



# Blue Notes

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## Look what's coming in the next issue of Blue Notes

There's just so much going on! It's impossible to let you know everything that will take place on Festival at Sea in just one newsletter. Here's a sneak preview of what's coming up in the next issue of **Blue Notes**:

- \* African American Idol Talent Show
- \* Black Movie Channel Listings
- \* Daily Itinerary at a Glance
- \* Teen & Kids activities
- \* Karaoke & Night Clubs
- \* More Entertainment
- \* Senior and 60+ Fun

## FUEL SURCHARGE Is There a Refund in your Future?

Cross your fingers!!! If the price of fuel stays low you'll be refunded your **\$63.00 per person fuel surcharge** onboard the Victory. Per our contract with Carnival, we will not know until 30 days prior on July 9th. We'll let you know in our FAS FACTS final Newsletter.

## Our Festival at Sea Staff: THE "A" TEAM

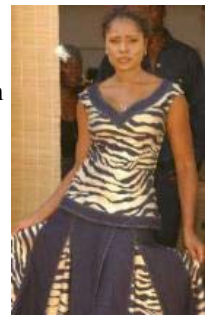
When you call our office you speak with the **Blue World Staff; Roberto, Art, Diana, Laura, Veronica, Stephanie, Hasina and Patricia.** They are a great team and enjoy working with you every day. When you board the ship you'll meet our **Festival at Sea Staff** comprised of volunteers from all over the country. **They are responsible for making sure you have fun onboard, they always bring their "A Game".** They sit on various committees and are in charge of activities, games, entertainment and the parties we have on board. Some of the committee members have been with **Festival at Sea** for 18

years. They come from all over the United States including **California, Texas, Illinois, Nevada, Michigan, Maryland, Ohio, New Jersey, Florida, Washington, Georgia and sweet home Alabama.** You'll see them onboard in their uniforms. Always friendly and always willing to help. We know that you appreciate all of their hard work. We'd like to **share with you a letter** from one of our first time cruisers in 2008. She is one of our proud men and women who serve in the armed forces keeping ( **continued on page 2**)

## Wild Kingdom Safari Theme Night

**Lions and Tigers and Bears OH MY! Animal prints and costumes are leading the stampede on this year's Festival at Sea.** We've got very creative folks on FAS so let your **imagination run WILD! Guys, will you be a Hunter of all the fine FAS Lady Foxes? Sistas, will you be hunted or do you plan to be on a Man Hunt? Is your wild kingdom a ring master in a circus or going on a Fox**

**Hunt?** Can you rival **Eartha Kitt** who did her thing as **Cat Woman?** What about a **Flintstone** Family with **Barney, Fred, Wilma, Betty, Bam Bam and Pebbles.** Accessorize with those **Snake Skin shoes and belts.** We're sure this is going to be a **Purrfect** evening. Prizes will be awarded for the best **Man, Woman, Group and Family .**



Ahneva Original Design

## ASK IKE:



What is there to do on the islands?

Each island has a variety of activities such as shopping, sightseeing, beach activities, and adventure tours such as biking and 4x4 vehicles. You can go to [www.carnival.com](http://www.carnival.com) and click on shore excursions to see the many tours that are available. St. Maarten, Antigua and Barbados are listed under Southern Caribbean. Tortola is under Eastern Caribbean. When the ship docks you can also just walk around or find a taxi to take you on a short tour.



## Dining Forms

You should have received your Dining Forms in the March Bulletin. **If you have not returned your form yet you may still do so.** Please turn it in by April 30th.

If you are **part of a Group** your group leader has been sent a dining chart for your entire group. Please check with your group leader to confirm that your dining has been submitted on your behalf. If you have misplaced your form, call us and we will send or fax another one to you.

