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**REMBRANDT**  
REMASTERED



“Het Joodse Bruidje” (Jewish Bride)  
painted between 1665 - 1669 by Rembrandt van Rijn

# Netherlands Society Christchurch

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## EDITOR'S REPORT

Dear Readers,

A month of memorable events has passed us: The farewell gathering in honour of His Excellency, Mr Rob Zaagman. Not many attended, just the loyal few, who are always there! Thank you! It was a 'gezellig avondje' anyway!

And then the 'European Clubs Unite!' Luncheon. Fully booked!!! Successful? I think so!

Always a few who have complaints. And I must say they did have a point, however, my Mamma always told me (and she was an expert on etiquette) : "Put your complaints in writing or give the organisers time to have a rest of the hard work before the attack! They will be much more approachable!"

**I like to draw your attention to the 'Rembrandt Remastered Exhibition' article on page 8 and 9. Please, read the booking instructions carefully to avoid dissatisfaction.**

And do not forget to visit the Anne Frank exhibition with your children:



**Until 21 September 2018 ,  
at the Airforce Museum, Christchurch,  
'Let Me Be Myself'**

**The life Story of Anne Frank will be exhibited.  
This is the successor of the acclaimed exhibition  
'Anne Frank - A History for Today'.**

**This new exhibition and its accompanying  
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about Anne Frank and the Holocaust and challenge them  
to explore subjects like identity, prejudice and  
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**The opening hours of the Air Force Museum are from 10  
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**Yoka Saris**

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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Hi All,

Well, the months do fly by!

Another President's report to do.

After the AGM we found out that we were too eager to get young blood to join the committee. As it turns out we had 16 members in the new committee. Desiree said afterwards that the constitution states that the committee should consist of 15 members. That, in combination with the fact that I found out at the last moment that the young man was not even a member of the NSC I had no choice but to cancel his appointment. Maybe next year he might get in?

Another 'sad' event this month was that we had to say farewell to the Netherlands Ambassador, Mr Rob Zaagman and his wife Monique, on Thursday, 19 July.

It was slightly disappointing to see only a small number of members attending this event. But I explained to the Ambassador that we have a large number of older people as members, who don't like to drive at nighttime.

Rob and Monique enjoyed New Zealand very much but are also looking forward to be back in the Netherlands to be with family and friends again (for the time being anyway).

On behalf of the members of the Club we presented Rob and Monique with a beautiful book of photographs of the South Island, which was much appreciated.



From left to right Consul Gerald van Looy; President Ron van Santen; Ambassador Rob Zaagman  
(Photo: Mildred van Santen)

Another item I need to get back to you about is the Club's sign at the entrance. I said last month that there was an issue of the power lines being too close to the sign for the installers to replace it. The decision made is that a safety officer will have to guide the installation. So it looks as if the sign will go up in the next couple of weeks. Here's hoping.....!

Next big thing happening is the replacement of some windows for doors. This should be happening on Wednesday and Thursday, 1 & 2 August.

Stay warm! (This is an order!)

**Ron van Santen**



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# NOTICE

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**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> of August**

**and**

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> of August**

**Some windows in the Hall will be replaced by Doors which will be noisy and might be chilly. If you have any plans to use the Hall during the daytime on these days I'd strongly suggest to cancel.**

**Evenings should be OK, except for some window/door parts lying around.**

**Apologies for the disturbance.**

**Ron. President NSC.**

# EVENTS WHICH TOOK PLACE IN JULY 2018:



**Farewell at the Everglades of Netherlands Ambassador,  
Mr Rob Zaagman and Mrs Monique Zaagman  
after 4 years in New Zealand**

**From left to right:**

**Monique Zaagman; Rob Zaagman; Maarten Loeffen; Ron van Santen  
(photo: Mildred van Santen)**



During the 'European Clubs Unite' Luncheon the members were entertained by a delightful young Russian girl, Alexandra, who danced to the most famous Russian folk song "Kalinka" (Snowball Tree), composed in 1860 by Ivan Larionov.

The item was very professionally introduced to the audience by her Mother. After this some of the Austrian Choir members sang some songs with Joe Keller on guitar.

All in all a pleasant interlude to a very pleasant afternoon.

This has inspired new committee member Martine to do a original clogdance next year!

