

Club Peace & Plenty, Beach Inn and the Bonefish Lodge would like to dedicate this issue of the Newsletter to the memory of our dear and loving friend, and owner, Mrs. Jeanne Ruth Benjamin. Mrs. "B" passed away on April 8, 2003. She will be sorely missed, but will live on in our hearts forever.

We send our warmest greetings from your home away from home, PEACE & PLENTY, and promise you that the magic of Exuma continues to fascinate old and new friends alike. The P&P family is working harder than ever to improve every department to better meet our guests' needs and to make your next trip the most memorable.

Coming and Going

Kudos to Charlie Pflueger, our "Manager-Emeritus", who filled the Club P&P Manager position this past Season. We give our heartfelt thanks and appreciation to Charlie; for his good nature, hard work and dedication.

Although we are sorry to see him go, we are very excited about announcing his replacement. MR. NEVILLE LEE-CHOY has accepted the position of Club P&P Manager. Neville comes to us with a vast background in Hotel and Restaurant Management. He started his career at the Shaw Park Hotel in Ocho Rios, Jamaica, and pursued an education in the culinary field. He managed LAS PALMAS HOTEL in South Andros, Bahamas for Resorts International for four years and has always dreamed of going back to the Bahamas. He resigned from his position of the past 14 years as General Manager of Swiss Chalet in Delray Beach, Florida and is eager to begin a new and exciting hands-on career at the PEACE AND PLENTY. We are pleased to announce that the food and service has already improved greatly.

We would also like to introduce our accountant, PAUL PRINGLE. Paul has been with the company for a year now, and divides his time between the Ft. Lauderdale office and Exuma. Paul was born and raised in Jamaica, attended California State University (where he earned his M.B.A.) and lived in California with his family before relocating to South Florida a few years ago. He provides a necessary and important link between the Management office, the hotels on the island and the owners.

With progress, comes change, and with the development of the FOUR SEASONS RESORT at Emerald Bay, and a recent deal made with Peter and Wendell Murphy to build on Crab Cay, strides are being made to make traveling to Exuma easier and more convenient for the client.

Airline Update

LYNX AIR International now offers online booking. C. A. Sutherland of Lynx Air recently spent a few days on the island orienting our staff and other business owners to the new system. You can access their website by going to www.lynxairinternational.com to check availability, or make your own reservations. AMERICAN EAGLE is set to go to three flights per day from Miami this winter, and there is talk of GULFSTREAMCONTINENTAL flying to Exuma from Ft. Lauderdale on a daily basis, and also USAir from Charlotte, North Carolina non-stop.

Developments

This from Emerald Bay...The FOUR SEASONS RESORT, Great Exuma at Emerald Bay will open in November this year with 183 guest rooms and suites all facing the secluded bay. The Resort will feature a GREG NORMAN-designed 18-hole golf club; a full-service spa and health club; a tennis club; two swimming pools and a children's pool; two restaurants and a lounge. A 17-acre deepwater marina will also be open for next spring, and will service crafts up to 200' in length. By the way...PEACE & PLENTY guests will be welcome to play the 18 hole course.

CRAB CAY, a new development breaking ground, is poised to take off. Plans call for a gated community of luxury Estate homes on a lush, private 200-acre island in between multiple islands. A private state-of-the-art marina will accommodate vessels up to 91 meters. A good friend of the P&P, Charlie Pullen, is overseeing the project. We certainly wish Charlie the best on his new project.

Plans are also afoot to renovate and enlarge the airport, which is overdue. PRIME MINISTER PERRY CHRISTIE, and MINISTER OF WORKS, BRADLEY ROBERTS have made this a priority. The airport will receive a new International lounge for the larger airplanes flying to Exuma from Europe and the U.S.

The Government of the Bahamas has recently committed to build and operate a Reverse Osmosis system to feed all of George Town with fresh, potable water.

