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U.S. Ambassador-designate Ned L. Siegel and Mrs Siegel Arrive at Post



United States Ambassador-designate Ned L. Siegel and Mrs. Stephanie Siegel arrived in Nassau on Friday, November 2. They were greeted at Million Air Airport by a team of Embassy personnel led by Chargé d’Affaires Hardt and Mrs. Hardt. In a brief statement to the press, Ambassador-designate Siegel said that he and his wife are delighted to be in the Bahamas. He said that he looks forward to presenting his credentials to the Governor General and working with the Government of the Commonwealth of The Bahamas to represent the United States and further the many common interests shared between the two countries.

Following his arrival, Mr. and Mrs. Siegel drove to the Embassy, where he and Mrs. Siegel were formally introduced by Dr. Hardt and received a warm welcome by Embassy staff gathered in the Consular Waiting Room.

Ambassador-designate Siegel was confirmed as the 12th U.S. Ambassador to The Bahamas by the United States Senate on September 12. Mr. Siegel, a resident of Boca Raton, Florida, is founder and Chairman of The Siegel Group, a real estate investment and management group. He has served the United States as Senior Advisor to the U.S. Mission to the United Nations for the UN General Assembly and as a Member of the Board of Directors of the Overseas Private Investment Corporation. Mr. Siegel has also served as Member of the Board for Enterprise Florida, a public/private partnership promoting Florida’s economic development.

Mr. Siegel has served as member, board member or trustee of over 25 civic organizations. He is on the National Board of Directors for the Republican Jewish Coalition, is Co-President of the Jewish National Fund and is a Trustee of the Institute for the Study of Global Anti-Semitism and Policy. He is a founding member of the Treva Brogan Educational Institute, which provides scholarships for disadvantaged youth, and has served on the Boards of St. Andrew’s and Pine Crest Schools in Boca Raton and has been an advisor to New York University and the University of Pennsylvania.

Ambassador-designate Siegel and Mrs. Siegel have three children: Justin, Joshua and Jillian.



"Bloom where you are planted"

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CONNECTION

For more information about items on this page, please contact Jeanne Dennis at 322-1181 Ext. 4254 or DennisJA@state.gov

Halloween Party 2007



Halloween Decorating Committee

The Children's Halloween Party went really well and the kids had a great time – around 46 children in an assortment of costumes attended (and several of the parents had great costumes, too!) The kids enjoyed sack races, making Halloween crafts and pinatas. I am a very grateful CLO for all the support I had to make this event possible. "Hat's off" to:

The Marine Security Guard Detachment: Thanks for allowing us to use your residence for this gala party again this year!

The Commissary Board: For the CLO funding for the Halloween games and decorations and for donating the soft drinks.

The Planning and Decorating Committee: Many, many thanks to Jenny Billburg, Mayra Castillo, Patty Foran, Tina Gray, Marta Viera, Yolanda Tamayo, Kelly Campbell and Marilyn Reyes.

Special Thanks to: Mayra Castillo who made the piñatas by hand; Marilu Gaspar, who donated (and cooked) the hot dogs; Dave Billburg for helping with the Sack Races, Enrique Tamayo for his help with the piñata activities, and Sue Minor who helped at the greeting table and with the Halloween crafts. And thanks to all the parents who dressed up their little goblins, brought treats, and stayed to help clean up after the party!

Jeanne Dennis, Community Liaison Officer

Visit From the Regional Education Officer

Our Regional Education Officer from the U.S. Department of State, Dr. William Scotti, is visiting Nassau on November 30th to meet with parents and school administrators. Contact the CLO at 322-1181 Ext. 4254 or DennisJA@state.gov as soon as possible if you would like to meet with him regarding school issues or concerns.

Fall 2007 Foreign Service Youth Foundation Non-Fiction Writing Contest



Win \$25 and get published in the next edition of the Globe Trotters newsletter! In about 400 words, tell us what age you should be to get a cell phone and why. All Foreign Service kids in 9th grade or under are eligible to participate. Deadline: December 15, 2007.