**Yoka Saris**

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# **EVENTS TO COME IN THE NEAR FUTURE.**

**Sunday afternoon, 16 September  
Neerlandia Choir Concert  
Hohepa Music Auditorium  
Info Yoka 384 9570**

**Saturday evening, 22 September,  
CASINO NIGHT  
A glamorous night out  
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**Saturday afternoon, 6 October,  
LEIDEN'S ONTZET  
Stampot, haring, wittebrood  
etc.**

**More information September Echo**

**12, 13 and 14 October  
Annual performance of  
TOENAIL CULTURE ALE  
More information September Echo**



**“REMBRANDT REMASTERED’ EXHIBITION  
4 SEPTEMBER - 3 OCTOBER 2018,  
THE GREAT HALL at the ARTS CENTRE**

The Arts Centre of Christchurch is very excited to let you know that we are bringing the highly regarded “Rembrandt Remastered” exhibition to Christchurch in early September.

The magnificent Great Hall will house this unique and luminous collection of 57 remastered artworks, bringing warmth and cheer to a chilly Canterbury winter.

For a month, these digitally restored and remastered works by the famous Dutch master will be available to the public to view, as well as to schools and other groups of visitors. Over 400 years after they were painted, these digital images have brought the paintings back to their original state, colour and size, and will look as they would on the day Rembrandt completed them.

Composed by Professor Ernst van de Wetering, the world’s largest expert in Rembrandt, this show has been critically acclaimed around the world and generated huge interest when it was shown in the North Island. From previous exhibitions, we would estimate that over 5,000 people from Christchurch and Canterbury will attend the show over 4 weeks.

One major highlight is the enormous “The Night Watch”, Rembrandt’s most famous painting from 1642 which was trimmed in 1715 to fit the Amsterdam Town Hall - will be presented in its original size in Christchurch.

The Netherlands Society Christchurch is at this moment in time negotiating a sponsorship for this exhibition which should be beneficial for those members, who anticipate to visit the Great Hall during the “Rembrandt Remastered” Exhibition.

**Those members who are interested to join us to visit the Exhibition  
will have to reply before 10 August. (ring Yoka at 384 9570)  
Only a certain amount of visitors can visit this special NSC event in  
the Great Hall so your early interest is of great importance.**





# The cut Rembrandt

## The Night Watch

Rembrandt's most famous painting was a lot bigger when completed in 1642.

In 1715 it was trimmed to fit into the Amsterdam Town Hall.

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- Mid Winter Carnival
- Rembrandt Exhibition

  
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## KLAVERJAS CLUB 'ONS GENOEGEN'

Het is nu wel heel erg koud om vroeg uit je bed te komen en dan ook nog eens op stap te gaan om te kaarten. De auto staat buiten en die moet altijd eerst opgewarmd worden om de ramen ijs-vrij te maken. En natuurlijk voorverwarmd voor Moeder, de Vrouw, die niet in een koude auto wil zitten! Waarom staat de auto niet in de garage, vraag je je waarschijnlijk af? Nou, gewoon, die staat helemaal vol met rommel en dingen, die misschien ooit nog eens van pas kunnen komen. Dit laatste idee begint al iets te verslappen, ik begin nu toch langzaam in de 'pleur weg' mode te raken. Maar het is en blijft moeilijk.

De op vakantie zijnde spelers beginnen ook weer langzamerhand binnen te druppelen, vol met verhalen over allerlei avonturen. Dat is te begrijpen anders hoef je niet op vakantie te gaan als je na afloop niets te vertellen zou hebben, toch?

Op een paar na, die nog steeds in het buitenland vertoeven, kaarten we nu toch alweer met zo'n twaalf tot zestien spelers. Maar het ontbreekt beslist niet aan animo en gezelligheid.

Uitslagen:

3 juli:

1) Wim de Winter, 5198 punten; 2) Truus Nijssen, 5180 punten

19 juli:

1) Theo van Vuuren, 5533 punten; 2) Bill Nunnink, 5029 punten.

Winnaars, van harte gefeliciteerd en voor de anderen: Jullie beurt volgende keer! Probeer lekker warm te blijven en heel veel plezier met het spel van het leven!

