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Aruba Product Update

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The Aruba Tourism Authority (ATA) is the Destination Marketing & Management Organization for Aruba.

Our Mission:

To increase the share of affluent travelers and the economic value of tourism for the benefit of the community and our stakeholders by positioning and developing Aruba as their preferred Caribbean destination.

Our vision:

The Aruba Tourism Authority (A.T.A.) will become the most innovative and creative DMMO in the Caribbean.

Core Values:

Empowerment Productivity
& Ownership Professional
Respect Fun & Passion.

Below we offer a synthesis of some of the most prominent and important news during the month of December 2018



ATA News

Aruba Tourism Authority Honors Team Members

Renaissance Convention Center was decorated in the style of 'Pirates of the Caribbean' in honor of 21 ATA team members and their combined 220 years of service. ATA CEO Ronella Tjin Asjoe-Croes opened the evening with words of praise and appreciation for the Aruban people without whom ATA would never have been able to do their work. She added that, without ATA, the successes in tourism during the last years would not have been possible. Every team member contributes to the company's success and the wellbeing of the industry. She also thanked their families for their support. Each ATA member was introduced in a short video and called up to receive a pendant engraved with the official Aruba logo.

5 years: Nataly Arends, Marylin Feliciano, Ilka Figaroa-Lacle, Marouska Heyliger, Sanju Luidens-Daryanani, Anita Rattan-Persaud, Darice Solognier, IshaTapias-Kock, Jontsjie Tilma, Ronella Tjin Asjoe-Croes, Maas van Drie, and Dyane Vis-Escalona

10 years: Jonathan Boekhoudt, Darline de Cuba

15 years: Mario Arends, Sjeidy Dijkhoff-Feliciano, Rayon Koolman, Yuraima Solognier

20 years: Maureen Gomes-Werleman

25 years: Amayra Boekhoudt

35 years: Theo de Jongh



Director of ATA LATAM Visits Trade and Press

Miriam Dabian, director of ATA Latin America, visited Argentina and, among her activities, gave interviews to different media. On November 6, she visited Buenos Aires, with an agenda that included travel agencies, airlines, ML agencies and media meetings. She gave interviews for the Canal 9 news and the program “Massaccesi Que Nunca”, of Radio de la Ciudad AM 1110.



ATA Participates in the Binational Conference of Integral Water Treatment Argentina-Netherlands

On October 30, Pablo Rodríguez, director of ATA Argentina, participated in “Successful cases in cutting edge-technologies” with a presentation entitled “Conscious Evolution / Drinking water in Aruba”, highlighting the desalination plant in Aruba. The seminar was organized by the Netherlands Embassy and the Infrastructure and Water Policy Secretary, dependent on the Interior, Public Works and Housing Ministry of the Argentine Nation Presidency.



Awards & Recognition

New Executive Board Elected by the Consular Corps of Aruba

The members of the Consular Corps of Aruba elected a new Executive Board at their recent annual general meeting: Carlos Augusto, Consul of Brazil (President); Cecilia Arendsz Consul of Costa Rica (Vice-President); Ami Mendez Consul of Philippines (Treasurer), Magali Guzman de Meza Consul of Ecuador (Secretary), and Christian Mongellaz Consul of France (support board member).

The Association of the Consular Corps of Aruba established in 2000 represents over 15 countries. Its members serve as consul-general, consul, vice-consul and honorary consul and are official representatives of the government of their states. They offer assistance to their citizens in consular matters and work to promote good relations between Aruba and their countries.



Six Tourism Ambassadors Win AHATA Excellence Awards

The Minister of Tourism, Public Health and Sports, together with the Aruba Hotel & Tourism Association, presented Excellence Awards 2018 to the winning Tourism Ambassadors at a recent reception at the Ritz-Carlton, Aruba. The winners have shown outstanding performance in their day-to-day service in the tourism sector. There were six categories and 52 nominees, selected among 10,000 employees in the tourism sector.

