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THE DOUBLE DUTCH

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Sinterklaas en
Kerstmis

**Season's
Greetings**

Sinterklaas
6 December, 1.30pm
Avalon Clubhouse



PRESIDENT



FROM THE PRESIDENT - VAN DE VOORZITTER

Well life seems to be getting as close to "normal" as it can be for us here in sheltered New Zealand. Looking at the rest of the world it is quite a different story and I am afraid that the current pandemic is going to stay with us for some time to come.

Unfortunately, "Mate Korona" was also the main reason why we had to cancel our biggest event of the year, namely Tulip Sunday. Read on in this edition to find out how you can still sample a flavour of the 2020 Spring Festival.

Leidens Ontzet this year was celebrated on 11th October and was a complete sell-out. Although it means a strenuous few ours of food preparation, I really enjoy this event and look forward to it every year. You'll find more information in the article written by Rita further on in this issue.

Our social events on Sunday afternoon and Wednesday morning have restarted immediately after Wellington going to COVID alert level 1 and, judging by the numbers of attendees, they were really missed by our members. These two events, for me, really are the heartbeat monitor indicating the health of our club and I am happy to see that both turn-out and enjoyment gauges

are well in the green. Great to see so many participating in these events and a big thank you to those volunteers who, while on duty, are slaving away in the kitchen for us.

Looking ahead we have a full program for you in the coming months.

We start off with a birthday bash on the 21st November, followed by Sinterklaas on the 6th December, our Christmas lunch on 20th December and lastly we welcome the New Year on our first Social Sunday meeting on 6th January. In between all these dates there will be the Christmas events of the social clubs in Island Bay, Waikanae and Levin. A complete overview of all dates for these events can be found in this edition. Please put these in your agenda so I can look forward meeting you then.

When writing this, late October, it is a bit hard for me to think about Christmas which seems so far away. It will, however, be upon as soon as we think, certainly with the plenitude of events to attend.

So that leaves me with wishing you all a wonderful start of summer with lots of sunshine, fun and hopefully you can spare a few moments to think about what you could do for the people in our social circles who are less fortunate than us?

Have a great holiday season.

Pierre

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



SECRETARY



FROM THE SECRETARY - VAN DE SECRETARIS



On the 11th of October, we held Leiden's Ontzet with 38 members and 3 non-members dining and two members working in the kitchen but not eating! It was a great success with a mix of music from Ben on his ocarina and Pierre with his quiz to entertain everyone. Plenty of food was cooked with enough for seconds.

On Saturday 17th of October, the Annual National Council Meeting (ANCM) of the Federation of New Zealand Netherlands Societies was held in Foxton. Our club was well represented at the meeting, which was held in the museum next to the Dutch windmill. Joost de Bruin, Federation President, is a member of our club. Ellen Tavenier, also a member of our club, is the Federation Secretary. Anne-Marie Knibbeler was the Minute Secretary, I was the delegate representing our club, Carolina van Rooy and Kees Dorresteijn were observers.

The meeting started with a Karakia by Te Taitoa Māori o Te Awahou, an address by the Horowhenua Mayor Bernie Wanden and an address by Ambassador Mira Woldberg.

Then the general business of the meeting began with the acceptance of the Minutes from the last ANCM, President's report, Federation Task list, proposal of a Dutch Week, and the DutchNZ.nz website. A guest speaker from the office of Ethnic Communities gave an informative PowerPoint presentation.

After lunch we were invited to the Parallax art exhibition of NZ Dutch artists, opened by the Ambassador in the gallery of Te Awahou Nieuwe Stroom museum, followed by presentations from Arjan van der Boon of the Foxton Windmill Trust and the Dutch Connection Trust. Then we had the discussions of the annual reports from the member clubs, planning for the future of the Federation and Sinterklaas celebrations with



advice from the Federation President regarding the controversial topic of Piets in this modern age.

After a coffee break, we had the Financial report, decision on affiliation fees, and the election of officers. The next ANCM will be held in Rotorua on Saturday 30th of October 2021.

