



Between Meeting Special News

Remembrance Day Service

Once again this Ceremony is closed to the Public but is to be live-streamed through the Town website.

RCO will again be purchasing a wreath for the Ceremony - it will be placed by the Legion at the Cenotaph for the Service.



Ribfest and Club Survey

Be sure to take the time and complete the Survey ASAP

The questions are critical to the future of RCO.

Thanks for your honest and constructive input!

Ile a Vache Haiti, Update

Our local contact, Bonnie, has provided news from Ile a Vache - see all the details on the following page.



And, December is not all that far away!

Our Christmas Social

Be sure to mark the date of December 14th and plan to attend our Christmas Social. Again this year it will be via Zoom

Last year's event was a great success, despite being via Zoom.

As I recall, a great meal was arranged for us. Stay tuned for all the details!



Salvation Army Kettle

Not sure of the date or details but we are looking into this - always a great amount of volunteering by RCO folks so we hope that will happen again this December - usually the first weekend on Friday and Saturday!



Club News:

Catch the Ace is Now Weekly!

There are only 4 days left to buy a ticket before the next draw. The progressive pot is currently at \$344. and will continue to grow as more tickets are sold. If you have already purchased your ticket, we thank you.

Please help us to spread the word by forwarding this email to your friends and family and encouraging them to participate.

To get in on this week's Draw, go to our Club website - be sure to select RCO as the Club you are supporting.



Daylight Savings Time - Clocks Change this Weekend!

And it should be a lot easier for us to do - look at what they have to do in the UK!



Ile a Vache Haiti, Update



"Covid cases have been next to nil on the mainland. No illness at all with our friends in Ile a Vache at all..... we are truly grateful. I think lack of visitors to this location has helped the spread of the virus.

On the whole they were very fortunate with the recent earthquake as most received little damage. There were a few homes totally destroyed but we were able to rebuild them "a room" to have for now and hopefully in the future they will get more rooms built like they had before. We could only spend a certain amount on each household to make sure everyone that need repairs got them.

Many lived in tents and out in the open for weeks as their homes were unstable and it was too risky to stay inside. Such difficult living with children in these circumstances, especially in the rain.

In total we were able to fix 20 homes and everyone was very grateful for the aid. We gave jobs to several cement workers and other helpers as well.

We sent money for food and which helped until the city was sorted out after the serious damage in Les Cayes where they shop for their goods.

The biggest issue that everyone in Haiti right now is no gas. It is a huge problem. Is it the gangs controlling the people. Gas has been a problem for a few yrs now. They would have none for a few weeks then allow some, then shut it down again. Now there is no gas what so ever!!! The gangs are strong and come in and rob from even the poorest. Our island does not have them come onto it, but it effects them when they go to Les Cayes at times, often they will see the gangs and pack up immediately and come back to the island then risk being attacked by these people.

The other is food shortage. Les Cayes is expecting that in one week they will be in a serious situation. .I do not know the cause or reason behind this shortage.

Thankfully our fish farm is flourishing and there are lots of fish to harvest. Petite Eden, our gardens, that have been planted around the fish farms are flourishing. Lots of banana's right now. Eggs from Ducks and chickens are being sold. Our island folks are in good shape due to the projects that all of you have supported. They are so thankful for this help.

Unfortunately rice, oil and lentils from the mainland are in short supply and this is a concern. There is a supply ship from the Virgin Islands is on its way now. They are bringing food, medicines etc., to the island.

There are 5 families who are really struggling in our community and we just sent aid to them, we don't have much to give but each got a little.

Some sad news recently was Wagner's dad died, he was in his 50's and suffered from heart disease."

****An opportunity for RCO? (these words added by Editor Don)***

"We have just started collecting money for school children as we wanted to see the schools were opening after the earthquake and that all was well.

The fee is the same \$80.00 can. For shoes, knap sack, school supplies and uniform for 1 yr.

If you would like to sponsor a child let me know. They are all asking about aid now that things are up and running. A great idea for a Christmas/Birthday gift for those who have so much. An information package about your student can be made up for such a gift.

Other good news is that the government has built on our island a fish depot, where they will buy fish from the locals to go to markets elsewhere. This is a bonus for our fish farms as we were relying on locals and the hotels to buy fish. This will increase our revenue and help support projects much easier.

In Haiti everything seems to take time, things so backwards and it is difficult to see progress at times, but with perseverance, hope, and a little luck we get there. Things are tough there still, but certainly better than before due to the help we have given. Thanks to you and your support and continued interest in our friends in Haiti."

Bonnie