

't Penzeeltje

August/September 2022



Club Hours

Wednesday 9:30-1:00pm

Friday 3.00-8.30pm

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A culture of care

The Board wishes to advise, in line with NSW regulations we are operating as normal. We want to thank our volunteers and guests for their efforts in keeping the club open when permitted. Now is the time to all return and bring some friends to sample the great food and activities that make the Rembrandt a unique place to socialise and celebrate. With increased cost of living we all need a helping hand therefor the board has decided to absorb the increased cost and keep our Friday special at \$15 for meal and dessert. We hope to see you all take advantage of this.

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Activities groups

Klaverjassen & sequence

Wednesdays 10:00AM till 1:00PM

Triominos

Wednesdays 10:00AM till 1:00PM

Scrabble Second and Fourth

Wednesday of the month

10:00 AM till 1:00 PM

Knitting first and third

Friday of the month

3:30 PM till 5:00 PM

Book swap every Wednesday

9:30 AM till 1:00 PM

Puzzle mania second and fourth

Friday of the month

Ballroom Dancing group Fridays

4:30PM till 5:30PM

Bingo Fridays on games night

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President's report

By Allan Potter

Valued Members , hope you are all well, we thank those dedicated members and visitors for taking on the challenges in the face of obstacles including inclement weather and health problems.

We thank the Board members involved in the planning and implementation of ongoing entertainment Events. The past few months we have celebrated some great theme nights including Italian night , Elvis night and Christmas in July. We will be hosting more live performances as the weather temperatures improve.

Our kitchen staff are still working hard to provide an interesting array of meals. We welcome our new members our older members can assist in providing great comradery. Thank you for your perseverance in keeping your club alive, stay safe, see you at the Rembrandt. **Allan J. Potter**

The Dutch Antilles, In the 17th century the islands were conquered by the Dutch West India Company and colonized by Dutch settlers. From the last quarter of the 17th century, the group consisted of six Dutch islands: Curaçao (settled in 1634), Aruba (settled in 1636), Bonaire (settled in 1636), Sint Eustatius (settled in 1636), Saba (settled in 1640) and Sint Maarten (settled in 1648). In the past, Anguilla (1631–1650), the present-day British Virgin Islands (1612–1672), St. Croix and Tobago had also been Dutch. During the American Revolution Sint Eustatius, along with Curaçao, was a major trade center in the Caribbean, with Sint Eustatius a major source of supplies for the Thirteen Colonies. It had been called "the Golden Rock" because of the number of wealthy merchants and volume of trade there. The British sacked its only town, Oranjestad, in 1781 and the economy of the island never recovered. Unlike many other regions, few immigrants went to the Dutch islands, due to the weak economy. However, with the discovery of oil in Venezuela in the nineteenth century, the Anglo-Dutch Shell Oil Company established refineries in Curaçao, while the U.S. processed Venezuelan crude oil in Aruba. This resulted in booming economies on the two islands, which turned to bust in the 1980s when the oil refineries were closed.^[6] The various islands were united as a single country – the Netherlands Antilles – in 1954, under the Dutch crown. The country was dissolved on 10 October 2010.^[3] Curaçao and Sint Maarten became distinct constituent countries alongside Aruba which had become a distinct constituent country in 1986; whereas Bonaire, Sint Eustatius, and Saba (the "BES Islands") became special municipalities within the Netherlands proper. Willemstad From 1815 onwards Curaçao and Dependencies formed a colony of the Kingdom of the Netherlands. Slavery was abolished in 1863, and in 1865 a government regulation for Curaçao was enacted that allowed for some very limited autonomy for the colony. Although this regulation was replaced by a constitution (Dutch: *Staatsregeling*) in 1936, the changes to the government structure remained superficial and Curaçao continued to be ruled as a colony. The island of Curaçao was hit hard by the abolition of slavery in 1863. Its prosperity (and that of neighboring Aruba) was restored in the early 20th century with the construction of oil refineries to service the newly discovered Venezuelan oil fields. Colonial rule ended after the conclusion of the Second World War. Queen Wilhelmina had promised in a 1942 speech to offer autonomy to the overseas territories of the Netherlands. During the war, the British and American occupation of the islands – with the consent of the Dutch government – led to increasing demands for autonomy within the population as well. In May 1948 a new constitution for the territory entered into force, allowing the largest amount of autonomy possible under the Dutch constitution of 1922.

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For your next party have a Dutch party, bite size snacks, biscuits and nibbles from E.D.A.H. will make any party a success.

We are looking for live performers, you have a family member with a special talent in song, dance or stand up comedy we want to know.

Talk of the town

By Rebecca Hook



26th August is Games night in August come and join in with one of our table games or try your hand at the word search. If you like to be more hands on there is Sjoelen and Putt practice for the Rembrandt indoor golf challenge. For those keen to make an impact have a go for that hole in one or just for fun.