For those who would like more information regarding the Federation, Joost de Bruin is due to attend the last coffee morning for this year, Wednesday 16th December, to speak about the aims and objects of the Federation and the new initiatives announced at the ANCM. We have received quite a lot of information from Arjan van der Boon that was announced at the ANCM, so please let me know if you would like it e-mailed to you.

Dawn



Lang zullen ze leven!

Happy Birthday

Harry v.d. Gulik, Bill van Waas, Pierre Schmits, Jan Bakker.
Willem Knibbler, Anna van Bunnik, John Pijenburg, JoAnna
Eikenbroek and Henny Ekens.



Spring Festival

Te Wā o te Kōanga

26 Sept-11 Oct 2020

TULIP SUNDAY 2020

Wellington Botanical Garden

As mentioned in my introduction, the Spring Festival in the Wellington Botanic Gardens this year took place without public events. The gardens were open but no events that solicited large groups of people congregating (such as Tulip Sunday) were held.

Organisation of Tulip Sunday usually starts in August and around that time Wellington was at COVID alert level 1 and hence it was decided to go ahead with the organisation of the event. But only a few weeks later the level 2 announcement kicked-in for Wellington and it was decided, by both Wellington Botanic Gardens and our Club that we would play it safe and cancel the event.

We did however create two videos and two Dutch recipes as was requested by the Botanic Gardens and they were used on their Facebook page as a virtual stand-in for the event. One video is about the relationship between the gardens and our club as it has evolved over the past 70 years and the other is about our club itself. The recipes they posted were about "Huzarensalade" provided by Anna Heythuysen and about "Boterkoek" as Rita Langerak bakes it. I would like to use this opportunity to thank the many volunteers that helped creating the videos and recipes.

For those of you who have missed the videos, head to the Facebook page of the Wellington Botanic Gardens and look for posts around 27th September. Alternatively, you can follow below links for access to the videos:

<https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=829136984494134>

<https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=648364866105014>

For the Council's and Embassy's contribution to virtual Tulip Sunday go to:

<https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=370943630746123>

Personally, I visited the gardens a few days before the planned Tulip Sunday and, while I was a little bit less impressed than other years, it was a beautiful display of colour and shape. I certainly hope that we will be able to organise this great event again next year.

Pierre

LEIDENS ONTZET 2020

On Sunday the 11th October we celebrated Leidens Ontzet and greeted our 38 guests with a glass of bubbles.

The tables were decorated with crispy white cloths. Anna Heythuysen added an extra boost by putting small containers filled with flowers, greenery and candles on the tables which added a very welcoming and festive start to the event.

The salted herrings served on slices of white bread tasted YUMMY as did the "hutspot" and dessert and I don't think I speak only for myself? Between the main dish and dessert it was down to Pierre to present a quiz. The quiz contained tricky questions as you can expect from him. For every question he read out, the guests had the option of four answers. It was good fun and also refreshed our brains.

The first prize was won by Annet Forkink and Huub Weijers, the "biggest shoe size" prize by Hille van der Valk and Nicholas & Hans Nobelen had to share the prize for the "wish for a day" question. Well done to all of you.

The atmosphere was marvellous, and later that evening, everyone joined in singing songs, mostly Dutch ones, which were accompanied by Ben's ocarina.

Lastly, a BIG THANK YOU to the volunteers, for the organisation and hard work that made this year's Leidens Ontzet event a success. A special thanks goes to Pieter Koedijk and his muscles for the hard work of mashing the vegetables and potatoes!

Rita



Dear parents and children

It won't be long now until Sinterklaas and his Pieten arrive in New Zealand!

Sinterklaas will be at Clubhouse Avalon on Sunday 6 December. The doors of the clubhouse will open at 1:30pm for activities and playtime, and Sinterklaas and his Pieten will arrive at 2:30pm.

Please ensure you register to participate. You can do this at: www.dutchclubwellington.co.nz/sinterklaas. Registrations will close on 25th November with payment no later received than 30 November.

