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YUPYKARI VILLAGE AMERINDIAN ACT WORKSHOP

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FOOTBAL TOUR- NAMENT

There will be a two days football tournament at Kaicumbay this weekend, Friday and Saturday, for both males and female teams. Quatata, Yupukari, Fly Hill and Kaicumbay are competing. All are invited.



Janissa Ernest



Rosita Roberts

Janissa Ernest and Rosita Roberts spent about two weeks at the Bina Hill Institute for the Amerindian Act Education for Amerindian Communities workshop. These two participants returned home to share what they had learned. A two day workshop was held at the Yupukari market where they made their presentations. Rosita and Janissa along with about thirty persons from North Rupununi villages are also being trained at the Institute to write proposals. After the training is over twelve individuals will be chosen to work full time and will be paid a salary.

AT THE END OF THE YUPUKARI WORKSHOP SOME PERSONS WERE ASKED, "HOW DO YOU FEEL ABOUT THE NEW AMERINDIAN ACT?"



JOHN ROBERTS
MICROSCOPIST

A microscopist since 1990. Roberts says he will be retiring in another five years and he isn't sure who will take over when he retires.

"It [the Act] is a very good thing and it is very straight forward for me and who ever reads it should understand it. It shows an individual what they need to do whenever they want to do something in the village. For example if I need to build a house somewhere in the village first I need to write a letter to the Village Council to tell them about it and where. Before anyone could've built houses without consulting anyone. The reason why I attended the two days workshop is because I was not sure of what the Act was, and after the two days I gain a lot of knowledge about things I thought I knew but was not even right, and I wish everyone who don't understand

the act could've attended the workshop so they don't have to be saying things that they do not know. I know former leaders of the village got this information and they never really explained it to us and I am very grateful to have gotten an opportunity to attend the workshop. The Village Council I think should implement some of the Act. Whenever a rule is broken that individual should be dealt with it the right way. Stealing has been a problem in the village and nothing seems to be done. Things like these needs to be dealt with and I think it would not happen again".

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Bryan Duncan
Coordinator of the
Yupukari Kitchen
Garden Project
[YKGP]

“I attended both days of the workshop and it was very interesting, especially for the



Vladimir Laurindo Pastor of the Brethren Church of Yupukari and also a member of the board of directors of Rupununi Learners Inc.[RLI]

“I have attended both days of

young people. I get a better understanding of the new Act now, before I was not too sure of the old Act and if there is another workshop I would attend just to learn more and get a better understanding. The reason why I understand the Act better is because a copy of the act is here and also there are persons that were explaining it step by step and if you were not sure you could've stopped and asked. The laws I think are not that strict, they are okay to live according to.

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the workshop and it was very interesting. I learned a lot from the explanation that was given. I felt really terrible because of the small turnout to the workshop and I wondered why there were not so many persons turning up and I thought to myself maybe these people already know and understand the Act or maybe they were not informed.

This was the first time I ever got a chance to learn more about the Act and now that I have a copy I can go for refer-

using the Act as reference and let people start to live according to the Act. Many incidents which occur at present wouldn't happen if rules and regulations were put in place and when these rules are put in place and an individual breaks this rule, this individual should face the penalty and not let it go because it will keep happening again. We are lucky to have two representatives from here who went to learn more about the Act and the villagers can be more educated from them”.

ence when ever I need it. Everything I think that is written in the Act is good and if everyone can understand it, we can live better.

It's about time that Yupukari made laws to govern our village by using the Act as reference.

If the Act can be translated in Makushi it will be very helpful. I could read it in Makushi to persons who cannot read.”

SPORTS

Kaicumbay Football Club will be hosting a two days football tournament on the 26th and 27th this month end. Yupukari Football Club, Quatata ,Kaicumbay and possibly Fly Hill if they can make a team, will participate. The male teams will be competing for a trophy

compliments of Mr. Robert Corbin, the party leader of the People's National Congress [PNC]. Only the males are sponsored by Mr. Corbin, and the captains of the different teams, along with the Kaicumbay Village Council, decided the females will have a competition

before the upcoming Heritage Games. The Yupukari Toshao is working on obtaining a trophy for the female winning team. The accommodation and meals will be provided by the host village, according to Ovid Brown, the captain of the Kaicumbay football team. He also said, “ This is the first time my village is doing something like this and I would really like more competitions be held like this one more often”.