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**FOLLOWING IN THE FOOTSTEPS
OF THE GREAT DUTCH MARINERS:**

**Wijnand and Marlies Peters travel the world
in their sailboat "Ocean Goose"
(See page 4)**

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EDITOR'S REPORT

Dear Readers,

Welcome to the first Echo of 2020! A lot has happened since last December. St Nicholas Picnic, a lovely event with lots of fun. Many happy children and Mammias, Pappas, Omas and Opas. Lovely gentle St Nicholas and his best buddies, Pete One and Pete Two came to visit us. They arrived at the park in the lovely motorcar, kindly donated for the afternoon by Mr and Mrs De Vries.

Then the St Nick's Tea-party for the more mature members of the NSC. It was fun to see so many good people being called for a special audience with St Nick. And I am glad the Saint still has such a comfortable lap for a man his age! This year the NSC had a float in the Christchurch Christmas Parade and this time there were quite a few Dutch participants.

And last but not least the Christmas BBQ. The food was delicious, the company in the best of spirits and the cherry on the Christmas cake was the nativity performance by the 'Younger Generation' which was once more such a treat. Baby J. was just so sweet and well behaved. Thank you to the organisers for making this a true show stopper!



Over the holiday period we had some amazing visitors from the Netherlands. A couple of friends from Martin's family popped in while touring NZ on their fantastic mode of transport.

Marjon and Bart Smulders brought their tandem from the Netherlands. They landed in Auckland and started biking. After 10 weeks they arrived on our 'Pleasurable Mountain' and had travelled 4000 km!

What stories they told us. They have seen what many of us, who live here, have (and never will) seen. It was so lovely to be told how impressed with the country and its people they are and....that they never had one flat tyre!

Yoka Saris

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Dear Members,

While I am sitting here writing my President's report it dawns on me that I have not very much to tell you as yet. So I will keep it short and wish you all a very happy 2020!

I also hope that it will be a good year for the Society. And, who knows, you might feel like giving us a helping hand to lighten the load of my hardworking band of men (oops....!) and women, to make our club worthwhile to carry on during the 20ths.

At the end of last year I heard from some people who said they might be willing to assist us. However only one lady gave her name and telephone number, thank you **Miriam Denny!**

I am looking forward to hear from the rest of you.

Regards,

Ron

Letters to the Editor:

Op 1 november vorig jaar zagen wij het fantastische toneelstuk 'De Hemelse Liefde'. Het was werkelijk een feest. Ik was van plan alle medewerkers aan deze leuke avond hartelijk te bedanken maar we gingen met vakantie en ik vergat het gewoon. Dus alsnog heel erg bedankt en we hopen dit jaar weer te kunnen genieten van Toenail Culture Ale.

Jan en Trudy van Nobelen.

"Dear Sir/Madam,

We are looking for Edward and Hennie (Henriette) Schmidt. They moved to New Zealand in 1995. Hennie then worked in nursing in intensive care as a clinical nurse educator in Northland DHB. In 2002 she started working there on day treatment. I also emailed this hospital, but they don't respond.

Edward studied economics together with my foster father in Tilburg. In New Zealand he worked as a real estate agent at the Real Estate Company for a while. I cannot find any further information about that. In 2002 he started a business/accountancy study.

Both have an Indonesian background. They lived in Auckland at least until 2002 on 2/10 Highlight Parade. At South Waitakere City.

I don't know if they might have moved to live in your village. Maybe they have acquaintances or friends there. I believe I have read from the newspaper article in the NRC that you have a newspaper. Could there possibly be an advertisement in there? Or maybe there is a notice board?

I would really like to bring these people in contact with each other again. They have lost sight of each other due to illness and emigration and we are very curious how Edward and Hennie are doing.

Hopefully you can help us!

Thank you in advance,

Sincerely,

Mette Kloet from Holland."

If you can help, please, get in touch with Mette via mettekloet@hotmail.com.

MORE DUTCH ADVENTURERS VISIT NEW ZEALAND.

