

AGENDA

ST. EUSTATIUS
Police Station 182333
Emergency 111
Hot Line 108
Fire Department 120
Hospital 182211/182371
Landsradio 182210
Post Office 182207
St. Eustatius Historical Foundation Museum 182288
Winair Office 182362
Lions Club meets every 1st and 3rd Wednesday at the "Den" next to the Airport
Drug Prevention Foundation meets every Tuesday 5:30pm at the Golden Era Hotel.
Coastguard NA&A 113
St. Eustatius National parks: Gallows Bay: 318 2884
SABA
Police Station
The Bottom, tel. 4163237
Emergency 111/112
Hospital
The Bottom, tel. 4163288/4163289
Fire Department Airport
Flat Point tel. 4162210
SATEL
The Bottom, tel. 4163211
WINAIR, Airport
Flat Point, tel. 4162255/2713
Taxi Service Airport
Flat Point, tel. 160
Administration Building
The Bottom, tel. 4163311/4163312/4163313
Tourist Office
Windwardside, tel. 4162231
Harbour Office
Fort Bay, tel. 4163294
Saba Marine Park
Fort Bay, tel. 4163295
Nature & Hike Guide
James Johnson
The Bottom, tel. 4163307
Service Club
Saba Lions Club general meeting every 1st and 3rd Tuesday 8:00 p.m. at Eugenius A. Johnson Center.
Coastguard NA&A 113
Red Cross
General meeting every last Monday, 6 p.m., Eugenius A. Johnson Center.

ANGUILLA
EMERGENCY
Police 911
Fire 911
Ambulance 911
Police Station 497 2333
Hospital 497 2551
Dental clinic 497 2343
Radio Anguilla 497 2218
Tourism Department 497 2759
Crimestoppers 0800 777777
AIRLINES
American Eagle 497 3501
Winair 497 2748
Liat 497 5000
Air Anguilla 497 2643
Trans Anguilla 497 8690
COURIER SERVICE
DHL 497 3400
Federal Express 497 2719
UPS 497 2239
SERVICE CLUBS
Rotary Club of Anguilla
Meets at Da Vida every Thursday at 6.00 p.m.
Soroptimist International
Day Care Centre
4.30 p.m. 2nd Tuesday in each month Tel: 497 3509
Lions Club
Meets every 1st and 3rd Tuesday at 5.30 p.m. at the Arts and Craft Centre Tel: 264 235 1280
Interact Club of Anguilla
Meets every Friday at 3.15 p.m. at the Albena Lake Hodge Comprehensive School
Toastmaster Club
Meets every 2nd and 4th Saturday at 6.45 p.m. at La Vue, South Hill

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From left: Island Councilmembers Adelka Spanner and Koos Sneek with Commissioners Charles Woodley and Derrick Simmons at the holiday party for civil servants.



Retiring civil servants Ingrid Whitfield (left) and Lolita Busby (right) with some of their colleagues.

Statia Government hosts party for civil servants

ST. EUSTATIUS--The Island Government of St. Eustatius hosted a holiday party for civil servants. In attendance at the party were civil servants from the different Government Departments, as well as Commissioners Charles Woodley and Derrick Simmons, Island Council Members Rechelline Leerdam, Adelka Spanner and Koos Sneek, and their executive assistants and advisors. During the party civil servants were honoured for their contributions and hard work to the civil core. Those heading into retirement received special recognition. Civil servants Lucia Haynes, Lolita Busby and Ingrid Whitfield received plaques. Government employees said the party was a "great ball." They also enjoyed the camaraderie, especially interacting with the Commissioners and Council Members. Commissioner Woodley kept the attendees entertained during the night. Prizes were also given out. After dinner was served, Rebels Band invited the civil servants on the dance floor to do a variety of dance moves such as the Electric Slide, Soul Train Line, Conga Line, and many others.



The last Taste of the Cultures of 2017 will be taking place at Mike "Ernest" Van Putten Youth Centre/Lions Den, Thursday, 6:00pm to 9:00pm. There will be live music and entertainment. St. Eustatius Tourism Development Foundation is inviting everyone to take part in the event, taste some good food, and hang out with friends. The event will feature a multitude of various cultural foods from the Caribbean islands and other countries which visitors can sample to their heart's delight. In photo: Mia Meijer in her booth representing the Netherlands.

Refugees to be concentrated in three large Dutch centres

AMSTERDAM--The Dutch Government is planning to close dozens of refugee centres and assessment offices because of the sharp decline in the number of Syrian asylum seekers coming to the Netherlands, the *Algemeen Dagblad* newspaper reported Friday. The aim is to have three large centres where asylum claims can be processed under one roof, thus speeding up the procedures, the paper said, which based its claim on immigration service plans for refugee housing and the new Government's coalition agreement. The Central Agency for the Reception of Asylum Seekers COA is already being reduced in size. Acting Head of Immigration and Naturalisation Agency IND Nanette van Schelven said the service would continue to consider a potential increase in refugee numbers. "But we are going to shrink and make sure we work more efficiently," she said. The aim, Van Schelven said, is to have a fast check on whether an asylum seeker has any chance of obtaining refugee status. In 2015, 58,000 refugees came to the Netherlands. Last month just 2,305 arrived, compared with 4,000 a year ago. The IND hopes the changes will be implemented by 2022.



From left: Major Roxroy Campbell from the Salvation Army and Commissioner of Police, Ian Queeley.

Police officers in St. Kitts & Nevis donate to charity

ST. KITTS--Commissioner of Police Ian Queeley gave a donation of just over EC \$1,400 to the Salvation Army on Friday, December 22, on behalf of the Royal St. Christopher and Nevis Police Force. Officers were asked to make a contribution, as they did last year, to the worthy cause. Commissioner Queeley was pleased to report that this year's donation to the Salvation Army exceeded the one made in 2016 when it first began and he lauded the work of the religious organisation in the Federation. "We are pleased to donate to their cause and we believe it is important to help people in need. We wish them the very best with the work they are doing to help others," said Commissioner Queeley. Receiving the donation on behalf of the Salvation Army was Major Roxroy Campbell, who said he enjoyed working with the Commissioner and his team. He expressed his gratitude for the support. "You had a good upbringing," Major Campbell told the Commissioner. "Someone sowed God's values into your heart ... the Salvation Army first came to St. Kitts and Nevis in 1904 and we work with several groups, including the young and the elderly. This will help with our various ministries, including our prison ministry." This Christmas Season, the Salvation Army prepared 200 food hampers to distribute to persons who were in need. ~ SKNVibes.com ~

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