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TURTLE TALES

(The Green Turtle Club Newsletter)

Fall 2000

Coming Events:

Abaco Cultural Society Fund Raising Party - December 1

For information, call Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Theile (242) 365-4094

Concert Under The Stars - December 2

Open-air concert featuring a wide range of tunes, from Broadway hits to traditional Christmas favorites by top local and international performing artists. At the Garden Theater, Black Sound, Green Turtle Cay,

For information, call Alton Lowe at 242-365-4264

Dances For The Holiday Spirit - Dec 9

Featuring performances by the 12 member Momentum Dance Company, Miami's oldest established dance company. 7:30pm, the Garden Theater, Black Sound, Green Turtle Cay. (242) 365-4094

Architectural Preservation Foundation Wine Tasting Party- Dec 13

Annual fund raising party, this years theme; " A Pictorial History of New Plymouth".

White Sound, Green Turtle Club

Alton Lowe & James Mastin Art Exhibition - month of December

A month long exhibition featuring the paintings of one of the Bahamas' foremost artist, Alton Lowe, and the works by well known American master sculptor James Mastin). Daily, except Sunday at Lowe Art Gallery, Black Sound, Green Turtle Cay. (242) 365-4094.

Junkanoo Parade through the streets of New Plymouth - Jan 1

The colorful Green Turtle Cay Junkanoo Parade is the largest of it's kind in Abaco

Greetings from Green Turtle Cay and our Fall Issue of "Turtle Tales". Featured in this issue are a farewell to Erma, one of the Club's all time favorite employees, a story on Abaco's Golden Girl, Sevatheda Fynes, and the results of this years "un-official" All-Abaco Bahamian Workboat Regatta.

This year's fall season was met with a huge collective sigh of relief from the residents and friends of Abaco as the forecasted above average hurricane season never materialized. The peace and tranquility has been in welcome contrast to last year's sounds of chain saws and power tools as Abaco rebuilt from the aftermath of Floyd. As summer's holiday makers sadly melt back into their worlds of school, work and car pools, Abaco goes into semi-hibernation with just a small loyal group of vacationers around to enjoy the run of the land. Everyone always asks just where do we all go for a vacation when we already live in paradise? Washington D.C., Cape Cod, North Carolina and Disney World were just a few of the "ports of call" made by the GTC family for this years vacations. Of course not everyone left the Cay, fishing and just laying around after a busy summer season were the choices for some of the gang.

A Farewell to Erma



There were a lot of mixed emotions at the recent retirement party for employee Erma Cornish. Happiness for her upcoming wedding to long time fiancée, Lindsey Burrows, but also a great deal of sadness as everyone said good-bye to such a wonderful and popular lady. Poor Pat, Erma's roommate, couldn't hold back the tears as she bid her farewell. Always the life of the party, Erma, also known as "Lady in Red" for her vibrant red dresses when out dancing (and can she ever dance!), has brought many years of joy and happiness to fellow workers and guests alike. Born on April Fools Day (which might explain her propensity for practical jokes) in the tiny settlement of Mount Hope, Abaco.

Erma first came to the Club as a teen to help her mother, Chef Shorty Cornish, in the Club kitchen. She then became a waitress and discovered how much she enjoyed the interaction with the Club guests. Erma eventually moved to Grand Cay in northern Abaco to marry and raise four children but, much to the delight of her extended family at the Club, returned in the late 80's to once again add a little mischief to the girl's dorm.

After a December 2nd wedding in Nassau, Erma and son, Omar, will be moving to Matthew Town, Inagua to join Lindsey who is working on assignment there with the Bahamas Telephone Company (Batelco). Matthew Town, home of the native Pink Flamingos, Morton Salt Company and now the Lady in Red, may never be the same!

Sevatheda Fynes - Abaco's Golden Girl



The Green Turtle Club recently played host to a gold medal celebration for Sevatheda Fynes, a member of the Bahamas World Champion and Olympic Gold Medal winning 4x100 Meter Relay Team at the 2000 Olympics in Sydney, Australia. Sevatheda was one of 3 Bahamians to reach the finals of the Women's 100 Meter Run won by Marion Jones of the USA., The girls got their revenge on Marion and Company with a convincing gold medal victory in the relay. The victory was especially sweet after the girls had come away from the Atlanta Olympics with silver after being edged out for the gold by the USA.

Sevatheda comes from the tiny settlement of Fire Road, just south of Coopers Town on the Island of Great Abaco. Her considerable athletic talents were noticed by college recruiters whilst she was a student at C. R. Walker High School and after graduation she accepted a full scholarship to Michigan State University. As a Spartan, Sevatheda went on to become the NCAA Champion in both the 100 and 200 meters. She currently holds the Bahamian National Record in the 100 meters and has posted this years fastest time in the world in the 60 meters.

Sevatheda is shown receiving a big welcome back home to Abaco from the Green Turtle Club's official "Ambassador of Fun", Lewis (Louie Louie) Dames. Rumor has it that in addition to winning a gold medal, Sevatheda will also receive VIP taxi service from cousin Omri, owner and operator of Taxi 14, Green Turtle Cay's one and only taxi service.

All Abaco Bahamian Workboat Regatta



This years All Abaco Bahamian Workboat Regatta suffered a large setback when rough seas and high winds prevented most of the fleet from making the offshore crossing to Abaco. Many of the competitors were forced to layover in Nassau and only a few were finally able to make the journey. The seas finally did settle but the lack of racers forced Race Officials to cancel the official regatta and hold an un-official race for those who had come. In the un-official race, Old Courageous from Ragged Island took first place honors followed by the local favorites and last years defending champions, Abaco Rage, with New Courageous in third place and Sea Star from Nassau finishing fourth. The unfortunate turn of events was a bitter

disappointment to Abaco's Administrator, Everet Hart, who has been the main driving force behind the annual regatta. "There is always next year" seems to be the always positive attitude of the race committee.

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