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## Records at Queens birthday party



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By Mieke Caris - **How Koninginne dag turned into a wonderful Konings dag.**

Tampa - Orange was the color of the day. The flags waved in the breeze! The weather was perfect and the trees created some shady spots. A record number of 61 guests contributed to the food table with home-made specialties. Johanna Wieringa arranged the "haring and krentebollen" while Paula van Leeuwen made sure there were enough plates, ice and drinks. The host Peter and Kim Schreuder welcomed everybody at their property and wished all of us a fantastic afternoon. Kim pointed towards her son as the designated cook for the burgers, buns and hot-dogs.

For me, as the new president, I opened with business; the change of the board (see page 2) and the upcoming boat tour. Then I steered it towards congratulations for the Queen and King. With musical notes from Glenn Smith on saxophone and Peters' stereo we all sang the Star Spangled Banner proudly followed by the Wilhelmus! Now the afternoon mingle could begin. The children all received little fishing nets and kept for hours busy with catching minnows. At the end of the day they were rewarded with a small toy. What a marvelous day it was! Our consul Patrick Willemsen could not make it but promised to show up in the fall. More about Queens-day on our website: [www.hollandclubtampabay.org /photo gallery](http://www.hollandclubtampabay.org/photo%20gallery). I hope to see you at our upcoming meetings!

## BOAT TOUR BOCA CIEGA BAY



### Sunday, June 2

As mentioned before, our next activity will be a fantastic boat tour on Sunday, June 2, on a real Pirate-ship from John's Pass (Madeira beach) through the "Boca Ciega Bay" This 2-hour trip cost \$32 for adults, \$27 for seniors and \$22 for kids. Wine, Beer and soda's are included. Our club will provide sandwiches.

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## Board changed: new president & secretary



The old board. From left to right: Els Wiemken, André Steijlen, Paula van Leeuwen and Chris van Leeuwen Jr.

Two members of the board stepped down at the annual General Meeting on February 10. After many years of working hard for the club, president Els Wiemken and secretary André Steijlen retired and handed over the baton to Mieke Caris (president) and Bert Wieringa (secretary). Els will stay on deck for a while until the new board is settled in. A special thank you was there for our André Steijlen who has been on the job more than 20 years!

### New board

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The new board: from left to right: Mieke Caris, Els Wiemken, Bert Wieringa, Paula van Leeuwen and Chris van Leeuwen Jr.

## Queens Day Celebration Netherlands Liaison Team USCENCOM

By Bert Wieringa

Tampa- April 29, a delegation of the club went out to Duke's café in Tampa, where the Netherlands Liaison Team at USCENCOM was giving a reception in honor of the Queen's birthday and the upcoming inauguration of King Willem-Alexander. After the national anthems Brigadier-General Henk Jan Majiers talked about the long history of the Dutch house of Orange.

He thanked the other allied forces from Coalition Village on MacDill Air Force Base for coming out to the reception and proposed a toast to the Dutch Royal family.

A total of 57 nations are stationed at Coalition Village including the U.K., Australia, Canada, France, Belgium, Pakistan, Jordan, Kuwait, Poland, Italy, Estonia, and Romania.

The Dutch delegation consists of 4 staff members, a Brigadier-General, two Lieutenant-Colonels and a Sergeant-Major. Usually they stay in Tampa for 2 years after which they are succeeded by new staff members from Holland.



The coalition forces share intelligence and work together in the ongoing fight against insurgents like the Taliban and other terrorism organizations that threaten stability in the Central Command area (Middle-East, Afghanistan etc). Part of this is also the anti-piracy mission in the "Horn" of Africa.

At the time right after September-11 the Dutch military delegation had nine members.

As mentioned before that number is now back to four.



## Boat tour, continued

Exactly one-hundred years before our Dutch national hero (and pirate) "Piet Hein" in 1628 captured the "Zilvervloot" (11-million guilders at the Bay of Matanzas, Cuba) the Boca Ciega-bay in Pinellas (including the Tampa-Bay) was discovered by Spanish conqueror Panfilio de Narvarez. In those days the area was only populated by Indians.

Since then, a lot has changed. The Apalachee Indians are gone and the bay is now the backdrop for beautiful multi-million dollar waterfront homes.

What's still the same are the dolphins, that swim next to our Pirate ship and sometimes jump out of the water. Don't forget to bring the camera!

