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**O**n the motion of the MPB (Blue Party) at the island Council Meeting of October 30 the Bonaire Government (OLB Public Body) was instructed to **begin a process to prohibit the use of the use of polystyrene (foam) food containers, disposable plastic disposable bags and plastic straws as of 1 January 2020.**

► **Two important Bonairean companies are alarmed that Flamingo Field (Bonaire International Airport NV (BIA)) is in such "administrative chaos" that it threatens the functioning of the airport.**

The two - Airhandling Services Bonaire NV (AHS) and Bonaire Air Services NV (BAS) - have had their attorney, **Lex Gonzales** of Bonaire Law, demand the Island Council to intervene. They urge the Island Council members to expeditiously appoint qualified officers to the airport's Management and the Supervisory Boards. If this does not happen very soon, then AHS and BAS fear "the worst" for the near future of BIA, their own companies and staff.

Gonzales' letter points out that the "interim technical director" **Mario Bikker**, who is managing the airport now, cannot and must not take legally valid decisions on behalf of BIA. His appointment on 22 February was unlawful because he had already passed the statutory age limit and, moreover, no nominations had been made by the Supervisory Board, according to the lawyer. The candidates nominated by the Bonaire Executive Council were rejected by State Secretary Knops because they did not meet the requirements - after which no new candidates were nominated.

Since Bikker, according to the commercial register at the

Chamber of Commerce, is only "limited competent," he has, according to Gonzales, exceeded his mandate by entering into or breaking agreements on behalf of BIA. The direct reason for AHS and BAS to sound the alarm is that Bikker canceled the ground handling concessions of both companies on 24 September 2019. From that moment on they are no longer allowed to "handle any aircraft at Flamingo Airport." Bikker this year granted a settlement concession to Progressive Air Services BV (PAS), a one-man company, but that company does not meet the (international) requirements: PAS has no qualified staff, owns no equipment, has no liability insurance, but does have debts.

AHS and BAS said they will seek to recover the damage they expect to suffer as a result of Bikker's wrongful actions. A copy of the 14-page letter plus appendices has been sent to the Dutch Ministry of Infrastructure and the Environment, the directors of the airlines which the companies service: KLM, TUI, Delta Airlines, United Airlines and Winair.

► **Santa (Sanikolas) is coming to town on November 24 at 9 am.** MCB Bank will be the main sponsor for the arrival at the Town Pier of Sanikolas and his helpers. More in the next edition of *The Reporter*.

For additional information contact Tino de Palm at 788-8678 or Selimah Agostien at 777-8875.

► **Did you know that all certified tour guides on Bonaire must complete a course so they**

**can better inform our visitors?** Tourism Corporation Bonaire (TCB) in cooperation with FORMA education has created a certification program for tour guides. While the program focuses on tour guides, however, it would be of great value for everyone working in the tourism industry. The program has three parts:

- **Skills** in which the topics of communication, types of people, setting rules, types of tourists, do's and don'ts, tips and tricks and customer service are discussed.

- **Tradition** - focusing on the history of Bonaire, culture of Bonaire and architecture of Bonaire. Led by Fuhikubo.

- **Nature** - The protections, rules & regulations regarding the nature, geology and the Ramsar sites. Led by STINAPA.

This program could be given in various languages if the grouping permits, however, all examinations will take place in English. The program starts this month, November. For more information regarding the course visit FORMA at Kaya L. D. Gerharts 15 or call at +599 717 6949

► **If the Dutch Caribbean's most unreliable airline, Insel Air, does not have a financially secure business partner by December 4 it will be declared bankrupt.** It's the airline's last chance for survival. Two companies are interested, but so far no deal.

► **EZ Air is getting closer to operation. The new airline will serve the ABC Islands.** In a recent meeting **Chief Pilot Franklin Antoin** presented an overview of the overall planning for the activities to take place over the coming weeks. All other department heads provided a short update from matters pending in their respective department. Although a specific date for the launch of the first flight with the Beechcraft T-1900s can still not be given, management expects this to be a "matter of weeks" now before the airline

will become fully operational with scheduled flights.



► **Last week a tourist was shocked by the sight of a spotted eagle ray being butchered.** His photo went viral on Bonaire where rays are protected and their graceful underwater flight cherished by divers. Unfortunately, this was not observed by authorities and the fisherman has returned to Venezuela.

**STINAPA and the local fisheries co-op. Piskabon, strongly condemned the actions of this fisherman;** it is unacceptable to have any protected species harmed in any way in Bonaire's marine protected area. This incident was reported to local authorities who will undertake further action. The owner of the fishing boat is from Bonaire and a meeting has been set up with him to inform him of the protected species and the regulations about bringing in these protected marine species. Please call **STINAPA on +599 786-8444** whenever you see such infractions so that STINAPA can take immediate action.

► **From November 9 to the 20 the International Rights of the Child will be observed with numerous activities and the traditional candlelight parade on Tuesday, November 20, at Wilhelmina Park.** For information contact the Sentro Hubentut i Famia On Kaya Princes Marie 7 or call 715-7200.



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►The price comparator published by the consumer organizations FTpKB and Unkobon in collaboration with the Ministry of Economic Affairs provides an insight into the prices of a basket of 60 products at 15 supermarkets. It revealed **that in October, the prices of the representative "market basket" slightly decreased compared to the prices of September.** On average, prices fell by almost 2%. The lowest prices found dropped by almost 1% and the highest prices found dropped by almost 3%.

The large price drops that we see at some supermarkets are mainly due to the fact that in October besides a name-brand of a product, a cheaper (house) brand is also offered. On the [unkobon.org](http://unkobon.org) website you will find the price observations of all products listed by supermarket. Striking is that the total of the highest prices (\$495) is 2.4 times as high as the total of the lowest prices (\$206). Price conscious consumers can save hundreds of dollars per month by patronizing low-price markets.

►There's still another chapter in the story of Bonni, the turtle. After returning to Bonaire four times to lay eggs, the "Turnaround Turtle" came ashore on Bonaire again and attempted to dig her sixth nest (!) of the season, but - unfortunately - did not succeed. Right after she started digging, 'Bonni' hit a

large rock, which prevented her from digging any further. She then decided to turn around, to go back to the ocean. The last signal from 'Bonni's' transmitter shows that she's back in the Los Roques - an area rich with coral reefs and seagrass. STCB will continue to monitor her movements and will update us if anything changes.

►The Ministry of Social Affairs and Employment (SZW) will lower the health and retirement premiums employers must pay for every employee from 18.4% to 13.4% effective January 1, 2019. It's reasoned that since the mandated minimum wage will be raised 5%, this reduction will make it easier for employers to comply. It's hoped that wages can increase and the purchasing power will go up. Benefits such as the social assistance, widows, widower and orphan pension (AWW) and the old age pension (AOV) will also increase along with the minimum wage. The exact amounts will be communicated later this month by the Ministry of Social Affairs and Employment.

►The Janusz Korczak\* Prize 2018 has been awarded to Bonaire's Stichting



(Foundation) Project founded by Mick Schmit. Stichting Project works with young people who are damaged and have had a lot of rejection in their lives. These young people have often lost their dreams long ago. Mick Schmit offers them a new opportunity and helps them look for where their powers lie. He shows the young people that they can make their dreams come true and gives them a push in the right direction. The judges believe that this special approach by Mick Schmit fits well with the ideas of Janusz Korczak. By boosting their confidence young people discover their strengths and talents and thus gain insight into their own abilities: they achieve self-esteem. The prize will be awarded on 17 November in the education museum in Dordrecht.

