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Windmill Whispers

September 2011



President's Corner

Dear Members,

September is here bringing a little bit cooler weather. Never thought in a million years that 90 degree weather would feel so good, but after 100 degree plus weather for weeks on end it's a relief!

Those who could not make it to the Rijsttafel missed an excellent dinner. The caterer outdid herself and everything was wonderful! Thank yous go to Corry and Jos Bekker for the use of your home - it worked out perfectly, and to Anneke Junier for her hard work and perseverance. This Rijsttafel was a big hit!

Next month is October and all of you know what that means. The Annual Meeting is here! I invite all of you to come to this meeting as it will be a very important one. The 2012 slate for board members will be presented and so far not all positions are filled yet. Frans Piké or Robert Junier will be calling all of you! Please consider serving on the board. If we have no luck in convincing some of you to become a board member the nominees will have to come from the floor, thus people need to show up for the meeting.

The Board needs a President and a Vice-President. If these positions cannot be filled the current Board may have to make a proposal to reduce the Holland Club Board to an Executive Committee. What does this all mean to you? It means less people to organize parties and events, reduce the events to only 2 or 3 per year and eventually the end of the Holland Club.

The attendance of parties is very low and the ones who do come are the same people over and over again, around 25 to 30 loyal souls. I ask you, do you want this Club to survive or die?

Come to our Annual Meeting and voice your opinion, because if you sit at home and do nothing then we have our answer. If there is no interest anymore then we can start thinking about dissolving the Club, but again you need to show up to vote to do that too!

Please show up on October 22 to vote and have some Hutspot & Herring!

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Hospitality

Anneke Junier will take over the Hospitality duties from Margreet Pike for the next couple of months. Please contact Anneke Junier at 713-783-5871 or robjunier@aol.com if you hear of a member being ill or hospitalized. Anneke will act on behalf of the club.

Willemien Slikker had surgery last month. Well-wishes go to her and to the grandchildren of these members: Corry Slot, Cory Hoogendam, and Hans Vogel.

Theo Ranneft is recuperating at Kindred Hospital. He would love a visitor (call first! 713-790-0500) or a card in the mail. Send to: 6441 Main Street, Houston, 77030.

Editor's Note - New email address

Please mark the following change in your Membership Directory. Lia Verhoef has a new email address:
verhoef.lia@gmail.com

Board Meeting Report

The Board met on Tuesday, September 6 at the home of Frieda Stephens. The Rijsttafel evening was reviewed. Thirty-five people attended. The caterer did a great job and the food was wonderful.

The Annual Meeting, Herring & Hutspot evening was discussed. Several members have volunteered to cook Hutspot. Frans Pike and Robert Junier presented the nominees for the 2012 Board of Directors. Several positions remain open: President, Vice President and Director. Frans and Robert will contact club members to try to fill these openings.

A discussion regarding the continuation of the Holland Club was held. Due to a lack of Board members, low party attendance, event locations, and few volunteers the future of the club does not look good. It will be discussed at the Annual Meeting.

Koosje Schneider is still looking for a location for the Sinterklaas Party.

The Christmas Party will be at the home of Petra and Sean Cochran.

The storage unit will be cleaned out by the end of September.

Koosje Schneider will get some information regarding an upcoming exhibition of Dutch and Flemish painters at the Museum of Fine Arts. It will be passed along to the members.

The next Board Meeting will take place on Tuesday, October 11 at the home of Frans and Hanne Pike, 12540 Newbrook Drive, 77072.

Contact Frans or Hanne if you would like to attend: franspike@juno.com or

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281-933-2546. Board meetings are open to all members.

2011 Calendar of Events

Saturday, October 22- Annual Meeting, Herring & Hutspot

November - Dutch-American Heritage Celebration

December 3 - Sinterklaas (if a location has been found)

Sunday, December 11 - Christmas Party

Annual Meeting - Hutspot & Herring Party

Saturday, October 22

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

Doors open 6:30pm - Meeting will begin at 7:00pm - followed by dinner.

