



NCCU NEWS

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Nevis Co-operative Credit Union Supports HIV/AIDS Awareness Initiative

The Nevis Co-operative Credit Union in an effort to maintain dialogue between itself and its scholarship beneficiaries held a meeting with them on Thursday January 18, 2007 in the **Ingle Blackett Conference Room**. Also in attendance were the parents of the scholarship holders and the Principals of the Charlestown and Gingerland Secondary Schools, Mr. Edson Elliott and Mr. Keith Glasgow.

The meeting commenced with a brief presentation by Mr. Rawle Nelson, President of a newly formed organisation, **Media In Support Of People Living With HIV/AIDS (MISOPLWHA)**. He explained that the main purpose of MISOPLWHA is to educate, sensitize and inform the media and general public on the critical and pertinent issues regarding people living with HIV/AIDS. Mr. Nelson said that the organization has produced a magazine "*Focus on HIV/AIDS*", which sought to educate the public on the epidemic that has the potential and scope to wipe out a nation.

Mr. Nelson, who contributed 200 magazines to be distributed among students in schools on Nevis, also said the organization had begun a project dubbed "**Buy a Book Save a life!**"

Following the presentation, Dwight Morton, President of the Nevis Co-operative Credit Union presented copies of the magazine to each Principal while Julet Chiverton, NCCU's Administrative Officer, presented copies of the magazine to the scholarship holders. The President concluded by thanking all in attendance, and endorsed the



NCCU commitment to the Sponsorship Programme and encouraged each student to produce good returns by their performance.

Each Principal was given the opportunity to deliver brief remarks. Both extended gracious thanks to the NCCU for playing a critical role in the development of the education system in Nevis by sponsoring a total of thirteen (13) students. They said that each student has a responsibility to work diligently not only in academic but in the wider community as an ambassador of the Credit Union. The Principals said that they were expecting each student to display brilliance at all times.

The General Manager, Mr. Sydney Newton, who chaired the proceedings, commented that each scholarship holder would be called upon to assist with the Credit Union's Advertisement and Promotion in their communities.

World Council of Credit Unions Directors Visit Nevis Co-operative Credit Union Limited (NCCU)

The Board of Directors of the World Council of Credit Unions (WOCCU) made its first visit to Nevis and the Nevis Co-operative Credit Union on Friday 1st December, 2006. The contingent of twenty-eight (28) persons included: Mr. Gary Plank (Chairman - USA), Mr. Melvin Edwards - (1st Vice Chairman - St. Kitts-Nevis), Mr. Manuel Rabines (Treasurer - Peru), Grzegorz Bierecki - (Secretary - Poland) and Mr. Pete Crear (President & CEO - USA).

Other Directors present were: Mark Bailey - (Ireland), Lic Sincrito Ifuentes - (Guatemala), John Gilbert - (Australia), Ron Hance - (USA), Sylvester Kadzola - (Malawi), Neil McDonald (New Zealand), Catherine Roberts - (USA) and



Penny Reeves - (Canada).

The World Council of Credit Unions delegation also included a number of staff members. Accompanying the WOCCU

officials were: Mr. Zenhastel Hector - (President, St. Kitts & Nevis League) and Mr. Sydney Newton - (Secretary, St. Kitts & Nevis League).



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EDITORIAL

From 'Cash Box' to 'NCCU News'

The Nevis Co-operative Credit Union Limited is regarded, in the region, as being one of the leading Credit Unions, and it prides itself for being in touch and dialoguing with its members through a number of initiatives especially sponsorships, be it in education or sports.

Up to 1995, the society communicated with its membership and the general public through a newsletter entitled 'Cash Box'. Our older members will remember, with nostalgia, the articles that would be carried by this newsletter, that would leave them satisfied that things are running good at their Credit Union. All credit must be given to the late W. E. Ingle Blackett, the founder and pioneer of the NCCU for that initiative.

Over ten years latter, the society is back with a newsletter, this time entitled 'NCCU News'. This will be welcome information to most of the members who rightly feel that the newsletter serves as the perfect avenue for them to learn first hand what is happening at their Credit Union, as opposed to being told second or even third hand, how their society is performing.

