

T H E H O L L A N D C L U B
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Dear Friends:

First of all we want to say how very happy we were to have had such a big turnout for our Oranjebal; all of you have really contributed to a wonderful evening. Those of you who could not make it not only missed the fun and food, but also the balloons and the tulips, which had arrived from Holland just two hours before the party started! Again, along this way, our warmest thanks to K. L. M. for adding that special touch.

You also missed the first chance to meet our new Consul-General, his wife, and their son, but we think most of you have made up for that in the meantime by accepting their gracious invitation to the cocktail party in honor of Queen Juliana on her birthday, April 30. Nogmaals, van harte welkom in Houston, Familie Beekman, en wij hopen U vaak in ons midden te mogen zien.

As mentioned in our previous bulletin, Mr. and Mrs. Bezems left Houston on April 14; we know they will be missed by all. Since there was not much time, your Board of Directors had to make the choice and decided to present the Bezems with a good-bye present from the Club, in the form of a Sterling silver shrimp dish, which was very much appreciated.

And now it's time to make some plans for the future.

During our last board meeting we have put together a tentative program for the remainder of this year, which we will mention below. First some details about our next activity.

MAY 24, BEACH PARTY FOR THE ENTIRE FAMILY.

Galveston, Stewart Beach, any time after 2:30 p.m.

It seems I am already hearing a lot of protests just mentioning the words : "Stewart Beach". I realize that a lot of you may have bad memories in connection with that beach, particularly those of you who have not been down there since hurricane Carla. To put your minds at ease, Roxanne and Hank Dijkstra - he's our money man, you know - and yours truly, have made a special trip to Galveston for inspection purposes. We have found that:

- a. The beach is very clean;
- b. there are new restroom facilities, which (at 12 noon) were very clean and had a full-time attendant.
- c. there are plenty of helpful and very polite lifeguards;
- d. there are shower facilities and lockers available at a small price;
- e. there are plenty of umbrellas and beach chairs for rent for those of you who don't want to sit in the sand. Naturally, they cost, so you might want to bring your own chairs.
- f. there are rubber boats and rings available for surfing.

We have made arrangements to have three big tents set up for us, and each of those will come with four chairs. We have been told that we CANNOT build a fire in the sand; however, WE CAN BRING charcoal broilers and use those. So you can either: bring cooked and ready-to-eat food, bring your broiler and use it to prepare something, or buy a hamburger or hot dog from the stand at the beach. Soft drinks and beer can also be bought right there.

We will have a sign on Stewart Beach to help you locate our group. However, here is a very short description of where to find us.

Coming from U. S. 75, drive all the way to the end of the boulevard, which leads right onto Stewart Beach. Turn slightly left (already on the beach) past the main building, and make a right turn immediately after passing the building and drive further down the sand to the parking poles. We'll be right there, held afloat by a lot of balloons!

Anyone who has any further questions with regard to this party, or how to get there, please call after 6:00 p.m. either Hank Dijkstra at MI 9-5616, or me, at JA 2-3633.

We hope to have another record-setting crowd. Bring your friends. However, one thing. We assume you understand that - at least so far - we have not been able to control the weather; in case that turns out to be unsuitable, we'll just have to forget the whole thing. But we'll try to have Chris Chandler coax the weatherman!

A few brief remarks now about other planned programs.

In June there is the charter to Holland, so we have planned no activities in Houston.

For July we are playing with two ideas, and as soon as the final decision has been made, we'll announce a definite date. In the meantime we'll just mention that either one of them has to do with special food, so please, WAIT AND SEE.

August will see many of our friends try to escape the heat, so we have made no plans.

For September we've put our vice president, Vincent Doodeheefver, to work and he has promised that the fruits of his endeavor will result in an automobile rally. We have begged him to make this one not so tough, so that we of the weaker sex may participate, and really make it a family affair. Tentative plans call for a very late morning start, to give those who want to go to Church time to do so. We may even wait until after lunch, in which case we would want to end the rally in time to meet in a cafeteria for dinner. This will give all mothers the day off from cooking, so they can join in the rally. Details will follow - - much later. October, naturally, will bring the traditional Leiden's Ontzet Party.

For November we have planned a very unusual film evening, in co-operation with "De Stichting Actie Samen". Some of you will remember this from a previous year, with the only difference (we think) that this year we will have some extraordinary films to show. Much more about this later.

December 5 this year comes on a Saturday, so that settles that. In this connection we would already like to mention here that the group of Dutchmen who "OWNED AND OPERATED" the Sinterklaas costume, has donated that, as well as all things that go with it, to our Club. Our sincere thanks, and we'll say more about this at a later date.

And finally, December 19 has tentatively been set for our annual Christmas party. But really, now, it seems too hot to think much about that, so we'll save the details for much later. Just wanted to keep everyone posted.

I have been asked to announce that efforts are being made to relocate the Tuesday Morning Coffee Club. No final arrangements have yet been made and, considering that the charter flight will take away quite a number of those regularly in attendance, I have been asked to announce that THERE WILL BE NO TUESDAY MORNING COFFEE IN THE MONTH OF JUNE. You will be contacted by phone as soon as final arrangements for a new meeting place have been made.

Last, but not least, our treasurer would like to come to the next board meeting announcing that all dues are paid. He tells me there are ten members from last year who have not yet paid. P L E A S E, wie de schoen past

Tot volgende week!

Ruth Kuppenschlag