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The Dutch Royal Family - a happy family picture

From Left to Right: Princess Catharina-Amalia - Queen Máxima -Princess Alexia - King Willem - Alexander and Princess Ariane.

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From the editors desk | loop de Wit

mazingly the year 2015 is well underway. Remember it only comes once, let's enjoy life, each and every day while we are still able. Concordia has become an integral part of our lives for many years. Firstly, I would like to thank all those beautiful people that were so kind and generous to me at our last Christmas function which, as usual, was a huge success. A beautiful decorated room full of happy people, all appreciating Concordia's efforts during the past 12 months. It has given a new meaning to the word 'happiness'. All faces were beaming like little children in remembering the Christmas day's of old. The Dutch Quintet, all the way from Nelson's Bay, dressed in Dutch National Costume, started our program with some beautiful, well and not so well known, Christmas carols. It was a delightful experience - 'Thank You Girls!'

We had a small number of members & visitors who could not make it to the last Christmas function, mostly personal or some health reasons. Perhaps for us a bit of a Godsend as we would have trouble accommodating all those that were officially booked. Time to remind our members that we are bound by certain rules and regulations as set by the Cardiff RSL. Some of our visitors are a little fragile, some a little slower and a few have a walker in order to move around. In case of a calamity we need to evacuate very quickly. The function room normally holds around 120 people but as a result of the above this is reduced to around 100 for our functions. Now you know it's a safety aspect for all Concordia functions.

Talking about the Cardiff RSL, on behalf of the committee and members, a heartfelt "THANKS" to the RSL including the Eastern Tiger Restaurant in looking after our Dutch community during the past 15 years. Concordia needed to stop the former and very well attended Dutch dance nights. Some people were getting a little too old to go out at night. we faced the introduction of the booze bus, some members were loosing dance partners etc. All this resulted in the introduction of the by now enormous popular and appreciated entertainment afternoons. Our first luncheon and video day was on the 12th June 1999. We are eternally grateful to the RSL for their kindness and great service. We look forward to the next 15 years. WOW! What did I say? I will be 86 years old and still entertaining you maybe, certainly worth celebrating now while we can!!!

On another subject, receiving the Concordia newsletter with an address label in BLACK PRINT is fine. Those who fall behind in their membership payments the address label will be printed in RED INK, a reminder you are overdue!

Our first function of the year 2015 will be an André Rieu Special. Our André is celebrating 28 years of beautiful music. We intend to show you some great highlights. Bring family or friends as we love to see you all on Saturday the 21st March, bookings for this event is a must. Please keep the sunny side, Joop

From the Presidents Desk - Toni Somerville

2 ear readers, Another year is ahead of us, I hope 2015 will be a good one for you and your loved ones, especially health wise.

Our Christmas function was very well attended. The tables looked spectacular thanks to our artistic committee member **Anne Beckers**, who made the table decorations again. Thank you very much **Anne**. The entertainment, as always, was most enjoyable.

The Dutch quintet from Nelsons Bay sang many Christmas carols, in Dutch of course. I must admit that there were quite a few which I had not heard before. It certainly was very special. *Thank you very much ladies*.

Terry Moonen won the 4 night midweek holiday at Lake Haven in the large Christmas raffle which was generously donated bij **Glenda** and **Pieter Hofland** again. Thank you very much **Glenda** and **Pieter**.

Please let me know if you or a member you know is **90** years young this year as we would like to honour you with a gift, but only if you are present at one of our functions around the time of your birthday.

I was sorry to hear from Lucia months ago that she was unable to continue as our treasurer. As most of you know Lucia has endured some serious operations over past years. Lucia has done a terrific job since she took on the treasurer's position. The committee has appreciated all you have done for Concordia. Thank you very much! I'm very pleased that Lucia will continue as a committee member. We also welcome Wendy Vanson as a new Committee member. Wendy is a nice addition to our Committee, we are very happy to have her on board.

So very pleased that **Matthew Wolthers** offered to take on the treasurer's position. Thank you **Matthew**, I hope you will enjoy being a committee member. I look forward working with you and all our committee members this year, for the good of **Concordia** and the enjoyment of the members.

Our first function of the year is on Saturday 21st march at the Cardiff RSL. Come and enjoy another 'gezellige' afternoon with your friends. We promise great entertainment and an all you can eat meal. Love to see you all!

Best wishes for a blessed Easter amongst family and friends.

Keep well and stay safe. Toni.

Wie een zonnetje brengt in het leven van een ander, wordt er zelf ook door verwarmt.

EASTER (B) FUNNIES

What do you get when you pour hot water down a rabbit hole? A Hot Cross bunny.

What did the grey rabbit say to the blue rabbit? Cheer up!

Why is a bunny the luckiest animal in the world? It has 4 rabbits' feet.

How do you post a bunny? Hare mail.

What is the difference between a crazy bunny and a counterfeit banknote?

One is bad money and the other is a mad bunny!

What do you get when you cross a bunny with an onion? A bunion.

What does a bunny use when it goes fishing? A hare net.

What do you get when you cross an bunny with a Scottish bun? A bonnybunnybun!

Where does a bunny go when it dies? To the hare-after.

What do you need if your chocolate eggs mysteriously disappear? **You need an eggsplanation!**

What did one coloured egg say to the other? "Heard any good yolks lately?"

Marriage certificate is just another word for work permit.

