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Leadership Cayman looks at life behind bars

Leadership Cayman (LC) recently visited H.M. Northwood Prison and the Law Courts as part of their second seminar that focused on the Criminal Justice system in the Cayman Islands. This seminar was organised by programme participants Pam Abbott and Lynne Byles and Planning Committee representative Brad Watts. The seminar was sponsored by Vampt Motors.

The purpose of this seminar was to have a better understanding of the how the criminal justice system functions as well as the challenges faced by those involved. The LC group was given a very enlightening tour of H.M. Northwood Prison and was able to see first-hand how the average prisoner would spend their day. The seminar then continued at The Courthouse where participants interacted with Chief Magistrate Nova Hall, Commissioner of Police David Baines, and defense attorney Lloyd Samson.

Chief Magistrate Nova Hall: *"I think the programme (LC) is great. I was impressed with how it was put together and specifically impressed with the questions from the participants and their general interest in the criminal justice system."*

Commissioner of Police David Baines: *"I was more than happy to participate in the LC programme once again. I am happy that the group will have a better understanding of the RCIPS and its role in the community, and to be able to compare and contrast with other agencies. It is also my hope that they have learned something new that can possibly make them more effective in their own careers."*

Lynne Byles: *"The opportunity to meet and have frank and open discussions with speakers of this caliber during the planning of this seminar is one that I am very grateful for. The experience has given me an understanding of the topic that would not have been possible otherwise."*



Pam Abbott: *"I was grateful for the chance to meet with some highly influential individuals and to get to know them in a more informal setting. I appreciated the opportunity to tour Northward Prison and to gain a greater understanding of criminal justice in the Cayman Islands."*

The Chamber's Leadership Cayman programme (LC) was developed in answer to a need to ensure men and women of all types of backgrounds could access the information and experience to help them develop as leaders within our community. The six-month programme is designed to allow participants a deeper understanding of social, economic, business and political issues affecting us all, whilst they develop their own personal leadership styles and nourish their community spirit.

Class members interact with diverse, high-level community leaders and decision makers by organising and attending a series of seminars and retreats in areas ranging from business, government, education, media, social services, criminal justice, diversity, the arts and more. A trip to the Sister Islands also introduces the group to some of the unique issues facing Cayman Brac and Little Cayman as our smaller and less developed communities. Meeting typically every other Wednesday of the month (5:00 – 9:00 p.m.), the LC group forges strong friendships as they take this inspiring journey together. Each graduating class will be invited to join the LC Alumni Association and use it to network both here in the Cayman Islands and also with similar overseas programmes. END

Photos: The Leadership Cayman Group poses with Guest Speakers

