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The official signing of the capitulation document occurred on May 6, 1945, in the auditorium of Rijks Landbouw Hoogeschool, which is located next door to the hotel.

This historic event is celebrated every May 5 as Netherlands' Liberation Day national holiday.

EDITORIAL

by Jenny Smits
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Dear readers:

We thank our members, visitors, vendors and volunteers who came out for our King's Day Vrijmarkt. It was very nice to see the hall filled up again for this occasion and to welcome many familiar and new faces.

We are now getting ready for the May 4th commemoration. We start with a pancake breakfast at 10:30 and we will have a short ceremony at the cenotaph, followed by coffee and cake.

For our seniors on Thursday before Mother's Day we will celebrate with a High Tea. We hope many of you can come out for that.

Check out all our regular events too and maybe there is something you would like to join, Our various groups would love to have you: Klaverjas, card making, sewing, or the Thursday afternoon Seniors drop-in or Saturday afternoon Bingo (check the date for that).

Spring is in the air! The weather is getting nice already, time to spend some time outdoors again after the long winter.

See you at the club

Jenny

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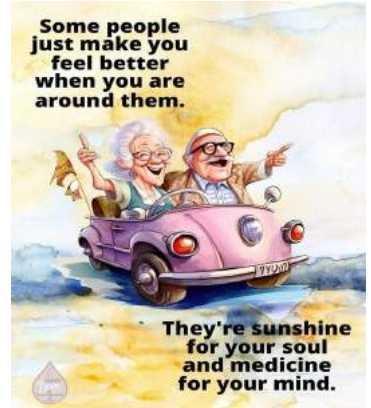
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Please join us on

Saturday MAY 4, 2024

**For our annual remembrance commemoration
followed by
The celebration of the 79th Liberation Day**

10:30 - Dutch pancake brunch

11:30 - Ceremony at the cenotaph

Invitation to share personal memories

Coffee and cake

A graphic with a background of the Dutch flag (red, white, and blue horizontal stripes). The text "Wishing you a Happy" is in green on the red stripe, "Dutch" is in green on the white stripe, and "Liberation Day" is in green on the blue stripe.

**Wishing you a Happy
Dutch
Liberation Day**

KONING'S DAG April 27, 2024

Some pictures from our King's Day event



Benny and Dennis played some Dutch tunes

For our raffle we collected various items from our vendors with a donation from Ben 's Meats & Deli. Thank you to our generous donors. The basket was won by Harm & Linda de Groot. Congratulations!



*Mr. Jerry Bouma,
Honorary Dutch
Consul of the
Netherlands*

Willy & Ria



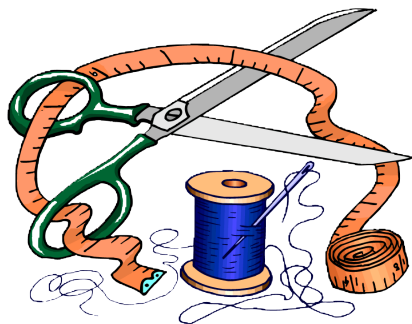
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*Thank
you* ❤️

Thank You!
We thank our
volunteers who made
this event a success.
We thank our
vendors and especially
our visitors.
We hope to see you
again soon.

SEWING & CRAFT CIRCLE

By Jenny Smits - 780-975-7426



Thank you Vicky for looking after our tables at the Vrijmarkt and thank you everyone for stopping by. It was good to see so many people.

We meet on Tuesdays from 10:30 until 3:00. We have some room in the boardroom if you would like to join us. Please bring your own lunch.

Jenny



WINDMILLS SENIOR GROUP is hosting a High Tea on May 9 at 1:30 pm

KLAVERJAS CLUB

The Klaverjas Club meets every Tuesday from 11:00—2:30



CARD MAKERS

By Ria Bok - 780-472-2725

It was very nice to see so many people last Saturday at our Vrijmarkt. Thanks for all the hugs! Our cardmaking dates for the month of May are: May 11 and May 25. We start at around 10 and are finished around 3:30. We do stop for lunch, so please bring your own lunch. See you there.

Ria



SATURDAY SOCIALS

By Aris Smits - 780-920-7699

We had a great time at our paint night and all the artists went home with a masterpiece!