An old friend, THE OUT ISLAND BEACH RESORT AND SPA is set to start rebuilding at the end of July; the forecast is to reopen by the winter season of 2004. This will be a 90 room all-inclusive for families.

Palm Bay Beach Club has recently completed their second phase of cottages and Phase III has started and should be completed in November, 2003.

Vision

It is important to stress to friends and family of the PEACE AND PLENTY that we are committed to be the same family type hotel that you have supported over the past 40 odd years and we shall always be here. Although there may be some cosmetic changes to our hotel, as we are constantly improving our product. The warmth, camaraderie and family attitude will remain the same. We are committed to the improvement of Exuma in every way, shape and form, and we shall impress upon new players to our island to ensure that we never violate the environmental aspects of our little island paradise. Barry Benjamin will be vigilant at all times to ensure that this takes place. The P&P staff is showing their dedication by adopting a section of Queen's Highway in front of each hotel; let's help out by putting our trash in the proper receptacles.

These days, you never know who will pop up on the island. Bill Gates and Warren Buffet were seen having breakfast at the P&P Club recently, joining the long list of "celebrities" who have visited the Peace & Plenty over the years.

One of the most beloved and respected actors of our time, and long-time resident of Exuma, HUME CRONYN, passed away this past spring. He was an important Member of the Board of the EXUMA RESOURCE CENTER, and a great lover of all things "Exumian." Our staff loved to see him settle into "his spot" at the end of Lermon's pool bar overlooking Elizabeth Harbour, pipe in hand and stories to tell. We will all miss his familiar smile and great wit.

Graphic Designer, Deb Goulding of Duo-Design, Inc. of Ft. Lauderdale, and professional photographer, Dominic Marsden, are currently creating new brochures; one for the Club and one for the Beach Inn.

Web News

Check out a new feature on our website www.peaceandplenty.com and visit our 360 degree virtual tour of all three hotels and can be read in 3 more languages, French, Italian and Spanish. The site has also been nominated for the first ever Bahamas Web Design Award.

Great Happenings

The Robert Nesbitt Family Reunion took place at Club P&P for the third year in a row the week of the 16th of June. Twentyone family members gathered from all over the country and had a ball. We encourage all our guests to think about planning a family reunion at the PEACE & PLENTY and making it an annual tradition as the Nesbitt's have done. Their group grows in number each year and they can't wait until next June to do it again!

Lynne Sutton of the Beach Inn has started a local children's fundraiser to raise money to spay island pets. Veterinarian, Dr. Howard DeYoung performs the surgery right on Exuma. Crafts, made by the children, and sold at Stocking Island Beach Club, are made out of seashells and sand dollars and are quite impressive.

You can visit with Dora Lee and her cat "Islander" on your next trip to Stocking Island. Islander has become a beloved resident of the beach and can be found wading in the surf awaiting Dora Lee (and her conchburger mix) in the morning or sleeping in a wheelbarrow or amongst the straw baskets. He will even follow you to the ocean side of the island and walk along with you on the beach. Everyone says "Islander has the life!" Islander was the first recipient of Lynne's spaying program. Speaking of Stocking Island, we are currently building a new women's restroom, extending the restaurant's front deck and new barbeque grills.

Employee of the Issue

Our "Employee of the Issue" is Villard Francois, a.k.a. "Willie." Willie has worked for the P&P for fourteen years and has spent most of that time at the Beach Inn. Willie wears many hats; he is the gardener, shuttle bus driver, handyman, and allround maintenance man. Lately, he has become Tom Sutton's right hand man. Willie is assisting Tom painting rooms, plumbing, building a new sea wall, watering the many lovely new flowers and fruit trees that have been planted at the Inn and learning all he can from Tom. He is always willing to lend a hand and work hard. Willie is originally from Haiti, and has three children: Vilaine who is 26 years old, Roselaine 25, and Vilama 21 years old. Willie's beautiful girlfriend, Rosie, also works at the Beach Inn as a housekeeper. Keep up the good work, Willie!

