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Auction 'All things Dutch' big success



There was a lot of fun during the annual King's birthday party. Over 70 people showed up and were treated with great food and Heineken beer. HC President Mieke Caris turned out to be an excellent auctioneer when 'All things Dutch' came up for bidding. Thanks to her and Els Wiemken we made \$275.- Big thanks to Joke van der Groef who contributed her wonderful needlework (borduurwerk) and Jitske Bergman who came up with a lot of other Dutch stuff. Also big thanks to all others who made this auction a big success. Continued on page 2

No more passports Orlando consulate starting July



- "The Dutch Consulate in Orlando will discontinue its consular services as per July 1st 2015. From that date onwards renewal of passports as well as Visa application needs to be done at the Consulate in Miami or the Embassy in Washington. Another option for renewal of passports is in the Netherlands at Schiphol airport."
- "The consulate is considering to visit Tampa in the month of August with a mobile passport station for 1 or 2 days to allow Dutch citizens to renew their passport then. When that decision is made and a date is known the Holland club in Tampa will be notified." [More about this on page 4](#)

Great time at King's birthday party in Tampa

Orange was the color during the annual King's birthday party of the Holland Club in the Tampa Bay area. Over 70 people showed up in the backyard of the Schreuder family and were treated with 'bitterballen', smoked salmon and lots of other great food, not to mention Sangria and Heineken beer, donated by Orlando consul Patrick Willemsen. The weather was perfect albeit a bit windy and the kids enjoyed themselves catching fish in the lake.



Holland promotion in Lutz by Mieke Caris

Slowly the lovely living room of Assisted Living 'Brookdale' in Lutz was buzzing with soft voices of ladies and a few gentlemen. They came to listen to me, as a representative of our Holland Club Tampa Bay, as we were invited to talk about the culture and history of the Netherlands. Each month the community celebrates a different country and in April they were focusing on the Netherlands. I had access to a wonderful presentation of Holland sent by our Dutch embassy in Washington. However, this (investor/business oriented) presentation I used very selectively. Looking at my audience they loved to hear our habits, what we eat as treats (pannekoeken en poffertjes) and how we manage to live with so many people in such a small country. I explained we are rule oriented next to being liberal and open minded. One person in the audience had been in Holland many times and she loved how clean it was and seeing many flowers in and around the house. Some people in the audience told me they are Pennsylvania Dutch. They vaguely knew not to be related to the Netherlands, which is right because 'Dutch' in combination with Pennsylvania means 'Deutsch'. The only historical thing we have in common with the Pennsylvanians is that their forefathers (Mennonites) fled from Germany and Switzerland to Holland where they stayed a while before they moved on to America. As I left the audience was looking forward to celebrate King's day at 'Brookdale'.....



In Memoriam Jelle Wildschut (1918 - 2015) by Mieke Caris

Jelle (James) Wildschut (Wilson) was 5 days shy of his 97th birthday when he peacefully passed away on February 12. His memorial service was held close to his home in South Tampa at the Tampa Fellowship church on Bay shore. He was an optimist, frugal, but always giving to the poor and needy. He supported many charities in the US and also in Africa, Korea & South America. He loved his Dutch roots, to be precise his Frisian roots and visited Holland 14 times. He encouraged also his son James and daughter Conny to know about his heritage! Jelle loved being Sinterklaas and hear stories about the Dutch country. He left Holland when he was 8 years old. As a gregarious and optimist and deeply religious he loved to help others. His work will be continued. I have respectfully signed the guestbook in name of us all! The card we signed a few weeks ago had reached him just in time as a goodbye greeting.



Upcoming events

Sunday, May 24 at 2:00 PM Compton Park RB, 16101 Compton Dr. Tampa

'Little Kingdom by the Sea', *a Celebration of Dutch Cultural Heritage & Architecture*.

Interesting book presentation and lecture by Mark Zegeling, Dutch writer and historian, who is on a 15 city tour through the US during the month of May. His book is about the colorful stories of the people who lived in 17th century monuments of which KLM Royal Dutch Airlines made Delft Blue miniatures. These souvenirs (i.e. houses from Anne Frank, Rembrandt and Mata Hari) are given to First Class and Business Class passengers since the 1950's (about 850.000 replicas every year). Zegeling is the first author who wrote a book about the subject. Anyway he is going to entertain us with tale but true tales during a unique book presentation of *Little Kingdom by the Sea*.

Admission is free - Light refreshments will be served

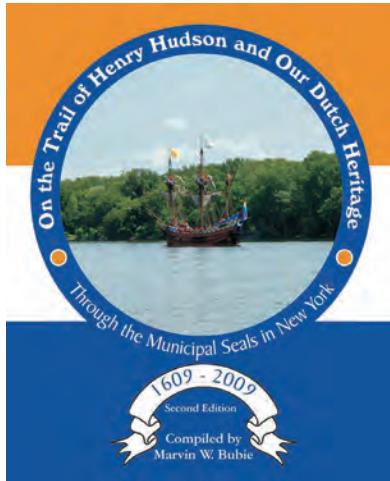


Book review

by Bert Wieringa

On the Trail of Henry Hudson and our Dutch Heritage through the Municipal Seals in New York,

1609 to 2009 Paperback – November 15, 2014 by [Marvin W Bubie](#) (Compiler)



