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Ännu en gång har en DX-are i förskingringen hört av sig om medlemskap i SWB. Eftersom en stor del av de nuvarande medlemmarna hör av sig ytterst sporadiskt, kommer de som så önskar att få vara med i hopp om att SWB skall tillföras positiv energi.

Tänk er själv att sätta sig och skriva en bulle för 50 pers när bara 3-4 bidrag kommer!!
Förutsättningen är dock att samtliga nya medlemmar accepterar SWB i mailform.

Nog om detta.

SWB/ARC konvent är planerat till 5-6 maj i Kanebergsstugan. Hoppas nu så många som möjligt tar tillfället i akt att delta. Flera viktiga frågor behöver som vanligt ventileras.

Ansvariga för ARC & SWB-utgivningen blir inte precis fler ...

Keep on

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QSL, kommentarer, mm.

Vi hälsar en ny medlem välkommen till SWB, Terje Nielsen som numera bor i Christchurch, Nya Zeeland. Vi hoppas Terje kan hjälpa oss med fina loggningar från Oceanien. Här är hans presentation (på engelska eftersom det hämtats från hans rapportunderlag):

Terje Nielsen, I am 64 years young and coming from Norway. I started my dx-ing hobby way back in 1964. I enjoy listening to radio stations from all over the world, and also to send some reports from time to time to be in contact with you. I used to send you a few reports when I lived in Norway, and my first QSL from is from 1966.

I moved from Norway to New Zealand 4 years ago as I am married to a New Zealander, a "Kiwi". I met Paula here in Christchurch 18 years ago, we lived in Australia for 7 years and then in Norway for 7 years, but my wife got homesick and also she did not like the long cold winters in Norway. So we are both happy to be back in Christchurch.

I listen every day to radio stations around the world and my wife and me really enjoy listening to the short waves. My collection is 900 QSL's from 450 radio stations in 150 countries around the world. My receivers are a RADIOSHACK DX-440 and a LOWE HF-150. Both receivers connected to a 25 meters outdoor "T-antenna".

Tack för mail. Trevligt att se så fina bilder från Christchurch. Kul att höra att du jobbat i Malmö, bara några mil härifrån. SWB har också hämtat flera medlemmar från Norge. Kanske vissa av dessa känner du redan som, Tore B Vik, Torgeir Woxen och Arnstein Bue bl a. /red)

När det gjelder de nevnte norske medlemmene, så kjenner jeg selvfølgelig de, også navn som Per Ingebretsen, Tore Nilsen, Ellmann Ellingsen, Aslak Håkedal og mange flere. Jeg redigerte QSL-spalta over en lang tid og var faktisk også redaktør av DX-News i DX-LC over en kort periode. Så jeg har vært rimelig aktiv i DX-miljøet i Norge. Og hvem husker ikke Sonja Persson fra HCJB i Ecuador og hennes besøk både til Norge og Sverige i "de gode gamle tider"???? (1964-1980)

Vet ikke hvor mange ganger jeg har kjørt gjennom Angelholm på vei til eller fra Malmø eller København????

Vet ikke hvor mye interesse lytter-info fra NZ er for SWB? Men, det som ofte skjer er at jeg hører bedre stasjonene som sender mot Europa, f.ex Canada eller Japan, enn når de sender mot Pacific!! Det betyr jo bare at hva som høres her i NZ på SW skulle også være hørbart i Sverige? Har forsøkt å fange den nye stasjonen i Micronesia, men så langt bare støy i 60meteren!! DESSVERRE!!!



Et annet eksempel, jeg så at **Jan Edh** har fått QSL fra Australia med **ARDS Humpty Doe 5050 KHZ i Darwin**, noe som jeg knapt kan høre her !! Hva er logikken???

Vel nok om det fra "**Down Under**" som jo selvfølgelig er en fullstendig **GAL** beskrivelse....

13/3: Eneste nyheten jeg har hvis dette har noen interesse er at New Zealand går over til "Normal Tid", dvs UTC+12 timer natt til søndag 18 mars, altså en uke før "resten av verden" går over til "Daylight-saving" eller sommertid som dere kaller det. **Alt er jo opp ned og motsatt her, no wonder its Down Under!!!!**

Det som jeg ikke blir vant med her er at sola står i **NORD** midt på dagen, det er så helt bakvendt!!!

