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## Windmill Whispers

February 2011



### President's Corner

Dear Members,

January came and went by pretty fast. It was good to be back from the cold and blizzards until last week, it's almost like I brought that cold weather back with me! I hope everybody stayed nice and warm during our Arctic Freeze Out!! Yes, Glenn and I are finally grandparents. Little Tadhg (pronounced like Tiger without the 'r'- it's Celtic) took his time in coming into this world. At 7 lbs-8 oz on January 9th he entered healthy and happy. My daughter Saskia is doing great and loves being a new Mommy! While I was gone two more babies entered this wonderful world of ours and we have two more grandmas, Marja Pate and Corry Slot. Congratulations to you both. Maybe Marja and I can get some grandma tips from Corry seeing this is her 8th!

We had a great turn out at the Wine & Cheese Party. Thank you to our gracious hosts, Cory and Helen Hoogendam, for having it again at their home. The folk group, "Das ist Lustig" entertained us and had everyone singing old Dutch tunes. You guys are great, keep up the good work. It was great seeing everybody again.

Corry Bekker and I are busy getting all the prizes for the Las Vegas Night together. Remember to put it on your calendar! It's February 26. We always have so much fun. There will be a Craps Table, Black Jack and Bingo!  
See you at the Bekker's for the Las Vegas Night!

Frieda Stephens

### Birthdays

February

- 3 Paul Beenen
- 10 Cortney Flowers
- 11 Barry Weprin
- 16 Anna Cochran
- 16 Steven Huttenbach
- 21 Jan van Onzen
- 27 Sonja Cleary

March

- 8 Marijke Velzeboer
- 9 Caty Flowers
- 10 Christiaan Cleary
- 18 Betsy Elenbaas
- 19 Sherry Petcosky



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Please notify the editor for any additions, corrections or deletions on the birthday list.

## Hospitality

Tadhg Johnny Benson was born on January 9, 2011. Parents are Saskia and David Benson, very proud grandparents are Frieda and Glen Stephens.

Juliana Elena Slot was born on January 5, 2011. Her parents are Pascal and Katie, her big brother is Lucas. Her grandmother is Corry Slot.  
Van harte gefeliciteerd allemaal!



## Board Meeting Report

The Holland Club Board met at the home of Corry Bekker on January 18, 2011.

The final parties of the previous year were reviewed. Dutch Heritage Day at Zin's in November was very well attended and enjoyed by all. Sinterklaas was visited by forty-six children and 52 adults. A new location needs to be found as the room at St. Paul's Church will not be available in 2011. The Christmas Party at den Dulk's was also well attended and everyone had a great time. There was plenty of food and the popular ornament gift exchange game was fun.

Other items discussed were advertising rates, newsletter, membership, and events/parties for the upcoming year. The next event will be the Las Vegas Night on February 26 at the Bekker residence followed by the Casino Trip on March 26. More will be discussed at the next meeting.

The next board meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 16, 7:30 pm at the home of Frieda Stephens, 18618 Keystone Oak Street, Houston, 77084. Board meetings are open to all members. Please call 281-398-4438 or email [frieda4art@yahoo.com](mailto:frieda4art@yahoo.com) if you are planning to attend.

## Koffie Uurtje

Cunera Visser will be the hostess for our monthly Koffie Uurtje on Thursday, February 24, starting at 10:30 a.m.

RSVP to Cunera by phone at 281-367-8159 or e-mail at: [cunera@sbcglobal.net](mailto:cunera@sbcglobal.net) no later than Tuesday, February 22.

Directions to Cunera's home,  
[31 Fernrlen Drive in The Woodlands](#):

Take I-45 North, take exit 76B and turn left onto Woodlands Parkway. After about 1 mile turn left onto Many Pines Rd, turn right at N Millbend Dr, take the 3rd left onto Fernridge Dr, take 1st left onto N Brokenfern Dr, take 1st right onto Fernrlen Dr.

See you at Cunera's on the 24th of February!

