

April/May 2021

From the desk of Frank Stolk

Dear membership

Well, it looks like my prediction that spring is on it's way is not far off the mark, 18 degrees at my place today, sunshine, trees are budding, and birds are nesting already. It's sure nice to be outside again, just not among friends and family yet but hopefully that will happen soon, as long as we are taking whichever approved vaccine they offer us. Just watching the news how many people refuse to take the Astra Zeneca because of the remote possibility of blood clots. Just to put this in perspective for a moment: Smoking, overweight and obesity, birth control, over the counter pain killers like Aspirin, Naproxen, Aleve, Ibuprofen, Advil, Motrin, as well as blood pressure medication also increase the chance of blood clots, and an 8-hour flight to Amsterdam increases the risk of getting Venous Thromboembolism as well. Just the birth control pill chance is 1 in 1,700, the Astra Zeneca 1 in 250,000. The chances you get seriously hurt in a car accident driving to a vaccination appointment is 10 times greater than taking this vaccine and getting a blood clot. Some people are losing sight of the facts. Most of you based on your age should have at least had your first shot and probably the second. Do not fall for the misinformed news hype and listen to your health care providers. GET IT DONE, it is the only way we can get this pandemic under control, if we wait another month the variants are becoming predominant and we can start all over again.

It is still not possible to open our beloved club, even though most of you have been vaccinated. But the moment we can you will be contacted that we are back in business. We had a board meeting last Tuesday and every board member is ready to get going the moment we get the go-ahead. They are all willing to go throughout the summer with all your favorite activities like playing billiards, klaverjassen & tournaments, sewing, knitting and cardmaking. We hope to continue throughout the summer, including Thursday afternoon Windmills Socials and Friday Night Socials, just to name a few.

May 5th Liberation Celebration

Together with the Consul General of Vancouver, Honorary Consul Jerry Bouma and John Stobbe the DCC has ordered flower baskets that will be delivered to the Kipnes Centre for Veterans where we will honor the Veterans who were part of the liberation of the Netherlands. The consulate has contacted several schools in Holland and children are going to write personal letters to the veterans on the list that we have provided for them. Jerry Bouma will present these letters to the veterans together with a letter from the Consul General on behalf of King Willem Alexander. And we are bringing Street Organ 't Hummeltje to play some nice Dutch music for them. We have asked that the veterans wear their uniforms and medals so we can have a group picture taken with them. We hope that even with the Covid restrictions we can do this for them. After this event we will take the organ for a little tour and stop by the Emmanuel Home to drop of some flower baskets and play some Dutch street music for their residents as well.

Anne Frank statue

The DCC requested a grant from the AB Government toward the Anne Frank Statue, and we are pleased to announce that we received \$30,000 to be used for the placement of the statue, the information plaques and planting of tulips and poppies around the statue among other things. The ground breaking of the Light Horse Park (where the statue will be placed) is well under way and we have been given the green light that the park



will be ready by August. The unveiling of the Anne Frank Statue will be on August 8 and you are all invited to join us. We are organizing a bus from the DCC Parking lot to the Light Horse Park at 12:00 and together we will drive to the park, where the ceremonies begin at 1:00 PM (see details on page14). We have invited Mr. Henk Snoeken the Consul General of Vancouver, members of City Council, members of the legislation of Alberta, members of the Jewish Federation of Edmonton and members of the Clergy and Army. We hope you will join us in this historic event.

Some other news: by popular request we will publish the Dutch Touch on a monthly basis again effective immediately and you will receive it in color.

Bert Westmaas has informed us that he wishes to stop looking after our lawns this summer and we understand that it is a big responsibility to show up every 2 weeks to do that, so a big thank you to Bert for his commitment in the past. But don't despair we have already found a replacement for Bert, Yvonne Smits (daughter of Aris and Jenny) has given us the news that she is willing to take over from Bert, so welcome Yvonne. Rinske is already looking after our flower beds by our own Cenotaph, and you know she is doing a fantastic job. We got many complements last year.

Last but not least I would like to thank all of you who renewed their membership, we also welcome a few new members. Your ongoing support for your club is fantastic, and we will do whatever we can to open up soon. In the meantime keep wearing your mask, wash your hands and keep your distance and we will get this disaster behind us.

