



NETHERLANDS
 SOCIETY ROTORUA (Inc)
 GEYSER NEWS
 September and October 2019

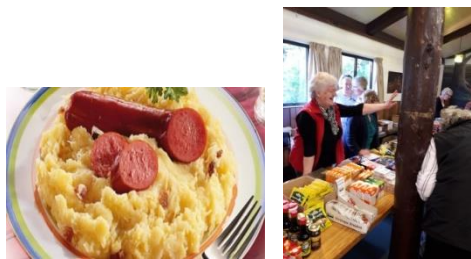
UPCOMING EVENTS:

UPCOMING EVENTS:

UPCOMING EVENTS:



MARKET DAYS



Saturday 5th October 2019 10am - Noon

Feeling cold, Come to the clubrooms where it is warm and cosy. Have a chat with your fellow Dutchies while having a cuppa and croquet. Dutch Shop and Stalls are OPEN!!!

Last Market Day for this year is Saturday 30th November.



THURSDAY 5th SEPTEMBER

AT 5:30PM IN OUR CLUBROOMS

Agenda of the meeting: Please see next Page in this Newsletter.

POTLUCK DINNER

Saturday 14th SEPTEMBER 2019

Bring along your favourite dish to share with friends and fellow club members. Enjoy your evening in our warm and cosy clubrooms. Doors will be open from 6 pm and yes, the Bar will be open, too



BINGO: Due to exams **THERE WILL BE NO BINGO** on Wednesday 16th **OCTOBER**. The new earlier date is: **WEDNESDAY 9th OCTOBER at 1:30pm.**

RIJST TAFEL / RICE TABLE Saturday 26th October 2019

Doors of the clubrooms and the bar will be open from 5:30pm. The cost of this nice dinner will be \$25.00pp. Please give your name to Anneke, phone: 357 4273

Before 23 OCTOBER



MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL TIME

For those of you who have paid the membership fees we thank you very much.

For those who need a gentle reminder:

Membership fees: \$30.00 per family and \$20.00 for a single person.

Internet Banking: Westpac – Account No. 03-1552-0094193-00. In Reference Box add your Name.



**IN MEMORY OF PIETER JOHAN MARIE VAN ETTEN
14 January 1927 – 17 July 2019**

Piet has been a pillar of the Netherlands Society for the 50 years and more that he has been involved with the Dutch Community of Rotorua.

You could say he was the Kaumatua of the club for his drive, passion & endless energy to make things happen.

Piet has worn many hats within the club from regularly mowing the lawns and keeping the gardens tidy to being the driving force behind organising popular events like the weekly Golf club get togethers for members at Hamurana golf course & for organising golf competitions in and around the Bay for members.

Piet was also a regular visitor to the hospital and various care centres of Rotorua, calling in on sick members and often staying around for a chat.

For a while he even dabbled in being the Editor of our club letter the Geyser News.

It was Piet who made sure that all members had a good supply of the popular Dutch vegetable known as witlof and he went out of his way to deliver to those people who did not have any transport.

He has held the position of President of the club for many years and was also one of the, if not the main instigator to set up the Dutch Community Trust 2000, to raise funds, over \$26.000 to construct a Wind Sculpture designed by Martin Tissink and to donate it to the Rotorua Council, to thank them, on behalf of the Dutch Community, for their great support of all the new immigrants that came & settled in Rotorua over the years.

Piet was always in attendance at the regular socials held by the club, together with his lovely wife Margaret, back in the days where we had live bands entertaining us.

Piet was a regular helper when it came to maintaining the clubhouse at Neil Hunt Park.

Piet was highly respected within the Dutch Club for his efforts to keep the Dutch traditions & cultures alive, always keen to help new immigrants in any way he could. In 2010 Piet was made a Life Member of the club and we celebrated his achievements with a luncheon at the club with his family, friends and club members. On this occasion he spoke and said he just loved being a part of the Dutch club and most importantly, the people you meet in the process.

Due to the aging population of members, he started a drive around 2006 to try and get younger immigrants and 2nd generation Dutchies to get involved in the running of the club, as he felt, without them the club would die. In 2010 he succeeded and a committee based on younger members was formed and after many years Piet bowed out graciously, but was always there to guide us through.

Piet & Margaret have continued to frequent the Dutch Markets, Xmas luncheons and various other social events up until the past year when he required extra attention and moved to the Gardens rest home.

There, at one stage, he had the staff frantically looking for him all over the place until they were told by Annie Kessels, another Dutch club member, that he had been picked up to go to the monthly coffee morning at the club.

On behalf of the Netherlands Society, we would like to extend our sincere condolences to his wife Margaret and his children Paul, Alex and Andrew.