Entrance fee per child (2-12 yrs): \$10 for members and \$15 for non-members. The fee includes a gift from Sinterklaas plus a drink and some nibble for the children. For updates, details and further activities, follow Sinterklaas's journey on Facebook at www.facebook.com/dutchclubwellington

Note: We are currently in Alert Level 1. Plans will be adjusted according to Alert Levels.



**DUTCH CLUB
WELLINGTON**

**sinterklaas
2020**

**Avalon House
Lower Hutt**

info + registration:
dutchclubwellington.co.nz

activities + updates:
[f](https://www.facebook.com/dutchclubwellington) **dutchclubwellington**

**SUNDAY
December 6th**

1.30pm

Plans will be adjusted according to COVID-19 Alert Levels



Christmas lunch

20 December

At Avalon House

11am

lunch at 12.30pm

bookings by 14 December:

Dawn: 04-9382378

dutchclubwlg.secretary@gmail.com

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

This year our Christmas lunch will be on Sunday 20th December at the clubhouse in Avalon. As per our norm we will be serving a sumptuous lunch buffet with starter, various mains and side dishes and, of course, dessert and coffee. We will keep the details of the menu under wraps until later but promise that you will not be disappointed.

As per the usual, the clubrooms will be decorated in seasonal splendour and you can expect entertainment and sing-alongs to be organised. You are welcome from noon onwards for a welcome drink and a chat before lunch which will start at around 12:30 hrs.

De entrance price for this event will be \$25 for members and \$35 for non-members and seats will be limited to 40 guests. **RSVP is required and should be done before Monday 14th December by either emailing Dawn Dorresteijn (dutchclubwlg.secretary@gmail.com) or registering in person with Ann Beyk at the clubhouse.** Please let us know of any dietary requirements when registering and we try to accommodate your preferences.

Please note that registration is only complete after we have received your payment which should be before 14th December and can be done in one of the following two ways:

- Electronic transfer to account number: 03-0525-0098055-000
(Please mention Christmas lunch in the payment)
- or Cash by paying Ann Beyk at the clubhouse.

This will be the last event of the year and I look forward to seeing you all.

Pierre



NEW YEAR'S toast

3 January 2021

2pm

At Avalon House

all welcome!

NEW YEAR CELEBRATION

On 3rd January 2021, our Social Sunday afternoon will be all about welcoming the New Year and sharing our resolutions. We will do this from 14:00 hrs onwards at our clubhouse in Avalon.

There will be coffee treats such as oliebollen and wafels and a nibble will be served with the drinks later.

Coffee, treats, nibbles and your first drink will be free if you are a member!

This year we would like to do a "challenge and reward" experiment for those amongst you who dare to share their resolution. Want to find out more? Join us on 3 rd January.

I look forward to toasting to the New Year with you.

Pierre

WHAT'S ON AT THE CLUBHOUSE

COFFEE MORNING

Every 1st & 3rd Wednesday
from 10am-1pm. Last day 16
December, potluck lunch with a
visit from Joost de Bruin.

SUNDAY INSTUIF

Every Sunday From 2-5pm.

KLAVERJAS

Every Tuesday from 10am-2pm.
Bring your own lunch. Last day
15 December.

SINTERKLAAS

Sunday 6 December, 1.30pm.

CHRISTMAS

Sunday 20 December, 11am.

NEW YEAR

Sunday 3 January, 2pm.

WHAT'S ON ELSEWHERE

WAIKANAE COFFEE GROUP

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

Christmas function 4 December.

ISLAND BAY COFFEE GROUP

Every Wednesday, 10.30am,
Island Bay Community Centre.

Christmas function 9 December.

LEVIN COFFEE MORNING

Every last Thursday of the
month, 10am, Levin Bridge Club.
Christmas function 26 November.

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Tuesday Klaverjas Club

There are only a few more card playing days before the end of 2020.