Berlinda Engelhardt – Employee of the Year

Shemuel Koolman – Supervisor of the Year

Barbara Nieuwmeyer-Bregita – Manager of the Year

Axl Ismail – Young Tourism Professional of the Year

Nathaly Stanley – Sustainability Champion of the Year

Beverly Williams Perez received the Lifetime Achievement Award





Hyatt Regency Aruba Renews EarthCheck Certification

Hyatt Regency Aruba Resort, Spa and Casino has once again passed the annual EarthCheck Certification audit – a global program for businesses to measure, organize, and improve their environmental and social management processes. To pass the audit, hotels and businesses must comply and consistently show improvement in specific areas such as waste

management, greenhouse gas emissions, management of freshwater resources and much more. In the recent audit, colleagues showed improvement in many areas particularly in the storage of chemicals. The resort engineering department also has regular internal audits to keep all colleagues on pace for achieving their annual goals.

Resorts

Hyatt Regency Aruba Completes \$21 Million Room Enhancement Project

The resort now features 359 rooms with 16 suites, 9 accessible rooms. Access to the newly renovated Regency Club Lounge is also available in all categories.

The updated room products include calming Caribbean design inspired colors, individually crafted armoires, handwoven baskets and tile and stone quartz bathrooms. Modern conveniences include 65"-inch flat screen televisions, multiple easy to reach outlets, motion activated sensors on the floor, Hyatt Grand beds and illuminated bathroom mirrors with LED digital clock displays. Differentiating experiences include residential wood plank tile flooring with large woven area rugs in Premium and Deluxe rooms or soft carpeting in the Ocean and Island View rooms. Additionally, structural and design enhancements have been completed at Piet's Pier and Palms Restaurant.



Amsterdam Manor Beach Resort Begins Celebration of its 30th Anniversary

In December 2019, Amsterdam Manor Beach resort will celebrate its 30th year of bringing its guests the most memorable vacation experiences. This pearl anniversary will be celebrated throughout 2019, with various promotions and special events. There will be some big announcements coming soon, in gratitude for visitors' continuous support.



Lamb Shanks Braised in Red Wine with Soft Lavender Polenta and Bacon-wrapped Green Beans
Serves 6

INGREDIENTS

6 lamb shanks
Salt and freshly ground black pepper
3 tbsp. (45 ml) olive oil
2 whole heads garlic, unpeeled, halved crosswise
1 rib celery, cut into large dice
2 carrots, cut into large dice
1 large onion, peeled and cut into about 8 wedges
2 tsp. (30 ml) tomato paste
3 cups (750 ml) dry red wine (about 1 bottle)
8 cups (2 l) beef stock
2 bay leaves
1 spring fresh rosemary
1 spring fresh thyme

Instructions

1. Heat the oven to 375°F (190°C).
2. Season the shanks with salt and pepper.
3. In a large, high-sided ovenproof pot, heat the oil over medium-high and sear the shanks in batches on all sides until golden brown.
4. Remove the meat from the pot and add the garlic, celery, carrots and onion. Cook until they're light brown in color.
5. Add the tomato paste, red wine, beef stock, bay leaves, rosemary and thyme and return the lamb to the pot.
6. Cover the pot and place it in the oven, turning the shanks every ½ hour, until the meat is very tender but still on the bone, about 2 hours.
7. Remove the shanks from the pot and strain the braising liquid into a medium saucepan.
8. Remove the fat from the top of the liquid and simmer gently until the flavor has intensified and the volume is reduced by about a third.
9. Serve the shanks on top of the polenta and ladle the sauce over the lamb. Serve with the green beans.



Soft Lavender Polenta

INGREDIENTS

3 cups (750 ml) chicken stock
1 spoonful of butter
Zest of ¼ of an orange
1 pinch dry edible lavender (if not available replace with "herbes de Provence")
¾ cup (375 ml) polenta
1 cup (250 ml) heavy cream
Salt and ground black pepper

INSTRUCTIONS

1. In a pot, combine the chicken stock, butter, orange zest and dry lavender and bring to a boil.
2. Whisk in the polenta, reduce the heat to medium-low and cook for 2 minutes.
3. Add the heavy creamy and salt and pepper to taste.
4. Serve immediately. If you wait too long, the polenta will become hard; in this case, add water a little at a time until you reach a soft consistency.

