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Windmill Whispers

August 2011



President's Corner

Dear Members,

The end of July is nearing. August is just a week away, and some of you with children are getting busy again with school supplies and clothes for your kids as the school year approaches. For me it's just a mere memory of those busy days of getting everything organized and making sure my children had everything to start school. I must say sometimes I miss those days. Just a thought, is it me or is it everybody else as well? It seemed that in those days we were so busy but we got a lot done. Now it seems that I get half as much done and am still as busy.

The Juniors and the Stephens got together last Sunday and had a taste test of the food a new cook prepared for the "Rijsttafel". We all agreed the food was excellent and better than Hazzard's. The Rijsttafel will be held at the Bekker's home this year as there are no Indonesian Restaurants in Houston any more. Space will be limited! We can only have 60 people, so it will be a first-come-first-serve situation. No exceptions! Please do not wait until the last minute to reserve because you will be out of luck once the 60 is reached. Saturday, September 3 is the Rijsttafel date!

Everyone knows that October is our General Meeting month, along with Herring and Hutspot night. I am looking for several helpers to cook Hutspot. There will be a prize for the best Hutspot. If there are no cooks, it will just be herring that is served! A more serious note is the election of the new Board 2012. I need someone to step up to start up a nominating committee. There will be six positions open. Yes, you heard that right - 6 positions, President, VP, Editor and three directors and possibly our corresponding secretary. Five out of the possible seven who are stepping down have been on this board for the past 6 years straight. I think it is time for someone else to take the reign so to speak. Please call or email me if you are interested in becoming a nominating committee member or show interest in being on the board next year.

Have a great rest of the summer. See you in September!

Frieda Stephens

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Iedereen van harte gefeliciteerd!

Editor's Note - Correction in Membership Directory

Please mark the following change in your Membership Directory:
 Charles & Nieki Walters - apartment number is 157 (not 154)
 email address is: clwalt@aol.com (not clwaltT@aol.com)

Board Meeting Report

The Board met on Tuesday, July 6 at the home of Corry Bekker. The Bowling Trip was reviewed. Nineteen people attended. Everyone had a good time and the food was good. The Rijsttafel event was discussed. Anneke has found a cook but we have no location. Several places she checked out where not large enough or too expensive to rent. Corry Bekker offered her home but limited the number of people that could attend to 60. Koosje Schneider is researching some facilities for other events. The Annual Meeting takes place in October. A nominating committee needs to be formed as six (maybe seven) board members have indicated they do not want to return in the new year. Hutspot cookers are also still needed. If there are no volunteers by the next board meeting only herring will be provided. The annual meeting is needed to select a board in order for the club to continue. The next Board Meeting will take place on Tuesday, September 6 at the home of Frieda Stephens, 18618 Keystone Oak St, 77084. Contact Frieda if you would like to attend: frieda4art@yahoo.com or 281-398-4438. Board meetings are open to all members.

New Members

Georgina and John Thurston
 PO BOX 1592
 Nederland, TX 77627
 (409) 549-6338
 email: gientje@gmail.com

We welcome these members to our club and hope to meet them soon!

2011 Calendar of Events

September 3 - Rijsttafel
 October 22- Annual Meeting and Herring
 November - Dutch-American Heritage Celebration
 December - Christmas Party

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Rijsttafel - Saturday, September 3, 4:00-8:00pm

At the home of Corry & Jos Bekker, 5302 Cedar Bend Creek, Houston, 77041.

Cost \$20 per person

Because of limited seating, this event is open to 60 people only. Your check is your reservation! No reservations by phone or e-mail. Once we receive 60 reservations, a waiting list will be made and you will be notified by Anneke.

Your check needs to be received by Friday, August 26.

Please mail your check to: Anneke Junier, 11007 Wickersham, Houston, TX 77042

Click here to open the [Rijsttafel flyer](#) (pdf file!) with more info.

Party Review - The Dutch go Bowling!

I always thought I was a decent bowler, well amateur at best really. I found out after one round of bowling that I'm not really that good at all. However I had a BLAST finding that out! I will admit that after one beer (or was it two), I performed quite the "come back" by "winning" the next round. I wasn't the only one having such a good time. We occupied 4 lanes with close to 20 players. Everyone bowled and everyone was laughing, cheering, heckling and generally having a really good time. The buffet served us salad, wings and pizza. For desert we had cookies and brownies. The wings were dynamite! I would go back just for more wings. I propose this event should be a yearly occurrence, maybe even more often.

Thanks so much,
Natasha Pope

Recipe Corner - BOLO DI BANANA (Plantain Pudding)

5 very ripe plantains, peeled and cut lengthwise in half
½ lb. yellow sharp cheese, grated
1/3 cup butter
2 ½ cup brown sugar
2 tbsp water
½ cup cracker crumbs
2 tsp. cinnamon
1½ tsp allspice
½ cup raisins
½ cup dry sherry

Pre-heat oven to 350 °F. Melt the butter in a heavy skillet and fry plantains until golden brown. Remove from skillet and mash well when cool. Add sugar and water to drippings and cook until sugar is dissolved. Remove from heat and set aside. Combine mashed plantains and sugar mixture. Add cheese. Stir in remaining ingredients and combine well. Pour into generously buttered casserole. Bake approximately 40 minutes. Pudding should

not become dry.

Please sent your favorite recipes to [Anneke Junier](#) for publishing in the Windmill Whispers.

Klaverjas News - July

The July Klaverjas party was hosted by Corry and Jos Bekker. Thanks very much for an exciting party.

We had only two tables of players. A small group, but a very nice and pleasant klaverjas night. The ladies' winner was Anneke Junier and the men's winner was the undersigned.

The next klaverjas night will be on August 27, 2011 at the Henni's residence. They would like to start at 7:30 P.M. sharp. Please call: 713-455-1531. We welcome new klaverjassers in the Holland Club to join us. Please, call us.

Yours truly,
Robert Junier

Koffie Uurtje

The Koffie Uurtje is still on summer break. In September we will continue at the home of Willemien Slikker. We'll notify you as soon as we have a date.
Adri Bormans - Koffie Uurtje Coordinator

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