



# TULIP TALK

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- Share the story of your Christmas & New Year resolutions ideas!

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# Holland Club of the Tampa Bay area, Inc.



[www.hollandclubtampabay.org](http://www.hollandclubtampabay.org)

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

## January 11—New year's Reception

You and your guests are invited to a "Get together" to start the Year 2015!

Let's meet on Sunday, January 11 beginning at 2:00 PM until 5:00 PM at the Compton Recreation building, This is a "pot-luck" event, at no charge.

- Our club will provide coffee, non-alcoholic beverages and oliebollen
- We would hope that some of our members would bring some dish to share.
- Oliebollen and appelflappen are most welcome.
- There is no pre-requisite for your participation Bring a friend

Happy New Year!



Oliebollen!

**Directions** to Compton Park Recreation Building, 16101 Compton Drive, Tampa 33647. Coming from downtown Tampa, drive North on I-275, take exit 52 (Fletcher) turn right and drive East. Turn left at Bruce B. Downs Blvd and drive North. Turn right at Tampa Palms Blvd. After 0.5 mile turn left at Compton Drive and continue 0.2 miles to the Compton Rec. Building on right. You have arrived at the Clubhouse. **Look for the Dutch flag!**

## Other upcoming events

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

- Sunday, February 8, from 2-5 PM annual general Meeting @ Compton Recr. Building
- Sunday, March 8, from 2-5 PM, Picknick/Barbecue @ same place
- Sunday, April 26, from 2-5 PM, Koningsdag (Kings-Day) @ the home of Peter & Kim Schreuder, Tampa



## Presidents message

Dear Holland Club member,

Looking ahead moves things forward however it is comforting to glance back. As a club we have had great meetings and we have strengthen connections with our members, our Dutch culture and greeted new members to our group. Sadly however we also had to say goodbye to some members. Life is always in motion!

Our meetings are a recurrent event. It is good to come together and share stories like we did at our American Heritage day, or physical motion when we danced at our September meeting.

For this year, in 2015, we will step into a brand new room at Compton Park, and enjoy the outdoors with a picnic or even have our meeting at a members' facility.

I want to wish everyone a wonderful year and remember the Holland Club Tampa Bay is YOUR club to keep up our Dutch roots!

Let me quote the Dutch 'Loesje': Fortunately, there is still no cure for the side effects of life.. I think this Loesje is typical Dutch. In November 1983, the first Loesje posters appeared with surprising , humorous, relativism and militant statements. There are now in the archives of [www.loesje.nl](http://www.loesje.nl)

Happy New Year,  
Mieke Caris  
President 2014- 2015



## Sinterklaas visited Holland Club in Tampa

St.Nicolas (Sinterklaas) birthday party at the Holland club in Tampa on Sunday afternoon (Dec 8) was a great photo opp for parents and grand-parents. The kids loved him, and even more his presents! Two black Pete's (zwarte Pieten) did a fantastic job in helping the old bishop with handing out presents and spreading out cookies and pepernoten. Great job guys!



## Holland Club on Facebook

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





## 2014 Coalition International Night



A lot of Holland Club members attended the 2014 Coalition Inter-

national Night on December in hangar 3 at MacDill Air Force Base.. More than 55 countries are assisting the US in the fight against terrorism. Once a year the military representatives offer their culinary delights and show some of their culture in an informal way. It's a great opportunity for camaraderie, education, fun and the appreciation that their language and cultural differences serve to unify the members of the USCENTCOM coalition. It was also the first time we met NL-Airforce Colonel Tyro Verhallen, the new chief of the Dutch contingent. He and the other Dutch staff members were handing out 'stroomwafels' and Heineken beer. Big success were the 'poffertjes' that were offered to the crowd. Even 4-star U.S.General Lloyd J.Austin III who is the commander-in-chief of USCENTCOM was seen hanging out in front of the Dutch boat where he shook hands with several of our Holland Club friends. Unknown is whether the high ranked officer took a bite of the 'poffertjes'.

## Memorial Service for Elaine Rodrigues de Miranda

On Saturday, November 15th, I attended the Memorial Service for Elaine Rodrigues de Miranda, Pim's wife, as representative of our Club and as a friend.

It was a lovely Maritime service with about 14 sailboats and a motor vessel in attendance. We cruised out to the Gulf of Mexico, following the lead boat carrying Elaine's ashes along with Pim and his whole family. We listened on VHF radios to the eulogy read by Hans, her eldest son.

Her ashes were spread in the Gulf, after that all the boats passed the lead sailboat and many attendees threw a white flower in the water.

Elaine was very involved in many aspects of boating and this was a dignified ending to the life she loved so much.

Respectfully submitted, Els Wiemken





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## NL Consulate Orlando still open for Dutch passports until October



Goed nieuws voor mensen die een nieuw NL paspoort nodig hebben: het Nederlands Consulaat in Orlando blijft open voor paspoort business tot 1 oktober 2015 - (het lag eerst in de bedoeling dat de paspoortbalie op 1 januari zou sluiten, maar die beslissing is door Buitenlandse Zaken teruggedraaid) [click here for more info](#)



## Bedankt voor de boeken.....

De familie Becks uit Naples heeft onze club onlangs een grote partij prachtige boeken cadeau gedaan. Het gaat om ongeveer 80 Nederlandse romans die Robert en zijn vrouw in de loop van 16 jaar verzamelden.

Begin december keerde de familie terug naar Nederland. Hun boeken bleven achter in Florida en zijn beschikbaar voor de leden van onze Holland Club. Reuze bedankt familie Becks!

## Kroketten uit Florida

Door Bert Wieringa  
De Nederlandse chef-kok Alex Voorn is in Boca Raton gestart met de fabricage van kroketten en bitterballen.

Wij hadden het voorrecht om er een paar te mogen proeven en dat bleek een culinair hoogtepunt.

Op het gebied van kroketten heb ik de nodige ervaring. Mijn vader was één van de beste krokettenbakkers van de stad Groningen. In de begin vijftiger jaren had hij een automatiek waar de mensen in de rij stonden voor zijn zelfgemaakte kroketten. Later openen mijn ouders een snackbar en u zult begrijpen dat ik er heel wat naar binnen heb gewerkt. Anyway, over de kroketten en bitterballen van meneer Voorn kan ik kort zijn: voortreffelijk - grote klasse! Een aanwinst voor Florida.

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## Dues

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](http://www.hollandclubtampabay.org) click on membership and then on the button between the arrows:

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