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"Sunrise over Rainbow Bay"

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Dear Members and Friends:

Hello and I hope all is well with you and your families. As of now, Rainbow Bay is healthy and looking good. We have had a lot of rain this season (requiring some extra mowing along the roadsides) and the island is lush with vegetation.

It has been a busy year for the Board of Directors following the resignation of our treasurer. A new accounting firm is in place and the board has pulled together to maintain as smooth an operation as possible. There are still a few loose ends, but I am confident that everything will all come together. May I ask anyone sending payments by check to include your section, block and lot number(s)? It makes our job so much easier.

Have you had a chance to look at our updated website? (See page 4.) I think it looks great and my thanks go to Anne Harvey, our new webmaster, and Ian Langworth at Google for his assistance. Anne is the person to go to for all inquiries. She will, pass them to the responsible party. Newsletter editor Richard Langworth will welcome any letters or articles from you for possible use. Their emails are at left.

I have been checking our subdivision roads for problems that need addressing. I have noted a number of areas requiring attention, but for the most part our roads are in good order. We have purchased a pallet of Perma-Patch for filling potholes. This material seems to work well and is easy to use. Some of the unpaved "quarry" roads will need attention soon. I will take a closer look at this area in the beginning of next year.

The Bahamas Government has come through and is in the final stages of repaving Queens Highway. At last we can navigate the road between James Cistern and the airport without concern. (I should say without "too much concern," since it's wise to drive defensively and stay alert.) Farther north, paving has been completed from north of Glass Window Bridge to North Eleuthera Airport. I don't understand why they haven't paved the immediate area of Glass Window Bridge. You would think this important tourist attraction would have higher priority.

I have taken on the task of "beautifying" Queens Highway in the subdivision by cutting down small casuarinas and forming some into hedges. I enjoy getting out and working on the roads, but I'm now into my second bout with poison wood, and beginning to question my ability to recognize this loving plant. We have a huge amount of it in our area, so be careful when you're near the bush. I don't wish it on anyone!

When we sent our annual dues invoices earlier this year, a number of you told us either that you were not aware your dues were in arrears, or that you had not received a bill in quite some time. We are following up with all, and appreciate receiving comments about any matter to do with the Association. Do not hesitate to contact us at any time by email or our local phones when we are on the island (see left).

Some United States members found their checks taking longer to clear this year. Please note that whenever mail is sent to our private mail box in Florida, it then has to be couriered on to us every two weeks. It takes a little longer to reach us here in Eleuthera, and of course we must record each check and courier it back to the our bank account in the States. I apologize for the delay, but better safe than sorry.

Lastly, I would ask that if you move, *please-please-please* send us your new address. See Ya on Da Beach!

—*John Kavali*

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR (malakand@langworth.name)

### Importing Cars

The website article on bringing a vehicle to Eleuthera is helpful, but it's hard to tell if some of the recommendations were legal requirements or personal preferences. For example, why aren't we supposed to bring in a vehicle that has rust? Will you be fined or the car confiscated? Also, why must everything work? Is "street legal" (external lights, windshield wipers, brakes, etc.) sufficient? I've asked similar questions before but never received an answer.

ROBERT ZINKE, STERLING HEIGHTS, MICH.

*This one took three years (sorry!), but you'll always get an answer in future. Many articles on the website are obsolete and we're working to update them. For example, duty on cars has gone way up, and there's now an alternative to the kabuki dance we've long done to bring vehicles from the mainland. Japanese laws encourage disposal of cars after only 30,000 km. This has brought a wave of lightly used ex-Japan cars distributed by Nassau dealers at very low prices. Because Japan is righthand drive, like The Bahamas, they fit right in here!*

*There are few legal requirements for vehicles brought into The Bahamas. Inspection is perfunctory: lights, horn, wipers. No one will fine you or confiscate your car, so our warning about rust is only practical. Living here is like living on a boat. The salt air is pervasive, and will quickly attack vulnerable surfaces, like rusty spots on a car. Our no-rust '91 Jeep Cherokee came here from Tucson in 2001, and is garaged; there is still no significant rust after all that time.*

*By "making sure everything works," we mean it's easier and cheaper to fix and replace on the mainland than it is here. If something's broke but has no effect on the running of the car, it can be ignored. On the last car I brought in, the ABS warning light was on. We don't need ABS where there's no snow and a low speed limit, so I just pulled the bulb! —Ed.*

### Thanks for Kind Words

Love the slick newsletter and the colored cover. I wish the centerfold page of Autumn 2006 were in color

# Government Work

by Matt Hoopes (islesman@batelnet.bs)

## PROPERTY TAXES

Property tax rates remain 1.5% of assessed valuation on undeveloped lots and 1% of assessed valuation on improved lots (whether rented or not). However, residents who do not rent their homes are still entitled to a \$250,000 non-rental exemption on total assessed value, and must then pay taxes on the remainder, if any. You must request this exemption in writing either at the Valuation Division in North Eleuthera or through the same division in Nassau, telephone (242) 322-5200).