Early January we had the pleasure of a visit from Martin's ex colleague and her husband from the Netherlands. "So what's new," you will most probably say. Well, let me explain: In my Editor's report I already wrote about the visit of Marjon and Bart Smulders, who came here and were travelling through NZ on their tandem.

Marlies and Wijnand Peters sailed singlehanded from the Netherlands to New Zealand on their 14 mtr sailboat "Ocean Goose". In July 2015 they rented out their home and decided to sail the world. They left the Netherlands on the 5th of July 2015.

They sailed via France to Spain; Portugal; Algarve; the Azores; Madeira; Canary Islands; Cape Verdi; Suriname; Tobago; the Caribbean; British Virgin Islands; Puerto Rico, Los Roques in Venezuela, Bonaire; Curacao; Aruba; Colombia; San Blas Islands; Panama.

From Panama they sailed 40 days non-stop to French Polonesia; Tahiti; Society Islands; Palmerston Island; Niue; Tonga; Minerva Reef North and in November 2019 reached Opuia in New Zealand.

In Opuia they met another group of Dutch sailors, who had made the trip to NZ via various sailing routes.



Marlies and Wijnand have left their "Ocean Goose" moored in Opuia and are now travelling in a small camper-van, left earlier by their son, who had bought it while seeing our country and who in the meantime has left for Australia to do some surfing (as you do when you are young!!!).

The couple will leave New Zealand in May 2020 to sail over to New Caledonia; Australia; Indonesia and plan to reach Singapore in January 2021 and to sail from there on to Thailand; Maleisia; Sri Lanka, Oman, the Red Sea; Suez Canal, Kreta.....!



And yes.....Marlies and Wijnand do have a break now and then.
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(informatie bron Algemeen Dagblad)



Hoeveel Nederlanders zijn niet opgegroeid met Aart Staartjes, die door de gevolgen van een verkeersongeluk met zijn brommobiel in Leeuwarden op 12 januari 2020 overleed? Met zijn televisie optredens heeft hij decennialang diverse generaties vermaakt. Hij werd vooral bekend als Meneer Aart uit 'Sesamstraat'. Een type dat hij ooit omschreef 'als iemand die de bal lek prikte.'

In de jaren 70 was Staartjes een van de drijvende krachten van 'De Stratenmakeropzeeshow' met Wieteke van Dort (De Deftige Dame) en Joost Prinsen (Erik Engerd), een baanbrekend kinderprogramma, waarin Staartjes als het personage De Straat schitterde.

De makers deinsden er niet van terug om controversiele onderwerpen te behandelen, zoals als pies en poep, kinderen die hun ouders de les lazten en het belachelijk maken van onderwijzers in sketches, waarin Staartjes en Van Dort de eeuwige zittenblijvers speelden.

Fatsoenminnend Nederland sprak regelmatig schande van deze brutale benadering van de kinderziel van 'De Statenmakeropzeeshow'. Sommige ouders verboden hun kinderen zelfs naar het programma te kijken. Maar uitzendingen kenden ook veel bewonderaars door de originele en gedurfde wijze waarop de onderwerpen werden behandeld.

Van het programma zijn in de jaren 1972 en 1974 55 afleveringen gemaakt. Daarna gingen Staartjes en zijn collega's aan de slag met het eveneens bewierookte 'J.J. de Bom, voorheen de kindervriend.' dat eind jaren 70 werd uitgezonden en slechts 32 afleveringen telde. Het programma werd in 1979 wel bekroond met de Zilveren Nipkowschijf van de televisiecritici.



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KLAVERJAS CLUB 'ONS GENOEGEN'

Er staat alweer een heel nieuw jaar klaar met allemaal goede voornemens. Laten we hopen dat we ze volhouden!