Green beans

INGREDIENTS

1 ½ lb. fresh green beans
1 spoonful of butter
½ tsp. chopped garlic
A pinch of freshly ground pepper
6 slices of bacon

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Blanch the beans in salted water (see tip).
2. Preheat the oven to 400°F (200°C).
3. Melt the butter over medium heat. When hot, add the garlic and cook for 1 minute.
4. Add the green beans and ground pepper.
5. Divide the beans into six handfuls and wrap each in a slice of bacon.
6. In a dry, non-stick pan, sear the bacon-wrapped parcels on both sides over medium-high heat, then transfer to the preheated oven and bake until the bacon is crispy, about 3 minutes.

TIPS

1. If you don't have a large enough ovenproof pot with a lid, you can reduce the recipe to four lamb shanks or use a large casserole dish covered in aluminum foil. Or sear the meat and then transfer it to a slow-cooker for six to eight hours on low or four to six hours on high.
2. Blanching the green beans means adding them to boiling water very briefly, bringing the water back to a boil, then removing them immediately and cooling them in ice water quickly. This will keep them green and crispy.
3. You can thicken the sauce by adding cornstarch to a tablespoon of the liquid and then whisking the mixture back into the sauce until it thickens like gravy.
4. The carrots, onions, celery and garlic heads - a classic "mirepoix" for sauces and stocks - are discarded after cooking, since their flavor has infused the cooking liquids.
5. The lamb tastes even better reheated the next day, so don't feel as though you need to invite over friends for dinner if you're worried that six lamb shanks will be too many.

Amsterdam Manor Chef Gerard Coste Shares his Culinary Secrets

Gerard Coste, Executive Chef of Passions on the Beach at Amsterdam Manor Beach Resort, was recently featured in Menu International's 2019 Aruba Restaurant Guide. Having worked

in top kitchens in France, England and Monaco, and then continuing his career in Aruba for the past 30 years, Gerard shared with readers his traditional Lamb Shanks Braised in Red Wine recipe.



La Cabana Beach Resort & Casino Celebrates 590 Years of Professional Expertise

Thirty-Four associates celebrated an important career milestone just recently and received congratulations at a festive, friendly and fun gathering, with associates who concluded 5, 15, 20 and 25 years.

Over champagne and a delicious buffet of hors d'oeuvres, associates were recognized individually for their hard work and most of all for the love they manifest for their work-place every day going to work with passion and determination at the resort that will be celebrating its own 28th anniversary on December 28, 2018.

The party was held in the newly renovated ballroom, and was organized by the Social Committee and the Human Resource Department with the decorative help of Birthdays & More.





Tierra del Sol Resort & Golf

International Housekeeping Day

The resort celebrated by organizing a Breakfast Appreciation to their dedicated housekeeping employees. The morning started off with a delicious breakfast and special gifts for each staff. The day featured fun times with colleagues and appreciation to each employee for their hard work and dedication.



Caribbean Palm Village Celebrates its Loyal Guests

Resort guests are invited each week to a Manager's Cocktail party where, over cocktails and snacks, they mingle with their fellow vacationers and members of management. They also celebrated Thanksgiving in a most original way, with Mislady Fingal, from Activities, as master of ceremony. Mislady organized a scavenger hunt for fun prizes in the garden of the resort, sending guests in all directions in search of hidden treasures,



a turkey, a bottle of wine, and some fun island tee-shirts. The resort also took advantage of the festivities to thank Ms. Johanntges and Ms. Rappaport for 30 happy years of membership and loyalty to the resort, together with Ed Hayes, Board President, and Astrid Muller, Interim General Manager.