This exemption does not apply to "unimproved lots."

Property owners should be aware, however, as always in the Bahamas, that all of the above is "subject to change" at any time.

Property tax bills are due to be mailed mid-October. For questions concerning property taxes, telephone David Cates, Controller, Inland Revenue, Nassau: (242) 322-5200.

As of this date there have been no amendments made to last year's property tax rules, though the monthly tax on rental property has risen: If you rent your home you are required to visit the Ministry of Tourism in Governor's Harbour to secure your hotel license, and to make monthly payments of 10% (formerly 6%) of your rental fees.

NOTE: The Bahamian government site is not yet updated and still lists 6%, but the rate is now 10%, and payment can be made only in cash, money orders or Bahamian checks. No U.S. checks at present. The mailing address is: The Administrator's Office, Governor's Harbour, Eleuthera.

The form for property owners to submit their vacation rental tax is online, or you can mail your payment or stop at the Administration Building in Governor's Harbour. To download the form go to: [www.tourismtoday.com](http://www.tourismtoday.com) and click on "hotel licensing" on the left side of the screen.

## DSL BOOSTER STATION

According to Dwight Cambridge, who is spearheading the project, BTC will now construct and pay for the proposed DSL (high-speed internet) booster station, which we are told will be self-contained and will not require Rainbow Bay Association to build a small building as originally planned. Mr. Cambridge has worked this out with BTC in Nassau. No date has been set for the construction at this time, but we've been assured "it won't take long." The booster station will permit those living from Rainbow Beach south to Big Rock to receive reliable DSL signals, and should also enhance the subdivision's telephone reception.

## LOCAL MAILBOXES

Since the construction of the interior room inside the association (maintenance) building has been put on hold for cost reasons at present, the mailboxes that were offered by Laura Albury of the Upper Bogue Post Office, to allow Rainbow residents to receive their mail at this location, will not be available until further notice. In the meantime, it would be helpful if those wanting this service would contact me. When the service is available, Mrs. Albury has asked me to advise her and she will make arrangements for the number of boxes required. ❖

too. The newsletter looks very professional and helps the image of the RBPOA. I really am grateful for the good deeds over the years. Keep it up—you are all appreciated very much.

RICHARD HARDING, MENLO PARK, CALIF.

### Theresa Ferguson

In 2007 we prepared tributes to the late Theresa, beloved by many Rainbow friends, which circumstances prevented our publishing. If you would like to read them now, let us know. ❖



PHOTOS BY JOHN KAVALI



The Arcouttes bought the former Bob and Karen Qualls house overlooking the Caribbean near the Rainbow Inn and turned it into one of the most beautiful properties in Rainbow. **Above left: Pierre and Gigi. Below left: party caterers Loretta Meyers, Anita Kavali, Stella Randall brought scrumptious goodies, above.**



<http://members.rainbowbay.org>

The members-only section contains information on the organization and Board of Directors, various legal forms, past newsletters and useful current information for property owners. If you cannot access the members-only site, email [info@rainbowbay.org](mailto:info@rainbowbay.org) stating your full name and lot-block-section numbers, and you will receive a password. You need do this only once if you remain a member in good standing.

As in all things digital, website design is in a constant state of evolution and, we trust, improvement. The main characteristic of the present product—in

keeping with the board's determination to spread around the responsibilities—is that it is no longer an “upside-down funnel” but a “rightside-up funnel.” Now the responsible person can edit and insert material under his or her jurisdiction, subject of course to review of the webmaster.

**LIKE A GOOD NEIGHBO(U)R**

According to Tom Pinder, “Rainbow Bay has always done its part to help nearby settlements.” Tommy, as he is known to residents, has served as Association maintenance man for almost twenty years. He grew up in Hatchet Bay and now lives in Rainbow with his wife Louise and son TJ.