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us all safe. This letter was written on August 28, 2008.  
**“Good Morning,**

I just wanted to say that I had the time of my life last week. I live in El Paso, Texas and there are roughly NO BLACK PEOPLE there. I came on the boat with the anticipation that it will be a moderately fun trip, but to my surprise people were having the time of their lives!! ..I was so proud to be on the ship with such great individuals and their families. ... And the auction... goodness it was priceless. (I actually won a great date with one of VA's Finest") You are all doing such a great job and I am so happy that I got to be a part of that. Your staff was very comedic and entertaining. Its like the whole ship was the Kings of Comedy tour or something. I met some people that I

will hold on to for a lifetime. Furthermore, I have fond memories to last a lifetime. I am in the military and just returned this past March from combat. I will be redeploying again soon so I don't know if I will be able to make it next year, but just so you know, the memories I made on this trip will keep me entertained throughout my 15 month deployment. Thanks sooo much for all that you do. Keep it up. Blue World Travel is African America's best kept secret.

**With Respect,  
CPT Rebecca**

Thank you CPT Rebecca for all you sacrifice just to keep us safe. And thanks again to our committee for their hard work on board. They are truly dedicated to making sure that our **Festival at Sea** passengers have the **“time of their lives.”**

## New Library in Antigua will be the Recipient of our Children's Book Drive

Great News! Antigua is building a new library and **what every new library needs are books and lots of them.** So this is perfect timing for our 16th annual FAS Children's Book Drive. Of course the Antigua Tourist Board was delighted to hear that this years book drive will benefit the Children of Antigua. Each year we ask our Festival at Sea Passengers to be so kind as to bring one children's book with them to donate. We will send you a sticker to fill out and put in the book so the children will know who donated the book and what state and/or country they come from. So as you get ready for the cruise don't forget to bring a children's book with you.

**We have almost 3000 people. Let's try to give the new Antiguan Library at least 3000 new books!**



2008 Children's Book Drive was held in San Juan

## Join the FAS CELEBRATION CHOIR

If you want to start off Festival at Sea 2009 with a song in your heart, come and join our Celebration Choir. Here is a message from your choir director Fred Hamilton. **Hello all! It's your choir director Fred and it's about that time again.** I am so excited to get this awesome experience off and running for another year, are you ready? **This year I am planning another fulfilling presentation of Gospel music and all I need now is YOU!!** We'd like to have at least 100 members so please **e-mail me at**

**[r.hamilton@sbcglobal.net](mailto:r.hamilton@sbcglobal.net)** or go to **[www.festivalatsea.com](http://www.festivalatsea.com)** and select "event signups" from the Caribbean 2009 drop down menu, or call Blue World at 415-882-9444 and let them know you want to be in the choir. Include in your e-mail if you are a soprano, alto or tenor and also your phone number and address. The colors to wear for the choir this year will be all black. Why? Because Black is Beautiful! **We will rehearse on Sunday Evening, August 9th** and Fred will teach you the songs. You will sing at our



Choir Director, Fred Hamilton

worship service which will be on Monday morning officiated by **Reverend Darrell Armstrong.** See you in **Puerto Rico!**



# FAS VARIETY

Blue World Travel Presents



## Eric Benet

Eric Benet is on top of the world these days and *Festival at Sea passengers will get a chance to see what the world is talking about.* The R&B soul singer/songwriter/producer is sounding strong, romantic and full of joy on his aptly titled third solo effort, *Love & Life*. They say home is where the heart is, and Eric returned to his Milwaukee, Wisconsin roots to record his new CD *Love & Life*. We fell in love with Eric Benet on his 1999 debut "True to Myself" featuring the Grammy nominated "Spend My Life With You" along with hits including "Femininity", "Spiritual Thang" and "Let's Stay Together". We weathered the storm with him on his 2004 album Hurricane. Now, *Love & Life* reflects the Eric Benet that feels confident and celebratory about his approach toward happy living. "There's an energy and feeling that you get from the whole record. The journey is mine, but there's no one who can't relate." "Chocolate Legs" is a telling homage to the power that a woman provides for her man by simply wrapping herself around him. Produced by Keith Crouch and Jubu, Eric speaks of the airy, slow jam as fun to sing. One of the things that reminds me that God has my back is that real love connection with whoever is in my life. And if my woman is loving me unconditionally and giving her body, soul and spirit to me, it gives me this feeling like I can go and handle things another day." Perhaps the most personal record on *Love & Life* is a mid-tempo, electronic number entitled "Still I Believe." As Eric carefully narrates being the villain and everything in between when it comes to love, "I've been the angel / Been the beast /