Yours truly, *Frank*



MEMBERSHIP DUES

We would like to thank all members who have sent in their membership dues for 2021. If you have not sent in your renewal we will assume that you no longer wish to be a member and this will be your final Dutch Touch.

Our membership dues are per calendar year (January-December) at the following rates:
Family \$70.00 Senior Family \$60.00 Single \$35.00 Senior Single \$30.00 Student \$25.00

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EDITORIAL

by Jenny Smits

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Dear members:

It's been more than a year now since activities at our club came to a screeching halt due to COVID-19 restrictions. But now the future is beginning to look a lot brighter with the vaccination roll-out continuing. I suppose many of our members, who wish to, have been vaccinated at least once, so we are beginning to feel a lot safer already. And we are looking forward to summer, when we can be outside again without having to bundle up.

But it's been so long since we have been able to get together in person at the club, so we are all looking forward to the day that we are allowed to open up again. We hope you are all staying healthy and are doing ok.



Our groups are talking about possibly starting up again in the near future, the moment the restrictions are lifted. We will keep you posted, either by newsletter or by phone. I for one look forward to enjoying a delicious kroket at the club while meeting our fellow-members again. Soon I hope. In the meantime, stay healthy and stay safe.

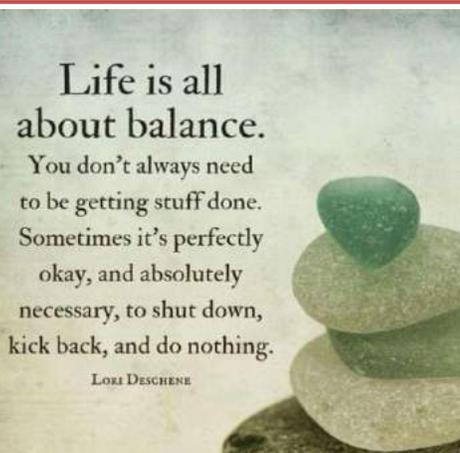


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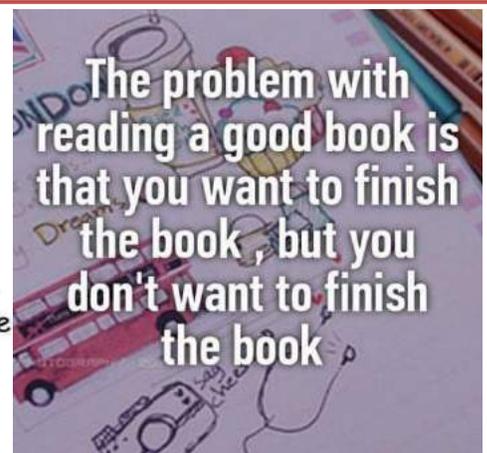
by Pauline Commandeur -

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Dear members, it's been over a year that we've been closed. Who would have thought that it would have lasted this long? Not me, that's for sure. I thought maybe a few months at the most. But there is an end in sight and I feel it shouldn't be too long now. Most of us have had at least one vaccination, some two, and now we're well on our way to being back to normal. And when our activities resume we'll have our kitchen stocked again with fresh items ready for our members. Take care everyone and keep safe.



Junk is something you keep around for years ... and throw out 2 weeks before you need it!



KLAVERJAS CLUB

by Pieter & Erica Van Leeuwen

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We expect that some of our COVID-19 restrictions will be lifted some time this summer and when that happens we would like to resume our weekly Tuesday klaverjas games. We will call our regular players once we get a date to open up again. We look forward to seeing you all back and if there are some other members who would like to join us, please give us a call so we can contact you too as soon as we are able to start up again. In the meantime we hope you are all staying healthy. All the best and stay safe!