Looking back, Tommy recently reflected on the aftermath of the big hurricanes—Andrew, Floyd and Michelle—and their catastrophic damage to properties and infrastructure. He volunteered his time and Rainbow its Kabota tractor to help clean up debris from Queen's Highway, so that utility and emergency vehicles could pass and traffic could flow. Our Kabota helped clean up in Hatchet Bay and James Cistern, and as far off as the government dock in Governor's Harbour.

Tommy recalls that he and the Kabota have from time to time worked to clear and to enhance sports fields in Hatchet Bay and James Cistern.

Our Association has also been a good neighbor by donating to worthwhile causes such as the Governor's

**FAREWELL PIERRE AND GIGI**

On May 24th a going-away party for long time residents Gigi and Pierre Arcouette was hosted by Jovanka Jovanovic at the Association building with its handsome new deck. A scrumptious buffet, with cakes by Loretta Meyers, was enjoyed by residents and friends of Rainbow Bay. Full-time residents for the last twelve years, Gigi and Pierre made many contributions to our community and their splendid house, “Viewpoint,” is widely admired. They have decided to return to Canada. We wish them well on their new venture, wherever the wind may take them. —ANITA KAVALI

**OUR NEW WEBSITE**

The Rainbow Bay website has been redesigned using up to the minute Google Sites technology, with a public home page and a members-only page.

Until the update, the website was garnering only fifteen hits a day, so our priority is first to increase usage by members and the public. It has been mostly a static site without much information for repeat visitors. Our members, of course, will tend to spend more

time on the “workaday” members-only site, which is changing constantly with new information, presently taxes! (See “Government Work,” page 3.)



<http://www.rainbowbay.org>

The public home page now contains a representative Rainbow photograph and a functional Googlemap where you can home-in on your property or any part of the subdivision. We would have liked these images larger, but considering the varying expertise of members, we've tried to remember that some might have older computers with relatively small screens. The public site also contains general information, photos, maps by section, block and lot, and classified ads for Rainbow properties. The site's appearance is clean and in keeping with current standards.



**Left:** Tommy Pinder and Rainbow's Kabota lend a hand at storm clean-up in James Cistern village. **Right:** What casuarinas can do to your ocean view (see item #2 below).

Harbour fire truck. And Rainbow homeowners have volunteered on local committees and supported local events. Association president John Kavali says, "Rainbow Bay will always strive to be a good neighbo(u)r." —STEW MORRISON

### KEEP RAINBOW SHINING

We all want to keep Rainbow Bay looking like a shiny new penny, and there are several easy little things we can all do to attain this goal.

1. The first is easiest. When you go for a walk, take a couple of plastic grocery bags (not those big garbage bags) with you. Just put them in your pocket or backpack and, when you see garbage on the roadside (bottles, cans, candy wrappers, styrofoam cups and containers, etc.), pick it up and pop it into the bags. You can take the bags to the dump or leave them by the roadside, where somebody will pick them up and bring them there. It's an easy way to help keep Rainbow clean—and if we all pitch in, our roads will keep looking as great as they do now!

2. Many residents whose views are gradually being obscured by the invasive, fast-growing Australian pine trees known locally as casuarinas have considered cutting them down, and several of us have done so.

You may have noticed in your travels that some homeowners have cut down trees on unoccupied properties. The Board of Directors neither endorses nor condemns this practice, but it is not possible for the board to give permission to remove trees on private property.

Please contact the owner to seek permission before you do any clearing.

It also seems that it would be considerate to our fellow residents to remove the dead branches rather than leave them as an eyesore. If you cut down trees on property other than your own, please arrange to have them carted to the dump in Hatchet Bay.

3. A number of homeowners keep their outside lights on at night, undoubtedly for security purposes. The board recommends that, in lieu of keeping these lights on all night, homeowners switch to motion sensitive lighting, which will achieve the same security objectives without the attendant light pollution. By so doing, you can save on your electric bill as well as enhance our pleasure in viewing the beautiful Eleutheran skies.

(Note: A lighting situation over which we have no control is the street lights Bahamas Electric provides free to Bahamians who request them, though many residents think we do. Sorry!)

Thanks in advance for your help.

**Jovanka Jovanovic's lush triangle at the junction of Sea to Sea and Wandering Shore Drives, with wall by Max and stepping stones donated by residents and hauled by Matt.**



### TRIANGULAR GARDENS!

As we all know, the Association holds title to a number of triangular pieces of property between our roads, one of which houses the "Traj Mahal" garbage receptacle. Triangles are mere spacers, and some have grown wild or become barren. Barbara Fischl's garden plants, and deft wall-building by the Association's Haitian handyman Max, cleaned up the biggest of these, at the site of the former trash receptacle where Wandering Shore Drive intersects with Queen's Highway.

