

Press Statement
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Condolences on the passing of Wellington "Doc" Stewart
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For Immediate Release

The passing of Stalwart Councilor Welling 'Doc' Stewart has saddened the Progressive Liberal Party family. Mr. Stewart passed away on Thursday evening following a period of hospitalization.

The Leader of the PLP the Honourable Perry Gladstone Christie, joined by the leadership team, Officers, Branches, and Members of affiliates on the island, offer our sincerest condolences to his wife Virginia, and their children and grandchildren. His pointed input and commitment to service will indubitably be missed.

'Doc' as he was affectionately known, was a strong fiber in the Progressive Liberal Party's development on Grand Bahama, having contested the Marco City Constituency as a candidate for the PLP in 1982. Later he was elevated to the Party's highest honour, a Stalwart Councilor, and served as a Chairman of that arm of the Party on Grand Bahama and in various executive positions in PLP branches over the years.

Aside from his political leadership, he was also a sporting pioneer on the island contributing in the developmental years of baseball, and later golf, where he became an icon as a player and administrator here at home and in the region. He has been recognized for these contributions with induction into the City of Freeport Sports Hall of Fame.

As an entrepreneur 'Doc' helped pioneer the formation of a group for beverage affiliated organizations that led to many years of tourism growth on Grand Bahama in the 1980s through NUABA (the National United Affiliated Beverages Association) in the United State which brought its annual convention to Grand Bahama; thanks to 'Doc' and his group.

"Doc' Stewart was also a pioneer as a businessman. The company he founded, COEBISA, was in the forefront of the thermo installation business, providing that service for many major industrial plants on the island of Grand Bahama.

May his soul, and the soul of all the faithfully departed, Rest in Peace.