## Stephanie Mills



**Stephanie Mills** needs no introduction. And anyone who has ever witnessed her distinctive vocal styling certainly does not need to be reminded who she is. She has performed for us once before and it was an amazing concert. **From the first time she set foot on the stage as Dorothy in "The Wiz"** and immortalized the role forever with her impassioned, chill-inducing performance of "Home" to the time she blessed us all with undeniable soul classics like "I Feel Good All Over," "Whatcha Gonna Do With My Lovin?," and "I Have Learned to Respect the Power of Love," **Stephanie Mills** has earned her place as one of the most memorable voices of our time. And, as a Grammy© and American Music Award©-winning recording artist with five best-selling albums and ten Billboard #1 singles, it's evident that her impact has not gone unnoticed. As she makes a welcome return to the music industry, **Stephanie Mills** shows us why her CD, aptly titled, "Born For This," clearly represents what her voice has signified all along: that **Stephanie Mills** was born to sing. Over the span of a 25-year illustrious career, **Stephanie Mills** has distinguished herself as an actress and performer who is as at home on the Broadway stage as she is in the recording studio. **Stephanie's** critically acclaimed appearances in shows like the four-time Tony Award-winning "The Wiz" and "Your Arms Too Short To Box With God" have assured her of a consistently loyal following among fans, industry in-

## HOST COMEDIAN AJ JAMAL

### The King of Clean



**A.J. JAMAL** is perhaps one of comedy's hardest working comedians, having conquered television, film, concerts, colleges and comedy clubs with his captivating style. **He is also one of our Festival at Family and one of our most requested comedian hosts!** With credits that include a decade of television appearances, the comedian also served as host of his own show, the ACE Award nominated, **"Comic Justice" on the Comedy Central Network.** In

fact, many remember Jamal from his early days, as part of the comedic core of **"In Living Color."** He has worked in venues from **Radio City Music Hall to Caesar's Palace,** and performed in concert with a bevy of top recording artists, including Diana

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I've been confused and had clarity," and with all of the complications that transpire in relationships, hope and love still remain. **"The odds are like one in a million that you're going to find the right person at the right time in your life. In spite of the odds, I still believe that it's possible."** Much of Eric's musical and personal motivation stems from his most important inspiration, his 16-year-old daughter India. "There are so many things that I've done where I was thinking let me do what's best for her, and had she had not been there, I may have done taken the wrong path on many occasions. As a single parent, there was no other way than to keep it together for India."

It is abundantly clear through *Love & Life* that Eric Benet feels good, and it is magnified from the inside out. As his journey to now continues to reflect the abundance he experiences, Eric wants his music to represent sheer honesty. "I want people to be able to discover some of the truths that I have and to feel the passion for life written between the lines and to just to put it pure and simply—to be moved by my music." **We look forward to seeing Eric Benet on *Festival at Sea 2009!***



More Entertainment Announcements in the next Blue Notes including DJ's, Clubs, Karaoke, and Dance Instructors

Ross, Aretha Franklin, Cher and Kenny Loggins. **His enchanting, G-rated persona has been captured on the screens of "The Arsenio Hall Show," "Comic Strip Live," A&E's "An Evening at the Improv," and "Def Comedy Jam."** He has also served as the host of "Comedy in the Caribbean," for the Arts & Entertainment Network.

Transcending the world of comedy, Jamal is also an accomplished filmmaker and animator, with his own animation company, Green Machine Films. As the creative force behind "The Toonies" a series of animated shorts on **BET's "Comic View"** as well as the creator of two web-based animated shows, "Pookie Poo" and "Siskel & Ripple," Jamal boasts writer, producer and voice-over credits. Adding filmmaker to his list of accomplishments, with the completion of his independent feature, **"The Cheapest Movie Ever Made"**, A.J. has proven that he knows no limits.

A former I.B.M. computer engineer, Jamal's analytical and perceptive range is brilliantly parlayed into a comic vision that evokes laughter the moment he touches the stage. He possesses a theatrical gift and versatility that is evidenced in his every move, whether he is impersonating a wide range of characters or simply recalling some hilarious facet of human nature.

