

RVA holds cultural night for North Leeward residents

THE RICHMOND VALE Academy recently held their annual Christmas cultural night with residents from the communities of Rose Hall, Spring Village, Troumaca, Rose Bank, Chateaubelair and Fitz-Hughes, who were invited for a day and night of entertainment, food and games at the Rose-Hall Community Centre.

A release from the RVA said this third annual event, with its theme "Christmas Together," was organized by teachers and students of the RVA to engage, educate, entertain and feed the people from the surrounding areas, giving them an opportunity to share different culture, music and heritage and interact with other villagers from different communities, while having fun in the process.

The event began with games of dominoes, cards, basketball, followed by a

workshop put on by teachers and students of the RVA, then the Christmas meal, with villagers being entertained by live music from the Rose Hall Drummers.

"We at RVA see events like this as way of bringing the different communities together during this festive period; it's an opportunity for people who cannot afford a proper Christmas, to be involved still and have something to be joyous about," said Selwyn Patterson, a teacher at RVA and head organizer of the event.

The Richmond Vale Academy is encouraging Vincentian nationals who are interested in learning about Climate Compliance Conference and fighting shoulder to shoulder with the poor, programmes conducted by the school, to contact the school for more details.

The Richmond Vale Academy (RVA) is a registered non-profit organization under the Companies Act in St Vincent and the Grenadines. RVA teaches local and international students about the importance of working together to fight poverty.

A SECTION OF those in attendance at the Richmond Vale Academy Christmas dinner



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"I must commend the Government because when we had the spate of killings, they really pushed their hands in and helped. We had to respond to incidents in a lot of areas and we were given eight new vehicles to utilize," he said, adding that special mention must be made to the Rapid Response Unit, the Special Services Unit, the Drug Squad, the Criminal Investigations Department and the South Central Division.

The commissioner said for 2015, his plan is to continue forging relationships outside of the organization, especially with the media.

"If we don't give the media what is taking place, the media will have to put things the way they perceive them. Coming from us, it's much better," he said.

He also emphasized that the police force has to continue training its personnel in various fields of policing in order to stay ahead of the times and help to fight crime more effectively.

Charles, who recently celebrated his first anniversary as Commissioner, said it has been challenging for him.

"My first year as Commissioner of Police

has been rather challenging and one of the things I look forward to is the cooperation among officers and the relationship we have with the public," he said.

Charles was appointed Commissioner of Police, effective November 1, 2013, but received his letter of confirmation on January 16, 2014.

He was appointed acting Commissioner on July 16, 2013, when former Commissioner Keith Miller proceeded on pre-retirement leave.

When asked what has been his biggest regret since becoming Commissioner, Charles said, "Nobody's perfect. You make some decisions which, on hindsight, you wouldn't make them really. Nothing to really say that I regret," he added.

The Commissioner assured that the police will continue doing their best as an organization to protect the country's citizens and visitors.

"We are leaving no stones unturned when it comes to securing the lives of our citizens and visitors. This is paramount," Charles said.

Charles said he is also looking forward to the continued support of the public in 2015 and wished them a prosperous and violence free year. (KW)

REGISTRATION FOR NEW NATIONAL IDENTITY CARDS

Registering Officers and Photographers employed by the Electoral Office will be at the under-mentioned venues at the times listed to register persons who are eligible to receive the new National Identity Card and to distribute completed Identity Cards.

Persons wishing to be registered must bring their birth certificates and where applicable, marriage certificate, citizenship certificate and any other documents required to complete the process.

Where a change of residence is being requested, the individual must provide proof of his/her residence over the last six (6) months.

Eligible Vincentian nationals who are visiting at this time are especially encouraged to re-new their registration while in St. Vincent and the Grenadines.

The co-operation of the public will be greatly appreciated.

CONSTITUENCY	MONDAY 05 th January, 2015 4:00 pm – 5:30 pm	WEDNESDAY 07 th January, 2015 4:00 pm – 5:30 pm
NORTH WINDWARD	Fancy Government School	Owia Government School
NORTH CENTRAL WINDWARD	Georgetown Government School	Georgetown Government School
SOUTH CENTRAL WINDWARD	New Grounds Government School	New Grounds Government School
SOUTH WINDWARD	Stubbs Government School	Stubbs Government School
MARRIAQUA	Richland Park Government School	Richland Park Government School
EAST ST. GEORGE	Calliaqua Anglican School	Calliaqua Anglican School
WEST ST. GEORGE	Doris Mc Kie Learning Resource Centre	Gomea Methodist School
EAST KINGSTOWN	St. Vincent Technical College	St. Vincent Technical College
CENTRAL KINGSTOWN	Police Band Room, Largo Height	Bishop's College - Kingstown
WEST KINGSTOWN	Lowmans Leeward Anglican School	Lowmans Leeward Anglican School
SOUTH LEEWARD	Bethel High School – Campden Park	Bethel High School – Campden Park
CENTRAL LEEWARD	Barrouaille Government School	Buccament Bay Secondary School
NORTH LEEWARD	Spring Village Police Station	Westwood Methodist School
NORTHERN GRENADINES	Friendly Society Hall – Port Elizabeth (10:00 a.m – 12:00 noon)	Community Centre – Paget Farm (10:00 a.m – 12:00 noon)
SOUTHERN GREANDINES	Social Welfare Office – Union Island (9:00 a.m – 11:00 a.m)	Social Welfare Office – Union Island (9 :00 a.m – 11:00 a.m)

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