

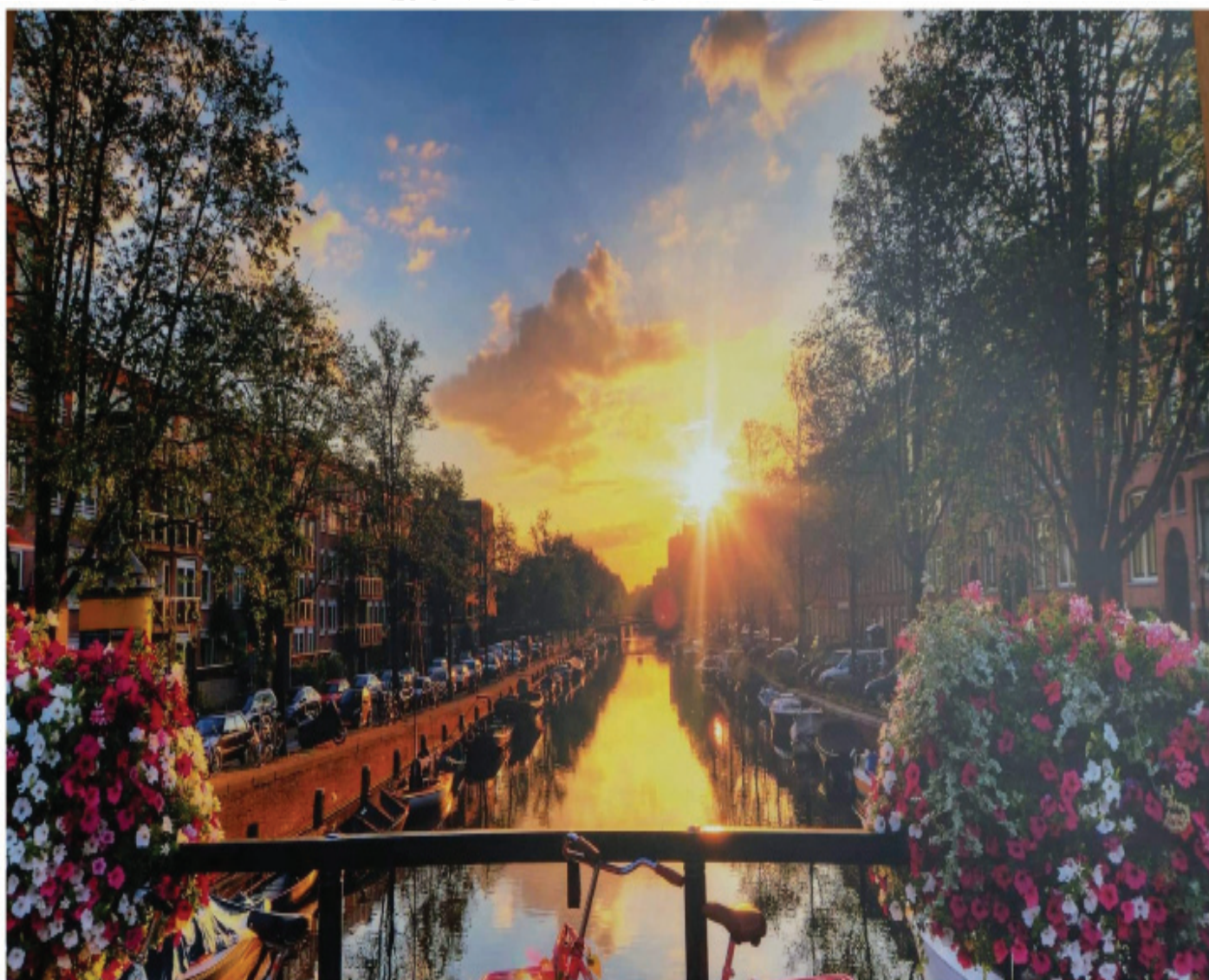


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EDITOR'S REPORT

Dear Readers,

The NSC committee is very busy with our new project, the **Dutch Food Market**. A lot of work, but going by the interest we are receiving via Echo, Face Book and word of mouth, it will be well worth it. Lots of Dutch companies in Christchurch have promised to participate. So here is hoping you will all be attending the launch of the DFM on Sunday, 8 September at the Everglades. More information you will find on page 4 in this Echo.

