HUNDRED S ATTEND INAUGURAL CEREMONY OF CENTRE FOR YOUTH & FAMILY ON ST. EUSTATIUS

Oranjestad – Despite cloudy skies, hundreds of children and parents attended the ceremonies to mark the official opening of the Centre for Youth and Family on St. Eustatius held Thursday May 6th. The festive occasion was celebrated in grand style making St. Eustatius the 2nd island in the Dutch Caribbean to have such a facility available for the use of the youth and their families. The Centre for Youth and Family opened for the first time in the Dutch Caribbean, one week earlier on Friday April 23rd on sister island Saba. Plans are ongoing to open such a Centre on Bonaire in 2011.

Array of colors
The celebration started promptly at 16.00 with children participating in activities such as face painting and jumping castle. This presented an opportunity to become acquainted with the workers who were in charge of all the activities. The former Green & White Cove, known to at one time accommodated a hospital, a boutique and a restaurant, was beautifully decorated in the official colors of the Centre for Youth & Family namely, purple, aqua blue, white and fuchsia. What made the occasion even more festive was the array of colors worn by those in attendance.

Familiar faces
Commissioner for Youth & Family, Roy Hooker and Marga Drewes, Quartermaker for Youth and Family, exchanged compliments and congratulations on the realization of this all important institution and its significance for the community. Commissioner Hooker encouraged the community to make use of the Centre as it now hosts a number of social and professional services that have been lacking for many years. Marga Drewes stressed she was pleased to offer the community of Statia a Centre for Youth and Family with many familiar faces such as Minushka Woodley, Carla Duinkerkerk, Rosabel Blake, Leticia Suares,

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The Island Government of St. Eustatius has been working on improving the civil core through an overall training programme. Several key persons in government were trained by Bestuurs Academie Nederland on preparing sound budgets. Department Heads were given certain trainings to improve on their working skills, and at the same time this will result in an optimal performance. The Finance department started following trainings to improve and adjust to the new system which has been introduced to their department. Many people in the community and vendors of the island government may have noticed that for example payments are done digitally via internet banking and the process of payment is faster than in the past. The Finance department organized an open day for the community to come in and pose questions and learn about the new changes and at the same time allowed the possibility to make payment arrangements. Today, we shouldn’t be surprised to learn that a delegation comprising of three employees: Mrs. Elaine Busby-Schmidt; Mrs. Bernard Castiana-Tearr; and Ms. Nudy Gibbs travelled on Saturday, May 15th 2010 to the Netherlands for training to enhance their skills to better serve you.

GOVERNORS CABINET CELEBRATE 60 YEARS

The Cabinet of the Governor of the Netherlands Antilles has recently celebrated its 60th year of existence with the present staff and former staff members. The Acting Governor Mrs. Van der Pluijm-Vrede represented Governor Goeggedrag, who was prevented, former Governors Mr. J. Saleh and Mrs. De Paula were present at this staff celebration. The former Governors received a memento from the director of the Governors Cabinet Mr. Dick van der Windt of this 12th anniversary. As a result of the Constitutional Restructuring of the Netherlands Antilles in 2010, the Governor’s Cabinet will cease to exist. During the rest of 2010 the Cabinet will organize in the scope of the 60th year some other activities.
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Dr. Baboe and the nurses of the District. She made use of the opportunity to introduce new faces including Mik Genet, a Social Worker and Ester Siegers and Youth Worker, both from The Netherlands.

Safe and healthy
A video address introduced Dutch Minister for Youth & Family, Mr. Rouvoet who emphasized the importance of children being able to grow up safe and healthy.

Minister Rouvoet encouraged the youth and families of St. Eustatius to make good use of the Centre for Youth & Family. He further expressed satisfaction that the building was now opened one short year after the name sign was presented to former Lt. Governor Hyden Gittens in February 2009. Acting Lt. Governor, Mr. Louis Brown, performed the task of unveiling the signboard while 11 year old Kentonea Fortin and Commissioner for Constitutional Affairs, Julian Woodley, opened the door followed by Commissioner Roy Hooker and Marga Drewes.

Showcase youth talent
In keeping with the theme the programme was packed with a variety of performances showcasing the talents of the youth. The Dutch national anthem the Wilhelmus and the Golden Rick song were sung respectively by Diane Rivers and Julissia Suares and Precious Jewels. Notable performances were staged by Alois Dancers, Rising Stars and Precious Jewels. Local Calypsonian and two times Jr. Calypso King, Junior Courtar a.k.a. Problem Child vowed the crowd when he sang a familiar tune he won with in 2003 entitled “Magic Chair”.

Celebrate success
And as if the performances were not enough, the programme celebrated the success of the students who participated in the My Dream Essay Contest and the colouring contest. Winners in the Essay contest are Wenifer Lopez who one day wants to become a general doctor and Raichelon (Robert) Every who aspires to become a pilot. Other essay contest winners are Winter Cagan (Chef), Lysette Woodley (Lt. Governor) Shadira Dinzey (Elementary School teacher) and Rashid Maduro (Engineer). Three students were selected in the 4-7 category of the colouring contest. They are Chiani Harrigan, Dilliaan Chandler and Vanallie Persaud. Winners in the 8-18 years old colouring contest are Sabina Richard, Dichairon Berkel and Rashid Maduro.