\*Janusz Korczak was a Jewish physician, educator, writer, journalist and social activist. Born as Henryk Goldszmit 22/07/1878 or 1879, in Warsaw, he died on 7/08/1942 in the Treblinka concentration camp.

►Fuel prices are little changed in November:

- Mogas 95 \$1.22 per liter.
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- Diesel \$0.81 per liter.
- LPG 100LBS \$41.23 cylinder.
- LPG 20LBS \$10.16 cylinder.

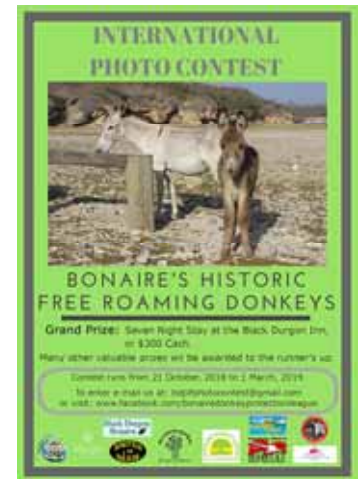
►Once again Bonaire's renowned underwater photographer Ellen Muller has produced a calendar for the coming year.



Facebook users who follow her regularly see some of the wonderful photos she has taken so they know what to expect in the calendar. Ellen's 2019 version contains 12 new and unusual underwater photos, all taken right here on Bonaire, all printed on heavy cardstock. Calendars are currently available at VIP Diving and at Bruce Bowker's Carib Inn (cash only, please) while supplies last. They will also be available in the US, Canada and elsewhere by mail. Orders are being taken now and shipping will be in late November. Please send an e-mail to [EllensBonaireCalendars@yahoo.com](mailto:EllensBonaireCalendars@yahoo.com) for information and pricing. All 12 photos in the calendar can be seen at <https://www.infobonaire.com/underwater-bonaire-calendar/>.

►The self-sufficient sailing ship *New Nexus* from the 4GreenFoundation is visiting Bonaire again. The captains, Tjerk and Niels, are cleaning beaches all over the world together with the local people. Some of the collected plastic will be recycled onboard. This time the beach clean

-up is not just a clean-up; Dutch artist Maria Kojck will turn collected marine litter into a piece of art! The plan is to make a three-meter high flamingo from the plastic waste collected on Saturday November 3rd. To make this project a success, the clean-up was organized by the 4Green Foundation, STINAPA Bonaire, the STINAPA Bonaire Junior Rangers, Boneiru Duradero, A Plastic Free Bonaire, Clean Coast Bonaire, One Hour Clean Up Power, Sea Turtle Conservation Bonaire, Dive Friends Bonaire, Selibon N.V., Kolegio Kristu Bon Wardador, Scholengemeenschap Bonaire, Groningen Schoon Dankzij Mij, Bas-is Atelier.



►The free-roaming donkeys of Bonaire are a rich part of the islands' historical backdrop. The donkeys are photogenic. They

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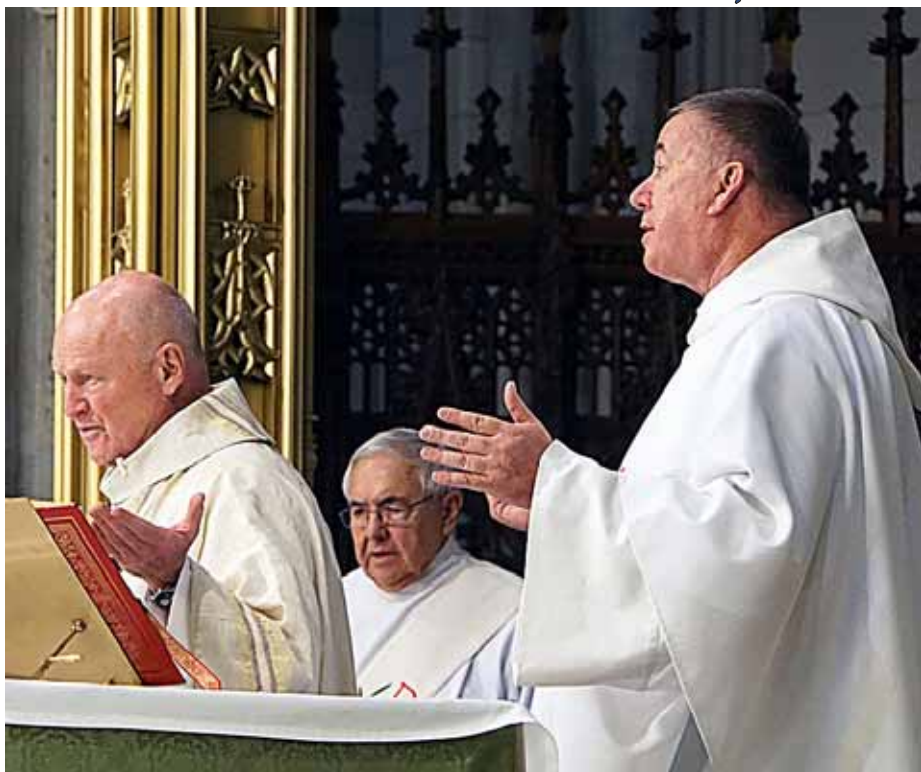
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## Picture Yourself With The Reporter At St. Patrick's Cathedral, NY



**Fr. Alphonsus Baak**, Pastor of Our Lady of Coromoto in Antriol Bonaire, holds a special copy of the paper in front of St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York City. Fr. Baak was visiting friends last month in Hartsdale, NY USA and touring churches throughout the Archdiocese of New York.

After posing with *The Reporter* outside St. Patrick's, Fr. Baak concelebrated the noon mass on October 23rd with **Msgr. Robert Ritchie**, the rector of St. Patrick's Cathedral, who is responsible for the day-to-day operations of the parish. Fr. Baak also had the privilege of concelebrating mass St. Joseph's Dunwoodie Seminary in Yonkers, NY, where the future priests of the New York Archdiocese study and also at the Church of St. Anthony of Padua in West Harrison, NY.

St. Patrick's Cathedral, located in midtown Manhattan in New York City, is the seat of the Archbishop of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of New York. It is one of the most famous Neo-Gothic style cathedrals in the United States and a major landmark in New York City. Construction was completed in 1878.

What makes this photo of Fr. Baak so unique? It is the first time that a subject in



The Picture Yourself feature is a holding a copy of the paper featuring themselves on the cover with both pictures photographed by the same photographer, Alan Zale. □

## Picture Yourself With The Reporter In Times Square, NY, USA



Here is a picture that Cars and Paulina Jasperse with *The Bonaire Reporter* they took on their honeymoon. They are both Bonaire locals who got married on August 1st this year. They spent a week in New York for their honeymoon.

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### OPENING READY

Dear Editor:

I am reading **Rene Hakkenburg's** proposal to open Gotomeer or Saliña Tam in a past *Reporter*.

I would like to open Saliña Vlijt because the ocean is already on the road there in front of the Harbour Village marina. Only this past week, on Tuesday, everybody had to drive through the ocean water that was on the road. Terrible for our busses and cars. Why don't they dredge Salina Vlijt a bit and put pipes under the street and also make the street higher? So many times when it is high tide everybody has to drive through salt water. Why doesn't the government do something?