Skal se om jeg kan finne noe på dx-fronten i løpet av de neste par ukene.....



Rolf Åhman: QSL har kommet från **Marfil Estero 5910** som svarade med kort och miniCD samt **AIR/Delhi 5015** som svarade med kort. I helgen skall vi ut till Gälö och lyssna och hoppas naturligtvis på hyfsade konds.

Björn Fransson: Hej! Jag lyssnade vid "i nättes" och hittade en del trevligheter, som härmed förmedlas till SWB!

QSL: Radio SWH, Lettland-9290 Kort med "Latvia Today"-motiv (bild av mottagare och frekvens) och hälsning på baksidan från oläsbar signatur. QSL? Det vet ej katten! **All India Radio, Gangtok-3390.** Efterlängtat QSL från v/s: Y K Sharma efter sidsådär 2,5 år! **All India Radio, Bhopal-4810.** Samma som ovan, men efter 3 månader bara. Den årliga dragningen på AIR har företagits och jag fick två vinster! Whoh!**Radio Verdad, Guatemala via Internet.** Jag vann tydligen också här ett pris. Flott kuvert (precis som i gamla tider!) med två CD-skivor, långt brev på EE, info, dekal, stort standar och almanacka. Detta sedan jag lyssnat på deras hemsidas inspelning... Ja, jag säger då det! Mycket ska man vara med om... Jättetrevligt!

Jan Edh: Fredagsnatten 16-17/3 gav ingenting för kortvågen i Fredriksfors. De sterke brassarna runt midnatt, men inget annat. Inte heller morgonens kollar gav något. På fredagskvällen gick alla tre australierne bra på 120 mb, däremot var det överlag klen mot Indonesien på 90- och 60-mb. Överhuvudtaget väldigt dåligt lyssnarutfall på kortvågen de senaste veckorna. Ett QSL ger dock bra tröst: **RSPD Manggarai, Ruteng, Flores 2960.** Email. V/s Tadeus "Teddy" Tanggang, reporter.

Arnstein Bue: Jeg er født i 1963, og har DX-et siden 1978. Jeg har vært lykkelig gift med Heidi siden 1989, og vi er velsignet med to flotte gutter – Mikael født 1988 og Benjamin født 1992. Jeg arbeider som salgsdirektør og plassjef for IT-selskapet Informatikk i Trondheim. Interesser utover DX-ing er reiser, geografi, musikk, film, god mat og god drikke.

Bortsett fra et års tid i 1985/1986 har DX-karrieren vært sammenhengende, selv sagt med varierende aktivitet, men aktivitetsnivået har knapt vært høyere enn de siste par årene.

Tidligere har jeg benyttet, etter tur, en Yaesu FRG-7, en Hammarlund HA-180 og en Yaesu FRG-7700. Nå har jeg fire mottakere: en JRC/NRD-525G, to Kiwa-modifiserte ICOM IC-R75 og en Etón E1. Dette kompletteres med tre Sony MZ-NH1 HiMD-opptakere, tre Sony MZ-R909 MD-opptakere, en iRiver iFP-799 MP3-opptaker og TotalRecorder.

Som så mange andre sliter jeg med lokal støy hjemme, og nesten all min DX-aktivitet har de siste årene funnet sted i Kongsfjord i Finnmark (www.kongsfjord.no), på Rolf Torviks landsted på Smøla på kysten av Midt-Norge eller på Lista helt i sørvest.

Hovedinteressene er LA, NA, Oseania og landjakt. Når dette skrives 04.03.07 har jeg QSL fra 433 LA-stasjoner, 623 NA-stasjoner (bare MB, og bare Canada og USA uten Hawaii), 94 Oseania-stasjoner og 215 land.

