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DE SPEELGOEDWINKEL (THE TOYSHOP)

**Anton Pieck
1895 - 1987**

Netherlands Society Christchurch

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EDITOR'S REPORT

OOPS! SORRY! PARDON! MEA CULPA!

Yes, dear Readers, I messed up! I sent the un-corrected version of the October Echo to the printers.

So my proofreader is not to blame for the typos, you might (or might not) have found in the Echo! It was me, I confess. Is there anything I can do to make it up?

Well, my great granddaughter, who is 4 years old, knows how to say she is sorry: "Just blow them a big raspberry, Omie!" she advises me.

Clever kid, don't you agree? All joking aside: I am sorry and will try not to make such mistakes again!

On top of that, the printers, who were instructed to produce the Echo in full colour, because of the many photos in it, messed up too! Only the front page was printed in colour! So herewith apologies on behalf of the printer also!

About 60 people joined in the annual Leiden's Ontzet food 'frenzie'! Mostly we, the peelers; cutters; cooks; etc. got favourable feed-back. Ah well, there are always, one or two who have something to moan about. We have also noticed that those are the ones who were very fast to go for a second helping.

Anyway we did our utmost to please everyone and I like to think that we did succeed.....mostly!

*The front page of this Echo shows one of the works of the artist Anton Pieck. Not only an amazing talent but also a unforgettable human being was **Anton Pieck**.*

One half of an identical twin, his brother was Henri Pieck, (1895 - 1972), was also a painter, graphic artist and an architect.

Both brothers were active in the resistance during WWII. Henri spent years in Buchenwald. He had been an agent for the Soviet intelligence in the 1930's. For these communistic activities he landed himself in Buchenwald.

During the war Anton Pieck used his talents to forge documents and to organise the funerals for fallen comrades. Quite a tricky business in those days.

Anton Pieck's calendars and the scenery in the Efteling are world famous.

Yoka Saris

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

And so another month has gone by.

By now everyone will have heard about the 'peeeeeeeeeeeeeeeep' (*sensored word due to its profanity*), who stole the lights along the driveway of the Everglades last month. The matter has been reported to the Police and the committee is looking into a way how to 'securely' light up the entrance way in the future.

For those who missed out on the Toenail Culture Ale performance this month.....your loss!!! It was, for me personally, a slow starting performance that ended with a bang (literally). I enjoyed watching the play, and listening to all those around me, so did they.

I've attended the Casual Drinks Evening on Saturday, 21 October. It was organised during Labour weekend so I can only surmise that this was the reason for the limited attendance.

As per usual some people did not like the music, others wanted the music louder, etc.

However some others and I had a good time with the small amount of those who where there, especially while singing 'Hand in hand kameraden' with some fellow Rotterdammers. (Although it did not help Feyenoord much!!!)

Last Echo I reported back about the Federation Of New Zealand Netherlands Societies annual council meeting in Hamilton. I did mention I would leave the book called 'The History of the Netherville' at the clubrooms. I did and it has been taken home by some interested people. It will return at some point I presume for others to read.

As promised here some other items discussed during the ANCM:

During the year a trading name was chosen after discussing the options with the societies. The trading name is "**Dutch Communities NZ**", which has been used for the Facebook page. Also a new website is under development and might even be running by now.

Give it a go at www.dutchcommunities.co.nz. It will have an interactive map to find clubs; events; locations of interest; cafes; stores; etc.

It will be updating all Dutch events which the organisations/societies are displaying on their FB page. This means that all events organised nationally will get regularly an updated overview.

It is still being developed so it might have a 'hick-up' from time to time, but be sure to bookmark it!

Affiliation fees

The affiliation fee has been left at \$2 per club member. \$100 flat fee for Trusts.

Ring-In KlaverjasTournement

The prize money of \$200 was put up for discussion as to those playing the game it did not seem necessary. The entry fees itself should provide enough to cover the cost and the possible prize pool. The decision was made to go ahead with it for this year.

With regards to the Ring-In Competiton, the rules will be made more clear to make sure that only players who have entered the competition and who have paid the entree fees will play against each other.

Election of Officers

President:	Joost de Bruin
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Vice President North Island:	Albert Ruijne
Vice President South Island:	Ron van Santen

It leaves me to wish those attending the opening of 't Oranjehof in Foxton on 18 November a very pleasant day.