**Wim**



## YOUTH OF YESTERDAY

Hello Everyone,

It seems like yesterday that I wrote my last note to you, how quickly the weeks are passing.

Our soup day was a success, it was a cold day and we had plenty of soup so everyone was able to enjoy a plate of each kind. Hanna's bean soup was a hit with people asking for the recipe. It is lovely to be able to make people happy.

Lillian asked if it was possible to have 'Soup Day' next time during the school holidays so she could attend also. Poor Lillian missed out this time. Sorry, Lillian!

How lovely to have Netty and Koos back with us again. They were missed at the Rummikub table. It is good to see others turning up again too. For a couple of weeks we were low on numbers because of the cold spell. We do realise it is hard to come out when it is so cold.

I don't have a lot more news but I like to ask you to support the Netherlands Society Christchurch during the club's functions. They put a lot of time and effort in the organising of events for the members. I also noted that not many Youth Of Yesterday members attended the Annual General Meeting last month.

By for now,

**Leona**

**I MAKE DECISIONS SYSTEMATICALLY AND APPROPRIATELY!**

## NEERLANDIA CHOIR CHRISTCHURCH



Although not large in numbers anymore the Neerlandia Choir is still performing with a few loyal members at hospitals; retirement villages, etc. Last month the choir performed at the Diane Isaac Retirement Village accompanied by our Life Member Lies Callander on the piano. (See photo above). As I write this Neerlandia is performing again at Diane Isaac during its Annual Cultural Day together with Lies, who goes back a long way, as a matter of fact to the very first days of the choir, 36 years ago.

Neerlandia held its AGM last week during which a new committee was elected:

President: Annie van der Dussen; Vice President: *Vacant*; Treasurer: Heleen van den Brink; Secretary: Yoka Saris; Committee members: Alida Fletcher; Jose Nijstad and Trix van den Broek.

Interested in joining our small but enthusiastic choir, please ring, Annie van der Dussen at 383 1594. We rehearse each Wednesday night at the Everglades from 7 until 9 o'clock, with a coffeebreak in between.

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Again this month we welcome a new member to the NSC: Marieke van Beieren.

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### **Ms "Sibajak", 7 January 1959**

In January 2019 it will be 60 years ago since we left the Netherlands to come to New Zealand. We thought this date might be a great opportunity to get together and celebrate that amazing journey into the land 'down under'.

If you are interested to get together on the 7th of January 2019 to help us celebrate this with us, please give a ring or email us.

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**We are looking forward to hear from you,**

**Regards,**

**Corrie and John**

**ONE OF THESE DAYS**  
**(WRITTEN BY AN 83 YEAR OLD WOMAN TO HER FRIEND)**  
**Submitted by Vrouwkje Bongers)**

I'm reading more and dusting less,  
 I'm sitting in the backyard and admiring the view without fussing about weeds in the garden  
 I'm spending more time with my family and friends and less time working, whenever possible.  
 Life should be a pattern of experiences to savour, not to endure.  
 I'm trying to recognize these moments now and cherish them.  
 I'm not 'saving' anything; now we use our good china and crystal for every special event,  
 such as losing a kilo, getting the sink unstopped, or the first spring blossom.  
 I wear my good jacket to the supermarket.  
 My theory is if I look prosperous, I can shell out \$28.49 for a small bag of groceries.  
 I'm not saving my good perfume for special parties, but wearing it for check-out girls  
 and tellers at the bank.

'Someday' and 'one of these days' are losing their grip on my vocabulary.  
 If it's worth seeing or hearing or doing I want to see and hear and do it now!  
 I'm not sure what others would've done had they known that they wouldn't  
 be here for the tomorrow that we all take for granted.  
 I think they would have called family members and a few former friends  
 to apologise and mend fences for past squabbles.  
 I like to think they would have gone out for a Chinese dinner or for whatever  
 their favourite food was. I'm guessing.....I'll never know.  
 It's those little things left undone that would make me angry if I knew my hours were limited.  
 Angry and sorry that I didn't tell my husband and parents often enough how much  
 I truly loved them.

I'm trying very hard now not to put off or hold back  
 or save anything that would add laughter and lustre in our lives.  
 And every morning when I open my eyes, I tell myself that it's special.  
 Everyday, every minute, every breath we take is a special gift.

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