We are sure that most Dutch club members will agree when we say that it has been a privilege to have known Piet, a man who was passionate, with a heart of gold, and who was so proud of his Dutch Heritage and who wanted to share this with so many.

Piet, you will be sorely missed by us all and

Thank you very much for all you've done for the club.

AGM THURSDAY 5th SEPTEMBER 2019

We invite you to join us for soup and broodjes from 5:30pm onwards which is a great time to socialise and catch up with other members before we start the AGM at 7pm. You are most welcome to arrive at 7pm for the AGM if that suits you better. Coffee & cake will be served at the end of the AGM.

AGENDA:

1. Opening
2. Reading and Approval of the Minutes of last year's AGM
3. The Delivery and Discussion of the Annual Report by the President
4. The Delivery and Discussion of the Financial Report by the Treasurer
5. Discussion about Auditor's Report
6. Nomination for Committee Members

At present we have 8 committee members, a maintenance subcommittee of 3, a custodian / membership administrator and an editor of the Geyser News.

IF ANYONE IS KEEN TO JOIN ONE OF OUR COMMITTEES, YOU ARE MOST WELCOME!!

7. Election of Officers and Members of the Executive Committee
8. General Business
9. Close of Meeting and Coffee and Cake are Served

75th COMMEMORATION OF THE BATTLE OF ARNHEM

This commemoration will be held on 20th-22nd September in the Rotorua's Government Gardens at the Rotorua Bowling Club. The Dutch Community will be represented by Douwe Visser and Koos Brasser. All Dutch people are invited and there will be a separate letter with all the information included in this Geyser News.

We have been saddened by the loss of **Kees van Deursen**. Kees came to New Zealand in 1956 and settled in Wellington. Kees moved to Rotorua in 1988 and was a member of our Klaverjas Club. Kees passed away on 30th July 2019. Kees leaves behind a daughter and son, 3 grandchildren and 1 great-grand daughter.

SOME MEMBERS HAVE ASKED TO RECEIVE THE NEWSLETTER BY EMAIL. WE ARE HAPPY TO POST YOUR NEWSLETTER OUT TO YOU, BUT IF YOU PREFER TO GET IT BY EMAIL, PLEASE CONTACT ME ON: hikroese1@gmail.com or PHONE: 347 0251

BUYING A BOX OF CROQUETTES

This has to be ordered by Anneke, 357 4273, at least a month ahead of the Market Day. Anneke can put a special order in for you. To come to the Market Day and ask for a box of croquettes is not possible, but you can put in your order for the next Market Day.



WHAT'S ON IN THE CLUBROOMS EVERY MONTH

| | |
|----------------|--|
| Coffee Morning | Every 1st Tuesday at 10 am |
| Bingo | Every 3 rd Wednesday at 1:30 pm |
| Art & Craft | Every Wednesday at 10 am |
| | Phone Elly 347 7303 |

THIS IS YOUR COMMITTEE:

| | | |
|----------------------|---------------------|--------------|
| ANNEKE MEERKERK | PRESIDENT / CATERER | 357 4273 |
| JO HARVEY | SECRETARY | 348 2280 |
| FRANS SCHAEFFERS | TREASURER | 022 647 9188 |
| CHRIS BOS | COMMITTEE | 357 2138 |
| DORIEN VROOM BARCLAY | COMMITTEE | 027 245 0287 |
| PIET ELMIGER | COMMITTEE | 343 6769 |
| LILY PRUMMEL | COMMITTEE | 021 354 598 |
| RUDY VAN DEN ENG | COMMITTEE | 022 698 9163 |

NON COMMITTEE MEMBERS

ALIE VISSER 345 9383
CUSTODIAN / HALL HIRE / MEMBERSHIP ADM. / NEWSLETTER DISPATCH

DOUWE VISSER / MARIUS KRUIJNIGER / TON KESSELS
GENERAL MAINTENANCE

INA KROESE EDITOR hikroese1@gmail.com / 021 159 9097 / 347 0251

From the Editors Desk:


Please take note of the upcoming events. Write these dates on your calendar or put the first page of this newsletter on your fridge so you can't forget the dates.



To those of you who have suffered the loss of a loved one in recent times, our thoughts are with you.

If you or your loved ones are suffering from an illness or injury, I hope there is a speedy recovery.

Support your hardworking committee and come to the AGM on 5th September. When you arrive at 5:30 you will get a cup of soup with bread and after the meeting a cup of coffee or tea with a nice piece of cake.

I will see you all at the  AGM



Enjoy the company of your fellow Dutchies and till next time.