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Report of the Annual Meeting, Saturday, March 13, 2013.

This year's membership attendance at the annual meeting held at Toos and Frank Judge's home, was greater than we have had in recent years. The meeting was called to order shortly after 5 PM by Ton Broos. Ton announced that long time member Hendrika Nol-Heynes of Bloomfield Township passed away in December. We extend our sympathy to her husband Edward Nol who has graciously continued membership in the NAUL. After the minutes of the 2012 meeting were read and approved, Karla Vandersypen presented the secretary's report, highlighting activities and programs held in the year since the last meeting. Lineke Zuiderweg presented the Treasurer's report. It was reviewed and approved. The NAUL is still solvent with assets totaling \$8,469.06 as of December 31, 2012. Expenditures for 2012 totaled \$2,392.57. Income from membership was \$1,679.03 leaving a deficit for 2012 of \$713.54. Membership is relatively stable. We currently have about 90 members. This does not include the children of those family members. Board members Irene Butter, Nanna Fecteau, Toos Judge, Els Nieuwenhuijsen and Lineke Zuiderweg whose current terms were expiring were approved for continuation on the board. There were no additional nominations from the floor. Hospitality chairperson Els Nieuwenhuijsen could not attend the meeting but her report was read by President Ton Broos. Janet Broos continues as Newsletter editor and asked for input from the members and or suggestions for topics they wish to see in the newsletter.

Some future programs were finalized, namely:

Friday, April 26, 2013, Paul van den Muysenberg will present the second in the lecture series by NAUL members. Paul's topic will be "Adventures of an Honorary Consul in Detroit".

The Annual NAUL Picnic will take place on Sunday, June 16, 2013 at 3 PM at the home of Toos and Frank Judge.

Sunday, September 8, 2013, the Annual Fall Reception will be held at the home of Janet and Ton Broos.

Thursday, September 26, Arthur Verhoogt will continue the members' lecture series with a presentation entitled "From Karanis with Love: Personal Letters from Roman Egypt."

This year, Sinterklaas will come to Ann Arbor on Saturday November 30, 2013.

See the "Events" section of this Newsletter for more details.

Rijsttafel

After the business meeting, NAUL members enjoyed an exceptionally delicious Rijsttafel. Fun, laughter, and good company was the theme of the evening.

NAUL Winter Reception and Concert

Once again, the NAUL's afternoon of MUSIC+ at the home of Lineke and Erik Zuiderweg was a resounding success. Erik and his band of happy music makers, Kathy West, Lisa Dale, Joe Lange and Margaret Weiss entertained us with Dvorak's Piano Quintet Opus 81. Lineke showed us a very nice slide

presentation of “Dutch Children in Art during the Golden Age”.

After a short intermission, Ton Broos treated us to Dutch poems and Janet gave us the English renditions. The musicians were then joined by Melissa Bosma on the Oboe for a performance of Johann Sebastian Bach’s Concerto for Oboe. Hats off to all of the performers.

As has been our custom over the years, we present below a poem from the Broos’ readings. We hope that those of who could not attend this event will enjoy the poetry.

By Gerrit Komrij

Moeder

Soms belde mijn moeder op
En kon ze als Brugman praten
Een waterval, kip zonder kop
Een verleden zonder hiaten

Meestal zweeg ze. Ik denk aan haar
Als aan een ijzig rustende,
Onbenaderbare pilaar.
Je zou haar niet snel kussen.

Dement. Ze kakelde weer.
‘Jongen, wat ben je groot’
‘Het was fijn, maar nu niet meer’
‘Wanneer ga je weg?’ – en toen dood.

Mother

My mother at times came alive
Was granted the gift of gab
She gabbled on fixed overdrive
A seamless past made up of blab

But most of the time she said nowt.
Reminding me most of a pillar
Unreachable, steely throughout.
To kiss her would not be a thriller

Quite senile. She cackled away.
‘Good gracious, how well you’ve been fed’
‘What times we once had, not today’
‘And when will you leave?’ – and then dead.