Thérèse Rosier





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## A Cause for Paws

# On the Island Since... 2015 – Vera Dohmen



Vera and her husband Mario in front of their house



Vera working with a pupil

“For 20 years I worked in education in The Netherlands, mainly with children with learning disabilities like dyscalculia, dyslexia, ADHD and autism. I was a regular group teacher, but twice a week I took these children from the group to teach them separately. When I got my Master’s in Special Education Needs, I chose to teach children with learning disabilities. While working on my Master’s at the HU University of Applied Sciences Utrecht, I was already looking for a new challenge. When I heard there were plenty of vacancies on Bonaire I went home that afternoon and suggested to my husband, ‘Shall we go to Bonaire?’

I’d worked in Surinam as a trainee and already then I’d made my decision to work outside of Holland at some time in my life. But I had a family: two children- a 12-year old son, Jordi, and a 10-year old daughter, Femke, so it wasn’t so easy.

My husband and I came here first for vacation in 2014 to see if we wanted to live here. We found out there was plenty of work for me, but for my husband, who was a truck driver, it wasn’t the case. However, earlier in his life he’d been a carpenter, working in construction, so he did see some possibilities there.

Well thought out and quietly, we arranged everything in one year so that our son could finish elementary school in Holland, and our daughter had one more year to go on Bonaire. We arrived in 2015. Our son went to Liseo and our daughter to Pelican school. I started working at Kristu Bon Wardador elementary school and was very enthusiastic to experience what education was like on Bonaire. Not long after I found out there were a number of problems: children with learning disabilities and behavioral problems, and there was a back-log in the Dutch language. I wanted to do something about it, but I couldn’t work it out at school so I started my own practice and quickly I had a large number of applications.

When we were still in Holland, we’d bought a house in Belnem which we were planning to convert into a small-scale apartment complex. We bought it, including the tenants, so next to my job at school we knew we would have income from rent which was important because my husband didn’t have a job. The complex had to be renovated and that’s what my husband started doing. Nowadays we have switched

to vacation rentals and for Mario, my husband, it has become a full-time job, not only the maintenance and garden upkeep but also showing people around. I like it too and I often help him with it. Vacationers are always enthusiastic and in good spirits and it feels great to give them an even better time.

Well, when I started my Teaching Practice, ‘The Talent’- Onderwijspraktijk ‘Het Talent’- I had a waiting list in no time. Children are signed up by their parents or by their school. I usually work with children from the third grade up to and including high school. The parents first come for an introductory meeting and I tell them what it is I can do and I listen to what they have to say. I then do a didactic research to see at what level the child is functioning and also to see for myself what the problem is. I also contact the school by means of a

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questionnaire. When I have collected all the data, including the opinion of the child, I make a guidance plan. In it I set goals I want to work on and the time frame that we will invest in and when we will start evaluating, because at a certain moment we have to see if the support is effective. If that’s the case we just continue, but if it is insufficient we will adjust our plan.

I’ve been doing this for two and a half years now. It’s one-on-one guidance, and I think it can only be effective that way as it is a personal plan. Each and every child learns in a different way and that’s why it often goes wrong at school. Here I teach one child at a time. I was hired as well by schools during the morning hours to support children primarily individually. I noticed there that there are also children who have trouble functioning in a regular situation in the classroom because of all the stimuli and the education that does not adequately meet their educational needs.

I’ve received more and more requests from the schools to guide these children individually. Then I thought, ‘I can’t be everywhere; these children need a different

place, a place that doesn’t exist on Bonaire.’

These children are just gifted children. We do not focus on low-gifted children, because that’s a whole different target group. The children we’re working with are certainly talented children, but due to their developmental disorder they need specific education as they don’t function in large groups. To be able to create a place for these children, I started writing an educational plan and I went to look for people to set up a foundation so that we could start that school. The people I found in no time. I had a waiting list for my educational practice and I’d expanded my practice with other remedial teachers who were eager to help in setting up a school for children with special educational needs.

The foundation was established in June this year and the school which we named

We had a meeting with the education inspectorate from the Netherlands. They were very enthusiastic about the possibilities and as a result of this conversation there will be a second interview and they will see if the school can be recognized. We assume – in view of the reactions – that it will work. In addition to the contribution of the parents, we also looked for sponsors. In the end we got all the teaching materials and methods free of charge from the Netherlands. We have received so much. We are really stunned, but very happy with it!

At the moment we’re working for free really, because the rent has to be paid and with six students there’s not much left and everything that’s donated are material things. We regularly seek contact with Youth Care and EOZ to look for a partnership – which I would really like – so that the Coral School can become more affordable for more parents. In the end it would be good if there was a change in legislation regarding special education, so that special education on Bonaire will be paid by the Netherlands.

So far, this is not really a business venture. It’s a passion for education, especially for children with special education needs. I think every child has a talent and you should use that talent. I think these children can do more than people think. They can contribute to the development of Bonaire and build their own lives if you guide them well and give them a fair chance. We’re still very small scale and of course – ha! – there are people who say we’re not going to make it, but if we all think that way, nothing will ever happen! If we continue this, something beautiful will be created!

Bonaire is just lovely and because of my work I’m in touch with people from all different nationalities, which I love. Our children are doing well at VWO and they’re feeling good and of course they’re typical teenagers! We’re all happy here and I still love to go for a drive and it’s always different and always beautiful. Life is what you make of it.” ■ Story & photos by Greta Kooistra.

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# Around the Piano with Trudy Silver



Trudy Silver

NOVEMBER 16, 8PM, PLAZA BEACH RESORT BONAIRE

The Classical Music Board Bonaire is proud to announce that pianist Trudy Silver will perform at the Plaza Beach Resort Bonaire on Friday, November 16. Silver plays classical pieces as well as jazz classics. She is renowned in the New York alternative music scene and regularly participates in festivals such as the Dissidents Arts Festival and “Music Now at the Brooklyn Commons.”

American-based Silver will perform on the Piano Grandi, the only concert grand piano on Bonaire. It was her special request to play the Piano Grandi.

She has proposed to host an informal concert. Guests will be seated around the Piano to best enjoy this performance.

For this special concert on Bonaire, Trudy will give tribute to her still brilliant and independent mother who just turned 100 years young, by playing ‘Take the A Train’ and ‘Lush Life’ by Billy Strayhorn; ‘Sweet Georgia Brown’ by Ben Bernie and Maceo Pinkard; ‘Caravan’ by Duke Ellington; ‘Laverne’ by Andrew Hill;

‘Passepied’ from the Fifth English Suite by Bach; ‘Lady Jane,’ ‘La Vida,’ and ‘Tru Bugaloo.’

Trudy will intersperse between the music with anecdotes from her 30-year Harlem teaching career and her 30-year non-violent civil arrest history with the War Resisters League which is America’s oldest peace organization.

Given Trudy’s interesting background and ample experience, we look forward to a very special 60-minute concert.

The concert will take place in the Cacique room of the Plaza Beach Resort Bonaire in Kralendijk (Playa Pariba) and starts at 8pm.

**The concert is free of charge.**

In addition to the concert on Friday evening, Trudy will perform for Bonairean school students. She will play a selection of her classical repertoire and more modern pieces to allow the young audience to experience a varied program. Combined with Trudy’s backgrounds as piano teacher, we expect the music to become accessible and visual, and the concert will be fun and entertaining as well as educational.

It’s sincerely hoped that the public will come en masse to enjoy Trudy on the Piano Grandi.

