

Winter / Spring 2004 - Volume 25

As always, we send our warmest greetings and a generous dose of sunshine to all our friends from their home away from home **PEACE & PLENTY**. We know that many of you have experienced an unusually cold and snowy winter and we want you to know that our Managers, Neville Lee Choy at "the Club", Tom & Lynn Sutton at the Beach Inn, Bob Hyde and Magnolia Morley at the Bonefish Lodge are working extra hard to ensure that you experience "the best of the best" on your next visit to Exuma.

We believe that it is important for you to know that the **Four Seasons Resort at Emerald Bay** opened approximately November 15, 2003. A few of our old employees chose to leave the Peace & Plenty to work at Emerald Bay. We wish them well and know that they will do a good job out there. Stan Benjamin invited several of the Managers, Charlie Pflueger and Barry Benjamin to join him for dinner at the Resort. They enjoyed the food and the ambience very much. Our Winter Season is off to a great start. As of right now, we are filling up rapidly. The "regulars", (the Snells', Sposatos', Tomassos', Murfellos', Callans, and Wilms, to name a few) who come every year for 2 to 6 weeks have already committed for the last part of February to the middle of April. They can't wait to get out of the cold!

On January 23, Neville Lee Choy hosted the first "People to People" event at the Club Peace & Plenty. This is an ongoing program sponsored by the Ministry of Tourism to introduce foreign visitors to locals and to the Bahamian culture. The afternoon included High Tea, where local cuisine was introduced; including benne cake (sesame), coconut tarts and bush tea. Everyone also enjoyed a local fashion show. The event was a huge success!

Neville has the energy and talent needed to successfully run the Club. His experience in the industry is invaluable and is reflected daily in the improved service and food. Breakfast is now being served from 7 am to 10:30 am. The pool bar has introduced "Smoothies" to the already popular drink menu. These delicious new tropical drinks, (made with or without alcohol) taste especially good after a day on the beach! Try one next time you visit.

The Monday and Friday night Manager's cocktail parties have become quite the social event. You can catch up on all the gossip on the island, meet old friends, find out what's going on during your stay and enjoy delicious rum punch and hot hors d'oeuvres.

Eileen Newberry, of Design Alternatives, is working closely with Neville, Tom and Lynne to continue improving the décor and ambience in both the Club and the Inn. Look for new color schemes, drapes, spreads and small touches throughout both hotels.

Tom Sutton has moved the Exuma Scuba Dive Shop, owned by Small Hope Bay, to the Beach Inn. They built a lovely new building near the dock, which includes a storage area, sales room and a rest room. They still offer dive packages and PADI certification courses as usual.

Lynne Sutton is continuing her commitment to the animals on Exuma. Ron Francis of Palm Bay has recently donated land to build a Humane Society on the island. Mr. Benjamin had "I LUV EXUMA" buttons made which Lynne (and others) sells to raise money to spay and neuter animals and now to raise funds to build a Humane Society. Donations are always welcome. You can find the buttons at the Beach Inn or Lermon ("Doc") usually has a supply at the pool bar on hand, and has collected quite a bit of money already. Stan Benjamin has had people give up to \$10 for one button.

The Beach Inn has introduced a 'signature' dish to their menu. Try their new Lobster-burgers for lunch or coconut shrimp for dinner. Both tasty and delicious! Tom & Lynne and members of the Beach Inn staff have recently started a new business catering private planes for the many jet setters and their private pilots who are coming to Exuma daily. Whatever the client desires, from sandwiches to cheese and crackers to cognac, Lynne finds a way to fulfill all requests beautifully. Cable TV is now available at the Club and the Beach Inn, and we expect Internet access to be available in the near future.

"Club" PEACE & PLENTY, BEACH INN and BONEFISH LODGE- "The Name Says It All"

The latest word from our pilot, Walt "Mongo" Stewart is that Stan Benjamin has made a considerable investment in newly overhauled engines and propellers on our Piper Aztec. The airplane is just out of a fresh annual inspection and is in exceptional condition. We expect to get many more years of service out of N40465, the Blue, White and Gold aircraft for Peace & Plenty.