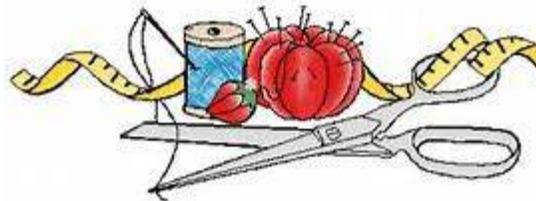


SEWING AND CRAFT CIRCLE

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Our storage sewing and crafts closets are still full! We were not allowed to hold our Christmas sale last year, so we will come up with a different date for our sale when things are “back to normal”, hopefully not too long from now. I look forward to starting up our weekly sewing again, I have missed it. But we have to be patient a little bit longer and I will let everyone know as soon as we can start up again.



STITCH 'N RIP CLUB

by Edith Van Leeuwen

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Hello everyone! I hope you all are doing ok. You might have done a little knitting and crocheting to keep yourselves busy going through these long winter days. If you did make some hats we would like to collect them so we can make a trip to drop them off at our charities.

I assume most of you have been vaccinated by now, which means there are better times ahead and we look forward to the day that we can meet in person again.

Take care of yourselves and I hope to see you soon.



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CARD MAKING CLUB

by Ria Bok

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To all card makers:

I hope you are all well. I have talked to most of you recently and I know that this has been a very hard winter on many of us. But now that most of us have had their needle, there is an end in sight.

When we are allowed gatherings we will start up again, even if it's still summer.

We have been isolated from each other for so long, so I am so ready to come back to our card making days. We hope we can get together soon when it's safe. I think we need each other. I myself have not really been in the mood to make cards but that will change when we are together again. I miss our joking and teasing each other.

Miss and love you all .



DUTCH CANADIAN BUSINESS CLUB

By Harm de Groot

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We have connected with the Business Clubs in Calgary and Vancouver and Toronto and had a first combined online meeting during the Election Day in the Netherlands. Around 50 people attended of which seven were members from the Edmonton club.

The Zoom meeting lasted an hour and after a nice intro the initial election results and potential issues with different governments were reviewed by the consul generals Anne Le Guellec and Henk Snoeken from Toronto and Vancouver. They discussed the impact of the elections in the Dutch Canadian relations with impact to CETA as an interesting example. We closed out with an online Kahoot quiz with questions about the Dutch elections.

As a pre-read Stembijzender.nl was a good start to familiarize yourself with the political parties and history in the Netherlands.

We are planning to organize more on line events with the business clubs in Vancouver, Toronto and Calgary and hope to be back to live f2f meetings soon.

Any questions and or suggestions for future online and f2f meetings are welcome.

Stay safe and healthy and hope to see you all soon.

2021 Dutch general election

General elections were held in the Netherlands from **15 to 17 March 2021** to elect all 150 members of the House of Representatives. The election had originally been scheduled to take place on 17 March. However, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the government decided to open some polling stations two days in advance to ensure safe voting for elderly and immunocompromised citizens. Citizens aged 70 years or older were also given the opportunity to vote by post.



Mark Rutte has been serving as the prime minister of the Netherlands since 2010 and as the leader of the People's Party for Freedom and Democracy since 2006.

Party	Leader	Seats
VVD	Mark Rutte	34
D66	Sigrid Kaag	24
PVV	Geert Wilders	17
CDA	Wopke Hoekstra	15
SP	Lilian Marijnissen	9
PvdA	Lilianne Ploumen	9
GL	Jesse Klaver	8
FvD	Thierry Baudet	8
PvdD	Esther Ouwehand	6
CU	Gert-Jan Segers	5
Volt	Laurens Dassen	3
JA21	Joost Eerdmans	3
SGP	Kees van der Staaij	3
DENK	Farid Azarkan	3
50+	Liane den Haan	1
BBB	Caroline van der Plas	1
BIJ1	Sylvana Simons	1



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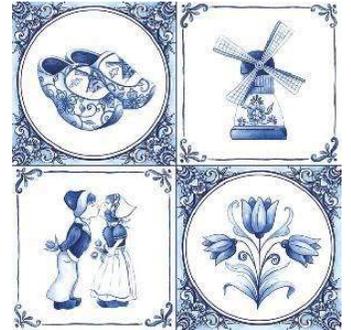
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Dutch Touch articles

We would love to
hear from our
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It could be travel, memories from
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| 5. Paul Sinha | Eigenlijk wel |
| 6. Maan | Ze huilt maar ze lacht |
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*Emma Heesters
 Miss Montreal
 Duncan Laurence
 Marco Borsato*

“The greatest discovery of all time is that a person can change his future by merely changing his attitude”

- Oprah Winfrey.