The “Blok Hut”
Excitement grew even more at approximately 19.00 P.M. when the community could finally enter the front of the new brand Centre. The families expressed praise with the professional and colorful décor which they experienced as inviting. Refreshments were served in the backyard now landscaped into a beautiful garden featuring a variety of toys, games, seating and what is called the “Blok Hut”. The Blok Hut will accommodate the Baby Clinic and will be used otherwise for private consultations.

Showers of blessings
And when all was said and done, it was approximately 20.00 P.M. Chairs and sound system had been removed. The tent removed and the Fort Oranjestraat cleaned. As families journeyed back home, skies that had been threatening to burst most of the afternoon, finally broke, bringing what Statians call “showers of blessings” and closing the curtain on a splendid and historic opening of the Centre for Youth & Family on Statia.

Written By Mrs. Alida Francis
Teachers strike result of poor communication

St. Eustatius—We learned from the Dutch inspection in 2007 that our educational system was below level. One would ask today, three years later what has improved since the rude awakening. The government of St. Eustatius organized an Educational conference which was well attended and all stakeholders were involved. The intention of this conference was to learn how together we can improve the education on our island. Suggestions and recommendation were brought forward and a committee was formed. Today, one wonders who is doing the follow up to see that the elementary schools and secondary school implement the ideas and recommendations brought forward at the conference. Is follow up really that complicated? The education department played a significant role in putting the conference together. Could the education department play a neutral role in assuring that the goals set fourth in the conference and by government be carried out. What is the role of the education department on St. Eustatius? In a brief interview with Mr. Rene Rheeuishe underscored that the Education department is indeed a neutral body and they have an advisory role to the Executive Council and stakeholders; they also focus on improving communication between stakeholders; conscious of the innovations in education especially with the Constitutional Reforms with the Netherlands and informing shareholders hereof; they will be instrumental in the set-up of a Poly-Tech (HBO) on St. Eustatius. In the past they were also responsible for preparing the scholarships WSF (wet studie financiering), but as of 10.10.10 this task will go over to the regional service center. Today, two years after the Education conference, we are confronted with issues between, teachers, management and school board. In an interview with several teachers G.I.S. learned that they were dealing with two issues which they wished to separate to avoid misunderstandings.

1.) communication with management;
2.) eligible pensions and motivations of contracts that were not extended.

The teachers were becoming desperate and wanted to see improvement in the school. They took it upon themselves to meet with the Domestic Committee on March 15th 2010 at the V.A. Lopes legislative hall. The members of the domestic committee promised the teachers to first discuss the issues that the teachers highlighted in said meeting with management and school board. In this way they would get a broader view of what is going on and everyone would have been able to have an input. The follow up meeting with the teachers, management and school board was scheduled for May 4th 2010 at 3 pm at the education department. The teachers invited their legal representative (WISCU) union in the form of Mrs. Elshot to come over to advise them about their pension information prior to them meeting with the domestic committee. In an interview with Mrs. Elshot G.I.S. learned of the purpose of Mrs. Elsho’s visit to Stattia on May 3rd 2010. Mrs. Elshot came to St. Eustatius and visited the Gwendolyn van Putten school because she had a meeting with the teachers. Management acknowledged her presence by informing her that she is aware of her arrival. However, Mrs. Elshot was also informed by management of the cito test which was in process. To avoid disturbing teachers while they were in class observing the children doing the test, Mrs. Elshot kindly sought a representative of the personnel to reschedule the meeting time for during the break. She waited in room 15 which is the teachers room to meet with them. In the break the teachers all went to prepare for the meeting with the domestic committee about their eligibility for pension etc. This meeting went approximately 10 minutes over the time and management informed them thereof. After the meeting Mrs. Elshot sought management, but she could not find her on the school premises. She contacted the president of the school board to actually inform her of the teachers situation. According to Mrs. Elshot, the teachers had written a letter to the school board about their legal position and a deadline for a reaction was passed without a reaction. Instead of listening to the teachers union, the president held one way communication, by saying her say and ending the conversation. In the interview with Mrs. Elshot I could noticed that she was still appalled by the presidents behavior. In the mean time instructions were given by the president to have Mrs. Elshoth thrown from the school premises. This reaction was the straw that broke the camels back. The teachers considered the decision of the president of the school board disrespectful and they went on a go slow. On May 4th 2010 the teachers were all fully on strike. Remember, this is the day that all parties were scheduled to meet with the Domestic Committee. The government information service was on the seen to witness the strike of the teachers, while the children were still doing several tests. G.I.S. wanted to get an objective view of this story so we entered the school premises to interview management. When asked if she had anything to say about the developments with the teachers and the strike. She refrained from giving any remarks about the teachers behavior, but she informed G.I.S. that she is today, the most proudest principle on Statia. She kindly motioned her hands to the different class rooms where the children were doing test. (continue on page 14)
Het Bestuurscollege van het Eilandgebied St. Eustatius, Nederlandse Antillen, wenst in contact te komen met kandidaten ter vervulling van een voltijdse betrekking bij het eilandgebied als:

**KABINETMEDEWERKER (M/V)**

**De Omgeving**

De werkzaamheden worden uitgevoerd binnen het Bureau Kabinet onderdeel kabinetszaken. De kabinetmedewerker is belast met het geven van ondersteuning aan de gezaghebber bij de uitvoering van zijn bestuurstaken. De ondersteuning wordt gegeven in de werkzaamheden die voortvloeien uit de taken van de gezaghebber als voorzitter van de bestuursorganen, de taken als gezaghebber opgedragen taken.

