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## Ordföranden har Ordet Hej alla SWEDOM vänner!

Hoppas att ni haft en fin vår!

Först vill jag tacka för det förnyade förtroendet att få vara ordförande ett år till. Jag ska tillsammans med er göra mitt bästa för att verksamhetsplanen följs. Det var en bra anslutning på vårt årsmöte på Small Island Chocolates & Coffee och middagen på Restaurang Sjögräs var fantastisk. Inte minst för att maten var Karibieninfluerad.

I dag tänkte jag berätta en glad nyhet om en groda. Mountain Chicken Frog (kycklinggroda) är utrotningshotad. Kycklinggrodan är en av världens största grodarter men tyvärr också en av de mest utrotningshotade i Karibien. En kycklinggroda kan väga upp till ett kilo och har sitt hem på Dominica och Montserrat i Små Antillerna.

Det lilla antal som finns håller på att bli färre p.g.a. en elak svampsjukdom som sprider sig. Sjukdomen har hittills dödat ca 300 grodor på Dominica. En grupp forskare från Storbritannien uppmärksammade sjukdomen och att den spritt sig till Montserrat. De startade en räddningsinsats och ca 50 grodor räddades, varav hälften flögs till Storbritannien och hälften till Sverige. Grodorna vistas nu

på Parken Zoo i Eskilstuna.

Helene Olsson, djurparkschefen, hälsar att grodorna mår bra. Hon och hennes medarbetare är mycket glada över samarbetet och att kunna göra en insats för grodorna. Kycklinggrodorna har anpassat sig väl. De har stor aptit och hanarna började direkt uppvakta honorna, vilket är två goda tecken. Inte minst mot bakgrund av att de knappt sett människor tidigare och att de nyligen forslats till andra sidan jordklotet i små trälådor. De är mycket annorlunda jämfört med svenska grodor. Bortsett storleken på ca ett kilo så blåser hanarna upp sig och går till angrepp när skötarna ska mata dem.

Ni Dominicavänner som ännu inte haft möjlighet att se en Mountain Chicken Frog rekommenderas varmt att besöka djurparken i Eskilstuna.

Från grodor till nästa medlemsmöte. Nästa möte hålls traditionsenligt hos Bosse Hallberg på Stora Saxaren. Hoppas att vi ses!

*Ha en skön sommar önskar Ruthine*

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## Medlemsträff på Stora Saxaren



Välkommen till SWEDOM:s medlemsträff på Stora Saxaren i Stockholms skärgård, nu för 9:e året i rad, SÖNDAGEN den 14 JUNI 2009!  
Läs mer på sista sidan.

# Government launches US\$ 3.2 million dollars Carib Territory Community Capacity Building Project

By Emmanuel H. Joseph, Government Information Service

On the 26th of January, 2009, Government Officials and residents of the Carib Territory gathered at the Sineku Resource Center to witness the official launching of a historic landmark project, the Carib Territory Community Capacity Building Project. The project itself has been in the making for over ten (10) years and dates back to 1997 when the Government of the Commonwealth of Dominica requested moneys from the Caribbean Development Bank (CDB) to fund a water project for the Carib Territory.



Dr. Charles J. Corbette, the Ministry of Carib Affairs.

Dr. Charles J. Corbette, Development Officer in the Ministry of Carib Affairs, gave an overview of the project. According to him, the project is jointly funded by the CDB and the Government of Dominica to the tune of 3.2 million US dollars (USD\$3 200 000) or 8.6 million East Caribbean dollars (XCD\$8 600 000) of which 2.486 million US dollars (USD\$ 2 486 000) comes as a loan from CDB with a grant of two hundred and fifty-nine thousand US dollars (USD\$259 000) from its special fund resources. Over 1.6 million East Caribbean dollars (XCD\$1 600 000) comes as counter-part funding from the Government of Dominica. The loan is payable in thirty years inclusive of a ten year grace period at a fix interest rate of 2.5% per annum.

Dr. Corbette went on to say that there are major benefits to be derived from the project inclusive of poverty reduction.

“The major benefits of the project are as follows: reduction in poverty through improved access to physical, social and economic resources; improved agricultural output; increased net tourist expenditure and increased in employment and income.”

Parliamentary Representative for the Salybia

Constituency, Hon. Kelly Graneau, thanked the Caribbean Development Bank, the Government of Dominica, and former Carib Chief, Garnette Joseph for their efforts in seeing the project to fruition. He singled out Mr. Joseph for his hard work that he placed into seeing this project through.



Prime Minister, Hon. Roosevelt Skerit.

In the meanwhile, Prime Minister, Hon. Roosevelt Skerit, spoke of Government's continued efforts in assisting the Kalinago people and pointed out numerous projects being undertaken in the Carib Territory.

“For its part, the Government of Dominica has made its own interventions in the Carib Territory and to the Kalinago people.

In the field of education, increased opportunities have been made available for students attending secondary schools and institutions of higher learning both here and overseas.

In September 2008, a brand new school bus was presented to the Carib Council to transport high school students.

Presently the Government of Dominica, with the financial assistance of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, is undertaking the construction of a new primary school at Salybia to accommodate students in that catchment.”

The primary objective of the programme is to enhance the capability of residents and institutions in the Carib Territory; to plan and manage development interventions and to provide and to provide basic infrastructure and support systems for income generation. This will provide an enabling environment for investment in small and micro enterprises.

# Notiser från Dominica

## More Water Exports?

*Posted on May 25, 2009 at 01:25 PM*

PM Skerrit has said that CARICOM has agreed to examine ways to increase exports to fight the global economic crisis. The PM said the export of Dominica's water, especially within the region, was one area looked at that could help boost the local economy. Sand and aggregate were others areas he said would be looked at.

