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EDITOR'S REPORT

Dear Readers,

Later than usual the NSC celebrated King Willem Alexander's birthday this year. This happened because most of the active committee members were out of the country at the original birthday date.

However, the combined Liberation & Birthday Luncheon on the 5th of May and the Young At Heart King's Day celebration on 11th May were a huge success.

The luncheon, very well catered for by **Traiteur of Merivale** was traditionally delicious and attended by 75 people.

And the **Aikman's Party of the Year** was something that nobody, who attended will easily forget.

The music by **DJ Bizarre** held as usual 'Voor Elk Wat Wils'. The place shook on its foundations when "**Kedeng Kedeng**" of **Guus Meeuwis** was played. I don't think there was anybody there who did not jump, dance or just sang. So many young people, who were having such fun, was fantastic to see.

And, yes, for a few of us, who are around the 80 mark, we sang and jumped just as hard and we forgot for a few hours our arthritic knees, sore backs and other ailments.

It was wonderful! Food was served throughout the evening by **Maarten Loeffen** and his hardworking gang.



SHAKY PHOTO: ANNEKATRIEN VERBRAAK

Her excuse: It is hard to take photo while laughing out loud!

Our host, **Frank van Schaijik**, made us all feel so welcome. Frank was the instigator to get us all on the floor, **litterally**, with '**We Hebben Een Woonboot, Het Ligt In De Amstel**'. **Mr Gerald van Looy**, his lovely wife Helen and members of the Consular Corps in Christchurch, who attended, seemed to enjoy this rollicking spectacle also.

All in all: A great night, I am glad I did not miss it!

Yoka Saris

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Hi All,

Mildred and I have returned after a fantastic trip to Europe. Many stories to tell, many photos to look back on, lovely memories.

As you know that through being a member of the NSC you were able to enjoy a good discount if you travel with Emirates New Zealand. Sadly we had already booked when this was advertised in the March 2019 Echo. Yes, with Emirates, because we found that was the best airline for us and we have had only good experiences with them. So as we had already booked, we missed out on the discount. But, as a good Dutch person, this did not hold me back to ask for a discount anyway! Answer: "Sorry, we can't do that because the tickets have already been purchased. But...we could give you access to the Lounge at Christchurch Airport before you fly as a small compensation for missing out!" Now that is service!

So our holiday started nice and relaxed with some food and drinks at the Christchurch International Airport Lounge. And that was not all. As we had to wait 9 hours for our connecting flight in Dubai we were given a hotel room. We enjoyed a good night's sleep and breakfast in the hotel just outside the airport terminal. And all paid for by Emirates!

The food on the plane was good (as airplane food goes) and the service was great. This is just our confirmation of a great experience flying with Emirates. So next time? Yes, sirree, it's Emirates again!

May I point out to you that the NSC Annual General Meeting will take place on Sunday, 23 June at 2 pm.

There will be some changes discussed regarding the Society so it is of importance that members should attend this meeting if you wish to have your say.

For those, who have not paid their membership, it is now time to do this so you will have the right to speak at the AGM.

And if you feel you would like to support your society as a member of the committee, please, find underneath a nomination form.

Looking forward to see you all on Sunday, 23 June 2019.

Ron van Santen

NOMINATION FORM

I, name:.....

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being a financial member of the NSC for the period of 2019/2020 nominate:

Name:.....

Address:

being a financial member of the NSC for the period of 2019/2020, as a committee member of the Netherlands Society Christchurch

(Please, pass this form on to Desiree van der Dussen, Secretary, soonest)

NEERLANDIA CHOIR PERFORMANCE

Members of the Neerlandia Choir were invited to perform at the Nurse Maude Hospital in Papanui last month.

Although the Choir is rapidly losing singers through the advanced age, etc. of most of its members it is always very satisfying to see some enthusiastic members still willing to come together and do their utmost best to entertain citizens in and around Christchurch.

Such was the case also during the Saturday afternoon at Nurse Maude. Twelve members, conductor, Teresa Jones and accompanist, Michael Zon, put together a programme for the patients and staff.

Going by remarks made, during afternoon tea afterwards, one and all enjoyed the well known traditional and some new songs which the Choir performed.

On behalf of the members I like to take the opportunity to thank Teresa and Michael for giving up their free time to accompany our small group.

If there are any people who enjoy singing and would like to join Neerlandia, we rehearse on Wednesday night from 7 till 9, please, ring Annie van der Dussen 383 1594.

Yoka Saris



JOHN O'MILL (pseudoniem Johan van der Meulen, 1915 - 2005)

H2 Oh Jee

In Connecticut
In 'n waterput
verdrank mijn tante Eefje
Nog jaren later dronk oom 't water
uitsluitend door een zeefje!