**Taken: o.a:**

Verleend ondersteuning bij het voorzitterschap bestuursorganen door:

- Het voeren van de eindcontrole op de beslissingsrijpheid van stukken;
- Het verzamelen van relevante informatie voor het opstellen van memorandum ten behoeve van de gezaghebber;
- Het mede bewaken van de voortgang van de uitvoering van besluiten van de eilandsraad en het bestuurscollege;
- Het zorgdragen voor het onderzoek van stukken;
- Het informeren en adviseren over het vigerende overheidsbeleid en de actuele ontwikkelingen op St. Eustatius en de rest van het Koninkrijk;
- Het opstellen van adviesnota’s, het concipiëren van correspondentie, belangrijke toespraken persberichten en publieke bekendmakingen;

**Functie-eisen:**

- HBO opleiding bij voorkeur in een bestuurlijke, juridische, bedrijfskundige of sociaaleconomische richting of een daaraan gelijkwaardige combinatie van opleiding en werkervaring;
- Kennis en ervaring met bestuurlijk organisatorische, social maatschappelijke en juridische vraagstukken;
- Uitstekende beheersing van de Nederlandse en Engelse taal in woord en schrift;
- Inzicht in logistieke en administratieve processen;
- Professioneel betrokken;
- Goede organisatorische, communicatieve en contactuele vaardigheden;
- Een verantwoordelijke, kritische, accurate en klantgerichte instelling;
- Zowel zelfstandig als in teamverband kunnen werken. *(continue on page 26)*
TAX INFORMATION CENTER IN THE PROCESS OF EXPANTION

On May 19th 2010 the Dutch facilitators of the Tax Information Center arrived on the island. The delegation comprised of Mr. Jan Hoogeweg, Mr. Robert van Nieuwehuizen, and Mr. Piet van der Mier. These persons will be looking into the possibility of expanding the Tax Information Center. The idea is to accommodate the additional tasks for the Information Center after 2010.

The delegation held talks with the Act. Harbour Master, Mr. Austin Van Heyningen, with the Airport Manager, Mr. Ellis Schmidt and on May 20th 2010 they held discussions with the Executive Council Of St. Eustatius.

The Tax Information Center will be responsible for the collection of taxes after 2010. They are therefore putting the structure in place at present. The visit of the delegation of the facilitators was also to look at the possibilities for establishing facilities for customs for the airport and the harbor on St. Eustatius.

STATIA’S STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT PLAN IN PROCESS

The planning bureau is presently in the process of making an adjustment report for the Domestic Committee. The consultant bureau RBOI is busy adjusting the draft of the Strategic Development Plan base on the reactions of the public. These adjustments will be coordinated with the planning bureau. Within short the draft will be discussed with the Executive Council and presented to stakeholders and the public in general. Although G.I.S. tried to get a copy of the new map, we were not successful, because the Planning Bureau stuck to the rule of Government, that the Executive Council have to first see it and then it would become public knowledge. We hope to have an elaborate story in the June issue on this issue.
AWARENESS WEEK ORGANIZED IN HEALTH CARE, WORKING UP TO NURSES DAY

Annually the nurses of the Queen Beatrix Medical Center organizes a special day on Nurses day May 12th, 2010. This year in the Shedding Light Radio programme we had a group of nurses, like nurse Miranda Obispa, Carol Jack-Roosberg, Bernardine Woodley, Raquel Carty, Shanna Mercera, and a colleague from public health, Ms. Ingrid Houtman talking about the week of activities working up to nurses day. They talked about the importance of the existing Netherlands Antilles Association formed in 1970 by Josepha Wouter. The goal of this association ODAN is to educate and promote health in general. Other island territories are members of this association. Mrs. Obispa acknowledged the sporadic participation of nurses from Statia to a few organized activities in Curacao and look forward to a more consistent participation of the St. Eustatius nurses core in this association. According to the nurses interviewed, Nurses Day should be experienced as a day of pride when the community show their appreciation by showing love, giving positive feedback and expressing appreciation of the care given during illness or just the positive attitude of nurses while one visits the hospital.

The Week Programme:

• May 5th 2010 Public Health is hosting awareness though the media with the title, Prevention is better than cure”.

• May 6th 2010, The Auxiliary Home staff will talk about the programme at the Auxiliary Home in the media. Explaining the community what their work is all about, and the importance of care to the elderly.

• May 7th 2010, the nurses at the Queen Beatrix Medical Center will give information through the various media about health care.

• May 8th 2010 The staff of the Queen Beatrix and Auxiliary Home will enjoy a night of games and movies, this is a positive development in working on team building amongst the staff in the healthcare sector.

