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THE DOUBLE DUTCH

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Seasons Greetings, wishing you all happy times with
your friends and family and the best wishes
for the New Year



Seasons Greetings

PRESIDENT



FROM THE PRESIDENT - VAN DE VOORZITTER

We're back with you a bit earlier than expected! This is due to the fact that we are aligning our magazine with the year boundaries so you will have your first issue in January and the last in November covering the last two months of the year.

Because of this shorter time span, there are only two past events to report on namely: "Leidens Ontzet" which we celebrated, in the traditional way, with a full house in Avalon and; something brand new, long overdue and probably here to stay: a thank you event for our volunteers. Read on to learn more about these two events.

Looking forward, we have our Bowling event, Sinterklaas, Christmas Lunch and New Year's celebration and that besides the usual Social Sunday and Wednesday Coffee morning happenings! Enough to look forward to, don't you think? We hope to see many of you at one or more of these happenings.

Old age is like everything else.
To make a success of it, you've
got to start young.
Theodore Roosevelt

In the last issue of our Double Dutch I mentioned the fact that we will be starting discussions in three subgroups, each covering a different topic. This has not happened yet but you can find some more information about this initiative further on in this magazine.

Lastly, I would like to draw your attention to the next Avalon OPON series that are played every Tuesday from 11 o'clock

onwards. Drop in if you are in the area, say hello (tip: wait until a game has finished) and give them a hug.

This is the last Double Dutch for the year. I wish you all the best during this Festive Season and a Happy New Year. I am looking forward to seeing you all at our upcoming end of year events.

Pierre



SOCIAL SUNDAY

Social Sunday's boring? Heck no! Apart from the social banter, sing-alongs, jokes and edible goodies they are a lot of fun.

Believe me I'm there on most of them. Occasionally they are also surprising, like Sunday 20 th October where Riekie shouted cake (and a yummy one; see picture) and coffee to all those present and they were slightly short of 30 in number.

Guess what. That was one of the few Sundays I wasn't there! Happy belated birthday Riekie and I will be there when we celebrate your 89 th!

Pierre

Happy Birthday

Harry van de Gulik, Bill van Waas, Pierre Schmits, Jan Bakker, Willem Knibbler, Anne van Bunnik, John Pijnenburg, JoAnna Eikenbroek, Harry Ekens and Sint Nicolaas

SECRETARY



FROM THE SECRETARY - VAN DE SECRETARIS



It seems only yesterday that I was writing the secretary's letter for the Double Dutch – there will be an explanation elsewhere in this issue as to why there is going to be a change of when the Double Dutch will be issued in the future.

I was unable to attend Leidens Ontzet or the brunch for volunteers who worked so hard for Tulip Sunday so no doubt someone else will.

Its hard to believe that Christmas functions are just around the corner - doesn't time fly when you are having fun!

Kees and I have been away to Hawkes Bay over Labour Weekend and stayed in Waipukurau. My great-great grandparents on my mother's side of the family came out to New Zealand from England in 1850 – just ten years after the Treaty of Waitangi. My great-great grandmother's gravestone in a small cemetery in Pukehou was badly broken so some of us descendants contributed money to have it restored. We had a church service in the little country church in Pukehou where my great-great grandfather, the Rev. Edwin Wheeler was the first Anglican minister, then to the cemetery just around the corner in Boundary Road for an unveiling ceremony of the restored gravestone and after that about seventy descendants attended a midday dinner in the Te Aute College where we all got to know each other. On our way home, we called in to see the Ramsteijns in Pahiatua – many of our members will remember them.

By the time you receive this issue of the Double Dutch, the bowling on Sunday 3 November will have been and gone but I hope it will be well attended. Its good to have these outside activities and I am planning to organise a similar event for our club, probably in February of playing croquet at the Waimarie Hutt Valley Croquet Club in Taita, Lower Hutt.

Dawn

REQUEST FOR CONTRIBUTION

In the last committee meetings three topics have been identified as being important to the future of our club and worth discussing in separate groups with the aim of producing suggested advice or recommendations for decisions to be made by the committee.

The main reason why the construction of discussion groups was chosen is because the outcome of subsequent decisions arising from these discussions could, significantly, alter the charter and/or functioning of our club. Hence the broadest possible support base is sought for.

Therefore, I would like to ask all our members that would like to participate to step forward and join one or more of these discussion groups. You can do this by calling or e-mailing Dawn (see contact details in this issue). Discussions will start early next year with outcomes expected before the next AGM.

