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Windmill Whispers

March 2011



President's Corner

Wow! Does Houston have great weather or what? Such beautiful weather we have had this past week. I am sure most of you, like myself, have been out in the yard cutting away dead leaves off plants hoping they just went into hibernation for the winter and will come back more beautiful than before! Got to keep a positive mind, although some may have not made it and we may have to make a trip to the garden center to purchase (yet again!) more plants. Well, what can I say; it's good for the economy!

We had another successful Las Vegas night. The Black Jack tables were constantly full, the Craps table was surrounded by high-rollers and "Mr. Bingo", now dubbed "Master Bingo", kept the money flowing. Lose some, win some-we all went home winners. The auction had some great prizes and the bidding was fierce. Thank you to all who helped make this night fun a wonderful evening. We appreciate our hosts, Corry and Joe Bekker. Thank you so much for lending your house once again.

For the past few years in March the board has organized a Casino trip to L'Auberge du Lac in Lake Charles. First we practice at the Las Vegas Night and then go to the real thing the following month. Everyone meets at the casino bus station (now located on the Food Town side of Beltway 8, between Bissonnet and Beechnut) around 8 am. The bus departs at 8:30am. We load up, take our little coolers with breakfast/lunch/snack/drinks and head off to the Casino! Some take a little nap, others watch a movie. We share our treats and have a great time on the bus. It is like a school trip from when we were young! Some even break out in song! Yeah we get very giddy sometimes. It's a day out for us and we enjoy every minute!

This year our trip is planned for Saturday, March 19. So far 14 people have signed up. For every person that wants to go now it will only cost \$15 dollars regardless if you have a member card or not. However, you do have to pay upfront to reserve a seat on the bus. Mail a check to Corry Bekker or to me (payable to one of us) so that the week before we go Corry and I can make the reservations and pay for everybody. Some of that money is refunded either, a \$10 food coupon or \$5 playing money, so keep that in mind. If gambling is not your thing and you would enjoy a round of golf call Glenn Stephens, my husband, he is taking reservations for golf. Hope you can make it. You will have a fun day!!

Have a great March and enjoy all this perfect weather.
See you soon!
Frieda Stephens

(Editor's note: more Casino trip info will be e-mailed separately.)

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Hospitality

Please notify Ms. Margreet Piké at 713-270-8257 or mneef@att.net if you hear about other members being ill, having a family expansion or hear of a death. Margreet heads the Hospitality Committee, and can react for the Club in a fitting manner.

New Members

We welcome the following as new members to the Holland Club:

Lori & Maarten Waasdorp
 Marc & Nina Bik
 Natasha Pope

We hope you enjoy your membership and we look forward to meeting you at our parties!

Board Meeting Report

The Holland Club Board met at the home of Frieda Stephens on February 16, 2011. The last club event was discussed. The Wine & Cheese Party had 46 people attending, and everyone enjoyed the wines, cheeses and musical entertainment. Upcoming events are the Las Vegas Party, Casino Bus trip, Oranje Bal, a family trip to the Palacios Nature Conservancy Park, Fish Fry and the Rijsttafel. A new location might be needed for the Rijsttafel.

Current membership was discussed. Membership dues need to be received by the end of March to remain a Holland Club Member and to be listed in the membership directory which will be updated and mailed by the end of April.

Anneke Junier is to remain on the Board as an additional board member. She will be the coordinator for the Rijsttafel.

The next board meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 9, 7:30 pm at the home of Anneke & Robert Junier, [11007 Wickersham](#), Houston, 77042. Board meetings are open to all members. Please call 713-783-5871 or email robjunier@aol.com if you are planning to attend.

Koffie Uurtje

Margreet Pike is our hostess for "het Koffie Uurtje" on Thursday, March 31 at her home on [8930 Hendon](#), Houston, 77036. You are welcome from 10:30 in the morning.

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Please give her a call at 713-270-8257 or send her an e-mail at mneef@att.net by Tuesday, March 29 to let her know if you will be attending.

Directions to her house:

Going south on Highway 59: exit Beechnut, turn right onto Beechnut, turn right on S. Gessner (2nd traffic light), turn left on Hendon Lane (first street).

Going north on Highway 59: exit S. Gessner, turn left onto S. Gessner, turn left on Hendon Ln (1st street past Beechnut).

See you there!