Onze break-up was weer gezellig: We speelden 2 potjes, met een glaasje wijn en wat lekkers erbij. Daarna was het tijd voor de lunch. Er werd van genoten en dat was natuurlijk ook de bedoeling van Ans en Theo van Vuuren, die het allemaal hadden klaar gemaakt. Ik zou zeggen: "Zeer geslaagd!" Voordat we aan ons middag dutje gingen denken moesten natuurlijk nog wel even de winnaars van het Roster bekend gemaakt worden. De kampioen van het jaar 2019 was:

Arda Hogendoorn, 103145 punten; 2) Koos van Nieuwkerk, 101361 punten; 3) Bep van Polanen, 101337 punten; 4) Truus Nijssen, 101321 punten; 5) Theo van Vuuren, 99702 punten; 6) Ans van Vuuren, 97806 punten; 7) Lilly Willemsen, 97771 punten; 8) Thea Beulink, 97685 punten; 9) Wim de Winter, 95849 punten; 10) Anna Fekkes, 93263 punten. Als de winnaars ontvingen een geld prijs en een fles wijn. Degenen met de meeste 'pitten' waren: 1) Ans van Vuuren en Thea Beuling beiden met 28 pitten; 2) Arda Hogendoorn, 25 pitten; 3) Truus Nijssen en Theo van Vuuren beiden met 23 pitten. Zij kregen allen een fles 'Bubbly'. Maar niemand verliet die dag met lege handen, iedereen kreeg nog een klein kerstcadeautje.

2019 was een jaar van vreugde maar ook veel verdriet. Hopelijk blijven we van dat laatste verschoond in 2020! 21 januari zijn we weer begonnen met Klaverjas, in de maart uitgave van de Echo maak ik de uitslagen bekend.

Dit was het laatste nieuws van de Klaverjas club. We hopen dat jullie allen een fijne vakantie tijd hebben beleefd. Pas goed op je zelf en vergeet niet: Veel plezier met het spel van het leven!

Wim



YOUTH OF YESTERDAY

Hello everyone! By the time you receive this we will be about to start another year of getting together on Fridays.

Don't forget Friday, 31st of January. I will have the coffee ready when you come in.

What a busy time it was for most folk leading up to Christmas, I know it was but for me it was most enjoyable. I took my great granddaughter Eva to see St Nicholas at the picnic for the first time. What a great day. After that I went to St Nicholas's birthday party for the oldies.

Next we celebrated a Christmas break-up for the YOY with a most enjoyable dinner. I must say a special thank-you to Lillian van Elk. After the meal Lillian banned me from the kitchen and did all the dishes and the cleaning up. She is such a hard working person! The last function I enjoyed was the Christmas BBQ. The children, who performed the nativity scene, were such a delight!

I like to send a message out to anyone who reads this to invite you to come along to play a game of Rummikub or just to be social and come along on Friday mornings. Give me ring should you like some further information: 03 313 5305. Coffee is ready at 9.30 am. A bottomless cup with a 'speculaasje' for just \$2.00. Do bring you own lunch. We usually finish up by 1.30pm.

Regards to you all!

Leona

Your happiness will be the mark of your success.



“21 MAN”

Een spraakmakend boek, tot in Nieuw-Zeeland!

“21 Man” was de afgelopen maanden in Nederland een spraakmakend boek. Van de eerste druk van 2000 stuks zijn inmiddels 1850 exemplaren verkocht, tot in 7 landen toe. Het boek vindt ook zijn weg naar Nieuw-Zeeland, omdat enkele hoofdstukken zijn gewijd aan Nederlanders die na de Tweede Wereldoorlog naar Nieuw-Zeeland zijn geëmigreerd.

Het bijzondere boek heeft als vertrekpunt een zeer drukbezochte voetbalwedstrijd in Sneek op 21 mei 1944, die door de Duitse bezetters werd gebruikt om een razzia uit te voeren. De wedstrijd ging tussen de teams van de districten Noord en West. Bij de razzia werden 21 mannen opgepakt. Tot 75 jaar na dato was nooit bekend wat er met hen gebeurd was.