The trip starts at 2:00 PM For those who like it, there will be some pirate related activities, (but no "keelhauling" so there's no need to bring swimwear LOL)

the address:

**The Pirate ship at John's Pass**  
140 Boardwalk Place West  
Johns Pass Boardwalk  
Madeira Beach, 33708 phone: 727-423 7824

More info at:

<http://johnspasspirateship.com/index.htm>

Please, let us know if you are coming so there will be enough food. **An Anyvite message will be sent out for this event shortly**



## Other 2013 events

For the rest of this year we are looking at the following events:

- Sunday, September 8, from 2 till 5 PM, Potluck Get Together at the Compton Park Recreation Building in Tampa
- Sunday, October 13, from 2 till 5 PM, Het Ontzet van Leiden / The Siege of Leiden, same place
- Sunday, November 10, from 2 till 5 PM, Dutch-American Heritage Day & Festival of Wine-tasting, same place
- Sunday, December 8, from 2 till 5 PM, Sinterklaas-feest (St. Nicolas birthday party), same place

Directions to the Compton Park Recreation Building, 16101 Compton Drive, Tampa, FL 33647 Call if you need information: 813-972-0897

Coming from downtown Tampa, driving on I-275 North, take exit 52, Fletcher Ave Turn right at Fletcher and keep driving East until Bruce B. Downs Blvd. Turn left at Bruce B. Downs Blvd and keep driving until Tampa Palms Blvd. E Turn right at Tampa Palms Blvd and continue until Compton Drive Turn left on Compton Drive and continue 0.2 miles to the Compton Park Building on the right



## Obituaries

In the last couple of months two of our beloved members passed away.

On Sunday, January 20, Rotterdam born **Jan van der Sluis** from Tampa died at the age of 88. Jan and his wife Marcia moved to the US in 1957 and settled in New Jersey. Many years later the family moved to Michigan to end up in Florida.

Known for his wit and humor, Jan spoke 4 languages and played lively piano by ear. Van der Sluis was a long time member of the Holland Club where he played the role of "Goedheilgman" on December 5th several times.

He is survived by his wife of 65 years, Marcia (Maatje) Vroegindewei, daughters Paula and Jackie and son Lane (Leen) their spouses,

kids and grandkids. Jan is buried in Michigan where his eldest daughter and family lives.

**On Friday, April 26**, former Holland Club president **Albertus M. Bouwhuizen** from Tampa passed away. He was 86.

Two years ago, on September 3, 2011, his beloved wife of 60 years Catharina died. Al Bouwhuizen was a well known accountant and took great care of the yearly tax returns of many Holland Club members.

Bouwhuizen is survived by his 3 children Miesje, Herman, Joanne and their spouses, 13 grand children and 28 great-grandchildren.



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## New Web-site

### **We have a new web-site as well as a new e-mail-address.**

Since the former "dot-com address" of the club was no longer active and re-activating turned out to be not only difficult but also rather expensive we decided to change into a "dot-org address" which is possible because we are a non-profit organization.

Anyway, long story short, our new website is: [www.hollandclubtampabay.org](http://www.hollandclubtampabay.org) We have put info about Dutch Consulates and a lot of other stuff as well as photo's on the new site, so check it out and put it on your favorites list!

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### ..... **Your input please**

This is the first issue of Tulip Talk in 2013, a newsletter this time with 4-full-color pages! We loved to put this issue together, but we really like to give our readers the opportunity to send us their stories about anything that other members are interested in. Travel-stories, interesting events of the past or future, something about people that you know of, or maybe tips that will help others.....

The next issue will come out in August. Please let us know what happened and keep sending in your photos and text to [info@hollandclubtampabay.org](mailto:info@hollandclubtampabay.org) No need to be a pro when it comes to writing.

A simple report will usually do the trick. Your work will be highly appreciated!

Also, any suggestions for Club-activities are very welcome! We like to hear from you!

## **Members e-mail address.....send us an update!**

Our club has a few members that have no e-mail address. Also there are some members that do have e-mail but forgot to tell us.

**If you have e-mail, we urge you to send your e-mail address to**

**[info@hollandclubtampabay.org](mailto:info@hollandclubtampabay.org)**

We will not sell or give your address to anyone, any company or any organization under any circumstances.

We try to keep the dues for this club low. That also goes for the costs, especially when it comes to printing and shipping. In the past Tulip Talk (the orange booklet) was printed and then shipped. Our Holland Club is not rich. We can just stay afloat. The \$275.00 that we had to pay for each issue, (over a thousand dollars per year) can easily be avoided when we send out Tulip Talk through e-mail. No more shipping! No more printing! Only a very few examples for the handful members that have no e-mail. As you can see this electronic version looks much nicer, with all the photo's and content, so, once more, please, send in your e-mail address.

## **Dues (membership-costs)**

Finally, our treasurer likes to say a few words about the membership dues. "While it is already May a number of members still have not paid their dues for 2013. I urge you to send your check of \$15 for single members or \$25 for a whole family to our Membership Administrator Paula van Leeuwen (see address on the left side of the page) Our membership costs are ridiculously low but it can only stay that way when we all pay on time. "

A membership form can be downloaded from our website, [www.hollandclubtampabay.org](http://www.hollandclubtampabay.org) click on membership and then on the button between the arrows:

<http://www.hollandclubtampabay.org/membership.html>

Thank you so much!  
Chris van Leeuwen Jr.