I mentioned these three topics briefly in the last Double Dutch but here they are again with a slightly larger outline:

Membership structure

With the dawn of internet, social media and various other electronic community based activities, participation in one of these groups has changed. Alongside the classic "membership" other mutations such as 'distribution list', "friends", "mailing list" or "followers" have been introduced

all with a, more or less, different take on commitment and financial contribution.

As with many things in life, in order to judge and decide you need to quantify and the easiest way to do that, at least for a club, is by quantifying interest.

Question for discussion is: what structure fits our club best and what commitment and financial participation goes with that structure?

Separate committee for the younger generation

Our club covers a wide range of member age-levels. Interest in activities and events across that range is not the same.

Question for discussion: would the club, in general, benefit from a separate committee for a younger generation who could operate autonomously but under the Dutch Club Wellington umbrella in order to assure access to assets the club has?

Liaison

Marketing, promotion, alliances with other clubs or organisations and sponsoring (both giving and receiving) are means of liaison with peers in the immediate environment. Usually these aspects create a playing field for what we would like to have (e.g. footprint or funds) and what we can offer (e.g. assets or funds).

Question for discussion: Do we have sufficient liaison and if not how can we improve existing and/or create new?

Please contact Dawn if you are interested to join the discussion.



Thank you to Anna
and Ben for maintaining
our garden. Aren't the
tulips gorgeous?

LEIDENS ONTZET

On the 6 th October we celebrated a long standing tradition: Leidens Ontzet. We had a full house and the accolades were as follows "atmosfeer was gezellig en het eten was vanouds lekker". There is one point that needs special mention and that is the herring, which was found to be of excellent quality. Those of you who visited Tulip Sunday had a chance to sample the "harinkjes" already as they were from the same supplier as the ones used at Leidens Ontzet, namely Owen Poelijoe from Auckland.

Is that all there is to say about the event? Well, in a way, yes. We have been celebrating Leidens Ontzet for donkey years now and I guess that all that could be said, has been said or, maybe not?

Don't you think it a bit strange that out of all events Leidens Ontzet is the only "regional public holiday" that we celebrate at our club? We don't celebrate "de inname van Den Briel (Brielle)" or "Lappendag

(Hoorn)" or "Sint-Maarten" or "Gronings Ontzet" and yet they are all Dutch regional public holidays, many of them with the same size and/or importance as "Leidens Ontzet".

There is a very specific reason why we started celebrating "Leidens Ontzet" at the Dutch Club in Wellington. Do you know the answer or do you want to make a guess at it? You can

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text me (021-08272084 - LO answer:)
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with the answer before 1 st December and be in to win your choice of

- a bottle of Julicher wine;
- free items at a Wednesday Coffee morning (coffee & koek & any two from: soep, broodje or kroket);
- free items at a Social Sunday (coffee & koek & any drink).

Good luck!

Pierre

DO YOU KNOW?

WHY DO WE
CELEBRATE LEIDENS
ONTZET AT THE DUTCH
CLUB?

***Submit your answer
to Pierre before
1 December and be in
to win***

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BOWLS FOR ALL SOULS

On Sunday 3rd of November, some 20 enthusiasts met to play a game of bowls. Like last year the event was organised by Arie Molenaar and Tony, owner of Storage One and Arie's son, sponsored the venue hire. It might be the fact that we only do it once a year or that it is really catching on because at 12:15 Arie had to take away the balls of some of the players as it was time to have lunch.

The lunch served at the Naenae bowling club was very good and just what we needed after all that effort. After the meal there was a choice to have an ice-cream desert which, when served, all appeared to be in the category "eXtra Large" with the exception of the one served to Ann Beyk which should be classified as "Exaggerated"!

On behalf of all participants: Thank you Arie and Tony for the wonderful event, we had a great time.

Pierre



YOUR AGE BY EATING OUT...

1. Pick the number of times a week that you would like to go out to eat (1-10)
2. Multiply this number by 2 (just to be bold)
3. Add 5
4. Multiply it by 50
5. If you have had your birthday this year add 1757, otherwise add 1756
6. Subtract the four digit year that you were born.

You should now have a three digit number. The first digit of this was your original number. The next two numbers are... YOUR AGE! (Oh YES, it is!!!!!!)

VOLUNTEER LUNCH

A question raised by many of you over time is, or let me correct myself, was: why is there no reward for people who volunteer for events?

I guess there is no simple answer to this, only considerations:

Let's first go for the "official" statement from Employment New Zealand:

For somebody to be a volunteer they must not expect payment and they must not receive payment and then add my own two pennies worth:

- is it really volunteering if there is a reward (ergo is a reward a payment)?
- is there a risk of an upwards spiral (e.g. higher contribution, higher reward, and so on)?
- is the benefit of your voluntary work only to the receiving party or are there benefits for yourself as well (e.g. fulfilment, recognition, pride, gathering experience, social interaction)?