Jovanka Jovanovic, a master gardener, took an interest in rejuvenating these triangles, and has been working for years on the big one where Sea to Sea Drive intersects with Wandering Shore. A handsome wall by Max and many plantings by Jovanka have turned this into a lovely Bahamian garden, and last spring, many residents contributed to the cost of stepping stones to make walking paths through the foliage.

Our sincere thanks to Jovanka for her hard work, Matt Hoopes for hauling the stones from Governor's Harbour, and all the people who contributed to the cost of the stones: Pierre and Gigi Arcoutte, Anthony and Pauline Chung, Amy Colebourne, Anne Harvey, Matt Hoopes, Jovanka Jovanovic, Kristi Klein, Kathy Kinney, Lilli and Bob Koelbl, Richard and Barbara Langworth, Gail Longchamps, Loretta Meyers, Enid Morris, Pat Morrison, Ron and Sue Nentwig, Carol Quintana, Nid Sawetawan and Loretta Serfass. ❖

# Introducing the 2010-11 Board of Directors

## ALAN FISCHL

Alan and Barbara have owned their spectacular “crow’s nest” on the hill overlooking Rainbow Beach for twenty-nine years, and love it so much they’re here summer and winter. Alan grew up in New York City, graduated from Phillips Exeter Academy in 1948, Yale in 1952 and Virginia Law School in 1955. He served in the U.S. Navy from January 1956, as a line officer and JAG officer, was honorably discharged in May 1959 as a lieutenant. An attorney with several large New York law firms from 1960 to 2000, he specialized in corporate and commercial law. Retiring in 2000, and with Barbara’s retirement from teaching in 2007, the Fischls have been spending half their time in Rainbow Bay and the rest on Long Island, New York. Alan’s background in law and broad experience on Eleuthera makes him a valued new addition to the board.



the book *Rainbow Rising: A Journal of Rainbow Bay’s Early Days*. Matt spends a few weeks in June in Wolfeboro, New Hampshire and in a cabin on his private island off the coast of Lubec, Maine; the rest of the time finds him at “Manyrockwallsmon,” his home on Honey Creeper Road, where he has lived for fifteen years. While retired from the classroom, he still works as a alumni correspondent for a New England boarding school where he taught journalism starting in 1975. Matt enjoys working on Rainbow and Eleuthera community projects. Being here for long intervals, he is well known on the island and his understanding of local ways makes him a major resource for newcomers.

seven to eight months a year in Rainbow, where they own a fine high house surrounded by a lush garden. Pat was elected to the board in 2008. A retired nurse, she previously served on the Multiple Sclerosis Society of Canada Board and on several committees on Eleuthera. Her goals are to work to maintain the community spirit, to promote and enhance the physical presentation of Rainbow Bay, and to encourage participation and interaction among members.

## CHARLIE MOORE

A former co-owner with Ken Keene of the Rainbow Inn, Charlie is a full-time resident of Rainbow Bay, presently on Sleepy Shore Drive on the Caribbean while building a new house on the hill at Honey Creeper Road. Well-known in our community, Charlie is a source of wise advice about building and maintaining homes; what’s more, he has the knack of getting anything to work! Having served on the board twice before, Charlie is well qualified to help carry out the day to day activities of maintaining the development. His retirement from the Rainbow Inn has given him more time for Association projects and duties.



## JOHN KAVALI

Appointed to the board in March 2006, John was reelected in 2008 and 2010, and is beginning his second term as President. He is “hands-on,” regularly trimming roadside bushes with his chainsaw, and personally patching potholes with the help of John Watts. Born in Akron Ohio, he enlisted in the Navy and flew seaplanes. After the service he moved to California and studied Aeronautical Engineering. He obtained pilot and mechanic licenses and joined Western Airlines, which later merged with Delta. John spent thirty years with the airlines and wound up running overhauls for Delta in Atlanta. Taking early retirement in 1996, he and Anita moved to Cape Coral, Florida. Because he was too young “not to work,” John earned a real estate license and spent the next eight years in property sales. In 2005 he called it quits and moved to Eleuthera, where he and Anita live at “Purple Haze,” the Caribbean seaside house on Lady Shore Road.