- * At our Bingo last month one lucky table won most of the prizes. We'll see if other players can get lucky this month too.
- * We also played Pickleball, not for competition (yet) but just for fun!

Coming up:

* **May 18 - BINGO. 1:00 pm**

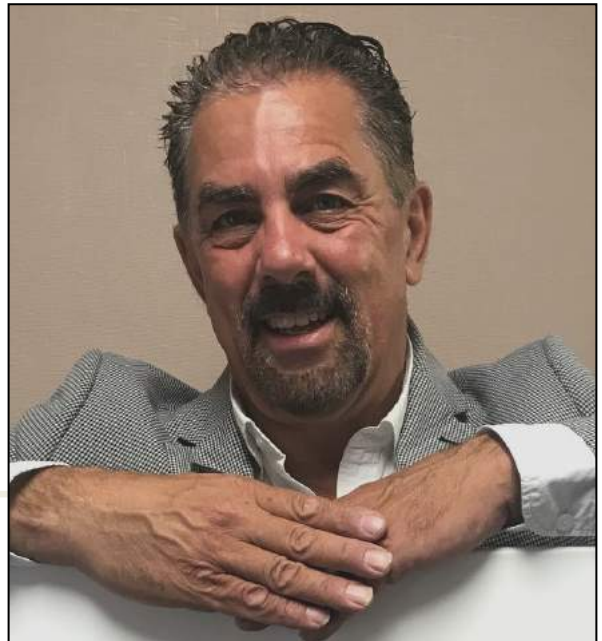
* **June 1 - Introduction to the game of KLAVERJAS**

If you would like to learn to play Klaverjas, we will go over the basic rules and play a few games. We welcome experienced players to come help out the rookies.





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This and That to the Windmills

With spring well on the way, we have survived another winter. It didn't seem too bad other than that severe cold spell in January. Roel and I took advantage of the near perfect spring conditions at Marmot to go skiing one more time on April 22. Always thinking this may be the last time we are able to do this, we had a great time to end this ski season.



We also took a drive out to Maligne Canyon and Maligne Lake. But there, everything was still in the grip of winter; the lake was still completely frozen over and no water flowing through the canyon as yet. For those interested, Miette Hot Springs will open on May 3rd this year. They had to close last summer in June when access to the pool was blocked by a giant mudslide. The admission fees are now \$17.50 for an adult and \$15.25 for a senior and a park pass is needed as well to get there. But it makes for a very nice outing to drive through the mountains in our own Alberta backyard.

The thing we currently worry about the most is the potential of wild fires this spring. There are already several wild-fires burning throughout the province. When driving around the province the whole landscape seems tinder dry.

The King's Day celebrations are again behind us. Watching the scenes from the Netherlands, King Willem Alexander's birthday was once again one big party. At the club on our Thursday get together we toasted the king with small glass of orange schnapps and enjoyed the delicious cake made by Ria.

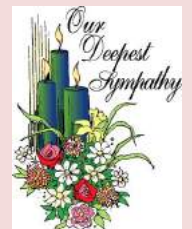
On Saturday the 27th of April, on the actual king's birthday we held our first market, since before Covid, in the big hall. We tried to do what they traditionally do in the Netherlands on that day: people can set up a stall anywhere, in an attempt to sell those items they no longer want. We started setting up on Thursday, having no idea of what to expect in the way of turn out, since we didn't do any widespread advertising. But it exceeded our expectations and I think it turned out to be a fun event. Don't know if the vendors were as successful as they hoped in their sales, but there was music, there was food and drink, our honorary consul to the Netherlands, Jerry Bouma, joined us to say a few words, and everyone seemed to have a good time, which was the whole purpose of doing this in the first place. So thank you to all who worked so hard to make it all happen.



Jerry Bouma met King Willem Alexander and Queen Máxima in November 2023

We are now making preparations for May 4th when we will celebrate the Netherlands Liberation day (Bevrijdings dag) with a pancake breakfast. There will be a charge for the meal, but I hope many of you decide to come out for this.

We were sad to hear of the passing of Piet Van Papeveld. Although he hadn't been able to come to the club for a while due to health reasons, he and his wife Trudy were very faithful members. Piet loved to play klaverjas and billiards. They would be at the club a few times a week, all the way from Beaumont. Our condolences go out to Trudy and family.



