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Hej alla SWEDOM:s medlemmar!

Våren är snart här! För tillfället har dock det ovanligt fina vädret i mars ersatts av kyla och snö. Jag är tillbaka i Sverige efter fyra underbara månader på Dominica. Den här gången var det extra roligt eftersom mina barn och barnbarn var där en månad under jul och nyår. Man upptäcker alltid något nytt på Dominica. I år åkte vi för första gången i mitt liv till en av de vackraste badstränderna på Dominica, Batibou Bay. Jag kan varmt rekommendera ett besök.

Jag var som vanligt på Dominica under karnevalen. Jag, Janne och några vänner deltog bla i karnevalståget i Roseau. Karesa vann årets kalypso show som hölls på Roseaus cricketstadium.

I år var sångernas texter väldigt politiska eftersom det var val i december.

Inom politiken har premiärminister Skerrit fördömt alla försök att störta Venezuelas regering som leds av den folkvalda presidenten Maduro. Skerrit anser att det vore ett lagbrott. Enligt president Maduro försöker USA-stödda grupper störta honom. Flera Venezuelavänliga länder bla Barbados har genom Solidarity Committee, the Caribbean Movement for Peace and Integreation and the Pan-African Coalition of Organisations uttalat sitt stöd för Venezuelas regering.

SWEDOM deltog i TUR-mässan i Göteborg 2015. Det blev väldigt lyckat med många besökare. Tack ni som ställde upp i vår monter.

Avslutningsvis hoppas jag att det blir en bra anslutning till vårt årsmöte i Stockholm den 18e april.

Ruthine



Välkomna till SWEDOM:s årsmöte lördagen den 18 april 2015 kl. 16.00-18.00 hos *Small Island Chocolates & Coffee* på Timmermansgatan 26, Södermalm i Stockholm! Läs mer sidan 4!

The World's Ten Best Ethical Destinations 2015

Among the Ten Winners is Dominica



Morne Micotrin



Boiling Lake



Underwater

Travelers: put your money where your beliefs are – Top 10 Destinations for a Positive Impact When You Vacation

Nonprofit encourages tourism to countries known for treating their people & environment well

(BERKELEY, USA — December 2014) Most of us love to travel, and most of us want to have a positive impact on the world. If you do it right, one non-profit asserts, you can do both at the same time. By spending your travel dollars in forward-thinking countries, you can reward the good guys—and encourage good practices worldwide.

Each year, California-based nonprofit Ethical Traveler researches and publishes a list of the 10 most ethical destinations in the developing world. Each country is reviewed for its performance in the areas of human rights, social welfare, animal welfare and protection of the environment. That's not all; a winning country also must have plenty of appeal as a travel destination.

Ethical Traveler congratulates the countries that earned a spot on our 2015 Ethical Destinations Awards. The 2015 winners, in alphabetical order (NOT in order of merit) are:

Cabo Verde, Chile, Dominica, Lithuania, Mauritius, Palau, Samoa, Tonga, Uruguay, Vanuatu.

Dominica

- + The constitution guarantees freedom of the press and the judiciary, as well as freedom of speech, assembly, and religion. Advocacy groups operate without interference, and the internet is neither restricted nor censored by the government.
- + Elections are generally free and fair, and the law provides criminal penalties for official corruption.
- + Dominica's law prohibits discrimination based on race, gender, ethnicity, color, and creed.
- + The law protects children against assault, mistreatment, neglect, domestic violence, and abandonment. The government operated two shelters for abused children, "Chances" and "Operation Youth Quake."

- + Dominica prioritized the implementation of the National Action Plan on gender violence, enforcement of domestic violence laws, raising of the minimum employment age to at least 15, and poverty alleviation.
- + Indigenous rights are protected both in law and in practice.
- + The government has established a National Action Plan that aims to maintain and conserve the island's ecosystem, addressing issues such as biodiversity, species preservation, deforestation, sustainable development and energy, and water quality.
- + Dominica has positioned itself at the forefront of geothermal energy production among Caribbean nations and has completed the drilling phase of its geothermal power project. Along with a coalition of island nations, it hopes to cut its carbon emissions by 45% over the next 20 years.
- + Dominica's bank launched an initiative to provide financial support to small and midsize businesses attempting to implement energy efficient practices and technologies.
- + A Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan has been established for 2014–2020.

- Robberies and violent crime have occurred in tourist areas.
- Same-sex relations are still criminalized, and Dominica rejected recommendations from the UN Human Rights Council and other international organizations to repeal the pertinent law, stating that no one had been arrested or prosecuted under the provision.
- Although the government ratified the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, it has not enacted its provisions, nor does the law specifically prohibit discrimination against persons with disabilities.
- The most serious human rights problem is domestic violence against women and children. The law criminalizes rape but not spousal rape.
- Although women have played an important role in

Dominica's government, they continue to face discrimination in employment opportunities and other areas of life. In recent years, the government has taken steps to increase their rights.

— The Kalinago people, particularly women, continue to suffer from low levels of unofficial and societal discrimination. Unemployment in the territory is higher than in the rest of the country and mean income below the national, although the poverty level has decreased.

— There are no protections for whistle-blowers in either public or private entities, and labor organization is prevented.



* Known as the “Nature Island” of the Caribbean, an extensive network of national parks and reserves protects a significant portion of Dominica's landscape, with its lush flora and fauna and volcanic peaks of lava craters, as well as its spectacular coral reefs, many considered pristine and which provide some of the best scuba diving in the world.