Plans are underway to renovate and improve the Beach Club on Stocking Island. Renovations will include enlarging the rest room facilities, re-roofing the picnic table shelters and some much needed renovation to the main building. We promise you Doralee's famous cheeseburgers and conchburgers will be as delicious as ever! A Kalik never tastes as good as it does with one of her burgers! Of course nothing will ever change the amazing natural beauty of Stocking Island. Each Wednesday afternoon, Neville, Tom & Lynn are assisting Doralee with the weekly BBQ cookout. This event, which takes place in Season, has become quite the popular tradition with the boaters and our guests. Items featured are grouper filet, breast of

chicken, burgers, hot dogs and spareribs. Delicious! Speaking of Stocking Island, we are currently in the process of looking for a new ferryboat that will be able to pull right up to the beach, making access much easier for our passengers.

Other News

Recently, the **Club, Beach Inn and Palm Bay Beach Club** sponsored a community project to paint and renovate the Moss Town Primary School. They, along with about 15 boaters and locals, spent a Saturday re-painting the whole school. Photographs were taken by Chris Kettel of the Exuma Resource Center. The school looks as good as new and everyone enjoyed participating in such a worthwhile endeavor. The development on **Crab Cay** has begun and our good friend Charlie Pullen, who is overseeing the project, thinks there will eventually be about 22 or more very exclusive and expensive home-sites, plus a 40 - 60 room boutique hotel. Right now they are in the process of deciding whether they are going to build a bridge to cross over to the island from the mainland.

Business is booming at the Bonefish Lodge. The word is definitely out that the P&P Bonefish Lodge is considered first class throughout the world. The restaurant is now open for dinner four nights a week. Menu items include fresh fish, cracked conch and lobster fettucine. Visit their website at www.ppbonefishlodge.com and take a virtual tour.

Glen Turtle, head of the Maintenance department, is putting up a 2400 square foot metal storage building across the street from the Club, down the hill. He hopes to be finished in April.

The Peace & Plenty Boutique is now offering "name drop" merchandise with the P&P logo so you can proudly wear our name in your hometown. We have sweatshirts, t-shirts, shorts, cute two-piece sets for the younger generation as well as hats and apparel for adults and kids. We are slowly introducing new stock, as well as carrying the old favorites i.e. Androsia fabric, Isles of Eden books and our cookbook, "Great Exuma, Great Food." We would love to hear any suggestions from you as to what you would like us to carry, from amenities to books to clothing. Your ideas are welcome. Visit Nicky in the shop across the street from the Club. She will hook you up with anything you need. The Beach Inn is now offering quite a bit of the merchandise, as well as seashell crafts, Androsia print items and much more.

Barry Benjamin left for Paris for a Dive Show in early February. From there he goes to Milan, Italy to represent the P&P at B.I.T., a major European Tour Operator event. The Italian office of the Bahamian Tourist Office has always been a strong supporter of the P&P and we always enjoy all of our European visitors. Mady Eisenberg will be representing us as a member of the Out Island Promotion Board at the Palm Beach Post Travel Show in West Palm Beach Florida. She has some great new photographs of our suites and properties that will be sure to draw some attention. If you

haven't had a chance to see the three suites at the Club, please ask for a tour (if un-booked). They give you the feeling that you can just kick off your shoes, put your feet up on the coffee table, gaze out at the harbor and feel like you are in a dream. Paul Pringle, C.F.O. who works out of the Ft. Lauderdale office, has had a major and positive impact on ensuring and improving the overall operations of the resorts. We are always looking for new ways to improve business, service and style.

CHESTER



KIERRA



Ron Francis, of the **Palm Bay Beach Club**, is going ahead with expanding his project. He is building more cottages on the sea side. His rentals are doing very well. As well as donating land for the Humane Society, Ron has also generously donated a building on his property for use as an Art and Artifacts of Exuma Museum. The museum will be open to the public. Many thanks go out to Ron and Betty for their generosity and community spirit.

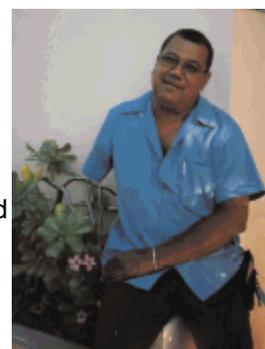
Construction at **Out Island Inn Beach Resort** starts up again the end of February. A Quantity Survey has recently concluded, making it possible for Jeff Smith to submit plans for approval and apply for the Hotel Encouragement Act. **Raymond Sears**, along with a group from the UK, just received their glass bottom boat that will be running cruises in Elizabeth Harbor. They are hoping to offer cruises to Four Seasons guests as well as other properties, such as ours. Tennis courts have been built at **February Point** and are available for play to the public.