Schrijver-journalist Peter van der Meeren raakte geïntrigeerd door wat zich op genoemde zondag moet hebben afgespeeld en startte een onderzoek. Hij stuitte op een fascinerende reeks verhalen. Ze gaan over ‘gewone mannen’ en vrouwen, fameuze voetballers zoals Abe Lenstra, Kick Smit, Piet Kraak en Arie de Vroet, verzetshelden, schurken en vele families die tot de dag van vandaag geraakt worden door alles wat uit de razzia voortvloeide. Tot deze families behoren die van Wybe Oppenhuis en Frederik Poelman. Oppenhuis wist tijdens de razzia vele mannen te redden. Hij emigreerde in de jaren ‘50 naar Nieuw-Zeeland. De schrijver sprak met nazaten. Van de familie Poelman speelde Klaas mee in de razziewedstrijd’. Hij en Frits emigreerden eveneens naar Nieuw-Zeeland en hebben voor hun nieuwe vaderland officiële voetbalinterlands gespeeld. Ook voor hen veel aandacht in ‘21 Man’

‘21 Man’ is een uniek boek, over een aangrijpend stuk geschiedenis. Het boek telt liefst 480 pagina’s in A4 formaat, met hardcover en leslint. Peter van der Meeren schreef het zonder winstoogmerk.

Alle opbrengsten komen ten goede aan een herdenkingsplaquette en educatieve reizen voor jongeren.

Zie ook de website www.boek21man.nl. ‘21 Man’ kost slechts 24,50 Euro (exclusief verzendkosten, die bedragen plm. 32.00 Euro) en kan ook bij de schrijver worden besteld. Zijn mailadres is: p.vdm@home.nl



CHILDCARE, HEALTHCARE AND HOUSING BENEFIT SYSTEM NEEDS REFORM, SAYS PM MARK RUTTE. (DutchNews.nl)

Prime Minister Mark Rutte has told MPs he wants to scrap the current childcare, housing and healthcare benefit system and replace it with a simpler alternative.

Speaking during a debate on the childcare benefit scandal, in which some 300 families were wrongly ordered to repay thousands of euros to the tax office, Rutte said the current system needs reform.

“Of course we don’t want so many people relying on benefits,” Rutte said during the debate. “Talking off the top of my head, I think we have seven million people claiming healthcare benefits. And that should be able to be dealt with through salaries and the tax system.”

Childcare, housing and healthcare supplements are means-tested benefits and have been administered by the tax office since 2005. Claimants are given the money and their claims are checked retro-actively against their tax returns.

Each benefit has its own limit. For example, last year couples earning less than 37,885 euros are entitled to healthcare benefits, but the income limit for housing was 30,825 euros - and only if you lived in a rent-controlled property.

Last week, finance minister Wopke Hoekstra announced plans to split the tax office into three units - tax, benefits and customs - and divide responsibility between two junior ministers.

Reforming the benefit system will be an ‘enormous job’, Rutte said. Nothing will be taboo because otherwise reform will not work, the prime minister said.

He hopes the new plans will be ready in time for the next government. The next general election is in March 2021.

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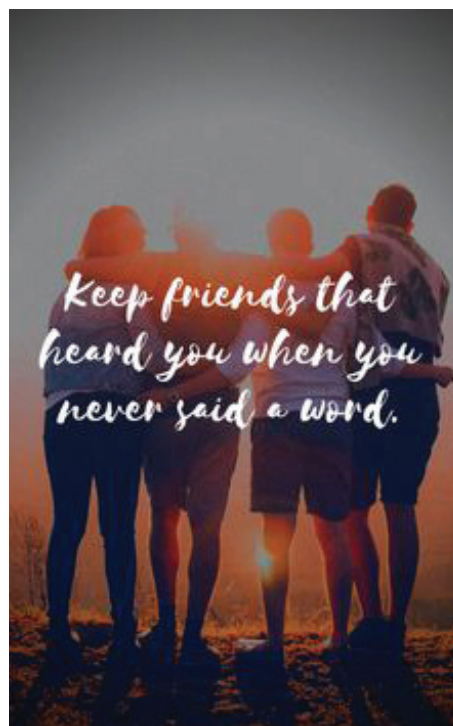
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