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Ordföranden har Ordet Hej alla medlemmar!

Julen är snart här. Jag hoppas att alla medlemmar får en fin julhelg tillsammans med familj och vänner. Glöm inte att ta hand om er själva också mitt i alla julbestyr.

I förra medlemsbladet skrev jag lite om det kommande valet på Dominica som planerades att hållas i januari. Men Dominica är sig likt. Valet blev framflyttat till december 2010. Valrörelsen är i full gång. Det är spännande att följa valrörelsen på plats eftersom varje valmöte är som en liten karneval. I min hemby St Joseph representerar Kelva Daurro Labour, de röda och Sun Abraham Workers, de blå.

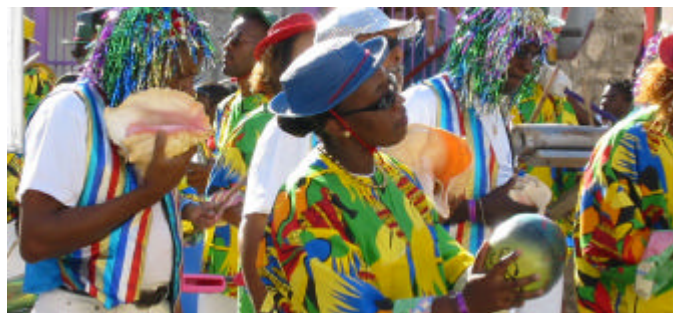
SWEDOM:s styrelse hade möte den 21 november. Blå beslutades att jag och min sambo Janne skulle försöka att få träffa Dominicas jämställdhetsminister och någon representant för kvinnorörelsen på Dominica. Syftet är att samla in information till kommande medlemsmöte i SWEDOM och en eventuell diskussion ifall SWEDOM på något sätt skulle kunna

ge stöd till kvinnorörelsen på Dominica. Vi fick också i uppdrag att för insamlade bidrag från medlemmarna köpa ytterligare en eller två datorer till biblioteket i Karibreservatet alternativt något annat som behövs.

Tillåter föreningens ekonomi så har vi också planer på att delta vid TUR-mässan i Göteborg 2010. Styrelsen kommer under december att undersöka förutsättningarna och fatta ett beslut på styrelsemötet i januari nästa år.

Själv ser jag fram emot att få träffa min familj på Dominica. Jag och Janne kommer att vara där under hela februari. Härligt med lite värme och karneval. Jag önskar alla medlemmar en riktigt

God Jul och Gott Nytt År!
Ruthine



Det är detta som Ruthine, Janne & alla andra festnissar får vara med om.

The Caribbean's Most Original Carnival

Carnival, or 'The Real Mas', is a pre-Lenten festival, and usually falls in February or March each year. It is unquestionably the most festive season in Dominica. It is hard to miss the fervour of the people's loyalty to their favourite calypsonian or pageant during the preceding months of the Calypso Final and the Queen Show.



2010: 15th & 16th February

Ministry of Community Development, Culture & Gender Affairs

Denna text apropå Ruthines & Jannes uppdrag att ta reda på mer om kvinnorörelsen i Dominica.

Minister - Hon. Loreen Bannis-Roberts
Permanent Secretary (Ag) - Mrs. Ruth Allport

Responsibilities

The Ministry of Community Development, Culture, Gender Affairs and Information is comprised of nine sections with each Division/Unit responsible for the provision of particular programmes and services. These include social and remedial work with needy or vulnerable clients, community education and dissemination of information on Government programmes, and collaborating with groups, communities and organizations in a wide range of activities.

Mission

To facilitate development of human and social capital via the provision of support to the most vulnerable sections of society, reduction of inequality and the promotion of national culture.

Vision

To function as a driving force for improved social well being island-wide and to facilitate the transition to a more just society.

The role and functions of some Division/Units are as follows:

The **Cooperative Development Division** has responsibility for the regulation, supervision, registration, promotion and development of Cooperative enterprises.

The **Local Government and Community Development Department** is the core government department responsible for undertaking or facilitating community based development. Its main purpose is the good governance of local authorities and through them and other community based organizations, to provide access to resources for participation in social and economic development programmes.

The **Welfare Division** exists primarily to safeguard people against human degradation emanating from poverty, old age, groups, such as abused and neglected children and offers remedial services.

The **Bureau of Gender Affairs** seeks to promote and advance the concerns of women and gender issues and assisting women and men in realizing their full potential through the attainment of gender equity and equality.

