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**Patron: Her Excellency Dame Pearlette Louisy
Governor General of St. Lucia**

Press Release

The Southern Chapter of the Saint Lucia National Trust elected a new executive to coordinate its affairs for the period 2009 - 2010. The Southern Chapter, which was formerly known as the Southern Membership Group, was officially launched by Her Excellency, Dame Pearlette Louisy, at the Trust's 33rd Annual General Meeting which was held in October. Prior to the official launching of the Southern Chapter, there was an interim committee which managed the affairs of the group. The new executive comprises: Coordinator, Brian Evans; Deputy Coordinator, Diane Theodore; Treasurer, Cyril Saltibus; Communications Officer, Anthony Sammie; Membership Officers, Paula Edward and Peter Joseph and Youth Officer, Stephen Sonson.

At the last meeting of the Southern Chapter, the members formally approved its charter which serves as a blueprint for the operations of the grouping. This Charter document is required to be vetted and formally approved by the Council as well as the General Membership of the St. Lucia National Trust. This formal approval will provide the Chapter with the authority to work with and act on behalf of the Secretariat to pursue the protection of the natural and cultural patrimony of the south of St. Lucia. The Southern Chapter is the first of several chapters which will be established throughout the island by the Trust.

The Southern Chapter will be undertaking several activities in the coming months, including, the production of a short television feature on the problem of sand-mining in Piaye; basic refurbishment works at the Trust Southern Office; the exploration of an undiscovered maroon site in the south of the island; the printing of T-Shirts for the Southern Chapter; the hosting of a Christmas Party and the conducting of a workshop to facilitate the development of a comprehensive plan to guide the work of the Chapter.

The Chapter members call upon the people of the south and St. Lucians in general to join in the cause to champion the protection of our natural and cultural patrimony. The Southern Chapter of the Trust meets on the second Tuesday of every month at the St. Lucia National Trust Southern Office from 6 p.m. For further information on the Southern Chapter you can visit the Chapter's website: www.slntsouth.ning.com or check us out on Face book by simply searching for SLNTSOUTH.

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