



EDITORIAL

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Dear Members

With Christmas behind us again we are going into a new year full of uncertainties. The pandemic is not done by a long shot it seems, although we now know much better how to live with it and be safe. So we just have to delay starting up with our club activities for a little while till this fifth wave is subsiding again.

We are planning to start our activities at the Club in February again COVID permitting. We hope you will be able to participate in some of them, depending on your area of interest. The parking lot is always cleaned after a snowfall and we try to keep the area as safe as possible for you to walk, even in the winter. Winter can be a very isolating time, especially when you are retired, or living by yourself but we hope we can socialize together again over a cup of coffee, a drink or a card game in the near future.

See you in the February and we hope 2022 will be a better year!



Jenny

Welcome to our new members!

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From the desk of Frank Stolk

Dear Membership

Let's begin by wishing you all a very Happy New Year and we hope that in this new year we can get things back to normal again. We had a wonderful Christmas Dinner, and I would like to thank all the volunteers who helped to make this another success for the members. And a very big thank you to the food preparers and all the students who came



John and Avery Stobbe with members of the Jewish Federation at the Christmas dinner

out to serve you at your table, this was much appreciated by all. A big thank you to Sugar Time for their wonderful entertainment. I received emails and phone calls from all the special guests we had invited to this event so we could show them our appreciation for their time and money for our Anne Frank Project and they were delighted to be part of it.

After careful consideration and advice from your board members, we regret to inform you that due to the Omicron variant and the alarming rate of exposure we have decided to take the safe road for all our members to keep the DCC closed till February 1st. We hope that the exponential spread of this virus will be under control by then, so STAY HOME for now and we will keep you posted. And if you are not sure, a quick call to any of your board members can clarify the status at that time.

For those who rely on a ride from a member or DATS, you should always make sure that the club is open.

Looking forward to seeing you happy and healthy again.
Stay safe and warm and healthy.

Frank

Card Makers

By Ria Bok - 780-472-2725

We hope that you have had a safe and healthy Christmas and New Year's.

Our winter program is starting on February 12 and 26 at 10.30 am on Saturdays. We had a nice break and it was sure needed by me.

Our Christmas dinner was great, thank you to all who helped. The turn-out was great despite the nasty weather.

Our condolences to Ann and Annette for the loss of their brother and uncle Adrian Deregt. Keep Riet Brusselers in your thoughts as she is not well and also Erika Van Leeuwen who spends most of her time in her chair.

We hope to see you in the new year.

Ria and the card makers



Stitch 'N Rip Knitting Club

By Edith Van Leeuwen



I hope you all had a good Christmas and we wish you all the best for the New Year. We are taking a longer break than we had anticipated, so if all goes well we will be starting up again on February 7 at 12:00. Bring your lunch and it will be nice to catch up with everyone again.

Edith



Sewing & Craft Circle

By Jenny Smits



We would like to thank everyone who came to our craft sale at the end of November, your support means a lot to us. We now have a few empty boxes again. We have some new fabric from the Netherlands so we can make some more "Dutch items", like placemats, table runners, aprons etc. We do take orders.

We also thank the Klaverjas Club for inviting us to their delicious Christmas luncheon. They have been doing this for many years and we really appreciate it.

We hope to start again on February 8, 2022 from 10:30 until 3:00 and if you do crafts and/or sewing we would love to have you join us. Just bring your own lunch.

We wish you all the best for the New Year

Jenny, Edith, Vicky, Judy, Pauline



ZUMBA

By Renie Perreault



The only bad workout is the one that did not happen.

May all your squats be heavy and deep in the New Year!



Klaverjas Club

By Pieter Van Leeuwen - 780-459-5367 - phvanl@hotmail.com

Happy New Year!

Our Klaverjas Club starts again on February 8. Starting at 11:00 we play three games and are usually finished by 2:30, before traffic rush hour and darkness. We welcome new players.

I would like to thank Frank and the DCC board for the beautiful poinsettia that I received at our last get together.

See you in 2022.