• May 9th 2020, Church service will be held at 10.00am at the Big Stone Church.

• May 10th 2010, Quiz for the staff in the healthcare sector

• May 11th 2010, The district nurses will give an update of their task.

• May 12th 2010 Big celebration at the front elevation of the QBMC

During the presentations the following was shared:

Florence Nightingale is the founder of modern nursing. She transformed nursing into a respectable profession and set the standards for clean, safe hospitals in the world. Florence is honored as the first great nurse of the world. Her picture hangs on the wall in many hospitals. Florence Nightingale was born on May 12, 1820, in Florence Italy. She was named Florence after her city of birth.

Florence Calling:

When Florence was 24 year old, she had a calling from God. She wrote in her journal, God spoke to me and called me to His service. Florence decided her calling was to help the sick and the poor by becoming a nurse.

She came from a wealthy family and was not expected to work. It was especially unacceptable for Florence to work as a nurse because nursing was not a respectable profession at that time. This, however, did not stop Florence

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Mr. Clyde Spanner has successfully passed the examination in St. Maarten from March 28th to April 10th for recertification of the E.M.T. (Emergency Medical Technician). Mr. Clyde Spanner works presently at the Queen Beatrix Medical Center and is pleased to know that he is a certified ambulance personnel. Mr. Spanner sees this recertification as a positive accomplishment to better serve the community. In the interview he explained the importance of organizations having knowledge of First Aid, because it is important to know what to do in cases of emergencies. His ambition for the future is to accomplish his nursing degree, for Registered Nurse. In the meantime he tends to keep knowledgeable in his field of work by doing trainings when possible and to deliver the best care possible to the community of St. Eustatius.

A Dutch delegation met with the Executive Council to talk about the homes at Lodi and how they can assist with the water delivery to the homes. The Reda Sosial is the Funding for Social Development and Economic Activities, they have financed the new complex of homes in Lodi under the poverty program to help the less fortunate in our community. The last set of homes could not be given out to the tenants because there is no running water to these homes. This is really an unfortunate situation, because the homes are constructed since two years ago. The social worker held intakes with several families, who were eligible for a house. We hope within short to be able to distribute these homes to the people that really need them.
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from following her desires.

Florence went to the Institute of Deaconesses in Kaiserswerth, Germany, to learn about nursing. At that time, nurses learned through experience, not through training. Florence treated sick people, distributed medicine and assisted during operations. She was very happy and said: We learned to think of our work, not our self.

Hospital Improvement:

During Florence’s time, the hospitals were overcrowded, poorly run and disease infested. They were doing more harm than good. She thought hospitals should help patients, not hurt them. This was a revolutionary idea at the time. Florence wrote: Notes on Hospitals explaining how to make improvements to hospitals. She believed hospitals needed better ventilation, more windows, improved drainage and less cramped conditions. With her guidance, hospitals became clean and sanitary places where lives were saved, not lost.

She became also an expert on designing hospitals. Foreign rulers sought her advice when building their hospitals. Soon, hospitals throughout the world were being built according to her ideas. Today, we still see how Florence has improved hospitals. The flowers, recreation rooms and bright wards are an influence of Florence’s work.

Honoring Florence:

Florence died on August 13, 1910 in London, England. She was 90 years old. She buried at St. Margaret East Wellow, near her family home at Embley. Her inscription states: F.N born 1820. Died 1910. She did not want any other memorial. Many nurses came to pay tribute to Florence at her funeral.

Florence revolutionized the nursing profession and is a hero in our hearts.

In conclusion the nurses were happy to share that they chose to honour Nurse Rita Dambruck for her dedicated service and years in nursing. She is intended to participate at the Symposium in St. Maarten.

WE GROW BECAUSE WE STRUGGLE, WE LEARN AND WE OVERCOME!

Photo from left to right: nurses and other personnel active in healthcare:
Ms. Nelley Harrigan, Ms. Zaida Euson, nurse Carmen Lake-Philips
Since April 1st 2010 I have been appointed by the island government of St. Eustatius as ‘begrotingsconsulent’ working at the department of finance. Although I loved and performed to the best of my ability, my former function as executive assistant of Commissioner Roy Hooker I am now working more specific in my field of experience. Together with the department I am responsible for amongst others coordinating and compiling the yearly budget, drafting the quarterly reports, monitoring the expenses based on the approved budget, advising on the exhaustion of the budget, etc. Where necessary I will facilitate the department heads in preparing the budget for their department. I will be working closely with the head of the department Ms. Myrurgea Schmidt and of course my colleagues at the department, the executive council and the board of financial supervision (cft) in Curacao.

My colleagues at the government guesthouse you will be seeing more than enough of me and I hope to count on your cooperation as usual. Story by : Jeanette Hooker-Soliana

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EUTEL SUCCESSFULLY LAUNCHES NEW COMPANY BRAND IMAGE THROUGH “EUNITED EVOLUTION” COMMUNITY EVENT

On Sunday, May 30, 2010 EUTEL, St. Eustatius Telephone Company successfully launched the new company brand image, which was developed by Innovative Marketing Creations (IMC), at the EUNITED EVOLUTION event. In attendance, were members of the EUTEL Board of Directors, management, staff, and hundreds of Statians who came out to celebrate during this customer and community appreciation family fun day, in “EUnity.”