WINDMILLS SENIOR CLUB

by Rinske Ter Heide

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Since the club is still closed, due to the Corona virus epidemic, I have really no news to report regarding the Windmills. Frank is filling you in as to the few things that have been going on while the doors remain closed. So I just want to say hello and hope everyone is still doing okay.



It certainly has been a bit of a challenge to find other things to do to keep busy when we can't go anywhere and do all our usual, ordinary, every day things. At least now, with the weather warming up, we can once again go outside and enjoy our spring.

One of my "joys?" of spring is the yard work at home, raking and picking up bags and bags of leaves. I am also looking forward to do some spring clean up in the garden at the club. It's good exercise and it keeps me out of trouble.

Traditionally spring has always been a very busy time at the club. It is a time we would be celebrating a number of special events:

- April 27th - We would be celebrating Dutch King Willem Alexander's birthday.
- May 4th - We would have a special ceremony by the cenotaph outside, with members of the Light Horse regiment (SAHL) remembering the fallen soldiers from the second world war.
- May 5th Celebration of liberation day in the Netherlands (Bevrijdingsdag). It has now been 76 years that we remember that day since 1945.
- Around the middle of May on the Saturday before Mothers day we remember that very busy time putting on the Dutch market outside, rain or shine.

We all have our own memories from those years of the club's Hey Days.

We had to cancel the bigger events like the market and Heritage days due to our drastically declining membership as well as our aging membership, but there are many other things we can do as a club. For most everyone the most important thing is to get together again over a game of Klaverjas and billiards and socialize while doing some of our knitting, sewing and card making projects.

For myself I am looking forward to a beer and a serving of fries and croquette.

All of you have by now probably received at least your first Covid -19 immunization. Roel and I had our first shot on April 1st, peace of cake, no problems. However we have to wait 4 months to receive our second shot. That puts us at the beginning of August before we would have full immunity. But at least there is a light at the end of the tunnel.

So meanwhile we have to be patient a little while longer and follow the public health rules. Hopefully we can get on with our lives very soon. Take care and look after yourself and each other.



Many visitors always attended our annual Spring Markets

Euro 2020 (2021)



The 2020 UEFA European Football Championship (Euro 2020) is the 16th UEFA European Championship, a contest among European men's football teams and the tournament is organised by the Union of European Football Associations (UEFA). Here you can find facts about Euro 2020 including dates, times, groups, fixtures, venues and historical stats.

Notice: Euro 2020 was scheduled to take place 12 June-12 July 2020, but due to the coronavirus outbreak it will take place 11 June-11 July 2021.

- Opening game: Euro 2020 opens in Rome on 11 June 2021 with the match Turkey v Italy.
- Group stage dates: The group stage is played June 11-23.
- Group knockout phase dates: The knockout phase stage is played June 26-July 11.
- The final dates: The final is played on July 11.

12 countries (England, Netherlands, Spain, Germany, Romania, Hungary, Denmark, Italy, Azerbaijan, Russia, Ireland and Scotland) are the hosts of Euro 2020 and in total 12 stadiums will be used in the tournament.

The top two in each group and the four best third-placed teams advance to the knockout phase.

Group A:	Turkey, Italy, Wales, Switzerland
Group B:	Denmark, Finland, Belgium, Russia
Group C:	Netherlands, Ukraine, Austria, North Macedonia
Group D:	England, Croatia, Czech Republic, Scotland
Group E:	Spain, Sweden, Poland, Slovakia
Group F:	Portugal, France, Germany, Hungary

