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ACOCI GENERAL MEETING: GUEST SPEAKER FROM UVI

~ PLEASE JOIN US ON MAY 5 ~ 12:30-2:30 ~ RSVP TODAY! ~

Register today to reserve your place at the next *ACOCI General Meeting on Friday, May 5th from 12:30 to 2:30 at the Overlook Restaurant.*

Our guest speaker will be Mrs. Ilene Garner, director of the Community Education and Lifelong Learning (CELL) Center at the University of the Virgin Islands (UVI).

Mrs. Garner explained, "We are committed to the public and private sectors of the community. Our goal is to provide avenues to meet current and emerging needs through timely and relevant workforce training and human resource development programs."

This luncheon meeting

learn more about the potential offerings of the UVI CELL division for the Anguilla business community and how they may be offered through distance learning and/or with local facilitation and partnerships in Anguilla, at the UVI campuses—or in other islands in the region.

The current curriculum is a clear extension of the QuickBooks® and Customer Satisfaction training the Chamber has been offering in the last 2 years. Finance examples include: Certified Bookkeeper, CPA Review, QuickBooks® and Money Smart. Computer courses include: Basic Computer Graphics, Basic Web Design, and Basic AutoCAD. Others include business communications and

massage therapy, to name a few.

Topics will include: Affects of DFI and its impact on labor and other social, economic affairs; workplace skills; career and other job opportunities through training, and customer management.

A light lunch will be included. **Please RSVP no later than May 3 to confirm your attendance and provide the courtesy of preparation time to Chef Deon Thomas.** Once again, the Chamber thanks him and his wife Emily for hosting this meeting for ACOCI members.



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TELL US WHAT YOU THINK! BY PHONE, INTERNET OR PERSONAL INTERVIEW...

"With over 750 businesses in Anguilla, we want to hear from even more than in the first 2 years," said Anthony (Colwayne) Pickering, a Chamber Board member, who is conducting interviews for the 2006 Anguilla Business Survey. "We are willing to come to business leaders to be sure we hear what they want to say," he continued.

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"Anyone who has access to the Internet can go online from the home page of our new website: www.anguillachamber.com ...and be linked to a confidential site hosted by Clientell Consulting," said Calvin Bartlett, Chamber executive director. "With so many changes in the business environment this year, we are exploring some additional, key areas and cannot afford to sleep in silence. Our 'voice of commerce' is more important than ever this year!" he concluded.

To arrange an interview, phone call, or to ask about the online survey, contact: acoci@caribcable.com

Or call the Chamber office at: 497 2839 today.

MEMBERSHIP MEMO'S

We are pleased to highlight supporting members on "Page 2" of this newsletter. If you aren't yet a supporting member, take an active role in the Chamber to enjoy this and other benefits today!

ATTENTION: MEMBERS PLEASE SEND YOUR "MEMBERSHIP MEMO" FOR THE MAY EDITION TO: acoci@caribcable.com





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We must chart our own course...or be destined to drift in the wind...



While the Government is reviewing the pending commitment to provide "basic operations" – only the *supporting members* of the Chamber are providing current funding – and upon approval of Government support, the Chamber special events, workshops, communications and networking activities would *continue* to depend on the support and sponsorships from *supporting members* of the Chamber. Join these business leaders with an active role in charting the course of our entire economy by investing in ACOCI. To learn more about becoming a *supporting member* of your Chamber, visit:

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...because even the swiftest who take the lead, ultimately win as a team!