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ERROL FLYNN BALL NOV. 13- With only 300 tickets being sold, the Errol Flynn Benefit Ball set for Saturday, Nov. 13, is expected to be a sellout! This year's event is to benefit the Portland Homeless Rehabilitation Center and Shelter and it is expected to raise \$1,000,000.00 JAD to provide a women's dormitory at the facility. This year's ball will follow an Academy Awards theme, complete with red carpet, "Oscar", and many of the trimmings of that big Hollywood night. Tickets for the semi-formal event, which is all inclusive are \$6,500.00 JAD each and include a massive hors d'oeuvre spread, cheese cart, cocktails, full dinner and all drinks for the evening. Music for the evening will be by the Sonny Bradshaw "Big Band". Patron of the evening is Patrice Wymore Flynn, widow of the late, legendary actor. There will be numerous side features of the evening including a luxury automobile display at the ball entry area. Mrs. Flynn's grandson Luke Flynn, who bears an amazing likeness to his famous grandfather, is expected to be on hand. Young Flynn, who was born in Jamaica, is currently featured in advertisements for Nautica men's products and has appeared in a number of action films. Tickets can be purchased at the Errol Flynn Marina in Port Antonio or at Stewart's Auto Sales in Kingston. To order tickets by phone call 876-477-6914. The ball is under the joint sponsorship of the Portland Chamber of Commerce in association with the Ocho Rios Jazz Festival, an outreach programme.

MARINA IS BLUE FLAG ONE MORE TIME- For the fourth time, we have been awarded the coveted "Blue Flag Marina" designation; one of only three awarded Caribbean marinas for the current year. The Blue Flag moniker is often considered to be a "Clean Marina Plus" considering the intensive scrutiny the facility must undergo to qualify. The Blue Flag programme is monitored by Errol Flynn Marina's Administrative Manager Christine Downer. The award was presented in a special reception at the Couples Resort in Negril, Jamaica. The Blue Flag Campaign is an international voluntary certification scheme for beaches and marinas. The Blue Flag is an exclusive eco-label that was awarded to 3200 beaches and marinas in 35 countries across Europe, South Africa, New Zealand, Canada and the Caribbean. It has proven to be an effective environmental tool to enhance the health & safety and environmental quality of beaches and marinas. Under the Blue Flag award system, beaches that fulfill the required criteria i.e. bathing water quality, accessible beach facilities and services, environmental education, among others, are awarded the Blue Flag. The Blue Flag has become a world wide symbol for beach and marina environmental quality and is sought by countries for the recognition received from visitors.

FLYNN FOUNDATION ANNOUNCED- Mrs. Patrice Wymore Flynn has announced that the Errol Flynn and Patrice Wymore Flynn Foundation is being established for the express purpose of benefiting deserving charities and projects in the Parish of Portland, Jamaica. The Foundation will be sponsoring various benefit events commencing in 2011 including the Errol Flynn Benefit Ball in November, among other venues and projects. Complete details regarding the foundation and events being sponsored are available on the new website: www.errolflynnfoundation.com Donations to the foundation can be sent to Box 188, Port Antonio, Jamaica, West Indies. Cheques should be drawn to “Errol Flynn and Patrice Wymore Flynn Foundation. A board of nine trustees, including Mrs. Flynn’s grandson, Luke, will administer the foundation.

SOMEBODY LIKES US - “Forgotten Caribbean Part III” in this month’s (Nov.) Caribbean Compass is exclusively about Jamaica and Port Antonio. Authored by Frank Virgintino who also publishes the on-line Jamaica Cruising Guide, this is his second major article on Jamaica in recent months. All at Sea magazine, in the October issue published a glowing report on Port Antonio and the Errol Flynn Marina, emphasizing the friendly charm of the place.

CHECK OUT THESE SITES: While some of our employers grimace at the thought of such social sites as FaceBook, My Space, or Twitter, the reality is we cannot deny their popularity as well as their ability to influence users. Several of our local institutions have extensive FaceBook sites including “Marybelle’s Pub on the Pier” and “Errol Flynn Benefit Ball”. Another new website is www.errolflynnfoundation.com. Then again, some have been around for a long time, such as www.normasatthemarina.com They also are on FaceBook under “Norma’s at the Marina”.

