



GUYANA UPDATE

WHAT'S HAPPENED!

Regional Meeting

The St. Francis Xavier Roman Catholic Youth Club (SFX) hosted our Lower Corentyne Regional Consultations. Thirty persons attended. This was a unique forum ... SFX has an existing network of community based organizations in region 6 and in place of electing a district committee, SFX was nominated to be the focal point for IYV in the community.

This group plans to promote volunteerism as part of their town day celebrations.

Children's Rally – Say Yes for Children

The Region 10 Committee (a very vibrant committee that is committed to improving the lives of persons in that region) teamed up with UNICEF – Say Yes for Children Campaign and held a children's rally under the theme 'Change the world with our Children.' on Thursday 13th September 2001. Over eight hundred students, some from as far as Coomacka, Ituni and Rockstone tramped thru' the streets of Linden championing their rights which are embodied in the 10 imperative actions of the 'Say yes for children Campaign.' The various schools selected a 'right' and shouted it as they marched from Mackenzie to the Christainburg Community Centre. Students from the participating schools performed songs, dances and recited poetry all in keeping with the ten imperatives of the pledge.



Hand printing for the various imperatives



Chairman at the rally



Primary students entertaining the participants



The procession of children en route to rally site...

Volunteer Awards - Rupununi

In recognition of IYV2001 and the recent Amerindian Heritage Month, the Guyana IVY 2001 Committee awarded persons and groups in Region nine who freely give time and other resources for improving the lives of citizens in that area.

On Friday September 21, 80 persons from the North, Central, and South Savannas received certificates for their outstanding volunteer work. Distributing the certificates of commendation were IYV Co-ordinator Mrs. Renee Franklin Peroune and Leader of Guyana Action Party Paul Hardy.

Among those who received certificates were: Toney James who was commended for his sterling voluntary contribution in his community, South Savannas and other parts of the region, others include Adam Nash, radio announcer/producer Annai North Savannas, Clarence Rudolph, Derek Winter, Michael Johnson and Shirley Melville with the St. Ignatius Environmental Group and the St. Ignatius Helping Hand Women's Groups.



Corporate Volunteering

An idea to twin business entities with volunteer organizations was initiated with the CIDA funded project ... Building Community Capacity Project (BCCP). BCCP Programme Officer Munesh Persaud and IYV Committee Coordinator initiated the concept by twinning Western Union and the Guyana Red Cross.

Western Unions Human Resource Officer will look at the human resource needs of the Guyana Red Cross; prepare the volunteer job descriptions to guide volunteer recruitment. Volunteer recruitment will first be amongst Western Union staff and then extended. We are all anxious to see this work!! This is one of three pilots before it is implemented on a wider scale. *Watch this space!*

Environmental Campaign

The Linden International Year of Volunteer (IYV2001) Committee in collaboration with the Regional Democratic Council Region 10, the Mayor and Town Council Linden and the Environmental Protection Agency has planned a massive clean up Campaign – **Linden, Clean up your environment!**

This campaign was launched on Friday 25th October 2001 at the Market square Linden.

The purpose of this campaign is not only to clean up schoolyards and wards in Linden but also to foster an understanding among students and residents of the environment and their relationship with and responsibility to the environment. In this light in addition to the clean up campaign in the schools and wards, there will be an educational component involving presentations in the schools and wards to inform persons of best practice and raise an awareness of the implications of unclean surroundings, the promotion of environmental school clubs and community groups for continuation and sustained maintenance of the school/ community environments.

Environmental Education training workshops for teachers and Community facilitators are to be conducted by the Environmental protection Agency on the 15 and 16 of November.



Regional Chairman
Mr. Mortimer Mingo



Mayor Mr. Stan Smith



Environmental Officer
Ms. Sharifa Razak



Participants

Volunteer Appreciation

Cry of Aids Bartica project and Canadian Cross Roads International (CCI)/ Guyana on Monday October 29, 2001 presented fifty persons for their outstanding voluntary contributions to the two organizations in Bartica, Region 7. Cry of Aids Bartica works towards the national goal of reducing the spread of HIV Aids through education and outreach programmes in Bartica and surrounding communities. CCI works in Bartica with Guyanese volunteers on various community projects focusing on senior citizens and youth.

WHAT'S NEXT?

Regional Meetings

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Bartica Region 7 here we come..... on November 6th 2001 we will conduct a regional consultation on IYV in Bartica. Over 25 participants are expected from the riveraine areas. The expected outcome... IYV activities in Region 7!

Volunteer Appreciation

Roadside Baptist Church Skill Training Centre

Over one hundred and fifty students will on Saturday November 9, 2001 graduate from the Roadside Baptist Church Skills training center, with new skills in electronics, information technology, sewing and fashion design. Their teachers.... all volunteers... The IYV Coordinator will award these volunteer teachers and other volunteers with the training center with certificates of appreciation.

What are you doing...? Tell us!

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