Sitting left to right:

Doris Wouterse, Willie Korendyk, Ria Bok

Standing:

Piet Putters, Frank Stolk, Pieter Van Leeuwen,
Martin Wouterse, Johanna Kuipers, Riek Stolk,
Willy Klein, Henry Klein, Isabel Vanessen

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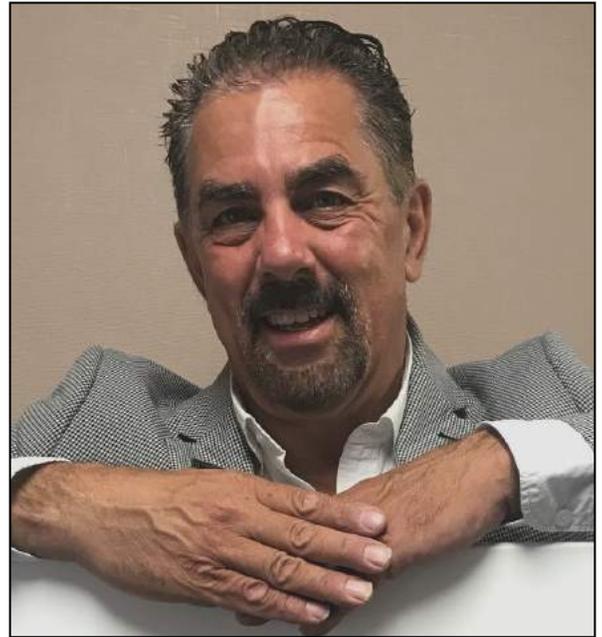
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Foundation for the Dutch Outside the Netherlands

As Stichting Nederlanders Buiten Nederland—SNBN—(Foundation for the Dutch Outside the Netherlands) we receive many questions about our motives, working method, composition of the board and our views. We try to provide the best possible answers to all the frequently asked questions (FAQ) about SNBN.

The SNBN stems from a long struggle for the interests of Dutch people who lived abroad. The experience of recent years has taught us that governments can suddenly take positions that are completely at odds with the previous government. The existence of an organization that acts partly as a watchdog, partly as a consultative partner and partly as a lobbyist towards the government is therefore necessary.

The unique thing about SNBN is the composition of the board and the way it operates. The board of SNBN consists of eleven unpaid people, supported by several volunteers. Nine of the eleven board members are members of a political party, namely VVD, CDA, D66, GroenLinks, SP, PvdA, ChristenUnie, 50PLUS and FvD. The SNBN itself is completely politically neutral, but thanks to this construction it has quick access to the right political channels that are needed for effective advocacy. In the meantime, all board members who are members of a political party have been introduced to the parliamentary group of “their” party. However, political parties have no control over the foundation.

We see good contacts with Dutch politicians as the best way to protect the interests of Dutch people abroad. For politicians, we are a resource and point of contact, for the Dutch outside the Netherlands we are the bridge to participation in politics in the Hague. We deal with different issues. For example in the field of nationality, pension, Dutch education, passports and participation in elections, and Brexit.

We are currently requesting the government to stop denying double nationality for Dutch people living abroad.

<https://www.nederlandersbuitennederland.nl/en>

SINTERKLAAS VISIT

December 2, 2021



Sinterklaas came to visit the Windmills on Thursday, December 2 and he brought two of his helpers (Pieten) with him. After the singing of some very old Sinterklaas songs Frank Stolk welcomed the old bishop once again to Edmonton.



The two distribution Pieten handed out pepernoten and everyone received a traditional chocolate letter and a nice lunch.

It was really nice that we could celebrate Sinterklaas together again this year after a year of cancellations of club events. We hope we can continue with these Dutch traditions for some time yet.

Thank you Sinterklaas for making the effort to make this celebration possible again.

Like last year, we could not organize a



children's St. Nick party this year due to the COVID restrictions and we are keeping our fingers crossed that next year will be a better year.



A few volunteers were recognized for their work for the Dutch Canadian Club: Jenny Smits, Willie Korendyk and Riek Stolk

This and that to the Windmills

By Rinske TerHeide



Happy New Year everyone.

