



MAY/JUNE 2010

Dear Members,

ABC is still experiencing good levels of occupancy so far. We do see more exchange vacationers now that we are in the low season months, from May and continuing through October.

Still no rain as we approach the hurricane season which begins June 1st, and we here at our Resort and on the Island are in preparations as we are every year. God willing, Aruba, the Caribbean and our neighboring countries will be spared.

The ABCCA Annual Meeting took place on the postponed date of April 27th, 2010. The members voiced themselves well and the Board of Directors responded giving the answers that the members wanted. The Board gave a complete explanation on the Air-conditioning issues and the plans for renovation of the Club's A/C system. Minutes of the Annual Meeting will be posted under the Member's Section of the ABC website.

New Club Dues schedule as approved at the ABCCA Annual Meeting for Fiscal Year 2010/2011:

- Superior \$435.00
- Deluxe \$516.00
- Royal Superb \$602.00

Government Timeshare Occupancy Tax has increased: Superiors is now \$7:50 nightly; 1-Bdrm Deluxe and Royal Superbs, now \$8.12 nightly.

New equipment for the Gym facilities located at Casa del Mar. ABC together with CDM have just ordered all new equipment, expected in place in about four to six weeks.

The summer family vacation season has arrived. It is a fact that when we go on vacation, some of us have a tendency of also being more permissive than normal. We see this type of behavior frequently at the Resort, especially with parents who leave their younger children unattended and expect for the Club activities and security staff here at the Resort to provide babysitting service which is not correct. We are asking our members and guests to be more aware of your own activities and that of their children to minimize and avoid unpleasant situations and inconvenience to other members and guests.

Air Lift – Aruba recently announced additional summer charter service from Canada by Westjet. The charter program will be in effect from May 1, 2010 through October 20, 2010 between Toronto and Aruba with either 136 or 166 seats. The flights are scheduled to depart on Saturdays.

Traffic Safety on Aruba –Due to excessive accidents in the area of the Sasaki House of Cheng Intersection, the Minister of Justice made some changes and soon drivers will have fewer alternatives to get from the Sasaki highway to the Westin Hotel and other facilities on the Palm Beach strip. The intersection near the former House of Cheng adjacent to The Mill Resort will partly be closed off. The decision comes after analyzing a series of deadly vehicle accidents at the intersection. To our members and guests renting cars to drive around, please take good notice of this change.

Environmental Efforts on the Island by Ecotech: Do you know?

Ecotech offers full service of waste management with a wide variety of collection, recycling and processing capabilities to a wide range of commercial, industrial and residential clients. By offering responsible alternatives to traditional haul and dump methods Ecotech contributes significantly to the

well being of Aruba's fragile environment by reducing the dependence on landfill dumping through the active promotion of waste diversion and multi-material recycling programs. With its well-equipped fleet of specialized vehicles Ecotech collects the majority of the commercial waste here on Aruba.

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The 2010 Soul Beach Music Festival will take place during the Memorial Day Weekend which is from May 26-31, 2010. This year again we have an A-List of entertainers like Mary J. Blige, Tony Braxton, Kevin Hart, Raheem Devaughn, Joe Thomas, Christ Spencer and Mark Curry. For more information you can visit website www.soulbeach.net

Don't forget **first Aruba International Film Festival** (AIFF) will take place from June 4-10. We invite you to visit their website www.aiff.aw for additional information.

Thank YOU for your continued collaboration with our efforts to keep the ARUBA BEACH CLUB Number ONE in our Timeshare community.

It is my pleasure updating you with the latest developments at the ABC and on the Island. Greetings from sunny Aruba.

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