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**“SCHUILEN IN VENETIE”**  
(2018 presentation by the drama group Toenail Culture Ale)

# Netherlands Society Christchurch

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## EDITOR'S REPORT

Dear Readers,

Busy club month: Rembrandt Remastered and reception for the new Netherlands Ambassador to New Zealand: Mrs Mira Woldberg and her husband Mr Koen Woldberg.

Not a week later Leiden's Ontzet and then another week after that Toenail Culture Ale's yearly play. For Ron van Santen, Martine D'hondt and me a trip to Foxton as delegates for the Annual National Council Meeting of the Federation of NZ Netherlands Societies.

The ANCM was interesting, with some good ideas for the Christchurch Club (Ron van Santen will most probably explain us more in his report)

The meeting in Foxton was held in the Netherlands Museum Te Awahou Nieuwe Stroom. Since the opening in November 2017 the museum has become an even more exciting place. Worth a visit should you tour the North Island.



The Mayor of Foxton, Michael Feyen, (second generation 'Nederlander') told us that this Museum together with the Molen has put this sleepy NZ town on the map. The first year of the Museum saw 30,000 visitors.

**Yoka Saris**

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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Hi All,

As mentioned in the last Echo, our delegates have been meeting with other clubs during the ANCM of the Federation of NZ Netherlands Societies, this time in Foxton. The delegates did not receive any questions from the members to put forward at the ANCM, so they just listened to the questions from the other clubs. As soon as we receive the minutes from this conference I will report back to you.

Of course all attending received the club reports before coming to Foxton and one thing stood out that the Auckland club is doing extremely well. Although they seem to have only half the amount of members the Christchurch Club has the Auckland members actively support the events and activities, which are being organised. Not like the Christchurch members (except for two people), who leave all organising and supporting of events up to the committee.

One thing which was of special interest to our delegates was the Auckland monthly market. An initiative that seems to be creating great attraction not only to the Dutch community but also many others to attend these markets.

I had a chat with the Auckland President, Albert Ruijne, and he told me that there are stands that sell witlof; poffertjes, fish, well-known Dutch food articles, oliebollen, etc. and there is a very popular coffee corner. This event is becoming a more and more well known monthly activity.

During the last Christchurch committee meeting organising such a market on a monthly basis was discussed and seen as a possibility to create more positive attention to become members of the club and perhaps an incentive to join in the NSC events.

First of all: Wouldn't it be nice if there were members willing to support this by spending about 3 hours of their time once a month on a Sunday morning (10 am to 1 pm) taking care of serving coffee and setting up of some sales tables? If you are interested to get involved in any way let the committee know ([committee.nsc@gmail.com](mailto:committee.nsc@gmail.com)) or just approach any of us.

I hope you are all enjoying the fine weather.

Kindest regards,

**Ron**

### DE OOSTERHOUTSE NACHTEGALEN 'REVISITING'.

Een aantal jaren geleden, in december 2012 om precies te zijn, was het jeugdkoor de "Oosterhoutse Nachtegalen" op bezoek in Christchurch en vele van de NSC leden hebben toen kinderen te logeren gehad. Dat was een fijne ervaring voor de gastgezinnen waar nog regelmatig over gesproken wordt. Sommigen hebben nog steeds contact met de kinderen die men toen op bezoek had. Ook wij hebben nog steeds leuk contact met het koor en hebben hen zelfs bezocht terwijl wij in Nederland waren.

Voor de begeleiders van het koor, maar vooral de kinderen, is het een onvergetelijke reis geweest die een geweldige indruk op hen heeft gemaakt. Vooral de gastvrijheid van de gastgezinnen en de Nieuw-Zeelandse bevolking heeft een 'everlasting' impressie achtergelaten. Daarom heeft het koor mij nu benaderd of het mogelijk zou zijn om opnieuw een bezoek te brengen en om verschillende optredens te organiseren. Natuurlijk heb ik direct ja gezegd en dat ze weer van harte welkom zijn. Maar daar heb ik wel hulp bij nodig, ik zoek vooral gastgezinnen. Ik heb al een paar toezeggingen maar heb er nog meer nodig. Ik weet niet precies met hoeveel ze deze keer zullen arriveren maar vorige keer waren ze met 38 mensen in het totaal en ik verwacht dat dat aantal ongeveer wel het zelfde zal zijn. Ik denk ook dat zij, net zo als bij hun vorige bezoek, zullen gaan rondreizen. De data staan nog niet helemaal vast maar ze hopen te arriveren op 25 of 27 februari 2019 en te vertrekken op 9 of 11 maart. Mijn vraag is dus: Wie is bereid om als gastgezin te fungeren en om 1 of 2 kinderen/volwassenen in huis te nemen?