## ANNE HARVEY

A native and resident of Lexington, Kentucky, Anne has been coming to Rainbow since 1975, when her parents built the house overlooking Hidden Beach on Treasure Hill Road which she now owns with her sister Leigh. Anne majored in computer science and for seven years was an IBM system engineer—experience which makes her our ideal webmaster. She was co-owner and general manager of a contracting company in Lexington for twenty years. She has three grown children and is an avid golfer, snorkeler, kayaker, and swimmer. Currently retired, Anne keeps busy studying yoga and Indian philosophy, and is training to teach meditation.



## JOHN WATTS

Together with his Bahamian wife Jean, John purchased the former Boonstra house overlooking the Atlantic in 2007 to get away from the hustle and bustle of Nassau. He had worked there since arriving from Britain forty years ago, in offshore international banking. First employed by Scotiatrust, a subsidiary of Canada’s Scotiabank, he moved in 1988 to head a privately owned French bank with strong ties to the mutual fund industry. In 1999 this was sold to a Swiss bank, where he remained as its president until his retirement six years ago. John remains on the boards of a bank and



## MATT HOOPES

A virtual year-round Eleuthera resident, Matt has been a member of the board since 2000 and Secretary since 2002. He compiled and edited



## PAT MORRISON

Hailing from Winnipeg, Manitoba, Pat and Stew Morrison spend





## EDITOR'S NOTE

Hi. It's me. Yes, again.  
(So that's the sound of  
one hand clapping.)

Henry Ford II said, "Never complain, never explain." I will explain. In March the Board of Directors asked me to resume editorship of *The Rainbow Times*, the name I rather gratuitously gave it in 2006. I gladly agreed; I have deep respect for the selfless dedication of every member of this board, whose communications are frequent, directions explicit, and decisions clear.

Our very first July 1984 newsletter, entitled *Rainbow News*, records that in May, Bob Poehlman and Max Wike arrived at the annual meeting (till then held in Freeport!) bearing sixty proxies. The off-island management had 266 but saw the writing on the wall, and by July had turned the Association over to people who actually lived here.

Barbara and I arrived in 1981, bought lots in 1982, but didn't build until 2003. We found an Association run by volunteers who owned or were building homes, who knew what was happening up to the minute. As lot owners all that time, were were constantly grateful that they were there.

One marked difference this time around: In 2006 there was no *Eleutheran*—a fine newspaper that now covers our island from end to end under managing editor Elizabeth Bryan. *The Eleutheran* was a game-changer. The gaps we perhaps naively thought to fill are no longer there. So *The Rainbow Times* will contain information about Rainbow Bay and its environs. Do pick up a free copy of *The Eleutheran* around the island, and bookmark [www.theeleutheran.com](http://www.theeleutheran.com).

We will coordinate closely with our website, increasingly a vital information source as the digital age accelerates and high-speed internet permeates the distant reaches of the Out Islands.

As always, your comments, lot and home owners alike, are most welcome. Stop by any time our door is open—especially if you play Pinochle or "Settlers of Catan": High Tide, south side, Sea to Sea Drive at Wandering Shore Drive. —RML ❖

## ADVERTISEMENTS

### Volleyball Saturdays?

Last spring Dick Longchamps went to a lot of trouble installing poles for our volleyball net on Rainbow Beach, hoping for a renewal of our Saturday morning games over the winter months. Alas, either for lack of publicity or slothfulness on our parts, the games never materialized. If you would like to play in 10am games Saturday mornings, with the prospect of a cooling dip afterward, please contact the editor. We should have enough players by December.

### Lots For Sale

Use [www.rainbowbay.org](http://www.rainbowbay.org) to locate lots on the map. All prices in US dollars.

Section A, Block 5, Lots 34-35-36: almost 30,000 sq. ft., elevations 110-130 ft., Caribbean and Atlantic views. All fees current. Buyer pays all fees and costs. Asking US\$39,000 for each. Phyllis LeFevre, (281) 446-4844, [phyllislefevre@yahoo.com](mailto:phyllislefevre@yahoo.com).

Section B, Block 16, Lot 4 between Buccaneer Road and Queens Highway: 9600 sq.ft., elevation 35-45 ft. Original owner. \$52,500. Hubert W. Van Gessner, 5111 Sacred Feather Drive, Colorado Springs, CO 80916. Tel: 719-390-3029.

Section B, Block 27, Lot 1: Atlantic and Caribbean view, 14,180 sq. ft., approx. elevation 45-50 ft., taxes and fees up to date. \$30,500 with split of legal costs and transfer fees. Pam Darrell (804) 712-1855, 1112 Kruper Street, Hopewell VA 23860.