As a Credit Union that is a leader in this region, we feel that since we are in the Information Age, we should be able to share information with our shareholders through all available avenues. We are on the Internet, and our website has regular visitors. We share information through radio, television and even the local print media. We however feel that this newsletter, which will be published on a quarterly basis, will provide us a forum with which to communicate directly with the majority of our members.

While the newsletter will carry articles coming from our officers and staff, we would encourage our members to share their views by sending comments and articles to the editorial committee, which is headed by Mr Sydney Newton and has Ms Julet Chiverton as its secretary. The editorial committee will, however, have the right to edit such material submitted to us, for space and clarity.

Enjoy the reading!

A CREDIT UNION PROPERLY ANCHORED

2006: Another successful year for Nevis Co-operative Credit Union Limited

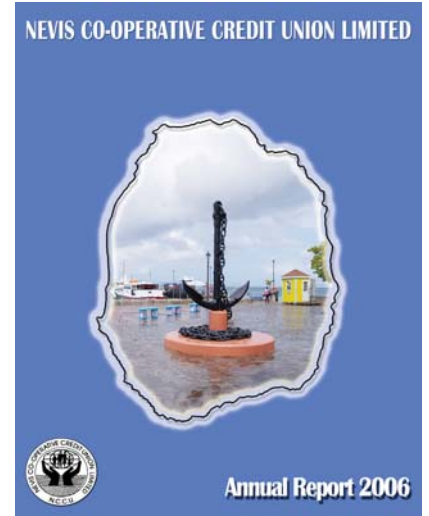
The Thirty Fourth (34th) Annual General Meeting of the Nevis Co-operative Credit Union will be held on Monday March 26, 2007 at the Methodist Church Conference Centre, Chapel Street, starting at 6:30 p.m.

Members will be pleased to know that the Society completed another profitable year of operation in 2006. It recorded growth in every area of its business activity, in spite of the sustained competition for savings and loans in the local financial services market.

During the year ended December 31, 2006, the Board of Directors successfully implemented strategies to enhance the service distribution channels and expand the suite of technology-based products and services being offered to the members.

According to the President, Mr Dwight Morton, "Your credit union is now better positioned to grow its assets, strengthen its capital base and create greater wealth for you, the shareholders."

While thanking the staff, led by General Manager Sydney Newton for leading the society to greater heights, the President disclosed that in 2007, the Board would implement a 'human



resource development programme' to broaden the human capital of the society, and effect an 'internal improvement plan', aimed at upgrading policies and procedures to further enhance the overall safety and soundness of the operations.

Members are encouraged to turn up on time at the meet venue, as those who registered before the scheduled starting time for the Annual General Meeting (AGM) would be eligible for the Early Bird Door Prizes.



Mr Dwight Morton
President NCCU



Mr Sydney Newton
General Manager NCCU

NCCU Sponsors SJCIC Inter-Primary Schools Quiz Competition



CONGRATULATIONS TO THE WINNERS - ST. THOMAS PRIMARY SCHOOL. The victorious team with their Principal Ms. Earlene Maynard (3rd right), Teachers and Parents pose for a group photo with SJCIC stalwarts including Deputy Premier and Area Parliamentary Representative, the Hon Mr Hensley Daniel and Mr Alstead Pemberton (1st and 2nd right), Mr Halstead 'Sooty' Byron and Mr Dwight Morton – also President of the NCCU - (1st and 2nd left) and the NCCU's General Manager, Mr Sydney Newton (4th right).

The Nevis Co-operative Credit Union Limited (NCCU) continues to demonstrate its commitment to the pursuit of educational excellence among the youths by sponsoring the Annual SJCIC Inter-Primary Schools Quiz Competition.

The much-anticipated event was held at the Mandela Community Centre, The Flats, Cole Hill, St. John's Parish on Monday November 27, 2006. Eight (8) primary schools on Nevis participated in the quiz competition, in their quest for the coveted title of St. John's Community Improvement Club/Nevis Co-operative Credit Union (SJCIC/NCCU) Inter-Primary Schools Champions - 2006/2007.

