facility the name of your veterinarian in case of emergency or should your animal get sick while in boarding.

If you choose the option of letting someone care for your pets at home, there are also important things that they would need to know about your pet.



- What and how often does he/she eat?
- How often to clean and refresh water bowls?
- If it is a cat how often they should clean the litter boxes?
- Should they stay inside or can they go out?
- Phone number for the veterinarian in case of emergencies?
- Dosage of any medications they might need?

If you would like to hire a pet sitter or book boarding for your pet, you can check for references of sitters or companies on Facebook or other media. Please check the references carefully especially if you are looking to hire an in-house sitter.

What's most important in the end is that your furry or feathery friend is well taken care of while you are gone. You will also be able to enjoy your vacation more if you know you left them in good hands.

Luvi Rodriguez



Pet Of The Week

THE FOREVER KITTEN

Many times you will hear people say, "I just love kittens, I wish they could stay kittens forever!". If you know anyone that has ever said that send them to Animal Shelter Bonaire to meet Farrah the Forever Kitten! Farrah arrived at the shelter a year ago at the tender age of five weeks. Her brothers and sisters were adopted and turned into normal size Bonairean cats...but Farrah stayed with us...and stayed small!

Although a year old, she looks like a kitten of five or six months and plays like one too! In addition to her adorable size and "cattitude," Farrah's facial markings are just as cute. She is very affectionate and gets along well with others, or is perfectly content to be with you and play by herself. Farrah is healthy, vaccinated, sterilized and ready to be your forever kitten! You can visit her and her shelter roommates at Animal Shelter Bonaire, Kaminda Lagun 26, Mon.-Fri. 9 a.m.-12 p.m. and 3-5 p.m., Saturdays 9 a.m.-3 p.m. non stop. 717-4989/701-4989. Story & photo by Jane Madden- Disko



FARRAH





BONAIRE SKY PARK*

*to find it... just look up

Scanning The Sky With Binoculars

Let's find our way around the Bonaire Sky Park with more than the naked eye.

So many people have binoculars that a column devoted to watching the summer sky is in order.

Of course looking at the Moon with binoculars is always awesome. In the pre dawn of the mornings of early July, face south. Now get out your binoculars and aim them at the Moon. That's a spectacular sight. Focus in on where the light meets the dark on the Moon -the terminator. That's where you can see the most detail.

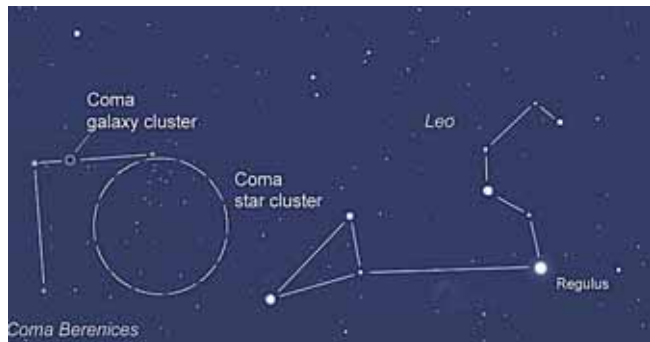
Binoculars are usually labeled with two numbers: "7 x 35" or "10 x 50" for example. The first number tells you how much the binoculars will magnify: 7 means it magnifies 7 times; 10 means it magnifies 10 times.

The second number tells you how big the lenses are in millimeters: 35 means they are 35 millimeters; 50 means they are 50 millimeters (or about 2 inches). The bigger the lenses, the more you can see. Keep watching the Moon each morning next week as it shrinks.

But what binoculars can help you see best are stars. Around 11:30 at night face west. Next try to see the faint star clusters near the Scorpion's tail, and a constellation we've never talked about in any column before, Coma Berenices.

When you look about halfway up in the western sky, you may not see very many stars. But they are hidden up there—in bunches! The tiny constellation called Coma Berenices sits above the brighter and more prominent Leo the lion and Virgo the maiden.

If the sky where you are viewing isn't completely dark, get out of town otherwise the stars of Coma Berenices may be completely invisible. But that's where your binoculars can help. Scan the sky



above the tail- star of Leo called **Denebola**.

You should be able to see Denebola clearly with the naked eye. Start panning very slowly up, up, and up until you reach a lot of stars. All of those are stars are just beyond naked-eye vision. But you can discover them with binoculars.