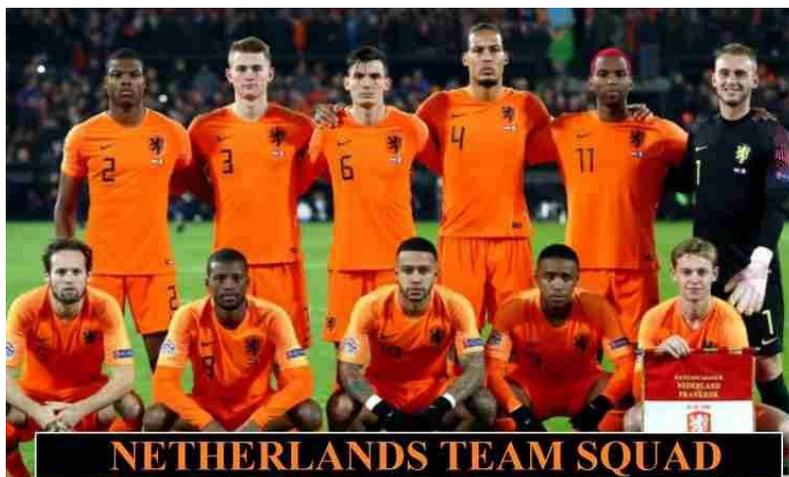
Group C plays on June 13, June 17 and June 21

June 13: Netherlands v Ukraine (21:00, Amsterdam)

June 17: Netherlands v Austria (21:00, Amsterdam)

June 21: North Macedonia v Netherlands (18:00, Amsterdam)

In total, ESPN, ESPN2 and ABC will combine to televise more than 140 live hours of the UEFA European Football Championship 2020 beginning Friday, June 12, with the opening match in Rome, through the Final on Sunday, July 12, at Wembley Stadium in London.



Karen and Saskia

By Garth Paul Ukrainetz

Poet Laureate of the Blackmud Creek

Saskia had a father
From the Nazis he did hide
Life was dangerous and brutal
But a hope he held inside

Karen had a father
The Canadians arrived
Through the fields of Holland fighting
Keeping hope and faith alive

And in hope the daughters came
Yes, they held their fathers' hands
Like the liberated children
Skipping through the Netherlands

For the hope that springs eternal
Through each generation flows
Though the path be dark and rocky
Always forward hopeful goes

In the footsteps of the fathers
Warmed by sunshine from above
In the heart a hope eternal
On the way a daughter's love

C2020 Garth Paul Ukrainetz
In celebration of
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This poem will be read by the poet at the August 8th Anne Frank dedication ceremony



Anne Frank statue in Utrecht, the Netherlands



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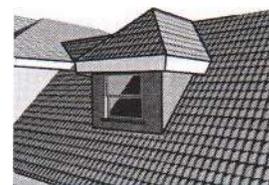
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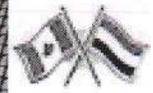
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National anthem of the Netherlands

Het Wilhelmus dates to at least 1572, making it the national anthem with the oldest music. Although "Wilhelmus" was not recognized as the official national anthem until 1932, it has always been popular with parts of the Dutch population and resurfaced on several occasions in the course of Dutch history before gaining its present status. It was also the anthem of the Netherlands Antilles from 1954 to 1964.

"Wilhelmus" originated in the Dutch Revolt, the nation's struggle to achieve independence from the Spanish Empire. It tells of the Father of the Nation William of Orange who was stadholder in the Netherlands under the King of Spain. In the first person, as if quoting himself, William speaks to the Dutch people about both the revolt and his own, personal struggle: to be faithful to the king, without being unfaithful to his conscience: to serve God and the Dutch people. In the lyrics William compares himself with the biblical David who serves under the tyrannic king Saul. As the merciful David defeats the unjust Saul and is rewarded by God with the kingdom of Israel, so too William hopes to be rewarded with a kingdom. William was and remained a life-long Roman Catholic but he was sympathetic to Calvinism and may have secretly converted to it later in life, both "Wilhelmus" and the Dutch Revolt should be seen in the light of the 16th century Reformation in Europe and the resulting persecution of Protestants by the Spanish Inquisition in the Low Countries.



Early version of Wilhelmus as preserved in a manuscript from 1617

Source: Wikipedia

Grandparents - as written by an 8-year old boy.

"Grandparents are a lady and a man who have no children of their own, so they love the boys and girls of other people. A Grandfather is a man and a Grandmother is a lady.

Grandparents don't have anything to do. They only have to be there. They are so old, they should not play hard or run. It is good if they drive us to the shops and give us money.

