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Sharing news from St John International

Hello,

Welcome to our spring newsletter.

We have all the latest stories from around the world since the beginning of 2016 which we would like to share.

We hope you will enjoy reading the latest updates.

Warm wishes from everyone at St John International!

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www.stjohninternational.org

and at the top right, click on 'News and Media'. You can see photographs and videos of the stories featured.

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Our tribute to former Lord Prior Professor Anthony Mellows OBE TD

It is with great regret that we announce the sad news that Professor Anthony Mellows OBE TD, former Lord Prior 2008 - 2014, died on Sunday 10th January, aged 79.

With a life time career as an academic lawyer, much of it spent as a Professor of Law in the University of London, he was at various times Dean of the Faculty of Law at King's College London and of the University. As a practicing lawyer, he was for many years the senior partner of, and then a consultant to, a law firm in the Inns of Court from which he retired in 2004.

He was heavily involved in a number of other charities such as the Lambeth Fund. In 2003, he was awarded an OBE for services to the Church of England for his work with the Archbishops' Millennium Advisory Group.

Professor Mellows joined the Order of St John in 1980 and was a member of the Council 1981 - 1988. He was made a Great Officer of the Order, first as Chancellor, between 1991 and 1999; then as Deputy Lord Prior between 1999 and 2005; and as Vice-Lord Prior between 2005 and 2008. He was appointed Lord Prior in 2008 and served for 6 years, the maximum term permitted.

Throughout his time as a Great Officer, he was involved in leading the world-wide governing body and setting its strategic direction - he presided over the modernisation of much of the structure and financial organisation of the Order. He was appointed a Bailiff Grand Cross, and for earlier work with the Order in conjunction with the Red Cross, was awarded the British Red Cross Badge of Honour for Distinguished Service.

His contribution to the Most Venerable Order, and to the fraternity of all the Johannine Orders, has been immense: learned, generous and unstintingly given over many, many years.



International Cadet Camp 2016 in Hong Kong



To celebrate the 100th anniversary of St John Ambulance Brigade, the International Cadet Camp 2016 (ICC2016) was hosted in Hong Kong between 2 and 10 January.

Participants came from all St John Establishments worldwide including Australia, Canada, England, Malaysia, New Zealand, Singapore, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Wales, Zimbabwe and Hong Kong. More than 500 officers and cadets enjoyed starting their new year

in Sai Kung, Hong Kong.

The International Cadet Championships was undoubtedly one of the highlights of the Hong Kong ICC2016. A team of 4 cadets representing each contingent competed on abilities in first aid, home nursing, presentation and footdrill.

The New Zealand team successfully defended their championship, winning the St John Worldwide Cadet Competition Shield; while the Australian team took second place, followed by the Canadian team.

What made ICC2016 a remarkable festival among our international St John friends were the opportunities for cultural exchange and building lifelong friendship from all corners of the world.

Hong Kong ICC2016 was a real accomplishment in international collaboration. This success will keep serving as a catalyst for the St John youth development around the world and the development of future international events.

A Commission of Parliament praises St John Jamaica's Volunteers



(from l - r) Alison Christie Binger, St John Jamaica Executive Director together with Diahann Gordon Harrison, Children's Advocate of Jamaica and Venerable Patrick Cunningham, Chaplain

The Office of the Children's Advocate, a Commission of Parliament, has praised the St John Volunteers of Hope initiative who are committed to helping orphans, vulnerable children (OVC) and their families impacted by HIV/ AIDS.

The initiative is part of a multimillion dollar project funded by USAID and managed by World Learning, through which three NGOs have received funds to

support a 4 months project to positively impact OVC and their families.

Mrs Gordon Harrison of Children's Advocate congratulated St John on its 115th anniversary of outstanding service to the nation underscoring that volunteerism is truly well and alive in Jamaica.

"This initiative coming from outside of the state to serve this special vulnerable community is a welcome one and demonstrates what true service is all about.

"St John Jamaica Volunteers of Hope is a valuable programme. I am very confident about the sustainability of this initiative. 115 years of service is nothing to sneeze at. What better way can an organisation celebrate such a major milestone than to give back to the community through selfless service and by way of an important programme. You will certainly add significant value to the lives you will touch," she said.

For more information, visit:

<http://www.stjohninternational.org/News/childrens-advocate-of-jamaica>

Haemodialysis services expanded across Malaysia



The Haemodialysis Centre of St John Ambulance Malaysia – Selangor Coastal Area (SJAM-KPS) is planning to build haemodialysis centres in rural communities to provide support for people living with kidney disease.

SJAM-KPS chief operating officer, Datuk Yeo Kim Thong said plans were being discussed to set up 3 dialysis centres in rural areas in the next 2 to 3 years.