The PGA-Greg Norman golf course at **Emerald Bay** is open and t-times are available to non-Four Seasons guests for \$215 a round. Word is that it is a difficult, but beautiful course.

Continental Connection/Gulfstream Airlines recently began direct service from Ft. Lauderdale four times weekly. Their "in flight" magazine, **Air Currents** featured Exuma in the latest issue and there are some fantastic photos of the Peace and Plenty in the pages. Look for Leron's smiling face in one of them. **American Eagle** continues to fly to Exuma three times daily from Miami making accessibility to the island much more convenient. The airport in Moss Town is currently under construction and will have separate terminals for arrivals and departures. Please don't hesitate to contact us for further flight information.

Employee of the Issue

Glenroy (Glen) Turtle is our much beloved Employee of the Issue. Glen has been with the Peace and Plenty organization since September of 1973. He has devoted over 30 years of twenty-four hour a day service to the hotels. To say that Glen has almost "single-handedly" kept the air conditioning, plumbing, water supply, generators and all things mechanical running is ironically true. Glen lost his arm in a boating accident shortly after being hired at the Peace and Plenty. This handicap has not stopped him for one moment from performing tasks that no one would think possible with one hand. Glen has broken the mold. He even drives a forklift! Of course Glen has had wonderful co-workers in his department, but it is his expertise that we have all benefited from. Glen also owns a Laundromat in Georgetown operated by his wife Laverne. He is father to six children; Trevor, Nitza, Iman, Glendon, Garvin, Latravia and Monique. He has four grandchildren, Eric, Trevelle, Drinique and Angel. Some of you may know and remember Trevor who ran the



Stocking Island ferry boat for years, and Garvin, who is now a diving instructor with Exuma Scuba. Congratulations, Glen. We couldn't have done it without you!

Employee and Friend News

On December 10, 2003, Magnolia Morley, Manager of the Bonefish Lodge, gave birth to a 9 lb 8 oz beautiful baby girl, Kamryn Arianna. We send our very best and heartiest congratulations to the new Mom!

Lermon Rolle, the Club's "bartender-extraordinaire", was recently interviewed by a film crew that was shooting in the Out Islands. Lermon is definitely the "star" of the Peace and Plenty and a great asset to tourism in the Bahamas.

We would like to congratulate Keiron Sears for achieving a 4.0 average at the St. Andrews Independent School in George Town. Keiron is the son of the Club's Room Manager, Shayvonne Deveaux. Shayvonne is, and should be very proud of his academic success. Keep up the good work Keiron.! On Friday, February 6th, a memorial service was held at St. Andrews Church for long time resident of Exuma and board member of the Exuma Foundation, Hume Cronyn, 91, who passed away June 15, 2003. Mr. Cronyn came to Exuma from Canada in the 1940's, once owned and lived on Children's Bay Cay, and most recently resided on Goat Cay. His son, daughter and wife Susan attended the ceremonies along with approximately 50 guests. Kermit Rolle gave the "As I Knew Him" address.

A good friend to the Peace & Plenty and a well-loved member of the community, Wendell Cooper passed away. Wendell was the Captain of the fishing boat, Interlude. We send our deepest condolences to Wendell's family, and wife, Karen.

We would like to encourage everyone to think about holding reunions at the Peace & Plenty. Bob Nesbitt and his family have made it a tradition every June, and we have also held reunions for many Bahamian families. It is a wonderful place to get together, create new adventures and catch up on what's going on in everyone else's life. Our staff will be happy to help you make arrangements.

West Indian Barbecued Bananas



Use firm bananas. Slit skins along one side and grill in the skins until charred and soft. Open out the skins and use as plate and serve with lime slices and a sprinkling of rum and sugar.

Pat Adney
Jimmy Hill, Exuma

Green plantain or green banana may be used in boiled fish~ Boiled, diced and used as potatoes in potato salad~ Added to Pea Soup and doughboy they impart a special flavor~ Sliced and fried they may be served as a vegetable or dessert.

Please visit our website at:
www.peaceandplenty.com for updates

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

Stan, Barry, Neville, Tom, Lynne, Bob, Magnolia, Mady, Paul and the staffs of the Club, Beach Inn and Bonefish Lodge hope you will come visit us soon.