Hope everyone had a great Christmas and New Years in spite of the extreme cold outside. It made traveling a lot more challenging and we had the added concern over the Omicron variant of the Corona virus, but I hope everyone came out unscathed and in good health.

We were all very sad to hear of the sudden death of our Windmill member Adrian Dereg. Our heartfelt condolences go out to his wife Alice and to Anna and Annette Fuchs his sister and niece who are all members of the Windmills. We will all miss him.

It was really great to have some events at the club in December 2021 that were not possible in 2020 with the Covid-19 lock down. We started off in December with a visit from Sinterklaas and his two helpers in the Nordic room. Our thanks go out to Rien Visscher for being our handsome Sinterklaas and to Kailey and Ava Rudyk, my granddaughters, for being the very cute Pieters. We sang some of the traditional Sinterklaas songs and after Sinterklaas left each one of us received a nicely made up plate of lunch and goodies. Thank you to all those for taking the time to come help prepare the individual plates of food and make it all happen. We're lucky we have such a nice core of volunteers always willing to help out with any task.

Two weeks later, on December 16th, we held our Christmas dinner in the big hall. While the weather was good up till then, it started snowing that day, the roads were icy and traffic was a problem, but it was nice to see so many of you braved those conditions to enjoy an evening out. The food was tasty there was entertainment and hopefully everyone had a good time. We all loved the music and songs performed by Sugar Time. Thanks again to all the people who came out to prepare for this event and thank you to the volunteers from outside the club who came out to help serve the food. After this event, with the club closed for the season, we had the rest of the month to get ready for our own Christmas at home.

With the busy season now behind us we look forward to a bit of calm in the New Year. However we do have a casino to start off with on January 7 and 8. Thank you to the volunteers who signed up to help. This is such an important fund raiser for the club in replenishing our dwindling resources. With this in place we can hopefully keep going for a while. Our immediate concern is now the Omicron virus. We all have had our booster shot but there is still a lot of uncertainty. The Netherlands was in total lock down over Christmas like some other European countries. The airlines had to cancel flights in the busy Christmas season. The NHL had to postpone some hockey games and numerous other sport events had to be cancelled or postponed, all due to Omicron.

In China they are taking some extreme measures to slow down the virus, a headache to be sure, for the Olympic winter game organizers. The games are scheduled to be held Feb 4 -20 in Beijing China. Besides all the other winter sports to watch it is always fun to watch the Dutch skaters who dominate in the long distance speed skating events. Hopefully the Olympic games can go on without a hitch.

Meanwhile we all hope the weather will warm up a bit, but we live in Alberta and we should be used to our cold snaps in winter by now.

The positive thing in all this, the days are getting longer.

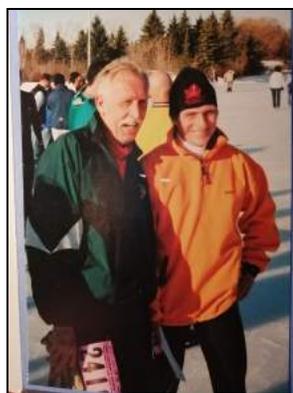
Rinske

Elfstedentocht

In December one of the big news stories in the Netherlands, was the death of national speed skating hero Reinier Paping at age 90. He was the winner of the most heroic competition in the history of National sports, the 1963 Elfstedentocht, the 200 km skating competition through eleven cities in the province of Friesland in the Netherlands. In the Netherlands Reinier Paping became a legend and was a household name. Everyone knew about the story of “the hell of 1963”. The 12th Elfstedentocht in 1963 was held on January 18 with a temperature of -18 at the start, with an ice-cold Eastern wind blowing. The participants of the race portion of the tour started off in the early morning hours while standing in the start hall, jostling for position, waiting for the start signal. At 5:15 am the signal to start was given and they had to run to the ice, tie on their skates and get started while not able to see anything in the dark for the first few hours of the race. After collecting the required stamps on his card at the checkpoints at each of the eleven cities Reinier Paping completed the 200 km race crossing the finish line at 4:14 pm, having skated for 11 hours. Queen Juliana and Crown Princess Beatrix were there at the finish line to congratulate him, very impressed and both in awe of his accomplishment. Of the 568 race participants only 57 skaters finished within the required 2 hours after the winner. Of the 9294 participants who started later, behind the racers and just skate to complete the tour, only 69 were able to finish due to the brutal conditions with almost no visibility and very poor ice quality.