CONCH REPUBLIC NAVY INVASION SET- Plans are afoot (or is it “asea”?) to bring the largest flotilla of USA vessels to Port Antonio since the Spanish American War in 1898. While there won’t be warships, some 50 yachts of various sizes and shapes are expected to make the trip from Key West, Florida, to Port Antonio arriving Dec. 23. The flotilla is being organized by the Conch Republic Navy and a number of the “Navy’s” vessels are expected to participate. Purpose of the flotilla scheme is to give participants the confidence to make a passage such as Key West-Jamaica through both a series of seminars, boat inspections and of course the knowledge that another boat will always be close at hand in the event of any problem. A host of events are planned for the flotilla including visiting various key ports in Jamaica, For complete details, contact the Conch Republic Admiralty Office at 305/296-9694 or email to sailaway@schoonerwolf.com

PUB ON THE PIER EVENTS- Effective Monday, Nov.1, several weekly events have been announced for Marybelle’s Pub on the Pier at the marina. On Mondays, there will be “Oldies But Goodies Music Videos” on the pub’s 14-foot video screen from 7 p.m. to closing. On Friday nights it’s concert time from 7 p.m. and repeated at 9 p.m. This month’s concerts include Elton John, Rod Stewart, Jimmy Buffet, The Eagles and others. There is no cover or minimum charge. Saturday nights are reserved for “Flynn Films”, again from 7 p.m. This month’s showings will include Sea Hawk, Capt. Blood, Rocky Mountain (with our very own Patrice Wymore Flynn), and Objective Burma.

BOATYARD LEASE PROPOSALS SOUGHT- The Port Authority of Jamaica which operates the Errol Flynn Marina and Boatyard, are seeking “Expressions of Interest” in operating the state of the art boatyard of the marina from qualified potential operators. Interested parties have until Dec. 15 to express their interest in writing after which selected parties will be invited to submit complete proposals for the project. For additional information on this and other leasing opportunities with the Port Authority in Port Antonio, contact Dale B. Westin, general manager, at 876-477-6914 or by email at dwestin@portjam.com

THE OLD CUBA WATCHER As Jamaica’s closest port to Cuba, we frequently are referred to as that country’s “Back Door!” Many yachts calling at Port Antonio also make a point to visit Santiago de Cuba in the country’s southeast. There now appears to be a definite interest in developing air services between the recently extended Boscobel Airport in Oracabessa near Ocho Rios to the various Cuban international airports. Petitioner for the rights recently relinquished by Air Jamaica is the Jamaica Air Shuttle. Initial services are expected to be between Boscobel and Santiago de Cuba. Boscobel has recently been designated as Jamaica’s third international airport. Boscobel is about a 1-1/2 hour drive west of Port Antonio. Presently, air travel to Cuba is something of a pain and travelers have to opt between flying via Panama City on Copa Airlines or Grand Cayman on Cayman Airways from Kingston. Some efforts have been made to start up service using the Cuban carrier Aerogaviota, with ATR-42 turboprop services from Kingston and Montego Bay, but these have been largely unsuccessful, largely due to inadequate booking and antiquated payment problems (No credit cards accepted!).

CLOSER AIRPORT OPENING- We have long heard the complaint that Port Antonio is just too far from any airport and that is why we only infrequently get the mega yacht client that wishes to arrive by private aircraft to meet his yacht here. Well, we just got about an hour closer to an airport like this. With the runway extended now to 5,000 feet, Boscobel-Ocho Rios Airport (OCJ) is open to medium and small international jets and is only a 1-1/2 hour drive from Port Antonio and with good roads the entire distance! Present travel time from Kingston Airport is 2-1/2 hours or more depending on traffic with roads that are often referred to as marginal. With the recent heavy rains the island has been experiencing, the circuitous junction road north of Kingston has often been impassable. It has been in the Jamaica rumor mill for some months now that the revamped airdrome will ultimately be named the Ian Fleming International Airport in tribute to the famed 007 author who penned many of his great James Bond novels here and lived at Golden Eye in Oracabessa. (See companion information in “The Old Cuba Watcher” column)

THREE YEARS OF DOCKLINES ALREADY- This marks the 36th edition of your Docklines. Started in December, 2007, we have progressed from a few pages to five or more monthly and added photos and a few features. We want to continue to grow and be a welcomed guest in your inbox. Let us know what you like or dislike and yes, contributions are always well received. We are committed to serving our community and firmly believe one way we can do this is by being a voice for events and topics of interest. Docklines is presently circulated widely throughout Jamaica via email and now some 16 worldwide websites link with our monthly edition, including several leading marina publications.

