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## Windmill Whispers

May 2011



### President's Corner

The Oranje Bal was a very nice evening for all those who attended. Thank you, Anneke, for everything you did to make this party a success. The flowers were gorgeous!

Anneke Junier and I were truly saddened by the fact so few members signed up.

We came close to canceling this event when a few more members were added at the last minute.

I ask myself, where is your sense of Dutch community? I heard many reasons why some people did not want to attend, one being the location and another being the dance floor was too small. Come on people, it is not the location or a dance floor but you as a Dutch National celebrating the Queen's birthday, coming together as a Dutch Community and celebrating this national holiday. It's the people who make the party not the location! We had a private dance floor all to ourselves and I know everybody loved the tulips they got to take home. A few people were extra lucky; they won the centerpieces at their table.

We have two more events coming up soon. Paul Beenen is organizing a camp out and Marion Pope is organizing the annual fish fry. Lots of work is involved organizing events like this, so I hope there will be many of you signing up.

Unfortunately I will not be able to attend the fish fry. My grandson is being christened that week end and we are off to Boston.

See you next time!

Frieda Stephens

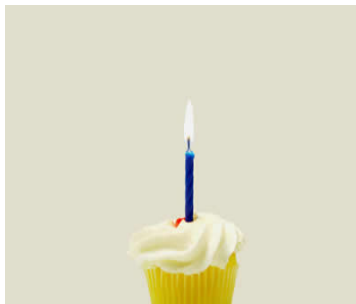
### Birthdays

#### May

- 1 Brian Cleary
- 6 Peter Beenen
- 10 Mia Weprin
- 12 Marianne Fincher
- 12 Mitchell Piké
- 15 Christian Graves
- 16 Annemieke Luckey
- 18 Frans Piké
- 22 Richard J. Flowers
- 25 Sean Cochran
- 25 Janti Meijn

#### June

- 1 Fabian van Onzen
- 2 Melanie Jagdeo
- 5 Anneke Junier



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*Iedereen van harte gefeliciteerd!*

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## Hospitality

Please notify Ms. Margreet Piké at 713-270-8257 or [mneef@att.net](mailto: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.



## Board Meeting Report

The Board met May 12 at the home of Marion Pope.

The Oranje Bal was a very well organized event. Around 42 people attended. Everyone enjoyed good food, good company and good music! A few members have still not mailed in their renewal fee. They will be dropped from the membership list this month.

The next event will be the Camping Trip. Only a few people have signed up. Paul Beenen promised those few people a wonderful weekend. Koosje Schneider is researching some locations to hold future club events.

Marion Pope and Frans Pike are in charge of the Fish Fry for June 11.

Hanne Pike is organizing a bowling event for (tentatively) July 16.

The next board meeting will be held on Thursday, June 16, 7:30 pm at the home of Anneke Junier, [11007 Wickersham, Houston](#), 77042.

Board meetings are open to all members. Please contact Anneke if you are planning to attend: 713-783-5871 or [robjunier@aol.com](mailto:robjunier@aol.com)

## Koffie Uurtje

Marion Pope will be the hostess for the "Koffie Uurtje" on Thursday, June 16, starting at 10:30 a.m. Please let Marion know before June 14 if you will be attending this coffee morning. Her phone number is: 281-242-9659 (home) or 713-444-3702 (cell) or send an e-mail to [marionpope@hotmail.com](mailto:marionpope@hotmail.com).

Directions to her house at [802 Sugarplum Circle, Sugar Land](#), 77498, are as follows: Take Highway 59 South, exit Sugar Land/Highway 90. Turn right on 90, go through several lights, then turn right on Eldridge. At 2nd traffic light turn left on Seventh Street (you see the SugarLand Library on the right), at first stop sign turn right on Bournewood, turn left on 3rd street Sugarplum Circle, 4th house on the left.

We are having a summer break from the Koffie Uurtjes during July and August. In September Willemien Slikker will host the "Koffie Uurtje" and the date will be published in the August Windmill Whispers. We noticed "Het Koffie Uurtje" is not een "UURTJE" anymore! We want to thank all the ladies for hosting the coffees at their home.

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See you there!  
Adri Bormans -Koffie Uurtje Coordinator

## 2011 Calendar of Events

June 11 - Beach Party & Fish Fry (see below for details)  
July 16 - Bowling  
August 21 or 28- Rijsttafel

Dates are subject to change.

## Klaverjas Night - April Report

The April klaverjas night was held at the home of Hans and Jacqueline Vogel on April 16. We had three tables with very good players, but again I was the lucky lady for the night and won the big pot with Jos. We had a lot of fun shopping at Walmart afterwards. Hahaha!

The next klaverjas night will be at Lotti and Charles Ritzie on May 21. If you like to join please call Charles or Lotti at 281-345-9418.

Thank you, Hans and Jacqueline, for opening your beautiful home. As usual everybody had a great time.