Skating, especially speed skating is THE National Winter sport in the Netherlands. As soon as the temperature goes down to a few degrees below 0 for a few nights, almost everyone in the Netherlands gets obsessed and suffers from skating fever. Even though there are 19 large artificial ice skating venues in the country, as soon as the canals freeze over and the ice is just a few centimetres thick, the Dutch venture out to go skating on natural ice. If the cold spell lasts a little longer all the excitement and media attention in the whole country is focused on the possibility of organizing another Elfstedentocht.

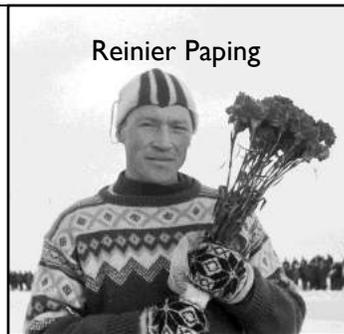
The first official Elfstedentocht was held in 1909. Since then there have been only 15 with the last one being held in 1997. The ice needs to be at least 15 cm thick to have an event like this with so many people. Conditions were right however to have two consecutive Elfsteden skating events in 1985 and 1986, just 22 and 23 years after the legendary win of Reinier Paping in 1963. Both those races were won by Evert Van Benthem who skated the distance in less than 7 hours. He became the next national hero, but he and his family later moved to Red Deer, Alberta.



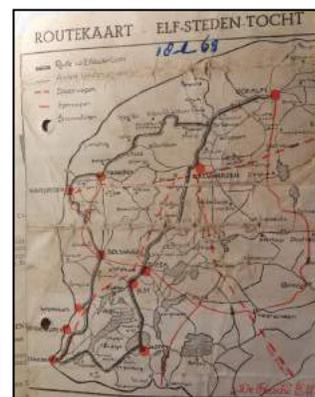
Roel with Evert van Benthem in Hawrelak Park
2014

The last race in 1997 was won by Henk Angenent who also completed the race in under 7 hours. With the improvement in clothing, equipment and technology these races don't compare to the race in 1963 when people stuffed newspapers in their clothing to try and keep warm and a lot of people still skated on wooden skates.

In 2012 conditions came close to having another Elfstedentocht, but the cold spell didn't last and everything had to be cancelled. Now 25 years have passed since the last Elfstedentocht, but the Elfsteden organization is always ready to go. There is always hope and every winter when the temperature dips down to freezing,.. maybe this year.....



Reinier Paping



I have some documentation from my father, who participated in 1947 and 1963. Was not able to finish both times. In 1947 he and his mate were pulled off, when his mate fainted after they had stopped in a warm café.

My Dad trained for 16 years from 1947 till 1963. Could not finish after he broke his skate in a crack in the ice in 1963.

You were on your own, no support, when you take off your skates, you walk around in your socks.



Rinske

In May 2021 the Dutch Canadian Club together with the Dutch Embassy in Vancouver and the Dutch Consulate in Edmonton presented veterans at the Kipnes Centre with flowers, delivered by Kuhlman's. Because the expense was well under the budgeted amount the credit was used to deliver floral arrangements to the Kipnes Centre for Christmas. We received the following email:

Hi Frank and Anita,

I wanted to share these photos that I took upon unwrapping the floral arrangements you put together with the credit that remained after the May order that the Dutch Canadian Club so generously put together with you for the Kipnes Veterans.

These flowers will be used as centerpieces at our Christmas party this afternoon and then there will be one taken to each nursing unit/house (as we call our units) – and placed where all Veterans (and non Vets) can enjoy.

Thank you again for working with us to remember and honor our Veterans.

Bev



PS There are only 6 in this photo as the other 2 have been taken to the floors to show the residents; staff thought they were so beautiful!!