Section C, Block 35, Lots 13-14-15: Whalespout Road. Lot 13, 10,800 sq. ft., elevation 70 ft. Lots 14 and 15 each 9600 sq. ft., elevation 65-70 ft. Lot 15 has some sea view to the south. Paved roads, electrical and phone lines are up. Beach 10 minutes away. Not available separately. \$37,000 for the three. Contact Blanca Jimenez, (561) 308-5687, [bjimenez@comcast.net](mailto:bjimenez@comcast.net). ❖

trust company in Nassau as well as several Bahamian mutual funds. With two daughters and five grandchildren, John and Jean have much enjoyed their first three years in Rainbow Bay and making friends with residents and local Eleutherans. John is an avid gardener as well as a do-it-yourself person, a type much in demand here! ❖



**New at Rainbow Inn: outdoor dining patio and the fabulous wood-fired pizza oven.**



### VIEW FROM THE INN

RAINBOW INN, AUGUST— Mish and Zev are on their honeymoon now and Richard and I are manning the ship! We are doing some small renovations, painting and roofing, in preparation for the "season." We have a new patio outside with picnic tables and an outside stone pizza oven. We tried this setup before we closed and it was amazing. The possibilities are endless: calzones, bagels, whatever!

There will be an earlier opening this year, hopefully October 15th. Zev will be busy getting his organic garden growing and Mish will be creating a new surprise menu. There will be more entertainment and a "ladies night."

We will also have a small tour desk for bone fishing and other adventures. We are looking forward to the new season and are hopeful it will be a great one, spending lots of time with all our friends from Rainbow.

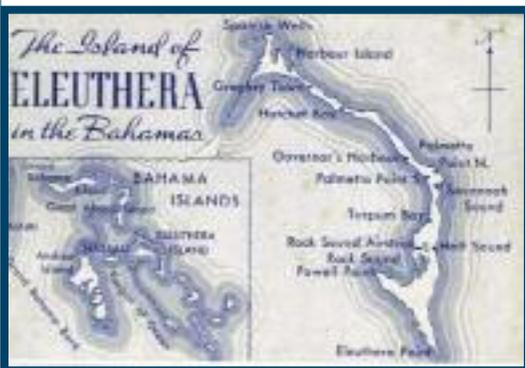
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## ISLAND IN THE SUN: 20 AND 10 YEARS AGO

### *Greetings from Rainbow Bay, July 1990*

The Association has nearly 1100 current members from over a dozen countries: USA (as far off as Hawaii), UK, Canada, Sweden, Denmark, France, Germany, Spain, Italy, Saudi Arabia, Hong Kong, Japan and Tahiti.

In mid-March, residents held a huge beach picnic, including friends from around the island, with a bonfire that could be seen in Governor's Harbour and hot dogs, hamburgers and drinks. After an enthusiastic volleyball game and food, everyone sat around the fire singing old favorites and swapping yarns. This season has been one of the best in several years, with more visitors all over the island. In mid-February until mid-March a large number of college students elected to take Spring Break here rather than in Florida and many stayed at the Rainbow Inn. It must be said that they were orderly and fun-loving.

The trash collection box was replaced with a cement building since the old wooden structure was beyond repair. Negotiations are still underway with BTC for additional lines into Rainbow Bay. Also, our long-awaited water lines to supplement the cistern system may also become a reality, as the international banks have approved the loan the government needed to get the project started. ❖

### *Greetings from Rainbow Bay, Autumn 2000*

The sunbirds are heading for the beach but the scene has changed over the summer. The sea grapevine has it that Bob and Inga Karam and Cy and Eileen Ochs have sold their homes. Bob and Cy have served on the Rainbow Bay Board and the Karams and Ochs were among the earliest settlers in Rainbow.

The road to James Cistern is slowly being repaired following the devastation of Hurricane Floyd. Word has it that they plan to build a seawall along the lowest part of the beach area. We've heard that Club Med is planning to reopen next year or maybe in 2002, but rumors persist that it is closing for good. Plans for a new motel and restaurant on Rainbow Cay have been put on hold indefinitely because of building difficulties.

The Worker's Union Building north of Governor's Harbour is open for meals and gets a "not bad" rating from local residents. Y-2 has acquired a larger boat which leaves from Ft. Lauderdale every Monday. Bahamas Customs duty on imported building supplies continues to be suspended since the hurricane.

A new maintenance plan was implemented with Frank Gross in charge. A contract was made with Rainbow resident Tommy Pinder to maintain the roads, triangles, beaches and park sites. Tommy has also improved the boat ramp near the tennis court. ❖