An IMC team comprised of three which included General Manager, Jacqueline Louis and Marketing Assistants Miloushka Euson and Emmalexis Velasquez successfully conceived, planned and executed the EUNITED Evolution on behalf of EUTEL.

“The success of this event is measured not only by the large turnout, but more so by the unending support of everyone who came to be a part of this momentous occasion, and are now looking forward to other great campaigns to come,” commented Jacqueline Louis, General Manager of IMC.

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CELEBRATION OF A MILE STONE REACHED BY THE OPENING OF YOUTH & FAMILY CENTRE

Special Thanks to Mr. Jacobus de Vries for the Photos
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The class rooms were so quiet, that one would not believe that children were in the class rooms. Management calmly expressed her gratitude that our children realized that it is about their education. She explained that children of the senior Havo and Mavo grades were supervising the children who were doing the test.

On May 4th 2010 at 3 pm the teachers went to the meeting accompanied by their union representative to initially learn that she could not participate in the meeting. Later the domestic committee informed the teachers that their union representative could attend the meetings as an observer. At this point Mrs. Elshot walked out and the teachers followed. The teachers prepared for a full strike by walking from the school to the Government building with texted on carton boxes.

While the teachers walked through the community on May 5th 2010. Different opinions were heard in the community. Some people were upset that the teachers strike in the middle of the test period. Others saw Mrs. Elshot as the woman that came to Statia and caused the strike. Some people even voiced their opinions that teachers are not taking the education of the children seriously based on their behavior. We hope by bringing you the entire story, you can draw your own conclusions.

The issues of significance to the teachers were for them to acquire their contracts, and their pension. Some teachers are working but haven’t received a contract, others left the island and were not sure about their pension build up etc. The G.I.S. were not able to host interviews with the school board about this matter, but we hope to get some input from them in the June issue. We want to know what they have accomplished since their installment in 2008 as a school board thus far on policy level. What are the physical changes made at the school and if there are any new developments for the new school year.
Introduction of the US dollar on Bonaire, St Eustatius and Saba

The House of Representatives of the Dutch Parliament has approved the introduction of the US dollar on the islands of Bonaire, St Eustatius and Saba. This means that on 1 January 2011 the Netherlands Antillean guilder will be replaced by the American dollar.

Currency changeover

On 1 January 2011 the US dollar will become the legal tender on the islands of Bonaire, St Eustatius and Saba. Netherlands Antillean guilders will continue to be accepted for cash payments until 1 February 2011. After that, it will still be possible for guilders to be converted into dollars, but it will no longer be possible to make payments in guilders.

On 1 January 2011 all bank balances will automatically be converted into dollars. The exchange rate used for the conversion will be the fixed exchange rate between the Netherlands Antillean guilder and the American dollar, which has been in place since 1971.

On 10 October 2010 Bonaire, St Eustatius and Saba will become part of the Netherlands and will acquire new constitutional status within the Kingdom of the Netherlands.

Tax system

The House of Representatives of the Dutch Parliament has also agreed to the proposal that the existing tax system in the Netherlands Antilles should be maintained during the intervening period from 10 October 2010 to 1 January 2011, when this temporary transitional measure will be replaced by a new tax system for the three BES islands. The House of Representatives is expected to vote on the legislative proposals required to bring this about (the BES Tax Act, the BES Customs and Excise Act, and the BES Tax System Implementation Act) following the forthcoming elections.
Ministry of Justice

Procedures for taking the naturalization test new style

The Naturalization Test Regulation of the Netherlands Antilles was enforced on 1 October 2007. On the grounds of this regulation, the applicant can only submit a request for naturalization after he/she has passed the entire naturalization test new style (so the two test sections part 1 Community Knowledge and part 2 Language Knowledge)

The fifth test can be taken on September 4, 2010 (Part 1).


Interested persons can register in person in

Saba at

the Lieutenant Governor’s Office (Gezaghebberskantoor)

Mrs. P. Linzey

Tel. 0416 3215 – 0416 3311   E-mail: patsy.linzey@sabagov.com

From 9 am till 3 pm hours non stop.

Sint Eustatius at

the Lieutenant Governor’s Office (Gezaghebberskantoor)

Mrs. Drs. A.E.C. Sandries

Government Guesthouse, Fort Oranjestraat z/n

Tel. 0318 3314   E-mail: kabgezag@statiagov.com

Only on Tuesday and Thursday from 9 am till 12 pm hours.

Sint Maarten at

Department of Police Affairs (Bureau Plaatselijk Hoofd van Politie)

Mrs. J. Milton

A.T. Illidge Road Tel. 0543 0365 – 0543 0354 – E-mail: dircab@governorsxm.com

From 08.00 till 11.00 hours and from 14.00 till 16.00 hours.

The criteria for taking the test are stated below:

1). Candidates for the test must be screened first in order to know if they can be naturalized.

2). The naturalization applicant must also comply with other requirements stated in the Royal Law on Dutch Nationality.