Yoka Saris; Annie van der Dussen; Jose Nijstad and Tinie Vos will be representing the Christchurch Club in Foxton.

Ron van Santen



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Trudi van Nobelen Tel 383 1111

WAAR KOMT 'UIT JE SLOF SCHIETEN' VANDAAN?

Enkele weken geleden sprak ik met iemand over deze uitdrukking en vroegen we ons af waar dat nu eigenlijk vandaan kwam. Ik vond de volgende uitleg in het Genootschap Onze Taal:

De zegswijze *uit je slof schieten* betekent 'geheel onverwachts iets doen', 'plotseling boos of driftig worden' en ook wel 'ineens een royaal gebaar maken' of 'een bijzondere rake opmerking maken'

Slof betekent hier 'het sloffen' oftewel 'getreuzel, loomheid, traagheid, onverschilligheid.'
Oorspronkelijk werd *uit je slof schieten* gebruikt in de betekenis 'niet langer nalatig zijn, de zaken eindelijk gaan aanpakken'.

Gaandeweg verschoof de betekenis naar 'meer doen of meer zeggen dan men van je gewend was.'

Slof kwam al in de zestiende eeuw voor in de betekenis 'nalatig'; een 'slofflaert' was ooit een aanduiding voor een gemakzuchtig persoon.

Vooral kleine pensioenen van geemigreerde Nederlanders Ouderen vergeten hun pensioenen op te eisen

Bij Nederlandse pensioenfondsen liggen voor honderden miljoenen euro's aan nooit opgevraagde pensioenen. Alleen al bij de drie grootste fondsen gaat het om het geld van 100.000 mensen.

**Peet Vogels
Amsterdam**

Elk jaar vergeten duizenden mensen hun pensioen aan te vragen. ABP, PFZW en PMT - de drie grootste pensioenfondsen van Nederland - hebben in totaal nog zo'n 350 miljoen euro aan nooit opgevraagde pensioenen liggen.

De meeste rechthebbenden worden door de fondsen snel gevonden. Vaak is een telefoontje naar de Sociale Verzekeringsbank (SVB) voldoende. De SVB verzorgt de AOW-uitkeringen en daar staan de meeste mensen geregistreerd. Maar een aanzienlijke groep blijft onvindbaar. Het gaat dan vaak om mensen die een paar jaar pensioen hebben opgebouwd en vervolgens naar het buitenland zijn vertrokken.

„Fondsen beschouwen die vergeten pensioenen als een soort ereschuld”, zegt Daniel in't Wei van pensioenuitvoerder MN. „Het is het pensioen van deze onvindbare mensen, waar ze zelf voor gespaard hebben.” De fondsen besteden daarom veel tijd en moeite aan het achterhalen van deze mensen.

Het pensioenfonds Vervoer slaagde er de afgelopen twee jaar in om 32.000 mensen op te sporen. Ze

Mensen weten vaak zelf niet dat ze nog recht op zo'n pensioen hebben

- Daniel in't Wei

zoeken nog naar 20.000 mensen. PFZW, voor de zorg- en welzijnssector, wist vorig jaar nog 3.000 mensen te vinden. Daar wordt nog naar 16.000 mensen gezocht. „Veelal gaat het om kleine pensioenen”, zegt In't Wei. „Mensen weten vaak niet dat ze er nog recht op hebben.”

De fondsen vinden meer mensen sinds ze beter toegang hebben tot verschillende registers. Zo kunnen ze kijken in het niet-ingezetenenregister, waarin namen en adressen staan van Nederlanders in het buitenland. Via de basisregistratie personen worden veel mensen in Nederland gevonden.

De grootste moeite kost het om mensen te vinden die in de jaren 60 en 70 pensioen opbouwden. In die tijd hadden mensen nog geen bsn-nummer. Als hun naam verkeerd is gespeld in de administratie, is het moeilijk of zelfs onmogelijk de persoon te achterhalen.

Bij verzekeraars, die zo'n 20 procent van de pensioenen verzorgen, speelt het probleem nauwelijks, laat een woordvoerder van het verbond van verzekeraars weten. Zij hebben de deelnemers aan pensioenregelingen goed in beeld.

