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## A Salute to A Vincentian Oncologist



After graduating from medical school, he continued his training at Freedmen's Hospital and George Washington University Medical Center to become a qualified oncologist.

For the past 25 years Dr. Anderson has maintained a busy medical practice in the Washington, D.C area. He prides himself in primarily working to help provide the best medical care for his patients and not solely concerned about financial gains. He balances his time between his professional and his family life. He is married with three grown children, one of whom is also a physician.

Dr. Stanley Anderson has made it all the way from Bay Street, Kingstown, St. Vincent & The Grenadines to become a practicing medical oncologist in Washington, D.C. The journey started a long time ago. At an early age Dr. Anderson recognized that his ticket out of his homeland was not going to be athletics, so he dedicated himself to achieving academic excellence.

He was educated at the Kingstown Anglican School, The Kingstown Preparatory School, Mrs. Laborde's private school and the Boys Grammar School. At age 18 he was superannuated from his high school because of 'old age'. Dr. Anderson turned this temporary set back into a positive experience. With encouragement and support from his parents in Aruba, he applied and successfully gained acceptance to Howard University in Washington, D.C.

Dr. Anderson left SVG for America shortly thereafter to pursue a career in medicine.

Dr. Anderson, even with his very busy schedule, has found time to obtain a degree in Contemporary Executive Development from GWU School of Government & Business Administration. His career also includes being an instructor in Hematology-Oncology at Howard University, School of Medicine; and for many years was a member of the Police & Firemen Retirement. Dr. Anderson remains keenly interested in the welfare of St. Vincent and the Grenadines, and he was the first President of SVGNA-DC.

Dr. Anderson who lives in Washington, D.C. only a few blocks from his sister Janice Anderson, is also the brother of John Anderson, who lives in Michigan, and Dr. Christian Anderson who is currently practicing in St. Vincent and the Grenadines. Dr. Anderson's hobbies are golf and playing the piano.

We salute Dr. Stanley Anderson - an outstanding Vincentian. We thank him for his continued support of the organization, and we wish him continued success. We are all extremely proud of him!

## SVGNA Elects New Executive Board

On Saturday, May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2002, the General meeting of SVGNA was held, and a new Executive board was voted into office. The elected members are as follows:

**President:** Lennox Simon

**Vice President:** Bert Davy

**General Secretary:** Barbara Fergus

**Treasurer:** Lynette "Bonnie" Andrews

**Public Relations Officer:** Omegah Fair

**Recording Secretary:** Brenda Simms

**At Large Members:** Horace Walker and Jasmine "Pat" Andrews



## Carnival In Washington DC 2002

The costumes were bright, the weather was perfect and the humidity stayed at a bearable level. It was the annual Caribbean Carnival in Washington, D.C. There were bands from English and French speaking Caribbean Islands. St. Vincent & The Grenadines was represented by Stefnus Productions band, dressed in costumes designed by Stephanie and Shortmus John. Congratulations to Shortmus-- You did it again!!

## Calendar of Events 2002



### ✘ Dec 14--Children's Christmas Party

Holy Comforter Church,  
7<sup>th</sup> & Oglethorpe Streets, N.W.

For further information call:  
Lennox Simon: (301) 218-0085  
Bert Davy: (301) 499-1392  
Omegah Fair: (202) 269-4816

## Vincentian Comedian Seluche Performs in Washington D.C

Vincentian Comedian, stirred up the crowd at the Howard University's Crampton Auditorium on Sunday June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2002. It was the Annual Caribbean Comedy Festival, hosted by WPFW's Von Martin. The usually sold out event is a show and tell of the great comedic talent the Caribbean has to offer. It is an opportunity to enjoy the sometimes forgotten West Indian sense of humor. The tour includes comedians from Jamaica, Trinidad, Grenada and Guyana.

## For Your Information Web Sites to know

[www.svgnadc.com](http://www.svgnadc.com)  
[www.embsvg.com](http://www.embsvg.com)  
[www.svgbc.com](http://www.svgbc.com)  
[www.nbcsvg.com](http://www.nbcsvg.com)



## Superintendent of Prisons Acquitted and Reinstated

*From svgbc.com*

Prime Minister Dr. Ralph Gonsalves instructed National Security Minister, Sir Vincent Beache to carry out the necessary procedures to restore to office the superintendent of Prisons, Eric Rodriguez, who was acquitted on murder charges. While acknowledging the independence of the office of the Director of Public Prosecutions (DPP), and the authority of the DPP to bring charges against the Prison Superintendent, the Prime Minister questioned the wisdom of the process carried out against Mr. Rodriguez. Dr. Gonsalves says that reasonable persons would question the failure of the prosecution to get a conviction, since the Coroner's Inquest was interrupted and the superintendent charged with murder. Rodriguez's lawyer, Queen's Counsel Barbadian Dr. Richard Cheltenham (defense attorney for James and Pennella Fletcher's case), successfully put forward a no-case submission to Justice Frederick Bruce-Lyle who submitted that the prosecution had not adduced enough evidence. Justice Lyle stated that the DPP did not convince him that the prosecution's case was strong. Rodriguez's defense was also led by former Attorney General, Arthur Williams.

