

# Dutch Touch

**Dutch Canadian Club (Edmonton)**

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Dear membership

I hope you are doing as good as can be expected under these brutal conditions: cold weather, and Covid-19. We all could use a little break from it. We are at the beginning of March and Spring is just around the corner. (Really! Its almost here!)

Our membership has been hit again with the passing of Emmy and Femke's brother, Marten de Vries. Also Jonn Verkerk, Janice Munch's partner, and Gerry and Wilma Thys' daughter-in-law Joanne and Edith Van Leeuwen's brother Lou Beens. We offer our deepest sympathies to you all.

As the month of March has been our time to hold an AGM we have to inform you that it will be postponed this year again until the majority of the membership has received the Covid-19 inoculation. In the meantime we are proceeding with a smaller team of directors and officers of the board. Femke de Vries and Emmy Diamond are stepping down. We give a very big thank you to Emmy and Femke for their long-time commitment to our club, they ran the Heritage Days for quite a few years and Femke stepped up to the plate to take over the position of Editor of our beloved Dutch Touch after Jenny was forced to give it up due to health reasons. We also want to thank Judy for looking after the books for many years and she is taking a step back after her surgeries last year. And how remarkable is it that our Jenny has now stepped up to the plate to assume the position of Treasurer for now.

So, you may wonder who is going to look after the Dutch Touch, well Rinske has expressed an interest in taking on that role, and she will collaborate with Jenny to learn the ins and outs of the printing business.

Another position that became available is the membership coordinator that was held for a long time by Lisa Putters and later taken over by Piet Putters. Talking to the board members last week Willie Korendyk, who is our current Secretary, said that she would look after that. So again, a big thank you Piet for looking after it for all those years.

The really good thing is that we are always finding someone to step up to the plate, as you can see, we are doing fine, and we will continue until we can have elections again sometime this summer or fall.

There are some rentals coming in again so hopefully that will continue for the balance of the coming year. Let's hope we can get together again soon.

In the meantime please stay safe and hang in there. We will get through this.

**Frank**



## MEMBERSHIP DUES

We would like to thank all members who have send in their membership dues for 2021. We appreciate your continued support and hopefully our Club can open again soon so we can enjoy the benefits of being a member again.

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Dear Membership:

It is with mixed emotions that I leave the Board of the DCC and my responsibilities for the Dutch Touch as the club has been a part of my life since my childhood and throughout my adult life as well.

Ever since our parents became involved in the DCC, first through the soccer club and the early activities of the inception of the Dutch Canadian Club and then later when our mother, Feikje (Faye) DeVries became more involved in the activities, first with the ladies auxiliary and then on the board and becoming President of the DCC our family has been involved with so many of the activities – many that were initiated by our mom.

I have worked the many dances that were held at the DCC as a coat check girl and then selling dance tickets with Jopie Breunesse and many other members to ensure we had enough money to cover the band (many times “The Emeralds”) and our expenses for these events.

There were many functions during those years when the membership was much younger, the dances, Amateur night (what laughs we had both performing and watching), the Dutch Spring Market – bartending with Yoke t’Hooft in a very busy clubroom during the Market; and Blooms Day / family day. I will never forget driving up for blooms day with mom and my boys and there were fire trucks in the parking lot! At first I thought - oh what a great idea for the kids (thinking that it was organized by someone at the DCC) and here our beloved club was on fire!! What an afternoon that was!

I was also part of the Klompen dancers in the early stages of that group and both of my sons belonged to the original Junior Klompen dancers and I still have newspaper clippings of them performing in public those young dance groups were so cute and so fun to be a part of (Jenny Smits was a very patient teacher ).

All the Heritage Days that we have been involved in since it began, remember our TV show “From Polder to Prairie” which was on Public TV?? I was able to host those shows on behalf of the DCC - one of them being filmed live from Hawrelak Park during Heritage Days!

It was another eye opening experience for Emmy and me as we took over the leadership of the Dutch Pavilion at Heritage Days more than 10 years ago - many challenges and good memories for us during that time and now after 35 years of being an active pavilion at that event, the DCC is no longer able to participate.

Then the challenge of taking over as Editor for the Dutch Touch a few years ago; hard shoes to fill as Jenny Smits did such an amazing job on our monthly newsletter (with help from many others including Lisa Putters). It was an eye-opener to see all the work involved in putting the newsletter together and then getting it out to the membership – thank you Piet Putters for all your help with this!

I have enjoyed it all and will treasure the memories and friendships I have made along the way. I wish all of you the best for the future!

Stay safe and stay healthy – **Femke**

To the Windmills,

Just a quick hello in addition to Frank's letter.

Hope this finds you all healthy and well. We have high hopes for 2021 especially now that we know that there are a number of vaccines available for the fight against Covid-19. The process to immunize everyone is well on its way so it could be just a matter of a few more months.

Maybe we can return to a more normal life by this summer, although it may still be a while before everything will go back to the way it was.

Hopefully the worst of winter is now behind us. So far it hasn't been too bad, just those 2 very cold weeks in February. Even in the Netherlands they had a taste of winter around the same time. It was fun watching YouTube videos of how excited they get over there with a little bit of ice and snow.

But now that is in the past since they are now enjoying early spring weather. My sister sent pictures of Crocuses and Sneeuwkllokjes (Snow drops) already in bloom. Here in Alberta we have a while to go yet, but the days are getting longer, that always helps.



The Corona cases are on their way down and we will keep watching the news releases on the easing of restrictions.

So hang in there and I hope I will see everyone in good health and spirits back at the club very soon.