Ik kijk uit naar uw telefoontje.

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## LETTERS OF COMPLAINTS; COMPLIMENTS AND OTHER THINGS ADDRESSED TO THE EDITOR.

Last month a photo of the Neerlandia Choir was published. This photo was taken just after the annual concert. One member had at that time already gone to the kitchen to prepare the much needed 'cuppa'. On behalf of the Choir I like to apologise that nobody thought of going to call Jose (the member in question) back for this photo. With the picture below, I hope that Jose can dry her tears of disappointment.



### LEIDEN'S ONTZET

At the beginning of October we enjoyed a traditional luncheon.

It was very tasteful, starting with 'haring en wittebrood' followed by 'hutspot met ouwe mannetjes vlees/draadjes vlees' and as dessert Annie's famous apple crumble with ice cream and custard. A lunch served for only \$15 p.p., how is that possible?

What a lot of people don't know is that there are people who work behind the scenes, some starting days ahead to prepare the food, making 'draadjesvlees' and on the day itself people turn up very early to peel tons of potatoes and cry while slicing onions to make the 'hutspot'. These people are volunteers, working for the love of the Society. There are no 'paid manhours' for this work. The same goes for the cleaning up afterwards. Yes, that is what makes the luncheon charges so cheap!

I like to thank Annie and her volunteer brigade for all the work and time donated to the NSC. A very big hand for all these people: THANK YOU ALL!

**Jan Hollestelle**



### HENK STEGEHUIS TURNED NINETY

Last month we celebrated Henk's 90th birthday with all his family and friends at their beloved family home in Redwood. It was, as usual, an event which will be remembered for a long time. Among the speeches was one made by one of Henk and Anna's sons which showed us all once more what a very special person Henk is. It was an amazing family event with lots of laughter, music and food.... lots of food (Could it be any different at a Stegehuis gathering?)

From all us: Many more happy years, Anna and Henk!

## “SCHUILEN IN VENETIE”

The performance of the Toenail Culture Ale drama group was once more a great success, especially as it was mainly written by Annekatrien and played by our regular actors. It was good to see the young players coming through, like Sophia, Petra, Meya, Leo and Camilla. The gondolier Bindi, also had a wonderful performance.

The visual painting was done by Ani de Bodt; the music controlled expertly by Jaemi Rijdsdijk and the lighting by Shon van Maren all added to the overall success of the play.

There were many scenes of hilarity and the audience really enjoyed it, especially the final act of the swimming scene. Thank you all for your wonderful performances.

**Carol Stoffers**



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“SCHUILEN IN VENETIE”**

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## COMING EVENTS NOVEMBER & DECEMBER 2018

Golf Club Everglades organises a 'general knowledge' quiz-night and the committee has invited the members of the NSC to join in the fun.

It will happen on Saturday night, 10 November.

For more information ring Annie at 383 1594.

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### ST NICHOLAS PICNIC: SUNDAY 25 NOVEMBER FROM 11 am ONWARDS AT SPENCER PARK (D BLOCK)

This is an annual event especially for children

Traditional Dutch games will be played; drinks & ice-creams provided.

Charges: Free for members with family status membership (bring along your card!)

None members: \$5 per child

Stalls with typical Dutch delicacies.

Stalls available for those who want to sell their wares.

They are free of charge for members; non members: \$36 per stand.

Ring Annie for a sales table 383 1594

St Nicholas and friends arrive at the park at 2.30 pm.

Incase of inclement weather ring Yoka at 384 9570 before 9.30 am on the day!

(Colouring-In pictures on page 8 and 9 of this issue of the Echo.)

To be in to win the colouring-in competition send your pictures to:

St Nicholas' Office

4 Highbank Lane, Christchurch 8081

*before 25 November.*

Pictures received after this date cannot be judged by St Nick!

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### ST NICHOLAS PARTY FOR THE MORE MATURE GENERATION

Saturday, 1 December at 1 pm at the Everglades

Traditional delicacies will be served and a small present for all

Members \$5 per person, none members \$10 per person

Please don't forget to book at Annie 383 1594 before 25 November.

