

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 7777777
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 Crafts Centre Tel: 497 6259
 Interact Club of Anguilla
 Meets every Friday at 3.15 p.m. at the Albena Lake Hodge Comprehensive School
 Toastermaster club
 meets every 2nd and 4th Saturday at 6.45 p.m. at La Vue, South Hill

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René-Jean Duret new President of SNSM



Outgoing President of SNSM Jean-Paul Fischer (left) with Vice-President Jean-Claude van Rymenat and incoming President René-Jean Duret (right).

MARIGOT--Territorial Councillor René-Jean Duret is the new President of French-side sea rescue service SNSM, it was announced at an informal gathering at SNSM's headquarters opposite Marina Fort Louis on Friday evening.
 Former President Jean-Paul Fischer is stepping down after having served in the role for 15 years due to his other commitments.

He recalled how the station was created on the initiative of Jean-Pierre Papaix and others and that he was approached to solicit the funds for its operation.
 "It's been a wonderful adventure and I have met some exceptional people who have actively participated in saving others," said Fischer. "I learned a lot about fundamental values of brotherhood, solidarity, and mutual assis-

tance. I want to thank all of you volunteers for the quality of work you do and your dedication, and the sponsors and contributors who allow this station to work," he added.

Duret, a retired engineer with Semsamar before becoming an elected official, noted he was recruited by Fischer in January 1988 while in Paris to come to work in St. Martin and the pair had since worked together for many years. Describing himself as someone who is always "open," he added he has spent some 25 years with the Rotary Club in St. Martin and was twice elected President, noting Rotary actions have often benefitted SNSM.

"I want to thank all the service clubs, businesses, and individuals who have been raising money to purchase a semi-rigid inflatable boat for the station and we nearly have all the funds needed," Duret said. "Thank you also to MP Daniel Gibbs who contributed 12,000 euros of Parliamentary reserve funds to the cause," he continued.

A replacement lifeboat for SNSM 129 which was severely damaged in Hurricane Gonzalo is expected to be delivered sometime in May.

Duret encouraged more volunteers to join SNSM to share their skills to benefit the running of the station.

President of Lions Club Denis Blondin took the opportunity to make a donation on the spot to Duret on behalf of his club.

SNSM volunteers, representatives from the service clubs, Gendarmes from Brigade Nautique, and Préfecture's Chef de Cabinet Emmanuel Effantin attended the gathering.



PLP leader and formateur Clyde van Putten (left) presents the Lampeweg Accord to Island Governor Gerald Berkel.

PLP and UPC start formation process

ST. EUSTATIUS--Formateur and leader of Progressive Labour Party (PLP) Clyde van Putten presented a copy of the so-called Lampeweg Accord Monday afternoon at the Governor's Office. In the signed document PLP and United People's Coalition (UPC) agreed to start the formation of a new island government after last week's Island Council election.

Van Putten presented the signed document with the subtitle "Giving government back to the people" to Island Governor Gerald Berkel in the conference room on Monday afternoon.

In the signed letter of intent PLP and UPC declared their willingness to start negotiations to form the next island government with regard to the outcome of the March 18 election and the "commonality of goals and interests" of both parties.

PLP and UPC agree that the interest of the people of Statia will be the guiding principle of these negotiations.

"Cardinal to all discussions and negotiations will be the desire of the people of Statia to have stability in government and to have a government that is accountable to its people at all times. The people of St. Eustatius deserve a government they can trust. All negotiations will be done in good faith and with the goal to restore the trust of our people in the government.

"All other terms and conditions of the proposed agreement will be negotiated, agreed upon and stated in the final document of the governing accord," it was written in the document.

The letter of intent was sent by party presidents Brenda van Putten (PLP) and Derrick Simmons Jr. (UPC) and by UPC leader Reginald Zaandam as well as van Putten.

Formateur van Putten addressed the public Monday evening in a live broadcast on local radio and television. He said the new Executive Council is to consist of UPC Commissioner Reginald Zaandam and of Astrid McKenzie-Tatem on behalf of PLP. They will be supported in the Island Council by Van Putten and PLP newcomer Richelene Leerdam and by Reuben Merkman on behalf of UPC.



Children showing their certificates of participating in the reading programme with Expertise Centre's coordinator Ykerna Rivers (back) at Gertrude Judson Public Library.

Expertise Centre wraps up reading programme

ST. EUSTATIUS--Expertise Centre St. Eustatius ECE last week wrapped up its three-month reading programme in English and Dutch for children of the various elementary schools on the island.

The programme, which was held at Gertrude Judson Public Library, was coordinated by ECE's remedial teacher Ykerna Rivers. Volunteers such as Edrienna Brandao, Mia van Deelen, Danica Amajan, Rijzienna Hooker, Geertruida Goldenhuis, Visalia Lopes and Kathy Werneker engaged the children in Dutch and English reading twice per week for an hour each. The reading programme was geared toward helping children improve their reading skills. Volunteers assisted the children with letter sounds, word pronunciation, reading comprehension and fluency. The volunteers also kept a record of the children's progress.

"Word games such as pop-for-sight words, scrabble and word memory were among the games played during the reading programme to help the children learn new words and practice pronunciation skills in a fun way," Rivers said.

On the last day of the reading programme the children were free to play games or read with their parents. Drinks and snacks were served, after which the children received their certificate of participation.

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