From the Algemeen Dagblad of 25 September 2017

COMING EVENTS IN NOVEMBER & DECEMBER 2017



**'Yes, he's is on his way again!
St Nicholas will be arriving in Spencer Park
with lots of fun, games and excitement'**

**St Nicholas Picnic,
Sunday, 26 November 2017,
Spencer Park, (D Block)
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Please, don't forget to book, ring Annie at 383 1594, before 26 november.

Like last year St Nicholas song sheets will be available

St Nick, will arrive in person at 2.30 pm

“KOEKOEKSJONG”

Toenail Culture Ale heeft ook dit jaar weer veel leuke reacties gehad met de opvoering van het toneelstuk “Koekoeksjong”. Wij hebben als toneelgroep een grandioos weekend gehad. Er wordt ieder jaar hard gewerkt om een stuk te brengen waar we zelf blij mee zijn en dan is het fijn om te horen dat ons publiek ook genoten heeft. Wij van Toenail Culture Ale danken u voor alle positieve en fijne reacties.

Annie van der Dussen



Photos: Rex Vink



EEN GRAPPIGE BIJDRAGE VAN LEEN DE BOER, DIE ONS HELAAS VERLIET IN SEPTEMBER 2017

NEERLANDIA KOOR HERINNERING

Het committee ging een keer uit eten
Ik zal die avond nooit vergeten
't Was een idee heel goed besproken
Een restaurant waar je zelf kan koken
Of BBQ-en zo men zegt
Je kunt er voor 10 bucks terecht

Je maaltijd moet je zelf gaan halen
en je kan gelijk betalen
een 'tray' met 'salads'; soep en 'bun'
Mag je herhalen als je kan
En een halve kip, 't is een mirakel
Zo vers, je hoort zelfs nog gekakel

En je kan voorlopig wel vergeten
Als je denkt: "Nu kan 'k gaan eten"
Zo'n rauwe kip is heus niet lekker
Dus BBQ-en, 't wordt steeds gekker
Want zo'n kip, ik vertel het u
vergt een half uur op de BBQ

Een enkele keer gaat 't verkeerd
Dan is zo'n kip haast gecremeerd
Mijn maaltijd werd niet vervuld
De waarheid was: 'k Had geen geduld

Toen 'k dacht dat niemand op mij lette
Greep ik snel een stuk of tien servetten
En rolde in een wip
Daarin mijn halve kip
De bedoeling was, u kunt 't wel raden
om hem lekker thuis te braden

Het bier was goed en zo ook de wijn
bij 't zingen van "Am schone Rhein"
Een leuke avond, alhoewel gecompliceerd
Maar een ding heb ik toch geleerd
dat had ik alles vooruit geweten
Dan had ik toch Kentucky Fried gegeten.



EEN ZIELIG VERHAAL

door Sjuul Bosma

Als kind, in een grijs verleden, dacht ik altijd dat je ziel op een grote sappige zilverui leek die vlak achter je navel zat. Nu zou ik meer aan een lychee denken, maar ik wist toen nog niet dat die bestonden

De juf op onze katholieke meisjesschool vertelde dat je grote zwarte spikkels op je ziel kreeg als je stout was en we keken met rode oortjes naar de spannende plaatjes van een grijnzende duivel die blote mensen met pikzwarte zielen (van wie je alleen maar de zedige bovenste helft zag) in de vlammen probeerde te braden. Hoe meer zielen, hoe meer vreugd, zag je die engerd denken. De zielen van die bloters leken meer op een soort donker cd'tje, niet op een zilverui.

We brachten melkdoppen en zilverpapier mee naar school, zodat de missionarissen in een ver, heet land zieltjes konden redden. Ik stelde me dat voor als mannen in jurken die met een enorm vlindernet door het oerwoud renden. Niemand wist ooit waar ze die melkdoppen en dat zilverpapier voor nodig hadden.

“Allemaal flauwe kul,” zult u zeggen. “Zielen zijn onzichtbaar!” Oja? Hoe kun je dan met je ziel onder je arm lopen? Of een pak op je ziel krijgen? En volgens mij is de term ‘zielepoot’ wel degelijk afkomstig van een ziel met pootjes. Als je een arme ziel bent kun je zelfs je ziel (en ook je zaligheid, maar ik weet niet waar die zit) verkopen. Aan de duivel natuurlijk! En die koopt heus niet iets onzichtbaars.