The weekly results are:

Week 30	25 August	Harry v/d Gulik	4749
Week 31	1 September	No playing	
Week 32	8 September	Bill Wegewijs	4864
Week 33	15 September	Harry v/d Gulik	4737
Week 34	22 September	Julie Tan	5111
week 35	29 September	Jo de Graauw	5184
Week 35	6 October	Jo de Graauw	5071
Week 37	13 October	Julie Tan	4951
Week 38	20 October	Bill Wegewijs	5133
Week 39	27 October	Julie Tan	4684

The last day for playing cards is on 15th December. We start playing again on Tuesday 2nd February 2021. I wish you all a lovely Christmas, New Year and holiday. I look forward to seeing you all back on the 2nd of February 2021. Till then, Ann Beyk

BEYOND THE CLUBHOUSE

STOP MET AFPAKKEN NEDERLANDSE PASPOORTEN



Oproep aan premier Rutte:

**help ons Nederlander te blijven,
maak dubbele nationaliteit mogelijk**

Nederland, handelsland. Je komt ons overal ter wereld tegen. We ondernemen in het buitenland, we spreken onze talen, we zorgen voor internationaal toerisme en we zijn de beste ambassadeurs van Nederland. Voor de internationale activiteiten en de economische positie van Nederland zijn wij van onmisbaar belang. Maar velen van ons, ongeveer één miljoen Nederlanders buiten de landsgrenzen, zitten klem.

Een oude wet over de Nederlandse nationaliteit dwingt ons tot onmogelijke keuzes. Wij willen graag Nederlander blijven, maar kunnen soms geen huis kopen, een baan niet krijgen, onze geliefden niet zien en geen gewoon leven leiden zonder de lokale nationaliteit aan te nemen.

Als we dat doen, pakt Nederland ons ongemerkt het Nederlanderschap af. Met onmiddellijke ingang, zonder waarschuwing, zonder recht op beroep. Jong of oud,

progressief of conservatief, getrouwd of alleenstaand, baby of pensionado: het kan ons allemaal raken, tenzij je net het geluk hebt onder een uitzondering te vallen. Afgezien van de enorme impact op onze levens, wordt ons zo de Nederlandse identiteit afgenomen.

Het uitgangspunt van één nationaliteit stamt uit een wet van 1892. Voor een land dat zo internationaal opereert, is dit hopeloos ouderwets. Van Frankrijk tot Amerika, van Australië tot Brazilië: veel landen hebben dubbele nationaliteit inmiddels wél ingevoerd en daarmee de internationale context van hun burgers geaccepteerd.

Daarom roepen wij, Stichting Nederlanders buiten Nederland (SNBN), de premier en de Nederlandse politiek op om samen in het nieuwe kabinet eindelijk dit probleem op te lossen: help ons Nederlander te blijven.

Hoe?

- **Sta dubbele nationaliteit toe aan Nederlanders in het buitenland**
- **Geef het Nederlanderschap terug aan degenen die het verloren hebben**

Met de verkiezingen op komst is dit het moment om het nu echt op te lossen. Steun ons in de strijd tegen het afpakken van Nederlandse paspoorten.

Help mee: doneer € 25 of meer via NL38 INGB 0006 7695 48 t.n.v. Stichting Nederlanders buiten Nederland (SNBN). SNBN is door de Nederlandse belastingdienst erkend als algemeen nut beogende instelling (ANBI).

SNBN is de grootste onafhankelijke belangenorganisatie van alle Nederlanders in het buitenland, ongeacht politieke afkomst, locatie, verblijfsduur of levenssituatie. Onze Regionaal Vertegenwoordigers zitten over de hele wereld. De SNBN is politiek-neutraal; de leden van het bestuur zijn lid van negen verschillende Nederlandse politieke partijen.

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NETHERLANDS/NEW ZEALAND CONNECTIONS

A few things are happening in and around the Dutch/Kiwi connections and community.

The **Dutch Connections** was launched last June 2020. Please visit their website: www.dutchnz.nz for more info, especially their new 'Digitaal Dorpsplein' initiative.

The **NetherlaNZ Foundation** has also been busy. They recently called for applications from students for the 2020 NetherlaNZ Foundation Scholarship for Study in the Netherlands. A media release with information is available from our secretary or the Foundation itself: www.netherlandsfoundation.org.nz.