*Met dank aan Marcelline, in Nederland, die de redactie
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An initiative of Frank van Schaijik and Maarten Loeffen resulted in the organising of a wonderful musical Sunday afternoon, 28 July 2019.

Come and watch at the Northlands Hoyts Theatre the latest concert "Shall We Dance" filmed in 't Vrijthof in Maastricht with Andre Rieu and his world famous Orchestra.

**After the movie you are cordially invited to gather at Aikman's Sport Bar to partake in sampling some famous Dutch food: Bread, croquettes and peasoup
Movie & Food: \$47.50 per person or bring a friend and pay \$80 for two!**

**Bookings and further information:
Ring Annie at 383 1594 or Yoka at 384 9570
before 1 July 2019**

NSC COMING EVENTS IN JUNE & JULY 2019.

Sunday, 9 June, 2 pm screening of "Gloomy Sunday" at the Everglades.

The movie "Gloomy Sunday" was shown at one of the Arts Centre's movie theatres for over 10 years every Sunday afternoon. It made world news for being the longest running movie ever in one theatre.

The 2010 earthquake and the destruction of the theatre made an end to these showings.

This film is about an amazing love story between three people during the second world war in Hungary and a song, which seems to have disastrous consequences upon many people all over the world. This is a movie which can be seen over and over again.

Tea & Coffee served. Bookings: Annie 383 1594

Sunday, 23 June, 2 pm start, Annual General Meeting, at the Everglades

**Followed by a BBQ meal (booking for catering purposes: ring Annie at 383 1594)
the bar will be open (don't forget to bring your membership card)**

Members for re-election: Ron van Santen; Desiree Ellery; Maarten Hollestelle; Jan Hollestelle; Lillian van Elk; Marjon Stegehuis; Gerard van Kuppevelt; Jose Nijstad; Mart de Rouw; Annie van der Dussen; Yoka Saris.

**Sunday, 21 July, 12 pm, European Clubs Midwinter Luncheon, Everglades
Great food, great socialising; great entertainment!
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KLAVERJAS CLUB 'ONS GENOEGEN'

De laatste kaart drive verliep zonder moeilijkheden en ik denk dat iedereen voldaan naar huis ging. Het is heel wat rustiger geworden dan jaren geleden want toen vlogen er af en toe de stukken van af. Het ergste wat er toen kon gebeuren was dat men voor het einde van het spel kwaad weg liep. En als dat gebeurde viel het hele kaart systeem natuurlijk in duigen. Maar dat is gelukkig verleden tijd!

We hebben besloten dat we minstens met vier tafels en zestien spelers moeten zijn.

De volgende kaart drive zal plaats vinden op **1 juni, 'Queen's Birthday'** weekend dus laten we hopen dat iedereen dan in goede gezondheid zal verkeren en vol goede moed komt mee spelen. Jammer genoeg liggen er nu nog een paar spelers in de lappenmand, maar misschien zijn die dan weer op de been.

Met **Pasen** waren de uitslagen als volgt:

1) Ursela Krijnen, 8462 punten; 2) Thea Beulink, 8048 punten; 3) Ans van Vuuren, 7936 punten. Het was een leuke dag en we doen dit over een paar weken weer.

23 maart:

1) Bep van Polanen, 4935 punten; 2) Ans van Vuuren, 4925 punten

7 mei:

1) Dora Nieste, 5328 punten; 2) Truus Nijssen, 5019 punten

Wel beste mensen, houd alsjeblieft de griep onder controle want het is geen pleziertje als de hele waslijn vol met zakdoeken hangt. "Hatchie", ik neem nog maar een sinaasappel!

Zo als gewoonlijk wens ik jullie allen het beste en veel plezier met het spel van het leven.

Wim

Ja ... natuurlijk, gezellig
Klaverjassen!

YOUTH OF YESTERDAY

Hello Everyone,

Each month I sit here and think what will I write about this time, but here goes:

Things move along nicely on Friday mornings but we are at present a smaller group of people mostly due to some members with health problems.

Netty, we hope you won't have to wait much longer for your operation after recently having it cancelled at the last minute.