The **Cultural Division** seeks to provide opportunities for participation by the population in all forms of artistic and cultural expression. It pursues these goals through educational programmes and encouragement of the creative, visual and performing arts, at all levels.

The **Adult Education Division** seeks to improve the literacy skills of the adult population, to develop human resources and to promote activities aimed at life-long learning.

Basic Needs Trust Fund has responsibility for poverty reduction through working with communities in the establishment of community based infrastructure and skills training projects.

Tittarsuccé för kycklingrodorna!

Och denna text för att följa upp Ruthines "Ordföranden har ordet" i nummer 2 2009 av WaitiKubuli.



Linn och Gerardo med groddebisar utanför deras nya hem.



Färdiga små grodor! Nu gäller det att äta och bli stor.

Vi fick jättemycket uppmärksamhet från världens alla håll när nyheten om våra kycklinggrodor och deras bon och ungar släpptes. Vi har precis flyttat ut ungar från två av våra tre bon till egna lådor. Hitintills har vi 64 ungar! När de flyttas från sin mamma har de fortfarande lite av sin svans kvar. Inom några dagar absorberas svansen och ungarna ser ut som små minigrodor. Och de har en glupande aptit. Små sursor, bananflugor, ja allt de får in i sin lilla mun äter de. Det är viktigt att de äter och blir stora och starka nu. Om ett år ska dessa små viktiga och värdefulla djur, flygas till Montserrat och släppas ut i naturen igen. Det är till dessa små sötnosar vi sätter vårt hopp. Följ länken för att läsa en tidning som tog upp nyheten: <http://www.wildlifeextra.com/go/news/mountain-chicken-tadpole009.html#cr>

Bevarandeprojektet driver Parken Zoo i Eskilstuna tillsammans med Durrell Organisation på Jersey. Det uppmärksammades av BBC. Första dagen var det 650 000 människor som läste nyheten på BBC:s hemsida! En riktig dundersuccé med andra ord. Men det är inte så konstigt. På hemsidan ligger en liten filmsnutt ute om hur grodmamman matar sina ungar. Det ser verkligen ut som någonting taget ur en rymdfilm. Följ länken: <http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/science/nature/8185125.stm>

De flesta av våra nästan 70 groddebisar har nu flyttat till ett eget hus. Där ska de äta och växa i ett års tid, innan de ska sättas ut i naturen på ön Montserrat igen. Gerardo Garcia från Durrell Organisation kom hit för att hjälpa oss med flytten av de små busfröna. Groddebisarna är väldigt pigga och det är som att försöka fånga popcorn när man ska ha tag på dem! Men nu är som sagt alla installerade i sitt nya hem. Nu väntar vi med spänning på om det blir fler bebisar.

Parken Zoo Eskilstuna

Hälsningar från Rachel i Karibterritoriet

Rachel Green är volontärt arbetande bibliotekarie i biblioteket i Salybia, ett av de två bibliotek i Karibterritoriet som Stockholms FN-förening bidrog till att inreda och utrusta. Rachel har kontakt med Gunvor Ngarambe, ordförande i FN-föreningen. Här följer utdrag ur ett par brev från Rachel till Gunvor plus bilder som hon skickat till oss.



Rachel Green i biblioteket.

Wednesday, November 18, 2009

Hti Gunvor,

How are you keeping and how is everyone? It's been a while since I last wrote to you all. We back home in Dominica are alright. The weather is cool during this time of year.

The Country is getting ready for general election to be held early next year. The library is still in operation and I am still here holding on strong. The computer is working fine and the children are making good use of it, the computer has been a great help to students, pupils and adults. The School children do come in and loan out fiction books each day to read and this is very encouraging to me to continue to help them in the library.

I am happy that I can be of help to them and I would like to thank you all in Sweden for the support that you all gave us.

Thank you.



To all of you: Rachel, Garnette, Gail, Ervince, Masclém, Prosper, Hubert, Ralph, Connie, James, Hulette and all our friends in the Carib Territory, from all of us in Sweden

**MERRY CHRISTMAS
& HAPPY NEW YEAR!**



Ungdomar utanför biblioteket i Salybia.

Saturday, August 29, 2009

Hti Gunvor,

How are you keeping and how is everyone? My family and myself are all fine.

The people of the Carib Territory has elected Mr. Garnette Joseph as the new Carib Chief for the next five years. He took office on Wednesday Aug 26, 2009, also a new council to work with him.