The idea to start a market in Christchurch originated from the Auckland Society, who started a Dutch Food Market 19 years ago. It grew from something quite small to its main monthly event. So let's hope it will be a success in Christchurch as well.

Better than the last month's planned Bingo afternoon which we had to cancel due to lack of enthusiasm.

The winner of the Zweedse puzzle this month was **Mrs Trudy van Nobelen**. Her prize was hand delivered. (You never know with the delivery of the NZPost nowadays.)

Correct answer: **DAGRENTE**

On page 14 you will find the September puzzle. Good luck!

A while ago I asked for some one who might be interested to take on running the **petanque club**. If there is anyone, please, get in touch with Pieter Wever, 2600812.



On the table at the entrance of the hall our lovely Secretary, Desiree, has put a book in which members can mark if anything is amiss in the hall, for instance a lightbulb might need replacing.

This book will help our property manager to note jobs which need attention.

Yoka Saris

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Hi All,

As you by now know the committee is gearing up to get our new 'project', the Dutch Market, up and running. **And we need your help!**

It will be for 4 months (4 market days) as a trial period, just to see if it catches on. In those 4 months we will be able to adjust (improve) the way things are done. So if you attend any of these market days and have observations or hints on how to improve the events, don't be shy, let any of the committee members know or send us an email at committee.nsc@gmail.com.

Let us make this a regular successful event. And if you would be able to help out with anything, please, come forward as it would be great if this project gets the support from **all** members, not just the committee.

Which also bring me to the next subject I like to chat about. It would be such a great help if there would be some people willing to give us a helping hand with any of the other events. So often we hear afterwards: "You should have let me know your needed some assistance, I would have gladly given a hand" Well, I don't know for the others in the committee but I am not psychic.

I like to set up a list of volunteers, who we can call on if we need any help running an event. So if you are willing and able to lend a helping hand now and then, please, approach the committee. And.....at the end of the financial year the NSC will invite you to come and have dinner with us somewhere.

At the time of writing this report I had a call with some sad news that one of our past presidents, Leo van 't Veen, has passed away. Leo had a long history with the Netherlands Society and many of you knew him well. I've only known him briefly. He always approached me with this cheeky grin on his face to tell me what I was doing wrong or right for that matter. And how I could improve on things.

Thanks Leo, rest in peace!

Regards,

Ron van Santen



Netherlands Society Christchurch DUTCH FOOD MARKET

**637 Marshlands Road,
8 September 2019, 10 am – 12.30 pm**



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IN MEMORIAM
LEO van 't VEEN
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Leo van 't Veen was President of the Netherlands Society Christchurch from 1995 until 1998. I only got involved in the NSC during the turn of the century therefore I never got to know Leo very well.

But I have always been told how important to the wellbeing of the Club Leo was.

How he was the one who set right the often chaotic standards of the running of the bar and golfcourse at the Everglades.

He apparently was the instigator of successfully leasing the golfcourse so that the Dutch Society's members, who by now were getting rather old, could retire in peace from the many jobs which are involved in the running of a golfcourse and a social club all at the same time.

The story goes that committee meetings, before Leo became President, could result in the most ugly volatile events and would last sometimes up to one o'clock in the morning.

(Not so very strange if you can imagine 12 angry Dutchmen in a 4 by 4 mtr meeting room).

However, the straightshooting new president said that a normal committee meeting should not last a minute longer than 9 pm and he kept his word.

Apparently meetings became less of a burden to the society because Leo would always be able to lighten the atmosphere with a funny (yes, sometimes naughty) anecdote to get the sombre members laughing.