For more information: <http://classicalmusicbonaire.com/> □ Press release



# Occupational Therapy Day



In Bonaire, World Occupational Therapy Day was celebrated by Ergotherapist **Mariella Beverhoud** (left) inviting her clients to a party. We found a congenial group sitting around, chatting, having lunch and drinks served by Mariella and her assistant, **Siara Moeljoredjo** (at right). It was a good opportunity for all the patients to come together as they have much in common.

“Occupational Therapy is needed when it becomes increasingly difficult for someone to do their daily activities,” Mariella explains. “It could be a temporary situation or an ongoing one such as those who suffered from a stroke. But it can also be from a fall or a car accident or a disease like Parkinson’s or dementia. “Not only are there ways to make things easier, but there are also devices and tools which can help people improve the quality of their life...It’s all about keeping the person as independent as possible for as long as possible.” The ZVK (health insurance) offers support for 10 hours of therapy. □ Story & photos by L.D.



## Bonaire Waterfront Events Sports Day

### Budget Marine Bonaire and Indebon Team up with Diabetes Awareness Week

Don’t leave your fitness to a New Year’s resolution

To lower your chances of diabetes it’s a year-round lifestyle. On Sunday, November 18 we will offer many different ways to keep fit. **Walk** – a 6.4k / 4 mile walk. Pick your pace and go! **Triathlon** as a team or as an individual, sprint or mini-sprint distance! **Sail** or go **Fishing!**



#### Diabetes awareness is key to prevention.

Exercise helps your body use insulin, which controls your blood sugar. It burns extra body fat, lowers blood pressure, cuts LDL (“bad”) cholesterol, and raises HDL (“good”) cholesterol. All this lowers your chance of Diabetes, Heart disease and Stroke.

#### Walk and Triathlon

Pick your pace. We have a 4 mile walk, a ¼ triathlon or mini triathlon. The Walk will begin and end at the Hato Circle by Coco Beach. The start will be at 7am.

Each Triathlon can be done as a team or as an individual. In the ¼ triathlon there is a swim of 750m, followed by a bike ride of 20k and a run of 5k. The mini is half of those distances. This will begin at 8am at Kas di Regatta.

#### Regatta

Sailing is also a fun way to get out on the water and workout! We have many different boats competing, including the Sunfish, Optimist, Boto Piskado, Micro boats and more. There will be a variety of races. If you know how to sail, but do not have a boat, give us a shout and we can get you out on a sunfish.

#### Fishing Tournament

The Fishing Rules are simple! There will be prizes for the Largest Tuna, Largest Dorado and Largest Wahoo. You can fish anywhere you like. Fish must return to the weigh station at the fisherman’s pier in town between 12noon and 4pm by car or by boat. Fish must be cleaned for weighing. Ownership remains with the fisherman. But heart healthy folks may see if the fishermen want to sell some fresh from the boats.

Fish is a Heart Healthy Protein, high in Omega 3 and vitamin D, provides energy without lots of sugars, excellent for a healthy diet. Scientists and researchers have hypothesized that consumption of fish may reduce the risk of developing type 2 diabetes. However, it is not clear if it is the fish alone that is a preventative as higher fish intake may instead show that you have a better all-around diet. It is recommended to eat fish at least twice a week.

#### Register

You can register at the Taste of Bonaire on Nov. 9th or on line at [bonaire-waterfrontevents.com](http://bonaire-waterfrontevents.com). T-shirt pick up and registration at Budget Marine, November 12th – 16th 9am – 5pm and Nov 17th 9 – 12. Registration is \$15 for the sailing, fishing and triathlon (\$12 for kids 12 and under) and \$5 for the walk. All proceeds will go towards the restoration of the Boto Piskado, historic Bonairean sailing boats.

There will be music all day at Kas di Regatta, BBQ, bar and more. Join us for an event, or just come to cheer! □ Press release/ Pam Teitel

## DID YOU KNOW?

**T**hat the Queen Conch is a giant snail that lives in the ocean? In Papiamentu the Queen Conch is known as *Karkó*. It may live to be 30 years old, reach over 30 cm in length and usually weighs over 2 kg. The *Karkó* is in a group of animals called mollusks, meaning that it is related to other squishy animals like the octopus and even land snails.



The *Karkó* lives in sea grass beds like the ones in Lac bay where they eat algae, dead sea grass and other tiny food items that they find in the sand. Sometimes they stay hidden in the sand for up to 1 1/2 months, maybe in places where they find a lot of food inside the sandy bottom. Most of its soft body is hidden inside its shell, and when the snail grows, the shell grows as well, just like the bones in our bodies.

The thick shell is a very good defense against those that would like to eat the *Karkó*, like sharks, rays, crabs and turtles. If it knows that one of those animals is coming too close, it can hide its whole body inside the shell and cover the opening with a type of hard lid that is attached to its foot. The lid works like a door that they close and lock. No one can get in. On most other snails this lid is used only to close the opening of the shell, but the *Karkó* has a lid that looks very much like a claw and it uses this claw to defend itself from being eaten if an enemy catches it. It also uses the claw to hop along the bottom instead of gliding along the bottom like other snails.

The outside of the shell can range from light brown to orange in color, but the colors can be very hard to see because most of the time algae grows on it. Sometimes you can even see other animals like anemones growing on the shell. The inside of the shell is clean, and beautiful pink, orange and white colors can be seen.

In the past, *Karkó* was an important fishery in Bonaire and its shell was valuable and could be traded or sold. However, throughout the Caribbean and in Bonaire, this yummy snail was overfished and faced the threat of extinction. In 1991 the Bonaire government decided to outlaw the taking of *Karkó* in Bonaire. STINAPA launched an informative awareness campaign and monitored Lac Bay every couple of years. It was added to the CITES list in 1992 and international trade was highly restricted. However, even after 27 years of protection in Bonaire, our *Karkó* numbers in Lac Bay have not increased. Why? There could be several reasons for this. **One, a *Karkó* needs to find another *Karkó* to mate,** but when the population is very low, it becomes very difficult to find a mate and

it takes a very long time for the population to recover. **Two, there is constant poaching in Lac Bay by a handful of people. Poaching is the illegal taking of protected species.** Despite many interventions by STINAPA rangers and the police, poaching continues to be a major problem in Lac Bay

One of the biggest problems with poaching, besides being completely illegal, is that when the large *Karkós* have been killed, the poachers go for smaller and smaller *Karkós*. Smaller *Karkós* contain less food so they poach more and more of them in order to sell them for the same money (also illegal!). Then there are no adult conch left to restore the population, which is what is happening in Lac Bay. It takes *Karkó* 3.5 years to mature and reproduce – at this point they have a flared shell and the lip is 1.5 cm thick.

Today, there are only a small number of people who poach, but they are robbing all of us, especially the fishermen who follow the laws. Fishermen, as well as everyone else, benefit from a healthy ocean.