St Nicholas and his friends will arrive at 2.30 pm



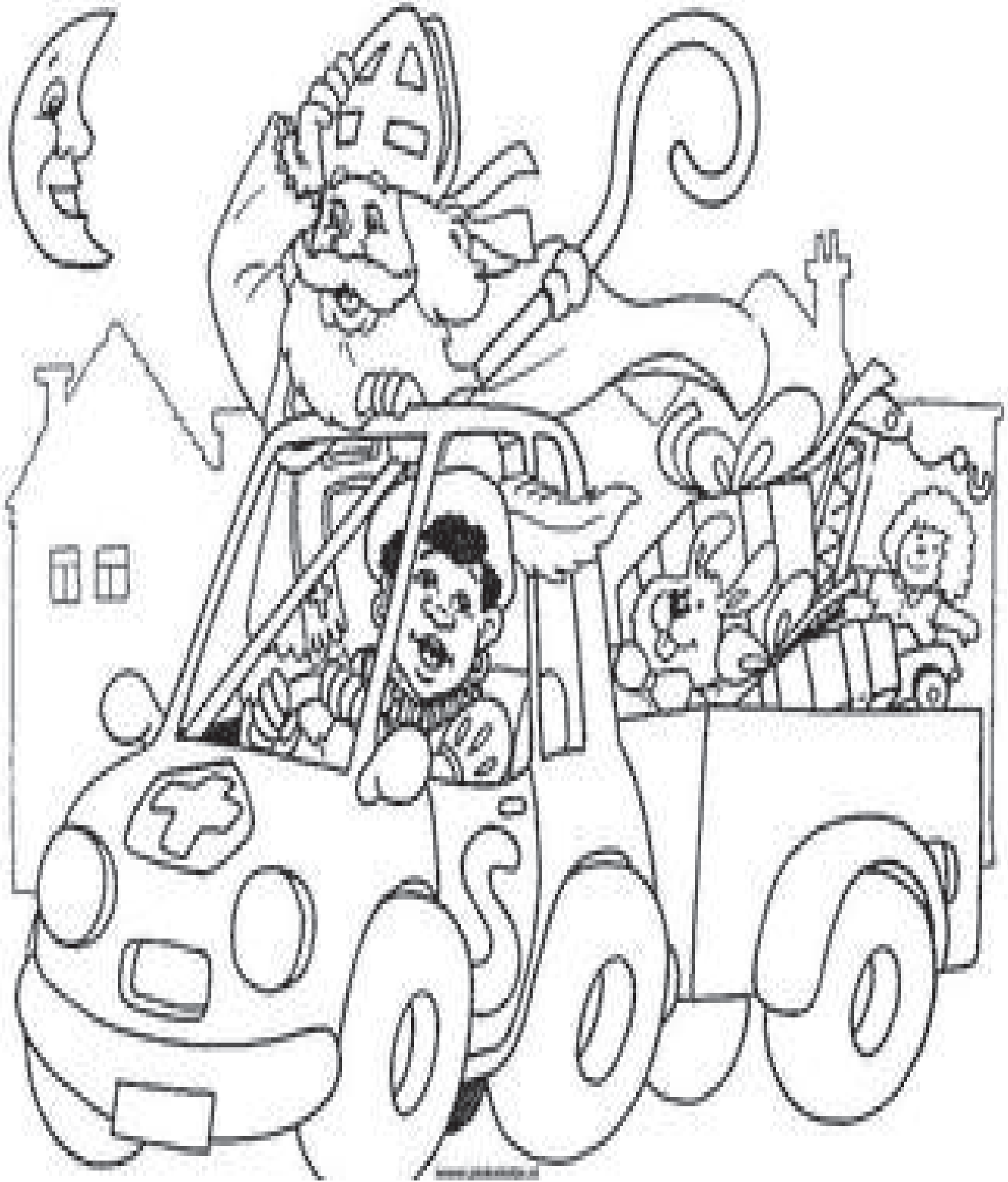


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**Sinterklaas (bestel nu)**  
**hebben we iets niet, dan bestellen we het!**

## KLAVERJAS CLUB 'ONS GENOEGEN'

Ons Genoegen's bestuur is druk met het organiseren van de 'kaart drive' op 20 oktober. Wij hopen dat de mensen die gezegd hebben dat ze komen meespelen dat ook doen en niet op het laatste moment wegblijven. Want dat zou betekenen dat we niet genoeg spelers krijgen om de tafels te bezetten. Vroeger was dat geen probleem en konden we altijd wel een paar invallers regelen.

Ik heb een boekje met de namen van alle spelers maar intussen verschijnen naast die namen steeds meer 'kruisjes'. Ja, dat is het leven en we moeten er mee leren leven en dankbaar zijn voor het gene wat er nog over is.

