
THE HOLLAND CLUB, INC.

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Dear Friends:

For those who have a hand in planning club activities, it is always a pleasure to see the members having a good time, and this was certainly true at the Oranje Ball on April 28. Although the turnout was small, everyone seemed in a party mood, and most of the people stayed on and danced until 1:00 A.M. The surprise mentioned in the invitations was, of course, the tulips, which were flown in for the party and were given away to the members when it was over. Although it was not brought out at the dance, the musical background for the Wilhelmus was not a record but a direct broadcast of Radio Hilversum on Sjoerd Steunebrink's ultra short wave radio.

As a result of the election held at the Ball, Vincent Doodeheefver is our new treasurer and Herman van Voorthuysen our new director. Some of you have probably heard from Mr. Doodeheefver already.

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On the 27th of this month, the club is having a scenic tour. Registration for the tour (fifty cents per car) will begin at 9:45 A.M. in the parking lot of Weingarten's at Post Oak Road and Westheimer, and the first car will leave at 10:00 A.M. There will be no complicated instructions; if you can read a road map, you can follow the tour, and Vincent Doodeheefver and Carl van Nes, who planned the tour, say you will see countryside that you never dreamed existed so close to Houston. If you have no car but would like to make the tour, call either MO 7-7939 or JA 2-0266, and we'll see that you're called for at home, given the tour and deposited back on your doorstep. The tour will end at a picnic site, should you want to bring food, and there will be barbecue facilities. If you have any outdoor games, please bring them. Should the weather be doubtful on the morning of the tour, and you're wondering whether the show will go on, call either of the above numbers for the answer. We would also like to know how many cars to count on, so please give us a call at either number and let us know you're coming.

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The following is quoted from a letter received by Mr. Engels from Nederlands Verbond der Verenigingen "Pro Juventute" regarding the successful sales in his consular district of the 1962 Oranjekalender:

"De prachtige opbrengst van de Oranjekalenders 1962 in Texas heeft ons zeer verrast. Wij zouden het bijzonder op prijs stellen, indien U onze welgemeende erkentelijkheid zoudt willen laten overbrengen aan de Nederlandse Verenigingen in Uw ambtsgebied."

The club directory will be made up about this time next month, and we are still shy a great deal of information for it. In sending in their dues, some people gave their names, addresses and phone numbers but did not indicate whether they wanted the information put in the directory; and some did not send the slip at all. If you did not fill out the slip or are not sure we know that you do or do not want to be listed, please call me at CA 3-4841, Ext. 624 during the day, JA 2-0266 in the evening, or drop me a line at 1810 Kipling. Because of the bulletin, it is important that we have your correct address regardless of whether you want to be listed in the directory. And as was brought out at the annual meeting, we cannot put your name, etc. in the directory without your consent even if you want to be included, so please let me know.

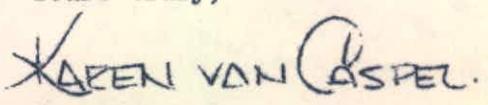
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There hasn't been a dinner dance yet that someone hasn't expressed the thought that the club really must make money out of them. Well, we wish it were so, but it isn't, and for the benefit of those who weren't at the annual meeting--and as a refresher for those who were--here's an explanation of the finances of an average dinner dance.

There are certain predictable expenses for parties such as the Christmas dance or the Oranje Ball; these are set in advance and will not be lower if we are to have the parties at places as pleasant as the Sagewood or the Red Room. To illustrate the difference between income and outlay for these parties:

<u>Predictable Expenses</u> (Average figures based on fifty people)		
Dinner per plate	\$ 3.25	\$ 162.50
Set-up fee per person	.85	42.50
15% gratuity	30.75	30.75
Three-piece combo for 3 hours	100.00	100.00
One hour overtime for combo at \$13.00 per half hour	26.00	26.00
Cost of liquor for cocktails	25.00	25.00
Total Expenses		<u>\$ 386.75</u>
Fifty people at \$5.00 a person		<u>250.00</u>
Deficit paid from club funds		<u>\$136.00</u>

So you can see that the club's treasury is never augmented by parties like this. Expenses not covered by ticket sales come out of dues paid by people who do not come as well as by those who do. It is a sad fact that these dances will have to be discontinued if they are not better attended. The cost per person for the Oranje Ball was based on higher attendance than we actually had, and therefore the deficit was much greater than that shown above. There are two solutions to the problem: 1) Increase annual dues, or 2) Discontinue the dinner dances. We feel you will not prefer the former and would regret the latter, and therefore we urge you to support these parties, as well as other club functions, to the best of your ability.

Yours truly,

 Karen van Caspel
 Secretary