Se min DX-blog for oppdateringer: dxparadise.blogspot.com

LOGGEN - ALL TIMES ARE UTC

3172.78			Radio Municipal, Panoa 1005 to 1030 with unusually good signal. "...Radio Municipal ... y diez minutos en la mañana...en las palabras de....radio en Peru...." 1030 sound of old car horn, no ID on half hour, exotic music with om talk over. 10 March. 3291.1 Guyana and 3329.7 Peru blasting in at the same time. Sign on time for Radio Municipal, Panoa this week has been 0930 except on Sunday when it was 1050. rlcw. [Wilkner-FL]
3200	6.3	1901	TWR Swaziland , Religious songs and talks good (GB)
3291.1			Voice of Guyana , at 0520, with Spanish number station on 3292. Still audible in lsb. 10 March [Wilkner-FL]
3291,11		2340	GUYANA subcontinental music 0000 "Voice of Guyana" by om ID, into more sub continental music, 0020 "... this will be repeated on the 15th.." bad local t-storm interference. 26 February 3291.21 at 0923 to 1000 on the 4 March, om with English religious message. [Wilkner-FL]
3329.62			Ondas del Huallaga Huánuco at 0353 to 0410 on late with music and one ID by yl, good music, excellent signal. 14 March [Wilkner-FL]
3345	6.3	1858	Channel Africa , S.Africa, many ids in EE good (GB)
3396			R Zimbabwe blasting in 0315, and recheck at 0350 to 0400. 14 March [Wilkner-FL]
3815usb			Greenland at 2130 to 2210 yl in language with "fog horn UTE" in background. Om at 2137+ news item <i>ments de Jerusalem</i> ; alternating with yl now 2139. Music orchestral, at 2140 one time pip. Om 2140 into music briefly, then back 2147 choral music and into pop rock. 2200 one pip on the hour. Interference increased from 2200 to 2210* sign off. DX Tuner Rommelle 26 February [Wilkner-FL]
4319	6.3	2047	AFRTS Diego Garcia , usual reports, poor (GB)

4689.9	16.3	2225	OID , men troligen Radio San Miguel, Bolivia, som är ute och snedseglar. S 3. BEFF
4750	8.3	0245	Radio Peace , Sudan, EE slow talks, some music and several ids giving also the frequency, at 0254 also in Vn language good (GB)
4746v			Huanta 2000 Huanta , Ayacucho, off the air 0900 to 1030; not on 4751v or 4755v 16 March[Wilkner-FL]
4750			UNID carrier, weak audio 0315 to 0330 while looking for Radio Peace from Southern Sudan. 14 March [Wilkner-FL]
4754.85			t R Educação Rural , Campo Grande, Mato Grosso do Sul, seemingly with greetings by om in Portuguese 1020 to 1040, good signal on 16 March [Wilkner-FL]
4754.85	16.3	2220	Radio Huanta 2000 , Peru med många fina ID's. S 3. BEFF
4755.4	7.3	0140	Imaculada Conceicao , Brazil, religious: Holy Rosary, talks, and later songs, no clear id heard, poor (GB)
4774.9	16.3	2230	Radio Tarma , Peru med atenciones. S 3. BEFF
4785.1	16.3	2220	Radio Caiari , Brasilien med diskussion om utbildning. S 3-4. BEFF
4790,12	4.3	0440	Radio Vision , Perù, religious talks and music, fair (GB)
4799,8	7.3	0205	Radio Buenas Nuevas , Guatemala, talks, poor (GB)
4805	4.3	2330	Radio Difusora do Amazonas , Brazil, international pop songs and great ids (GB)
4826.5	16.3	2245	Radio Sicuani , Peru var det länge sedan jag hörde. Referat av något slag! S 3. BEFF
4856	16.3	2215	Radio La Hora med romantics. S 2-3. BEFF
4857.45			Radio La Hora , Cusco, with transmitter slowly drifting higher in fqy, om ID's 1000 to 1010; 1035. 16 March[Wilkner-FL]
4874.05	16.3	2140	OID , men säkerligen RRI/Sorong med nyheter. S 2-3. BEFF
4876			BRAZIL Monitoring this frequency and finding nothing there at 1000 GMT 9, 10 and 11 March [Wilkner-FL]
4876			BRAZIL 1000 nothing on the air, 1020 om in Portuguese, lat sign on of fade in? 4 March. Have been looking for the CP with no logs. [Wilkner-FL]
4920	16.3	2045	AIR/Chennai // 4800 under kinesen, med kricketreferat på EE och hindireklamer. S 3-4 BEFF
4976	6.3	2025	Radio Uganda , afro music, great signal, I used 8 kHz AM filter ! (GB)
5010	8.3	0301	Radio Malagasy , Talks, reports, short music pieces, clear id at 0311, good (GB)
5066,36	4.3	0430	Voix du Peuple , Bunia, Congo, talks in French, fair with fading (GB)
5080,2	7.3	0233	Radio Pakistan , talks woman., maybe reports, fair (GB)
5100	4.3	0415	Radio Bana , Eritrea, talks woman and Afro songs, really good (GB)
6139.8	14.3	0603	Radio Líder med stort ID följt av nyheter. 2 CB
6300	6.3	2040	RN Saharui , on air again, AA reports in // with 1550 very good (GB)
6950	16.3	1850	OID , men troligen somaliska Radio Bay, Baidoa med koranrecitation och stängningsceremoni. S 2-3. BEFF
7000	16.3	1750	OID svagt på arabiska, gick även senare på kvällen. Vad??? S 2-3. BEFF
9645,2	7.3	0245	Radio Bandeirantes , Brazil, talks sport, good (GB)
9675	16.3	2100	Radio Cancao Nova , Brasilien // 4825. Präst och piano. S 3-4. BEFF
9705	16.3	2105	Radio Niger gick riktigt bra, S 3-4, med fina afrikanska rytmer. BEFF
9720	7.3	0240	Radio Victoria , Peru, usual religious program, good (GB)