On another note; the Stanley cup playoffs are in full swing, with 4 Canadian teams in the playoffs this year. But of course we are most interested in the Edmonton Oilers and we hope they go far. Go Oilers Go!!!! Take care everyone; it was nice to see so many of you at the market.

Rinske President of the Windmills

Brain Teasers *by Marwina Prent*



1. What 2 things can you never eat for breakfast?
2. I make a loud sound when I'm changing. When I do change, I get bigger but weigh less. What am I?
3. It has keys, but no locks. It has space, but no room. You can enter, but can't go inside. What is it?
4. I'm orange, I wear a green hat and I sound like a parrot. What am I?
5. What runs all around a backyard, yet never moves?
6. What invention lets you look right through a wall?
7. What is always on its way but never arrives?
8. Two girls were born to the same mother, on the same day, at the same time, in the same month and year, and yet they're not twins. How can this be?
9. What has branches, but no fruit, trunk, or leaves?
10. What thrives when you feed it but dies when you water it?

Answers on page 15



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On April 18 the Windmills were served a Berenhap. Here is Ria Bok in the kitchen preparing the lunch.





Remembrance/Liberation

Saturday, May 4, 2024

10:30 - Dutch pancake breakfast

11:30 - ceremony at the cenotaph

Followed by gathering in the Nordic room where we can share memories or stories about our own or our parents' war time experiences.

Liberation celebration - coffee/cake



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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or phone 780-975-7426 and I will include it on our member's page.

Members Page

We are very sad to have to announce that

Piet Van Papeveld

passed away on April 23. He was 90 years old.



Our heartfelt condolences to Trudy and the Van Papeveld family



WINDMILLS

May 9

**Invitation to our
Mother's Day High Tea**

1:30 pm

Nordic Room

(you may dress up for this)

The Keukenhof and its history

When here in Alberta spring has barely started, in the Netherlands the Tulip season and the season of other flowering bulbs is already coming to an end. For instance the world famous Keukenhof garden is only open to the public from mid-March to Mid-May and will be closing its gate on May 12th. This garden is located on 32 hectares of land, with 40 gardeners working to maintain and showcase around 7 million flowering bulbs, and it is a top tourist destination in the Netherlands.



The Keukenhof is celebrating its 75th anniversary this year. Back in 1949 the current mayor of Lisse and 20 leading flower bulb growers and exporters came up with the idea of using the Keukenhof to showcase spring season bulbs. The planting of numerous bulbs got underway and when they opened to the public, in the spring of 1950, the garden was an instant success with 200.000 visitors in just that first year. In recent years the garden receives around one and a half million visitors during the 2 short months they are open.



The Keukenhof garden is located near the town of Lisse in the province of South Holland and is part of the larger Keukenhof estate. Even when the flower garden is closed, the Keukenhof grounds around the castle remain open to the public all year. In the summer people can enjoy the beautiful Dahlia gardens and it is a popular stopover for cycle tours and sight seeing tours. There is a restaurant, De Hofboerderij, located near a petting zoo, where children can follow a 2 km gnome trail. Located on the grounds is also the “LAM”: Lisser Art Museum, with displays focusing on food and consumption. Behind the estate lies the extensive Keukenhof forest, well worth

exploring since the woods are located on an authentic beach ridge. The landscape as it was before excavations for bulb cultivation and the construction of towns began in many other areas.

Historically this whole area was part of the Teylingen Castle estate with hunting taking place in the wide strip of land in the dunes called Keukenduyn (Kitchen Dunes), providing the meat for the kitchen. In the



15th Century, the Teylingen Castle was in possession and home of Countess Jacoba Van Beieren (Jacqueline of Bavaria). She created and tended an herb garden near her kitchen, leading to the name Keuken Hof or Kitchen Courtyard or Kitchen Garden. Jacoba was countess of Holland and Zeeland and played a large role in history during times when the business of politics and power and the struggle for land ownership was mainly a man's domain.

