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**MAARTEN VAN DER WEIJDEN,
(June, 24 2019)
the new hero in the Netherlands,
completes a 196 km swim in Friesland,
to raise funds for cancer research.**

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EDITOR'S REPORT

Dear Readers,

I write this at 3.30 a.m after watching the Elf Steden Zwemtocht of Maarten van der Weijden, on the NOS.nl journaal. I am so excited that I could not sleep so started on my Echo report. What an amazing strong man with an even stronger determination to fulfill his quest. Maarten jumped in the water at 17.30 on Friday, 21 June and finished this unbelievable swim on 24 June at 19.30 hrs in Leeuwarden. During these days there were hundreds of people along the way to cheer Maarten on. Here and there people joined him and swam about 2km with him.

If you do not know why he did this, let me tell you: Maarten is a champion swimmer who suffered leukaemia some years ago. He was so grateful for this chance of life that he started this 200 km marathon swim to raise money for cancer research. Last year he attempted the same swim but had to give up some 37 km before the finish in Leeuwarden because of exhaustion. He then raised over 5 million euros. **(At the time of this issue going to the printer the money raised was another 5,100.00 million euros)**

Because of the Anna Frank article in the June issue of the Echo I was invited to attend the launching of the te reo Maori version of the famous diary.



Photo by:
Tania Palmer

The photo above shows Mrs Te Haumihiata Mason, the translator of the book, and her grandson reading a page in both languages during the event at Te Papa in Wellington. A moving ceremony to honour another famous 'Nederlander'.

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Dear Members,

As far as I am concerned this month's main event was the AGM. I am happy to say we got through it again and a new committee was elected. Three members resigned. I thank Martine D'hondt; Ron van der Wel and Samuel van Hout for their support during the year.

And now I am pleased to introduce two new members: Dee Segeren, who has been a committee member before and Pete Knuiman, also well known for his work as a maintenance man to the Clubrooms. Welcome!!! Jan Hollestelle has taken over the job of Property Manager from Mart de Rouw. Mart stays on as committee member and made clear he will be available as back up for Jan when needed.

One sad thing which was made very clear during the meeting is that our Entertainment Manager, Annie van der Dussen, will definitely stay on for just one more year. For those, who might not realise it, Annie is the pushing and steering force behind all events. With her leaving this position in a year's time, we will need another strong and capable person to keep us in line. If anyone thinks they could fill Annie's shoes, please, come forward now. This will give Annie time to pass on her knowledge how to organise the society's events.

While still on the subject of the AGM: It was again very disappointing to see such a small amount of members who took the trouble to attend the annual meeting. During the last few years we managed to just reach a quorum of 20% of the total members to be present. With this poor result in mind I like to put forward that we reduce the amount of attendees from 20% tot 10% next year.

One last thing, before I get told off by our Editor, Yoka Saris, all members, who have paid their subscriptions should have received their membership cards by the 30th of June. If not, please contact me. I prefer an email due to my night shift duties. If you should ring and do not get a reply, please, leave a message and I will return your call.

As per the Constitution Rules: If you have not paid by the 1st of July, which would have given you three months to pay the subscription, you will be removed of the membership list and you will not receive the Echo anymore.

Ron

IMPORTANT MESSAGE

FINANCIAL REPORT 2018/19 AND LAST YEAR'S AGM MINUTES.

Through an oversight of an overworked committee these above mentioned reports were not mailed out to the membership on time. So those who attended the AGM received them at the start of the meeting. The President did apologise for this error during the AGM.

The intention was to mail the reports to those who did not attend, however, as this would have to be done in large envelopes + extra stamp charges, the committee has decided to only forward the reports to those members on their request. Copies of the reports can also be obtained at the clubrooms. Just ask a committee member on duty at the time of visiting the clubrooms. (Ring or email Yoka Saris, 383 9570 or yokasaris@gmail.com)

THE PETANQUE CLUB

Pieter Wever, who has been the organiser of the petanque club, has informed us that the club will no longer be operational as before. There are only six regulars, who attend the club on a Sunday. Is there anybody who is able to continue and perhaps blow some life into this once very popular group?

Petanque balls are available, so it is just a matter of getting people to join and organise games. If you feel you are the right person, please, ring Pieter at 260 0812.

IN MEMORIAM
HERMINA MARIA JOHANNA van LIESHOUT
4 MARCH 1943 - 2 JUNE 2019

Hermien lived and went to school in Geldrop during her childhood. She was part of a large family. As a teenager she was one of a local group of friends. When she was fourteen years old she became friendly with a young man, Herman van Lieshout, who was one of a family of eleven boys.