Staff News

Barry Benjamin and family (Rebecca, Emily and Mary) took an Alaskan cruise with family from Ohio and Florida this past June. Everyone had a wonderful time and saw humpback whales, went kayaking with seals and enjoyed watching bald eagles.

Lisa Rolle, Manager of the PEACE & PLENTY Boutique, gave birth to a beautiful baby boy on May 27, 2003. His name is Andrew Craig Sears. Congratulations, Lisa!

On a sadder note, Ms. Kathleen Flowers McPhee, who recently resigned a longstanding position with the P&P in the Housekeeping department, passed away on June 8, 2003. Ms. Kathleen was a much beloved staff member and we offer our condolences to her family and all her P&P friends.

It is with great difficulty, and sadness that we must tell you about the loss of a child. Kayla Rolle, waitress at the BEACH INN, and her husband Buzzy, lost their three year old son, Christopher on June 29, 2003 to a very sudden illness. Kayla and Buzzy have two older boys. There are no words sufficient to express our sadness for Kayla but because the Peace and Plenty is like one big family, we will all be there for them in their time of mourning and healing.

The PEACE AND PLENTY BONEFISH LODGE's popular restaurant will remain open every Saturday night in the off-season. In addition to its regular menu, the Lodge will offer Chinese stir-fry and shrimp, lobster or conch fried rice. Phase I of the back deck development has been completed with the addition of a salt water pool. Phase II is slated for the fall with plans to build a barbeque pit and more seating.

The BEACH INN is putting in a new seawall and also painting and renovating their rooms. Look for new colors, curtains, and spreads the next time you check in! With the help of decorator, Eileen Newberry, working closely with Tom and Lynn, the BEACH INN rooms are getting a refreshing new look.

Exuma Foundation News

Professor Rich Stoffle and seventeen students from the University of Arizona have spent two weeks staying at the RESOURCE CENTRE dormitory and carrying out research into local attitudes to the establishment of Marine Protected Areas around the Exumas.

The new ACTIVITIES BUILDING is in constant use for town meetings, workshops and seminars. A newly established chapter of Toastmasters International holds its meetings there as well as a fitness club and a dance program. The new building has a commercial kitchen and provides a food preparation and dining area for students staying in the dormitories.

The commitment to education in Exuma by the Benjamin family has been further underlined by the very generous gifting of the RESOURCE CENTRE property to the EXUMA FOUNDATION who will hold it in trust for the people of Exuma for the future. Anyone interested in receiving the monthly newspaper of the Exuma Sentinel should email cjkettel@batelnet.bs or call the Peace and Plenty.

AS OF AUGUST 4, 2003, WE HAVE IMPROVED THE PEACE & PLENTY RETURNING GUEST LOYALTY PROGRAM IN APPRECIATION FOR ALL YOUR PAST SUPPORT:

- (A) 2nd stay of 7 nights or more, with a total of 14 nights accumulated, receives a complimentary one day boat or car rental or snorkel trip for two.
- (B) 5 stays of at least 35 nights, receives a 10% room discount with a 7 night stay.
- (C) 10 stays of at least 70 nights, receives a 3 night complimentary room.
- (D) 20 stays of at least 140 nights, receives a complimentary room for 1 week
- (E) 30 stays of at least 210 nights, receives a complimentary room for 1 week including our meal plan for two (M.A.P.).
- (F) 40 stays of at least 280 nights, receives a complimentary room for 2 weeks.

Starting with (B) benefit plan guests may make payment with personal check. All benefits subject to government tax and service charge.

Christmas, New Years & Spring vacations are filling up. Please make your reservations early so you can pick the room you want.

**Please visit our web site at:
www.peaceandplenty.com for updates.**

Additional information and changes occur monthly, don't miss out.

Stan, Jeanne, Barry, Charlie, Bob, Magnolia, Tom & Lynn, Mady, Renae and the staffs of the Club, Beach Inn and Bonefish Lodge hope you will come visit us soon.