Zeebonken wisten wel wat het belangrijkste was: S.O.S. werd er geseind, vlak voor hun schip zonk. *Save Our Souls! Never mind our bodies!* Ach hoepel toch op met je zielige verhaaltje,” zult u waarschijnlijk schamper zeggen. “Ga voor mijn part ergens liggen zieltogen!” Ik wordt er echt niet zielsverdrietig van, mensen. Ik heb eelt op mijn ziel!



LEUKE DAG.....?

Trudy van Nobelen

Ik ben vandaag springlevend
 Want ik heb heel goed geslapen
 Ik voel mijn kwaaltjes niet
 En loop ook niet te gapen
 Je zult het zien: Dit wordt een goude dag
 Ik voel me goed en helemaal niet oud!
 Dus ga ik de tuin in en ik spit en ik wiede
 Het onkruid weg. Ik ben een hele Piet.
 En dan opeens: Au, au, au!
 O, jee, hoe kan dat nou?
 Mijn rug, mijn rug, wel allemachtig
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A noted psychiatrist was guest speaker at an academic function when an eminent guest appeared. She took the opportunity to flatter the good doctor somewhat and asked him a question with which he was most at ease.

“Would you mind telling me, doctor,” she asked, “how you detect a mental deficiency in somebody who appears completely normal?”

“Nothing is easier,” he replied. “You ask a simple question which anyone should answer with no trouble. If the person hesitates, that puts you on the track.”

“What sort of question?” asked the guest.

“Well, you might ask: Captain Cook made three trips around the world and died during one of them. Which one?”

She thought a moment and then said with a nervous laugh, “You wouldn’t happen to have another example, would you? I must confess I don’t know much about history.”

KLAVERJAS CLUB 'ONS GENOEGEN'

Onze kleinzoon is al aan het praten over Kerstmis. Hij heeft zijn verlanglijstje al klaar, link jochie! Hij maakte duidelijk dat we hem niet mochten vergeten (alsof we dat sowieso zouden doen!) En ja, het is alweer bijna zover!

De Klaverjasclub draait nog steeds op volle toeren. Als jullie dit lezen is de jaarlijkse 'card drive' voor het jaar 2017 alweer voorbij.

En wat het jaarlijkse roster betreft: Het is weer heel spannend, er zijn nog steeds geen uitlopers. We spelen nog vier keer voor de hoofdprijs dus doe je best!

We mogen niet klagen want we spelen nog steeds met 24 tot 28 spelers iedere week.

Op 29 september waren de winnaars als volgt:

1) Hermien van Lieshout, 5327 punten; 2) Bep van Polanen, 5193 punten; 3) Henk Ritstier, 5156 punten.

10 oktober:

1) Arda Hogendoorn, 5460 punten; 2) Greet Akkerman, 5396 punten; 3) Bep Bohm, 5156 punten.

We feliciteren all deze winnaars. En de beste wensen voor alle andere spelers!

Lieve mensen, geniet van een goede gezondheid voor zo ver dat mogelijk is en in het bijzonder veel plezier met het spel van het leven!

Wim



YOUTH OF YESTERDAY

Hello everyone, once again another month is passing us by and the end of the year is getting closer.

I have received an email from Hanna van de Wende, she is already well into her visit with her family at Cape Cod, USA. She sends her kind regards to one and all.

How lovely to have the Bridge Club back with us again on Friday mornings. It makes it so much more enjoyable to have a larger group at the YOY gatherings. Now that the weather is getting warmer maybe other people would like to join us for a game of rummikub; klaverjas or even bridge. Find contacts on the back page of the Echo.

As I write this I am looking out the window and thinking I must get out there and tidy the garden. It is not my favourite thing but it needs to be done one day soon. Some people love gardening but I can easily find other things I rather do. Till next time: Keep smiling!

YOY Team

'People who can laugh at themselves will always be amused'

DUTCH COURAGE: ALCOHOL IMPROVES LANGUAGE SKILLS, ACCORDING TO STUDY



A swift drink may help improve your foreign language skills, research suggests. The study looked at whether Dutch courage would boost people's ability to speak a second language or whether it would turn their words into Double Dutch.

It looked at 50 native German speakers who were studying at the University of Maastricht in the Netherlands and had recently picked up the local language.

The group were given either an alcoholic or non-alcoholic drink and then held a conversation in their non-native language.