- who determines what the reward is and on what basis?

Despite all these considerations we, the committee that is, decided to break the gridlock and allow a budget to organise a brunch for all volunteers that helped out on Tulip Sunday and "Leidens Ontzet".

So on Sunday 13th October, 20 volunteers (out of a total of 32) met in Avalon House to share stories, check out the event photos and, of course, enjoy the food.

It was a most enjoyable morning and, in my humble opinion, a fitting "Thank You" for the contribution made by all volunteers.

Question remains: what will be the reward for the ones who volunteered to organise the volunteer brunch? But we'll leave that for another day.

Pierre



WHAT'S ON AT THE CLUBHOUSE

COFFEE MORNINGS

Every 1st & 3rd Wednesday from 10am-1pm (6 & 20 November, 4 December). Last coffee morning for 2019 is 4 December, restart 19 February 2020

SUNDAY INSTUIF

Every Sunday From 2 to 5pm.

KLAVERJAS

Every Tuesday from 10am to 2pm. Bring your own lunch. Last Klaverjas for 2019 is 10 December, restart 4 February 2020

COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday 5 November, 7.30pm.
Tuesday 3 December, 7.30pm.
Restart February 2020

BOWLING

Sunday 3 November, 10am.

SINTERKLAAS

Sunday 1 December, 2pm.

POTLUCK LUNCH

Wednesday 4 December, 10am.

CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Sunday 15 December, 11am.

NEW YEAR

Sunday 5 January 2020, 2pm.

WHAT'S ON ELSEWHERE

WAIKANA E COFFEE GROUP

Every second Friday of the month, 10am, Waikanae Baptist Church

ISLAND BAY COFFEE GROUP

Every Wednesday, 10.30am, Island Bay Community Centre

LEVIN COFFEE MORNING

Every last Thursday of the month, 10am, Levin Bridge Club, last coffee morning for 2019 is 28 November

THE ISLAND
BAY COFFEE
GROUP
CORDIALLY
INVITES OUR
DUTCH CLUB
MEMBERS
TO THEIR
CHRISTMAS
LUNCH

11 DECEMBER,
10 AM

Island Bay
Community
Centre

RSVP and info
contact Pierre



SINTERKLAAS

Sinterklaas and his Pieten have confirmed their visit with us on **Sunday 1 December** at 2 pm. He's informed us that his horse is not available. But this is not going to stop him from coming to Avalon House. We are going to be there to give him a warm welcome. Will you be there?

Here's the details:

The event is open to members and non-members. Sint will be at the Clubrooms in Avalon for children to shake his hand and have a little chat. The opportunity is there for you to take a photo of your child with Sint and/or Piet. The emphasis is on your child meeting Sint and Piet, there will be no presents. Your child will receive a small goodie bag. Coffee, tea, spekulaas and a juice drink for your child will be served free of charge. If your child wishes they can bring a carrot for the horse which Sint will give to his horse back in the stable. Ofcourse, Sint and Piet gratefully receive letters and drawings from your child.

Sint will be visiting between 2pm and 3pm. To help Sint and his Pieten with their sack we kindly ask you to **register by 20 November** on our website or in person. Cost is \$10 per child for members and \$15 per child for non-members.



**Sinterklaasje
kom maar
binnen met je
knecht...**

Sunday 1 December

2pm at Avalon House

Register your child here
dutchclubwellington.co.nz
or in person at the clubhouse
during one of our socials.

**\$10 per child (2-12 yrs) for
members**

**\$15 per child (2-12yrs) for
non members**

RSVP by 20 November

DO YOU REMEMBER THESE?

a trip down memory lane...

The thing I like about creating the Double Dutch is that it makes me to delve a bit deeper into my Dutch roots. I remember growing up with these plates and cups. As a child I always wondered why everyone in my little village had the same plates? Until I found out that they came with the 'boterzegeltjes'! Made by the Royal Sphinx in Maastricht, I now have them hanging in my garden.





Christmas lunch

**15 December
At Avalon House
11am**

bookings by 8th of December:

**Dawn: 04-9382378
dutchclub.secretary@gmail.com**

**or talk to Ann Beyk on Social
Sunday or Wednesday coffee
morning**

As mentioned in the previous Double Dutch, our Christmas lunch will be held on Sunday 15th December in Avalon House. Doors will be open at 11AM when we will have time for coffee and banter until noon before seating takes place. Prices are \$20 for members and \$30 for non-members.