Re 6100 kHz:

I checked the frequency by SDR-IQ and AOR 7030+ with Spectrum Lab between 1000-1700, both with listening and observing carrier traces and found the following stations:

- 6099.72 presumed Voice of Malaysia. Thai sounding language at 1405, also Arabic at 1630. Sign-off at 1700.
- 6099.97 International Radio of Serbia. ID at 1430. The wobbling (± 1 Hz) carrier visible already at 1200. First audio at 1403, probably Serbian, definitely not English. Long carrier breaks, and when carrier was on, audio was often missing. More continuous since 1430 and languages acc. to the lately publicized schedule. Maybe Dragan could check what programming they have before 1400, if any?
- 6100 CRI 1100-1357
- 6100 UNID after 1400, presumed KCBS, right on frequency, which is really exceptional for this station.
- 6100.02 Radio Vo Kashmir 1415-1535
- 6100.55 R Rossii, Kyzyl until s/off 1400.
(73, Mauno Ritola via HCDX)

UNIDENTIFIED. Something is off-frequency 100-200 Hz from 6100, as a wavering het was audible March 16 at 1305. I did not try to determine whether on hi or lo side. Someone else reported this at a somewhat later hour, tentatively as Central African Republic's temporarily inactive and alternate frequency in Bangui to 7221v, as in PWBR ``2007'', but surely not at 1305.

Much more likely something from Asia, and there are at least three stations capable of being off-frequency: Kanggye, North Korea, 200 kW; Kyzyl, Tannu Tuva, only 5 kW, and R. Sedayee Kashmir, 100 kW from Delhi. WRTH does not show any power for N Korea, and 1 kW for Kyzyl.

Unfortunately, the S. Aoki list does not show split frequencies and rounds everything off to the nearest kHz, but let's see what he has on the air at or near this time, all daily:

6100	CRI	1300-1357 Mongolian	500 318 Beijing CHN
6100	KCBS Pyongyang	1330-1800 Korean	125 ND Kanggye KRE
6100	R. Bangui	0430-0700 French/Sango	20 ND Bangui CAF
6100	R. Bangui	1630-2130 French/Sango	20 ND Bangui CAF
6100	R. Rossii	2200-1800 Russian	0.5 ND Kyzyl RUS
6100	VOICE OF MALAYSIA	1300-1430 Thai	50 343 Kajang MLA

Just being in this list does not mean everything is really on the air; still on the list are some long inactive Latin Americans, such as TIUCR on 6105. We assume it's more up-to-date concerning Asia.

Kashmir is not mentioned. Bangui is way between transmissions if really on the air at all and propagating in the early afternoon. Even KCBS supposedly isn't on the air at 1330, tho who knows, an off-frequency carrier could be on and responsible. Here Kyzyl shows at only 0.5 kW, and even if 5.0 it seems unlikely it would be enough to produce even a het at this distance. CRI and VOM are obviously the major stations on 6100 at 1305;

possibly VOM is off-frequency, like RTM is on 6050v? In any event one or both of them are likely to be the 6100.0 participant in the heterodyning. Someone further west may be able to nail it down. EiBi shows similar scheduling, but never any powers, azimuths or decimals of frequencies (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Stationsnyheter

Central Africa. Radio ICDI (Integrated Community Development International) has begun transmissions in the Central African Republic. Radio ICDI broadcasts from the town of Boali on the frequency of **6030 kHz** in the 49 meter shortwave band.