Jamal has consistently demonstrated that he is more than simply a funnyman of comedy. As the host of Comedy Central's "Comic Justice," Jamal broke comedic ground, presenting us with images that ran the gamut of entertainment to information. **We welcome AJ back as our host and to "critique" all of the fun our guests are having on board Festival at Sea 2009.**

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siders and critics alike. The loyalty that she has inspired in her audience has seen her through a twenty-five year career filled with accomplishments and achievements.

For six consecutive weeks, an eleven-year old **Stephanie** won the famous Amateur Night at the renowned **Apollo Theater** and a first recording, *"I Knew It Was Love"* landed her the much-coveted role of Dorothy in the Broadway musical **"The Wiz"** at the age of fifteen.

Working with producers James Mtume & Reggie Lucas, **Stephanie** recorded **"Whatcha Gonna Do With My Lovin'?"** and by 1984, she had climbed the charts with major hits: **"Sweet Sensation," "Never Knew Love Like This Before"** (a gold single), **"Two Hearts"** (a duet with **Teddy Pendergrass**), **"Keep Away Girls," "How Come U Don't Call Me Anymore?"** and **"The Medicine Song."** **Stephanie** scored three best-selling albums in a row with **"Whatcha Gonna Do... With My Lovin'?"**, **"Sweet Sensation"** and **"Stephanie"** in the span of just two years.

In the '80s & 90's **Stephanie** was responsible for a string of hit singles and albums. **"I Have Learned To Respect The Power of Love" "I Feel Good All Over"** and **"(You're Puttin') A Rush On Me"**, **"Something In The Way (You Make Me Feel)"** and **"Home"** all topped the R&B charts.

The recipient of NAACP Image Awards, **Stephanie's** multi-faceted career has also included recurring roles in popular television soap operas **"Search For Tomorrow"** and **"One Life To Live."**

"I think I'm more creative musically and when I do a lot of my material now, I can relate to it more than ever. The experiences in life make you sing differently. And," she adds, "One of the results of having my child has been that it's definitely made my voice stronger. I can sing higher and hold notes longer..."

We look forward to seeing **Stephanie Mills** and all of the **excitement and energy she will bring with her on *Festival at Sea 2009.***

# FAS FASHION VOGUE

## INAUGURAL BALL FORMAL NIGHT

**AT LAST!** On January 20th of 2009, history was made when **Barack Obama** was inaugurated as the 44th president of the United States. If you were not able to go to Washington DC and participate in one of the many balls, don't worry, we are going to celebrate this historic event *Festival at Sea* style on **Wednesday, August 12th**. Our committee's working hard at making this event reminiscent of that special evening. There will be dancing, decorations and a chance to look back on this historic evening that made us all so proud. We'll start the evening by **sipping some champagne at the Captain's Cocktail Party, then a show in the Main Lounge with Eric Benet** then maybe some ballroom dancing. Ladies, Mrs. Obama is a fashion icon, so make sure you show your style and maybe even your arms! Gents, President Obama style is very very COOL so make sure you represent. It is going to be a great evening to reminisce and dance the night away.



The President of the United States and The First Lady

## Sign up to Jump the Broom at our Renewal of Wedding Vows

One of our most exciting and beautiful events is our renewal of Wedding Vows Ceremony. **Officiated by Reverend Darrell Armstrong, Deacon Fred Brown and coordinated by Peggy Presley**, this event gives couples a chance to renew their commitment to their marriage. Cruising is a romantic vacation and on Festival at Sea, this event

takes place **on our African Attire Night** which allows couples to dress in traditional African clothing while exchanging their vows. After your vows are taken, you jump the broom while a photographer snaps your picture. **If you want to participate in this year's Renewal of Vows, go to [www.festivalatsea.com](http://www.festivalatsea.com) and select "event signups" from the Caribbean 2009 drop down menu or give us a call at 800-466-2719.**



Leon and Theresa Davis from Bossier City, LA celebrated their 33rd anniversary by renewing their vows on Festival at Sea 2008.

