



# TULIP TALK

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# Holland Club of the Tampa Bay area, Inc.



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Dedicated to keeping alive the spirit, culture and knowledge of Holland in the Tampa Bay area

## September 8 - Potluck Get Together



### Invitation

You and your guests are invited to a  
**Potluck Get Together**

Sunday, September 8, from 2 till 5 PM  
At the Compton Park Recreation Building, 16101 Compton Drive,  
Tampa, FL 33647

### This is a "pot-luck" event, at no charge

- Our club will provide coffee, non-alcoholic beverages and snack foods
- We kindly ask you to bring a dish to share
- There's no pre-requisite for your participation
- Reservations are not necessary
- Let's exchange ideas and initiatives for upcoming events



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**Directions** to Compton Park Rec. Building, 16101 Compton Drive, Tampa FL 33647, phone 813 972 0897  
 Coming from downtown Tampa, driving on I-275 North, take exit 52 (Fletcher)  
 Turn right at Fletcher and keep going East until Bruce B. Downs Blvd.  
 Turn left at Bruce B. Downs and drive on until Tampa Palms Blvd E.  
 Make a 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. You made it!

### Other upcoming events

For the next months we are looking at the following events::

- Sunday, October 13, from 2-5 PM Het ontzet van Leiden / the siege of Leiden, w. hachee&hutspot @ Compton Recr. Building
- Sunday, November 10, from 2-5 PM, Dutch-American Heritage Day + Festival of Wine-tasting @ same place
- Sunday, December 8, from 2-5 PM, Sinterklaas feest (St.Nicolas birthday party) @ same place
- Sunday, January 12, 2014, from 2-5 PM, "Get together to start 2014" Potluck event @ same place



## Presidents message

Welcome,

The 'Tampa Bay Holland Club' will reunite again. After our successful party on Kings' Day, and the unfortunately canceled boat-trip in June, it is once again desirable (and time) to meet. We are looking at a nice program ahead. The summer time provides space for family visits and holiday adventures. We can exchange stories about far away discoveries or family events during the 'Potluck Get Together' at the Compton Park Recreation Building in Tampa on September 8<sup>th</sup> from 2-5 PM.

With the celebration of the 'Leidens Ontzet' an event from history we will honor in October, we will also invite the Dutch military representatives and their family, who are temporary assigned to McDill Air force base. We make our traditional 'wortelstampot' (potatoes/carrot) with a delicious 'hachee' (beef stew).

In November and December I will be absent but I have heard that our former president of the club, Els, will graciously take over. At that time I will be in The Netherlands on a work related visit and think of you here in the Sunshine State when Santa Claus visits. In Holland Santa Claus will conquer snow and ice.

I wish everyone a good few days as I will see you on Sunday September 8<sup>th</sup> in Compton Park Clubhouse.



Mieke Caris  
*president Tampa Bay Holland Club*

## Dutch prince Johan Friso dies after skiing accident

The Hague, NL - Prince Johan Friso died Monday, August 12, eighteen months after a skiing accident that left his brain gravely injured. He was 44.

The royal house said the prince, known as Friso, died of complications from the accident, without giving more details. It said he had never regained more than "minimal consciousness."

Friso was struck by an avalanche while skiing off-trail in Lech, Austria, Feb. 17, 2012, and was buried until rescuers pulled him from the snow, unconscious, 20 minutes later. He was resuscitated at the scene and flown to a hospital, but remained in a coma for months.

His death, though not unexpected, "still comes as a shock," said Prime Minister Mark Rutte.

"Prince Friso was only 44 years old, and until the ski accident, in the prime of his life."  
In addition to the royal family, Friso is survived by his wife, Princess Mabel, and two daughters, Luana and Zaria.



Before the dramatic incidents in Lech, Friso, the second of the former Queen Beatrix's three sons, had sometimes been known as "Prince Brilliant." He studied at UC Berkeley, the Technical University of Delft and Erasmus University at Rotterdam, graduating from the Dutch universities cum laude with degrees in engineering and economics. He later earned an MBA at France's prestigious INSEAD school of business.