**What you can do:** if you see conch on the menu of a restaurant or a snack, always **ask where the conch comes from.** Remember that no conch served on the island could be called “fresh” since, if it is legal, it does not come from Bonaire, and it has to be transported into the island in a frozen state with a special CITES permit – meaning it comes from a place with a sustainable and regulated (legal) fishery. If the restaurant owner/server is unaware of this, don’t order conch. If you see someone handling a living conch, call the police and/or STINAPA 786-8444. Remember that it is also forbidden to take shells. **Our choices matter.**

■ *Story by Emil Ren, Stinapa Intern, and Caren Eckrich, STINAPA biologist. Connecting People with Nature..*

*Ren is an intern from Sweden who studied at the University of Gothenburg in Sweden.*



## SUP-Yoga Wellness Week



**S**UP-Yoga Wellness Week (Stand up Paddle Board) was held for the first time last month in Bonaire, with **Elisabetta Maccari** (Yoga Sensible Bonaire at Aqua Spa) and **Ladina van Swoll** (Irie Sports & Wellbeing Bonaire)

Elisabetta and Ladina wanted to create something new and special on Bonaire, connecting water sport, yoga and wellness, bringing locals and foreigners together. Activities included yoga every day, SUP in different locations and a cross to Klein Bonaire, snorkeling, full moon Sup, sup-Yoga, massages and beauty treatments.

Thanks to local companies: **Jibe City** (SUP Rental), **Viv's Beauty** (Beauty Treatment), **Delfins Resort** (accommodation and Yoga spot), **Hang Out Beach Bar** and **Monique van Gorp** for boat support. ■ *Story by Elisabetta Maccari*



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# Trick or Treat for Halloween

**COVER STORY**

Trick or treating on Halloween has become an eagerly anticipated annual island event mostly due to the efforts of one woman and her assistants. She is “Tante” **Corine Gerharts**, who for the past 20 years has guided a horde of kids, accompanied by parents, grandparents, well wishers, etc. along Kralendijk’s main street, Kaya Grandi. She’s well qualified for this job—her “day job” is running Bonaire Tours.



Corine Gerharts

This year Penny Lane’s **Donna Wuyts DeSalvo**, dressed as a princess, teamed up with Corine. The little ones loved her!

The kids sing the now traditional trick or treat song as they visit the many the shops, asking for sweets. The shopkeepers emerge with huge baskets of treats. Amazingly, the children, for the most part, are orderly and queue up calmly.

Costumes are becoming more elaborate, but the tiny kids are still the cutest. Everyone seemed to be having a wonderful time, judging by all the smiling faces. □ G/L.D.



Do you see anyone you know?



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# A Bonaire Champion Davidlee Winklaar

The World Association of Kickboxing Organizations (WAKO) has a new Pan American K-1 kickboxing champion. He's Bonairean **Davidlee Winklaar**. From the 715 entries from 15 countries, Davidlee, 25 years old, was the only athlete from the small island of Bonaire, and he became the champion.

Nurtured on the island, mainly self-trained, he won the Champion Belt at the recent Pan-American WAKO Championships held October 23-28, 2018, on Mexico's Mayan Riviera in the state of Quintana Roo, Mexico.

By any measure it is a great achievement that shows how serious he is about this sport.

It all began on the 23<sup>rd</sup> with the official competition registration, weigh-in and medical control. The next day during the opening ceremony he proudly walked carrying the Bonairean Flag.

His first fight was on Wednesday the 26<sup>th</sup>. He won this fight in an impressive 10-second knock-out of his American opponent, which immediately qualified him for the finals. "This fight went so fast. I remember that the president of WAKO Netherlands told me not to focus on knockout and to fight for the points. However, I do know I have a strong left hook and overhand right. I analyzed my opponent and saw the possibilities for a knockout. We made our fight-plan and stuck to it. When I saw him stumble, I knew he would not be able to stand back up. I didn't celebrate until the referee called it. I was confident I was going to win this fight but I could have gotten hurt in the



"And the winner is Davidlee Winklaar"

process, so I'm grateful. I made it to the finals."

The final fight was on Saturday the 27<sup>th</sup>. His Canadian opponent put up a strong battle. "The Canadian fighter was more experienced than I am. In the second round I managed to land more punches, including two knock-downs. I didn't knock him out but I won by a unanimous decision." Winning this battle made him not only the absolute champion of the K-1 WAKO Pan American Championships but also qualifies him for the World Championships.

His return to Bonaire was triumphal and emotional. The crowd, consisting of family, friends, supporters and fans was huge. When he stepped out of the baggage hall his mother embraced him passionately. Then



Airport family welcome



Davidlee gets congratulations from police colleague Ronald Schleppe

his sister, nieces and other friends added their hugs and kisses. As the media was interviewing him, the crowd started singing the national anthem, which created an impressive moment of Bonairean pride. As he was driving home, the fire brigade blew all their horns. Even the crowd that was at the airport also stopped to celebrate in the middle of the road for a brief moment.

Davidlee started practicing karate when he was 12 years old. When he was 18 he started kickboxing. By his 19<sup>th</sup> birthday he had already decided that he wanted to become a superstar in this sport. Some of his role models are Tyrone Spong, Floyd Mayweather, Andy Souwer, Nicky Holzken, and Badr Hari. ■ Story by Monalisa Domacasse

## Kaya Gobernador N. Debrot



### FOR SALE

#### Kaya Gobernador N. Debrot 9A Bonaire, Dutch Caribbean

This detached villa is situated in Playa close to town center and a stone throw away from the Caribbean Sea. The villa needs to be renovated, but the exterior of the house is in good shape except for the windows and doors. From the second floor you have a beautiful view over the sea and the large surrounding garden has plenty of space for additions to the villa and a nice pool.

#### Area

- Total living area: approximately 160 m<sup>2</sup> / 1.700 sq.ft.
- Living room: approximately 50 m<sup>2</sup> / 540 sq.ft.
- 3 bedrooms and 2 bathrooms.
- Utility room and carport available.
- Close to town center, with Caribbean Sea view and large garden.

#### Land registry (kadaster)

- 4, Section D, number 301, area 440 m<sup>2</sup> / 4.736 sq.ft. (Long lease land until 2041).
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- Possibility to create added value after renovation.

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# Making Bonaire "Accessible"

FOR ABRAHAM AND NOT BULLYING

As soon as I read that certain people remembered their awesome youth and all the fun they had, I decided to write a poem for him. And why, you may ask?

Well, there was this person who did nothing else but bully him every day at school. It got so bad that he didn't even want to go to school any more. And that was quite something, because school was the place he loved to go. There he could prove that he was no retard and that he knew more than any of them.

He was born with cerebral palsy and was only diagnosed when he was six years old. Before that everybody always thought he was kind of odd. His sister was the one that he wanted to have read to him, from his beautifully illustrated children's bible. And when a word was misspelled or pronounced wrong, he got very upset, because it had to be said another way. That was when his family learned that he knew many books by heart.

He could not play like other children; he invented his own special way. And he knew so many facts, especially about history...

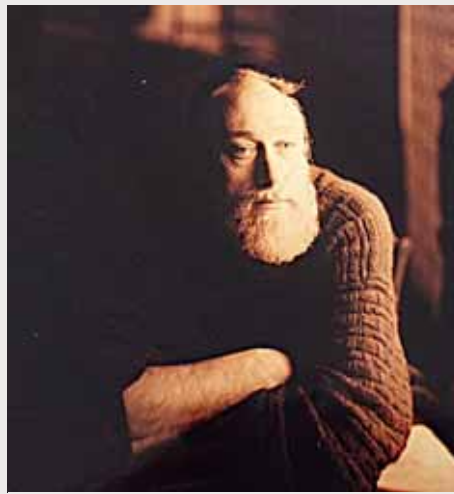
When it was time to go to school, he could not even hold a pencil. But there was this young ambitious teacher who



Me, my mom, Grietje and my brother Abraham.

took him under her wing and she taught him with love.