Jacoba Van Beieren (1401-1436) was born in the count's castle of Le Quesnoy in Hainaut in Belgium. She was the daughter of Count William VI and Margaret of Burgundy. She did not lead an easy life, living in very turbulent times, during the conflicts called “Hoekse and Kabeljouwse Twisten” (Hook and Cod Conflicts, 1345-1492). She became a pawn in the aristocrats' struggle and fight for power and political influence. She was married off in 1406, at the age of 5, to French prince John of Touraine the dauphin or crown prince of France. The marriage was solemnized in The Hague in 1415 when she was 14 years old.



John died in 1417 and Jacoba was a widow at 16 years old. A few months later her father Count Willem VI also died and she became Countess of Holland, Zeeland and Hainaut. Her inheritance was constantly being challenged and she was caught in the middle of the many battles being fought for power and position. She married her 4th cousin John of Brabant to strengthen her own position, but the marriage was declared invalid by the pope. She went to England and married Humphrey of Gloucester the son of King Henry I in 1423. She returned with Humphrey to defend Hainaut in 1424, fighting against her ex-husband John of Brabant, but the town was captured and she was imprisoned in Ghent. The Hooks decided she could be of benefit to them and helped her escape disguised in men's clothing.

Meanwhile her marriage to Humphrey was also annulled since the church decided she was still married to John of Brabant. After many challenges, intrigues and battles, she lost most of her possessions and her titles. (The politics between the Hooks and Cods are too complicated to go further into). She married her fourth husband Frank Van Borssele and took up residence at Castle Teylingen, (at the Keukenhof) where she spent the last years of her life in seclusion. She died of tuberculosis at the young age of 35 on October 9, 1436. In her short life she was constantly involved in combat for power and position and her name would go into history filled with myths and legends. She is still remembered by streets and places named after her and there is a statue of her in the town of Woudrichem in the province of North Brabant.

After Jacoba's death the grounds were owned by wealthy merchant families. In 1857 six additional towers were added to the castle when the estate was bought by Baron and Baroness Van Pallandt. They had the father and son architect team Zocher redesign the gardens in the English garden style. This design is still forming the basis for the Keukenhof gardens today.

Rinske





The Dutch royal family were out in full force for the annual festival, which marks the birthday of King Willem-Alexander, this year heading to the town of Emmen in the north east.

The king and queen were joined by their three daughters - Princess Ariane, 17, Princess Amalia, 20, and 18-year-old Princess Alexia, all of whom were in shades of green, blue and orange.

The family walked a route through the town, collecting gifts of flowers and greeting onlookers who had gathered to wish the royal family well on King's Day.

Ban on smoke flavour may be worst case scenario for Hema sausage

"Boerenkool met worst" is the ultimate in Dutch cooking.

A decision by the European Commission to ban the use of harmful smoke flavourings could spell the end of the iconic Dutch "smoked" sausage, Dutch media are reporting.

A special EU committee is looking at ending the use of flavourings in sausages and other products in April following research showing the process to produce an artificial smoky taste leaves harmful chemicals that have been linked to cancer and infertility.

Dutch rookworst, or smoked sausage, whose most famous producers are Hema and Unox, used to be smoked over a fire until the 1970s. That option would not be an alternative if the flavouring is discontinued, a Unilever spokesman told the newspaper Algemeen Dagblad, because of the detrimental effects of wood smoke on human health and the environment.

The traditional smoked sausage, which is now boiled and smoke-flavoured, put Unox on the map 87 years ago. But all is not lost, the spokesman said. "If there is a ban on the current flavourings there will probably be a transition period in which we can look for other solutions to preserve the taste," he told the paper.



Photo: Depositphotos.com

Source: DutchNews.nl

Máxima television series seeks to rule international airwaves

Queen Máxima's life and times are getting the royal treatment in *Máxima*, a new series that debuted on the 20th of April on Videoland with a six episode first season. It's the latest tv programme hoping to replicate the success of *The Crown*. The popular series that covered the reign of queen Elizabeth wrapped up its sixth and final season in December and has racked up numerous awards including two Golden Globes. But is there enough drama surrounding the Dutch royals to hold the attention of both local and international viewers?

That remains to be seen, but critical response to *Máxima* in the Netherlands has been mixed and somewhat bizarre after the press and guests were shown the first two episodes last week. A reviewer for *De Volkskrant* gave the series four stars out of five and praised the performance of Argentinean actress Delfina Chaves in the title role. Meanwhile, another critic wished the series featured 'more nudity.'