Adri Bormans  
Koffie Uurtje Coordinator



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## 2011 Calendar of Events

February 26 - Las Vegas Night at the home of Corry and Jos Bekker.

March 26 - Casino Trip to L'Auberge du Lac

Event details will be e-mailed separately.

Dates are subject to change.

### Klaverjas Night - January 2011

The January Klaverjas party was hosted by Bill Vincent at the Junier's home. Thanks very much for a great party.

We had two tables of players. It was a fun group, which made for a very nice and pleasant klaverjas night. It was a pleasure to have Hans and Jacky Vogel back. The ladies' prize went to Anneke Junier and the men's prize went to Hans Vogel, welcome back!

We welcome new players, so please join us. The next klaverjas night will be hosted by Frieda and Glenn Stephens on February 19.

They would like to start at 7:30 PM sharp. Please, call at 281-398-4438.

Yours truly,  
Robert Junier

### Party Review - Wine & Cheese Party

On January 29, the Holland Club was once again invited to the home of Helen and Cory Hoogendam for the annual wine and cheese party. They say some wines get better with age, well, so does this party!

The weather was great, enticing more than just the smokers out for interesting conversation on a great patio. Inside was standing room only for lots of Dutch sing along brought to us by "Dutch Touch" aka "Das ist Lustig" aka Ross and Valina Witte.

The cheese was a nice variety supplied by the Holland Club and goooood sweets and snacks, with wine supplied by the guests.

This party is always the most *gezellig* (no English word for this) of the year and a very good time was had by all.

THANK YOU again HELEN and CORY!

Bethel Wijnberg

### Invitation from the Consulate of The Netherlands In Houston

During the 1940-1945 war in the Dutch East Indies the ABDA (American-British-Dutch-Australian) naval forces protected Surabaya from the invasion of the Japanese forces. This under Command of the Dutch Admiral Doorman.

During sea battle the USS Houston, together with Dutch Navy vessels De Ruyter and Java, exploded and sank, carrying their Captains, Admiral Doorman and crew with them.

Based on this event a Memorial Service will be held on Saturday, March 5, at 2:00 PM at the USS CA-30 Memorial Monument in Sam Houston Park, Down Town Houston. Dignitaries will be attending from the Consulates of Australia, United Kingdom and the Netherlands and Naval officers of the US Navy, Australian Navy, and the Royal Marines of the Netherlands.

It is worthwhile to attend this sober but realistic event.  
For the full story on the USS Houston please go to

[www.usshouston.net/stor/navy/navy.htm](http://www.usshouston.net/stor/navy/navy.htm)

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The Eekhoorn is a fully accredited school that is inspected and subsidized by the Dutch government. ([www.stichtingnob.nl](http://www.stichtingnob.nl)).

## Recipe Corner

### Chicken Enchilada Dip

1 lb shredded cooked chicken (a roasted chicken from the grocery store is great and saves time)  
1 (8oz) cream cheese, softened  
1 cup mayonnaise  
1 (8oz) shredded Mexican Blend Cheese  
1(4oz) can diced green chili peppers

Mix softened cream cheese with mayo add cheese and chicken and the green chilies, transfer mixture to a medium baking dish.  
Bake uncovered at 350 degrees for 30 min. or until the edges are golden brown.

Serve with tortilla chips or Fritos. You can garnish with some pico or sprinkle finely chopped jalapeno on top or just serve as is.

This recipe was published on request of the klaverjas players. Thank you to Frieda Stephens for sharing this recipe with the Holland Club.

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

## **Nieuws uit Nederland -** Thank you to Henk Henni for sharing.

### *Strippenkaart*

Op 2 februari zou de Nationale Strippenkaart in heel Zuid-Holland worden afgeschaft, maar daar heeft de Tweede Kamer deze week een stokje voor gestoken. Het is hen inmiddels duidelijk geworden dat de vervangende OV-Chipkaart opvallende makkelijk te kraken is. Wie voor 30 euro een chipkaartlezer koopt en een simpel programmaatje van het Internet haalt, kan thuis zijn saldo op zijn OV-Chip-kaart zonder problemen verhogen. Daar schrok de Tweede Kamer toch wel erg van en eist nu een betere beveiliging van die kaart. Wel wat laat!