## COOL WHITE NIGHT

White night has become a Favorite Festival at Sea theme. Each year passengers look forward to coming out for dinner, dancing and great shows. Break out your cool white linen, gauze, cotton or whatever fabric you like! It's a classy and casual evening **and it is a fun and beautiful night.**

## Weekly Attire at a Glance

Here is the scoop for what your fellow cruisers will be wearing on board. White Linen attire for Monday Night, Formal Wear for Wednesday's Inaugural Ball, Animal print or Wild Safari Costume for Thursday's Theme night, African Attire for Friday's formal night and an Obama T-Shirt for our Saturday Day at Sea.

	Date	City	Dress
Sunday	Aug 9	San Juan	Casual
Monday	Aug 10	St. Maarten	Cool White Linen Night
Tuesday	Aug 11	Tortola/Virgin Gorda	Resort Casual
Wednesday	Aug 12	At Sea	Formal Inaugural Ball
Thursday	Aug 13	Barbados	Wild Kingdom Safari
Friday	Aug 14	Antigua	African Attire Formal Night
Saturday	Aug 15	At Sea	Daytime: Obama T-Shirt Day Nighttime: Resort Casual

## Ahneva Ahneva Presents: African Adornment

Greetings My FAS Family,  
My sojourn to the motherland has given me a complete new perspective of Africa's gifts to the world in Fashion, Beauty and the Arts.

This years fashion show will deliver the beauty and majesty that is **African Adornment**.

During my travels, I have seen the awesome sights and sounds of the homeland. Traditional outfits, fabrics and patterns come to life in vivid colors. Prepare yourself to experience the traditional crowns and gowns the Kings and Queens wear throughout Western Africa. This year you will have the opportunity to **walk in your majesty, reign in your culture and live the legacy of our forefathers.**

I personally handpicked textiles woven by the mothers and daughters of the villages and fabrics dyes with leaves and tree barks designed to perfection that will amaze you. This year's

fashion show, **AFRICAN ADORNMENT**, will give you the feeling of living on the shores of the motherland, embellished in the finery of Africa's artistry. Our ancestors will be proud of you when you wear this clothing. You too will be ruling and reigning, walking in your **AFRICAN ADORNMENT. WHEN YOU WEAR YOUR CULTURE YOU WEAR YOUR CROWN.** So don't wait or hesitate. Register now to take your rightful place as King or Queen in this year's **Festival at Sea Fashion Show.** You're invited to join the show and be a part of this years exciting project. **Become one of our celebrity guest models, singers, dancers, or poets.** Register to star this year as we step into and out of our African Adornment. **Email: Ahneva.Ahneva@gmail.com. You can also go to [www.festivalatsea.com](http://www.festivalatsea.com) and select "event signups" from the Caribbean 2009 drop down menu,** This year you will help me to launch my new Website that is coming very soon. See you



Queen Ahneva Ahneva

on board. **Orders are now being accepted for custom ,one-of-a-kind finery by sending me an email.** \*Note: Travelers Checks are a great way to shop!



Alright Gentlemen, the time has come for you to once again **Step up to the Plate and Go to Bat for our 3rd Annual Thurgood Marshall Scholarship Bachelor Auction.** Last year we had a terrific time and the auction alone raised over \$15,000. Guys, don't think you have to be "20 something" to join in on this auction. Our highest bid was made on one of our gents who was "60 something!" Ladies and Gents this is a "tastefully done" auction that is not to be missed.

## It's Raining MEN!

### 3rd Annual Thurgood Marshall Bachelor Auction Sign Up's

Single Men who want to have great fun and raise money for Black college students should go to [www.festivalatsea.com](http://www.festivalatsea.com) and select "event signups" from the Caribbean 2009 drop down menu, of call 800-466-2719. Great prizes will be given and it's for a wonderful cause. **Ladies get ready for a fun afternoon bidding on one of our fine Festival At Sea Brothers.** Once you sign up you will be

sent a Bachelor's Auction form to be completed and returned. **Auction winners will win champagne and front row seats with your date at one of our concerts.**



## Win a Free 2010 FAS Cruise

When you get on board you'll have the opportunity to buy a **\$5.00 raffle ticket** to **win a free cruise on Festival at Sea 2010.** Proceeds from this raffle will go to the Thurgood Marshall College Fund. Just think... with almost 3000 passengers on-board **we could raise almost \$15,000** if everyone purchased a ticket on board. That would support a year's tuition at many of our Black Colleges. **Gail Walton and her crew will be in charge of this event so when you see her with those tickets don't run away!!!** Buy a ticket and support our College students.