Thank you and welcome

ince 1st January 2015 we said farewell to our treasurer Lucia Reynders. Lucia's health was one of the reasons of her resignation. We fully understand Lucia's difficult situation and we appreciate all she did for all the members of Concordia. Lucia has been a very valuable member of our executive over a number of years, together we continued to flourish. Lucia has made it known that she will stay in our committee and continues to devote her expertise in her new position. Thanks Lucia for all you've done in the past and we certainly appreciate that you continue to serve in our committee for the welfare of our members and Concordia in particular.

Replacing Lucia is the son of our well known committee member *Emmy Wolthers*. Her son *Matthew* has since 1st January taken over the reigns of our financial affairs. *Matthew* was born in the Netherlands and migrated with his parents and family to Australia. *Matthew* recently retired and offered his services to Concordia at our last AGM after hearing about *Lucia's* plight. We welcome *Matthew* on board and ask your co-operation in relation to names and faces when attending our functions. We are very grateful to you both for services rendered and also *Matthew's* commitment as our new treasurer. *'Thank you'* on behalf of our Concordia Committee & Members.

THE BAGPIPER AND THE FUNERAL

A s a bagpiper, I was asked by a funeral director to play at a grave-side service for a homeless man with no family or friends. The funeral was to be held at a cemetery in the country.

As I was not familiar with this part of the country, I got lost; and being a typical man didn't stop for directions. I finally arrived an hour late. I spotted a backhoe and a crew of two people. The funeral director had evidently gone, as the diggers were just eating their lunch and a hearse was nowhere to be seen I started to feel very badly about this. I apologised to the men for being late. I went to the side of the grave and looked down. The vault lid was already in place. I started to play and the workers gathered around the site. I played out my heart and soul for this homeless man. And, as I played Amazing Grace, the workers began to weep. I played like I'd never played before. Then, after I finished, started to walk to my car as to put away my bagpipes, I heard one of the workers say, "Man that was really moving, I ain't never seen anything like that before, and I've been putting in septic tanks for over twenty years."

We are born naked, wet, and hungry. Then things get even worse.

This is your official invitation to start the new year in style.

Concordia's first famous - bi-Monthly get-together for 2015

Our Committee will reward you with a cosy & romantic afternoon

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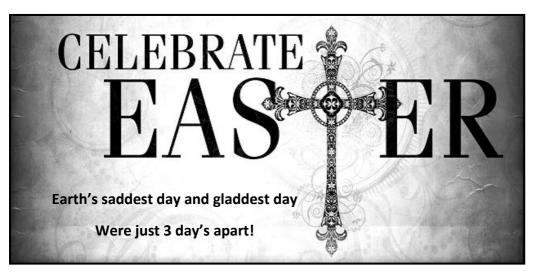
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Zij die geen angst kennen, kennen geen moed. Want werkelijke moed, is het overwinnen van de angst.

LOVE IS A WONDERFUL THING - A real story

5 t was a normal, busy morning, about 8:30 when, *George*, an elderly gentleman, well into his 80's, arrived at a local hospital to have some stitches removed from his thumb. *George* told me that he was in a hurry as he had an appointment at 9:15 am. I weighed him and took his blood pressure and invited him take a seat in the waiting area, knowing it would be over an hour before someone would be able to see him. I saw him looking at his watch and decided, since I was not busy with another patient, I would evaluate his wound. On examination, it was well healed, so I talked to one of the Doctors, got the needed supplies to remove his sutures and redress his wound.

While taking care of his wound, I asked George if he had another doctor's appointment this morning, as he was in such a hurry. George told me no, but that he needed to go to the Nursing Home to have breakfast with his wife. I inquired as to her health. He told me that she had been there for a while and that she suffered from Alzheimer's disease. As we talked, I asked if she would be upset if he was a little late. George replied that she no longer knew who he was and that she had not recognised him in five years. I was surprised, and asked him, 'And you still go every morning, even though she doesn't know who you are?' He smiled as he patted my hand and said, 'She doesn't know me, but I still know who she is.' I had to hold back tears as George left, I had goose bumps on my arm, and thought, 'That is the kind of love we all want in our lives.' Editor



'Grief is Norder, a disease or sign of weakness. It is an emotional, physical and spiritual **IIECESSITY**, the price you pay for love The only cure for grief is to

De Economie in Nederland staat er slecht voor!

et ging niet goed met de economie in 2014. De bananenhandelaar is de pisang en de tabakshandelaar is de sigaar. De bakker verdient geen droog brood meer, de herenmode is de das omgedaan en de lampenwinkeliers zien de toekomst donker in. De scheepvaart is de wind uit de zeilen genomen en menig slager heeft het bijltje erbij neergelegd, terwijl de kousenfabrieken er geen gat meer in zien.