“We are eager to bring the services to the rural communities to cut down their expenses and travelling time to bigger towns for treatment,” he said.

Caring Pharmacy Group Berhad is continuing with its corporate social responsibility efforts, by contributing RM25,000 to the Haemodialysis Centre of SJAM-KPS.

Managing Director Y.S Chong said the funds were collected from a charity campaign held last year. A small amount from each unit of Good Morning Vplus Nutritious Drink sold contributed to the fund.

Chong, and Good Morning Global Sdn Bhd founder and Chief Executive Officer Datuk Dr Lim Sin Boon said the Haemodialysis Centre SJAM-KPS does a great job in the delivery of these services.

St John Ambulance Malaysia is proud to operate 17 dialysis centres nationwide with more than 230 dialysis machines supporting more than 450 dialysis patients per year.

4 Antiguan row across the Atlantic in support of St John Hospice



(from l - r): Nick Fuller, JD Hall, Peter Smith, Archie Bailey

The St John Hospice, Antigua, has been extremely proud to be the Charity of Choice for Team Wadadli who has participated in the Talisker Whiskey Atlantic Row Challenge - an extremely challenging 3,000 mile row across the Atlantic from La Gomera, Canary Islands, ending up in Nelson’s Dockyard, Antigua.

They departed on 20 December, encountered a hurricane, survived not only a bout of the flu but debilitating sea sickness, equipment and rudder failure, not to mention having some of their dehydrated food go rotten, to arrive safely in Antigua on 11 February.



Entering Nelson’s Dockyard below Fort Berkley

The team consisted of Dr Nick Fuller (age 67), Peter Smith (74), Archie Bailey (50) and J.D Hall (29). They have been entered into the Guinness Book of Records for having the oldest man to ever row across the Atlantic and the oldest combined ages.

The Governor General, Sir Rodney Williams who is a Knight of Justice of the Order of St John and Patron of St John Hospice, welcomed the 4 men during a presentation.

So far, Team Wadadli has raised over EC\$250,000 (US\$92,593) for St John Hospice which will assist in running the Hospice.

Volunteers receive awards during an Investiture in Bermuda



(from l - r): St John Colour Sergeant Andrew Crumley, Chief Training Officer Veronica DeSilva, Chairman and Commander of St John Bermuda Justin Williams, Major David Curley [Royal Bermuda Regiment], the Governor, Deputy Commissioner Jeffrey Borges, Commissioner of St John Gareath Adderley, Deputy Chairman Roderick Gray, and St John Brigade member Cameron Floyd

An Investiture was held on 24 February at Government House, Bermuda in which 4 individuals were recognised by the Governor on behalf of Her Majesty the Queen for their voluntary service to St John Ambulance and the community.

Chairman and Commander of St John Bermuda, Justin Williams said, "St John Ambulance is grateful to Major Curley, Ronnie DeSilva and Roddy Gray for their dedicated service to St John and the community.

"Ronnie has contributed countless hours to training members of the public, businesses and organisations on the Island, most recently the Americas Cup teams, in first aid and CPR."

A new mother's story from Uganda

Nabuyaga Fausia, 23 year old from Uganda, was reached by one of the St John community volunteers. She enrolled in the Mother and Baby programme through Bulumagi Village last year in November and attended the sessions conducted by the St John community volunteers house visits. Nabuyaga was able to deliver in a regional referral Hospital in Jinja.



"Am very grateful to St. John for the support rendered to me during the last trimester of the previous pregnancy. I delivered well in Jinja Hospital having planned well for the pregnancy and birth of our baby. More thanks goes to my husband who was very supportive of the saving scheme."

- Nabuyaga Fausia

Visit <http://www.stjohninternational.org/saving-the-lives-of-mothers-and-babies>

Farewell and thank you to Finance Officer Tatiana Ferjancova

After 3 years with St John International our Finance Officer Tatiana Ferjancova is sadly leaving us.

She is probably best known by the Associations around the world as she has collated their information on the measurement exercise.



Tatiana is taking a large step across the Atlantic to Canada. Our resident Canadian, Kevin Orr (Head of Programmes) has been teaching her the language and we are sure she and her partner Adam will settle down very well in their new country.

Good luck Tatiana from all of us!

Upcoming Event Dates

- 25 - 28 March - Easter Break
- 11 April - Co-operation Group Meeting (Stockholm)
- 19 - 20 May - JOIN AGM Meeting (Helsinki)
- 27 - 28 May - Grand Council and Steering Committee (Hong Kong)
- 11 June - Queen Elizabeth II Official Birthday
- 24 June - St John's Day

If you have any stories you would like to be covered in the Link newsletter, or you would like information on any of the news featured in this edition, please email Chiao at: chiao.kwan@orderofstjohn.org