## SILENT AUCTION

**Our Silent Auction is one of our three events that benefit the Thurgood Marshall College Fund.** With the weak economy, our College Students need our help more than ever. Auction items are donated by our **Festival at Sea** Passengers and bid on during the week. **We encourage you to bring an auction item including art, timeshare, electronics, or anything that others can bid on and take home with them.** The college fund was named in honor of Thurgood Mar-

shall, the first African-American to serve as Associate Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court. The **TMCF** mission is to continue his legacy ensuring that bright, talented young people fulfill their dreams of access to higher education and all of its many benefits. Help us make the 2009 FAS Auction a great success by bringing an item to support our African-American youth through higher education. A donation receipt will be provided to you.





## Do the Math, then Join us for the Pre Cruise San Juan

Do the Math!! For those of you who have not booked your airfare, you might find that flying into **San Juan early can save enough on airfare** to help pay for your hotel! **YES YOU CAN** still extend your vacation by adding our **2 Night Pre Cruise at the Sheraton Old San Juan or La Concha Marriott Renaissance Resort**. By taking our pre cruise you have the ability to relax and explore the beauty of San Juan. In addition, Carnival will have **pre cruise check in available only for those guests booked at the hotels through Blue World**. We have also planned a Pre Cruise Party on Saturday Night, August 8th. **Included are your accommodations for two nights, bellman tips, taxes and luggage transfer from the hotel to the ship as well as the pre-cruise check in on Saturday morning and the pre-cruise party on Saturday night at the Marriott.\* Call us at 1-800-466-2719 to add your pre cruise hotel package. You do not need to make an additional deposit!** See our website for **complete description and pictures of the hotels at [www.FestivalatSea.com](http://www.FestivalatSea.com). Simply go to Caribbean 09, then arrow to San Juan Pre Cruise.** \*Note: Transfers from the airport to the hotel and the hotel to the pier are not included. **Pre Cruise Check-in with Carnival is only for Cruisers who are booked on our Pre Cruise Package.**

**Sheraton Old San Juan 2 Nights \$200.00 per person** The Sheraton is located right across from the pier where our ship departs and in the action packed area of Old San Juan. It has a casino, rooftop pool and is right **in the heart of the city where there are lots of restaurants and great shopping**, including outlets such as Coach, Ralph Lauren, Dooney and Bourke, and many others.

**La Concha- A Marriott Renaissance Resort \$230.00 per person** La Concha is located 3 blocks from the Marriott, newly renovated and on a beautiful beach in the Condado area with spectacular ocean view rooms. **La Concha is also the hip place to stay.** This spectacular milestone in modern Caribbean architecture, has finally opened as **Renaissance's newest resort in Puerto Rico and the Caribbean**. Services such as concierge desk, room service, four restaurants and bars, high-speed internet, banquet rooms, an oceanfront fitness center and a 24 hour Casino are available for your enjoyment.

## GOLF TOURNAMENT to be held in BARBADOS



Golfers, **THE CHALLENGE IS ON!!** The **Barbados Golf Club** has become the soul of Barbados golf with its friendly atmosphere and charming terraced clubhouse, which opens on to an expansive and unique triple green. Re-designed by notable architect Ron Kirby and re-opened in 2000, the Barbados Golf Club **is the island's first public 18-hole championship golf course**. This links-style golf course features gently rolling hills, wide open fairways and a series of coral waste bunkers which add character to several holes. A large central lake adds intrigue on 3 holes and mature 'mile' trees bend and beckon in the cooling coastal breezes. The greens are superb, the welcome is truly Barbadian. The Barbados Golf Club is officially sanctioned by the European PGA tour. Tournament will be held on Thursday, August 13th. Please note: There is an 8 person minimum for the tournament.