Entries must include: name, age, mailing address, email address, and current post. If you would like, include a short biography for the Globe Trotters newsletter. For more information or to send your entry, email newsletter@fsyf.org. This contest is sponsored by the Foreign Service Youth Foundation.

Community Project in Support of Iraqi Children

Here is a great opportunity (passed on by Susan Gray, CLO Budapest) to get involved in support of Iraqi school children:

FSO Andrea Donnally, has put together "The Classroom Project" which is a program that allows people to donate school supplies to Iraqi children. Please visit the following website for details on how to contribute to this cause: <http://web.mac.com/asmd/iWeb/Iraq/The%20Classroom.html>

Vacancy Announcement - Realty Assistant



OPEN TO: All Interested Candidates
POSITION: **Realty Assistant**
OPENING DATE: October 29, 2007
CLOSING DATE: November 12, 2007
WORK HOURS: Full-time; 40 hours/week
SALARY: *Not-Ordinarily Resident: US\$35,864.00 p.a. (Starting salary)
(Position Grade: FP-6 to be confirmed by Washington)
*Ordinarily Resident: B\$35,346.00 p.a. (Starting salary)
(Position Grade: FSN-8)

Note: All Ordinarily Resident applicants must have the required work and/or residence permits to be eligible for consideration.

BASIC FUNCTION OF POSITION: The incumbent serves as the senior member of the GSO Housing Office working interdependently in administering and managing the complex legalities and details of an interagency housing pool that spans from New Providence to Grand Bahama Island.

A copy of the complete position description listing all duties, responsibilities and qualifications is available in the Human Resources Office at 322-1181 Ext: 4288 or 4293.

New Commissary Board of Directors

Under terms of the American Employee Association (AEA) Charter and Bylaws, the General Membership met for their annual meeting on October 19, 2007. The membership elected five new directors to the Board of Directors:

President: Jaime Gray
Vice-President: Tyler Kruse
Secretary: Guy Baker
Treasurer: Marilu Gaspar

Voting Board Member: Pete Drake
Non-voting Members: David Elmo, Management Officer
Jeanne Dennis, CLO
Gabriel Del Bosque, AEA Advisor

For further information on Commissary operations, please refer to the Embassy Nassau intranet site at <http://nassau.state.gov/> under Management Section.



For comments or to suggest items for future commissary orders, please contact your board members at nassaucommissary@state.gov

**Turkeys and ham will be available at the commissary beginning Wednesday, November 7th.
There is a full stock of soft drinks and beer and Captain Morgans Private Stock.**

Protocol Corner

Representational Events: The purpose of a representational event must fall under one of the following four categories: promotion of U.S. national interests, protection of U.S. citizen's interest, promotion of economic activities and commemorative and ceremonial requirements. Attending a representational event is an extension of a Foreign Service Officer's workday. These social events provide a venue to build contacts, establish networks, exchange information and get to know and trust each other.

Your Role at Events: If you are an employee, you are expected to attend official events to which you are invited. Spouses may or may not be invited to official events depending on space limitations and nature of the function. At official events hosted by the Ambassador, the DCM or your colleagues, you are considered a co-host. You are there to assist the host by meeting people, representing the U.S., and making guests feel welcome.

Invitations and Responses: Cultural differences abound in issuing and responding to invitations. In most cases, the invitation will come addressed specifically to the employee and spouse if the spouse is invited. If a spouse is not specifically named, he/she is probably not invited. It is inappropriate to bring a date to a working event. However, in special cases, which will usually be identified, one invitation addressed to the family is meant to include everyone in the house.

