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*Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy 2019!*

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## In our clubrooms (see calendar included)

- Coffee mornings, last one is a Pot-Luck lunch, Wednesday 5 December and first one in 2019 Wednesday 20 February
- Sunday afternoon instuif – Sundays from 2pm to about 5 pm throughout holiday period
- Klaverjas, every Tuesday from 10am to about 2pm. Bring your own lunch
- Dutch School – alternate Saturdays – see calendar for dates.
- Sinterklaas, Sunday 2 December from 1:30pm onwards. Enrolments close on 29 November.
- Christmas Luncheon, Sunday 9 December – see notice in this issue.

## Elsewhere

- Coffee morning, every Wednesday in Island Bay Community House, from 10am-12 noon. \$2 entry
- Coffee morning, in Baptist Church, 286 Te Moana Rd, Waikanae, 10am-12 noon, Friday 14 December and 11 January



## From the president:

Greetings to you all,

It's the last Double Dutch of the year time again! Our club-year is rushing along and we can look

back at a number of very successful event in the past months.

As mentioned in the previous edition, Tulip Sunday 2018 was a great success in terms of weather and attendance. After having counted all the coins, I can also report that it was a very successfully event for us financially. As a matter of fact, the most prosperous event since quite a few years. After that we celebrated "Leidens Ontzet" which turned out to be a superb feast this year. Our clubrooms were full of herring and "hutspot" loving enthusiasts and we had a surprise visit of our new Dutch ambassador Mira Woldsberg and her husband. The puzzle tour, which saw a slow start, came to a close finish between the 8 participating cars and was, according to all participants, a challenging but enjoyable trip. The tour was followed by a BBQ, enjoyed by over forty members and guests. You will find more about these events further on in this issue.

As if that isn't enough, December will be a busy month as well, with "Sinterklaas" on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of December, Wednesday Pot-luck lunch on the 5<sup>th</sup> of December and our new version of Christmas celebration, namely a Christmas lunch on the 9<sup>th</sup> of December, in store for you. To know more about these events, continue reading in this edition. After that we will slow down a bit. Social Sunday afternoons will continue as per attached calendar and Wednesday coffee mornings will start again on 20<sup>th</sup> February 2019.

This leaves me wishing you a peaceful Christmas time, a relaxing break and, if you are planning a trip in this holiday season, a safe journey there and back again.

See you soon at one of our events and in the meantime: keep a cool head and a warm heart.

Hallo allemaal,

Alweer de laatste Double Dutch van dit jaar! Ons verenigingsjaar schiet alweer op en we kijken terug op een aantal zeer succesvolle evenementen in de afgelopen maanden.

Zoals ik in de vorige uitgave al schreef was "Tulip Sunday" 2018 een geweldig succes qua weer en opkomst. Nadat alle muntjes geteld zijn, kan ik ook melden dat het een van de, financieel, meest succesvolle evenementen van de afgelopen jaren is geweest. Daarna was er Leidens Ontzet, wat een super feest was dit jaar. Het clubhuis zat vol met haring en hutspot enthousiastelingen en we hadden bezoek van onze nieuwe Nederlandse ambassadeur Mira Woldsberg en haar echtgenoot. De puzzeltocht kwam traag op gang maar uiteindelijk hadden we 8 auto's aan de start van een, volgens alle deelnemers, uitdagende maar genoeglijke rit. Na de tocht was er een BBQ waarvan we met een gezellige groep van een veertigtal leden en gasten genoten hebben. Meer over deze evenementen lezen jullie verderop in dit nummer.

Ook december wordt een drukke maand met de volgende evenementen: op 2 December Sinterklaas, op 5 December "Pot-luck lunch" en op 9 December een primeur, namelijk een Kerst-lunch. Ook over deze evenementen meer in deze uitgave. Daarna doen we het wat rustiger aan. De "Social Sunday" middagen blijven doorgaan zoals aangegeven op bijgevoegde kalender en de koffie morgens op woensdag starten weer op 20 februari 2019.