Left: At the Judge’s house after the Annual Meeting: a blue bowl (good brownies), a plastic container (good beans), and a green IKEA bag. To retrieve, call Toos Judge at 764-662-3650.

Available

Old issues of **Libelle**. It is a popular Dutch women’s magazine similar to Good Housekeeping or Ladies Home Journal with articles about fashion, gardening, food, stories, etc. If interested please call Lineke Zuiderweg at 734-741-1757.

EVENTS

It’s time to mark your calendars for some events that have been planned for the coming months:

Friday, April 26, 2013 at 7:30 PM. Paul van den Muysenberg will present a lecture entitled “Adventures of an Honorary Consul in Detroit”. The place is Gretchen’s House at 1580 DhuVarren Road, Ann Arbor. Paul was the consul in Detroit for very many years, before turning the reigns over to Hans Pijls who has recently turned them over to Percy Vreeken. Paul had many fascinating adventures during his term in office so his talk is one not to be missed.

Sunday, June 16, 2013 beginning at 3 PM. The Annual NAUL picnic. The picnic will be held in the garden of the home of Toos and Frank Judge, 2600 Brockman Blvd. Ann Arbor. Bring a salad or dessert and NAUL will provide the rest. An e-mail reminder will be sent in June.

Sunday, September 8, 2013. The Annual Fall Reception beginning at 4 PM will be held at the home of Janet and Ton Broos, 1405 Harbrooke Avenue, Ann Arbor. More on this at a later date.

Thursday, September 26, 2013. As part of the Members’ Lecture Series, **Arthur Verhoogt will present a lecture entitled “From Karanis, with Love: Personal Letters from Roman Egypt”. The place is**

**again at Gretchen's House, 1580
DhuVarren Road, Ann Arbor.**

Arthur is an Associate Professor of Papyrology and Greek at the UM in the Department of Classical Studies. More about this later.

Saturday, November 30, 2013 at 5:30 PM Sinterklaas will arrive in Ann Arbor. He will come to Gretchen's House to meet all the NAUL kids – big and small. So make sure to mark your calendars for this happy evening. More in the Sint Newsletter.

Of Interest

The new home of the Film Institute in Amsterdam is the *EYE*. It is situated on the north bank of the IJ waterway. You can see a movie or have a coffee or snack on a terrace as you watch the boats move along the IJ. To get there, board the commuter ferry behind the Central Station.

FINALLY

The Rijksmuseum will reopen after 10 Years. What took so long? Five years late and tens of millions of Euros over budget. But we hear it is worth the wait. The “new” look was designed by Spanish architects Cruz y Ortiz. They have restored the original layout and ornamental details that had been obliterated over the years by bad “renovations”. Two of the old inner courtyards have been made into a single atrium by sinking them below ground level. It is the public face of the museum, a soaring 24,000 square foot glass roofed space with Polish stone floors. This space can be visited without an entrance ticket (museum tickets cost \$19). Museum officials believe that it will become an urban hangout, similar to London's Turbine Hall at the Tate. Eventually there will be performances and art installations. It is expected that the renovated museum will attract as many as 2 million visitors annually. For the first time, the museum's historical library will be open to the public. It is said to be a lofty three-story cast-iron space where visitors will be given I-pads as museum officials felt that putting computers in the room would “contaminate it visually”

The “Night Watch” will hang in its time honored space, at the end of the Gallery of Honor. This is not to be missed.

Program for the Installation of Willem-Alexander on May 30, 2013

10:00 – 10:30 AM

Abdication of Her Majesty Queen Beatrix, in the Moses Hall of the Royal Palace in Amsterdam.

10:30 – 10.50 AM

His Majesty King Willem-Alexander, Her Majesty Queen Maxima, Her Royal Highness Princess Beatrix move to the balcony of the palace. Princess Beatrix and King Willem-Alexander deliver a short speech.