Please note **R.s.v.p.** appears in the lower left-hand corner of the invitation and this abbreviation refers to the French phrase, "Répondez, s'il vous plait." Responding is very important and should be done, generally by phone, within two days (48 hours) after receiving an invitation. It is considered inappropriate, and in most cultures rude, to leave someone who has invited you to a reception or dinner with no idea of how many people to expect. Your reply is necessary for planning purposes and as common courtesy. Be sure to observe the request on the invitation. "Regrets only" means to call only if you will not attend, and "RSVP" means to respond whether you will or will not attend. Once you have accepted, you are expected to attend, barring illness, death in the family, or a sudden, unavoidable trip. If you find you cannot attend a function for which you have already accepted because of an emergency, it is essential that you let the host/hostess know as soon as possible and preferably by phone. This is particularly the case for seated dinners where it is very inconsiderate not to advise the host so another guest can be identified to take your place at the table. Even at a large catered party such notifications are important because the host/hostess plans and pays for the number of guests expected and not for how many actually arrive. On the other hand, if you have refused an invitation for a legitimate reason and the circumstances have changed and you wish to attend the function you may call the host, explain the situation and ask if you may still attend. This situation only applies to large receptions or cocktail buffet which would not likely cause any complications.

Please follow these guidelines in responding to events to which you may be invited by the Ambassador, DCM, or Bahamian officials in the future.

Additional information can be found online at: <http://www.state.gov/documents/organization/15742.pdf>

If you have any questions, contact June Lunn, Protocol Assistant, at 322-1181 Ext. 4225 or LunnJC@state.gov

Source: "Protocol for the Modern Diplomat", FSI, U.S. Department of State

Management News

Mission Awards Ceremony

The Employee Appreciation and Awards Ceremony is an opportunity for all to come together as a mission and recognize the hard work and achievement of many of our colleagues. Congratulations to all the award recipients at the 3rd Quarter Awards Ceremony which took place on October 26, at the Chief of Mission residence.



Meritorious Honor Award:

Karen Wiebelhaus
Bonita Johnson
Margo Pogorzelski
Anne Bain
Jeanne Dennis

Franklin Award:

Paula Wikle
Jeff Davis

Cash:

Vendal Rolle
Warren Saunders

Extra Mile:

Deana Nelson
James Collie
Judy Moore
Marilu Gaspar
Cleveland Goddard
Zina Sturup
Verna Elcock
Jerome Hill
Damon Campbell
Pauline Coleby

Extra Mile Award Group - July 4th

Reuben Frobes
Livingston Davis
Damon Campbell
Leslie Pyfrom
Herman Rolle
Calvin Davis
Deana Nelson
Adalbert Ingraham
John Cargill
Tanya Storr

FSN of 2nd Quarter:

Jerome Hill

Ambassador Award:

Leonard Young
Marco Castillo
Eugenio Reyes
Jaime Gray
Grace Rodriguez
Michael Jackson
Kenneth Moore
Geraldine Allen

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Nov. 6 - **Roddie's Woodturning Show**
The Nassau Yacht Club

5:30pm-9:30pm

Roddie Pinder, one of the Bahamas' premier wood artists, is hosting a woodturning show at The Nassau Yacht Club on East Bay Street.



Nov. 8 - **Big Screen Art Scene**
Popop Studios, Dunmore Avenue
7:00pm

This interactive art event is hosted by the Bahamas International Film Festival. It features live model sketching and other interactive art activities. Several short films will be screened and drinks and canapes served. Collectors ticket holders will draw to win 51 pieces of local art. Tickets available at the Bahamas International Film Festival's Office, 4th Terrace, Collins Ave. Bldg #10, 2nd Floor. A part of the proceeds will be donated to the Brent Malone Artist-in-Residency. For more information, call 356-5939 or email sponsor@bintlilmfest.com

Nov. 8 - **The Lives of Others**
National Art Gallery of the Bahamas
7:00pm

Director: Florian Henckel von Donnersmarck/138 min/Germany/English Subtitles/Rated: R
This is a film that stays with you long after the credits roll. The place is East Berlin, the year is 1984, and it all begins with a simple surveillance assignment: Capt. Gerd Wiesler, a Stasi officer and a surveillance specialist, has been assigned to keep an eye on Georg Dreyman, a respected playwright and his actress girlfriend. Though Dreyman is known to associate with the occasional dissident, his record is spotless. Everything changes when Wiesler discovers that Minister Hempf has an ulterior motive in spying on this seemingly upright citizen.
(Bring a friend, a chair & mosquito repellent) Cost: Free.