Playa Linda Gives Thanks for the Dedicated Service of its Top Associates

A celebration of valued employees took place recently in the form of a thanksgiving lunch at Gianni restaurant. Playa Linda, which celebrated its own 35th year anniversary this year, is particularly proud to recognize its longtime employees, who have helped established the resort's reputation as a beloved timeshare and tops for hospitality and seamless service. The longest serving associates are:

35 years: Executive Housekeeper Ingrid Todd

30 years: Adela Orman (Housekeeping) - Marlyn Tromp (Accounting)

25 years: Santiago Aldea (Grounds)

15 years: Felicita Cuesta Colon (Housekeeping)

10 years: Nidia Helder (Accounting)



Manchebo Beach Resort & Spa Proudly Receives PPL Award 2018

On December 3, in honor of International Day of Persons with Disabilities, Plataforma pa Persona cu Limitacion (PPL) organized a fun talent show, together with SVGA (Stichting Verstandelijke Gehandicaptten Aruba), which helps mentally disabled people with social activities, personal development and studies. During the event, Manchebo's Shaline Leon, Human Resource Manager, received the honorable PPL Award 2018, in recognition of the activities organized by the resort. According to Cyndi Kelly-Mathila President PPL, Manchebo also makes a great difference in the lives of the people with limitations working for the property.





The Mill Resort & Suite Welcomes New Chef

Chef Anna Carlotta Ellis showed off her creativity and culinary prowess at the resort's Thanksgiving dinner, combining traditional and Caribbean elements. It was a feast for the eyes as well as the palate. The traditional turkey with cranberry sauce and gravy took on a new form with a unique presentation and yucca stuffing. From the salad of red onion, cranberry, apple and shredded carrot, to the dessert of walnut-crusted pumpkin pie, it was truly a feast to remember.



Restaurants

Culinary Secrets at Hadicurari for Vegans

November was vegan month at the restaurant, and their monthly Culinary Secrets dinner featured a delicious four-course vegan menu.

Dinner started with a garden salad with a sesame dressing, a vegetable `confit' and marinated tofu, followed by pumpkin soup with an almond-nutmeg foam.

The entree was soy fish with teriyaki vegetables and `shrimp'. Cantaloupe soup with mint syrup and cinnamon ice cream was the perfect finale.



Wine Week Aruba

From November 28 through December 5, Wine Week Aruba featured an array of tastings, pairings and loads of fun. Ten venues, ten wineries and ten tastings were on the menu. A premium selection of bars and restaurants hosted a wide range of food and wine pairings. Special events included a 5-course Food & Wine dinner at Hadicurari restaurant, hosted by a sommelier from Romar Trading. This special week was supported by wine suppliers Arion Wine Company, Pepia-Est, Romar Trading and Divino.



A yummy week of tasting, pairing and enjoying wines at a premium selection of restaurants and bars in Aruba. Great deals and fun events.

WINE WEEK SPECIAL		FOOD & WINE PAIRING		5-COURSE WINE & DINE	
AMAZING PRICES ON SPECIAL WINE SELECTION		EVERY DAY A DIFFERENT VENUE WITH SPECIAL WINES HOSTED BY A SOMMELIER		UPSCALE 5-COURSE DINNER AT HADICURARI WITH WINE PAIRING ON SATURDAY DECEMBER 1	
GLASS	BOTTLE	4 WINES 4 GOURMET BITES	\$20 PP.	7PM - 10PM	\$75 PP.
\$5	\$20				
WHOLE WEEK		RESERVATIONS ONLY		RESERVATIONS ONLY	
WED NOV 28	FISH & WINE PAIRING Fishes & More (starting 6PM)		SUN DEC 02	VEGAN FOOD & WINE PAIRING Hadicurari (starting 6PM)	15% Service Charge
THU NOV 29	WINE & HORS D'OEUVRES PAIRING Sopranos Piano Bar (starting 6PM)		MON DEC 03	EUROPEAN FOOD & WINE PAIRING Café the Plaza (starting 6PM)	
FRI NOV 30	MEAT & WINE PAIRING 15% Service Charge Tango Argentine Grill (starting 6PM)		TUE DEC 04	TODAY'S CATCH & WINE PAIRING Nos Clubhuis (starting 6PM)	
SAT DEC 01	ASIAN FOOD & WINE/SAKÉ PAIRING Dragonfly Asian Restaurant (starting 6PM)		TUE DEC 04	TAPAS & WINE PAIRING Salt & Pepper (starting 6PM)	
SAT DEC 01	FOOD & WINE PAIRING Que Pasa (starting 6PM)		WED DEC 05	SEAFOOD & WINE PAIRING MooMba Beach (starting 6PM)	

Specials are not valid in combination with any other special offer.