The St. Thomas Primary School emerged as the winner, with the

Charlestown Preparatory School in second place and the Ivor Walters Primary School in third place. **Chloe Williams** (Charlestown Preparatory School) won the Trophy for the Best Individual Performance with a "perfect" score of 40 points; while **Kjell Tyson** (St. Thomas Primary School) won the Runners-Up Trophy with 35 points.

Congratulations are in order for the SJCIC (Organisers/Host); Participating Schools (Principals, Teachers, Students & Parents); and the Participants (Students) for an excellent evening of competition.

The Nevis Co-operative Credit Union is proud to be associated with this event because "all of the students are winners".



Pioneer of the Quarter



- Joined the NCCU on May 27, 1977
- Served as a Director of the NCCU for many years
- Provided the NCCU with free office space at his business place on Main Street in Charlestown for over 10 years.

MR. ARTHUR L. EVELYN

The Federation of St. Kitts and Nevis Welcomes the World for ICC CWC 2007

The Federation of St. Kitts and Nevis was one of the nine Caribbean countries that won the bid to host the International Cricket Council (ICC) Cricket World Cup 2007.

Jamaica won the bid to host the opening ceremony, while St. Kitts and Nevis, Trinidad and Tobago, St. Lucia and Jamaica won the bid to host Group Stage matches. Antigua and Barbuda, Guyana, Grenada and Barbados won the bid to host the Super 8 matches.

Jamaica and St. Lucia won the bid to host semi final matches, while Barbados would host the finals on Saturday April 28.

For the Federation of St. Kitts and Nevis, this not only called for the upgrading of Warner Park Stadium in Basseterre to an international ground, but to also readying the country to welcome the world as the country was host four teams at the group stage of the World Cup.

The Government of St. Kitts and Nevis, under the leadership of the Hon Dr Denzil Douglas put everything in place at a very early stage, and indeed Warner Park was ahead of all the other venues in terms of its preparations, and received the thumbs-up sign from ICC CWC 2007 late last year. The country and Basseterre in particular has been spruced up for this event which comes around every four years, and is in the West Indies for the first time.

The teams assigned to play in St. Kitts in a twenty-day period included World Champions Australia, One Day Champions, South Africa, Scotland and The Netherlands.

The Nevis Credit Co-operative Credit Union (NCCU) lauds the Government and people of St. Kitts and Nevis and in particular the LOC for a job well done



This marvellous pedestrian thoroughfare is actually in Basseterre. It is the ever busy Fort Street transformed to welcome the world.

Campaign for the Cricket World Cup started in Jamaica on Tuesday March 13 with hosts West Indies taking on Pakistan, while action in St. Kitts bowled off the following day, Wednesday March 14 with Australia taking on Scotland. To underscore the importance of this event, Wednesday March 14 was

declared a public holiday in the Federation.

The Board of Directors and Staff of the Nevis Co-operative Credit Union Limited, laud the Government and people of St. Kitts and Nevis and in particular the Local Organising Committee (LOC) led by Mr Charles Wilkin for a job well done.

Nevis Co-operative Credit Union Sponsors 2007 Bonzo 10/10 Cricket



The Nevis Co-operative Credit Union Limited, as a responsible corporate citizen, best known for its grassroots support of cricket on the island of Nevis, was once more the proud sponsor of the 2007 Nevis Cricket Association (NCA) Bonzo 10/10 Knock-Out Competition.

The 2006 10/10 Knock-Out Competition which was an exciting and excellent contest, also sponsored by the NCCU, served as the spring board for the Nevis Cricket Team's preparation for the inaugural Stanford 20/20

competition in which the team reached the semi-finals.

The Nevis Co-operative Credit Union Limited has over the years made monetary contributions to schools, co-operative societies and numerous community organizations. This year is no exception.

Ms Julet Chiverton, NCCU's Administrative Officer, is seen (picture left) presenting this year's sponsorship cheque to Mr Colin Walwyn, Assistant Treasurer of the Nevis Cricket Association.