Wat het jaarlijkse roster betreft: Iedereen maakt nog een kans om winnaar van het jaar te worden maar er zijn nog slechts drie keren te gaan en dan gaan we echt **TELLEN!**

De winnaars van de afgelopen 4 weken waren:

**11 september:**

1) Leni Nelis, 5278 punten; 2) Hermien van Lieshout, 5126 punten

**25 september:**

1) Thea Beulink, 5580 punten; 2) Arda Hogendoorn, 5437 punten

**9 oktober:**

1) Kees Baars, 5424 punten; 2) Bep van Polanen, 5036 punten

Alle winnaars gefeliciteerd en voor alle anderen: Volgende keer is het misschien wel jullie beurt!

Mensen, geniet van de zon, want die houdt de kou er uit en heb veel plezier met het spel van het leven.

**Wim**



### YOUTH OF YESTERDAY

The entertainment committee organised several events this past month, which I hope you did enjoy. I have not been able to attend everything. But I did attend for instance the Rembrandt Remastered exhibition and the reception which was great.

Isn't it a joy to see all the blossom out, it makes a person want to get out and about. It does that for me anyway. I have even tidied up my yard.

How lovely it is to have the Bridge Club back again on Friday mornings. To see so many extra people makes going there really worthwhile.

Everyone seems so busy these days but let's not forget that there are people who can't get out much, they do rely on others to pick them up to come to the YOY. So to those people who help out with that: Thank you so much!

This is all for this month so I hope you all keep well and happy!

**Leona**

**"WHETHER YOU BELIEVE YOU CAN DO A THING  
OR THINK YOU CAN'T,  
YOU'RE RIGHT"  
(Henry Ford 1863 - 1947)**

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**Introducing Her Excellency, Mrs Mira Woldberg,  
Ambassador of the Netherlands in New Zealand  
(Photos: Theo Boekel)**



**During the Rembrandt Remastered Exhibition held in the Art Centre's Great Hall a large contingent of invited guests had the pleasure to be introduced to the new Netherlands ambassador to New Zealand, Mrs Mira Woldberg, by our Christchurch Consul, Mr Gerald van Looy.**

**This reception together with a special viewing of the Rembrandt exhibition had been organised by Mr Gerald van Looy and the Netherlands Society Christchurch.**

**The event was sponsored by the NSC, the Netherlands Consulate and John Jones Steel.**



# THE 'TROETEL-EIK' AT ULVENHOUT



*Oak tree in the middle of the A58 highway at Ulvenhout  
Photo: M Minderhoud*

The oak tree on the central divider of A58 highway in Noord-Brabant was elected the Tree Of The Year. A total of 2,834 people voted for the 'Troetel Eik' as it is affectionately known. The so called 'Troost Boom' on the estate Ter Worm in Heerlen came second place with 1,858 votes, NU.nl reports.

The election was organised by SBNL Natuurfonds. The oak will now compete for the title of European Tree of the Year.

Thousands of motorists drive by the remarkable oak tree at Ulvenhout every day. The A58 highway there was once the driveway of a country house called Anneville. When the A58 was built in 1986, the nineteenth century tree was allowed to stay.

But now that the A58 is being widened, there is no room left for the striking looking tree, according to public works department Rijkswaterstaat. Adjustments to preserve the Anneville oak tree would cost around 3.5 million euros, which is not available in the budget. According to the current planning, the oak tree will be cut down in 2020.

"We have not yet found a good and affordable solution", Minister Cora van Nieuwenhuizen of Infrastructure and Water Management said about the oak. But she, together with other stakeholders, will continue to look for a way to save the "monumental tree".

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***Heleen van den Brink    Tel 359 5517***  
***Trudi van Nobelen      Tel 383 1111***



### **FIRST KIWI EVER HATCHED IN DUTCH ZOO**

The Avifauna Bird Park proudly welcomed a new resident. A baby kiwi recently hatched at the zoo. This is the first time ever that a kiwi is born in the Netherlands. Only 16 zoos around the world have a breeding program for kiwis. And Avifauna in Alphen aan den Rijn is the only zoo where a kiwi hatched this year, the zoo announced a short while ago.

Kiwis are the smallest flightless bird species in the world. There are an estimated 60 thousand of these birds left in the wild. They originally only occurred in New Zealand. The incubation period for a kiwi egg is around 80 days. ***Fun fact: The kiwi's brown, hairy, ovoid shape is the reason the bird shares its name with the kiwi fruit.***

The baby kiwi has been named **Tuatahi**, a Maori name, which means 'first one', in honor of New Zealand's original inhabitants.

Avifauna also annually sends kiwi feathers back to New Zealand, which the Maoris use in their rituals, according to the zoo.

For a short while the baby kiwi will be regularly publicly weighed and measured.

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