Rest mij nog jullie een mooi kerstfeest te wensen en, indien jullie erop uitgaan in deze vakantietijd, een ontspannende en mooie tijd, behouden reis en wel thuis.

Tot snel op een van onze evenementen en houd het hoofd koel en het hart warm,

*Pierre*

## From the secretary and editor

Hello dear people

It's been a busy year, this 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary year of our club, and it's still not over! I've been to Leidens Ontzet (as a guest this year) – thank you, team! and had good fun with the car puzzle rally. Although we came joint last, Willem and I enjoyed the tasks that were set and found them challenging and fun. Thank you, René, Pierre and Anna, for providing a fun-filled afternoon, that ended with a delicious barbeque. I hope we'll indeed make this an annual event and encourage more teams to enter next year.

Pierre mentioned that we made a healthy profit on Tulip Sunday and he was right - after costs, we were left with \$4100.00. Thank you again, volunteers, for making this happen.

I went to the funeral services of two people well-known in the club – Ann Schrader and Ton van Geet. It's always sad to hear a member has passed away, but both these people's families and friends can look back on their loved one's having led a long and happy life. I've sent condolence cards to the families on behalf of our club.

I'm looking forward to Sinterklaas on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of December, and to the (catered) Christmas lunch on the 9<sup>th</sup>. We've info on these events further down in the Double Dutch.

I'd like to thank the people I've worked with this year within the club – first of all, Pieter Koedijk, for making the Wednesday coffee mornings fun to go to for me, and for making much-appreciated soup. Pieter is always the one who opens the clubrooms and gets all set up and warmed up. Also thank you to Marianne, for making bread rolls throughout the year for the coffee mornings, and for stepping in when Pieter wasn't available. As a club member who happens to be on the committee, I see first-hand the hard work that goes into running the club and maintaining the club rooms and I'm sure you'll join me when I thank the committee - thank you Pierre, Anna, Ann, Yvonne, René, Astrid, Ellen, Petra and Anja for all you've done this year.



to those who celebrate a birthday in December and January – I know of Willem, Thijs, Te Atawhai, Raiha, Jack, Anne, John, JoAnna, Theo and Henny in December, and Femke, Ina, Bruno, and Ann in January. I wish you a good birthday and all the best for the year to come.

Warm greetings to all of you, and best wishes to those who are struggling with illness or loss.

Wishing you all a happy, safe holiday season.

*Anne-Marie*

## Friendly Support Network Wellington Inc.

The Friendly Support Network (FSN) consists of a small group of members and volunteers, who all speak Dutch. Their aim is to visit people who might otherwise not receive visitors in hospital, at home or in care homes. FSN volunteers have also helped translate or make sense of Dutch-language documents for non-Dutch speaking family members. Please realise that the FSN must be made aware of someone's need – don't hesitate to call if you know someone needs help! If you know of someone who would appreciate a visit from a volunteer, ring the coordinator, Bill van Waas, on 04 298 4244 or the secretary, Anne-Marie Knibbeler on 971-7571.

## Christmas celebration / Kerstviering

Over the last few years, interest in our traditional Christmas celebration in the Knox Church has declined. Not only has the number of attendees been falling drastically but it is also getting harder every year to get this event organised. For this reason, we have decided on a new formula.



ANNA AND PIERRE, FOR THE NZ NETHERLANDS SOCIETY  
WELLINGTON INC,  
Cordially invite you to a

# COPIOUS CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Sunday, 9<sup>th</sup> of December  
11:30 am – doors open  
12:15pm – lunch is served

Clubrooms, Avalon House  
61 Taita Dr  
Avalon, Lower Hutt



All food is prepared from fresh by our Chef Anna Heythuysen and a full bar service is available. The clubrooms will be decorated for the season but we also ask you to enhance the Christmas atmosphere by coming dressed for the occasion.

Cost for this event is \$20 pp for members and \$25 pp for non-members. This will include one drink of choice.

Attendance is limited to 40 seats so please book early by contacting Anna (04-5636026) or Pierre ([021-08272084/pierre.schmits@yahoo.com](mailto:021-08272084/pierre.schmits@yahoo.com)). We look forward to welcoming you!