De horlogemakers zouden de tijd terug willen zetten; de poeliers zijn het haasje, de confectie-industrie moet er een mouw aan passen en de tuinders heeft men knollen voor citroenen verkocht. De binnenschippers zijn aan lager wal geraakt, de stoelenmatters zien het niet meer zitten en de chauffeurs zijn de macht over het stuur kwijt. De wielrenners weten niet meer rond te komen en de badmeesters kunnen het hoofd niet meer boven water houden. De bierbrouwers moeten het uit een ander vaatje tappen en voor de bioscopen valt het doek en vele kwekers zitten op zwart

zaad. De schoorsteenvegers komen op straat te staan terwijl de stratenmakers wel op het dak kunnen gaan zitten. De mijnbouw graaft zijn eigen graf en de pijpenindustrie gaat de pijp uit; de NS is het spoor bijster, de luchtvaartmaatschappijen vliegen de lucht in, en dat terwijl de metselaars in de put zitten en de caféhouder het zat 'is. De kapper zit met zijn handen in het haar, de visser vist achter het net en de boer is uit het veld geslagen. De helderziende schemert het voor de ogen en de wapenindustrie begrijpt maar niet dat er geen schot meer in zit. *Maar verder gaat alles goed in Nederland, gelukkig maar want wij blijven toch in Australia!* Redactie Concordia.

Easter spells out beauty, the rare beauty of new life.

ODE AAN HET HUWELIJK

Het huwelijk is een stapje terug voor bruidegom en bruid "
Je levert allebei wat in - toch ga je er op vooruit
Want samen kom je verder dan dat je in je eentje deed
Ja dubbel is de vreugde en half is maar het leed.
Het huwelijk is een moeilijk vak wat je al doende leert
En t' kan een kunstwerk worden als je het saam probeert.

It is difficult to say what is impossible, for the dream of yesterday is the hope of today and the reality of tomorrow.

Wee elegante dames zaten gezellig koffie te drinken in de Bijenkorf en toevallig overhoorde ik wat zij aan het bepraten waren. de een zei: "Zeg Els, ik heb de laatste tijd toch zulke verschrikkelijke nachtmerries, ik sta s 'morgens op en ben dan zo moe als een hond en kan de hele dag wel slapen. Waar droom jij dan wel van." Ik droom dat ik de doelverdediger ben van het Nederlands elftal en als ik dan in het doel sta dan schoppen al die beroemde voetballers die verrekte ballen op me af en dan ik duik van de ene hoek naar de andere en probeer mijn doel zo goed mogelijk te verdedigen, ik word er hartstikke moe van." Ja" zegt Els, Ik heb ook van die rare nachtmerries, ik ben op een onbewoond eiland met die drie tenoren, je kent ze wel, twee Spanjaarden en een Italiaan, die zitten me dag en nacht achterna en dat eiland is al niet zo groot, dus je begrijpt ik ben iedere morgen gewoon uitgeput." Haar vriendin heeft aandachtig zitten luisteren en zegt dan: "Waarom heb je me niet opgebeld, kind? Waarop haar vriendin Els zegt; "Dat heb ik gedaan, maar je man zei dat jij aan het voetballen was!"



Anyone celebrating a special event like an Anniversary, Birthday or some other special day during the next few months.



We wish you a very special good time with all your family and friends.

Our sincere Congratulations to you all.

"Moge zij leve lang....hoera"

Laughing stock....is cattle with a sense of humour

IMPORTANT MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

mentioned earlier in the Editorial, we like to draw your attention to a change in our address labelling procedure. We all receive our Concordia newsletter with an address label normally printed in BLACK writing, this will stay as is. If you are falling behind in your membership contribution the address label will be printed in RED meaning your membership is OVERDUE!

Membership payments run the same course as the Australian financial year, (**1st July till the 3oth June**) We give you plenty of time to pay. The usual cut-off date is the 3oth September, thus allowing you a 3 months grace period.

If we still haven't received your payment by the due date, we try to contact those that have forgotten to pay. Sometimes we discover that people changed to a new address. Others have moved into an aged care facility etc. Printing a RED printed label is just a reminder that you are behind in your membership. If you want to continue to receive our newsletter in future please make contact or pay up. If you require further information, just ring our new treasurer *Matthew Wolthers* or myself to set things straight. Please, don't be alarmed, we only need your co-operation to resolve a very small number of membership issues. Thanks' for your understanding and co-operation.

Concordia Committee.

Health nuts are going to feel stupid some day, lying in a hospital bed, dying of nothing.

Het laatste Nederlandse Nieuws

Van onze Nederlandse Correspondent Jan van der Lugt

e Nederlandse Winter wordt op dit moment door iedereen als een kwakkelwinter omschreven met veel hinderlijke winterse buien met de daarbij behorende winterse omstandigheden zoals vaak spiegelgladde wegen met veel wind, regen en sneeuw en soms ook hagel. Kortom daar zijn we niet blij mee. Zo nu en dan vallen er hier ook wel sneeuwbuien maar net niet genoeg om er een mooi winterlandschap van te kunnen hebben. De meeste sneeuw is dan ook na een paar dagen al weer weg omdat de temperaturen hier overdag weer ruim boven het vriespunt uitkomen. Zo hadden we op 3 februari de drukste spits van 2015 namelijk op een zeker moment met zo'n 400 kilometer aan files op de wegen, veroorzaakt door ongelukken op de weg ten gevolge van de gladheid op de Rijkswegen.

De nieuwe vorm van Koningsdag zal op maandag 27 april 2015 voor het eerst volledig worden toegepast in de te bezoeken stad Dordrecht. De Koning zal dan op die dag met de Koninklijke Familie niet door die stad gaan lopen, maar met zijn gezelschap dan op 4 locaties in Dordrecht aanwezig zijn. De lange wandelingen door de te bezoeken plaats zal niet meer plaats gaan vinden, wel worden er nu kleine stukjes gewandeld zoals tussen de aankomst per boot en het bezoek aan de Grote Kerk in Dordrecht. Dit alles natuurlijk om de veiligheid van de Koninklijke Familie beter te kunnen waarborgen.