**Rinske**

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To the DCC members:

It's been a delight and a privilege to serve on the board of directors. As many of you have known me since I was a small child, you know that this building and its members are very dear to my heart. I grew up at the DCC and when the opportunity came up for me and my sister Femke to take on Heritage Days, it seemed a natural progression. Hard to believe that was 10 years ago!! From the early days of the Spring Market, Silver Skate, the Annual Bazaar, Sinterklaas parties, Karaoke Nights, painting days, Bloomsday, Volunteer appreciation day, Dutch lessons and all the incidental events in between, I was a part of them all. I will treasure the memories and the friendships I made along the way.

I wish the Club every success and while the future is uncertain for all of us, I hope there are few more years for the membership to enjoy this beautiful facility. Stay safe.

**Emmy**

### RIDDLES

1. You measure my life in hours and I serve you by expiring. I'm quick when I'm thin and slow when I'm fat. The wind is my enemy. Who am I?
2. I weigh nothing, but you can still see me. If you put me in a bucket, I make the bucket lighter. What am I?

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To our members:

It's been a tough year for our club and when we were forced to close it became very quiet in our building. A few things happened during the year and Rinske has made a review of the year 2020 which you can find on pages 8 and 9. What I personally missed the most was our Thursday afternoons where we would meet and talk to our friends or play some games. Also our sewing on Tuesdays. I sure look forward to the time that we can do those things again.

We would like to thank Femke very much for doing great work with the Dutch Touch and keeping our members informed. She decided to retire but all her hard work has been very much appreciated.

Hopefully there will be more news for our members about coming activities and clubs in the near future and we will make sure to spread the word. Rinske and I are committed to keep the Dutch Touch alive and well and we are looking for some input from our members, i.e. pictures, stories, articles, news, to keep our publication interesting. Our readers like to hear from other members and that way we keep our connection going.

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## Immersive ‘Imagine Van Gogh’ exhibit coming to Edmonton

A family-friendly classical art exhibit making its way across Canada is coming to the Edmonton EXPO Centre this spring.

***Imagine Van Gogh*** is an immersive exhibition from Europe, featuring more than 200 of [the Dutch artist’s](#) paintings.

Created by French artistic directors Annabelle Mauger and Julien Baron, the exhibit brings van Gogh’s canvases to life in “a vivid, spectacular way: the audience will literally enter the artist’s world of dreams.” It’s an immersive exhibition, which means that you won’t have any kind of a real canvas — it’s a video projection exhibition, there will be video projections everywhere: on the wall, on the floor, everywhere, all around you.

It shows how van Gogh painted the south of France and the suburbs near Paris. It’s the projection of all the fantastic paintings created during the last two years of his life.

The ***Imagine Van Gogh*** exhibit takes his original canvas paintings, expanding and fragmenting them into unusual shapes and distortions of Van Gogh’s work that surround the viewer.

The artwork is accompanied by music from classical composers like Bach, Mozart and more. Without any text to read, the exhibition is really suitable for both art lovers and families with kids.

A news release said the exhibit will open in accordance with Alberta’s public health guidelines. The exhibition is a contactless experience and a limited number of guests will be allowed in on a timed-entry basis. Hand sanitizer will be provided, physical distancing of two meters will be required, and masks will be mandatory upon entering. More information will be available soon.



## THE YEAR 2020 IN REVIEW

by Rinske TerHeide

**February 15, 2020** - The South Alberta Light Horse hosted an event at the DCC: the St. Nazaire Dinner and Gala.



**March 15, 2020** - A Saturday at the Strathcona market promoting the placement of the Anne Frank statue at Light Horse Park in Strathcona. With John Stobbe.



**March 16, 2020** - Due to Covid-19 restrictions the Club had to close its doors along with schools and non-essential businesses.

**May 4, 2020** - We held a small remembrance ceremony ("doden herdenking) at the cenotaph at the DCC with only a few members in attendance.

Unfortunately we had to cancel our 75th Liberation celebration event for May 5th.

**May 2020** - We did some Spring Cleaning and started work on the garden. It turned out beautiful, too bad nobody got to see it this year.



Hans

**June 12, 2020** - The unveiling of the Anne Frank statue at the club. This would have been Anne Frank's 91st birthday and unfortunately, again due to Covid-19, only a few members could be in attendance.



**June 18, 2020** - Covid-19 cases down, the club could open again with restrictions.

**September 27, 2020** - Annual General Meeting was held in the big hall. 39 members were in attendance.

**September and October 2020** - We held 2 socials on Saturday coinciding with the card making. But on October 27, Covid-19 second wave cases were on the rise and we had to close the doors to the club again.



**Nov 1, 2020** - We went to a small ceremony at the James Curry Jefferson Armory ringing the Wellberg bell simultaneously with the Wellberg bell in Holland. With John Stobbe and Gerry Bouma



**Nov 11, 2020** - A small remembrance day ceremony at the club.



That is everything for the club in this very unusual Covid year. I am looking forward to a better 2021.

## 7 million flower bulbs

Tulips from Holland are world famous. If you want to see the Dutch tulip fields in bloom, you should visit Holland in April and May. This is the same period in which the biggest flower park in the world, **Keukenhof**, opens its doors.

Keukenhof is a park where more than 7 million flower bulbs are planted every year. Gardens and four pavilions show a fantastic collection of: tulips, hyacinths, daffodils, orchids, roses, carnations, irises, lilies and many other flowers. You will be overwhelmed by a spectacle of colors and perfumes.

At Keukenhof, you'd think you were adrift on a sea of flowers. Divided across various gardens and pavilions, the tulips and other flowers number in the millions. Keukenhof has a different theme each year, meaning that it is never the same. Unique in the world, this park attracts over a million visitors every year. Note that the tulips bloom only from mid-March to mid-May, meaning that the park is only open during this period.



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