Bev Friske | Community Services Coordinator
| CapitalCare Kipnes Centre for Veterans |
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Source: 100% NL
As at December 20, 2021

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| 5. Eigenlijk Wel | Paul Sinha |
| 6. Ze Huilt Maar Ze Lacht | Maan |
| 7. Uncharted | Kensington |
| 8. Blauwe Dag | Suzan & Freek |
| 9. Tabee | Guus Meeuwis |
| 10. Het Land Van Vriendschap | Lange Frans & Baas B |



Members Page

Condolences

Our condolences to Alice Deregt and her family with the sudden loss of

Adrian Deregt

on December 14, 2021
at the age of 81.

Our sincerest sympathy. We will miss him.

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Thank You !



Thank you
Sinterklaas and Dutch
Canadian Club for
the beautiful
poinsettia.



Jenny Smits



Frank Stolk recognized Piet Van Leeuwen for his work on the board and on behalf of the Klaverjas Club and as a DCC board member.

We congratulate everyone who has celebrated a birthday or an anniversary. If you would like to share these or other special events with our members please email me at:
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Jenny



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WINDMILLS ANNUAL CHRISTMAS DINNER—December 16, 2021



Some images from the annual Windmills Christmas dinner which was held on December 16



It was nice to see many members and guests come out for this event. Last year we had to cancel due to COVID restrictions so this year with some modifications we were able to celebrate Christmas together again.



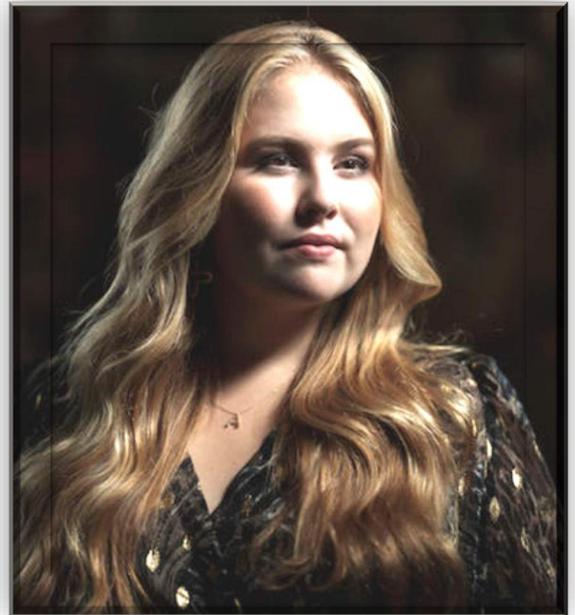
Dutch crown princess Amalia turns 18 in media spotlight

Dutch crown princess Amalia celebrated her 18th birthday on December 7, with a flurry of coverage in all the Dutch papers. Amalia, who left school this summer with top grades, is currently having a gap year but plans to go to university, reportedly to study 'something international or something to do with economics' in 2022. The princess was also sworn in as a member of the Raad van State, the government's most senior advisory group, on Wednesday December 8. Like her father, king Willem-Alexander, Amalia will not have voting rights but she gave a speech in the December 8 ceremony.

The princess has already said she will not make use of her right to vote in the Dutch elections, like her father and grandmother. And earlier this year, she also sent a handwritten note to prime minister Mark Rutte, saying she did not wish to make use of her €1.6m a year allowance until she takes up royal duties. Accepting the money, she said, would make her feel 'uncomfortable' as long as she did little in return 'and that other students face far more difficulties, especially in the coronavirus era'.

RTL Nieuws points out that if her father dies, Amalia will become queen, even though she told comedian Claudia de Breij that she would ask her mother to do the job for a few years. 'More than that, I have told my father to keep eating healthily and do lots of sports,' De Breij quoted Amalia as saying in a new book about her life. In the book, the princess also revealed that she talked to a psychologist when she was younger and still does whenever she feels the need. 'I don't think it's a taboo, and I don't mind talking about it in public,' she said. 'It's completely normal to talk to a professional, particularly in the light of what happened to my aunt,' she said referring to the suicide of her mother's younger sister Inès.