* The country offers many sports activities and hiking attractions, including the 115-mile Waitukubuli National Trail, the longest of its kind in the Caribbean and the region's first major walking trail. Attractions include Boiling Lake—the second largest in the world—Morne Trois Pitons National Park, Kalinago Barana Autê, and the Rosalie Bay Resort.

* Dominica has many eco-tourism opportunities and displays a willingness to establish sustainable resource solutions, including its conservation of sea turtles.

<http://www.ethicaltraveler.org/>

Dominica's 2015 Carnival celebration



The celebration began on Saturday 24 January with an opening parade near the Pottersville Savannah and proceeded into the City of Roseau.

The parade continued along Goodwill Road, Independence Street, King George V Street onto the Dame Mary Eugenia Charles Boulevard.

The parade, which was led by the reigning Carnival Queen Francine Tiffany Baron and Calypso Monarch Dennison 'King Dice' Joseph, saw participation from over forty groups.

<http://www.dominicavibes.dm/entertainment-158366/>

Dominica opposition party wants government to stay out of US-Venezuela spat



Lennox Linton.

ROSEAU, Dominica, Friday March 20, 2015, CMC

The main opposition United Workers Party (UWP) is calling on the Dominica government not to get involved in the ongoing disagreement between the United States and Venezuela warning that any action by Roseau could harm thousands of nationals residing in the North American country.

The UWP leader Lennox Linton said that “by unreasonably challenging America's right to determine if, when and by whom its national security is being threatened” Prime Minister Roosevelt Skerrit is threatening the security of “our own US-based Dominican and other Caribbean brothers and sisters who are dependent on the US government for their protection and the enhancement of their quality of life”.

Skerrit was among several Caribbean Community (CARICOM) leaders who attended a meeting of the Bolivarian Alliance for the Peoples of Our America (ALBA) in Caracas earlier this week.

At that meeting, Antigua and Barbuda's Prime Minister Gaston Browne, said that his government is troubled by the escalation of antagonism between two countries and proposed the establishment of a small group to act “as honest brokers” in the ongoing conflict.

Browne said that while his administration “accepts that it is up to any government in the world whether it applies sanctions on another, the process for doing so should be transparent with convincing evidence provided.

“My government regrets the language of the Executive Order that declared “a national emergency” because it was felt that “the situation in Venezuela” poses an “unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security and foreign policy of the United States”.

In his statement, Linton said that he was calling on Prime Minister Skerrit “to stop compromising the public interest of Dominica by thoughtlessly poking his nose and selfishly taking a side in yet another diplomatic flare up between the United States and Venezuela”.

Linton noted that Skerrit had labeled the US action as “unfair and inexplicable” but that he “made no mention of the US concerns of undemocratic governance, criminalization of legitimate protest action, violation of human rights, public corruption and provocative anti-US diplomatic posturing by Caracas”.

<http://www.caribbean360.com/news/>

SWEDOM:s årsmöte 2015

Lördagen den 18 april hos

Small Island Chocolates & Coffee

Tid: 16.00-18.00.

Plats: Timmermansgatan 26, Södermalm, Stockholm.

Förslag till dagordning för årsmötet, se nedan.
Övriga handlingar delas ut på årsmötet.

Efter årsmötet en gemensam måltid på Restaurang
Timmermans 1857, Timmermansgatan 35, kl. 18.30.

Du kan välja mellan följande rätter:

Lamminnerfilé, rödvinsås, primörer, rostad tomat & potatisterrin	195:-
Grillad kycklingfilé, bacon, spetskål, timjan, parmesansås, potatis & madeirasky	175:-
Timmermans fisk & skaldjursgryta, lax, torsk, räkor, musslor, grönsaker & saffransaioli	199:-
Smörstekt röding, sparris, bladspenat, skaldjursås & tunnskalig potatis	198:-
Vegetarisk Mousaka	170:-

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Förslag 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 2014
9. Resultaträkning
10. Revisionsberättelse
11. Ansvarsfrihet för styrelsen
12. Beslut om medlemsavgift
13. Verksamhetsplan och budget för 2015
14. Val av styrelseledamöter m.fl.
 - ordinarie ledamöter
 - styrelsesuppleanter
 - revisorer
 - valberedning
15. Val av ordförande för 2015
16. Övriga frågor
17. Årsmötets avslutande

Nomineringar

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

I valberedningen ingår Lars Eriksson (sammankallande), Maj Rönnegård och Leif Ståhl. Kontakta Lars Eriksson, telefon bostaden 08 643 26 80, e-post lars.sthlm.eriksson@bredband.net senast den 10 april.



Under mottot "Dominica – The Nature Island in The Caribbean" medverkade SWEDOM på TUR mäsan i Göteborg 20-22 mars. Efter litet olika turer från mässans sida fick vi en större monter än vi bokat. Det var ett bra läge och vi hade många besökare. Många besökare tror att Dominica är Dominikanska republiken. Men många som kom till vår monter hade verkligen besökt "vårt land" Dominica.

SWEDOM:s styrelse 2014

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Berith Granath och Lars Örtemark är också ordinarie ledamöter och Lars är vice ordförande.

Birgitta Brydolf, Per Brydolf, Gunnel Tollmar, Anders Wretling och Liz Wretling är suppleanter.