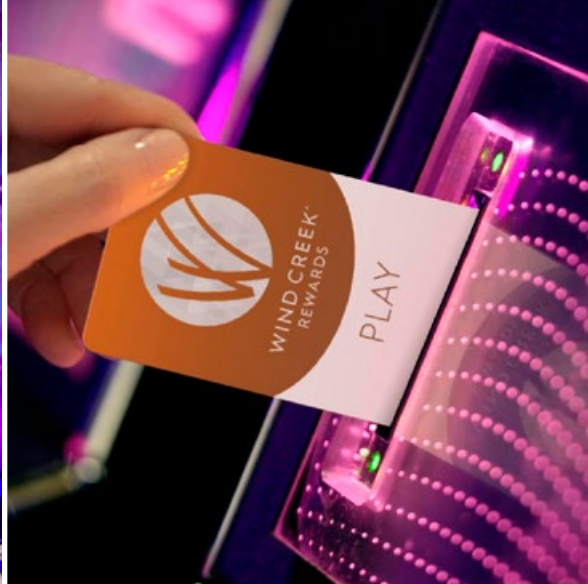
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Casinos

Wind Creek Crystal & Seaport Recently Celebrated their Grand Opening

The Crystal Casino has been completely renovated and is now Wind Creek Crystal Casino, featuring a variety of 325 slot machines, 6 Blackjack tables, 3 roulette tables, 1 Three Card Poker table, 1 Caribbean Stud Poker table, 1 Baccarat table and the most generous rewards program on the island. The casino also offers live entertainment from Tuesday to Sunday starting at 10 PM and a lounge area with food service until 6 AM.

Every point that players earn brings them closer to amazing dining experiences, incredible getaways, and valuable giveaways, luxurious hotel stays in the US and Curacao, and more. Rewards points are redeemable at each Wind Creek Casino & Hotel in the U.S. and the Renaissance Curaçao. A total of 46,000 in cash prizes were offered during the Grand Opening Weekend.



Culture

Annual Exposition of Love4Art Studio

The members of the Love4Art Studio held their annual exposition at the public library in Oranjestad, from December 3rd to 21st. The exposition was open during regular library hours. Entitled 'Archetypes and sacred contracts', it is a presentation of both paintings and installations.

Love4Art Studio was formed a few years ago by a group of creative women who inspire each other and continue pursuing their artistic goals. Members are Aissah van Eer, Anna Fit-Buryakova, Carina Molina, Diana Hopman, Dina Leggers, Esther Lamark, Genevieve Wientjes, Gina Jie Sam Foek, Marianne Beijderwellen, Roelie Groenewegen, and Sandra Slabbekoorn-Wijngaarde.



Retail

Little Switzerland is Your Source for Tudor Watches

In November 2018, Little Switzerland added Tudor to their portfolio of brands. Michele Albanese, the Tudor brand manager for the Caribbean, travelled to Aruba to train the entire staff of Little Switzerland Royal Plaza. For those who want a heritage or diving watch, this well-known and well-loved brand stands among the top choices.



ALEX AND ANI Launches Warm Weather Holiday-Themed Bangles

Shoppers can feel the Caribbean warmth all year round with exclusive ALEX AND ANI Holiday Bangles. Check out Santa with cool sunglasses, or the Pineapple with Holiday Ornaments.





A Night in Cuba During Cigar Night at JJ's Cigar Shop at MooMba Beach

JJ's Cigar Shop at MooMba Beach recently presented 'Cigar Night, the Cuba Experience!' with a Master cigar roller from Cuba demonstrating the art and science of rolling the best cigar. A specially priced whiskey selection was also available. JJ's Cigar Shop is located on the premises of MooMba Beach, beachside between Holiday Inn and Marriott.