Contrary to what I mentioned in the last edition of our magazine, I don't have any specifics yet as to what will be on the menu. This, in part, is due to this Double Dutch being issued earlier and the fact that we have been quite busy in the past few weeks. So with Anna browsing through her culinary library you can be assured that the menu is going to be different from last year and the dishes will be seasonally stylish and lip-smacking good!

To make everyone comfortable we have limited seats to 40 persons and at the time of writing we have received 25 registrations. So if you would like to book for this event, be quick and contact Dawn by phone on 04-9382378 or by e-mail via dutchclub.secretary@gmail.com.

You can also talk to Ann Beyk on Social Sunday or Wednesday coffee morning. Your payment needs to be received before **8th December**.

Pierre

The committee
wishes you all a
Merry Christmas
and a
Happy New Year!

On **Sunday 5th January** there will be a special Social Sunday afternoon where we will be sharing wishes, making promises, reminisce about the past year and raising a glass to welcome the New Year. This time round we are planning some entertainment, but we'll keep the content of that under cover for a while.

Intrigued? Come and join us: nibbles and two drinks are on the house but you need to bring your own New Year's resolutions. Doors are open, as per usual, between 2 and 5pm.

See you there,

Pierre



NEW YEAR'S toast

5 January 2020
At Avalon House

ACTIVITIES ORGANISERS - ACTIVITEITEN

| | | |
|---------------------------|----------------|-------------------------|
| Klaverjas, Dutch Costumes | Ann Beyk | 567 8575 |
| Wednesday Coffee Mornings | Pieter Koedijk | 526 8867 (021 065 5470) |
| Friendly Support Network | Bill van Waas | (04) 298 4244 |
| Waikanae Coffee morning | Henny Ekens | (04) 297 2918 |
| Levin Coffee morning | Yoka Dekker | (022) 502 2645 |
| Island Bay Coffee morning | Ina Kooistra | (04) 383 8449 |

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Tuesday Klaverjas Club

It is coming near the end of the year 2019. Only a few more card playing days. The last Tuesday to play is the 10th of December, and we will start in the New Year on the 4th of February 2020.

The weekly results are:

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|---------|--------------|---------------|------|
| Week 34 | 24 September | Ann Beyk | 5349 |
| Week 35 | 1 October | Lis Visser | 5153 |
| Week 36 | 8 October | Nic de Graauw | 5304 |
| Week 37 | 15 October | Ann Beyk | 5238 |
| Week 38 | 22 October | Lis Visser | 5114 |

Thanks for all the help with doing the dishes after the finish of our game, and setting the tables and chairs ready for the next event at our club rooms. It is lovely to see you all coming week after week to play the game, have a talk and laugh. I wish you all a lovely Christmas and New Year with family and friends. And look forward to see you all back on the 4th of February 2020. See you there, Ann Beyk

EDITOR



FROM THE EDITOR - VAN DE REDACTEUR

You may have noticed that this Double Dutch edition is on the heels of the previous Double Dutch. That is because I am implementing a change in the publication schedule to bring the editions in line with the start and end of the year. This means that from now on edition 1 will be January/February, and so on until edition 6 which will now be November/December. The main reason for this is that this schedule fits better with advertising and reporting our annual events, and it will give you more advanced notice of upcoming events. The next edition will come out in January and will be edition 1, in line with the start of the New Year.

Early December I will be heading to Canada for a hopefully white, and no doubt a cold, Christmas with my daughter who recently moved there from Amsterdam. This leaves me wishing you all Seasons Greeting for the festive weeks to come and a very happy New Year. I hope to see many of you at the Sinterklaas celebration early next Month.

Anja

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BEYOND THE CLUBHOUSE

Last week the new Anne Frank exhibition, currently touring New Zealand, opened in the Oranjarah in Foxton. This exhibition is about the life of Anne Frank and has already toured 80 countries. The address is Te Awahou Nieuwe Stroom, 92 Main Street, Foxton (next to Dutch windmill 'De Molen'). The exhibition is in Foxton from 1 November 2019 - 2 March 2020.



ANNE FRANK

NEW ZEALAND

let me be myself

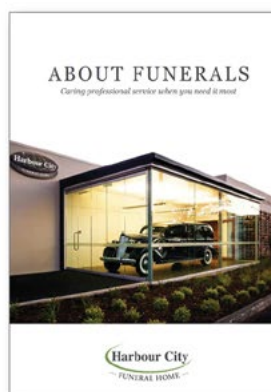
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