3). The Lieutenant Governor or the organization, which the Lieutenant Governor designates, will screen the candidate in the island territory of the candidate’s residence.

4). If the candidate passes through the screening test, the Lieutenant Governor or the organization, which the Lieutenant Governor designates, will give the candidate a declaration, which states that the candidate can take the test. The declaration will also have the account number on which the test fees to be paid must be deposited.

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5). The candidate will again report to the Lieutenant Governor or the organization, which the Lieutenant Governor designates, with the abovementioned declaration and the payment receipt for the final registration.

6). All candidates who pass the test will receive a certificate.

7). The candidates can submit a naturalization request with this certificate.

8). If a candidate submits a naturalization request, he/she must pay the naturalization fees indebted in accordance with the National Decree concerning Options and Naturalization Fees; the fees must be deposited on the account number that the Lieutenant Governor designates.

9). If the naturalization request is honored, the applicant will receive a royal decree proving he/she has obtained the Dutch nationality.

The test fees to be paid are stated below:

a). for taking part 1 (Community Knowledge) Naf. 275,-

The test will be given on September 4, 2010–Results on September 23, 2010

b). for taking part 2 (Language Knowledge) Naf. 225,-

part 2 consists of the sections: reading, listening, writing and speaking; in Curacao and Bonaire, Papiamentu or Dutch and on St. Maarten, Saba and St. Eustatius, English or Dutch. The tests will be given on October 23 and 30, 2010 – Results on November 18, 2010.

The candidate can only take part 2 after he/she has passed part 1 completely.

Candidates can resit tests after they have paid the following fees:

For part 1, September 4, 2010: Naf. 140,-

For part 2, October 23 and 30, 2010: Naf. 75,-

For more than three sections of part 2 Naf. 225,-

Candidates, who for one reason or another were unable to take the test for Part 1 and/or Part 2 during –NE 1, -NE 2, -NE 3, or –NE4, in the period of April 2008 – February 2010, can resit after paying resp. Naf. 275,- and Naf. 225,-.

The naturalization fees to be paid are as stated below:

Single request Naf. 1.425,--
Double request Naf. 1.807,-- (for marriages, persons living together or registered partner ships excl. child; each child naf. 214,--)

Please Note:
1). Following a course at an educational institution to prepare oneself for the tests is not mandatory; naturalization candidates are free to follow a course.

2). A number of institutes have been found positive after registration. A list of these institutes can be obtained at the Exam Department of the Ministry of Education and Culture, Schouwburgweg 24. in Curacao.

3). Candidates, who have at least a VSBO (MAVO) diploma, can be exempted from the obligation to take the tests.

4). Persons, who can prove they cannot take the tests due to medical reasons, can also be exempted.

The authorities in charge of the naturalization process will assess points 3 to 4 inclusive.

The authorities in charge of the naturalization process in the island territories can supply further information on the topic of naturalization.

* Fees are susceptible to change
PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT CARRIED OUT VACCINATIONS AT SCHOOLS

Vaccination week in the Americas

Focus was placed on administering the second dose MMR (measles Mumps and Rubella) vaccine to all children aged 4 through 9. We also took advantage of this opportunity and administered the DTP vaccine to 4 year old (in some cases 5 years old who were delinquent) and 9 (10) years old. The target group consisted of 238 children, of which 237 were vaccinated, thus a percentage of 99.6% was booked. Even though immunization is not mandatory, steps must be taken to ensure that our children are immunized.

Children per school.

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St. Eustatius Health Care Foundation Established

Oranjestad—Effective March 23rd a St. Eustatius Foundation for Health Care was officially established. The main objective of this Foundation is to guarantee optimal health care on St. Eustatius. Additionally, the Foundation will strive to be effective and efficient and to play an important role in the improvement of health care for the island community.

Board members

The brand new Foundation will be headed by a Supervisory Board and a Board of Directors. The Supervisory Board comprises Nicolaas Sneek as Chairman, Ms. Minerva Pantophlet, J. Klijnsmit, Clara Carty-Heemstadt and Ellis Woodley. Members of the Board of Director include Annemarie van Summeren en Dr. Paul Schats. The latter has been appointed as the chairman.

First step

Health care is one of four main policy areas for which the Netherlands will be responsible. The establishment of the St. Eustatius Health Care Foundation is a first step in the direction of reorganizing health care on St. Eustatius. In the coming months the Queen Beatrix Medical Center (QBMC) will be the first health care institution that will be transferred from the responsibility of the Island Government to that of the Foundation. For this purpose all necessary steps are being worked out to transfer the entire organization, including personnel, buildings and medical equipment from government to the Foundation. This task will be carried out in close harmony with the Executive Council, the responsible government departments such as Personnel and Legal Affairs, the labor union and of course the staff of the Queen Beatrix Medical Centre.

Future merger

It is the intention to in the future merge the Auxiliary Home for the Elderly with the Queen Beatrix Medical Centre under the St. Eustatius Health Care Foundation. The newly established Centre for Youth & Family will at a later point in time also become the responsibility of the Foundation. Other health care institutions such as addiction care will follow.