Nov. 10 - **Children and Family Art Workshop: Basic Knitting Techniques**
National Art Gallery of the Bahamas
10:00am

Children ages 10 & up are invited to learn the basics of knitting with their parents.
Cost: \$20 (Members); \$25 (Non-Members, Material Included)



Nov. 10 - **Guy Fawkes Boat Cruise & Dance**
Potters Cay Dock
7:00pm

Presented by St. Francis Xavier Catholic Mens' Association. Food, drinks and music by DJ Gary "Super" Johnson. Prizes awarded for the best mask. The Bahamas Fast Ferries "Seawind" departs at 8:30pm. Cost: \$10. Tickets available at the Parish Office or by calling (242) 394-6180.

Nov. 16-18 - **Bahamas National Trust Christmas Jollification**
The Retreat, Village Rd.
Friday, 5:00pm - Members Evening
Saturday, 11:00am-5:00pm
Sunday, Noon-5:00pm

Christmas Jollification kicks off Nassau's holiday season! This annual event features arts and crafts by Bahamian artisans, a Children's Crafts area and a sampling of holiday spirits provided by Bristol Wines and Spirits. Cost: \$10 General Public, \$5 BNT Members.



PHOTO GALLERY



HALLOWEEN PARTY

Saturday, October 27th



Send in your photos to be featured in the Photo Gallery!

Advertisements



Announcements

Live-in Housekeeper

Embassy family who is leaving post has a live-in housekeeper available by mid-December. She has her work papers. For more information, please contact Mayra Castillo at 327-5706, or email MCastilloTx@hotmail.com.

Health Unit

Flu shots have arrived!

Please contact Embassy Nurse, Marilyn Young, at 327-1852 to make an appointment for your flu shot. Health Unit office hours are Monday-Friday, 8:00 am – 12:00noon.

Mission Family Book Group



Linda Nigro will be hosting the discussion for the next book, One Thousand White Women: The Journals of May Dodd, A Novel, by Jim Fergus. This story is more than a chronicle of the Old West, but a story of sadness, suspense and the triumph of May Dodd and the Cheyenne society.

WHEN: Thursday, November 29, 2007

WHERE: Residence of Linda Nigro (call for directions)

TIME: 6:30 p.m.

Contact Linda Nigro at rlgjnigro@msn.com or Pat Wielkie at pkailani@flash.net or phone 394-4575, if you would like to join this or any future discussions.

Coming in December: Skipping Christmas, by John Grisham. Pat Wielkie will be the host for this discussion.

Happy Reading!

Bahamas Film Festival

The Bahamas Film Festival needs an Assistant for children's activities. Duties will vary, but will include: Production of a children's video that will be featured during the upcoming Film Festival scheduled for December 6th - 13th. The Assistant will help produce a video from two children's group sessions held at Atlantis. Each session will consist of approximately 20-25 children.

Qualifications: Production, Technical, Video experience/knowledge helpful, but not mandatory.

Also: Parent's if you have children that are interested in participating in these sessions, sign them up before the festival starts. Note: There may be a fee for materials.

If interested, contact Ms. Kay at: ladyk_98_98@hotmail.com

Submission Guidelines

Submissions are to be made by email to Sue Minor at junkanoonews@yahoo.com or by phone at 327-1631. The Junkanoo Journal will be published on *Thursdays*, every other week and all submissions must be made by *COB on the Monday* before distribution. Some submissions may have to be reformatted due to program conversion. If you're sending a picture and know how to make it a smaller file, please do. Submissions may be edited for length, clarity, or security. All content will be reviewed and approved by the Community Liaison Officer and RSO.