In het Zuiden en Oosten van ons land is het jaarlijkse Carnaval feest weer voorbij, ze troffen het dit jaar in het algemeen met schitterend weer en er kon deze keer dan ook uitvoerig gefeest worden in de straten van onder meer Den Bosch en Maastricht en al die andere steden in Brabant, Limburg en delen van Gelderland. Alaaf, en nu weer vasten voor 40 dagen!

De leerplichtambtenaren van Bureau Leerling-zaken zullen vrijdag 20 februari, de dag voor de voorjaarsvakantie, een controle uitvoeren op schoolverzuim in de gemeenten Gouda en Krimpenerwaard. Doel van de actie is om ongeoorloofd schoolverzuim voorafgaande aan de voorjaarsvakantie op te sporen. De leerplichtambtenaren zullen op deze dag een aantal scholen bezoeken en nagaan welke jongeren die dag afwezig zijn. Vervolgens zal bij betreffende adressen een huisbezoek worden afgelegd om vast te stellen of kinderen daadwerkelijk ziek thuis zijn. Indien er niemand thuis wordt aangetroffen en het vermoeden bestaat dat deze kinderen ten onrechte niet op school zijn geweest, dan zal na de vakantie tegen deze ouders proces-verbaal worden opgemaakt. Van ongeoorloofd verzuim is sprake als ouders zonder toestemming eerder met vakantie zijn gegaan. Ook komt het voor dat ouders hun kinderen ziekmelden om eerder op vakantie te kunnen gaan. **Jan van dez fugt**

NSW Public Holidays for the year 2015

Good Friday Friday 3rd April

Easter Saturday Saturday 4th April

Easter Sunday Sunday 5th April

Easter Monday Monday 6th April

Anzac Day Saturday 25th April

Queens Birthday Monday 8th June

Labour Day Monday 5th October

Christmas Day Friday 25th December

Boxing Day Saturday 26th December

Additional Day Monday 28th December

It is hard to understand how a cemetery raised its burial costs and blaming it on the cost of living.

Pasen in Nederland

Sezellig thuis met familie en vrienden. Na de afgelopen Kerstmis brengen vele Nederlanders ook Pasen dit jaar weer thuis door. Dat verwacht althans *Albert Heijn*, aldus de website van de supermarkt. *Albert Heijn* schat dat consumenten deze Pasen meer dan tien miljoen eieren zullen eten. Dat komt neer op ongeveer 600.000 kilo. Volgens de supermarkt drinken klanten met Pasen drie keer zoveel vers geperst sap als normaal.

Vorig jaar had Pasen voor twee op de drie Nederlanders niet of nauwelijks een religieuze betekenis. Ongeveer de helft van alle Nederlanders wist vorig jaar dat met Pasen de verrijzenis van de gekruisigde Christus wordt gevierd. 89 Procent van de Nederlanders wist wat er met Kerstmis wordt gevierd.

2014 vermaakten Nederlanders zich met Pasen het liefst met eieren eten, rapen of schilderen of door met de familie bijeen te zijn en lekker te eten. Naar de kerk gaan belandde op de vierde plaats. In 2013 was Pasen voor slechts 19 procent van de Nederlanders een godsdienstig feest, waarop men naar de kerk hoort te gaan.







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Message to those that would like to visit our member Jenny Janssen. Jenny is currently in *'Summit Aged Care'* at Wallsend.

The following information is now available if you like to visit, send her a card or leave a message. She certainly appreciates your attention.

Her current address: *Summit Care - 7 Bent street - Wallsend NSW*

A fine is a tax for doing wrong. A tax is a fine for doing well.

I found the following sign at a visit to a well known Zoo.

Please Be Safe

Do not stand, sit, climb or lean on zoo fences. If you fall, animals could eat you and that might make them sick.

Thank You!

Een zwerver kan nooit verdwalen

If the shoe fits, get another one just like it.

JUST NOT FUNNY....OR IS IT?

large corporation recently hired several cannibals. "You are all part of our team now", said the Human Resources representative during the welcoming briefing. "You get all of the usual benefits and you can go to the cafeteria for something to eat, but please do not eat any of the other employees" The cannibals promised that they would not. Four weeks later their boss remarked. "You're all working very hard and I'm very satisfied with you. However, one of our secretaries has disappeared. Do any of you know what happened to her?" The cannibals all shook their heads "No."

After the boss left, the leader of the cannibals said to the others, "Which one of you idiots ate the secretary?" A hand rose hesitantly, to which the leader of the cannibals shouted, "You fool"!!!! for four weeks we've been eating managers and no one noticed anything and you had to go and eat someone important!".