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Elisabeth Williams of Homestays Grenada

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Place: Lions Den

Date: Wednesday, June 9th, 2010

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DE-STRESS WITH YOGA

Place: Lions Den
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Time: 10:00Am to 11:30Am OR 5:30Pm to 7:00Pm
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Featured was the unveiling of the new EUTEL building sign, as well as the new billboard that was placed in front of the EUTEL building to showcase the EUTEL brand, as well as the host of services provided by EUTEL. EUTEL also supplied free food and beverages throughout the entire event. Entertaining acts such as DJ Sense, The Rebels Band, and Mr. Ruffy and the band Pure from St. Martin, graced the stage and kept the crowd rocking. Activities were also provided for the youth, with a bounce house, Dexter the Clown and Mr. Friendly keeping them engaged throughout the day. Representing the youth, Statia’s very own K’lah Courtar mesmerized the audience as she sang the national anthem of St. Eustatius.

The unveiling was well received by the Statia community. Acting Lieutenant Governor Mr. Louis Brown, EUTEL Finance Manager, Mr. Devon Pandt, EUTEL Board Member, Malvern Dijkshoorn, presented the public with the definitions of the ongoing rebranding process and the future expectations and operations of EUTEL. Secretary of the board, Ms. Dijkshoorn- Lopes, advised the Statia community “to stand united for the occasion”.

Also present were EUTEL Board members, Maxine Spanner, Wim de Jong, and Alvin Aventurin.

EUTEL set up a EUTEL activity tent that served as an information center for customers and attendees to gain information on EUTEL, as well as register for new services and sign up for the EUTEL mailing list. EUTEL’s activity tent also featured branded EUTEL bumper stickers that were given to the public.

During the event, EUTEL also announced the winner of the “My Eutel” Elementary School Creative Logo Competition which kicked off in April to involve the youth in EUTEL’s rebranding campaign. Among the five finalists who competed for the winning slots were Martijn De Jong-Golden Rock Elementary, Daniel De Bruin from Seventh Day Adventist (SDA) School, as well as three entries from Governor De Graaf School including, Maciel Martines, Gershon Herera, and Kevin Lijfrock. After much audience votes, Daniel from Seventh Day Adventist (SDA) School was presented with the winning trophy with 49 votes, and took home the winning trophy, a mini lap top and won 5 new computers to start a computer center for the (SDA) School.

Mr. Pandt stated that more than 80% of their donations were given to the youth organizations of Statia. EUTEL donated FLS 1000, - to every participating school as well as a quality printer.

In addition, EUTEL also acknowledged and donated FLS 5000, - to the St Eustatius Summer Fest Committee towards the Balloon Jump up/Youth Extravaganza. (continue on page 25)
EUNITED EVOLUTION attendees were also awarded prizes. The public was able to partake in various raffles by completing EUTEL surveys, filling out EUTEL registration cards, and by voting for the My EUTEL Elementary School Creative Logo Competition. Winners were presented with new cellular phones on behalf of EUTEL.

EUTEL’s staff were acknowledged for their continuous involvement and dedication towards the rebranding process with complimentary gift bags at the closing of the event.

IMC General Manager along with EUTEL’s Vice-Chair of Board Directors, Alvin Aventurin along with members of the press conducted a post event press conference yesterday morning that covered the success of the event as well as future expectations for EUTEL which will be aired on CTC TV as of today.

Ms. Louis also touched on upcoming EUTEL campaigns such as the EU-Link campaign which will be launched in the upcoming months. The campaign will target the Statia community to become increasingly involved with EUTEL as they proceed to upgrade and rebrand. The campaign will be the next big step in EUTEL’s ongoing evolution.

There is a lot in store for the Statia community and EUTEL urges the public to stay tuned and become more involved in the ongoing success of this process. “EUTEL is dedicated to serve their customers at the level of high-quality service they deserve and are remaining dedicated to this rebranding process to fulfill that promise”, closed Alvin Aventurin during the press conference.

EUTEL, St. Eustatius Telephone company is the leading telecommunications provider in St. Eustatius. EUTEL provides a full-scale of telecommunications services to Statia including: land line, internet, cellular and public phone service. Through EUTEL’s EUNITED Evolution process, the company stands proud to serve and connect St. Eustatians globally with One Touch. One community. One World.
Arbeidsvoorwaarden:


Schriftelijke reactie gaarne binnen 14 dagen na plaatsing van deze oproep richten aan:

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Voor meer informatie en een uitgebreide vacature tekst kan contact opgenomen worden met de afdeling Personeel & Organisatie TEL:599-318-2931.

Het Bestuurscollege van het Eilandgebied St. Eustatius, Nederlandse Antillen, wenst op korte termijn in contact te komen met kandidaten ter vervulling van een voltijdse betrekking bij het eilandgebied als:

Chef Kabinet Gezaghebber

De Omgeving

De werkzaamheden worden uitgevoerd binnen het Bureau Kabinet onderdeel kabinetszaken. De Chef Kabinet Gezaghebber is belast met het geven van ondersteuning aan de Gezaghebber bij de uitvoering van zijn bestuurstaken. De ondersteuning wordt gegeven in de werkzaamheden die voortvloeien uit de taken van de Gezaghebber als voorzitter van de bestuursorganen, de taken als Gezaghebber opgedragen taken.

