



Dominicas karneval och nationaldag den 3 november 2008

Några av höjdpunkterna under karnevalen

The National Queen Show (Feb 1st, 8pm)

Several intelligent beauties from around the island vie for the title of Miss Dominica. Commonly called "Queen Show," this is always very, very well attended. Held in Festival City, we all look forward to this one!

National Calypso Finals (Feb 2nd, 8:30pm)

The finalists from the Calypso tent compete for the title of Calypso King or Queen.

Kiddies Old Mas Festival (Feb 18th)

Carnival Street Parade (February 4th & 5th, 2008)

Known as Carnival Monday and Tuesday or Jump Up. This is the time of year that thousands of Dominicans look forward to Costume Bands on Monday, Tee-Shirt Bands on Tuesday. Music, culture, people and wild celebration merge to form what we know as Carnival. It is the most festive time of the year where there are no enemies, where everyone comes together to have fun. So let loose, make new friends and enjoy! These parades are held in Roseau, but many other villages have small parades.

Vaval (Wednesday after Carnival)

In certain places such as the west-coast village of Dublanc and in the Carib Territory, there is one final event to Carnival - the Ash Wednesday burying (or burning) of the 'spirit' of Carnival and the beginning of Lent.

Prize Giving Ceremony (March 7th)

Congratulations to all the 2008 winners!

Carnival King, Calypso Monarch 2008

Dennison "Dice" Joseph, and

Carnival Queen, Miss Dominica 2008

Marah Walter

Denison "Dice" Joseph does it again!

Saturday, February 2nd 2008 - National Stadium

A three-time Calypso Monarch at the start of the night, Dice performed with passion and clarity to earn himself the Calypso Crown one more time - the fourth time in five years.

His performances of "Rolle de Dice and See" and "On My Own" had the crowd rocking the new stadium - singing and dancing along with their soon-to-be-crowned King.



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King Dice & Queen Marah, Carnival Monday

Reunion 2008 - The Vision

On third November 2008, Dominica will celebrate its 30th year as an independent nation. Much has been achieved over this period - much that we can be proud of. For government, this is an opportunity to highlight individual, community and institutional achievement. Importantly, however, it is an opportunity for reflection, renewal and for recommitment to the quest of accelerated progress and development.

From the outset, the Committee appointed by government to oversee coordination of the anniversary insisted that accent must be placed on the Dominican people as central players in the celebrations - no matter where they lived or worked. In fact, this insistence of participation by all is what explains the choice of the theme for the year: *Celebrating the journey together*. This means that the celebrations are open to all Dominicans - in the rural and urban Dominica as well as Dominicans in the Diaspora - and that all Dominicans and friends of Dominica are invited to come together to celebrate but also to reflect on and take action concerning the challenge of building a better future for the whole.

<http://www.dominica.dm/site/reunion2008.cfm>

Dominicas väg mot FN:s utvecklingsmål

På ett möte i FN:s högkvarter i New York i september år 2000 beslöt FN:s 192 medlemsstater, varav Dominica är en, att sätta upp mål för ländernas utveckling. Målen är åtta till antalet. Det övergripande målet är att utrota fattigdom och hunger i världen. På svenska kallar vi målen för Millenniemålen. På engelska kallas de för Millennium Development Goals.

National Committee appointed to oversee localization of the Goals

Dominica has successfully achieved the basic requirements of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) 2, 4, and 5 (poverty, child mortality, and maternal health). The relevant indicators point to near or full achievement of the Goals. The country has partially achieved Goals 3, 7, and 8 (gender equality and the empowerment of women, environmental sustainability, and a global partnership for development). Partial achievement should be understood as showing evidence of progress towards the possible achievement of the established goals in spite of the existence of constraints. The remaining Goals, 1 and 6 (poverty, and halting the spread of HIV/AIDS, malaria, and other diseases), present lagging indicators and serious challenges.

Existing reports on Dominica's progress towards the MDGs point to the negative impact of "internal and external factors such as limited financial, human and natural resources, globalization (free trade, free movement of people and other resources) and the threats from multiple natural disasters" on the national efforts.

Dominica has moved on to localization of the MDGs through the establishment of the Social Indicator and Millennium Development Goals National Committee in May 2003. The Committee, chaired by the Chief Statistician of the Central Statistics Office, includes officials from the public sector and non-governmental organizations, and the local representatives of international development partners. It has responsibility for developing and implementing mechanisms to promote local ownership of the MDGs across programming; providing social evidence for the monitoring and evaluation of the MDGs and for developing strategic recommendations to promote their achievement; and for making periodic progress reports to the Cabinet. The country has now proposed the appointment of a full-time coordinator to lead the activities of the National Committee.

http://www.mdgmonitor.org/factsheets_00.cfm?c=DMA&cd=212

Dominica med i militärallians mot USA

I sin TV-show "Aló Presidente" söndagen den 27 januari presenterade Venezuelas president Hugo Chávez ett förslag att skapa en latinamerikansk militärallians mot USA.