Launch of Aruba Aloe's New Mineral Sunscreens

After many months of intensive research, reformulations, and meticulous testing, Aruba Aloe launched its brand-new line of natural, mineral-based sunscreens - eco and coral friendly.

The new sunscreens are oxybenzone-free and the minerals are not harmful to corals and are not linked to coral bleaching. They are free of nano-particles, preventing the minerals from penetrating skin, and packed with moisturizing 100% pure and fresh Aloe Vera Gel. The sunscreens are very water resistant and offer broad-spectrum (UVB/UVA) sun protection.

The company donated Awg. 10,000 to the Scubbe Bubbles foundation, a youth diving group focused on helping to restore the coral reefs of Aruba.



Real Estate

Harbour House Aruba, Cosmopolitan Condominiums in Downtown Oranjestad

This state-of-the-art residential and commercial development developed by Pering Group balances island relaxation with the exhilaration of urban-living. The homes will have an open-floor concept that maximizes breathtaking sea views. The condos will feature top-of-the line finishes selected for luxury, comfort and durability. Residents will enjoy a stunning infinity pool overlooking the Oranjestad Marina, a fully-equipped fitness center on the top floor with a hot-tub and sun deck, 360-degree-views over the oceanfront surroundings, ground-floor restaurants, and five-star service all around. Located in the former 7-level Marazul building at historical Paardenbaai.



Feel the European-Caribbean Thrill of Tuscany Residence Aruba

Located 2000 feet from the Palm Beach area, Tuscany's first phase offers eight luxurious townhouses, fully equipped with high quality standards including European kitchens and Banjolux bathrooms.

36 condominiums located in three buildings are a wonderful vacation escape or investment. All materials are imported from Europe and built according to high Dutch standards. The total project will contain 180 units with stunning Dutch architecture, 24-hour security, 2- and 3-floor villas with swimming pools.

Located on property land, buying possibilities at Tuscany Residence range from condos to townhouses to villas.



Sinterklaas Arrives in Aruba!

Every year, this eagerly awaited holy man comes all the way from Spain to arrive in Aruba with his helpers, the trusty Piets. Children greet him with great excitement as he brings presents for all the good ones among them.

Based on Saint Nicolas, the patron saint of children, this legendary Christmas figure is similar to Santa Claus. He is celebrated by the Dutch without any real religious connotation.

Children leave carrots and hay outside overnight for his horses so that he will stop by and leave them presents.

Events

Sinterklaas and His Piets at Café the Plaza

The fun started on November 30 when Sinterklaas and his Piets met and spoiled the children with gifts, sweets, coloring plates, singing, face painting and music. They spent time with each child and posed for photos. As a special touch, there was also a special Children's Menu.



Hanukkah Festival of Lights 2018 Interfaith Concert

On December 9, the last night of Hanukkah, a very special concert took place in the open air amphitheatre at Paseo Herencia. The inspirational musical evening featured talented singers, choir, musicians and dancers from Beth Israel Synagogue, the Protestant Congregation and the Methodist Church. Spiritual leaders of the three denominations also took part in the evening's presentation.

Rabbi Daniel Kripper led the traditional lighting of the Hanukkah candles and even took part in the Beth Israel Ensemble. In the spirit of Hanukkah, guests were treated to sweets and jelly donuts, and children received small gifts.





#loveislove Celebrated at T.H. Palm & Company's 4th Annual Rainbow Night

Themed “Love is Love,” this joyous annual event welcomed locals to share in the handing over of funds collected by T.H. Palm & Company and its sister boutiques to various island foundations, as well as celebrate the island’s LGBTQ community. Guests enjoyed the opportunity to mingle over cocktails, wine, and noshes while perusing the enchanting emporium’s selection of holiday gifts. For over 10 years, through the Tikkun Olam (Repair of the World) fundraising program, The Salamander

Group’s stores—T.H. Palm & Company, The Lazy Lizard, The Juggling Fish, and The Juggling Fish Swimwear—have supported local foundations. At checkout, shoppers choose which of seven island foundations will receive a percentage of their purchase. 2018 recipients were Bon Nochi Drumi Dushi, Telefon Pa Hubentud, Mary Joan Fundacion, Fundacion Pa Hende Muhe Den Dificultad, Fundacion Autismo Aruba, Fundacion Konigin Wilhelmina, and Ateliers '89.