**Anna and Pierre**

## Sinterklaas

### 2 December in the clubrooms, 61 Taita Dr, Avalon

#### Sinterklaas Celebration



When? Sunday 2 December

What time? Doors Open at: 1.30pm

What? Stoomboot decorating until St Nicholas arrives around 2pm

Cost? \$10 Members \$15 Non-members, this includes a present.

Registrations and payment due on 29 November. Strictly no door sales.

Email: [yvonneb@xtra.co.nz](mailto:yvonneb@xtra.co.nz)

Bankdetails: Bank account 03-0525-0098055-00; in name of New Zealand Netherlands Society Wgtn Inc.

Please use your child's name as a reference

Food? Bar is open from 1.30pm, Kroketten and Rookworst for sale as well as broodjes hagelstag.

Cash sales only – we have no EFTPOS.

## Tuesday Klaverjas Club

The last day for the Klaverjas club is the 18<sup>th</sup> of December, when we will play the last games of the year and have the prize giving. We'll go to Wah Loong on Saturday the 15<sup>th</sup> at 12:30pm for lunch.

The weekly results are:

Date		Winner	points
25 September	Week 33	Nic de Graauw	5092
2 October	Week 34	Hanny Zwart	4818
9 October	Week 35	Len Visser	5144
16 October	Week 36	Hanny Zwart	5123
23 October	Week 37	Hanny Zwart	5389
30 October	Week 38	Harry v.d. Gulik	5043
6 November	Week 39	Chris de Kruiff	5215
13 November	Week 40	Ann Beyk	4983

I hope all of you will have a lovely Christmas and holiday, and I'll see you all back in good spirit on Tuesday 5 February 2019.

*Ann Beyk*

A weasel walks into a bar. Gosh, says the bartender, I've never served a weasel before. What can I get you?  
"Pop" goes the weasel.

## In Memoriam



**Anna Hendrika Juliana Schrader** was born on 30 April 1926 and Ann, as we knew her, died on 14 October 2018. She was a long-time active member of the Wellington Netherlands Society and served on the committee with her late husband, Jaap, for a number of years.

Ann loved the entertainment on the Sunday afternoons and the twice-monthly coffee mornings. For the many organised events and the coffee mornings, for many years she would make a big pot of soup, which was to everybody's likings.

In the days when the Dutch club took part in the Wellington and Lower Hutt Christmas parades, Ann enjoyed sitting on the float of the Dutch club and waving her little red, white and blue flag to the people that lined the street.

On one occasion at Easter when we had games organised in the clubhouse's back garden, Ann was unfortunate with the tug-of-war game, finishing at the bottom of the pile of participants, with the result that she broke her leg and had to be taken by ambulance to the hospital.

For years she was also the helping hand for Jaap to run the Klaverjas club for the Dutch Club. At the end of the year she would go to Upper Hutt businesses to ask for sponsorship in the way of a little present for a raffle.

Ann never got her driver's licence and, as she'd been in a serious car crash once, she was a very nervous passenger. After the death of her husband, members of the club ensured Ann could still come to social events, until her legs gave out and it became too much for her to walk, some years ago. She had her "own" place in the clubrooms, from where she could see every corner and the kitchen, and whoever walked in was warmly greeted by her.

Jo, Truus and Henry can be proud to have had such a caring mother, and may she now Rest in Peace – Rust in Vrede.

*Kees Dorresteijn*

**Anthonie Leendert van Geet** (Tom, Ton) – born 5 February 1930, died 7 November 2018.

Ton van Geet was a respected and loved member of our Netherlands Society and the Klaverjas Club for many years. He was a very good player, and quite often in the top scores and prizes.

Ton was not only a good player, but also a friendly and no-nonsense person. Ton, we loved having you in our club, and will miss you very much.

*Ann Beyk*



## Puzzle Tour Sunday 2018

On Sunday 28 October 2018 eight brave teams assembled at the club rooms to participate in the reinstated Puzzle Tour.