Cost \$15 per person - Cash bar.

More Annual Meeting, Hutspot & Herring information will be send in a separate email later this week!

Koffie Uurtje

It is time to start "Het Koffie Uurtje" again! After a very hot summer we are ready to talk about the weather, family and friends. On Thursday, September 22, Hanneke Van Onzen will be the hostess and she is looking forward to seeing everyone.

Please contact Hanneke by phone or email no later than Tuesday, September 20 to let her know if you will be present.

Hanneke's address is as follows: [18215 Mance Court](#), Houston, TX 77094.

Phone 281-492-9259 or e-mail jvanonzen@vanonzen.org.

Directions to her house: I-10 West, turn left onto Barker Cypress, turn right onto Park Cypress, turn left onto Cypress Run, first right onto Tree Fork Lane, first left onto Jewel Park Lane, arrive in cul-de-sac at 18215 Mance Court.

Femmy Zirculis is sending her greetings from Singapore. They might be moving to Papua New Guinea in September. We wish them all the best.

We hope to see all of you.

Adri Bormans - Koffie Uurtje Coordinator

Klaverjas News - August 2011

The last Klaverjas evening was held at the Henni's home. As usual a fun-filled evening and for me especially, because I was the winner of the ladies! I finally broke Corry's Bekker's winning spell. So sorry Corry as I know how much you like to write these little articles. The winner for the men was Hans Vogel.

Next Klaverjas Night is at the Junier's on September 24. See you guys there!

Call Anneke at 713-783-5871 if you would like to play.

Frieda Stephens

Dutch and Flemish Masterworks Exhibit at Museum of Fine Arts

Beginning November 13, 2011 a famous collection of Dutch and Flemish paintings will be shown at the Museum of Fine Arts Houston. This exhibit runs until February 12, 2012. One of the world's most spectacular private collections of 17th-century Dutch and Flemish paintings will be on display in the Beck Building. This collection (more than 60 masterworks) of Rembrandt, Gerrit Dou, Frans Hals, Willem (Claesz.) Heda, Jacob van Ruisdael, and Jan Steen, is from the Rose-Marie and Eijk van Otterloo Collection.

If you are interested in going perhaps as a group, please contact Koosje Schneider at 281-495-6738 or jjschneider39@yahoo.com. She will do her best to arrange something and we will let you know later if this is possible.

For more details and/or to purchase tickets, please visit www.mfah.org or call 713-639-7550.

Recipe Corner

Creole Chicken & Okra with parsley rice

Ingredients:

Olive oil cooking spray
2 6 oz. boneless, skinless chicken breasts, rinsed and patted dry, cut onto bite-size pieces.
2 tbsp olive oil, divided
½ cup diced onions
½ green bell pepper, chopped
2 cloves minced garlic
5 oz. grape tomatoes, halved (1 cup)
½ cup fresh chopped or frozen cut okra (thawed, if frozen)
½ tsp dried thyme
2 dried bay leaves
1 tbsp Louisiana hot sauce
½ tsp sea salt
¼ cup chopped fresh parsley, divided
2 cups cooked brown rice

ONE: Heat a large non-stick skillet on medium high. Coat skillet with cooking spray, add chicken and cook for 2 minutes or until chicken is almost cooked through, stirring frequently. Remove chicken from skillet and set aside on a separate plate.

TWO: Return skillet to medium-high and heat one tbsp oil. Add onion and pepper and cook for 4 minutes or until beginning to lightly brown, stirring frequently. Add garlic and cook for 15 seconds, stirring constantly. Add ½ cup water, tomatoes, okra, thyme and bay leaves. Reduce heat to medium-low, cover and simmer for 10 minutes or until okra is just tender. Remove from heat, stir in hot sauce, salt, remaining oil and ¼ cup parsley. Add chicken, stir to blend, cover and let stand for 5 minutes to absorb flavors and heat chicken thoroughly.

THREE: Toss rice with remaining ¼ cup parsley and serve chicken mixture over top.

Thank you to Natascha Graves for sharing this recipe with us.

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

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