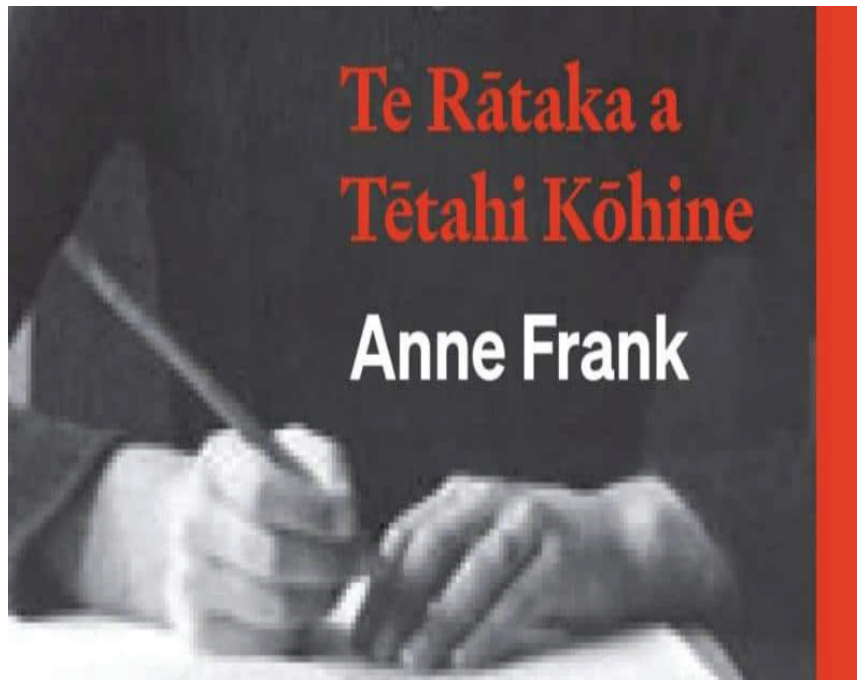
Easter has been and gone and I am sure everyone enjoyed their big Easter Bunny, thank you, Lillian, good shopping.

What lovely King's Birthday celebration, a nice gathering and delicious lunch. I know, I enjoyed it and I only heard good comments about the day.

I was asked by a member to say how nice it would be to join together at the lunch break instead of eating at the table were we play. It would be more friendly to mix more. Think about this suggestion. This is all for now, keep warm.

Leona

*'Loneliness and the feeling of being unwanted is the most terrible poverty'
(Mother Teresa, R.C. nun and missionary)*



ANNE FRANK'S STORY NOW ALSO TRANSLATED IN TE REO (MAORI)

Boyd Klap, who arrived in New Zealand from the Netherlands in the 1950's, now 92 years old, has been involved most of his life in raising money for worthy causes.

Boyd is the chairman of the Anne Frank Travelling Exhibition and during a visit to Parihaka, a village which in the 1870's became the centre of a non-violent campaign against European occupation, a woman asked Boyd if the book had ever been translated in te reo.

This question remained on his mind so he contacted the Anne Frank Estate in Switzerland. The reply was that, no, although translated in more than 70 languages, it had never been translated in te reo Maori.

Now Boyd 'had the bit between his teeth' He reckoned that \$100,000 would see the project completed. Not an easy task but Boyd is a man who does not seem to know the word impossible.

His greatest joy was to have found the translator, Te Haumihiata Mason.

Ms Mason has had her own share of discrimination in her childhood-days when children were caned at school for speaking Maori. Therefore she felt a certain bond with Anne Frank.

'Te Rātaka a Tētahi Kōhine' will be launched this month in Te Papa, Wellington



Te Haumihiata Mason, translator



Boyd Klap, a man with a lifelong mission, with the scale model of Anne Frank house

NSC COMMITTEE'S ANNUAL DINNER

Once a year the committee members + partners and the volunteers (those people who are always there if the committee needs some extra work done!) go out together for a meal.

This year we went to the best Italian restaurant in town "Tutto Bene" and true to its name: "Everything Was Good". We had a lot of fun and enjoyed being spoiled instead of doing the spoiling for a change. The photo's below are proof of a great night out!



photos: Desiree Ellerly



**"A true friend is one who
walks in when all others
walk out!"**

(Walter Winchell)

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NETHERLANDS LIBERATION SKIRTS: HOW POST-WAR UPCYCLING BECAME A SYMBOL OF FEMALE SOLIDARITY



“Weave the pattern of your life”

In the aftermath of World War 2, after the liberation of the Netherlands from German occupation in May 1945 and the festivities that followed, many women made special commemorative skirts, called ‘nationale feestrok’ or ‘bevrijdingsrok’ in Dutch - the latter translates as liberation skirts in English. The idea behind this festive garment came from Mies Boissevain-Van Lennep.