Herman told her many stories about New Zealand as his oldest brother lived there since 1950. After a few years 3 of Herman's brothers left also for New Zealand. In those days life was a struggle in the Netherlands and lots of young people migrated to other countries.

Hermien had to wait until she was 21 before she was allowed to get married and three weeks after the wedding they left Geldrop for Riversdale, New Zealand.

Although they had been told that it could be quite cold in New Zealand they did not expect to see the snow so high that it had to be cleared of the roads before the car could drive through to Riversdale.

They lived there for four years and then moved to Invercargill.

They adopted a baby and called him Andy. As it took about 2 years before you could adopt a baby in those days they applied straight away for a second child, which was Rob, who arrived in 1972.

Then they moved to Christchurch and after renting a place build their own home in Goodman St.

Unfortunately Herman's health started to deteriorate. Somehow they still managed a trip to the Netherlands in 1982 but sadly Herman died later that same year.

Hermien was taught to play cards at a young age, as most children were in those days. She became a keen klaverjas and bridge player. For the rest of her life she played cards at least 4 times a week.

Hermien lost her house during the earthquakes but managed to buy a unit in Lady Isaac Retirement Village, where she happily lived for 6 and a half years until her death.

We, her friends, have learned a lot from her optimistic attitude throughout sadness and hardship.

In the latter stages of her life when she was asked about her health she would always reply: "Well, I am still here!"

We will surely miss her!

Arda Hogendoorn and Hennie Nieuwdorp





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**IN MEMORIAM
CORNELIS WIETSE GELDOLF
8 NOVEMBER 1924 - 2 JUNE 2019**



Lieve vrienden en familie van onze Papa,

Ik zal jullie vertellen over Papa's leven in New Zealand. Voordat hij aan kwam in Wellington op de "Sibajak" had hij al vele vrienden gemaakt. Eerst werkte hij bij de NZ Spoorwegen, waar hij 'Give Way' op de weg schilderde. Ik zal nu overgaan in het Engels.

As he was such a talented painter he was asked to paint a portrait of the Queen on billboards for her arrival in 1953.

Papa started his own business and employed a number of painters. He was very successful and bought a house which he started to renovate in the mid 50's.

In 1958 Papa returned to Sneek for his sister Henny's wedding. During this time, he had to have his tonsils removed and while in hospital he met our Mother, Marijke Boersma. He returned to New Zealand and they wrote to each other for three years. Papa Cor, at 36 and Marijke at 32 were interested to settle down so Papa invited Marijke to come to New Zealand in 1961. They wasted no time and in 1962 were already married and had a beautiful baby girl. During this time the house was being renovated and Papa was running a business, so it was a very busy and stressful time. In was late 1963 and Mama was pregnant again when Papa was offered a position at the Christchurch Polytechnic as a teacher of painting and decorating.

After I was born we moved to Christchurch in March 1964, where he began teaching until he retired. Papa was a highly respected tutor and only last year two old painters, ex students of his, approached me at a Christmas function and told me how very appreciative they were of the discipline and skills he had taught them. Papa was the president of the New Zealand Netherlands Society for many years, where he knew everyone and was well respected.

As Emieke said, Papa was a great traveller and he came to NZ for the last time at the age of 90, with Joke, to celebrate my 50th birthday, during which time he met up with many of my friends. Papa had many friends whom he made a special effort of keeping in touch with all over NZ. I remember many dinner parties, eating delicious Nasi Goreng, with good conversation and lots of laughter. Papa and Mama also had many wine and cheese parties where they decorated the house with vines and grapes, while they danced the night away. I am pleased to say that Papa found his true love when returning to Sneek 20 years ago, after my parents separated. I thank Joke for the love and care she bestowed on my Papa, especially during the last challenging months. And Papa, I thank you for being a great Father to me. I learned from you: "If you do something, do it well!". You taught me to have patience and not to give up easily. Thank you, for my technical abilities which have been critical for my successful career as designer of space and joinery.

Like you, you taught me to be organised. I am sure you even arranged the event of your passing during Geoff's and my planned holiday in the Netherlands this year!

