



## PEACE & PLENTY NEWSLETTER - FALL 2011

George Town, Exuma – Bahamas

Club Peace and Plenty is pleased to send our Warmest Greetings to our Guests and hope you will enjoy the latest news from Exuma Island from the Ownership, Management and Staff of the Peace and Plenty.

The Peace and Plenty Bonefish Lodge has been sold to the Mendoza Family (who has a fantastic home on the site of the old Sand Dollar Beach Club on Little Exuma.). It's undecided at this time, if the resort will be opened as a family resort or held as a private enclave. For those who are ardent bonefishing aficionados... all is not lost. Magnolia, the P&P Manager in conjunction with Karen formally of the Bonefish Lodge, can book all your favorite fishing guides and provide deluxe accommodations at the Club. Call Mag at the Club 1-800-525-2210 or email Karen [info@ppbonefishlodge.com](mailto:info@ppbonefishlodge.com).

Landmark Library...the oldest public building on Exuma, some 75 yards from the P&P, has been given a facelift in the construction of a new roof arranged by the Exuma Foundation and local Veterinarian Howard DeYoung. The old wooden building has served the community well and with charm and grace.

The last 31 units at the Grand Isle condo development near the Sandals Resort is reported to be under contract by a Canadian Company and will change hands early next year. A new Management team is currently in place.

We are sad to report taxi driver BoBo Ferguson has died of a heart attack while at Stocking Island. He was a gentleman and will be missed.

The old George Town main dock reconstruction program has been dealt a setback by Hurricane Irene. New contracts have now been awarded to repair the storm damage and to complete the original rebuilding requirements.

Speaking of Hurricane Irene...Exuma had some damage, but averted any loss of life. The Peace and Plenty's Fall refurbishing effort also suffered a setback, but thanks to Tom Sutton and Glen Turtle our Maintenance Guru's, the Club is almost ready to welcome our first guests for the rapidly approaching High Season.

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Employee of the Issue



**ANNETTE DIANNE MCKENZIE**

‘Beautiful, Outgoing and Down to Earth’, are some of the words used to describe our ‘Employee of the Issue’. She is a resident of Stuart Manor, Great Exuma and has been employed by the Peace and Plenty since September 1996. Her first assignment placed her in charge of the Peace and Plenty Boutique where, after 5 years, she was transferred to Guest Relations... then to Reservations and the Front Desk.

Annette is the proud Mother of two sons...6 year old Tayshaun and 3 year old Trevann and a 6 month old daughter Taymah. She loves working at the Peace and Plenty and believes we should always give our guests the ‘ultimate service’ ...going above and beyond their expectations thus encouraging ‘Repeat Customers’ for life.

The Peace and Plenty is proud to have Annette in our Family.

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#### Calendar of Events

A special thanks to the Exuma Ministry of Tourism office for the following Calendar of Events. We have selected only a few of the full schedule for the winter season:

December 15, 2011 Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony at Regatta Park where locals and visitors gather together to sing carols and see performances leading to the Grand Finale when the Park is transformed with thousands of Christmas lights.

January 13, 2012 Visitor's Reception in appreciation for their continued support, the Ministry of Tourism welcomes our visitors, winter residents and cruising community to enjoy Bahamian music by local entertainers, succulent native dishes, treats and more. Come and bring the family to an afternoon of tea, pastries and Bahamian Bahamian hospitality.

February 25, 2012 Yuma Arts Art and Craft Show features a wide variety of Exuma- made crafts, such as shell, sand and fish scale jewelry, intricate conch shell carvings, Paintings, straw products and lots more. All items are on sale.

February 25 - March 10, 2012 George Town Cruising Regatta is 12 days of fun and activities for visiting cruisers, visitors and Exumians. Enjoy two days of sailing as well as a spectacular conch blowing contest, Variety Show, Softball competition and lots more family fun-filled activities.

March 15 to 17, 2012 Bahamian Music and Heritage Festival featuring renown local Artists in a Thursday evening of Gospel explosion. The Festival also presents an awesome line-up of the Bahamas' most popular and talented musicians. Arts and Crafts along with Bahamian cuisine will also be available for sale.

March 30, 2012 People to People Tea Party presents a delightful afternoon of tea, pastries and Bahamian hospitality. For this and any of the other Events, please Contact the Exuma Tourist Office in George Town at 1-242-336-2430

April 24 - 28, 2012 National Family Island Regatta. Five days of sailing Bahamian Native sloops in Elizabeth Harbor...a tradition that has started from 1954 and today is one of the oldest and important Regattas in the Bahamas. Available rooms are in short supply so book early.

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#### Handicapped Accessible

A new handicapped accessible ramp was recently completed at the front entrance of the Club, providing handicap access to the sidewalk in front of the Government Building next door and opening the opportunity to visit the Straw Market on the corner and on to Scotia bank, the Supermarket and into the center of George Town. Our Middle and West Wings also provide suitable handicapped rooms, so when making reservations, please make your special needs known.

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#### Up in the Air!

It has been reported that Air Canada has had an excellent load factor this fall with its twice weekly Toronto/Exuma jets...and it has developed a growing popularity, not only with the Canadian Passengers, but also with the Europe/Exuma business.

Another popular route has been the Delta Atlanta/Exuma jet service, which offers a mid-American option to our usual American Airlines out of Miami and Continental Connection out of Ft. Lauderdale/Hollywood. Bahamasair and Sky are still providing multi-daily Nassau flights.

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#### Great Exuma-Great Food

Some of you will remember Mrs. Jeanne Benjamin's wonderfully popular cookbook, 'Great Exuma - Great Food' sold at the hotel for many years. Here is her recipe for her famous Grouper Fingers:

1. Mash one small Red Pepper in 1 tsp of lime juice.
2. Drizzle over fingers along with salt, pepper, Worcestershire sauce and garlic salt...and sit to marinate.
3. Crush Ritz Crackers into crumbs and roll fingers in flour, dip in beaten egg and dredge in crumbs.
4. Fry in half inch of oil until golden brown.
5. Open a Kalik (optional) and enjoy your island treat.



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We hope you enjoyed this little piece of Exuma and that you will visit us this winter. When the wind begins to blow and the snow starts falling... remember the stunning late afternoons sitting at the Reef Bar, starring at the azure Elizabeth Harbor and sipping one of Doc's famous 'Libations'! Come visit us... come home to Exuma!

Warmest regards,

*Barry, David, Magnolia, Bob, Charlie, Tom and the entire Peace & Plenty Family.*