**Price: \$170.00 includes Round Trip Transfers, tournament fee, 18 holes of golf, Elite Golf Cruises Professional escort to run the tournament, cart and green fees, FAS Hat, Water Bottle and Certificate of Participation. Trophies: 1st Place, 2nd Place, Closest to the Pin, Longest Yard. Save on costly airline luggage expense and rent a set of clubs from Elite Golf Cruises for \$45.00.**

Sign up online by going to [www.festivalatsea.com](http://www.festivalatsea.com) and select "event signups" from the Caribbean 2009 drop down menu, or call Blue World Travel at 800-466-2719.

## The Games People Play Onboard the Victory

In the next issue of Blue Notes, a completed Daily Itinerary will be available so you can plan your busy week on Festival at Sea. You're going to love all of the games going on onboard, We've got **Bid Whist, Dominoes Tournaments, and a Golf Tournament**. For those of you who want a little "non sports related competition, our **Relationship Hat Chat** gives Men and Women a chance to come face to face with issues of today's relationships. We've got the **Newlywed and Not so Newlywed Game** for couples, and the **Family Feud Game**. For the gamblers there is **Casino Competition** as well as the old favorite, **Bingo**. For those of you who are looking to hook up with **Mr. or Ms. RIGHT**, you're who we need at our **Speed Dating Evening**. After all of this excitement you're going to need to get recharged with our "**Spoken Word**" poetry session. No matter what the name of your game, you'll get a chance to win big on Festival at Sea.



## FAS Message Center

The message center is a chance for our passengers to communicate with other Festival at Sea passengers throughout the USA. You can fax or email information about anniversaries, honeymoons, weddings, birth announcements and any FAS parties you plan to have prior to the cruise. FAX: 415 882-9985 or email [FAS@Blueworldtravel.com](mailto:FAS@Blueworldtravel.com).

**HERE IS A SPECIAL SHOUT OUT TO Leila Boddie who is retiring!**

## Medical Notice

If you have any Medical conditions, or are pregnant, please contact Blue World so that we can notify Carnival. In addition, if you are bringing your own wheelchair, we need to notify Carnival in advance. If you do not have a pre-existing condition you can still insure your vacation by calling **Travelex at 800-228-9792** or [www.travelex-insurance.com](http://www.travelex-insurance.com). The FAS location number is 05-1094.

## Cupid's Arrow



Thanks for calling in to let us know about your celebration. **Eddie Brinson and Kimberly Brown** are Celebrating **5 years of marriage** on June 26th. Congratulations to **Donna and Michael Bennett** who are celebrating their **20th Anniversary**. Our very own **Karaoke King Mr. Otis Steel** is getting married on May 30th to **Lisa Miller**. **FAS Committee Member Rodney Walker** will marry **Marilyn Johnson** on May 9th. **FAS Committee Member Nelson Bax and Adrienne Jones** will marry in Vegas on May 16th! **Herdestine and Mr. Audrey Scates** are Celebrating their Honeymoon. **James and Pamela Hodge** are celebrating **30 years of marriage**. **Andre & Caroline Price** will celebrate their **19th anniversary** on August 16th. **Lisa Charles and David Jordan** will celebrate their Honeymoon. **Darryl and Trisha Parker** will Honeymoon on FAS 2009. **Eugenia & Marvin Davis** are Celebrating their **35th Anniversary**. **Ronnie & Sheryl Jones** are cele-

brating **25 year of marriage**. **Jonathan Boyce & Erica Shaw** celebrate **1 year of marriage** in August. **Tiffany Smithrick & Charles Wiggins** were engaged on FAS08 and will honeymoon on FAS 09. **CHEERS!**

**Birthday Shout Outs will be in the Next Blue Notes**

## GRADUATES!

As the months of May and June approach, we want to congratulate all students who have achieved their diplomas, and other degrees. Please let us know if you will graduate this year and **we'll put your name in our next Blue Notes**.

## July Blue Notes will be sent via Email In Living Color

Beginning in July, if you have given us your email address we will send your Blue Notes to you over the internet. If you don't have an email address we will mail your copy to you.