Ingrid Geldof

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KLAVERJAS CLUB 'ONS GENOEGEN'

Het is een droevige tijd voor de klaverjassers. Alweer heeft een van onze spelers ons verlaten. Hermien van Lieshout stierf op 2 juni j.l. Ze sukkelde al een tijdje met haar gezondheid, maar je denkt altijd dat het wel weer goed zal komen. Maar deze keer niet dus. Maar toch denk ik dat ze met gejuig 'daar boven' ontvangen is want ze was een reuze goede speler. Klein van stuk maar met een groot hart! Ze stond altijd klaar om haar medemens te helpen. Helaas staan we er allemaal voor. Voor sommige is 'de grote reis' een opluchting maar voor andere komt het te vroeg!

Ook Koos Haakmeester is gaan hemelen, ook hij was jaren geleden lid van de club. Koos en Dick Steeman waren altijd aan het zingen vooral als de bar open was. Ja, dat was de goeie ouwe tijd. Het is goed om terug te kijken op die mooie herinneringen.

Maar we zitten in het heden en dus hier het verslag van de afgelopen maand.

Zaterdag, 1 juni, we hadden vier tafels en dus zestien spelers en de scorekeeper die ook een oogje in het zeil hield in de keuken. Het was weer gezellig en het wijntje er tussen door smaakte maar wat goed.

De winnaars waren:

1) Wim Slot, 8802 punten; 2) Emmy Nederpelt, 8747 punten; 3) Ans van Vuuren, 8532 punten.

Verder deze maand was de uitslag als volgt:

21 mei: 1) Ans van Vuuren, 5088 punten; 2) Wim Slot, 4885 punten.

4 juni: 1) Dora Nieste, 5172 punten; 2) Agnes Stolp, 4763 punten

18 juni: 1) Arda Hogendoorn, 5714 punten; 2) Koos van Nieuwkerk, 5117 punten.

Wel mensen, jullie kennen het gezegde: "Als de dagen lengen, begint de winter te strengen", met andere woorden "Zorg goed voor je zelf en probeer lekker warm te blijven!"

En vergeet niet....veel plezier met het spel van het leven.

Wim



YOUTH OF YESTERDAY

By the time you receive this the shortest day will have passed and, yes, a half year has also passed us by. How quickly the year has gone. We will have also had our soup day, I hope you enjoyed it.



(Photo: Lillian van Elk)

I've just had a lovely trip to Nelson, my daughter Carole drove me this time and I did enjoy the route we took. We travelled up via Kaikoura and home through the Lewis Pass, with a stop off at the hot pools at Hanmer Springs. Oh, so lovely!

Wim Slot and his wife are off tripping again. I hope you have a lovely time. Wilhelmina Wynia has been enjoying a vacation in the sunshine, welcome back.

Till next time: keep wrapped up warm.

Leona

NSC COMING EVENTS JULY 2019

Sunday, 14 July, 12 o'clock, at the Everglades

“EUROPEANS UNITE LUNCHEON”

Last year's luncheon was such a success that we will repeat this event.

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NOT ALL NEW HOUSING ESTATES IN THE NETHERLANDS ARE POPULAR, IJBURG IS BOTTOM OF THE VINEX LIST! (DutchNews.nl)

The town of Emmen in the province of Drenthe is home to the most popular 'Vinex' neighbourhood in the Netherlands - the name given to housing developments built in the late 1990's and early 2000's as part of a strategic expansion in the country's housing stock.

People are prepared to pay 25% more for a home in the Emmen housing estate of Delftlanden than in the town itself, according to research by property consultancy Colliers.

Colliers compared the square metre price of homes in these new residential neighbourhoods in 25 of the country's biggest local authority areas. It found that in half the areas, prices in the Vinex estates were higher than the average for the town. In the other parts, the prices were lower.

"Vinex neighbourhoods are often described as being uniform places where no-one wants to live, but in practice a lot of them are working well," Colliers researcher Frank Verwoed told the Financieele Dagblad. "In Delftlanden people pay 2,000 euros per square metre but in Emmen as a whole the price is 1,560 euros.

"Emmen's popularity may be due to its good public transport links," he said. Other popular Vinex neighbourhoods can be found in Zoetermeer, Leeuwarden and The Hague. But bottom of the list is IJburg, the new island development south of Amsterdam.

There the square metre price is 4,000 euros, which is some 1,500 below the city average. "IJburg," said Verwoed, "has not become an alternative for Amsterdammers. The district is often criticised for having poor public transport links to the rest of the city, apart from the central station"



WEIRD PLACES TO SPEND THE NIGHT IN THE NETHERLANDS

Crane Hotel Faralda, Amsterdam.