2nd September sees one of our best known fathers and a frequent performer at the club, Herman knows how to make everyone smile with his music. He will be back on stage to for Father's Day. There is always a chance of a sing along and a little dance. Enjoy an evening out with DAD for dinner at the club with the soundtrack of Dutch music on accordion by a great live act that needs to be seen to be appreciated.

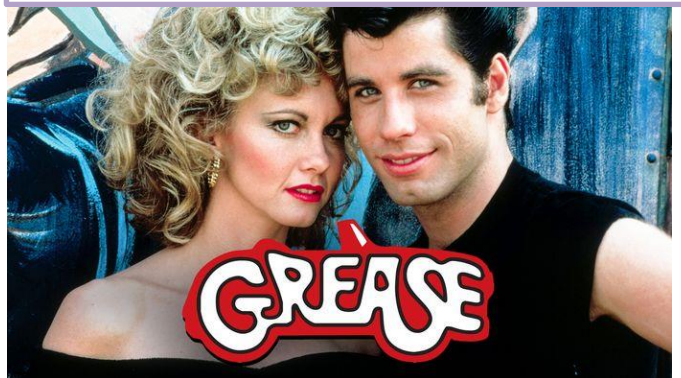


PERFECT SNOWBALL



9th Sept is SNOWBALL party to say farewell to the winter weather as we move to the warmer months. Time to celebrate with a little German tradition served from the bar to warm you up and some perfect winter warmers from the kitchen a special for all members and quests to have a ball.

16th September is our Dinner and dance night with a theme to commemorate and groove with. 23rd September is our Live stage night where we have an Elvis gospel group performance, 3 talented vocalists that like to introduce their music to all.



30th September is our BINGO night get your stamper out and mark those numbers always a few prizes on the cards will it be your card? Grab our special of the day and BINGO away.



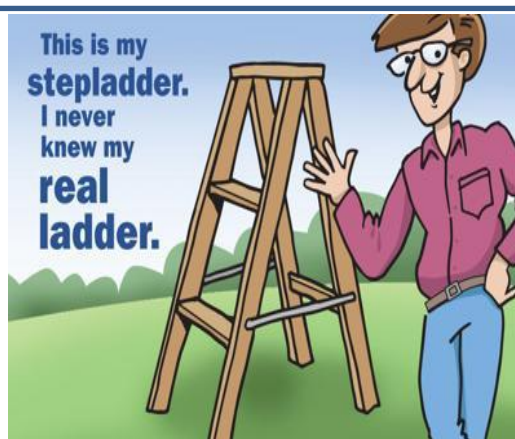
Laughter is the best Medicine

By YOU

An old man shuffled slowly into an ice cream parlour and pulled himself gently, painfully, up onto a stool... After catching his breath, he ordered a banana split. The waitress asked kindly, 'Crushed nuts?' 'No,' he replied, 'Arthritis.' **A woman on the phone to her friend: "I feel like my body has gotten totally out of shape, so I got my doctor's permission to join a fitness club and start exercising.... I decided to take an aerobics class for seniors. I bent, twisted, gyrated, jumped up and down, and perspired for an hour. But, by the time I got my leotards on, the class was over."** A stingy old lawyer who had been diagnosed with a terminal illness was determined to prove wrong the old saying, "You can't take it with you..After much thought and consideration, the old ambulance-chaser finally figured out how to take at least some of his money with him when he died. He instructed his wife to go to the bank and withdraw enough money to fill two pillowcases. He then directed her to take the bags of money to the attic and leave them directly above his bed. His plan: When he passed away, he would reach out and grab the bags on his way to heaven. Several weeks after the funeral, the deceased lawyer's wife, up in the attic cleaning came upon the two forgotten pillowcases stuffed with cash. "Oh, that old fool," she exclaimed. "I knew he should have had me put the money in the basement." **You know how important exercise is, as we grow older. Here are a few suggestions. I start by standing outside behind the house and, with a five-pound potato sack in each hand, extend my arms straight out to my sides and hold them there as long as I can. After a few weeks, I moved up to 10-pound potato sacks, then 50-pound potato sacks and finally I got to where I could lift a 100-pound potato sack in each hand and hold my arms straight out for more than a full minute! Next, I started putting a few potatoes IN the sacks, but I would caution you not to overdo it at this level.** A frustrated wife told me the other day her definition of retirement: "Twice as much husband on half as much pay." **A farmer goes out one day and buys a brand new stud rooster to copulate with his chickens. The farmer puts the rooster straight in the pen so he can get down to business. The young rooster walks over to the old rooster and says "OK, old fellow, time to retire." The old rooster says, "You can't handle all these chickens....look at what it did to me!" The young rooster replies, "Now, don't give me a hassle about this. Time for the old to step aside and let the young to take over, so take a hike." The old rooster says, "Aw, c'mon.....just let me have the two old hens over in the corner. I won't bother you." The young rooster says, "Scram! Beat it! You're washed up! I'm taking over!" So, the old rooster thinks for a minute and then says to the young rooster, "I'll tell you what, young fellow, I'll have a race with you around the farmhouse. Whoever wins the race gets the domain of the chicken coop. And if I'm so feeble, why not give me a little head start?"** An elderly woman went into the doctor's office. When the doctor asked why she was there, she replied, "I'd like to have some birth-control pills. "Taken back, the doctor thought for a minute and then said, "Excuse me, Mrs. Smith, but you're 72 years old. What possible use could you have for birth control pills?" The woman responded, "They help me sleep better." The doctor thought some more and continued, "How in the world do birth control pills help you to sleep better?" The woman said, "Simple, I put them in my granddaughter's orange juice every morning and I sleep better at night." **On my rounds, I placed a stethoscope on an elderly and slightly deaf female patient's anterior chest wall. "Big breaths," I instructed. "Yes, they used to be," remorseful the patient.**