But after school he hardly ever went with his friends to play at their houses. He played with them only at the beach or on the streets. He also was alone a lot, all by himself.



Abraham

Later we learned that his friends' fathers did not want their sons to play with him. And we also learned that, always when there was something physically he could not perform, he went alone, by himself to the beach, where he trained and repeated until he was able to do it.

And books he loved to read, always reading he was. You could ask him anything, any fact you wanted. He always knew the answer.

And mom loved him more that words can say. She fought for him and saw to it that he got everything he needed.

But about the bullying he never told us. He kept it to himself, always. Only later we learned about that. His own father even tried to kill him because he could not mow the lawn like one should. So

when he did not want to go to the mainland to study, mom kept him at home. Home is where he was safe.

And he was so intelligent. It was such a pity that he hardly got the chance to prove that. Because of all his reading, he came to love history and that became his specialty. He got a job at the local museum and was very happy there. But his boss, who was just the same age, also bullied him. Every single day.

The wife, he desperately wanted so much, bullied him and treated him like a dog. So he came home, back to mom, where he was loved and nobody bullied him. When mom passed away, he had only me. I took care of him and fought for him and even wanted to take him along with us to Bonaire. But then two weeks before Christmas he did not open the door to the homecare workers and we had to break in. We found him lifeless on his couch. Surrounded by all his books and I was so very afraid that he had taken his life.

I was so happy when the doctor told me that he did not take his own life, but that he had suffered a major heart attack.

This is why I hate bullying and people who bully. Take, accept and respect people as they are. This one is for you, my little brother Abraham. □

Story & photos by Ria Evers-Dokter



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# A Garden? Just Do It

## MOSQUITOES AND MORE



*Big Yerbihole plant, a basil that is used so much in local Bonairean food.*

It's really tough these days to work in the garden. Mosquitoes—like dark clouds around me. It does not make any difference, daytime or in the evening. In every dark corner, in the shade of trees, even on my porch where my garden shoes are, the mosquitoes are hiding, ready to hit. They come in all sizes and shapes, from the very big black ones that stick on my body like airplanes to the smallest ones which you can hardly see. Behind each door they are waiting, to fly inside as soon as the door is open. Horrible things. So to work in the garden is hard these days. I have to cover myself totally: long sleeves, rubber boots, a cap, long trousers. Man, this is hot. And still I have to treat myself with a mosquito spray.

By the way Stephanie from South Africa, living here for years, specialized in alternative healing, makes a liquid from the neem tree against mosquitoes. It's skin-friendly and safe for children too. I'm busy these days trying it out and I've had good experiences with it. So maybe for you too it's an alternative solution when you don't want to use the those regular mosquito sprays. You can find them at Elements on Kaya Grandi.

Anyway, mosquitoes are a big problem.

They say that some types come from the mangroves in Lac Cai when it gets dark, like the big black ones and those wimpiries, which are the tiny ones for sure, come from there. These wimpiries can go through any screen, so the only way to prevent their entry is to close all the windows around 5:30pm, then open them again about 8pm. Otherwise you might have these guests in your bed.

Mosquitoes also live in grass, and you may not notice that they are on your toes when you're busy trimming and cleaning the garden. Grass also cuts into your skin and itches a lot. Then as soon as you are in contact with some water, like sweating, your whole body starts itching from grass, mosquitoes, ants and other bugs. You can even have allergic reactions. When I want to sit on the porch and there are too many mosquitoes around I set some dry coconut skin on fire. It only smokes a while and doesn't turn into a real fire. The mosquitoes cannot stand the smoke and stay away. I put the old, dry skin in a metal container. But when you're having a party in the yard you also can put the dry smoking coconut skin in several places around on the ground. It smokes a lot and chases the bugs away. Also lemon skin and lemon leaves are good to have



*Wheelbarrow with postelein*

around you on the porch. A type of oregano, called "bilslip" here, also helps a bit. This plant grows easily and it's very nice in soups and fish or meat stews.

Of course it's nice to have all that rain. But this mosquito problem is a true headache.

I collect rainwater in a big one-cube container and add some chlorine liquid. Or vinegar. Mosquitoes need clean water to breed. So with the chlorine in the container they stay away from my collected rain water. This little bit of chlorine doesn't damage my plants, in my experience. But try it out first with a little bit of bleach or vinegar in your collected rainwater and see how your plants react.

So now there are too many mosquitoes but hardly any pies-pies. And that is a blessing because the pies-pies come in the dry season and kill all the plants when the drought continues for a long time. So enjoy the garden with enough rain and no pies-pies.

What can you do against mosquito bite wounds? I see children scratching and making wounds, many on their legs. Well, the sea is a good wellness place to heal. Salt from the sea is a natural wound cleanser. So let children go swimming when their body is full of mosquito bites. Another healer is aloe. Rub a piece of aloe over the wounds; the liquid is a great skin healer. When you don't have aloe in your garden, just ask people for some when you see it in their yard. For sure you will

get some. The old, thick pieces are the best. Meanwhile it's a perfect time to plant some aloe in your garden. It takes up hardly any space and with all this rain it will establish itself quickly. It's a must in your garden, good for many health problems. It's a medicine plant, right here.

An update of my vegetables these days: Peppers and eggplant, pumpkin flowers and the soft young leaves which I consume too, red and green spinach, postelein, bembé, eggplant, yuca, yambo and tajerblad, plantain. From each just a little bit. No need to have a lot of each. Just two or three plants is enough. With this rain, you get more than enough food from the plants. So you can start gardening in a little space and have your own veggies and herbs.

Of course the herbs are growing like crazy too. Basil, yerbihole, different oregano, mint, lemon grass, ginger, kurkuma. There is so much and every day I enjoy these herbs in my tea and food. The funny thing is that I don't need to plant them. They pop up everywhere in the yard. Lucky me.

So its a great time for gardening. Don't miss this opportunity. So just do it. **□** Story & photos by Angliet, Nature Lover



**Flotsam and Jetsam** (Continued from page 3) inspire art and engage tourists. It's hard not to smile when you see donkeys.

The Bonaire Donkey Protection League and local businesses like The Black Durgon, Captain Don's Habitat, Zeezicht Restaurant, Mangrove Kayak Center, Blue Garden Restaurant, Land and Sea Tour & Watersport Activities, Cadushy Distillery and Mindful Diver, have joined together to call attention to the beauty of the historic wild donkeys of Bonaire **by holding a photo contest with great prizes.**

This contest is open to all adults over the age of 18. One entry per person, submitted in its original pixel size as a jpg. Deadline is 1 March, 2019. Prizes will be awarded 30 March, 2019. Submitted photos become the

property of Bonaire Donkey Protection League for non-profit use only. Photo credits will be given.

Prizes include:

- a week stay at the Black Durgon - Room and Breakfast (excludes airfare) or \$300 cash.
- SSI Open water SCUBA lessons or two person guided dive with the Black Durgon or \$100 cash.
- Discover Scuba with Captain Don's Habitat or \$50 cash.
- Additional prizes to be announced at a later date. Fore more information contact [BDPLFphotocontest@gmail.com](mailto:BDPLFphotocontest@gmail.com)

**►The construction of the four-star resort, Chogogo Time to Smile Bonaire, is off to a slow start.** Use the opportunity to enjoy the great sea view from the Hato traf-

fic circle before construction blocks it. The resort is expected to provide economic benefits to the island. TUI will deploy at least one extra flight per week to Bonaire. Time to Smile accommodations are aimed at tourists who regularly travel and have an "above average spending pattern" during their holidays. A large part of the site within the project is intended for the realization of a public "green" beach with the principle that the environment is respected at all times.