It's become the country's most famous and downright bizarre hotel, but it is also among the most expensive. A single night at Crane Hotel Faralda will run you upwards of 795 euros. It's hard to dismiss the view up there though and the experience is truly one of a kind!

Owner Edwin Kornmann Rudi spent several years converting this 50 metre-tall harbour crane at the NDSM shipyard into a three room hotel. You won't find a reception desk or a gym, but there is a hot tub on the roof and you'll get to wake up next to a taxidermied peacock if you book the 'Free Spirit' Room!



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Vaak krijg ik, als editor, verhalen te horen en te lezen. Deze keer ontving ik van Bob van den Berg iets uit het nalatenschap van zijn vader Gerrit, die op 15 jarige leeftijd bij de Nederlandse Marine ging. Hij diende 40 jaar, gedurende WWII was hij gedetineerd in een gevangenen kamp in Burma. In Gerrit's papieren vond Bob dit gedicht, wie het ooit schreef is een raadsel. Het enige wat onder het gedicht getypt is: 'Clairview, Vlissingen, 6 September 1947'. Bob en ik denken dat het ons een kijkje laat nemen in leven van de mannen, die zwoegden op de scheepswerven van die tijd.

HET GROTE SCHIP

Kruisende kranen
 Zwevende banen
 Zwaaiende, draaiende boven de werf
 Schoorstenen, masten
 Hangende lasten
 Rompen van schepen, bruinrood in de verf

 Bonzen en bonken
 Regens en vonken
 Bikken en klinken voor 'n schamel gewin
 Bouwen en bouwen
 Zwoegen en sjouwen
 Zweeten en zuchten voor vrouw en gezin

 Schaven en zagen
 Planken en schragen
 Slepen en dragen
 Stellingen achter en voor aan de piek
 Gillende lieren
 Vloeken en tieren
 Dat's het orkest der moderne techniek

 Gloeiende platen
 Rondom vol gaten
 Rikke-tik-tik gaat de bout door het staal
 Bonken en stampen
 Op dekken en rompen
 Staan zij, de bouwers van 't groot kapitaal

 Kabels en slangen
 Langs dekken en gangen
 Dwars door een chaos van menie en roest
 Brokken en stukken
 Van assen en krukken
 Of een vandaal daar de boel had verwoest

 Harde gezichten
 Zwart in de lichten
 Zweven als maskers in hollen rondom
 in hutten, op bruggen
 Overal ruggen
 In werkkieel gestoken, verwrongen en krom....

 Jaren vervlogen
 Wat zien de ogen?
 Een kunstwerk, een pracht schip, een zee-paviljoen
 Eeuwige zonne
 De tijd heeft gewonnen
 Tien lange jaren en dertig miljoen...

Vlaggen ontplooiën
 't Kunststuk voltooiën
 Sluit open de sluizen en maakt de geul vrij
 Stuk de champagne
 Van Lloyd en Oranje
 Maar Jan met de kiel komt er nu niet meer bij

 Nu dames en heren
 in deftige kleren
 De plaatsen innemen der kielen aan dek
 Over de reling
 Uit pure verveling
 Zien grijnzend omlaag op de man met de pet

 En och, wat een vloeken
 Uit sloppen en hoeken
 Draagt dat grote schip in haar romp mee naar zee
 Zij die daar zweetten
 Beseffen en weten
 Dat enkel de rijkdom kan mee met dat schip....

 Gilt er de stoomfluit
 't Schip glijdt het dok uit
 Heel hoog op het water een machtig kasteel
 En stil bij de haven
 In groepen de slaven
 Staan starend en slikken iets weg in de keel

 Schroeven gaan draaien
 Zakdoeken zwaaien
 Rinkelt de telegraaf, stuurboord het wiel
 Wapenrende kleuren
 Heerlijke geuren
 Maar niets van dit alles voor Jan in de kiel

 Hij mag slechts kijken
 Hoe zij zich verrijken
 Hoe zij profiteren van al zijn gezweet
 Hij mag slechts dromen
 Wat er nog niet gaat komen

 Dat is het leven van iedere proleet...
 Zwijgende kranen
 Stilstaande banen
 Wat is nu die Schelde verlaten en leeg
 Als stom door de hekken
 De arbeiders trekken
 En sloffen in stromen maar slopjes en steeg



Koud buiten? Ga dan lekker gezellig binnen aan de slag met deze Zweedse puzzel. Stuur hem dan naar 4 Highbank Lane, Christchurch 8081 or email result to yokasaris@gmail.com. De eerste correcte oplossing die wordt ontvangen krijgt een leuk prijsje!

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