"Gravity has lowered my chest, my stomach and my butt. Why hasn't it lowered my cholesterol?!"



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I love home improvements! Best one I ever made was disconnecting the doorbell.

Luckily, the pizza delivery guy knocks.

Past and present

By Mia & Jan Joosten

December 1987 a few members of the club came up with a new idea. A Sinterklaas Festival. Not just a little party inside, but this one would be celebrated outside. A stage was set up against the little building that used to be Tulip Upholstery and a tarpaulin was the cover to keep the sun out of the faces of anyone on the stage. There was a band for entertainment. A dancefloor was made where the Dutch Folkdance Group performed with their many cute little dancers. Tables and chairs were put outside for guests. Tonnes of show-bags had been put together for boys and girls. A few games were set up as well. One was throwing a bucket of water at your favourite person. That person was put in a guillotine and had no way of escaping the cold wave of water. The highlight was the visit of Sinterklaas. For the Dutch families this was a great day. However for the Aussies it was looked at as a religious festival and therefore they missed out on the fun. After this brilliant event there were plenty show bags left and a group of volunteers took these to the market in Penrith. Whatever was left after that was given out at a day care in Colyton. From then on it was Sinterklaas in early December as a private function and over the years it became a special day. When Children were booked in they would then get a personal invitation from Sinterklaas. The hall would only hold so many people, so the kids as well as the parents needed to book in. The highest number of children attending was 88 plus parents and grandparents. One very important issue was the age limit of the children and that was the first change I made. No age limit! There were persons of adult age with mental disabilities and they enjoyed it with honest glee. Sometimes there would be a colouring in competition and the pictures would be proudly exhibited for the next Wednesday when the seniors had their lunch with Sinterklaas. We also engaged a Mr Magic who gave up after some cheeky kids figured out where the magic came from. Then there was the reptile display with all the glass cages and the slippery creatures. Most kids loved it but some just absolutely did not. 1988 the Bicentenary was a very big year. The club and the Rembrandt Male choir were involved with the 'big ships' in Sydney harbour. Selling food and drinks and performing. It also was the year that the club was raided 24 June '88 by the liquor Squad. The Club only had a limited licence and apparently someone found this reason to give us hell. There was a court case which took years to get it where we wanted. In 1990 we were allowed a certain amount of 'dance nights' but they had to be incorporated with a meal. On January 8, 1993 the full liquor licence was approved to Gerard Petra. Gerard was a retired builder and got busier than ever with renovating the building to council requirements. The stage was moved to the opposite wall because the whole building was now available and the new space was to be the billiard room, which was lovely named as 'De Kuil' (the pit), because it was a few steps lower than the rest of the building. There was a building-fund-glass on the bar where it was shown how much money was donated. Most important was the time every volunteer put in to help renovate the amenities and the kitchen and the new entrance and make the building wheelchair friendly.



Rembrandt Gallery

By Kiara VDM



We like you to bring a friend, come and play cards or dominos. Coffee and cake on a Wednesday. Dinner on a Friday get your dancing partner. Browse for a book or DVD from our 'Street Library'. There is always something to do. When you at the Rembrandt



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Rembrandt Social Club MEMBERSHIP

By Mia Joosten

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Couple	\$30.00
Pensioner Single	\$15.00
Pensioner Couple	\$20.00

Where one person is a pensioner, his/her partner also pays pensioner fee. Membership year is October 2022 to October 2023



"Sometimes I am amazed that my wife and I created two human beings from scratch yet struggle to assemble the most basic of IKEA cabinets."

For details on events please check



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Rembrandt Calendar

Fri Aug 19th Music & Dinner

Fri Aug 26th Games Night

Fri Sept 2nd Father's Day

Fri Sept 9th Snowball party

Fri Sept 16th Dinner & Dance

Fri Sept 23rd On Stage

Fri Sept 30th Bingo Night

**Wednesday mornings Café & Shop
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