Taken: o.a.:

Bewaken procesmatige en inhoudelijke voortgang vergadercircuit Gezaghebber

het procedureel en inhoudelijk coördineren van de opstelling en aanlevering van bijdragen vanuit het BC, Nederland en/of afdelingen;  
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het ondersteunen en uitbrengen van advies bij de meerjarenplanning, strategieontwikkeling en beleidsadvies ervoor doordringen middel van het opstellen en uitwerken van discussiestukken, beleidsnota’s en beleidsvisies;
het beschrijven en toelichten van de ontwikkelde visie en de (meerjaren)plannen op basis van beslispunten en technisch-inhoudelijke ontwikkelingen;
het uitzetten en bewaken van de uit de besluitvormingsprocessen voortvloeiende acties;

2. Adviseert over interne en externe (juridisch) bestuurlijke aangelegenheden door:
het op relevantie en consistentie becommentariëren van beleidsstukken, verzoeken, vragen, project-, programma en onderzoeksvoorstellen;
het mede inhoudelijk coördineren van het algemene beleid waarbij de Gezaghebber en derden betrokken zijn;

3. Draagt zorg voor de communicatie (doorgeleiding) van (beleids)informatie en (voorgenomen) besluiten vanuit het Kabinet naar de desbetreffende gremia door:
het kunnen aangeven van de fase(n) in het proces waarin de behandeling van het onderwerp zich bevindt;
het onafhankelijk van de eigen aanwezigheid, toegankelijk maken van deze informatie;
het schrijven, redigeren van teksten ter bevordering van de interne en desgewenst externe communicatie over de (te behandelen) onderwerpen c.q. agendapunten en het voeren van overleg met eventuele (externe) uitvoerders;
het bewaken van de consistentie van de vanuit het eilandgebied geleverde bijdragen aan de verschillende overleggesituaties en het adviseren aan het BC en de Gezaghebber inzake de afstemming van de besluitvorming hierin;

4. Draagt zorg voor het aanbrengen van coördinatie in het kabinet Gezaghebber door:
het plannen en bewaken van de planning van de beleidscyclus van het eilandgebied;
het doen van voorstellen voor verbetering van het integrale beleidsproces op basis van ervaringen in de praktijk;
het fungeren als inhoudelijk directiesecretaris.

5. Verzorgt de persoonlijke ondersteuning van de leden van het BC door:
het op verzoek verrichten van nader inhoudelijk onderzoek naar bepaalde onderwerpen, procedures etc. die het gehele terrein van de onderwijsinstelling omvatten en hierover verslag uitbrengen;
het signaleren van beleidsinhoudelijke en procedurele knelpunten en het aandragen van oplossingen;
het ontwikkelen van interne (administratieve en organisatorische) richtlijnen en procedures;
het advies over ad hoc aangelegenheden en het aanpassen van afspraken/plannings;

6. Fungeert als vraagbaak over de inrichting van bestuurlijke/juridische processen door:
het vertalen van (voorgestelde) wijzigingen in besluitvormingsprocessen naar adviezen over de functie en rol van bestaande gremia/ overlegstructuren;
het signaleren van bestuurlijk-juridische ontwikkelingen aan de hand van aangereikte informatie en het aangeven van consequenties met betrekking tot het stroomlijnen van besluitvormingsprocessen en procedures;
het toetsen van nieuwe wet- en regelgeving en procedures aan die van het Eilandgebied;

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**Functie-eisen:**

- Academische werk en denkniveau/Universitaire opleiding bij voorkeur in Bestuurlijke/Juridisch/Organisatie of Sociaal Economische richting.
- Brede theoretische kennis inzake bestuur en beleid en met name van (ontwikkelingen op) het beleidsterrein van het Kabinet, het BC en het Eilandgebied;
- Kennis van relevante wettelijke regelgeving;
- Kennis van de beleids cyclus, de bedrijfsvoering en van de organisatorische en functionele verhoudingen in en rondom het Kabinet Gezaghebber en het Eilandgebied;
- Inzicht in de interne organisatie en taakverdeling binnen het Eilandgebied en in de structuur van de omgeving;
- Vaardigheid in het verzamelen, analyseren en tot pré-adviezen verwerken van informatie omtrent het bestuurlijke/juridische werkterrein van het Eilandgebied en in het (doen) ontwikkelen en aanpassen van administratieve procedures:
- Vaardigheid in het redigeren van teksten en in het vormgeven van adequate communicatie.

**Aangeboden wordt:**

- Salaris is afhankelijk van het aantal jaren werkervaring vermeerderd met bovenwindse toelage 16.3%, eventuele kindertoelage, pensioenregeling, medische verzekering en vakantieuitkering.

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The Government information Service is hosting weekly press conferences at the V.A. Lopes legislative Hall. These sessions will be held every Tuesday from 9.30–10.00 am. We encourage all the media to participate in these session.

We apologize that we were not able to host our weekly press conferences for the last few weeks due to the absence of our local representatives. Thanks for patience.