There's some councilors you may know: Gail Benjamin, Ervince Auguste, Masclém Frederick, Prosper Paris, Hubert Thomas and Ralph John. Mrs Gail is operating her sewing shop and creating employment for some ladies in the Territory. Connie is still teaching at the preschool and they have form a group and extended the building with funds from the Government of Dominica and the Caribbean Development Bank to help school children with disability from neighboring villages and the Carib Territory.

There was an American School Group here on the Territory doing different projects to help the people and Connie's Preschool was painted too. Mr. James is working for his family and is also care taker of the Benecou resource center. Hulette has been boxing and has represented his country here and overseas. I am still operating the library and things are moving on fine. Hoping to get some help soon from The Carib Council as they promise to do. I am thankful to you all for the computer it is working fine. I have written a short note to Lars, how is he doing and how is the others. I saw Johanne and Susanne on facebook. Hope you are fine.

Hoping to hear from you soon.

Rachel Green

07 December, 2009

DOMINICA REPRESENTED AT CLIMATE SUMMIT IN COPENHAGEN

The Commonwealth of Dominica will be ably represented at the all important December 7-18th climate summit which gets underway in Copenhagen, Denmark tomorrow.

The Dominica delegation includes: Ambassador and Permanent Representative of the Commonwealth of Dominica to the United Nations, His Excellency, Crispin Gregoire; Director of the Environmental Coordinating Unit (ECU) Mr. Lloyd Pascal; Mr. Colin Guiste, ECU; and Miss Sherianne Gregoire representing the Non-Governmental community.

The talks are technically known as the 15th Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) and the Fifth Meeting of the Parties who are signatories to the Kyoto Protocol.

The two weeks of talks are aimed at paving the way for a new global treaty on climate change. Any agreement is intended to supplant the 1997 Kyoto Protocol aimed at curbing greenhouse gas emissions.

On the eve of his departure to Copenhagen, Director of the Environmental Coordinating Unit, Mr. Lloyd Pascal explained that because Dominica is a contracting party to both the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change and the Kyoto Protocol, it is important for Dominica to be present when discussions are taking place and decisions are being taken.

The majority of the world's governments and successive scientific reports, most notably those from the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) and British Scientist, Sir Nicholas Stern state that planet earth faces catastrophic climate change unless action is taken now to reduce significantly greenhouse gas emissions.

Quoting from reports from scientists, Mr. Pascal warned that a commitment of greater reductions in greenhouse gas emissions by developed countries is needed to avert even more destruction to the planet.

Reports from the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change have said that the present state of affairs as it is going on will bring untold destruction to people, particularly the poorer people of this world and that developed countries must reduce emissions not by the little figures we have been hearing about but by up to 45 percent of the 1990 levels. What they are proposing is grossly inadequate.

Dominica is part of AOSIS, Alliance of Small Island States and the Group of G77 Developing countries and China. AOSIS is calling for deeper emission reduction commitments by industrialised countries under the Kyoto Protocol for the period after 2012.

AOSIS is also calling for a multilateral and legally binding agreement to define actions for all countries, sufficient to limit global warming to less than 1.5 degrees Celsius above pre-industrial levels.

Commenting on the possibility that a full legally-binding treaty at Copenhagen is not possible, Mr. Pascal said: "It will be a very big disappointment if we do not have a legally binding agreement coming out of Copenhagen. But that does not mean we won't continue to fight for it. Life does not end in December in Copenhagen. If we don't get it in December then we will continue in January to fight for it. We will continue until such time that we get it. And that is the spirit in which we are approaching it."

www.newsdominica.com

Din julgåva till karibbarnen!



Vill du bidra med en julgåva till barnen i Karibterritoriet är du varmt välkommen att ge ett bidrag via bilagda inbetalningsavi. SWEDOM:s styrelse kommer vid sitt möte den 24 januari 2010 att diskutera hur gåvobidragen ska användas, till datorer och/eller böcker till biblioteken i territoriet eller till andra ändamål. Ruthine & Janne kommer under sitt besök i februari i Dominica att fullfölja uppdraget.



Webbredaktör

SWEDOM ska göra en ny hemsida. Vi behöver därför en webbredaktör. Du ska kunna bygga upp en hemsida med bra struktur. Den ska fyllas med bild och text. Det är vi flera som kan bidra med. Du som är intresserad kan kontakta Lars Berg, tel 08 560 324 35, lars.berg@spray.se



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