## New Board for DBS

*Posted on May 25, 2009 at 01:22 PM*

A new Board will be put in place for Dominica's national radio station, DBS. This follows allegations of problems with Board members claiming excessive allowances and such-like.

## 'No' to proposed power station

*Posted on May 25, 2009 at 01:20 PM*

People are saying 'no' to proposals for a diesel power station on the Belfast river. Critics are saying the river is too valuable a resource to destroy with a generating station, and it should be a recreational area instead.

## Fire 'could be arson'

*Posted on May 25, 2009 at 01:17 PM*

Fire officials are not ruling out arson as the cause of a fire in Stock Farm this morning. Two houses were destroyed, following what eye-witnesses say was a domestic dispute. The building were owned by Jno-Baptiste families.

## DADP to be DAPD

*Posted on May 20, 2009 at 01:26 PM*

The Dominica Association of Disabled People (DADP) is to change its name to be the D/a Association of Persons with Disabilities (DAPD).

## Pinard to stand down

*Posted on May 20, 2009 at 01:20 PM*

MP for Soufriere constituency Ian Pinard has said that he will not stand in the 2010 General Election, due to health reasons.

## OECS: yes please!

*Posted on May 20, 2009 at 01:19 PM*

Response to a consultation with the public on plans for further OECS economic co-operation has been very favourable, say ambassador Charles Maynard.

## PM: 'committed to electoral reform'

*Posted on May 11, 2009 at 01:28 PM*

PM Skerrit has said his Government is not opposed to electoral reform. He said free and fair elections were guaranteed, and that reforms will be taken to Parliament.

## Man found dead

*Posted on May 11, 2009 at 01:18 PM*

A 48-year-old man of Marigot was found dead in Concord. The body of Cecil James was found, and police are investigating.

## Drugs, money charges

*Posted on May 07, 2009 at 01:27 PM*

Police found drugs, a 2.5mm pistol and ammunition at the home of Clement Carty in Goodwill this week, police said. Carty pleaded guilty and was fined \$600 for the drugs, \$2,500 on the ammunition, and \$3,000 for possessing the firearm.

## George: 'people want me'

*Posted on May 07, 2009 at 01:25 PM*

Ambrose George has said that the people of the Roseau South Constituency have called upon him to contest the 2010 General Election. Meanwhile, PM Skerrit, speaking at the same meeting, said that he and the Labour Party will be victorious again in the next General Election.

## No new taxes, maybe

*Posted on May 07, 2009 at 01:19 PM*

PM Skerrit suggested that there might be no new taxes in the forthcoming 2009-2010 Budget. He said like many countries, no new taxes would be a response to the global economic crisis. But he didn't rule it out completely.

## Swine Flu measures

*Posted on May 06, 2009 at 01:30 PM*

Head of the D/a Air and Sea Ports has said that cruise lines are taking measures to ensure people are screened for swine flu, as well as when they arrive in Dominica. In related news, people of Castle Bruce will be able to attend a meeting today to discuss the subject of swine flu with Govt. officials. A 'mammoth' crowd is expected.

## Dr. Christian 'may' stand

*Posted on May 06, 2009 at 01:28 PM*

Dr Samuel Christian has not ruled out standing as a candidate in the next General Election. He says the Labour Party has fallen short of keeping up with its principles and goals.

## Hunter settles with BBC

*Posted on May 06, 2009 at 01:26 PM*

Calypsonian 'De Hunter' has settled with the BBC over a copyright infringement of one of his songs. The settlement is 2,500 pounds, and is hailed as a victory for copyright.

## Better standards for electricity service

*Posted on May 06, 2009 at 01:22 PM*

The Independent Regulatory Commission has put out proposed standards for the electricity service in order to get public consultation. Standards will cover various areas of electricity supply, for example reconnection of disconnected service, billing, and repairs.

## US should lift Cuban trade embargo

*Posted on March 31, 2009 at 01:25 PM*

Foreign Affairs Minister Vince Henderson says Dominica has always called for the lifting of the US trade embargo against Cuba.

## Medlemsträff på Stora Saxaren



Välkommen till SWEDOM:s medlemsträff på Stora Saxaren SÖNDAGEN den 14 JUNI 2009.

Stora Saxaren är en liten ö i Stockholms skärgård, utanför Vaxholm.

Skärgårdsbåt avgår från Stockholm omkring 08.45, stannar i Vaxholm ca 09.30 och är framme strax efter 10.00 vid Stora Saxaren. Exakta tider lämnas till dem som anmält sig, då Vaxholmsbolagets turlista är klar.

Du som har tillgång till egen båt kan givetvis komma med den. Båt går sedan tillbaka på kvällen ca kl. 19.00. Vi bjuder på mat och dryck.

För ytterligare information och anmälan kontakta Bo Hallberg (snarast men helst senast den 10/6).

*Gunnel och Bosse*

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Ulla Sundberg, Gunnel Tollmar, Liz Wretling, Lars Örtemark, Bo Hallberg och Annika Stolk är suppleanter.

## SWEDOM:s årsmöte 2009

Drygt 20 medlemmar i SWEDOM samlades till årsmöte den 18 april. Föreningen fick ett mycket trevligt mottagande på Small Island Chocolates & Coffee. Årsmötet antog styrelsens verksamhetsberättelse och ekonomiska redovisning. Verksamhetsplanen för 2009 antogs.



Duane Dove hälsar oss välkomna till Small Island Chocolates & Coffee.



Årsmötesdeltagare, f.v. Anders, Bosse, Gunnel, Liz och Lasse, lyssnar med spännt intresse.



Efter årsmötet passade många på att köpa choklad i butiken.