



The planning committee for the Errol Flynn Christmas Benefit Ball that will be held on the Ken Wright Pier in Port Antonio on Saturday, December 17, 2011. From left: Dale Westin; Martha Marsden; Brienne Burd; Errol Flynn's grandson, Luke Flynn; Flynn's widow, Patrice Wymore Flynn; Karen Sangster and Antoinette Callum.

Fab 5 to perform at Errol Flynn Yule ball

FAB 5 will be the featured entertainment when holiday merry-makers gather Saturday, December 17 at Port Antonio's Errol Flynn Marina for a Christmas ball. As in the past two years, the ball will benefit the Portland Homeless Shelter and help to provide the facility with a women's dormitory.

The ball will also be in honour of the legendary screen star's widow, Patrice Wymore Flynn, who will be celebrating her 85th birthday that same evening. Mrs Flynn has been operating the 2,000-plus acre Flynn cattle ranch in Portland for more than 50 years. Mrs Flynn and grandson, Luke, who bears an amazing likeness to his famous grandfather, will serve as patrons for the event. Errol Flynn died in 1959 after a tumultuous career of

more than 60 movies, including many that are still seen weekly on the various classic TV channels.

NEW TWIST

There will be a slightly new twist at this year's ball as men will be invited to grow a "pencil-thin moustache" much like that which was a signature of Flynn during his career. Ball coordinator Dale Westin notes that one (pencil-thin moustache) can be grown in only a week or so by most men. "For those that come without one, we will provide a substitute," Westin notes. Mrs Flynn has been invited to select the one that most closely resembles that of her late husband. Appropriate prizes will be given.

The ball will start at 7:30 p.m. with cocktails and the music of Peter Stoddart on the keyboard. From 8:30 p.m. Fab 5 will be

featured under the Christmas décor of the Ken Wright Cruise Pier. Complimentary snacks will be provided throughout the evening and several vendors will be providing various juice and wine samples. During the evening, dancers will have the opportunity to bid in the silent auction featuring a number of high-end items including weekends for two at several luxury hotels and villas, smartphones, jewellery and other gifts. Tickets are \$3,000 in advance and \$3,500 at the door. Tickets can be obtained from Stewart's Automotive Group, 6 Orchard Road, Kingston 5; at the Errol Flynn Marina in Port Antonio and also at the Portland Chamber of Commerce Office.

For additional information, contact Dale Westin, 876-832-4765. Additional ticket outlets will be announced in the next few weeks.

Anguilla observes Caribbean Tourism Month

ANGUILLA IS one of the countries that will be observing Caribbean Tourism Month this November, under the theme, 'One Sea, One Voice, One Caribbean'.

The programme, which is endorsed by the Caribbean Tourism Organization (CTO), has as its primary objectives the creation of opportunities to raise awareness among the people of the Caribbean as to the importance of tourism to the development of the region, the generation of media coverage of the Caribbean tourism product and each destination's local tourism product and the celebration of the diversity of the Caribbean tourism product.

In speaking to the decision to introduce the region's first Tourism Month, communications specialist with the CTO, Johnson Johnrose, noted, "In the past, we observed Caribbean Tourism Day on the first Tuesday in November, but some countries found it difficult to plan around that day. A month allows them the flexibility to organise accordingly."

Anguilla's programme of activities for the month have been organised under the sub-theme 'Partnerships: the Key to Success'.

HIGHLIGHTS

Highlights include an islandwide Tourism Awareness Programme by the Anguilla Tourist Board (ATB) and the Anguilla Hotel & Tourism Association (AHTA), under the theme 'Tourism is Key'; the publication of papers focused on the role of the environment, sports and culture in tourism, in partnership with the Department of the Environment, The Department of Youth and Culture, the Anguilla Tennis Academy and The Anguillian newspaper; a community-led beach adoption and clean-up campaign spear-headed by the Sandy Hill Bay Neighbours Community; the island's first annual MEDFEST, on November 25 and 26, which focuses on health and wellness, music and entertainment, while benefiting the Princess Alexandra Hospital; and the island's annual Tourism Week which will run from November

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26 to December 2, and is a collaborative effort of the Ministry of Tourism, the ATB and the AHTA.

Several CTO member countries have planned – or are planning – activities in observance of the month. Both St Kitts and Grenada, which, in the past, organised tourism awareness programmes in October have moved the programmes to November in keeping with Caribbean Tourism Month. Commemorative activities will also be observed in The Bahamas and Tobago.

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