## PASSPORT INFORMATION & Correct Name



Don't forget, as of **June 1, 2009 everyone, including children, will be required to cruise with a valid US Passport**. If you have not obtained your passport as of yet, it is critical that you apply immediately. For information about obtaining a United States Passport go to [www.travel.state.gov](http://www.travel.state.gov). Passports are not difficult to get, however you do have to plan ahead. Ordinarily a passport can take up to six weeks to be processed and mailed back to you, but in busier travel periods like the

summer, it can take a lot longer. In addition, if you are traveling with a minor who is not your own child, you must have a notarized letter stating that you have permission from both parents to take the minor out of the country. Also, please make sure that the first and last name you have given Blue World matches your passport name. **Please take time to look at your invoice. If anything is incorrect we need to know immediately.** In addition to your name being spelled accurately, or if you have pur-

chased the pre cruise package, please look at your cabin number to make sure you are in the correct category. Note, your Deck location and category are two different items. For example Category 4A & 6A are on Deck 1. If you have any questions about where you are located onboard or if your invoice has any discrepancies, please let us know immediately. After your documents are issued, **a fee of \$100.00 will be charged to reissue.**



## Airfares

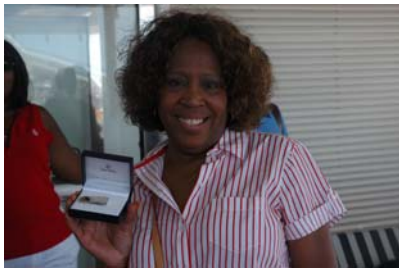
If you haven't booked your airfare, now is the time to do so. **American Airlines is offering a 5% discount to San Juan**. Just go to [www.aa.com](http://www.aa.com) and click on "Make Reservations." You will be prompted for a discount code at the bottom of the reservations page. **Use Promotional Code # A2489AA**. If you do not want to book online, Blue World Travel will be happy to make your reservations for a service fee of \$35.00 per person. **Just call us at 800-466-2719.**

## AA Onboard Raffle

American Airlines will hold a drawing onboard for **(2) economy tickets to Festival at Sea 2010 and a second prize of (2) \$100.00 American Airline Gift Cards**. Simply sign up for an American Airlines Advantage Number, then drop your boarding pass in the drawing box at our FAS Hospitality Desk. Boarding passes must include an inbound flight into San Juan on American Airlines, and an American Airlines

AAAdvantage number. **Make sure your American Airlines AAdvantage number is included in your flight reservation (before departure)** to ensure that it will be printed on the computer generated boarding passes. Only American Airlines Boarding passes with American AAdvantage numbers are eligible to win. **If you don't have an American AAdvantage number**, you can obtain one by visiting [www.aa.com](http://www.aa.com) or calling American at 800-433-7300.

These are some of the 2008  
*Festival at Sea* passengers  
who won jewelry from  
Ballerina Jewelers



Don't miss your chance to  
win!

## Wondering what to do in St. Maarten? Go to Ballerina Jeweler's FREE Mega Jewelry Raffle Give-Away

**Ballerina Jewelers and *Festival at Sea*** will give away 26 pieces of Jewelry during our summer cruise. This will be the Largest Festival at Sea Raffle Giveaway ever!

**Four Ballerina Stores in St. Maarten will participate**

**Four special prize raffles** will be held at each of the **four Ballerina Stores in St. Maarten on Monday, August 10<sup>th</sup>**. (Times and store locations to be announced later, winners must be at the store at the time of drawing)

**22 Prize winners** will be announced at the end of the cruise on **Saturday, August 15<sup>th</sup>** (winners must be present at the drawing)

**Free raffle tickets will be available for all passengers**

To participate you must visit the **Ballerina stores in St. Maarten and deposit your free raffle tickets** in the Festival at Sea raffle box located in the Ballerina stores.

Ballerina Jewelers is a long time merchant participant in our jewelry give-away program and will be our exclusive merchant partner again this year. **Their jewelry is fantastic and top quality.** It specializes in loose diamonds, emeralds, tanzanite and a wide selection of semiprecious stones. All purchases are fully guaranteed, plus they have U.S. service centers. Friendly staff and complimentary drinks will welcome you! You will not be disappointed with anything you purchase from these fine stores.

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