Radio ICDI transmits eight hours daily with programming in French and three African languages, Sango, Aka and Fulfuldé. According to Curt Bender of HCJB Global Technology Center in Indiana, transmission times are 6-9 a.m. and 5-9 p.m. (17-21 hours) local time, which is 0500-0800 and 1600-2000 UTC, Monday to Friday. Bender, who responded to questions from DXing.info, led the team that installed the station in Boali. Bender says that the station may be renamed in the future. The first test transmission was aired on February 22, but official broadcasts began on March 1. Radio ICDI has a transmitter power of 1 kW.

Radio ICDI makes Christian broadcasts and community health information available to most of the country's 3.5 million people, many of whom live in remote and isolated areas. This is the country's first privately owned shortwave station. ICDI is a Christian ministry founded by Jim Hocking in 2003. ICDI has been involved in various community health projects across the Central African Republic such as well-drilling to provide drinking water in remote villages, orphan care and micro-enterprise development. Hocking was earlier involved in a project that set up an FM station in the capital Bangui. "I felt like we needed broadcasts that would reach further," said Hocking. Poor roads make traveling to many villages difficult or dangerous. For these reasons, shortwave radio has become the logical tool to reach the inaccessible people of the country. Station manager Josue Mbami can be contacted by email. radioidci@gmail.com (DXing.info, March 8, 2007 via DXLD)

PARAGUAY. My dear friend Adan Mur, from Ñemby, Paraguay, told me about a new signal in the shortwave from Paraguay. Is "Radio Licemil", a experimental station from Liceo Militar "Acosta Ñu" (Army School). The station tx on March 15, between 1820-1900 UTC & 1920-2050 UTC on 12.000 KHZ with 25 watts. Programme with interview, etc. Student's greetings in spanish, guarani, english and portuguese. Contacts to: Email: licemil@lycos.com Phone: 595 275 32311 Fax: 595 275 32316 The station tx only a few days in the month. In special dates. (Arnaldo Slaen via HCDX)

PERU. 6193.08, Radio Cuzco, 1101-1122 March 8. Noted steady Spanish comments which may have been news, during the period. Signal was fair.

6173.87, Radio Tawantinsuyo, 1048-1100 March 9. With a very weak signal, steady Huaynos music until about 1053 when a person comments in Spanish. Noted a canned TC every minute or so over the music. Lots of QRM here.

Comment: Trying for the difficult DX this morning. Just purchased the WR-G305E/PD and I am finding it surprisingly good compared to my NRD545. I checked each one of the loggings above on both the NRD545 and the WR-G305E/pd and decided that the 305 was superior in cleaning away the QRM. For example, Radio Tawantinsuyo, above, is surrounded by other stations and one is just 2 kHz above. I filtered out that second station completely with the WR-305, but narrowed the filter on the NRD545 as far as it would reduce and still had the QRM bleeding through, which made copy difficult on the NRD545 and fair on the 305. So I am very satisfied with my new receiver so far. It could use a notch filter and a tone control. However, with the sharp filtering, a notch filter may be redundant? Time will tell (Chuck Bolland, Clewiston, Florida, USA, WR-G305E/PD, March 9, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

URUGUAY. 6125 Radio Uruguay (SODRE), Montevideo. Reactivated!- Talks by m/w, relaying CX26 (1050) at 1217. QRK3. Nothing on 9620 yet, the other SW which used to carry CX6. (Nigro-Uruguay, Mar 14). (Horacio Nigro, Montevideo, Uruguay via HCDX)

I don't know if the SWB also have some kind of mailing-list for dx-alerts, but the reactivated SODRE was heard here in Italy few minutes ago (2105-2135) on 9620.38 kHz. The station was in // with their webstream and id'ed as Radio Uruguay. I have put a brief recording here (the id recorded from shortwave was linked together with the same id, at the same time, recorded via webstream, for comparison). <http://www.sendspace.com/file/jgtfna> I hope that this could be of some interest for Scandinavian dxers. (Good dx. Renato Bruni)

Övriga radionyheter

ARC/SWB-konvent 5-6 maj, 2007

Hej alla DX vänner. Ni har väl inte glömt konventet som är den 5-6 maj i Kanebergsstugan. Jag kommer att hålla i detta med hjälp av Rune och Christer. Mer info kommer senare i månaden. Glöm ej att boka i era kalendrar dessa datum. Jag hoppas många kan komma för vi vet ej hur det blir nästa år.