If they take you for a walk they go slowly past beautiful leaves and caterpillars. They never say 'Come along quickly' or 'Hurry up for goodness sake'.

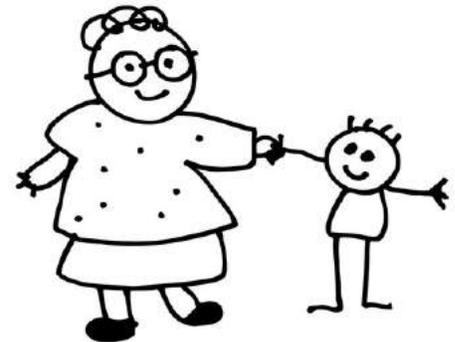
They are usually fat, but not too fat to tie up my shoes laces. They wear glasses and sometimes take out their teeth.

They can answer any question, for instance why dogs hate cats and why God is not married.

When they read they never leave anything out. They do not mind if it's always the same story.

Everyone should have Grandparents especially those who do not have a television.

Grandparents are the only grown ups who have time..



Source unknown

SAVE THE DATE

Sunday August 8th, 2021

1 PM

Light Horse Park - Old Strathcona

104th Street and 86th Avenue



Please mark this date on your calendar when the Dutch Canadian Club Edmonton will install our Anne - Frank Statue in Light Horse Park – Old Strathcona. Our 75th Liberation Project. For info John Stobbe john.stobbe@century21.ca 780-988-110 or Frank Stolk dccedm@gmail.com 780-686-4879.

If there is enough interest from our members and guests, a bus will leave the DCC at 12:00 PM to attend this ceremony. Please contact Rinske TerHeide at 780-960-9758—rterheide@shaw.ca if you would like to join us.

From the Edmonton Journal, April 11, 2021

Nick Lees: Statue in Edmonton to honour Anne Frank back on track



Teenager Anne Frank has been called the symbol of Second World War horrors and Nazi tyranny by historians. Now, Edmonton's Dutch community is back on track to erect a copy of the first Anne Frank statue made by famous artist Pieter d'Hont.

"This bronze statue is our way of thanking the many Canadian soldiers who were crucial in liberating the Netherlands from the Nazis in 1945," says realtor John Stobbe, who has worked on the project with Dutch Hon. Consul Jerry Bouma and Edmonton Dutch Canadian Club president Frank Stolk.

"We had planned to place our Anne Frank statue in Old Strathcona's Light Horse Park last year and launched our \$75,000 campaign in January 2020 to cover the cost of the statue, transportation, installation and maintenance."

The ceremony was planned for May 4 to mark the 75th anniversary of the Canadian Liberation of the Netherlands, which cost some 7,600 Canadian lives during a nine-month campaign.

The COVID-19 pandemic saw the ceremony postponed," says Stobbe. "And renovations to Light Horse Park saw it postponed again in the fall.

"Now our statue, poured from the original 1960 Anne Frank mould and only the second in the world to be placed in a public space, will be unveiled Aug. 8 this year."

There is more good news, reports Stobbe.

"An Edmonton Journal column significantly helped launch our fundraising campaign in February 2020," he says. "Word about the campaign spread and cash and cheques came from many places with letters of support. "Donors included 2,500 Euros from the Dutch city of Steenbergen and \$2,000 from the Edmonton Jewish Federation." Last week, the campaign was pushed well over the top with an Alberta government Community Initiatives Program grant of \$30,000.

Anne Frank's diary was first published in 1947 and has sold more than 40-million copies in 70 languages. Frank's Jewish family, says Stobbe, fled to Amsterdam from Frankfurt, Germany, in 1933 when she was four years old and Adolf Hitler's persecution of Jews was gathering speed. "Hitler invaded neutral Holland in 1940 and Jews were soon required to wear a yellow star, forbidden to use streetcars, ride in their own cars, and go to theatres and movies," says the realtor.

On Aug. 4, 1944, the Gestapo raided the annex and Frank's family was sent to a Nazi transit camp.