What exactly is Coma Berenices? It looks like a mop. Ah, it is supposed to be a mop... of hair! Greek legends call this the hair of queen Berenices who sacrificed it to the gods in exchange for the safe return of her husband from war. The gods were so taken by the gesture (and the hair) that they placed it in the sky for all to see.

For our last stop, we're now facing south at around midnight and we're going scorpion hunting. **Scorpius** the scorpion lurks just above The southern horizon with a bright reddish star named **Antares** for a heart. His head and pinchers are to the right, and his curved tail and stinger are to the left.

Scan the area above and to the left of the two, closely-packed stinger-stars named **Shaula** and **Lesath**. To the naked eye you might not see anything, but with binoculars... you'll discover two globes of light that are in fact two star clusters. The bigger and brighter of the two is called **M7** or **Ptolemy's cluster**. Because it looks like the ancient Greek astronomer Ptolemy? No, because supposedly he could see it with the naked eye. The other star cluster is called **M6** and is known as the **butterfly cluster** because...it looks like a butterfly. It's amazing what simple binoculars can let you see. □ *Dean Regas & James Albury*



THE STARS HAVE IT

July 2018

ARIES (Mar. 21- April 20) Your family may be feeling neglected and unloved. Try to accommodate them without infringing on your own responsibilities. Try not to upset others with your plans. Your magnetic, outgoing personality will capture hearts. Your luckiest events this month will occur on a Thursday.

TAURUS (Apr. 21- May 21) Good day for romance. Lighten up your serious attitude Remain calm and you'll shine. Passion should be your goal. Think of changes to your home that will please and add to everyone's comfort. Your luckiest events this month will occur on a Saturday.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21) You will do best to entertain those you wish to close deals with. You can enjoy entertainment if you join in and follow the crowd for a change. Social activity should be on your agenda this month. You will learn a great deal from the foreigners you meet. Your luckiest events this month will occur on a Monday.

CANCER (June 22-July 22) It might be time to make a fresh start. Do something together and you'll be surprised how sweet a deal you can make. Group endeavors will provide you with entertainment. Your creative ideas must be put to good use. Your luckiest events this month will occur on a Tuesday.

LEO (July 23-Aug 22) Your emotions may get the better of you. Take care of your own responsibilities before you help others. Snap out of it. You may find that you're being used. Your luckiest events this month will occur on a Wednesday.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 -Sept. 23) Your interest in helping others may take you back to school. Travel will be most enticing. Consider a cruise. You can help other people with their financial problems by setting up a budget for them. Relationships will be emotional this month. Your luckiest events this month will occur on a Monday.

LIBRA (Sept. 24 -Oct. 23) Minor health problems could result through exhaustion. You may want to make

changes that will not be to their liking. Try to ease any disappointment by making amends. Put your thoughts into some trendy new ideas. Your luckiest events this month will occur on a Thursday.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22) Problems with appliances or electrical gadgets will drive you crazy. Don't turn down an invitation or a challenge that could enhance your chances of meeting someone special. Don't blow situations out of proportion. Adventure will result in added knowledge. Your luckiest events this month will occur on a Wednesday.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 -Dec. 21) Be precise in your communications to avoid any misunderstandings and arguments. This will not be the best day to try to push your ideas or concerns. You could lose a good friend because of it. Take the initiative and go after your goals. Your luckiest events this month will occur on a Thursday.

CAPRICORN (Dec 22.- Jan. 20) Children will be of major concern if you haven't kept the lines of communication open. You can write beautiful love letters this month. Don't let others restrict you from saying how you feel about family issues. Your greatest enjoyment will come through social activities and pleasure trips. Your luckiest events this month will occur on a Monday.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 -Feb. 19) You could easily lose your temper at work. Don't push your opinions or ideas on others. You may be upset if someone has borrowed something that belongs to you. You're best to avoid disputes. Work quietly behind the scenes. Your luckiest events this month will occur on a Thursday.

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20) This month will be rather hectic on the domestic scene. Don't give them the use of your credit card. Those you work with may have little consideration for the underdog. You can come into money; however, perhaps not under the best circumstances. Your luckiest events this month will occur on a Sunday. □

Michael Thiessen

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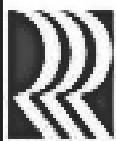
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