Joyous Chanukah Candle Lighting Ceremony

Over 150 people joined Rabbi Ahron Blasberg of Chabad Aruba at the Ritz-Carlton beachfront for a moving and joyful ceremony, lighting the first candle of the Chanukah Menorah.

Special mention was made of the 11 victims of the Pittsburgh shooting by Rabbi Blasberg as he shared his Chanukah message, "Do an extra good deed, share your little light and together we will create a world of light and brightness, a world of goodness and kindness!"

Locals and tourists joined in song, followed by music and dancing, and a special Dreidel Mascot provided a cool photo opportunity. Visitors were treated to delicious hot latkes and jelly donuts. Other Chanukah festivities during the week included a live Concert at the Playa Linda.



AHATA National Coastal Cleanup

The eco-friendly team at Tierra del Sol Resort & Golf participated once again in the 17th Annual Coastal Cleanup organized by AHATA. They helped in discarding rubbish and debris that was littering the sand dunes and shoreline.

Tropicana Aruba Celebrates the New Year

The team at Tropicana Aruba have their decorations up and are in the holiday spirit! To show appreciation to a special part of their team - those who work the so-called graveyard shift, they host a special "Midnight" Holiday party in

their restaurant during the early morning hours especially for them! 2018 was an exciting year for Tropicana as it marks the completion of renovations of their South and Sunrise Towers and many upgrades throughout the resort.

Local and International Designers Featured on Aruba's Runways

Local designer and event organizer Gigliola Gomez has curated several fashion shows under her "Aruba's Fashion Night Out" series, with her latest edition held on November 28 in the al fresco garden of House of Mosaic. In addition to previewing her latest collection, Gigliola invited four well-known designers (Bernard Jabbor, Zobaida Akkari, Camila Terra

of Valentina Terra, and Daniela Carrion) to introduce their newest collections to Aruba's fashionistas. Gigliola's dresses, skirts, tops, and pantsuits in shimmering gold and silver, deep reds and burgundy, and classic black set just the right tone for holiday cocktail attire. The evening was the perfect warm-up for Aruba Fashion Week on December 14-16.



Put on an Unox Hat and Welcome the New Year!

The 'Unox Nieuwjaarsduik' at MooMba Beach is the best way to start 2019

On January 1 at MooMba Beach, the young, the very young, the mature and elderly athletes run into the ocean at the starting sign, welcoming in the New Year. The party music starts at 10am with DJ Diablo. At noon, it's time for the annual Unox Nieuwjaarsduik (New Year's plunge). Partygoers join thousands of others who are doing the same all over the world...but not in the same enviable tropical climate and warm seas. Participants receive a bowl of hearty 'Unox Erwtensoeep' (pea soup with sausage).



Farmers Market with a Christmas Theme

On Sunday, December 2, the Ostrich Farm again organized a Farmers Market where local farmers and artisans showcased their unique arts & crafts, and farmers sold their homemade products. Since this edition had a Christmas theme, vendors presented such delicacies as fruit cake, pecan cake, dark fruit cake, and ponche crema (Aruban egg nog)

in various flavors. A traditional Christmas platter of ayacas, ham and turkey was served. Christmas ornaments, decorations, table pieces, and mini driftwood trees were on sale. Everyone was in the holiday spirit, surrounded by thousands of twinkling lights, the Christmas tree, holiday décor and music. Even the Ostrich Farm staff dressed up as Santa!



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A Great Start of the New Year at Sopranos Piano Bar

Helping the old year to go out with a bang and welcoming in the New Year is a great party at Sopranos Piano Bar in Arawak Garden. The New Year's Eve celebration is a blast, culminating in a champagne toast at midnight.

Everyone who is wearing a smile is welcome; there is no entry fee. Two fabulous international piano players entertain throughout the last few hours of 2018 and the early hours in 2019: Greg Asadoorian and Lacey Troutman.

