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USLOA 14th Biennial Convention and Homecoming 2010

Information Package

“Tout Sent Lisyen Sé Yonn”

July 2010 will be a very special time in St. Lucia. A number of activities will be taking place during this month and St. Lucians living abroad are encouraged to visit St. Lucia to participate in a variety of activities, to visit family and friends and to enjoy a memorable vacation.

- Enjoy the Carnival and even participate in a band if you wish.
- Attend the 14th Biennial Convention of the Union of St. Lucian Overseas Associations (USLOA). The convention is being hosted by the St. Lucia International Association (SLIA), a body of St. Lucian Nationals who have returned from abroad and are now living in St. Lucia. A number of important issues will be discussed, debated and acted upon, at symposia, business meetings and networking activities. The youth is being engaged as we, St. Lucians, look forward to our development in the 21st Century. In addition, be prepared to attend a number of fun activities, including boat ride, beach party, and grand ball. Be prepared to tour our island which has become so famous for its lush vegetation and un-spoilt natural beauty.
- The Government of St. Lucia is also involved and has undertaken the Homecoming 2010 initiative. Be prepared to be engaged by your Government in matters of national interest. The Diaspora Policy will be presented during this time and it is anticipated that the policy will be signed and formalized. A Partnership Fair is being organized. The fair will comprise of three components: The partnership Booth, The Market Place and The Mentor’s Place. The Government of St. Lucia has recognized the value of the Diaspora and is seeking to engage you in matters of the development of your beloved island, St. Lucia.

What are our plans?

The St. Lucia-Ottawa Association is working hard to encourage at least 50 St. Lucians from the National Capital Region to travel to St. Lucia during the month of July to engage in the various activities and to have a great time.

Travel plans: We plan to setup account with Westjet and Air Canada. You will be able to use that account number to book your flight and to get a discount. The discount will be based on a percentage of the current price of the flights at the time of your booking. The period to be covered will be July 7th to August 7th, 2010. You will be able to travel anytime during those dates.

Win a Car in St. Lucia: We plan to assist the SLIA in selling raffle tickets for a car. The proceeds of the raffle will go towards defraying costs of the Convention. Excess funds will be distributed to a Fund for St. Jude's Hospital and/or to victims of the Haiti earthquake. Tickets will cost \$5 each. You are encouraged to purchase tickets and to encourage family members and friends to participate. Tickets should be available in due course.

Costs: At present here are the tentative costs for some of the events:

REGISTRATION PACKAGE:	EC\$300.00/US\$115.00 up to April 30 th 2010
	EC\$350.00/US\$135.00 from May 1 st 2010

The following are the optional items:

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| • Early Bird/Post Carnival Boat Ride | EC\$90.00 / US\$35.00 (All inclusive) |
| • "Getting to Know you" Beach Party | EC\$90.00 / US\$35.00 (Transportation extra) |
| • St Lucia by Sea & Picnic at Jalousie | EC\$90.00 / US\$35.00 (All inclusive) |
| • Island Tour with a Difference | EC\$90.00 / US\$35.00 (All inclusive) |
| • Grande Ball | EC\$150.00 / US\$55.00 |

Attached is a Draft Programme for the Convention & Homecoming. More information will be posted on the St. Lucia-Ottawa Association website as it becomes available.

For more Information you may also visit:

The St. Lucia-Ottawa Association website: www.stluciaottawa.com

St. Lucia International Association website: www.theslia.com

St. Lucian Homecoming 2010 website: www.saintlucianhomecoming.org