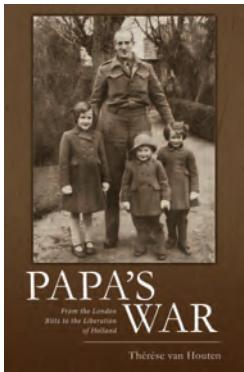
ISBN-13: 978-0985692650 ISBN-10: 0985692650 Edition: Revised \$19.95 at Amazon.com

Marvin W. Bubie takes you on a trip through the Hudson River valley in New York State. Bubie (who has German roots) explored the rich Dutch history of this area by checking out the present city symbols and seals that go back to the days that the first Dutch settlers and pioneers moved in here. The Hudson River Valley of New York State has a unique Dutch heritage expressed in many ways, including through the official seals and logos of counties, towns, cities, and villages. These seals are found on the official government letterheads and web sites, on the police and fire vehicles, on the walls of municipal chambers, and even in works of art. Therefore, in this area of New York, you will find windmills, illustrations of a 17th century ship, and unique Dutch names-Rensselaer, Watervliet, Stuyvesant, Yonkers, Kinderhook, Poestenkill, Amsterdam & Rotterdam. In 2009 sigillographer Marvin Bubie first collected the images of these Dutch-influenced seals and related the history behind their design. This second edition is revised and expanded and includes 77 illustrations. Bubie's book has 78 pages and is a 'must-read' for anyone who is interested in the Dutch history of the US. The writer did a thorough job and gives a lot of background info about the Dutch settlers who once lived in the Hudson River area. Most pictures are in color, a few in black&white. I liked reading it and so did my wife. Recommended.

Papa's War: From the London Blitz to the Liberation of Holland,

by Thérèse van Houten

This historical narrative follows the lives of a young couple separated by the upheavals of World War II. In May 1940, Jan van Houten, a Dutch journalist working in London, joins the press office of the Dutch government now exiled in England. When bombing raids over London force his wife Marie and infant daughter to leave the city, the couple write daily letters to express their love and commitment to each other. Jan's letters vividly describe life during the Blitz, and the travails of a government-in-exile. Their correspondence resumes when, in September 1944, Jan is asked to organize press censorship in a recently liberated area of The Netherlands. Here he is eyewitness to historic events such as the aftermath of the allied forces' failed attempt to secure a crucial bridge across the Rhine—a defeat that delays the country's liberation by eight long months. Written by Jan and Marie's daughter Thérèse, *Papa's War*, is based primarily on Jan's letters backed by diaries, Marie's letters, and historical research. It paints a compelling picture of life in wartime England and postwar Holland. Its publication coincides with the 70th anniversary of the Netherlands' liberation from Germany on May 5, 1945. Paperback – April 17, 2015, \$11.95 at Amazon.com



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Consulate Orlando closed for passports & visas

We regret to inform you that due to technical difficulties the Honorary Consulate in Orlando, Florida, no longer issues visas and will seize to process passport applications starting 1 July 2015. The closing of the passport and visa desk in Orlando was already scheduled (for October) but comes earlier than announced because of ongoing technical difficulties.

Travelers in the Orlando region can apply for a passport and/or visa at the Dutch consulate general in Miami, San Francisco and New York, and at the Netherlands Embassy in Washington, D.C. The Dutch honorary consul in Orlando will continue to support the Dutch business community and help Dutch citizens in need.

The Dutch government acknowledges that these changes have practical consequences for Dutch nationals in the United States.

As of March 2014, the government has introduced a passport that is valid for 10 years for adults. This means that citizens in the Orlando area who successfully



apply for a new passport at the honorary consulate before 1 July, 2015, will not have to renew their passport until 2025. Please be aware that minors (younger than 18 years old) will still have to renew their passports every five years. More details about passport applications can be found at www.dutchhelp.com. For any consular questions, you can also call 1-877 DUTCHHELP (1-877-388-2443) 24 hours a day.

Passport applications

Dutch citizens in the Orlando area who need to renew their passport and who are not able to come to the Orlando consulate before 1 July 2015, can:

- Make an appointment at one of the Dutch consulates general in Miami, Los Angeles, San Francisco, New York and Chicago, or at the embassy in Washington, D.C.
- Apply for a new passport at the municipal desk (Haarlemmermeer municipality), Departure Hall I at Schiphol Airport, or in the city of The Hague and border communities Bergen op Zoom, Bergeijk, Echt-Susteren, Enschede, Maastricht, Montferland, Oldambt, Breda and Venlo.
- Apply for a new passport at a Netherlands Embassy in another country.
- If you apply for a Dutch passport only to confirm your Dutch nationality, you could consider applying for a "Bewijs omtrent bezit Nederlanderschap" instead (€30).

Visa applications

Third-country nationals who need a Schengen-visa for the Netherlands can apply in person at one of the Dutch consulates generals in Miami, San Francisco, New York and Chicago, or at the embassy in Washington, D.C. More details about visa applications can be found on www.dutchhelp.com.

Holland Club on Facebook

Our club is also present at Facebook;
check us out at: <https://www.facebook.com/HollandClubTampaBay>



Dues (contribution)

Treasurer Chris van Leeuwen Jr. wants to thank all members who recently have paid their dues for 2015. If you have not been able to pay your dues yet, send a check of \$15 for single members or \$25 for a whole family to Paula van Leeuwen, 13976 Clubhouse Drive, Tampa, FL 33618 or bring it to the next meeting.

A membership form can be downloaded from our website, www.hollandclubtampabay.org click on membership and then on the button between the arrows:

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