One month later, records show Frank was among 1,019 prisoners jammed into box-cars with no room to sit. They travelled in near total darkness for days, enduring stench from a corner waste bucket and from people unable to reach it. The prisoners disembarked at Auschwitz, one of more than 40 concentration and extermination camps where some 1.1 million people were killed between 1940 to 1945.

Frank, later covered by lice, mites and bedbugs, was sent to a scabies ward where rats and mice scampered over patients at night.

On Oct. 28, 1944, she was sent to the disease-ridden Bergen-Belson camp in Germany and became one of 35,000 prisoners who died during a typhus outbreak in early 1945.

Her father Otto Frank survived the camps and, on return to the Netherlands, was handed his daughter's diary, found on the annex floor.

"Human greatness does not lie in wealth or power, but in character and goodness," reads one of Anne's diary musings. She advises: "Be kind and have courage."

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BVN, de publieke tv-zender voor Nederlandstaligen buiten Nederland en Vlaanderen, gaat vanaf 1 juli 2021 verder met een 100% Nederlandse NPO-programmering. Het samenwerkingsverband binnen BVN wordt de komende maanden afgebouwd vanwege een nieuwe digitale strategie van de Vlaamse minister van Media. BVN biedt vanaf genoemde datum het beste van de Nederlandse Publieke Omroep (NPO) aan alle Nederlandstaligen die buiten Nederland wonen of verblijven.

De zender blijft overal ter wereld via internet beschikbaar en in een belangrijk deel via de satelliet. Vlamingen in het buitenland kunnen vanaf 1 juli 2021 het VRT-aanbod bekijken en beluisteren via VRT NU, VRT NWS en de VRT radio-apps. “Met respect voor de keuze van de Vlaamse minister van Media gaan beide partners op constructieve manier uit elkaar. We kijken terug op een zeer prettige samenwerking”, zegt Frans Klein, voorzitter van het BVN-bestuur.

Voor Nederlandstalige tv-kijkers wereldwijd biedt BVN vanaf komende zomer een volledig uit NPO-programma's bestaand aanbod, niet alleen overal via internet, maar ook via satellietontvangst. De I13WA-Eutelsat-satelliet zorgt bijvoorbeeld voor ontvangst van BVN in de overzeese gebieden die tot het Nederlands Koninkrijk behoren, maar ook in Zuid- en Midden-Amerika en een groot deel van de Verenigde Staten. Daarnaast blijft BVN ook te ontvangen via de Astra 1-satelliet in heel Europa en het aangrenzende gebied in Noord-Afrika en Zuidwest-Azië. We verwijzen iedereen voor de precieze ontvangstregio's naar www.bvn.tv/ontvangst.

Het einde van de samenwerking binnen BVN heeft helaas wel gevolgen voor een gedeelte van de huidige satellietdistributie. Klein: “De hoge kosten voor het uitzenden via de satelliet konden tot nu toe worden gedeeld met Vlaanderen, maar nu deze subsidie stopt, zijn we helaas genoodzaakt om te bezuinigen op enkele dure satellietcontracten.” Voor sommige kijkers naar BVN heeft dit al vanaf 1 mei gevolgen voor de satellietontvangst. (Zie het overzicht onderaan dit bericht). “We vinden het heel vervelend voor het deel van de kijkers dat via deze satellieten naar onze zender kijkt. Maar we hopen dat deze mensen alsnog BVN kunnen bekijken via het internet.”

De naam BVN blijft bestaan en verwijst vanaf 1 juli 2021 naar het ‘Beste Van NPO’. BVN wordt sinds 2015 wereldwijd via internet gratis aangeboden. Hiervoor hoeven dus geen abonnementskosten worden betaald. De BVN-livestream is te vinden via de website www.bvn.tv/bvnlive en via de gratis BVN-app (voor Android en iOS).

Galaxy 19, de Canada, Verenigde Staten en Midden-Amerika satellieten stoppen definitief met doorgifte van BVN: per 1 Juli 2021.

Kijkers van BVN die meer willen weten over de veranderingen kunnen terecht op www.bvn.tv/wijzigingen.

Informatie over de nieuwe opties van de VRT is in de loop van de maand mei te vinden op www.vrt.be/nl/aanbod/kijk-en-luister/kijk-en-luister-buiten-vlaanderen/

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