

Mount Gay praises Fire Service and staff for response to distillery fire

MOUNT Gay Distilleries has heaped high praises on the Barbados Fire Service for its response to and control of the fire at its St. Lucy plant on Wednesday and to staff on site for their handling of the situation.

The fire, which started in a tank containing approximately 150,000 litres of non-aged rum, resulted in no damage to the rest of the distillery which is up and running.

The company's Managing

Director, Raphael Grisoni said, "The fire started in the early afternoon and the Fire Service responded quickly with four tenders, two special vehicles and 30 officers under the command of Deputy Chief Fire Officer

Henderson Patrick, who used water and foam to control and contain the conflagration.

"We take this opportunity to publicly give kudos to and thank those personnel for the great job done and to our staff for their

management of the situation, including proper evacuation and the monitoring and sharing of information."

The company is still carrying out investigations to determine what caused the fire.

NGO to share more information about Venezuela

ONE local non-governmental organisation plans to do more to educate Barbadians about the situation and conditions in Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela.

General Secretary of the Friends of Venezuela Solidarity Committee (Barbados), David Denny said the group will be rolling out "a number of activities". Chief among the activities will be to use "social media to give people as much information as possible on what is happening in Venezuela and other Latin America countries that we have friendships with."

He additionally said he was going to encourage the local media to visit the South American country to experience first-hand daily life and conditions in Venezuela. The information gathered he said would be reported and shared with Barbadians.

Denny comments came as he was



From left: General Secretary of the Friends of Venezuela Solidarity Committee (Barbados), David Denny, Charge D' Affairs, Embassy of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, Avero Sanchez Cordero and Chairman of the Pan African Coalition of Organizations (PACO), Onkphra Wells.

addressing the Solidarity Press Conference held on Thursday at the Venezuelan Institute for Culture (IVCC), Embassy of Venezuela in Hastings, Christ Church.

During this event, he spoke about a recent trip by a local delegation to Venezuela for the inauguration of President, Nicolas Maduro who on January 10th commenced his second term in office. Maduro's term will run

from 2019 until 2025.

Denny said while there the group received a warm welcome at the airport. They attended a programme for all delegates where they met and interacted with persons from South Africa, Nigeria and other African states as well as Asia, Europe, North America and Latin America along with the Caribbean. During the stay, they also attended a military parade and a representative was

at the inauguration.

"As a delegation from Barbados, we went to a very important session that took place in the Americas in a country that has over 30 million people. I felt honoured and proud to be able to receive an opportunity to travel to Venezuela to participate in a very important inauguration," Denny further said about the experience. (MG)

Barbados National Trust third Open House at Codrington College

THE Barbados National Trust invites you to its third Open House of the 2019 Season at Codrington College!

This Sunday 20th January 2019, from 1:45 - 5:00 PM, the Open House Season will be visiting the historic Codrington College.

In addition to touring the Principal's Lodge (the house of Christopher Codrington III) there will be several other add value activities.

An Art Exhibition featuring artists such as – Corrie Scott, Julianna Innis's, Oneka Small, Martina Pile and Gail Riley to mention a few. These artists art work will be sale so this will be a great opportunity to select that piece for your home or officer and at the same time support these talented Barbadian artists.

We will also be offering a tea accompanied with very tasty eats.

Bring out your children and grand children to Codrington College as there will be lots of fun activities for them such as; 'Story corner', 'Painting



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classes' and 'face painting'.

Also there will be our local artisans selling attractive and well made Barbadians crafts all wonderful gift items for a belated new years gift!

Of course the Trust's food and beverage stall will be on site too selling their all wonderful eats and beverages!

The Lively Lectures will be very interesting and are not to be missed and will be presented by Dr. Tara Innis's of the History Department of the University of the West Indies at 3:15 PM and Mr.

Kevin Farmer -The Deputy Director of the Barbados Museum & Historical Society at 3:45 PM.

Please remember to hold onto your tickets as there will be door prizes at drawn for at 4:15 PM!

The Open House at Codrington College is going to be fantastic, interesting so please come out and support this Barbados National Trust event!

See you at Codrington College on Sunday.