

In February 1995 a new publication appeared on the market in Aruba, which created a stir.

It was called Eco Aruba, created by a dynamic duo, published in English and Papiamentu, freely distributed and set up as a clearing-house of information, news and commentary on tourism and the environment, by providing practical solutions for the benefit of the tourism industry and the general public.

The original publication folded after five issues, because of many reasons, one principal reason being the high cost of production, and the high cost of printing as a niche market commercial publication.

In the 10 years since 1995, the world has changed drastically with the advent of the internet, and so has the original team of people behind Eco Aruba, Milton Ponson and Amy Silva, who have redefined themselves as Stichting Rainbow Warriors Core (Rainbow Warriors International), an international non-profit organization dedicated to sustainable development and human rights, based in Aruba.

Rainbow Warriors International is now an internationally known and recognized force and now operates on three levels, globally, in the Southern Caribbean and in Aruba, with web sites for all of these.

In its efforts to step up the discussion on sustainable development in Aruba, re-energize and reinvent the participation of all sectors of the Aruban community in issues related to this subject, Stichting Rainbow Warriors Core has taken over the publication Eco Aruba, and converted it into a not-for-profit publication.

This means it is produced **without** a regular full salary paid staff, utilizing the newest digital web and print publishing technologies, because like many faith based organizations, we **believe** in making a difference and **servicing** our fellow men by publishing Eco Aruba and its companion web site www.ecoaruba.com.

What is left over after subtracting the costs of production is allocated for a **FULL 100%** to financing the Aruban community education and awareness programs of Rainbow Warriors International.

No other publication in Aruba can make the same claim in its commitment to the local community!

After some delay we are proud to be able to present the first of many issues to come.

This issue focuses on the celebration of Earth Day and in particular its theme for this year, "Protect Our Children, Protect Our Future".

We dedicate this issue to the memory of the late US senator Gaylord Nelson, Founding Chairman of Earth Day Network and creator of Earth Day on April 22, 1970, who passed away in July of this year.

He has served as an inspiration to millions around the world and we are proud to carry on his work as part of the international network of organizations that under the spirited guidance of Earth Day Network each year organizes the world's largest event, Earth Day. Earth Day every day for everybody!

We welcome reactions, suggestions and off course advertising, because it is what makes the production of this magazine possible.

Milton Ponson
Editor-in-Chief

Na februari 1995 un publicacion nobo a sali riba Mercado na Aruba, cu a causa un sensacion.

Yama Eco Aruba, crea pa un duo dinamico, publica na Ingles y Papiamentu, distribui gratuitamente y crea como un fuente pa informacion, noticia y comentario riba turismo y medio ambiente, proveendo solucionan practico na beneficio di industria di turismo y publico en general.

E publicacion original a stop di sali despues di cinco edicion, pa varios razon, entre nan e costo halto di produccion y imprenta como publicacion comercial specialisa.

Den e 10 aña despues di 1995, e mundo a cambia drasticamente cu e yegada di internet, y asina tambe e equipo original di hende tras di Eco Aruba, Milton Ponson y Amy Silva, cual a redefini nan mes como Stichting Rainbow Warriors Core (Rainbow Warriors International), un organisacion internacional sin fin di lucro, dedica na desaroyo sostenibel y derecho humano, cu sede na Aruba.

Rainbow Warriors International awor ta un forza internacionalmente conoci y reconocí y ta opera na tres nivel, globalmente, den Caribe Sur y na Aruba, cu web sites pa tur tres.

Den su esfuertonan pa amplia e discusion riba desaroyo sostenibel na Aruba, re-energiza y reinventa e participacion di tur sector di comunidad arubano den asuntonan cu tin di haber cu e tema aki, Stichting Rainbow Warriors Core a tuma over e publicacion Eco Aruba, y a converti esaki den un publicacion sin fin di lucro.

Esaki kiermen cu e ta ser produci **sin** un staff regular cu salario, utilizando e tecnologianan mas nobo di produccion y imprenta digital y di internet, pasobra manera hopi organisacion religioso, nos ta **kere** den sirbi nos prohimo mediante publicacion di Eco Aruba y su sitio web gemelo www.ecoaruba.com.

Locual ta keda despues di kita tur gasto di produccion ta ser aloca pa un **FULL 100%** na financia e programanan di concientizacion y educacion pa comunidad arubano riba tereno di desaroyo sostenibel di Rainbow Warriors International.

Ningun otro publicacion na Aruba por pretende di tin e mesun compromiso cu e comunidad local!

Despues di algun retraso nos ta orguyoso di por presenta e promer di hopi edicion pa sali.

E edicion aki ta enfoca riba e celebracion di Dia di Tera y en particular su tema pa e aña aki, "Proteha Nos Muchanan, Proteha Nos Futuro".

Nos ta dedica e edicion aki na e memoria di e difunto senador Mericano Gaylord Nelson, Presidente Fundador di Earth Day Network y creador di Dia di Tera riba 22 april 1970, kende a fayece na juli e aña aki.

Su persona a sirbi como inspiracion pa miyones rond di mundo y nos ta orguyoso di por sigui cu su trabao como parti di e red internacional di organisacion cu bao guia anima di Earth Day Network tur aña ta organisa e evento mas grandi di mundo, esta Dia di Tera.

Dia di Tera tur dia pa tur hende!

Nos ta agradece cualkier reaccion, sugerencias y naturalmente tambe aviso, ya cu e ultimo ta loke ta haci e revista aki posibel.

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Eco Aruba, publica na Ingles y Papiamentu, ta enfoca riba desaroyo sostenibel, conservacion di naturaleza, ecologia, patrimonio cultural y historico, temanan social y salud natural, y ta basa riba e principianan di desaroyo sostenibel manera defini pa Naciones Uni y su organo y agencianan constituyente.

Eco Aruba ta sirbi como un fuente sin fin di lucro pa informacion y e campananan di concientizacion y educacion di Rainbow Warriors International pa Aruba.

UPCOMING ISSUE, Featuring

Renewable Energy Special

- SIA October 2005 Eye Opening Conference on Renewable Energy, held in Aruba

- Overview of renewable energy technologies

Section on Coastal Zone Management

- Dutch Kingdom Economic Exclusive Zone Conference held in Curacao in May, 2005

Zoning legislation passed in Aruba

- Water Sports Regulation

- Protection of the Marine Environment

And much more... coming December 2005

PROXIMO EDICION, Conteniendo

Seccion Special riba Energia Renovabel

- SIA October 2005 Eye Opening Conference on Renewable Energy, teni na Aruba

- Resumen di tecnologia di energia renovabel

Seccion di Maneho di Zona Costal

- Conferencia di Reino Holandes riba Zona Exclusivo Economico na Curacao mei 2005

Legislacion di zonificacion pasa na Aruba

- Regulacion di Deporte Acuatico

- Proteccion di e Medio Ambiente Marino

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