Health and Safety instructions were given, maps handed out in Dutch and English, plus a gold coin provided to buy something at the store. Teams were sent off in 10 minutes intervals. This was not a timed race, but answers had to be given to various clues. Although there was a time limit with the recommendation to go straight home if lost and not back after 4 hours!

The route went through Taita, Stokes Valley and Pomare. Teams had to look out for signs, instructions, images and purple roofs. Reading instructions correctly seemed for some to be a mission. Luckily all teams arrived back safely.

Some teams enjoyed the scenery, had some fun in the playground, or took time to enjoy an icecream in the sun. Others were speed demons and back in no time.

A BBQ was provided and enjoyed with many club members followed by prize giving and the presentation of the prestigious Ralta Car Rally Trophy to the winning team Girls Just Wanna Have Fun. This trophy was first won in 1960 by Mr & Mrs Kneppelhout and last by Ju Vlaar in 1995.

The Avontuurlijke Tulpjes won the best team name award.



René van Lierop presenting the prize and trophy to Girls Just Wanna Have Fun comprising Mila, Janneke, and Astrid Scrimgeour, Zoe and Liz Kroezen, and Brechje Kroezen-Maas.

Team	Score
Girls Just Wanna Have Fun	21
Girl Power	19
Avontuurlijke Tulpjes	
Wilton Crew	
Half as Many, Twice as Good	
Three Musketeers	18
M A Team	17
Ouwe Zeuren	

We hope to run the event annually and look forward to many more teams participating in this

fun-filled family day.

*René and Pierre*

## Leidens Ontzet

This important event in the Dutch history was celebrated at our clubhouse on Sunday 7 October, but officially has been commemorated annually on 3 October in Leiden since 1886.

The Siege of Leiden, which happened during the Eighty Years' War when the Spanish Army attempted to capture the city from October 1573 to March 1574 and returned in May 1574. However, the city had neglected, in the interim, to pull down the Spanish fortifications and to organise provisions, though they were warned. With the citizens in despair, the mayor offered his own body for food in an attempt to keep morale up (no-one took this up). Provisions had run out after two months; the Spanish were not ousted until the night of 2/3 October 1574. By that time thousands of Leidenaren had starved.

The army of Watergeuzen (Sea Beggars), led by William the Silent, Prince of Orange, broke dikes to come to the rescue of the occupied city. Due to a north-western storm the water came all the way. This allowed the 'watergeuzen' to sail to Leiden and led the Spanish to fled. The story goes that they had to leave so quickly that there were pots of carrot and parsnip-stew still cooking on the stoves. This was the first fresh food the people from Leiden had in a long time. The next morning the 'watergeuzen' entered and

fed the citizen herring and white bread (**haring en wittebrood**) and that is what we and everyone who has been celebrating '3 October' was fed every year since 1886.

We in the Dutch Club enjoyed the 'haring & wittebrood', as well as the 'hutspot met draadjessvlees', followed by fruit salad and icecream for dessert.

But what a big job it must have been to prepare that mountain of food!

Thank you, team: Anna, Ellen, Astrid, Marina, Anne-Marie, Yvonne, Mien, Pierre, Kees - and Ben, for entertaining us with his Ocarina.

*Geraldine Waijers*



## **Rotorua Walking Festival**

It's early days yet to think about walking in March, but if we'd like to have a team again, we'll save by enrolling before 31 January and having lots of people in the team. Last time we walked 21 km on day 1, and 10 on day 2. Event information is available on [www.rotoruawalkingfestival.org.nz](http://www.rotoruawalkingfestival.org.nz). The event happens on the weekend of 16-17 March, with an optional nocturnal walk and mayor's reception on Friday 15<sup>th</sup>. This is a very well organised international walking event, and good fun! Please contact Pierre if you'd like to be part of a team from our club.

*Anne-Marie*

What happened to the thief who stole an Advent Calendar? He got 25 days!



*Christmas*  
*A time to remember*

**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2018 at 6:30pm**

*When you have lost someone dear to you, anniversaries and the times you were happiest are often the times you are at your saddest.*

*Come and join us at our service of remembrance and gather strength from others.*

*This Christmas let's support one another.*

**Old Saint Paul's, Mulgrave Street, Thorndon**

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**Booking is essential**



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## Sports fan? Hockey fan?