We, the Christchurch Dutch community at large, like to express our gratefulness to Leo as a leader and most of all as a fine human being.

Our condolences are with his family and close friends.

Thank you, Leo, for being here for us.

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Saturday at CAFÉ 3 pm - 5 pm

Sunday 12 pm - 3 pm

Monday we are closed

KLAVERJAS CLUB 'ONS GENOEGEN'

Alweer een maand voorbij en wanneer je jezelf afvraagt wat er nu gedaan is, tja, dan is het eigenlijk niet veel. Nu dan geven we de griep de schuld maar. Vroeger als kind werd er vaak naar je geroepen 'He, Snotneus', nu die naam kwam weer goed van pas de laatste tijd. We hebben een nieuwe voorraad zakdoeken moeten aanbreken. En als je dan al die 'lappen aan de waslijn zag hangen moest je weer aan de luiers van vroeger denken. Maar we waren de enigen niet met dit probleem, velen klaagden met ons mee.

De winnaars deze maand waren:

30 juli:

1) Ans van Vuuren, 5529 punten; 2) Arda Hogendoorn, 4995 punten

13 augustus:

1) Wim Slot, 5338 punten; 2) Thea Beulink, 5036 punten

Gefeliciteerd alle winnaars en wie weet, volgende maand is het weer onze beurt!

Wel, beste mensen, veel meer kan ik niet mededelen. Ik hoop dat een borrel jullie geholpen heeft en zo niet verdubbel je borrel kwartiertje. Misschien krijg je dan wel de neiging om te gaan zingen. Ik weet dat het Neerlandia Koor naar nieuwe leden zoekt.

Probeer lekker warm te blijven en vergeet het niet: Veel plezier met het spel van het leven!

Wim



YOUTH OF YESTERDAY

Hello Friends,

September is nearly here, I do hope you have got through the winter without all the coughs and colds, which are going around.

It is good to see so many turning up on Fridays. We have been three and occasionally four tables of Rummikub and one table of card players.

Had a busy day in the kitchen on the 9th of August sharing with people, who had hired the premises the next day and were preparing a birthday dinner. I do hope the young man had a great 60th with his family and friends.

Hanna van der Wende along with her cousin Jenny are off to the Netherlands for six weeks to spend time with her 90yr old brother who is not in the best of health. Hanna is also going to the south of France, which she is looking forward to. So I hope she has a wonderful time!

A request via my daughter-in-law for her friend: The recipe for Limburgse Kruimel Vlaai (even just the base) as she wants to recreate her Mother's baking. She has looked on the internet but it is not what she wants. You could email me at leona.smid@gmail.com or telephone **03-3135305**. It would be much appreciated.

Take care,

Leona

To speak kindly does not hurt the tongue!
(English proverb)

GETTING FROM A TO BEE: Utrecht installs environmentally-friendly bus stops.



A city in the Netherlands installed 316 'green' bus stops, completely with a roof made of succulent plants, a bamboo seat and LED lighting.

Utrecht, a city of 1.2 million people, installed green roofs to "ensure biodiversity in the city", something the municipality says is "good for insects and bees."

The city first started installing the green roofs in April as part of an effort to be a healthier and happy city. They said the green roof will capture fine dust and provide cooling in the heat.

"Our mission is to be the healthiest region in Europe. The number of inhabitants in the city and the region is growing rapidly," a spokesperson for the city told the Euronews.

Ninety six of the bus stops have solar panels.

The city is working to encourage more of the green-friendly policies. They even offer a subsidy for people who would like to install their own green or solar panels.

The city advises that a good time to install a green roof is if the old one is 'worn out'. To be eligible for a subsidy, the roof must be larger than 20 square metres.



EEN STUKJE HISTORIE

Een bladzijde uit het Rotterdams Nieuwsblad van 30 Augustus 1948



Op 4 September 1948 verkondigde Koningin Wilhelmina dat zij de troon over gaf aan haar dochter Juliana.