### *De Schoonebeek*

Heeft U ook nog op school bij Aardrijkskunde geleerd over die Drentse plaats Schoonebeek waar door middel van zogenaamde "Ja-knikkers" olie uit de grond werd gehaald? Het was daar zo'n beetje het Texas van Nederland, alleen de Cowboys ontbraken er nog. Maar 15 jaar geleden verdwenen die Ja-knikkers uit het Drentse Landschap. De ruwe olie bracht er te weinig op. Het dorp was toen diep teleurgesteld, want de werknemers van het oliedepot NAM zorgden voor veel omzet bij de lokale Middenstand, zoals voor olibollen, gebak en belegde broodjes. Mooi meegenomen vonden ze daar toen.

Maar deze week was het bedrijf weer terug in Schoonebeek en werd de olie opnieuw uit de grond gehaald. De prijzen zijn nu fors hoger en de Ja-knikkers zijn vervangen door moderne pompen om de olie naar boven te halen. Het dorp is er zeer blij mee. Men schat dat in Schoonebeek nog zo'n 120 miljoen vaten olie omhoog zullen worden gebracht met een waarde van acht Miljard Euro. De lokale bakker rekent al op een ruime toename van het aantal Belegde Broodjes, want er zullen daar nu zo'n 500 mensen gaan werken. Wellicht dat er binnenkort ook warme snert wordt aangeboden.

### *Huismus*

Jaarlijks worden er in de Nederlandse tuinen tellingen gehouden om te zien welke vogels er in onze tuin het meest voorkomen. Ook nu is dat weer gedaan en wat bleek? Inderdaad, onze vertrouwde huismus stond net als het vorig jaar op de eerste plaats. De tellingen werden dit jaar erg beïnvloed door de strenge kou in december waar sommige vogels niet goed tegen kunnen, zoals uitgerekend de ijsvogels en de Winterkoninkjes. Die waren dus niet of nauwelijks bij de tellingen te vinden. Ondanks hun fraaie namen kunnen ze slecht tegen kou.

### *AHOY*

Voor elke Rotterdamer is de Sport en Muziekcomplex AHOY in Rotterdam-Zuid een begrip. Wie heeft er in zijn jeugd niet een keer zijn schoolvakantiedagen doorgebracht of welke vrouw is er niet naar de Huishoudbeurs "Femina" geweest of welke man heeft er niet de Zesdaagse gezien? Maar na 40 jaar was deze Sport en Entertainmentcentrum hard aan

een facelift toe en dat is dan ook gebeurd. Deze week werd het geheel vernieuwde AHOY Complex weer heropend en zag ze er weer als herboren uit. Men kan er trots op zijn in Rotterdam.

Het dak van het Sportcomplex werd maar gelijk zeven meter verhoogd en de capaciteit kon mede daardoor met 5.000 bezoekers omhoog naar 15.000. Ook werden door de verbouwing alle publieksfaciliteiten vernieuwd en die zien er nu dan weer heel modern uit. Kosten 50 miljoen!

Maar dan heb je ook wat! Er waren zo'n duizend gasten uitgenodigd om onder het genot van een drankje en een hapje de opening te vieren. Er werd daar een muziekspetkakel gegeven met onder meer bekende Nederlandse artiesten als Guus Meeuwis en de zeer bekende Rotterdamse zanger Lee Towers. Hij gaf er daar zelf ook menig uitverkochte Shows. Rotterdam kan zeer tevreden zijn met deze vernieuwde AHOY Sport en Entertainmentcomplex. De akoestiek is er geweldig, de temperatuursbeheersing uitstekend, kortom het is een genoegen om er naar toe te gaan. We kunnen er weer gaan genieten van wereldartiesten als Paul Anka, maar ook van wereldoptennis zoals tijdens het ABN Amro tennistoernooi.

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