1:55 PM

The King and the party move to the New Church.

2:00 – 3:30 PM

Installation of the King and oath taking by all Members of Parliament during the meeting of the States-General in the New Church. Various speeches by members.

4:30 – 5:30 PM

Reception for visiting dignitaries and members of States-General in the Royal Palace.

After 123 years, the Netherlands finally has a king. Besides being king he also has all these other titles. Can you believe it?

Zijne Majesteit Koning Willem-Alexander, Koning der Nederlanden, Prins van Oranje-Nassau, Jonkheer van Amsberg, Graaf van Katzenelnbogen, Graaf van Vianden, Graaf van Diez, Graaf van Spiegelberg, Graaf van Buren, Graaf van Leerdam, Graaf van Culemborg, Markies van Veere en Vlissingen, Baron van Breda, Baron van Diest, Baron van Beilstein, Baron van de stad Grave en het Land van Cuyk, Baron van IJsselstein, Baron van Cranendonk, Baron van Eindhoven, Baron van Liesveld, Erf- en Vrijheer van Ameland, Heer van Borculo, Heer van Bredevoort, Heer van Lichtenvoorde, Heer van 't Loo, Heer van Geertruidenberg, Heer van Klundert, Heer van Zevenbergen, Heer van Hoge en Lage Zwaluwe, Heer van Naaldwijk, Heer van Polanen, Heer van Sint-Maartensdijk, Heer van Soest, Baarn en Ter Eem, Heer van

Willemstad, Heer van Steenberg, Heer van Montfort, Heer van Sankt Vith, Heer van Bütgenbach, Heer van Dasburg, Erf-Burggraaf van Antwerpen. THAT'S IT!

Now – does anyone know how to translate **Erf- en Vrijheer?** My Dutch speaking editor could not help me here. Also, can any of you ‘royal watchers’ explain to this American why he is a Baron in some places in the Netherlands and an ordinary Lord in others. Just for my own edification! For your edification, the total spent for all this hoopla will cost the state seven million Euros.

Will someone please make a proposal to have Willem-Alexander made Baron of Ann Arbor? We can vote on it at the next Annual Meeting.

Facebook enthusiasts: Erik Zuiderweg tells us that the NAUL now has a Facebook page. Check it out!

Where Michigan Does Business

(from Crain’s Detroit Business)

The Netherlands has the fifth-largest economy in the Eurozone, even though its 2012 tax revenues dropped 9 percent and its GDP contracted. Its estimated GDP is \$770.2 billion, No 24 in the world. In 2011, the US imported \$33 billion in goods and services from the Netherlands and exported \$47.5 billion.

Below is a partial list of Michigan companies that do business in the Netherlands.

Beyond Interactive. Based in Ann Arbor.
Operations: Mediacom BV in Amsterdam
Compuware Corp. Based in Detroit.
Operations: Breda, Groningen & Steenberg.
Dow Chemical Co. Based in Midland.
Operations: Dow Benelux BV in Terneuzen.
Flint Group Inc. Based Plymouth Twsp.
Operations: Flint Ink Winschoten BV.
General Motors Co. Based in Detroit
Operations: Breda, sales and marketing of Opel and Chevrolet Netherlands.
International Automotive Components Group. Based in Southfield
Operations: R&D in Born.

Inteva Products LLC. Based in Troy.
Operations: Voestalpine Polynorm BV in Bunschoten.

Kelly Services Inc. Based in Troy.
Operations: Hooffdorp, Arnhem & Schiphol.

NAUL Dues

Dues payments were due on January 1, 2013. Look on mailing label of this Newsletter to see if your dues are up to date. If it does not show (13), your dues are late. Categories are:

Couple or family with young children	\$30.
Individual or Senior Couple	\$20.
Individual Senior or Student	\$10.
Sustaining	\$50.
Sponsor	\$100.

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