During the war, for her resistance activities during the occupation, Mies had been imprisoned and sent to a concentration camp. Shortly after her arrest in 1943, she was sent a scarf made of textile patches from garments of relatives and friends, which brought back special memories. After the war, Mies was a member of a women’s group that decided to create a garment to celebrate the rebuilding of the Netherlands. For this, the liberation skirt had great symbolic value. The commemorative skirt had to meet certain conditions - the old but colourful patches had to be sewn on to an older skirt so that the original background disappeared and a new colourful piece of clothing was created. Today, we would call it upcycling. Those creating a skirt were to ‘weave the pattern of your life into your skirt’, as a song composed in honour of the idea.

The philosophy behind the patchwork skirts was, on one hand, that the use of the fabric remnants represented the reconstruction and renewal of the Netherlands, while on the other hand, that women could process their own war experiences during the crafts. Wearing the skirts together would reinforce the feeling of solidarity among women. The skirts looked alike, but each one was different. The idea was that you should not be able to see differences in the social position of the wearers.

(Article and photos: Europeana eNews)



100.000 MOLECULEN OP EEN RIJTJE

(overgenomen uit het mini boekje 'HET MYSTERIE VAN NIKS')

Heb je je wel eens afgevraagd waar al het hout van een loodzware metershoge boom vandaan komt? Uit de grond? Via het water dat de boom opzuigt? Zitten daar misschien de deeltjes in die later stam of tak worden? Of halen de wortels allerlei stofjes direct uit de grond? Is die houten eettafel eigenlijk van aarde? Dat lijken de meest logische verklaringen, maar het is anders.

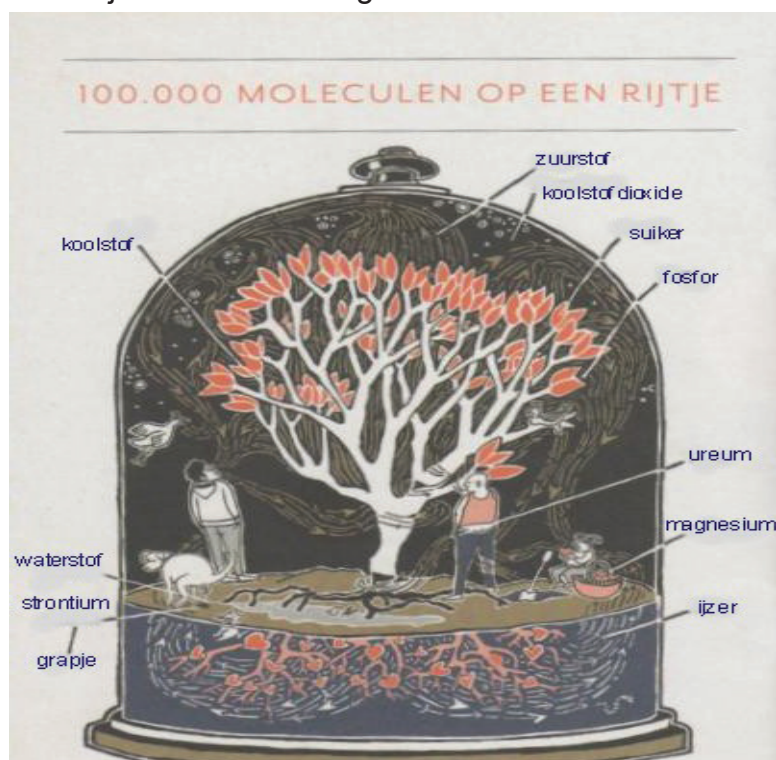
Een boom groeit vooral uit de onzichtbare koolstof- en zuurstofatomen die om je heen in de lucht zweven. Samen vormen die atomen weer koolstofdioxide-moleculen. Je merkt weinig van al die moleculen in de lucht, maar je ademt ze voortdurend in en uit. De bladeren in de boom kunnen de kooldioxide met behulp van grondwater en licht omzetten in suikers. Die worden omgezet in hout. Dus van de lucht uit jouw longen groeit een stukje boom waar later weer een tafel of honkbalknuppel van gemaakt wordt. En uit de bladeren van die boom komt weer zuurstof vrij die jij later inademt.

Dat is nog eens lego voor gevorderden....

