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HAPPY NEW YEAR

The Board and Management of the Port Authority extend a sincere Happy New Year to all valued stakeholders, and look forward to providing even greater satisfaction and to strengthening relationships in the coming year. A special thank you is extended to all employees for your efforts and dedication in the past year, which were greatly appreciated. We wish all a healthy, successful and positive 2013.

DEPARTMENTS DECORATE FOR CHRISTMAS



Cargo Account's winning tree

What started off as a fun PR initiative in 2004, has become one of the most anticipated events on the calendar of Port employees, and this year the annual 'Decorate for Christmas Competition' was filled with the usual creativity, camaraderie and hype that have become synonymous with the event.

Sixteen departments participated in the competition, which was judged by Erin Gonsalves and Danielle Navarro, Interior Decorators with Mc Farlane's Design Studios. They were high in praise for all competitors as well as for the initiative - and even remarked that other organizations should hold a similar event.



Judges Erin Gonsalves and Danielle Navarro in Finance Dept.

When the scores were tabulated there was no doubt that it was a close call with the Human Resources Department placing first with 185 points, followed by Finance with 183 points, and copping third place was the joint effort of the Engineering and Operations Departments with a total of 179 points.



HR characters put on their Sesame Street Comes to Trinidad skit

Special prizes were also awarded namely: the Most Enthusiastic Team which was captured by the Human Resources Department, the Most Creative Team awarded to the Equipment Department and the Best Tree, the pride of the Cargo Accounts Office. The judges were also impressed by the Crane Maintenance Office, with their Christmas tree made out of beer bottles and a flashing crane light on the top. The Berthing Office received special mention for their decorating efforts – particularly impressive for a mostly male department.

WELCOME TO TWO NEW ACCOUNTANTS

Two Accountants joined the organization at the beginning of December, and we welcome them to the port family. Orrison Niles has been an accountant for over ten years, and previously worked in the energy industry. He attended Hillview College and then received his ACCA certification from SAC. So far, Orrison states that he has received support from his new colleagues, and looks forward to making a positive contribution to the future of the port. He is attached to the PPOS unit.



Orrison Niles



Racquel Ramsaran

Racquel Ramsaran has been an Accountant for the past eight years. She attended Naparima Girls' College, and is also a graduate of SAC where she attained her FCCA and Chartered Accountant certification. Racquel says she has been meeting and getting to know her new colleagues. While she sees some challenges ahead, she is hoping to make the best impact possible in her new position. Racquel is attached to the PPOS unit.

CHRISTMAS EMPLOYMENT FOR YOUNG PERSONS

The Port Authority of Trinidad and Tobago celebrated 50 years as a statutory authority in June, and December 2012 also marks another milestone. For the first time in the history of the Port Authority, the organization extended Christmas employment to 20 young nationals.

The joy of Christmas was extended to eight young men and 12 young women, introducing them to the world of work for the Christmas season. They were exposed to safety orientation, and are receiving on-the-job training throughout the various departments of the Port Authority. It is the organization's gesture during this special season of sharing and goodwill. This effort is designed to provide a foundation of good work ethics for the young persons, which will guide them in their future work endeavours.

CHRISTMAS PARTY – THANK YOU TO EMPLOYEES



GM/CEO Colin Lucas (centre) enjoying the party

The Port held its Annual Employees' Christmas party on December 14th at the Cruise Ship Complex, to thank employees for their efforts and dedication over the past year. As usual, the event truly captured the spirit of the season – joy and camaraderie. Employees were treated to a sumptuous Christmas dinner and a well-stocked bar. The duo of Jeremiah Combie from the Port of Scarborough and Wendy Job provided live entertainment for the evening, and there was also DJ music.

(More party pics on following pages)



Time to enjoy the delicious Christmas buffet



Commissioner Patricia Herry always lends her support



The ladies having a good time



GM/CEO with some pleasant company



All dressed up and ready to party



The guys came out to party too



Port Sec, Erva Bruno (L) and CFO, Camile Hypolite-Ferdinand (R) having a good time



Sheldon Smith gets some lovely attention



Carrying drinks for the friends too



Leisel Thorne and Jennifer Charles in the swing of things



Yes the guys certainly looked fine also



Two more pretty port ladies



More lovely ladies of the port



Even more lovely port ladies



And more lovely and smiling ladies



And another two lovely ladies



Combie and Wendy singing Christmas songs



OK NEXT STOP, CARNIVAL 2013.....