Republican Floris Müller told the NRC that he understood Amalia is a 'very clever girl'. 'Do something with it then,' he said, when asked what advice he would give the crown princess. 'Make your own choices. Go into politics or industry. What would she really like to do, and where are her ambitions?' The NRC points out that Amalia herself said in 2019 that she does not want to become a 'showbiz version' of herself. It also highlights an interview given by Willem-Alexander in which he said he feels the responsibility to 'prepare her as well as possible, to help her get to know herself as well as possible... to be as complete a person as possible.' The king said that before his inauguration, 'her first question to me was: how many years are you going to do it? More like: then I can already write it in my appointment book.'



*One of the special birthday portraits.
Photo: Frank Ruiters RVD*



King Willem Alexander and Princess Amalia

Source: DutchNews.nl

Dutch sour meat (zoervleisj)

Dutch sour meat, zoervleisj in Limburg dialect, as the name implies, is meat stewed in vinegar and then sweetened. Usually it's eaten with nice thick fries.

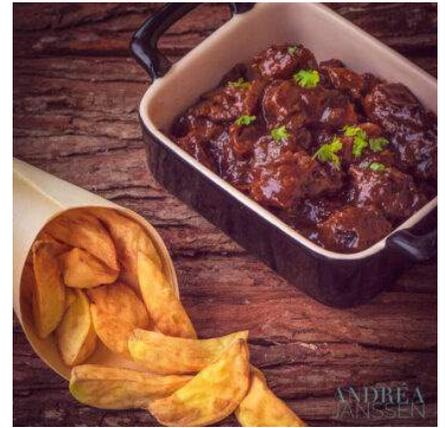
Sour meat is fast food

In Limburg, you can get it even in the fast-food stands, because sour meat is preferably eaten with fries. Now you may think (by the name) that sour meats taste acidic, but nothing is less true. It's just a really sweet piece of meat. The meat is cooked in acid but after that, you bring the sauce to taste with syrup and honey cake. That way you get a deliciously sweet stew.

Originally it was prepared with horse meat, but now it is usually prepared with beef.

It gets its tenderness because ...

- ◆ you cook the meat in vinegar and that way the meat becomes extra tender. The acid dissolves the connective tissue in the meat.
- ◆ you normally leave the meat to marinate overnight, but you will get the same tender result by cooking the meat for an extra hour.
- ◆ you bake the meat brown, the taste will become even better.
- ◆ there are many local varieties of this recipe. Beer is not always a permanent ingredient in sour meat, but it has a nice flavor accent. You could replace the beer with a similar amount of water.
- ◆ you don't want to search for the cloves when the stew is finished. Put them in a tea strainer, that way you take them out easily.



Ingredients

2 oz butter
2 onions
½ teaspoon salt to taste
⅛ teaspoon pepper
1 ½ lb steak
⅔ cups vinegar
⅔ cups beer dark
3 cloves
3 bay leaves
2 slices honey cake
5 tablespoons apple butter

Instructions

1. Chop the onions.
2. Slice the beef steak into cubes 1 x 1 inch (2 x 2 cm) and season to taste with salt and pepper.
3. Melt half the butter in a pan and fry the onion until translucent.
4. With a slotted spoon take the onion from the pan add the other butter and fry the beef steak until browned.
5. Add the onion back in the pan with the beef cubes and pour the vinegar and beer over the meat.
6. Add the cloves and bay leaves and bring to a boil.
7. Reduce heat to low and simmer with the lid on the pan for 3 hours, stir occasionally and if there is not enough moisture in the pan, add some water.
8. Cut the honey cake into small cubes and mix with the apple butter. Taste and add some more syrup when necessary. Make sure you keep stirring, because it cooks very quickly.
9. Let it simmer for 10 minutes and serve.

If you want to prepare this in the slow cooker:

Cook the onion and beef for 5 minutes (until it's lightly browned). Put this in the slow cooker. Add the remaining ingredients and turn on the slow cooker on low heat for 6 to 8 hours.

Source: It's a good taste by Andrea Janssen

January 2022

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