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# Windmill Whispers End of 2011 Issue



# **Editor's Report**

I would like to wish everyone a very happy 2012!

It has been a pleasure to serve as the Holland Club editor in 2011. However, personal commitments make it impossible for me to continue and give it my best. I know that Leo Valk will do a wonderful job as your new editor and I am looking forward to his first Windmill Whisper issue.

Membership fees for 2012 will become due shortly. Treasurer Arie den Dulk will remind you of your commitment. Please mail in your payment promptly. Your membership fee covers Holland Club expenses and helps underwrite the Club events.

Tot ziens!
Marja
hollandclub@yahoo.com

# **Birthdays**

January 2012

- 4 Angelique Piké
- 10 Sophia Zeno
- 15 Jim Flowers
- 18 Karsten Kleiweg
- 20 Leo Kleiweg
- 21 Peter Jagdeo
- 31 H.M.Koningin Beatrix

# Hospitality

Our deepest sympathy to the family of Hanny deLusenet. Hanny, a long time Holland Club member, passed away December 10.

Please contact Anneke Junier at 713-783-5871 or

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<u>robjunier@aol.com</u> if you hear of a member being ill or hospitalized. Anneke will act on behalf of the club.

#### Lost and Found

Marion Pope has a white, scalloped edged china plate (corningware) at her house. It was left behind at the Sinterklaas party. Please contact Marion at 281-242-7673 if you think it is yours.

# **January 2012 Board Meeting**

The January Board Meeting will be held at the home of Frieda Stephens on Wednesday, January 18 at 7:30pm.

Frieda's address is 18618 Keystone Oak St., Houston, 77084. Please let her know if you planning to attend. Email or call: <a href="mailto:frieda4art@yahoo.com">frieda4art@yahoo.com</a> or 281-398-4438. Board meetings are open to all members!

# **Koffie Uurtje**

Date and location for January 2012 to be announced later.

#### 2012 Calendar of Events

Wine & Cheese Party - more information will follow after the board meeting.

## In Memory - Hanny deLusenet - 1923-2011

On behalf of the Members of The Holland Club of Houston, I like to extend our condolences to the John Katok family on the loss of their loved one.

Piet and Hanny deLusenet were long time members. As many of their contemporaries, they came here in the nineteen fifties and sixties as the last generation of true immigrants. They came here with their acquired skills, work ethics, and the desire to succeed. Their reasons varied, economics, necessity, opportunity, and for some adventure. But for most it was to improve their living conditions and to create a better future for their children. For others it was housing.

In the home country the housing situation was dismal and it would take years to catch up to the demand. For all it was the opportunity they foresaw and were willing to work hard to achieve their goals.

Piet, Hanny and their children went to some hard times, language and culture were difficult to deal with. In those days there were no social services to help with these issues, you were on your own, but as true immigrants they tried to assimilate themselves. The Holland Club was a lifeline to their heritage and like many members they formed lifelong friendships.

As we are told, a memorial is intended to be a celebration of life. I find it difficult to celebrate at a time of sorrow, I sooner reflect on the memories we made over the years. Those of us who knew Piet and Hanny in the sixties may recall some of Piet's wild ideas, some made sense and for some the word "harebrained" comes to mind. But through it all Hanny was there to help Piet chase his rainbow and the pot of gold that was waiting for him. He literally died chasing it, he never gave up. Hanny, his companion through it all, did all she could to raise a family. She received her reward in her later years, with the love and excellent care she enjoyed from her daughter and son-in-law, Christina and John Katok, and their family.

Marja Pate

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At a memorial the most often asked question is....Why? Why now? With Hanny's departure we have our answer. She lived a long life and was ready to let life take its course. It does not make it any easier, but do know that Hanny will be remembered, not only as a spouse, but as a loving mother, mother-in-law, oma, tante and an dear, old friend.

Rest in peace, Hanny. Until we meet again!

Henk Henni

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