**►Did you ever wonder what happens to all those orange rinds that are a result of the orange juice machine that squeezes delicious orange juice at Van der Tweel market?** Especially since each liter of juice,

at our count, uses about 18 oranges? According to an employee who takes care of the machine all the orange rinds go to the Donkey Sanctuary! A fine recycle!

**►Did you ever wonder what assortment of strokes that our long distance swimmers, Anita Smits and Wijnand de Wolf, used in their swim around Klein Bonaire (12 kilometers in 4 hours, 50 minutes)?** Amazingly, Wijnand said they only used the Australian crawl (*borst crawl, freestyle*) the whole way. They had momentary stops of a few seconds where they would take a drink of water, then continue on! Anyone else want to try? **□**

G./L.D.

# 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.

**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](http://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 Lagoen 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, Bolascentre GOLDFINCH (next to baseball centre on Kaminda Sorobon) 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.

•**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](mailto: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](mailto: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 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 Cruxita 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 9am 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-10am 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

**Dutch service** Every Sunday evening at 7pm, Hanchi Amboina 37. Kralendijk. Pastor Oppeneer. Info call +599 787-0646

**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](mailto: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 10am. Wednesday- Prayer Meeting at 7:30 pm. 717-2194

**Casa de Oracion para todas las naciones**, Hanchi Amboina 37 Kralendijk, **Spanish service: every Sunday morning at 9 am. Dutch service: every Sunday evening at 7 pm**

**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. Contact Ellen Cochrane-Herrera at [ellenherrera-cochrane@yahoo.ca](mailto:ellenherrera-cochrane@yahoo.ca) or phone 717-8489 or +5999-540-9800 English/Papiamentu/Dutch/Spanish ■

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Saturday	11/10/2018	Marella Discovery	1000-1800	N.pier	2076
Tuesday	11/13/2018	Monarch	0800-1800	N.pier	2744
Wednesday	11/14/2018	Royal Princess	0700-1700	S.pier	3600
Friday	11/15/2018	Royal Clipper	1200-2200	N.pier	227
Friday	11/16/2018	Seven Seas Navigator	0700-1300	N.pier	490
Friday	11/16/2018	Koningsdam	0800-1800	S.pier	2650
Monday	11/19/2018	Norwegian Sun	0600-1300	N.pier	1936
Monday	11/19/2018	Mein Schiff 5	0730-1900	S.pier	2500

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**Fri. Nov. 16—Trudy Silver Piano Concert**, Plaza Resort, 8 pm. See page 6

**Nov. 16-17— 3rd Bonaire International Waterpolo Meet.** On the 16th, 8 am; on the 17th, 3pm. Bonaire Barracudas Swim & Waterpolo Team

**Sun. Nov. 18—Bonaire Waterfront Events Sports Day.** See page 6

**Tues. Nov. 20— International Day of the Child parade.** See page 2

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**Mon. Dec 3— MIVABO Disabled Persons Day**

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Tue 23		05:33 0.21 ft	11:57 0.72 ft	20:02 0.21 ft		6:26	18:13
Wed 24	00:28 0.37 ft	05:51 0.25 ft	12:37 0.79 ft	21:17 0.12 ft	Full Moon	6:26	18:12
Thu 25	02:13 0.32 ft	06:11 0.28 ft	13:20 0.87 ft	22:16 0.03 ft		6:26	18:12
Fri 26	03:56 0.30 ft	06:39 0.29 ft	14:06 0.95 ft	23:04 -0.06 ft		6:27	18:12
Sat 27	05:06 0.31 ft	07:32 0.30 ft	14:54 1.02 ft	23:47 -0.13 ft		6:27	18:11
Sun 28	05:44 0.33 ft	08:45 0.31 ft	15:43 1.08 ft			6:27	18:11
Mon 29		00:27 -0.18 ft	06:16 0.36 ft	09:59 0.30 ft	16:32 1.10 ft	6:27	18:10
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Sun 04		04:12 -0.05 ft	10:16 0.82 ft	17:20 0.19 ft	22:00 0.57 ft	6:29	18:09
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# Shelter News



Thomas, Sanne, Ringo, Laurie and Anna

## HEARTWARMING ADOPTION

Each time an animal gets adopted it fills our hearts with joy, but some adoptions are one of a kind... like the adoption of sweet Ringo. Ringo came to us about two months ago and was very afraid and shy, had lost hope in humans. If you entered his kennel he would hide in the corner with his face towards the wall, like he was thinking "If I don't see you then you won't see me."

Every day for a week I sat in the corner next to Ringo to pet him gently and talk to him. After a week he was waiting in front of his kennel, and slowly wagging his tail. He wasn't that shy anymore so he could go outside with the other dogs. You could see the change in him. Ringo was reborn from the shy and frightened dog into a playful and happy boy.

That's when two loving people (Thomas and Anna) came to the Shelter to visit, not knowing that the visit would forever change their lives. Their eyes immediately fell on Ringo, but they were not really looking for a pet as they were living in a house that did not allow pets, and in a few months would be returning to Holland. With all that in mind they decided to take an adoption option on Ringo anyway be-

cause he touched their heart. A few days later they came to see Ringo again and took him from the Shelter to go for a walk, and continued to do this for the next couple of weeks.

Then came great news, they were moving to a new house that allowed pets and once they moved Ringo would go for a "try out" weekend. They continued to visit Ringo as much as possible, and a few hours of walking turned into almost whole days together. You could see the bond between them growing. Thomas saw Ringo as part of their family and the try-out weekend was scrapped. Ringo needed a home and they wanted Ringo.

Thomas contacted us asking if we could arrange a nice surprise for Anna. They were moving sooner than planned, near the date of Anna's birthday... a surprise gift for her and a forever home for Ringo. Thomas brought us balloons, a big blue bow and a "welcome home" banner. Anna would come visit Ringo just before closing time, along with her parents, not knowing that Ringo would go home with her that day.

We decorated Ringo's kennel, put on his bow and Thomas hid inside the kennel for the big surprise.

# Pet Of The Week

## GLORIA

Meet our adorable little girl, Gloria. Gloria is approximately 1 1/2 years old. She is a loving kitty that would love to be the center of someone's world. Gloria prefers human companionship over feline as she loves to be the center of attention. She will love you enough so you won't need any other cats! Gloria has lived with us at the Shelter for 10 months now. She has a unique face shape that sets her apart from all her roommates.

Gloria is healthy, vaccinated and sterilized and is ready for her new forever home. If you are interested in including Gloria in your family, please come visit her and her friends at the Shelter! Animal Shelter Bonaire, Kaminda Lagun 26, Mon.-Fri. 9 a.m.-12 p.m. and 3-5 p.m.,

Sat. 9 a.m.-3 p.m. nonstop. 717-4989/701-4989.

Story & photo by Laurie Smith



Now the waiting...and everything went as planned. We told Anna that we moved Ringo from his usual kennel because he was being bullied by other dogs and walked with her to where Ringo was waiting for his new mommy. It was a huge and successful surprise, and like a real mom Anna asked: "Was he really being bullied?"