- Vi måste skapa en gemensam försvarsstrategi och samordna våra militära styrkor, flygvapen, arméer, mariner, nationalgardern, internationella styrkor och underrättelsetjänster, för vår fiende är densamma: USA:s imperium, sade Chávez.

- Om de attackerar en av oss, attackerar de oss alla, förklarade presidenten.

Vid sin sida hade Hugo Chávez Nicaraguas president Daniel Ortega.

Militäralliansen ska till en början bestå av de fem ordinarie medlemmarna i samarbetsorganisationen ALBA (Bolivariska alternativet för Amerika), dvs. Bolivia, Dominica, Kuba, Nicaragua och Venezuela.

Enligt Erik de la Reguera, DN:s korrespondent i Buenos Aires, tillhör dessa fem länder de fattigaste på kontinenten och kan knappast utgöra något större hot mot USA:s militärmaskineri.

Men Chávez hoppas att andra länder med vänsterregeringar, som Argentina, Ecuador och kanske till och med Brasilien med tiden ska gå med i samarbetet.

12 February, 2008

High level delegation Venezuela to visit

From: The office of the Prime Minister

A high level delegation from the Government of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela is expected in Dominica today on a one-day visit.

The eighteen (18) member delegation is led by Titina Azuaje, People's Power Minister for Tourism and liaison of the Government of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela on ALBA related matters. The delegation comprises four Ministers, one Vice Minister, Director of Radio Nacional (National Radio) and other government officials.

The visit is intended to strengthen the bonds of friendship and solidarity between the Commonwealth of Dominica and the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela. Representatives from both sides are also expected to discuss the plethora of projects and initiatives currently being financed by the Venezuelan government in Dominica.

Prime Minister, Hon. Roosevelt Skerrit as well as other members of his Cabinet are scheduled to have discussions with members of the visiting delegation throughout the day.

A Press Conference is scheduled for the Garraway Hotel at 3pm today, Wednesday, February 13, 2008.

SWEDOM på



Några av medlemmarna i SWEDOM kommer ihåg hur det var när vi var med 2006, eller hur?

Då var det fullt ös! Stort intresse och många frågor att besvara från besökare som aldrig hört talas om DOMINICA.

Familjerna Dotevall med totalt elva medlemmar reste till DOMINICA, landet som de inte visste fanns! När Leif Dotevall berättade i WaitiKubuli nr 1 2007 om familjernas upplevelse av DOMINICA, var han överväldigande positiv.

Vi hoppas få träffa Dotevalls på årets TUR-mässa tillsammans med många andra blivande DOMINICA-vänner.

SWEDOM befolkas förstås DOMINICA:s monter i Caribbean Village. Du finner oss i monter A0202.

Mässan är öppen för fackbesökare hela tiden och för allmänhet lördag och söndag

Torsdag 13 mars 09.00 - 18.00

Fredag 14 mars 09.00 - 18.00

Lördag 15 mars 09.00 - 18.00

Söndag 16 mars 10.00 - 17.00

Biljettpriset är 120 kr för vuxen, 100 kr för pensionär, 60 kr för ungdom (8-25 år) och 300 kr för familj.

Varmt välkomna till Dominica i Caribbean Village i monter A0202!

SWEDOM:s årsmöte 2008

Plats: Klara Södra Kyrkogata 20, Stockholm

Tid: Lördagen den 19 april kl. 16.00

Förslag till dagordning

1. Mötets öppnande
2. Fastställande av röstlängd
3. Val av ordförande och sekreterare för årsmötet
4. Val av två justeringspersoner
5. Val av två rösträknare
6. Fråga om årsmötet blivit behörigen utlyst
7. Fastställande av dagordning
8. Styrelsens verksamhetsberättelse
9. Resultaträkning
10. Revisionsberättelse
11. Ansvarsfrihet för styrelsen
12. Beslut om medlemsavgift
13. Verksamhetsplan och budget för år 2007
14. Val av styrelseledamöter m.fl.:
 - ordinarie styrelseledamöter
 - styrelsesuppleanter
 - revisorer
 - valberedning
15. Val av ordförande för 2008
16. Övriga frågor
17. Årsmötets avslutning



Nomineringar

Valberedningen tar tacksamt emot nomineringar till ordinarie styrelseledamöter, suppleanter, revisorer och valberedning.

I valberedningen ingår Lars Eriksson (sammankallande) Doris Johansson och Leif Ståhl.

Kontakta Lars Eriksson, tel 08 643 26 80, mejl lars.eriksson.sthlm@telia.com senast den 1 april.



SWEDOM:s styrelse 2007 fram till årsmötet 2008

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Rosa James och Kerstin Ståhl är också ordinarie ledamöter.

Francisca Fagerholm, Berith Granath, Ulla Sundberg, Gunnel Tollmar, Liz Wretling och Lars Örtemark är suppleanter.