An elderly gentleman of 85 feared his wife was getting hard of hearing. So one day he called her doctor to make an appointment to have her hearing checked. The Doctor made an appointment for a hearing test in two weeks, and meanwhile there's a simple informal test the husband could do to give the doctor some idea of the state of her problem. "Here's what you do," said the doctor, "start out about 12 meters away from her, and in a normal conversational speaking tone see if she hears you. If not, go to 10 meters, then 7 meters, and so on until you get a response." That evening, the wife is in the kitchen cooking dinner, and he's in the living room. He says to himself, "I'm about 12 meters away, let's see what happens." Then in a normal tone he asks, "Honey, what's for supper?" No response. So the husband moved to the other end of the room, about 10 meters from his wife and repeats, "Honey, what's for supper?" Still no response. Next he moves into the dining room where he is about 7 meters from his wife and asks, "Honey, what's for supper?" Again he gets no response so he walks up to the kitchen door, only 3 meters away. "Honey, what's for supper?" Again there is no response, so he walks right up behind her. "Honey, what's for supper?" "Damn it Charles, for the fourth time, we are having chicken casserole"!!.

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When a man retires, time is no longer of any consequence, his boss gives him a watch

Little Johnny was talking to a couple of boys in the schoolyard. Each was bragging about how great their fathers are. The first one said: Well, my father runs the fastest. He can fire an arrow, and start to run, I tell you, he gets there before the arrow!" The second one said: Ha! You think that's fast! My father is a hunter. He can shoot his gun and be there before the bullet!" Little Johnny listened to the other two boys and shook his head. He then said: You two know nothing about fast, my father is a civil servant. He stops working at 4:30,... and he's home by 3:45!"

Retirement means twice as much husband on half as much money.

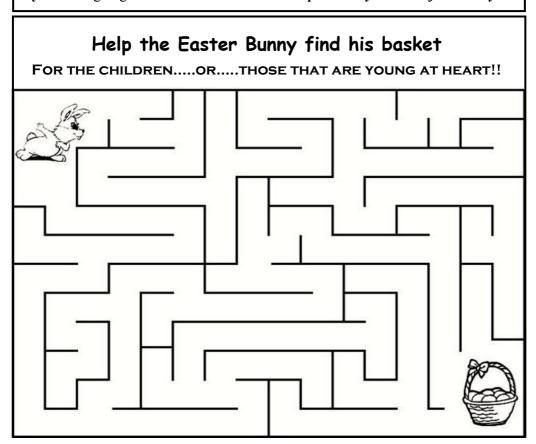
Death is nature's way of telling you to slow down.

Have you noticed how everybody dies in alphabetical order each day?

Undertakers have raised the cost of funerals by 20% due to the high cost of living.

The difference between a funeral and a wedding is one less drunk.

My sister is going out with an undertaker. We suspect he only wants her for her body.



Dutch Australian Cultural Centre - Sydney

Cultural Centre (DACC) in Sydney. I would like to print this letter we received as to show you that not all Dutch organisations in Australia are doing so well. On the other hand, our Dutch Society Concordia is not only growing in memberships but also has its financial house in order and certainly doing much better as a Dutch club in comparison to many others. Why? Only you can give us the answers, I don't want to grand-stand but we must be doing something right as a committee, a committee who is going out of their way to make you happy. (Within reason and as humanly possible of course) Our Concordia member in Sydney, Jan Mees is on the board of the committee of the Dutch Australian Cultural Centre. I hereby print the letter received from the DACC. Perhaps someone could offer solutions or offer advice on their plight. Thanks already in anticipation of any suggestions! Here is the letter:

Dear DACC Members: You all know the first line of "The Tale of Two Cities" by Charles Dickens: "It was the best of times, it was the worst of times". I would like to apply it to the **Dutch** brand in Australia. Seldom has there been so much reference to the Netherlands in the papers and on T.V. as in 2014. From the euphoria of the world cup clash. to the despair of the MH I7 crash. to the Sinterklaas and Zwarte Piet controversy, it has been there in spades. However you would not call it boom times for Dutch clubs and events. Just a few weeks ago there was a reality check with the announcement that the Melbourne Holland Festival this year was the last one. Although still profitable and very enjoyable, the ageing of the organisers and too few new people and volunteers including an unwillingness and apathy of the next generation made its demise inevitable. It sounds all too familiar. Once they close, momentum is lost and enthusiasm is difficult to rekindle. We are still reaping the results of the assimilation process of the early immigrants. There is also the 'tyranny' of geographical size. On a recent trip to the Netherlands I visited an event organised by the Central Bureau of Genealogy and Archival Organisations in Leiden. It was free and there were many hundreds of visitors from all over the country. It is hard to see something like that being successful here because of the distance. There have been a few other reality checks for the DACC this year. Our membership is in decline and causing concern. Membership fees barely cover our outgoings. It is because of a few generous donations that we are in the black. Our application for a grant from the Dutch embassy has been rejected. Governments everywhere are tightening their

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Life laughs at you when you are unhappy...

Life smiles at you when you are happy...

belts and money is hard to come by. Just recently the government here has made changes to the subsidised rental scheme for some charities. The higher rent they must now pay is sending some to the wall. Some people have intimated that the internet is the way to go. However, although it is an invaluable tool for the dissemination of information it is becoming apparent even to internet sellers that a bricks and mortar presence is necessary to realise full potential. Without the physical presence of the clubs and societies the next generation will be even more apathetic. The address this year besides being an overview of the past year is also a plea for help. What the **DACC** does is not enormously glamorous but it is necessary. We are not a social club and there is little room for diversification. What we need is for the ordinary members to become more involved in selling the DACC to the wider Dutch community on an individual level to bring in new members and to gather the material before it ends up in the rubbish bins. Take some leaflets with you and membership forms. If each one here brings in one new member this year we will be in a much healthier position. At this point I would also like to raise the issue of 'estate planning'. Up to now we don't see the concern for the preservation of our heritage (erfgoed) translated into provision in peoples wills. If you are concerned about the preservation of our heritage. Our wills are the perfect opportunity to express that concern and to make a difference. Again this is not something for just the board to consider. Each member can do something about this. The negotiations with Neerlandia are temporarily on hold. We have the offer to build on their land. but the legality of ownership needs to be ironed out.