Adri Bormans

Koffie Uurtje Coordinator



2011 Calendar of Events

March 19 - Casino Trip to L'Auberge du Lac - NOTE DATE CHANGE

April - Oranje Bal

May 13-15 - Family Camping Trip to Palacios Nature Conservancy Park

June 11 - Fish Fry

July - no event

August 21 or 28- Rijsttafel

Event details will be e-mailed separately.

Dates are subject to change.

Klaverjas Night - February 2011

As usual we all had a good time when we played klaverjas in February at Frieda and Glenn's house.

We had three tables and we all played to win! However, there were only two winners that night.

For the men Henk Henni won and for the ladies Corry Bekker. I went shopping afterwards at Walmart with the winnings. Hahaha!

Good food, drinks and lots of talking in between the games made the evening "weer gezellig". Thank you, Glenn and Frieda.

The next klaverjas party will be held by Bill Vincent on March 12.

His phone number is 1-361-765-1465. Annie Snoek (Annie Ewing's friend from Rotterdam) will be here visiting, and she would love to see everyone.

Hope to see you there!

Corry Bekker

Party Review - Las Vegas Night

Approximately 40 hopeful-would-be-gamblers converged at the "Bekker Reservation" to try their luck at the tables. There was an assortment of comps, anything from deviled eggs, turkey, snacks, excellent coffee, assorted cookies, a well-stocked bar, and appropriate décor. This was all in preparation for the real thing, the upcoming casino



trip.

After purchasing a small fortune in "Bekker Bucks" we were off to the beat the house. Well....some did. Most did not as is a given in the gaming business. "The House" was represented by Glen and Jean Stephens, with Robert Junier at the blackjack tables, and Brian Cleary at the craps table. Our esteemed host Joe Bekker entertained the bingo crowd by calling a challenging game, bringing some excitement to the "church" crowd.



After all was said and done, and the winnings (or leftover money) were counted by all, it was time for the auction. That's what it was all about. It was the only way to get your money's worth as it certainly would not do you any good at Walmart. As always there were some great buys and the bidding was hot. Thanks to Brian Cleary's years of auction experience, the bidding did not get out of hand and most walked away with a nice prize. That is more than you could expect at the real thing.

As always it is your participation that makes organizing these events worth the effort by all those involved. Of course, none of this would have been possible if not for Jos and Corry Bekker, who made their beautiful home available for this event. Thank you to all who made this evening such a success!



Tot ziens,
Henk Henni

(Note: the editor sincerely regrets not charging her camera battery before this event, but wants to thank Marion Pope for letting her use her iPhone to take these shots.)

Family Camping Trip

Paul Beenen would like to organize a Holland Club Family Camping Trip in May. Paul is a member of the Nature Conservancy which gives him access to a wonderful camping facility in Palacios, Texas. If you are interested contact Paul (pcbeenen@hal-pc.org)

More details will follow but in the meantime visit [Nature Conservancy](#) for more info.

Recipe Corner

Nasi Goreng

This is a good and simple recipe and will not take more than 20 minutes to prepare.

Ingredients:

350 gr. Long Grain Rice

2 Tbs. Vegetable Oil

3 Eggs

1 Onion

2 Green Chillies, Sambal Ulek or Sambal Badjak.

1 Garlic Clove



1 Leek
1 teaspoon Ground Coriander
1 teaspoon Ground Cumin
250 gr. chicken meat (or Pork)
250 gr. shelled prawns/shrimp
3 Tbs. Kecap Manis

Preparation:

This dish is best made from cold leftover rice, but you can cook a fresh batch and leave it to cool for at least 4 hours.

Beat the eggs and make into a omelette, slice into strips and set aside.

Heat the oil in a wok or large frying pan. Add the chopped onion, leek, garlic and chilis. Fry until the onion is soft. Add the Coriander and Cumin. Slice chicken into strips and add with the prawns to the onion mixture and cook, stirring occasionally until they are well mixed. Add the rice, soya sauce and omelet strips and cook for a further 5 minutes.

Decorate with some of the leftover leek and serve hot. Enjoy!

Many thanks to Berry Schendstok for sharing this recipe with the Holland Club.

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

Fun Stuff

Like Bluesgrass Music? The Bay Area Bluegrass Association hold a monthly show on the third Saturday of each month at the Johnny Arolfo Civic Center at 300 W. Walker in League City. The show is free and features Bluegrass from the local and national scene. It begins at 7:00pm. Visit www.bayareabluegrass.org for more info, or contact Paul Beenen at pcbeenen@hal-pc.org.

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