Under the Patronage of
Mrs. Patrice Wymore Flynn

The Portland Chamber of Commerce
in Association with
The Ocho Rios Jazz Festival
Presents



The ERROL FLYNN Benefit Ball

Saturday November 13, 2010

Ken Wright Pier Errol Flynn Marina
Port Antonio, Portland

Cocktail Reception:
7 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Dancing: 8 p.m.

Donation: \$ 6,500 inclusive
Dress: Semi - Formal

Music By: **SONNY BRADSHAW BIG BAND**
MC: Norma Brown Bell

Proceeds to
Portland Homeless Rehabilitation Centre & Shelter

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6-8 Orchard Road
Kingston

Errol Flynn Marina
Port Antonio
Portland

For Information call:
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AVAILABLE FOR TERM LEASE is the former Rum, Roast and Royals duty free shop seaside at the Errol Flynn Marina. For leasing applications, details, contact Dale Westin, Marina General Manager at 876-715-6044 or rmail at dwestin@portjam.com (Errol Flynn Marina Photo)

REMEMBERING NORMA SHIRLEY – It is with deep regret that we have learned of the passing of Norma Shirley, Monday, Nov. 1, at the age 72. Often described as the Grand Dame of Caribbean Cuisine, Norma’s at the Marina beach bar and grill has been one of the anchor businesses at Errol Flynn Marina since its opening in 2002. Our sincere condolences go out to her family, business associates and many, many friends.

SEAFOOD RESTAURANT/PUB NOW OPEN The Old Marina on West Palm Ave. is now officially open to the public for food and drink every day except Monday and Tuesday. The facility was recently leased to the Sir Henry Morgan Angling Association, operators of the Port Antonio International Marlin Tournament and has been extensively remodeled to include an English Pub and Seafood Restaurant. The operation is under the management of Morris Smith and features moderately price food and drink. Phone is 993-3538 or 341-0499 or 420-0413.

BOOK HIGHLIGHTS PORTLAND HISTORY- It’s called “Portland: The Other Jamaica- Tales of Dreamers, Schemers and Crusaders” by Ken Roueche,. Chronicles the stories of many who have left their imprint on this most remarkable parish. Included are more than 45 images and works of many local artists and many historic photos that heretofore have never appeared in print. Interesting highlights include Port Antonio’s strategic location during the Spanish American War, the start of the Caribbean banana industry here and other vignettes that help us learn a little more about “The Other Jamaica”. Want a copy? Contact Ken Rouche at 876-870-5505.

LANDSCAPING TENDER OFFERS SOUGHT – Qualified landscapers are being invited to submit formals bids for a year’s contract to provide landscaping services for the Port Authority of Jamaica properties at West Harbour in Port Antonio which includes Errol Flynn Marina and Boatyard. Copies of the Invitation to Bid are available at the Errol Flynn Marina office. Bidding deadline is 3 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 18. Bidding documents can be obtained at the Port Authority of Jamaica, Business Management and Special Projects Section, First Floor, 15-17 Duke Street, Kingston, from Thursday, Nov. 4.



OUR VERY OWN “WITHIN REACH” FALLS AND WISHING POND- takes on a different, romantic look, with coloured lights and the sound of running water after dark. Stop, toss in a small coin and add something to your personal wish list. It's located at the front of the marina administration building, adjacent to the swimming pool. (Errol Flynn Marina Photo)

ROHAN CAMPBELL- SECURITY GUARD- We are saddened to announce the untimely passing of Rohan Campbell, 39, longtime member of the Errol Flynn Marina's security and hospitality force, following a lingering battle with diabetes and its side effects. Rohan was a regular fixture at the main marina gate for many years and was also active as an adult assistant to the Port Antonio Marching Band which is supported by a number of the marina's employees. Memorial tributes were held both at the marina for local mourners and also in his home town of Hector's River. He is survived by one daughter and his mother.

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