Ringo rules

Ringo, we wish you all the luck and love with your new family. We all know that adopting a shelter animal will change your life forever. Thomas and Anna, you proved that love for an animal can move mountains! All the best in your new life as happy

dog owners here on Bonaire and in Holland. Story by Sanne Attevelt -Photos by Sanne Attevelt and Anna's parents



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## POLYGON PARTY

We've finally reached that time of year again when we can see a multitude of celestial polygons, all in the Sky Park at the same time! We have a triangle, a square, a pentagon and a hexagon. So, get ready, while we connect the dots.

Just after sunset, any night this week, face west and pivot eastward. The number of sides that each of our polygons displays increases by one as we travel eastward. So, let's start facing west and the first polygon we will see has three sides and three angles. It's none other than the **Summer Triangle**.

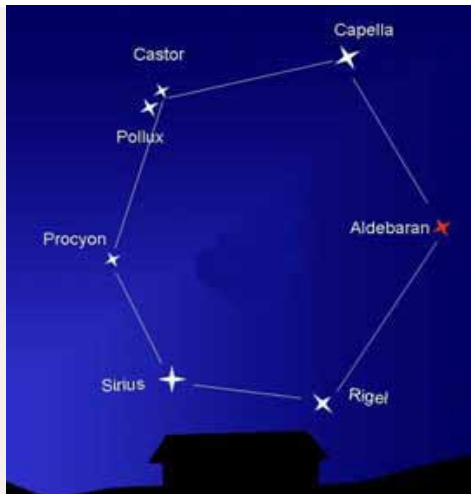
This pattern of bright stars is what we call an **asterism**. It's a geometric shape made by using bright stars from multiple constellations. The stars of the summer triangle are **Vega**, the brightest star in **Lyra the Harp**; **Altair**, the brightest star in **Aquila the Eagle**; and **Deneb**, the brightest star in **Cygnus the Swan**.

Moving upward to almost overhead is our next polygon and it has four sides and four angles. The stars that make this polygon are all in the same constellation. We call it the **Great Square of Pegasus** and it represents the body of the flying horse belonging to **Perseus the Hero**. Start at **Markab**, which marks the base of the neck of Pegasus, then move northward to **Sheat**, which marks the point where the legs attach to the body.

Imagine drawing a line from the horse's stomach eastward to the star **Alpheratz** which is a star that Pegasus shares with **Andromeda the Princess**. Then, if we move southward to finish off the square, we arrive at the star **Algenib**, which completes the rear and back of the horse.

So far you've seen a triangle... with three sides... and a square... with four sides... Now need a five-sided polygon, a pentagon!

And we have an excellent candidate for this if we aim eyes to the northeast. The brightest of the stars in this pentagon also happens to be the closest of them, at only 42 light years away. **Capella** marks the apex of the pentagon-shaped constellation called **Auriga the Charioteer**. The other stars that mark this constellation, traveling in a counterclockwise direction are, **Menkalinan** which is 48 times as bright as our **Sun**, is 82 light years away and marks the shoulder of



the **charioteer**. Moving southward we have the star **Mahasim**, which marks the wrist of **Auriga** and is a **binary star system** over 166 light years away from us. Moving further southward we run into my favorite star in Auriga, **Elnath**. This star is approximately 131 light years from **Earth** and is a star that Auriga shares with **Taurus the Bull**, marking the end of one of the bull's horns.

Lastly, we move westward to the star **Kab-dhilinan** which is roughly 500 light years away from us and is approximately 127 times the width of our **Sun**.

We need a six-sided figure. If you go outside just before 10pm, the last stars of the **Winter Hexagon** will be rising in the east, just before the Summer Triangle sets in the west.

The hexagon begins with **Capella** and moving downward toward the horizon you have **Castor and Pollux**, the heads of the **Gemini twins**. Closer still to the horizon you have **Procyon** in **Canis Minor** and further south you have **Sirius** in **Canis Major**. Moving upward you have **Rigel**, the foot of **Orion** and then up to Orion's left you have **Aldebaran**, marking the eye of **Taurus**. Finishing off, head back to **Capella** to complete the hexagon. Four separate shapes, made by 18 stars, in 10 constellations! So get outside and make some pretty polygons in the Bonaire Sky Park. ■ *Dean Regas & James Albury*



# THE STARS HAVE IT

November 2018

**ARIES** (Mar. 21- April 20) This will be a good day for research and for sitting down with some good, informative reading material. Do something constructive outside. Don't evade important issues; you may find yourself backed into a corner. Overstatement will be your downfall. Your luckiest events this month will occur on Saturdays.

**TAURUS** (Apr. 21- May 21) You may want to make changes in your home environment. Try to keep to yourself; work diligently on domestic chores and responsibilities. You can make headway if you share your intentions with someone you care about. There's a good chance that they won't come back. Your luckiest events will occur on a Saturday.

**GEMINI** (May 22-June 21) It's a good time for long awaited relationships to begin. New love connections can be made through group associations. Try to be patient with their inability to accept your new beliefs. Don't take sides if you wish to remain on good terms with both parties. Your luckiest events this month will occur on a Saturday.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22) Don't bother getting even; they'll make themselves look bad. You could overreact to emotional situations regarding your relationship. It's a good time for long awaited relationships to begin. Social events will lead to a strong and stable relationship. Your luckiest events this month will occur on a Thursday.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug 22) Try to be precise in your communications. There is not much you can do to alleviate the problem, but consider putting some extra work into your house. Try not to be too harsh with loved ones; there will always be two sides to an Issue. A residential move may be in order. Your luckiest events this month will occur on a Friday.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23 -Sept. 23) Work quietly on your own and you will forge ahead. Don't bang your head against a wall. Try to keep a low profile. Confusion is apparent and you'll need some sound advice if you want to do the right thing. Your luckiest events will be on a Sunday.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 24 -Oct. 23) You might find that a coworker has been two faced. You can come up with ways of earning

extra cash. Your energetic personality will make you the center of attention at social gatherings. Club memberships or donations could be expensive and prove unnecessary. Your luckiest events this month will occur on a Tuesday.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22) You need to focus on yourself, not on others. This will not be the day to have minor surgery. Look out for those wanting to push you into a disagreement. Take a close look at documents before signing on the dotted line. Your luckiest events this month will occur on a Saturday.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 23 -Dec. 21) Your philanthropic contributions will bring you praise. You can expect to feel confused about your personal prospects. You mustn't be so trusting. You can make money through real estate or by using your head when it comes to personal investments. Your luckiest events will occur on Mondays.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec 22.- Jan. 20) Don't lend or borrow. Don't get involved in joint ventures. Get involved in sports events that will benefit your physical appearance. You may blow situations out of proportion when dealing with the one you love. Your luckiest events this month will occur on a Friday.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 21 -Feb. 19) You can make personal changes that will enhance your appearance and bring about greater social activity. Make sure that all your legal papers are in proper order. Try not to spend too much on children or entertainment. Don't force your opinions on friends or relatives unless you are prepared to lose their favor. Your luckiest events will occur on a Monday.

**PISCES** (Feb. 20-Mar. 20) Don't argue with family. You won't get the reaction you want from your mate this month. Don't overextend your self in order to add luxury items to your entertainment center. You can accomplish a lot if you put some effort into household duties or redecorating plans. Your luckiest events this month will occur on a Wednesday. You may find yourself in the limelight for the wrong reasons. You will accomplish the most in the work environment this month. Your lucky day this month will be Monday. □

*Michael Thiessen*

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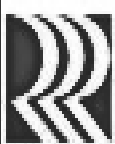
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