A second season is already in the works and was announced earlier this week. Production is scheduled to begin in October. The first season largely focuses on Máxima's courtship with then crown prince Willem-Alexander. It's based on Dutch journalist Marcia Luyten's *Máxima Zorreguieta: Motherland*, a biography released in the lead-up to the queen's 50th birthday. Despite the premise, viewers shouldn't expect a sunshiny rom-com. The series also delves into the controversies surrounding Máxima's father, Jorge Zorreguieta. He served as Argentina's minister for agriculture during the infamous regime of military dictator Jorge Rafael Videla. While Zorreguieta managed to avoid prosecution for the regime's human rights violations and denied any involvement, Máxima's engagement with Willem-Alexander was questioned by pundits and politicians. Their marriage had to be approved by parliament before they were allowed to wed in 2002. There was also one major concession: Zorreguieta wasn't allowed to attend the ceremony.

"We took some time to think about how to approach the politics, because you want to be authentic but, on the other hand, you don't want to start a whole political discussion," series producer Rachel van Bommel told *Variety*. "We decided to take the point of view of Máxima herself, and by taking her perspective, you don't have to have an opinion about it, you can just be factual."

Máxima's official Dutch debut on Videoland was set for Saturday, 20 April and will later be released in at least 25 international markets.

Máxima herself has reportedly no plans to watch the show, and says she has not read the book either. But she also, according to the AD, said she and her husband completely support the right to artistic freedom, and for film makers to make whatever suits them.



Source: *DutchNews.nl*

Máxima meets Willem-Alexander, as seen on tv. Photo: Millstreet Films

Bright spark: How a Dutch architect revived the Olympic flame

With 100 days to go until the opening ceremony in Paris, the Olympic flame has been lit, continuing a tradition that began in Amsterdam in 1928.

Dutch architect Jan Wils was the man who revived the idea of the flame, which harks back to the sacred fire that burned during the ancient Olympic games in Athens.



The Olympic cauldron in front of the Amsterdam Olympic Stadium.

Wils designed the stadium for the 1928 Games, including the 40-metre high Marathon Tower. He wanted the flame to burn at the top of the tower so that people could see for miles around that the event was taking place.

Wils was awarded an Olympic gold medal for architecture for his efforts, in the days when medals were awarded for achievements in the arts, including literature, sculpture and painting. He intended the tower with its burning flame to rival Amsterdam's church spires in the otherwise low-rise skyline. Many Christian politicians opposed staging the Olympics in the city, regarding it as a heathen event.

The lighting of the flame in Athens also marks the first stage of the torch relay, but that component was added by the Nazis for the 1936 Olympics in Berlin.

After the flame was lit on April 16, 2024 the flame was passed to Greek rower Stefanos Douskos, who won gold in the single sculls in Tokyo four years ago. The second leg is being run by French former swimmer Laure Manadou. The flame will arrive in Marseille by ship on May 8, where the relay route will continue through France, including French overseas territories such as Guyana and Martinique. After arriving in Paris for Bastille Day, July 14, it will go on a tour of the metropolitan area before being conveyed to the stadium for the opening ceremony on July 26.



The WINDMILLS Senior Group celebrated King's Day on April 25, 2024





*PAINT NIGHT at the Dutch
Canadian Club - April 13, 2024*



I am pleased to report that the tulips we planted with the students from the Academy at King Edward are starting to come up from the dirt.
Spring is in the air!!


-John Stobbe

Answers from page 8:

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| 1. Lunch and dinner. | 8. The two babies are two of a set of triplets. |
| 2. Popcorn. | 9. A bank. |
| 3. A keyboard. | 10. A fire |
| 4. A carrot | |
| 5. A fence. | |
| 6. A window. | |
| 7. Tomorrow. | |



May 2024

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1	2 Windmills	3 pub night	4 Remem- brance/ Liberation
5	6	7 Sewing Klaverjas	8	9 High Tea Windmills	10 pub night	11 Card making
12	13	14 Sewing Klaverjas	15	16 Windmills	17 pub night	18 
19	20	21 Sewing Klaverjas	22	23 Windmills	24 pub night	25 Card Making
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