## SVGNA Annual Boat Ride 2002

The annual moonlight cruise took place on July 20<sup>th</sup>, 2002. Together with the Grenada Cultural Association, the event was attended by West Indians in the Washington Metro region and as far as New York and Richmond. The event which highlighted the skills of two well-known DJ's kept the crowd moving to enjoy every moment of the night's event. The first prize was sold to Myron Rahynes of New York.

## Governor General, His Excellency Sir Charles Antrobus, Dies



*From svgbc.com*

On Monday June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2002, Governor General, His Excellency, Sir Charles Antrobus, GCMG, OBE died in Canada. Many Vincentians reflected on exactly what the Governor General meant to them and why they'll miss him most, many recalled Sir Charles' humble attitude and the humour, which he was able to maintain in both difficult and good times

The cortege left the House of Assembly at 3pm after which he was given his final drive down to the St. George's Cathedral where he worshipped, for the State Funeral service. The man who many remember for his genuine smile and cheerful presence was laid to rest in the church yard, following the state funeral.

Affectionately known as *Sonny*, he served with humbleness which Reverend Cannon Huskin Huggins, speaking during the service, described as a mark of true greatness. Former Prime Minister and longtime friend, Sir James Mitchell, who delivered the eulogy, remembered his childhood days with his school mate.

Prime Minister Dr. Ralph Gonsalves, who paid tribute to Sir Charles on behalf of the government of St. Vincent and the Grenadines, praised Sir Charles for being non-partisan under 3 Prime Ministers during his service to this country. Deputy Governor General Monica Dacon read a message of condolence from the HM Queen

Elizabeth, to Lady Antrobus. Family members and friends paid other tributes in readings and songs.

Sir Charles, 1933-2002, will be long remembered for his humility and will be missed by his beloved country .

Messages of condolences poured in for the family of the late Governor General Sir Charles Antrobus. The Chamber of Industry and Commerce expressed deepest sympathies to Lady Gloria Antrobus and her family, as well as to the government and people of this country on the passing of Sir Charles. The chamber says it recognizes the contribution that Sir Charles has made to the chamber, as well as the country in general. Sir Charles, it says, was one of the major subscribers in documenting the initial Memorandum and Articles of Association of the Chamber of Industry and Commerce Inc., laws under which the chamber still functions today. The chamber says the foundation set by pioneers such as Sir Charles, allows it the privilege today of continuing to build an organization of merit and worth, which contributes to the socio-economic development of the nation.

The Seventh Day Adventist Church also expressed deep sorrow at the passing of His Excellency. Speaking on behalf of the Eastern Caribbean Conference of Seventh Day Adventists, Pastor Steve Phillips conveyed condolences to Lady Antrobus and family and the government and people of St. Vincent and the Grenadines during this time of mourning.

### Reminder

Monthly general meetings are held the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of each month, 7:00 pm:  
The Holy Comforter Episcopal Church  
701 Oglethorpe St, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20011

## St. Vincent Names New Governor General

Congratulations to Dr. Fredrick Ballantyne, who was sworn in as the new Head of State of St. Vincent and the Grenadines. Sixty-six year old Dr.

Fredrick Ballantyne was officially installed as this country's fifth Governor General at an official ceremony at Government House. Dr. Ballantyne has replaced Sir Charles Antrobus who died on June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2002.

He has been a Medical Practitioner since 1963, and served in the capacity of Medical Director at the Kingstown General Hospital from 1971 to 1985. He was also Chief Medical Officer from 1985-1992.

Among his other accomplishments Dr. Ballantyne is currently the Chairman of the St. Vincent Medical Board, a member of the Mercy Committee and Chairman and co-owner of Young Island Resorts and Chairman of Ballantyne Enterprises Limited. The Governor General has also been a member of the Editorial Board of the International Academy of Clinical and Applied Thrombosis/Haemostatic and Assistant Dean for Clinical Studies at the St. George's University Medical School in Grenada.  
*From svgbc.com*

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## Annual Family Picnic 2002

The family picnic took place on August 25<sup>th</sup>, 2002. It was a collaborative effort by the Grenada Cultural Association and the SVGNA. The picnic began in the early afternoon and ended at dark. The children were entertained with many different games including: a dance-off and 'piniata'. The food prepared by Vincentian was most welcomed especially the 'souse' provided by Horace Walker. There was sufficient food and drinks for everyone. The music was provided by Kenley "Shortmus" John.

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Questions, comments and suggestions are encouraged. This newsletter is for you and we want to provide the information you need. Please contact any member of the executive board, or email [SvgnADC@aol.com](mailto:SvgnADC@aol.com) with any comments or recommendations you have.

# Fighting Identify Theft

## Steps You Can Take To Fight Identity Theft

At a minimum, it's a nuisance. At its worst, it can be a nightmare. Thieves who steal your identity can cause problems that follow you for months, even years. But you can protect yourself and your good name, by following a few simple steps:

- ◆ Don't give out personal information on the phone or Internet unless YOU have initiated the contact. This includes account and credit card numbers.
- ◆ Report lost or stolen checks immediately. Examine new checks to make sure none were stolen during shipment.
- ◆ Before discarding, tear up financial documents, financial solicitations, statements and receipts.
- ◆ Be careful with your ATM number and receipts.
- ◆ Secure your mailbox and remove mail promptly.
- ◆ Review your file at the major credit reporting companies at least annually. The three major companies are:

Equifax.....800-685-1111

Experian.....800-397-3742

TransUnion.....800-916-8800

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