*In Auckland on 27 January? This is your chance to see top-hockey being played!*

We, at Hockey New Zealand, have an exciting opportunity coming up in 2019. From January 27-April 25, we will be hosting 10 of the world's best hockey teams as they play against the Black Sticks in the FIH Pro League – a new style of international hockey. To give you an idea of how this will work, the competition is a round-robin style tournament, which means each team will play their opponent twice: once in their home country and once in their opponents'. This way we can bring hockey home to grow the sport around the world.

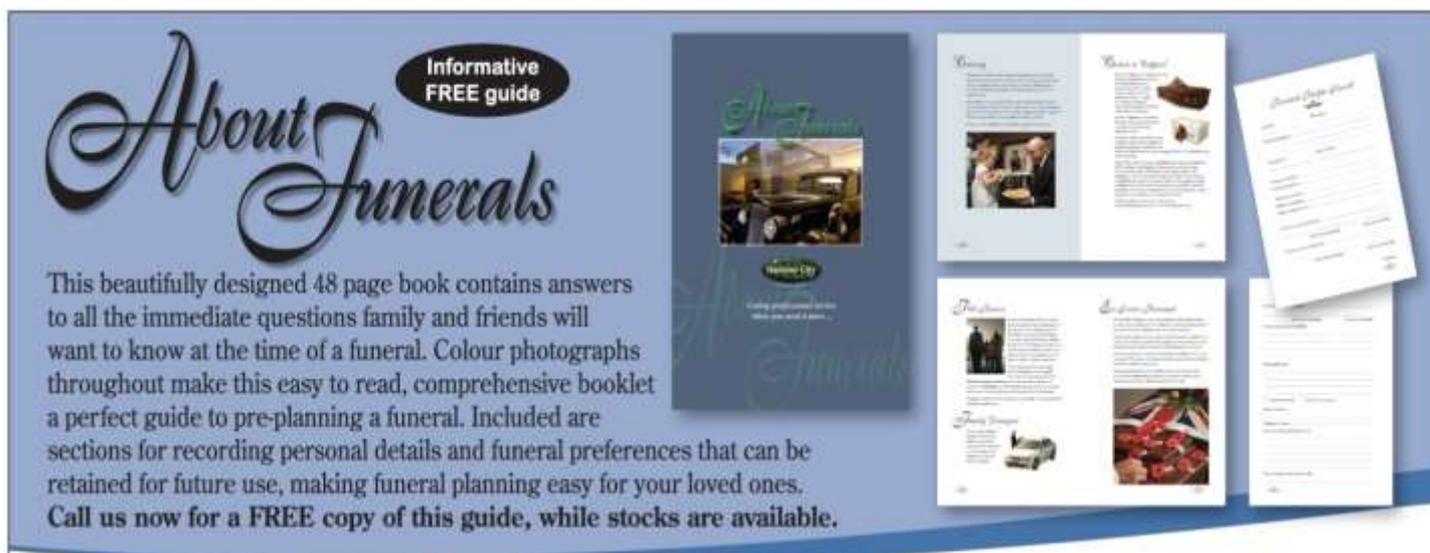
We have been fortunate enough to secure 8 dates across two venues (Auckland and Christchurch) each with men's and women's double-header games, including **games against The Netherlands on January 27<sup>th</sup>**.

We are reaching out to you as we would like to involve your ex-pat communities at the games to create an amazing environment for all fans, as well as giving the away team the opportunity to have their own fans at the games. Aside from world-class international sport, the FIH Pro League games will have a festival-type set up for spectators to enjoy themselves with food, music and activities reflecting the vibrant cultures of both New Zealand and the opposing country. For example, with some Dutch fries, bitterballen, beers and (how you perfectly call it) "gezelligheid".

Emma Kayser  
*Dutch intern Hockey New Zealand*

Venues: Ngā Puna Wai, Christchurch  
North Harbour Hockey Stadium, Auckland  
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