Best regards,  
Corry Bekker

## Annual Beach Party & Fish Fry

**Saturday, June 11 beginning at noon on Surfside Beach.**

Click here to open for [Fish Fry Information](#) (pdf file!).

If you have trouble opening the file, please email the editor at [hollandclub@yahoo.com](mailto:hollandclub@yahoo.com).

## Party Review: Oranje Bal

We had the pleasure of attending the Oranje Bal after an absence of eight years.

It turned out to be a very pleasant event (like a cozy family get-together) at ZIN's restaurant. There was plenty of time for visiting and reminiscing. After a word of welcome by our club president, Frieda Stephens, we were led by our Honorary Consul, Mr. Geert Visser, in singing het Wilhelmus and gave a toast to Her Majesty, Koningin Beatrix.

The food and drink were excellent and there was plenty of it available. A surprise gift of the table decorations brought many happy smiles and the additional gift of tulip bouquets was de "Klap op de vuurpeil".

Heartfelt thanks to Mr. Geert Visser and Mr. Jos Bekker for their contributions and to all who made this a memorable event.

Hans and Jacqueline Vogel

## Camping Trip Review

Last weekend I went to the Mad Island Preserve "Camping Trip". The

preserve is a 7000 acre Wildlife Habitat of coastal prairies and marshes. I don't know where the word Camping Trip came from, because there was no camping at all! I arrived on Saturday morning with Frans, Hanne and Angelique Pike.

We stayed at a beautiful lodge. The Lodge was on the second floor with a large veranda and a spectacular view. Below were some storage sheds and barns. The accommodation was very comfortable. We all went on some nature hikes with our guide, Paul Beenen. He told us a lot of the names of trees and bushes and birds we saw. I had never seen a Mexican white tipped winged Eagle before. We also saw some alligators. Frans did some fishing and was able to hook a few but the fish was too big. His line broke off twice, so no fish for dinner.

Sitting on the veranda with a beautiful view, a glass of wine in hand and good company, it felt great. In the distance we saw some barges going down the inter-coastal canal.

Paul did a great job with the cooking with help of the ladies, Hanne and me. I know it takes two hour drive to get there, but it is a great weekend getaway.

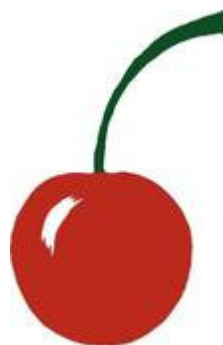
Thank you, Paul, for giving us a chance to see a beautiful part of Texas.

Marion Pope

## Recipe Corner

### Jaqueline's recipe for Cherry Delight

- 1 (8 oz) package of cream cheese
- 1 (12 oz) tub of Cool Whip
- 3 cans pitted cherries
- 1 Angel Food cake



Cream the cool whip and the cream cheese together.

Put this mix in the bottom of a pan.

Crumble the Angelfood cake in there and top with the cherries.

Cool and enjoy.

Many thanks to Jaqueline Vogel for sharing this recipe with the Holland Club.

Please, send your favorite recipes to Anneke Junier for publishing in the Windmill Whispers.

## HOE GOED GAAT HET MET DE ECONOMIE NU ER EEN CREDIETCRISIS IS?

De bananenhandelaar is de pisang en de tabakshandelaar is de sigaar.

De bakker verdient geen droog brood meer en de herenmode is de das omgedaan.

De lampenwinkeliers zien de toekomst duister in in de scheepvaart is de wind uit de zeilen genomen.

Menig timmerman heeft er het bijltje bij neergelegd terwijl de kousenfabrieken er geen gat meer in zien.

De horlogemakers zouden de tijd willen terugzetten en de  
confectie-industrie moet er een mouw aan passen.  
De tuinders heeft men knollen voor citroenen verkocht en de  
binnenschippers zijn aan lager wal geraakt.  
De chauffeurs zijn de macht over het stuur kwijt omdat de  
wegen aan belasting bezwaken zijn.  
De wielrenners weten niet meer rond te komen en de  
badmeesters kunnen het hoofd niet meer boven water houden  
De bierbrouwers moeten uit een ander vaatje tappen en voor  
de bioscopen valt het doek.  
De kwekers zitten op zwart zaad, de schoorsteenvegers komen  
op straat te staan en de stratenmakers kunnen wel op het dak  
gaan zitten.  
De mijnbouw graaft zijn eigen graf en bij Rijnmond gaat de pijp  
uit.  
De NS is het spoor bijster, de luchtvaartmaatschappijen  
vliegen de lucht in, terwijl de metselaars in de put zitten en de  
caféhouder het zat is.  
De kapper zit met zijn handen in het haar, de boer is uit het  
veld geslagen en de helderziende schemert het voor de ogen.  
Zou het helpen als de wapenindustrie inzag dat er geen schot  
meer in zit  
Wat een wereld!

An oldie but goodie,  
Thank you, Henk Henni!

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