## New Holland, a surprising trip through Amish country

Story and photo's by Bert Wieringa

**New Holland (PA)** On our way back from a business trip to New Jersey, Johanna and I decided to visit Amish territory in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. We wanted to check if a ride on a buggy or wagon was a good way to meet the Amish and find out more about their way of life and culture. It was great! Our Amish driver John Stolfusz (61) took us (6 kids + 11 adults) to his farm and showed us around the cows, calves, 5 week old German Sheppard puppies (4 sale 4 \$585 a pup) and the Amish were not camera shy.... Afterwards we drove around on our own and found several fantastic photo-ops like a whole family harvesting tobacco leaves and so on. The horses they use have to work hard because the area has big hills, not to mention the oftentimes obese (and very heavy) tourists that have to be pulled forward. The name of one of the Amish towns is New Holland and we were curious why it is called like that, so time to check things out.

### On the run because of religion

It all started in the 1600's when peasants of the Palatinate (Germany) were on the run after being severely persecuted because of their religion. The Thirty Years War had raged across South East Germany with barbaric ruthlessness. Some towns were burned out two or three separate times during that period. People fled to nearby Holland for refuge. And within a decade, King Louis XIV of France started a new religious war in the same general area. These Palatinate peasants were exhausted by war's desolation, and were ripe for a new start. Traveling land agents for William Penn's new colony Pennsylvania found willing ears. In addition to complete religious freedom and a peaceful existence, Penn offered cheap land. By the year 1702, a goodly number of Palatinates had immigrated to Pennsylvania.

For the majority of the German travelers, the first leg of the trip was a long frustrating journey down the Rhine River to Rotterdam at the mouth of the North Sea. This sailing took from 4-6 weeks. After finally clearing Rotterdam, the ship would proceed to a port of embarkment in England. From there they sailed to America, a trip of 3-5 months.

### Naming the Town

In 1802 when a post office was established and an official name was necessary, there was no dissension to naming the town "New Holland". These grateful people remembered how extremely kind the inhabitants of Holland were to them. The Dutch assistance is thought to have included also funds to cover the cost of the immigrants' ocean voyage. William Penn's Quaker Pennsylvania was a liberation compared to the Europe they fled. Except for the Netherlands, there was no other country in Europe that offered complete freedom of religion, assembly and speech to all.

### Dutch is Deutsch

The village founders were German, not Dutch. They were surrounded by English and Welsh Quakers, Episcopalians, a few Swiss-German Mennonites and some Scotch-Irish Presbyterians. The Amish arrived later.

### Pennsylvania Dutch

Like the Frisians in Holland, the Amish speak 2 languages, English and among each other Pennsylvania Dutch, which is actually "Deutsch" (German) Even 3-year old Amish kids are bi-lingual. Their English sounds a bit like Irish.



### Proud of their heritage

New Holland, settled in 1728 by John Diffenderfer of Heidelberg, Germany, is located in the fertile farmlands of Lancaster County. Philadelphia is 60 miles to the east, while Baltimore is 90 miles to the south, and Harrisburg is 40 miles to the northwest.

New Holland is a charming small town similar to many small towns in rural America. The strength of New Holland lies in its people who want to be free to work hard, strive for excellence, and have a pride in their rich heritage. Some of us may not know all the details about our ancestors' immigration to America, but to know a little of their experience may help us to understand ourselves and our neighbors a little better.



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## New Holland, continued



### New Holland Agriculture Manufacturing

New Holland is well known because of the New Holland Agricultural manufacturing factory, where 600 workers manufacture hay bale machines and other agricultural equipment. The factory was founded in 1895 and exports to 45 countries.

They are very proud of their high tech machines and offer a free tour through the plant 4 days a week. More info at 717-355 1588



### ..... Your input please

This is the second 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 you the opportunity to send us your 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.....

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

The next issue will come out in December. 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!

### 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.

### Dues

Treasurer Chris van Leeuwen Jr. wants to thank all the members that recently have paid their dues for 2013. After sending out a friendly reminder a lot of members responded by sending a check of \$15 for single members or \$25 for a whole family.

"I'm very happy about this. Most people paid. However there are still a few that did not pay, but I hope they will take care of that at one of our upcoming meetings," Chris said.

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>