Researchers found those who were slightly intoxicated had better pronunciation than their sober colleagues.

Dr Inge Kersbergen, from the University of Liverpool's Institute of Psychology, Health and Society, who was involved in the study said: "Our study shows that acute alcohol consumption may have beneficial effects on the pronunciation of a foreign language in people who recently learned that language.

This provides some support for the lay belief (among bilingual speakers) that a low dose of alcohol can improve their ability to speak a second language."

The researchers were hesitant to comment on why exactly alcohol seems to improve second language skills. "One possible mechanism could be the anxiety-reducing effect of alcohol. But more research is needed to test this," researcher Dr Jessica Werthmann said in a press release on the Maastricht University's website. "We need to be cautious about the implications of these results until we know what causes the observed results."

Dr Fritz Renner, another researcher, emphasized that participants only consumed a low dose of alcohol. He said "Higher levels of alcohol consumption might not have beneficial effects on the pronunciation of a foreign language."

5 AWKWARD MISTAKES THAT DUTCH BEGINNERS OFTEN MAKE

Albert Both of Talencoach tells us which 5 awkward mistakes are commonly made by people who are new to the Dutch language.

The Dutch language has many things in common with English; many people who speak English are able to learn Dutch relatively fast. However, there are some mistakes everyone makes. Here are 5 of them! Do you make these as well?

1) HOW GOOD ARE YOU, REALLY?

In English, you say “I am good” all the time. You are okay, things are going fine or there is nothing in particular that you need. “Ik ben goed” sounds like it would be the perfect translation. But be careful, “Ik ben goed” is far more specific in Dutch than in English. It means: “I am talented; a great outstanding person. I have a good heart or good karma.” So if things are going fine, just say: “Het gaat goed.” Are you sitting down and is there nothing you need right now? Then you can say “Ik zit goed.”

2) HOW WRONG TO SAY YOU ARE WRONG!

“Jij bent” means “you are” and “fout” means “wrong”. So if you want to say that someone is wrong, then all you have to say is “Je bent fout,” right? Be cautious though. In Dutch, being fout means really, really wrong. If you collaborated with the Nazis in WWII, you were called “fout”. Therefore, you might want to change the construction a little bit. Instead say “Je hebt het fout”. If people weren’t happy about your feedback in the past, this mistake may have been the reason!

3) ARE YOU REALLY THAT HOT?

The Netherlands is not a tropical country, but when/if the sun starts to shine in the summer, it can feel hot, now and then. So, what would you say if you want to say: “I am hot”? If you say “Ik ben heet”, it can mean two things. It means you are either very sexy or you are aroused. If that’s indeed what you want to say, go ahead. But if this is not the case, make sure you change it a bit. “Ik heb het heet”, will do the trick. By the way, with the word “warm” you cannot do any harm. If you say “Ik ben warm”, it just means that you have a warm personality. You never know, it might be the truth!

4) WHEN WILL YOU COME BACK?

Maybe you have already picked up that “Tot straks”, means “Till later”. But, “straks” actually means within a very short time. Usually, it means within a couple of minutes or hours. Imagine that you leave your office at five. Make sure you don’t say “Tot straks”. You don’t want to come back that very same day, do you? So make sure that you say “Tot morgen”. Or, even better, say “Tot na de vakantie” (See you after the holiday).

5) ARE YOU STILL THINKING?

A typical mistake people make is saying “Ik denk”, when you want to state your opinion. For example, a Dutch person asks “Is Nederland een koud land?” “Ja, denk ik,” might sound like a great answer. But if you say “Ik denk”, it means “I think....” Dutch people might stare at you then, waiting for you to carry on your sentence. If you say “Ik denk het”, with the magical word “het”, it makes more sense all of a sudden.

DON'T BE AFRAID TO MAKE MISTAKES

So these were 5 of the many mistakes that people often make when they start to learn Dutch. Have you made the exact mistakes? If so, congratulations! It’s important to make mistakes when learning a new language.

What is the most important thing? Don’t doubt yourself when you say something in Dutch and Dutch people don’t get it. It might just be one little word that’s the culprit! Don’t forget to always listen with open ears; you will hear many surprising things....

And last but not least, always have fun. If the mistake you made was truly funny, make sure you laugh. At least you will be smiling then!



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