



# SPICE NEWS

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## 2005 In Review

The end always seems to bring us back to the beginning. So as we end the year it is natural that we reflect on the year 2005 gone by.

Immediately following our last Independence Ball, we were saddened by the resignation of our President, Ms. Bulah Alexander. However, the leadership of the Association was assumed by our Vice President Ms. Amy Granger-Louison.

One of the admirable things that our new leader initiated was the drive to increase the GCCA's membership. Everyone was asked to bring at least two people with them at the next meeting, and to our surprise the response was outstanding. The newcomers included Paul Coard, Irva Edgehill, Ingrid Williams, Nelia Lofaro, Beverly Mary Hosten, Raphael Castillo, Marvlyn Scott, Roslyn Alic-Batson and Glenn Joseph among others. Their impact was simply amazing. The enthusiasm that they brought to the Association re-invigorated the old-timers with new leases on life. Mention must also be made of one of the founding members of the GCCA. Welcome back Michael Hood-Julien, our ex-President.

In July, the GCCA staged its annual Independence picnic at West Lake Park in Hollywood and everybody unanimously agreed that it was beyond successful. We look forward to repeating it in 2006, hopefully taking it to even greater success.

Then there was our first attempt at a carnival back-yard bash. It was a roaring success, and folks are already talking about next October.

We have numerous upcoming events with the crowning glory being our annual Dinner/Dance in February and elections in March. We have great plans for the new year as the Association grows to realize its mission.

**Happy New Year to all, and may the Almighty grant us the wisdom to understand, respect and tolerate the differences among us. God bless everyone.**

## Associations Happenings

By Tony DeCoteau

The Association's 18th annual Dinner & Dance to commemorate the anniversary of Grenada's independence will be held on **February 11, 2006**.

This year's dance celebrating Grenada's 32nd Anniversary will be held at **Diamante's Banquet Center at 6501 Commercial Blvd. in Ft. Lauderdale**.

The Theme for this year's dinner/dance is **"Rebuilding Our Nation"**. The cost of the tickets are \$65.00 per person. The Reception will commence at 7:00 p.m. with the dinner program starting at 8:00 p.m., followed by an evening of dancing from 10:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. The GCCA looks forward to your presence.

Invite your friends and neighbors. Let's celebrate our culture.

### Spotlight on Scholarship Recipient

With deepest appreciation and sincere gratitude to the GCCA for their financial and moral support given to me in my studies at Barry University. Through their encouragement, I continue to excel in Social Work specializing in Clinical Practice and Mental Evaluation.

Hats off to GCCA!

Raphael Castillo

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### Calendar of Events:

- Annual Dinner/Dance— February 11, 2006
- Association Election - January 15, 2006
- Association Monthly Meetings - 4th Sunday of the month

# Internet Connections

By Tony DeCoteau

Grenadian ex-patriates can be found in just about every nook and corner in this big, wide world of ours. Some have made their homes as far away as New Zealand, Australia, Japan, South Africa, Germany, Malawi, The United Kingdom as well as close to home as Trinidad and Tobago, Jamaica and of course, Canada and the USA.

Thanks to the power of the World Wide Web and the Internet, distance is no longer a reason why we cannot connect with each other. Grenadians at home and abroad have gotten the point and are taking full advantage to bring us together regardless of where we are. Some of the official sites are listed below, and what their focus is, is further explained:

<http://www.Belgrafix.com>  
Spiceisle.com  
Gbsny.com  
Spicemasgrenada.com  
Grenada.shorturl.com  
Grenadianconnection.com  
Gogouyave.com  
Grenadian.com

[Geocities.com/verseatisle/verseatisle.html](http://Geocities.com/verseatisle/verseatisle.html)

If you want to know what's going on in the US, especially New York, click on Belgrafix. Neil Cummings, the webmaster, lives in New York and while the site provides valuable information on what's going on in Grenada, it does focus mainly on the American and Canadian scene.

Spiceisle is our local homeland source. The happenings in Grenada, and many other links are fully disclosed here.

For alumni of the GBSS, Gbsny is our source. While it's focus is naturally New York, nonetheless there is no other site I'm aware of, that continues to keep our torch burning.

Spicemasgrenada tells us about carnival in its entirety. Who won Road March, Soca and Calypso Kings and everything we care to know about carnival is here. From that site we can also find links to Klassic Radio and Voice of Grenada among others.

Grenada.shorturl.com is yet another site where you can find information about events in Grenada.

For those ladies who are interested in participating in Miss Grenada USA Beauty Pageant, check out the Grenadianconnection.com site.

Gogouyave.com is a perfect example of how even small communities can take advantage of the internet. On the TalkShop of Gogouyave.com we Gouyave folks are able to reconnect with friends whom we haven't heard from in years too many to mention. A very good feature of the site too, is the Death Announcements posted daily courtesy of LaQua Funeral Agency, about those who have passed on not only in Gouyave but all over Grenada.

Many other sites can be found on Grenadian.com. That's all it provides though.

For the writer in you, click on Geocities.com. There you'll find other budding and accomplished writers.




The internet is too valuable to ignore. I shudder to think what the response of the generation that saw the birth of the automobile was. Did they say that's not for me? The internet is today's version of the automobile. If you want to be able to function and be aware of anything that's going on in the world, there is no immediate source than the internet.