Koningin Wilhelmina werd, na de dood van haar vader, Koning Willem III in 1890 Koningin der Nederlanden op 10 jarige leeftijd. Omdat zij toen nog niet volwassen was werd haar moeder, Koningin Emma, regentes totdat Wilhelmina de 18 jarige leeftijd bereikte.



Koningin Wilhelmina en haar Moeder Koningin Emma

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We are a group of volunteers who give help and support to people of Dutch decent in situations of need and stress.

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COINCIDENCE OR.....?

by the Straat Madelief

It was October 1975. The phone rang at my desk at work. As I picked it up I was aware of the strange echo on the line. "An overseas call," I realised.

Immediately I recognised my brother's voice. He called me from the Netherlands to tell me my Father, who had been in hospital for a while, had taken a turn for the worse. He had asked for me to come home. My brother thought this might well be a sign that he would not be much longer amongst us.

I booked my airfare, found friends willing to look after the boys and requested leave of absence from my job.

Everybody, I approached, was more than helpful and it took me only a day and a half to organise myself.

I would leave from Wellington to Los Angeles and immediately transfer there on a plane which would take me to Amsterdam. The whole trip would take approximately 28 hours.

In the plane from L.A. to Amsterdam I got an aisle seat next to an elderly couple. The husband nodded politely as I sat down.

I did not want to make small talk so I closed my eyes and started a silent conversation with my Father: Pappa, I am coming home soon. You will wait for me, won't you Pappa?"

Shortly after this I fell asleep. I had been exhausted after the mad rush at home and so worried that I might miss my connection in L.A.

I must have been asleep for hours for when I woke I felt disorientated and very thirsty. As it was dark I switched on the reading light and looked at my watch. "Still about another 6 hours to go," I calculated.

The couple next to me was fast asleep, so as not to wake them I switched the light off again.

My mouth was extraordinarily dry. "Water," I thought, "I need some water."

As the thought crossed my mind an airhostess appeared beside me in the dark and handed me a glass of water. "Your father told me you were thirsty," she said with a smile. I was slightly surprised she made that remark, as the only person she could have taken to be my father, the old gentleman next to me, was asleep. But I forgot about it as I gratefully drank the water.

It was nearly 6.30 am when I arrived at Schiphol Airport. While waiting to go through customs I had already spotted my brothers through the glass windows which divided the arrival hall from the people, who were waiting to greet the passengers.

It had been 17 years since I had said goodbye to them so it was only natural that emotions ran high when we could at last embrace each other.

They both looked very tired and sad. I could only guess the reason but when they told me that our Father had passed away six hours before I felt my legs give way and just sobbed and wailed: "Why could he not have waited for just a little while longer?"

This sounds selfish but my Father, as long as I could remember him, had always given in to my wishes. I could not understand why he had let me down this time.

"Don't cry so," my eldest brother said, "and don't blame him for not waiting. He did talk about you until the very end."

But this did not relieve my feeling of being let down. The conversation during the trip to Rotterdam did not flow very easy. My brothers were so sweet to me but that seemed to upset me even more.

My brothers asked me if I wanted to say anything during the funeral service. I declined.

My youngest brother spoke more or less on my behalf. He told the congregation about the lovely and funny things my Father and I had done in my youth every time he came home from 'the sea' as I used to call it.

Then it was my eldest brother's turn to speak. He told about my feeling of disappointment not to have been able to say goodbye to Father. And how happy he had been to know that I was on my way to see him once more.

"Just before he died he opened his eyes and said: "Tell my girl to come in. Don't let her stand there in the doorway."

He had looked at the waterjug on his bedside table and said: "Quick, give her a drink of water, she is so thirsty!"

After that he closed his eyes and we know he was at rest."



Gezellig even puzzelen!

Goed voor de brein en ook even checken hoe het met uw Nederlands gesteld is.

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De eerste correcte oplossing die we ontvangen wordt beloond met een leuk prijsje!

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