During the year the DACC board was invited to inspect the progress of the modifications at the Abel Tasman Village. During this visit suggestions were made to the board members of space being made available for archiving and office activities. The board is considering these suggestions. The DACC had a very successful presence at the Rembrandt club Holland Festival. The 'sjoelbak' was again a very popular attraction. There was also a fundraising stall with books and bric-a-brac. We plan to be there again this year. It would be great for more members to help us out that weekend in March. We were well represented at the "Kings Day" reception, but communication at such an event is difficult and we could do little to advertise our presence. Our volunteers have continued their sterling work on the archives and reference library again this year. Their contribution to the DACC is invaluable. Our thanks also to Mr. and Mrs. van Altena, at the "Dutch Shop" for their continued support. It is a great atmosphere to work in. Lastly, I would like to thank all board members for their hard work again this year. I would like to finish by wishing all our supporters in whatever capacity all the very best for 2015.

Biblical questions and answers

- Q What do they call pastors in Germany?
- A German Shepherds.
- Q Who was the greatest financier in the Bible?
- A Noah He was floating his stock while everyone else was in liquidation.
- Q Who was the greatest female financier in the Bible?
- A Pharaoh's daughter. She went down to the bank of the Nile and drew out a little prophet.
- Q What kind of motor vehicles are in the Bible?
- A God drove Adam and Eve out of the Garden in a Fury. David's Triumph was heard throughout the land. Also, probably a Honda, because the apostles were all in one Accord.
- Q Who was the greatest comedian in the Bible?
- A Samson. He brought the house down.
- Q What excuse did Adam give to his children as to why he no longer lived in the garden of Eden?
- *A.* Your mother ate us out of house and home.
- Q Which servant of God was the most flagrant lawbreaker in the Bible?
- A Moses. He broke all 10 commandments at once.
- Q Which area of Middle East was especially wealthy?
- A The area around Jordan. The banks were always overflowing.
- Q Who is the greatest babysitter mentioned in the Bible?
- A David. He rocked Goliath to a very deep sleep.
- Q Which Bible character had no parents?
- A Joshua, son of Nun.
- Q Why didn't they play cards on the Ark?
- A Because Noah was standing on the deck.
 - **PS...** Did you know it's a sin for a woman to make coffee? Yup, it's in the Bible. It says; 'He-brews'

None can destroy iron, but its own rust can! Likewise none can destroy a person, but its own mind set can!

Our thoughts can change our life....

CONCORDIA's Social Calendar 2015

SATURDAY 21ST MARCH - 2015 - CARDIFF RSL

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A special afternoon of music, laughter and memories.

SATURDAY 16TH MAY - 2015 - CARDIFF RSL

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SATURDAY 19TH SEPTEMBER - 2015 - CARDIFF RSL

Concordia celebrates her 58th Birthday including Fathers Day

SATURDAY 31ST OCTOBER - 2015 - PLACE TO BE ADVISED

Concordia's 58th Annual General Meeting - commencing at 2pm

SATURDAY 5TH DECEMBER - 2015

Concordia celebrates the arrival of St. Nicholas at Marmong Park Please play your part in the greatest Dutch event of the year in our region. You can help us to mention this very special day to all those interested in our Dutch cultural event.

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Multicultural Christmas Carols Concert Commencing at 7pm

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Alzheimer and Dementia in Australia

Izheimer's disease and other causes of dementia result in physical changes in the brain that cause impaired memory, thinking and behaviour. Alzheimer's disease accounts for approximately 70% of all dementias. As brain cells die, the substance of the brain shrinks. Abnormal material builds up as "tangles" in the centre of the brain cells and "plaques" outside the brain cells. This disrupts messages within the brain, damaging connections between brain cells, leading to the eventual death of brain cells and preventing recall of information as well as other cognitive and functional impairment. The disease is named after the German physician Alois Alzheimer, who first described his findings in 1907.

Glenn Rees, CEO of Alzheimer's Australia says, "Alois Alzheimer was the first person to put the condition into medical terminology, but references to age-related cognitive impairment are found as far back as Greek literature and even in Shakespeare's writing. It has been wrongly regarded for centuries as a natural part of ageing." He adds, "Dementia research is really only 25 years old, and we still don't know the cause. But there are exciting developments in terms of delaying the onset and identifying those at risk." Glenn Rees Says, "There are a number of strategies people can use to encourage family members and friends to seek treatment. A good starting point is attendance at an information talk about memory. When Alzheimer's Australia delivers these talks we don't discuss dementia or Alzheimer's, we simply try to help people understand the difference between everyday memory failures, which we all have, and concerns that go deeper.

A second strategy is to see your doctor. Alternately, people can ring the National Dementia Helpline. About 15% of the calls to our Helpline are from people who have concerns about their memory or who already have a diagnosis of dementia, and we provide an opportunity to talk through the issues with somebody who's familiar with the situation.