The **Federation of New Zealand Netherlands Societies Inc.** recently had their annual meeting. More info about this and their plans will be given when their president Joost de Bruin visits our clubhouse.

CAN YOU HELP?

Dear Sir/Madam.

I am working on family history and I am trying to find out about an Auntie and her children.

Eleonora Agatha Van de Coeverring married Harry Bradshaw in Wellington. I believe that they lived in the Lindon/ Porirua area. This was in 1995/96 or prior to. This was at the time of Harry Bradshaws death in 1966.

This was Harry Bradshaws second marriage so I assume it was also the same for Eleonora Van de Coeverring based on her age at time of the marriage.

Now Eleonora had children who I assume were not the children of Harry due to age at the marriage. Their names are: Janette, Lex ?, Harry & Roger.

Thank you for the possible assistance and I await your response.

My details: Phillip George. Dunedin. 027 244 1497. philgeorge20@hotmail.com

PRIVATE INVITATION GARDEN PARTY - 21 November

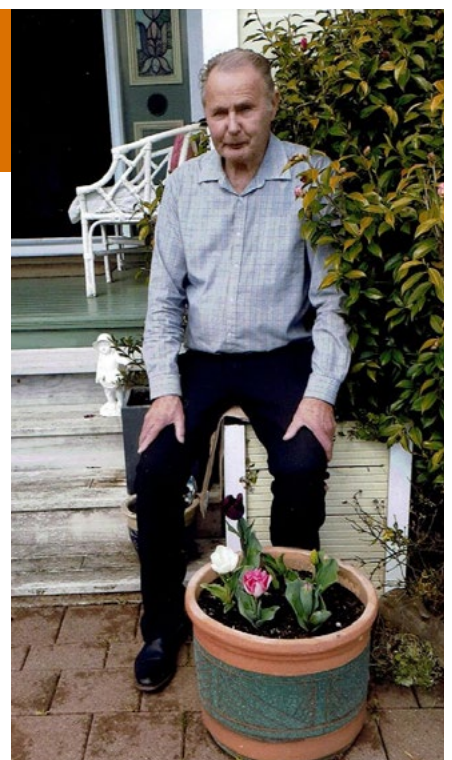
Chris and Mary Veenswyk invite all members of the Wellington Dutch Club to a Garden Party at 2.00pm, Saturday 21st November 2020, to celebrate his 80th birthday at their home, 534 Main Road North, Upper Hutt.

They will cater the event themselves so all you need to bring is fine weather. There is enough parking at their place for 6 cars but otherwise you can park on the street.

They will place balloons on their letter box although they might be hard to see when travelling north.

The Khandallah Choir will entertain the guests, as will the peacock and his two peahens.

Please reply to Chris and Mary by phoning them on 526 7631 or veenswykch@gmail.com before the 14th of November.



EDITOR



FROM THE EDITOR - VAN DE REDACTEUR

It's hard to believe I am editing the last Double Dutch for the year. It seems like yesterday we celebrated Sinterklaas and Christmas. This is turning out to be a most unusual and turmoil year. And a positive end to this is not quite in the picture yet. But I hope that you join me in staying hopeful.

As you may have noticed, I am a fan of Toon Hermans. I will use his words as my parting words for this last edition of the year...

I wish you all a beautiful, heartfelt and warmful holiday season and most of all, a big dollup of HOPE.

Anja

Hoop

Geef elkander hoop,
dan gaat alles goed,
geef elkander hoop,
als j' elkaar ontmoet.

Niet met dure woorden,
een rede of een preek,
nee, zo maar bij de slager
of in de apotheek.

Op een caféterrasje,
of in de bioscoop,
al is het nóg zo vluchtig,
maar geef elkander hoop.

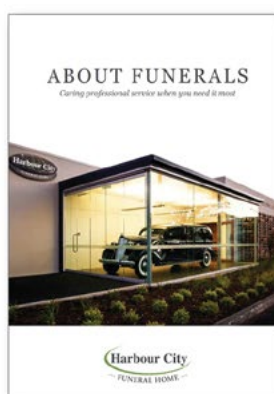
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