EEN BLOKJE ZUURSTOF

Moleculen zijn zo klein dat je ze alleen met de ingewikkeldste technische hulpmiddelen kunt zien. En dat lukt alleen nog maar met de beste microscopen ter wereld. In een haar van een tiende millimeter dik passen bijvoorbeeld al 100.000 moleculen op een rijtje. Maar die moleculen komen overal om je heen voor. En in drie vormen: als gas, in vaste vorm en in vloeibare vorm. Water ken je bijvoorbeeld als gas wanneer het als waterdamp boven de pan hangt waarin je spaghetti kookt. Maar je kent water ook als dat natte spul dat uit de kraan komt en dat keiharde ijs waar je op kunt schaatsen in de winter. Het is allemaal van de zelfde moleculen gemaakt. In de koudste vorm wordt het vast, bij het warmste wordt het gas en daartussen in is het vloeibaar. Gesteente smelt bij hoge temperaturen tot lava. Wanneer het afkoelt wordt het vervolgens weer keihard. Zuurstof kennen we vooral als het onzichtbare gas dat we inademen, maar als je het heel koud maakt wordt het vloeibaar en bij extreem lage temperaturen kun je er zelfs blokjes van maken. En de hardste metalen zoals ijzer en koper kunnen ook uit gas bestaan. Als ze maar heet genoeg zijn. Supernova's, je weet wel, die ontploffende sterren, kunnen gloeiend hete gassen van zware metalen 'uitspugen'. Een Nederlandse kunstenaar zet zelfs luchtvervuilende gassen om in steentjes die zo hard zijn dat je er een ruit mee in kan gooien. Nou fijn dan....

Aardig allemaal, maar nu weet je nog steeds niet waarom je een berg kunt verkleinen tot het formaat van een tennisbal..ja dat kun je lezen in het volgende hoofdstuk.



SCHAAPHERDER OP DE DRENTSE HEIDE: VAN 'SNOTAAPJE' TOT DERTIG JAAR ERVARING

(rtvdrenthe.nl/nieuws)

Lhee - Als een stoere bink van 16 jaar begon Johan Coelingh uit Lhee als schaapherder op het Dwingelderveld. Negentig schapen zaten er toen in de kudde, tegenwoordig zijn het er bijna vijfhonderd.

Al dertig jaar loopt Coelingh over de Drentse heide. Nu met bordercollie Tess. "Zonder hond ben je natuurlijk niks. Ik heb al heel wat honden versleten in dertig jaar."

Coelingh werd geboren aan de overkant van de heide in Ruinen. Hier kwam hij per ongeluk in aanraking met het vak van schaapherder. "Als kwajongens gingen we vaak het veld in om eieren te zoeken en kattenkwaad uit te halen. We kwamen daar Paul Mos tegen, die daar toen schaapherder was. We mochten wel een dagje mee."

Mee op pad.

De vriendjes van Coelingh waren er snel flauw van, maar hij vond het geweldig. "Wat ik vooral mooi vond, waren de verhalen die Mos vertelde over datgene wat hij meemaakte. Over de bloempjes en de bijtjes en noem maar op. En natuurlijk over de schapen", zegt Coelingh.

Vaak ging Coelingh mee op pad. Tot hij in 1987 zijn eigen kudde kreeg. Natuurmonumenten wilde ook een schaapskudde op het Dwingelderveld en belden de toen 16-jarige Coelingh. "Ik was toen de jongste schaapherder van Nederland. Als ik er nu aan terugdenk: Wat was ik een snotaapje."

Van negentig naar vijfhonderd

De omgeving is erg betrokken bij de schaapskudde. Zo werd er in 1987 een fietstocht gehouden om de kudde uit te breiden. Na de actie 'Fietsen op de hei, 150 schapen erbij', werd de kudde groter. En een jaar later zorgde de actie 'Fietsen voor de kooi, is ook mooi', ervoor dat er een schaapskooi bij Lhee kwam te staan.

Daar was ineens een donderklap en een inslag.

In die dertig jaar maakte Coelingh veel mee. Een gebeurtenis vergeet hij niet snel. "Augustus, tien jaar geleden. Het was op een vrijdag, dat vergeet ik nooit weer: 8 - 8 - 2008. Het regende stevig en er was veel wind. En daar was ineens een donderklap en een inslag", blikt Coelingh terug.

De bliksem sloeg vlakbij de kudde in, maar de schapen en de honden raakten niet gewond.

De schaapherder had zelf minder geluk. Hij raakte door de klap even bewusteloos. Hij wist op eigen kracht een woning te bereiken en belandde uiteindelijk in het ziekenhuis in Hoogeveen.

Schaapjes tellen

Elke avond kijkt Coelingh of alle schapen er zijn. Hij telt ze all 496. En hij heeft nog heel veel avonden te gaan. "Ik weet niet precies wanneer mijn pensioengerechtigde leeftijd is, maar ik wil hier wel tot mijn pensioen blijven."



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Friendly Support Network	Heleen van den Brink	359 5517	
Klaverjas Club Ons Genoegen	Wim de Winter	352 5317	
Neerlandia Choir Christchurch	Yoka Saris, secretary	384 9570	
Petanque Club	Pieter Wever	260 0812	
Toenail Culture Ale	Annie van der Dussen	383 1594	
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