There are also 16,000 Australians with Younger Onset Dementia - that is people under the age of 65 years. Dementia is much less common in younger people but it is often misdiagnosed and can go untreated for a longer period than an older person experiencing dementia symptoms. Leo, who was diagnosed with Younger Onset Dementia, describes his experience with getting an early diagnosis: "My experience was unlike many others. My diagnosis of dementia was relatively quick. From the time I went to see the doctor the first time to preliminary diagnosis was three or four months.

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Zij die geen angst kennen, kennen geen moed. Want werkelijke moed, is het overwinnen van de angst. The diagnosis was a relief. I knew something was seriously wrong with me and my biggest fear was that they were going to tell me that nothing was wrong. I would have thought I was going crazy. Once I got the diagnosis I thought 'now I know what I am dealing with'."

It may be possible to reduce the risk of dementia with a 'brain healthy' lifestyle. Although there is no cure for dementia, there is increasing evidence that there is a link between healthy lifestyles and brain health. There are a number of ways in which people can reduce their risk of developing dementia, such as keeping mentally and physically active, having a healthy diet, and avoiding activities that increase the risk of head injuries.

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- Heaviness

You may also:

- Have difficulty breathing
- Break out in a cold sweat
- ♦ Feel dizzy
- Feel light headed
- Feel like vomiting
- **♦** Actually vomit

One in four heart attack victims die within one hour of their first ever warning sign, So if you have chest pain or other heart attack warning signs that are severe or last for 10 minutes, call 000. **Because every minute counts**.

http://www.heartfoundation.org.au



A very celebratory André Rieu afternoon

or at least the last twenty seven years, my personal life has been so bound up with my work that the story of my personal life would sound pretty much the same as the story of my career – especially as my wife *Marjorie* has been so closely involved from the start. My life is simply music, music is what we are always doing, and it never gets boring!

Even as a child, I was fascinated by the world of music. My father was a conductor, and I remember the huge orchestra and the wonderful sound it made, all those bows moving together – I thought it was fantastic. But even then I can remember being surprised at the sombre atmosphere during the concerts. Everybody looked so serious, you weren't supposed to cough or laugh, even though the music seemed to me to radiate so much joy!

You know that solemn atmosphere you find in the concert hall with classical music, and how it intimidates most people and keeps them away? With us, it is simply not there. My orchestra consists of young, enthusiastic musicians, who put their heart and soul into the music every evening when they play in our concerts. At one of our concerts you'll see me and the orchestra, and the audience too, all having a lot of fun together. Swaying with the music, humming along, clapping, jumping up and down – it all happens! Every evening is a wonderful experience, and in my view there couldn't be a greater pleasure for a musician.

When I was studying the violin at the music academy, somebody asked me to play in a salon orchestra. It was there that I played the waltz 'Gold und Silber' by Franz Lehar for the first time. What a revelation it was! I was immediately spellbound by that beat which, years later, has almost become the rhythm of my life: three-four time, the rhythm of the waltz. But with my own orchestra, I play a lot more than waltzes these days.

My dream is to make the whole of classical music accessible for everyone. To achieve that, I've had my own recording studio built, and we're working hard to make new recordings of the classical repertoire. I hope I may be given many more years to make people happy with my music!

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JUST A LITTLE BIT OF FUN

Veterinarian. He found the problem was hair in it's ears and cleaned both ears and the dog could hear fine. The vet told the lady if she wanted to keep this from reoccurring she should go to the store and get some "Nair" hair remover and rub in it's ears once a month. The lady goes to the chemist and gets some "Nair" hair remover. At the register the chemist tells her "If you're going to use this under your arms don't use deodorant for a few days." The lady says "I'm not using it under my arms." The Chemist says "If you're using it on your legs don't shave for a couple of days." The lady says "I'm not using it on my legs either, and if you must know I'm using it on my schnauzer." The chemist says "Stay off your bicycle for a week!"

A man, while playing on the front nine of a complicated golf course, became confused as to where he was on the course. Looking around, he saw a lady playing ahead of him. He walked up to her, explained his confusion and asked her if she knew what hole he was playing. "I'm on the 7th hole," she replied, "and you are a hole behind me. So you must be on the 6th hole." He thanked her and went back to his golf. On the back nine, the same thing happened and he approached her again with the same request. "I'm on number 14, and you're still a hole behind, so you must be on the 13th hole." Once again he thanked her and returned to his play. He finished his round and went to the clubhouse where he saw the same lady sitting at the end of the bar. He asked the bartender if he knew the lady. The bartender said that she was a sales lady and played the course often. He approached her and said, "Let me buy you a drink in appreciation for your help. I understand that you're in the sales profession. I'm in sales also. What do you sell?" "I'll tell you, but you're going to laugh," she replied. "No, I won't." "Well, if you must know," she answered, "I work for Tampax." With that, he laughed so hard he almost fell off the bar stool. "See," she said. "I knew you'd laugh!" "That's not what I'm laughing at," he replied, "I'm a salesman for laxatives, so I'm still a hole behind you."

A friend was in front of me coming out of church one day, and the preacher was standing at the door as he always is to shake hands. He grabbed my friend by the hand and pulled him aside. The Pastor said to him, "You need to join the Army of the Lord!" My friend replied, "I'm already in the Army of the Lord, Pastor." Pastor questioned, "How come I don't see you except at Christmas and Easter?" He whispered back, "I'm in his secret service"

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"Toon" was a noted Dutch comedian, singer and writer.