Dessa träffar är mycket trevliga det kan många intyga. Ni som vet med er att ni kan komma kan redan nu anmäla er till Ivonne tel: 035-44355.

/Ivonne Eliasson

VE6JY – DON MOMAN

One of the most famous ham radio stations in Canada is Don Moman's set-up in Lamont, Alberta, northeast of Edmonton. The 80-acre antenna farm is really something to see. This page takes you on a guided tour, including photographs, of this impressive installation. <http://www.andor.net/~ve6jy/>

(via Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec, Radio HF Internet Newsletter, March via DXLD)

ICOM R-9500-02: BIG RECEIVER, BIG PRICETAG!!!

Universal Radio now has the new Icom R-9500-02 wideband receiver available; as expected it does carry a huge price for it: originally just under \$16K, available for \$13,500! Like they say, you get what you pay for--and with this megaceiver you will pay more \$\$\$ to get the best performance, and the most coverage! (via DXLD)

Coming soon: Grundig plans to introduce the G1 receiver (it's the Etón E1 but without the built-in XM satellite radio feature) later in 2007; price is expected to be around \$500 (Joe Hanlon, NJ, March 8, DX LISTENING DIGEST) Are a few of the 9500s in the showroom? (gh, DXLD)

NCN radio is doing a good job, Thursday, February 15th 2007

Dear Editor, What better medium is there than our daily newspapers which can be used as a platform for me to testify to the good work of the people working in radio land - VOG. In spite of all the negatives going on, there are sprinkles, packets of wonderful things happening, which like medicine heal and restore joy. They are inspirational, recharge our batteries and rekindle hope. There is so much to be thankful for in the midst of gloom, which is glossed over and taken for granted.

I am deeply impressed with the tremendous effort being made in a collective by the staff of NCN radio - Voice of Guyana who it appears are leaving no stone unturned to make radio an interesting, lively, meaningful and attractive medium of communication for all ages.

Their diligent approach and varied styles have certainly achieved much; there is indeed I must say renewed magnetism about radio, from the break of dawn to the stroke of midnight. Their endeavours to satisfy a radio audience are commendable. The programmes from the 'Early Bird Show,' 'The Breakfast Show,' 'Let's Gaff,' 'From Word To Word,' etc, through to 'Night Ride,' are all thoughtfully crafted, and one can sense at times the searching, the willingness in reaching out beyond parochialism.

And while there is always room for improvement, aren't they doing a marvellous job? The philosophical pieces, anecdotes, quotations, encouraging advice, proverbs, jokes, world information, etc, along with the cosmopolitan musical selections are just great. Last but not least the forever moralistic presentation by the Catholic Broadcast, and that Saturday morning 'Christ is the Answer' youth programme, which has been going on for so long. I honestly want to congratulate in a big way those young people who have been conducting it; they have done well. To the young women who were there before the present young man took over, they never failed to capture my attention. I often hope that the young people are also attracted. They have been fine examples.

My main criticism of the radio station is the not-so-perfect reception at times, and the in-between blackouts. To your announcers Isaiah Chappell, Malcolm Perriera, Melissa Pearson, Wanita Huburn, Marino Isaacs, Franklyn Longhorn, Ron Robertson, Rovin Deodat, Ossie Rogers, Rudy Grant, Michelle Abraham Ali, Henry Singh, Ayube Hamid, Noel Adams and Maggie Lawrence, may I say that you people are the healers and soul saviours, the voice of the hopeless; keep up the good work. I ask forgiveness from those who have not been mentioned; believe me the package wouldn't be complete without you. I have no doubt that in time the collective will of you fabulous people will become a formidable bond. Please remember the song Melting Pot by the Blue Mint during your selections. Respect.

Yours faithfully, Frank Fyffe

<http://www.stabroeknews.com/index.pl/article?id=56514086> (via Robert Wilkner)