Open your minds to the wonderful world of the Internet.

Hop on board!!

## Sponsorship Opportunities

Sponsorships are encouraged for the Annual Dinner/Dance, benefiting the scholarship fund and the many other notable activities of the GCCA.

-  **RED LEVEL: \$2,500**
-  **YELLOW LEVEL: \$2,000**
-  **GREEN LEVEL: \$1,500**

For additional information on sponsorship levels call Elizabeth Allick (305) 776-1751/620-9521, Roslyn Alic-Batson (754) 581-6242 or Amy Louison (305) 770-1675.

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# Commemorative Souvenir Journal

## Advertising Opportunities

The GCCA is preparing its annual magazine in commemoration of Grenada's Independence, to be celebrated on February 11, 2006. Your participation in the annual magazine to be debuted at the Dinner and Dance will allow your organization direct access to a vast section of the Caribbean community, dignitaries and government officials here in South Florida.

In order to effectively accommodate the interest of your business, the following advertising options are available:

<b>Option I Full Page</b>	<b>\$300.00</b>	<b>Option IV Outside Back cover</b>	<b>\$600.00</b>
<b>Option II ½ Page</b>	<b>\$200.00</b>	<b>Option V Inside Back cover</b>	<b>\$450.00</b>
<b>Option III ¼ Page</b>	<b>\$175.00</b>	<b>Option VI Inside Front cover</b>	<b>\$400.00</b>
<b>Option VII</b>	<b>Business card</b>	<b>\$75.00</b>	

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## Association Endeavors

### .GCCA Meeting Dates

The Association meets the 4th Sunday of the month. The meeting locations varies between Munro & Associates and the offices of EHDL, in Miramar. A notification usually goes out to members. If you are interested in attending meetings and are not a member as yet, please contact the **Vice-president Amy Louison at 305-788-3155** to be added to the distribution list.

### Newsletter Advertising

This newsletter will be published quarterly and we are seeking advertisers. For \$40.00 you can have a business card size ad that will reach a target audience directly in their homes. For advertising information please contact,

**Roslyn Alic-Batson at 754-581-6242.**

### Election Day—January 15, 2006

Election for new officers for the association is scheduled for January 15, 2006. In order to be eligible to vote you have to be a member. This association is doing great work but we need you to be involved. We all have a vote. Let's use it wisely on January 15, 2006.

## Association Actions

### Apply for GCCA Book Scholarship

The GCCA awards (3) \$500.00 Book Scholarships to qualified college students.

#### The criteria are as follows:

- 1 You must be of Grenadian parentage
- 2 You must be in college or about to enter
3. Submit a one page essay on the topic "**Rebuilding our nation**" focusing on the destruction of hurricane Ivan
- 4 Entry deadline is January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2006

Mail your entry to: GCCA P.O. Box 693090  
Miami Gardens, FL 33269

### For passport applications, renewals, or any other assistance needed by expatriates, contact:

Grenada Embassy in Washington, DC -  
Dennis Antoine (202) 265-2561;  
Grenada Consulate General in Miami,  
Richard Nixon, (305) 913-7555;  
Consulate General in New York,  
(212) 599-0301, Consulate General in  
Toronto, (416) 595-1339.

### Membership Has It's Privileges!

Membership in the Association is easier than you think. Are you Grenadian, by birth or marriage? Then you too can be a member of this hard working association. Membership dues are just \$25.00 for the first year and \$20.00 annually thereafter. **WE NEED YOU.**

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***Mission Statement:***

***To provide social and cultural interaction amongst Grenadians and other national groups in the South Florida area whereby creating a framework for Grenadians to contribute towards the development of Grenada in the areas of education, health, tourism, culture, artistic endeavor, and any other area that are worthy of assistance.***

**Featured Grenadian Authors - Philip Peters**

*Caribbean WOW 2.0* a book written by Grenadian born Philip Dickenson Peters is shifting American's perception about the Caribbean's contribution to America as well as impacting how West Indians think about themselves. In June the U.S House of Representative unanimously passed the Caribbean – American Heritage Bill to make the month of June, “**Caribbean American Heritage Month.**” The bill is now before the Senate for ratification. The book profiles leading Caribbean minds such as Malcom X born of a Grenadian mother, Stokley Carmichael(Trinidad), Colin Powell(Jamaica), Shirley Chisholm(Barbados/Guyana) and many others who have shaped and defined American Society. *Caribbean Zen* another book by the author argues, through the form of a novel, that Caribbean success is not incidental but is based on a practical operating philosophy defining our Caribbean civilization. These books are ideal gifts for friends, family, business associates and clients. **The books, priced at US\$12.50 each are available at Amazon.com** and are shipped free if both copies are ordered together or if two copies of each book are purchased. Please contact Philip at 305 529 9028 (office) or 786 348 7531 (mobile) to learn more or discuss bulk orders or personally signed and endorsed copies. You can also reach him by email at [Philip@zagada.com](mailto:Philip@zagada.com). Please visit his company's sites at [www.zagada.com](http://www.zagada.com) or [www.sphaeroalliance.com](http://www.sphaeroalliance.com).

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