Toon Hermans was born in the Dutch city of Sittard. He began performing in the 1930s, achieving local, regional and, eventually, national fame in the Netherlands as a comedian during the post-war decades. Together with *Wim Sonneveld* and *Wim Kan* he was considered one of the "*Great Three*" of Dutch cabaret during the 1950s and 1960s.

While Sonneveld became known for more serious, more searching kinds of cabaret as well as expansion into other areas of amusement such as musicals, and

while **Kan** focused more and more on purely political satire, **Toon Hermans** remained true to his one lifetime love: simple home-grown humour, the ability to make people laugh. His humor was of a disarmingly genuine kind. His one-man shows usually consisted of stories he would tell, often based on the life of his youth in a small town in Limburg, with a typical number of family members, neighbours, friends (**some enemies**), cats and dogs, which he presented in an irresistibly hilarious manner; and interspersed with simple, charming, crystal clear songs about life, love, and happiness.

Subsequent generations of Dutch cabaret artists, and the theatre critics of the 1970s and 1980s, were not much impressed by *Hermans'* unpretentious, politically and socially disengaged entertainment, but his fan base remained very large and his road shows continued to attract very large crowds. As was the case for other cabaret artists, the transition from theatrical performance to television shows was associated with ups and downs, and some believe that the most deeply felt and enduring appeal of his shows was lost in the latter medium, but he nevertheless achieved significant successes even on television, his one-man show in 1967 supposedly having been watched by 6 million, that is half the population of the Netherlands at the time.

After the death of his wife and lifelong companion Rita Weijtboer in 1990 it appeared that his career had ended, but in 1992 he surprised friends and foes by starting a new tour with a whole new show, different in nature from any he had done before. While the second half of the program was the same kind of straightforward, nonsensical humour that had always been his hallmark, the first half of the new show entitled "Ik heb je lief" (a deeper statement than "I love you", not unlike "I love thee") consisted only of songs, in a mixture of simple jazz and

French-style "chanson", that were tributes to love and, indirectly, to his late wife. To the delight of his fans, he toured with this show for about one year, when one evening in Haarlem he broke down during the program and had to cancel the remainder of the tour. As he himself explained, the sadness over his loss had finally caught up with him. He was nonetheless able to return to the stage a few years later with a new show, and remained active for several more years until his death in 2000.

Many of his shows have been recorded, starting with his one-man show in 1958. There have also been quite a number of publications of collections of poems of his hand. These collection started with simple poems, or rather, rhymes, that were humorous but sometimes contained a more serious note; but later it appeared that *Toon Hermans* may have tried to create more serious poetry, which was not altogether successful (and perhaps it was not he, but his publishers, who tried to put this spin on things).

Hermans' humour was typically Dutch, or rather, typical for the southern part of the Netherlands, and was also appreciated in Flanders, Moreover, during the late 1950s and 1960s he had considerable success touring in Germany and Austria with a German-language show. He also produced an English-language show in the late 1960s that was test-run in Canada but it appears that the show never made it to Broadway.

Among his many memorable contributions, perhaps none are as widely recognized as the song "Vierentwintig rozen" – "Twenty-four roses", included in many of his one-man shows over the decades. This song consists of a long listing of completely unrelated but numbered items "three little boys playing football in the alley way – 16 sailboats anchored in the sun-lit bay" and on and on and on (and different ones for each new version of his show); and then ending with "and Twenty-four roses, Twenty-four roses, Twenty-four roses – for you". It became almost as a ritual when the first notes of this song were played by the orchestra, the audiences would erupt in a loud ovation, and Toon Hermans would once again delight his audience with his signature mixture of humour, genuine feeling, mastery of words, love of the theatre, and love of life.

On Saturday 21st March we reflect for a moment on the life of the greatest Dutch artist of the 20th century. Now **15 years** after his death we memorise his special humour and we love to show you some of his unforgettable moments.

With *Andre Rieu* and *Toon Hermans* in the limelight we sure have created a blockbuster of a program for all to enjoy. Bring your family, your friends and whoever wants to enjoy another great afternoon. *Your Committee*.

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Succes is een taart waarvan iedereen mee wil eten, maar als hij op is.... zie je niemand meer.

Blond or perhaps Dumb

blonde teenager, wanting to earn some extra money for the summer, decided to hire herself out as a 'handy-woman' and started canvassing a nearby well-to-do neighbourhood. She went to the front door of the first house, and asked the owner if he had any odd jobs for her to do. 'Well, I guess I could use somebody to paint my porch,' he said, 'How much will you charge me?' Delighted, the girl quickly responded, 'How about \$50?' The man agreed and told her that the paint brushes and everything she would need was in the garage.

The man's wife, hearing the conversation said to her husband, 'Does she realise that our porch goes ALL the way around the house?' He responded, 'That's a bit cynical, isn't it?' The wife replied, 'You're right. I guess I'm starting to believe all those dumb blonde jokes we've been getting by email lately.'

Later that day, the blonde came to the door to collect her money. 'You're finished already?' the startled husband asked. 'Yes,' the blonde replied, 'And I even had paint left over, so I gave it two coats.' Impressed, the man reached into his pocket for the \$50.00 and handed it to her along with a \$10.00 tip. 'And by the way,' the blonde added, 'it's not a Porch, it's a Lexus.'

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