



# 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

## Sunday October 5, from 2-5 pm



## Het Ontzet van Leiden / The Siege of Leiden

We like to keep this victory alive... and want you to come out and enjoy the traditional home-cooked Hodgepodge (Hutspot) and Hachee at Compton Park Recreation building, 16101 Compton Drive, Tampa 33647 (phone 813-972-0897)

The Siege of Leiden occurred during the "Eighty Years War" in 1574 when the Spanish attempted to capture the rebellious city of Leiden, (South Holland) and ultimately failed.

We ask a fee of \$ 5.- p.p. for the food. Children eat free. If possible bring a "craft" beer (or 2) to share, because like in those days, beer was safer to drink than water! The club will serve complimentary coffee and soft drinks.

To finish the meal, bring a dessert of choice to share.

### directions to Compton Park recreation building:

coming from downtown Tampa, driving on the I-275 North, take exit 52 (Fletcher) 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. Turn right at Tampa Palms Blvd and continue until Compton Drive (left) Turn left on Compton Drive and continue 0.2 miles to building on the right.

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## Other upcoming events

For the next months we are looking at the following events, all at the Compton Park Recr. Building

- November 16, 2-5pm, Dutch-American heritage day + Wine Tasting,
- December 7, 2-5pm, Sinterklaas feest (St.Nicolas birthday party)
- January 11, 2-5pm, Get together to start 2015, potluck event,
- February 8, 2-5pm annual General Meeting,



## Presidents message

Dear members,

Our club is dynamic as ever with a lot of new members signing up and a few members leaving us. We kicked off the fall season in a wonderful active way with our feet making steps in a pattern to music. Line dance is for everyone; although I had a hard time keeping up with the steps. There was a nice group on the floor, and a brand new member in the right dance boots, trying to follow the instructor. Sitting at small tables around the dance floor, nibbling cookies, other members of our club cheered us on. We had a delightful time. Lets make this a recurrent event on our calendar.

An event for years on the agenda is 'Het Leids Ontzet'. As is tradition in our club we'll eat the same kind of food people in Leiden could prepare from the only ingredients left (hutspot- onion stew with carrots) when they were liberated on October 3rd 1574. As Dutch people away from home we like to honor this tradition, so make note of our meeting.

Speaking of tradition, remember the challenge I gave you to come up with a story related to a saying or expression. In the Netherlands there are proverbs and sayings we use in our daily language that are not always easy to interpret.

'Gezelligheid kent geen tijd' Literal translation: 'Coziness knows no time.'

English equivalent: 'Time spent together is time well spent'.

My family is from Brabant and we like to party. My dad however always preferred working and getting things done rather sitting and talking. My mom was the one organizing the social agenda and had to drag him over to family or friends, at the end though, he always was the last person to leave. I invite you to send in your contribution!

Coziness we can also create by singing songs together. We have a few musical members amongst us, so let's sing at our upcoming meeting.....'Van voor naar achter' which you'll find at <http://www.kinderliedjes.overtuin.net/> Enjoy this 'Tulip Talk' and I'll see you at our meeting on October 5 at 2PM at Compton Park.



Mieke Caris  
*president Tampa Bay Holland Club*

## King's day was well attended      Goodbye to the general

It was a bit warm, very sunny and the food, like herring, hamburgers, krentenbollen, kroketten and other home made dishes at our King's birthday party at the home of Kim & Peter Schreuder was first-class! Also great was the live music played by Gerard Den Uyl (mouth organ and guitar), and Glenn Caris, (saxophone) a pleasant surprise!



The next day some Holland Club members went to Duke's Café in Tampa to say goodbye to Brigadier-General Henk Jan Maijers and his lovely wife Mieke who hosted another King's Day party, General Maijers and MCPO Ted Goslinga returned to Holland in May due to their retirements. The Dutch officers are -together with soldiers from 55 other countries part of USCENTCOM, fighting against terrorism at Macdill AFB in Tampa. Anyway, a limited number of members of our Holland Club was invited for this farewell party and needless to say we had a fantastic time. We sure will miss the always smiling general. He will be the last Dutch general in Tampa. His successor is going to be a Dutch Air-force colonel.

## Holland Club on Facebook

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



### Learning the Watermelon Crawl



Twenty members plus guests lined up September 7 for our very first Holland Club 'Line-dance' class and they liked it. It all happened at 'EasiDance Studio' in Tampa. "It was great and many members were very interested and participating. I saw new faces (or maybe they were existing members?) Anyway, het was heel gezellig," said Hilda Lindner from Sun City. "We learned the Watermelon Crawl and the Salsa Linedance. Food and drinks were plenty and we had a fantastic time," Els Wiemken from St. Pete smiled. Photo by Babs Bodamer

### Our trip to Holland

by Hilda Lindner



We visited Holland from May 13 to June 19, 2014. Our base was in Castricum on a farm with a relative of my girlfriend Corrie Emmons. We visited many of Corrie's relatives as well as many of my relatives. We travelled to many cities and towns amongst them: Heemskerk, Makkum, Bergen, Egmond aan Zee, Camperduin, Uitgeest, Hilversum, Loosdrechtse plassen, Muiden, Soestdijk, Utrecht, Rotterdam, Nieuwe Tonge, Volendam, Zaanse Schans, Den Helder, Leeuwarden, Amsterdam, Posterholt, 'sHertogenbosch, Maasstricht, Thorn, Zwolle, Akersloot, Geversduin, Schermer, Graft-de Rijk and more.....Needles to say we had a blast!



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M.i.v. 1-januari geen NL paspoorten meer via Ned.Consulaat Orlando maar Miami blijft beschikbaar.  
Starting on January 1 no more Dutch passports through Dutch Consulate Orlando but Miami stays open



## Important news regarding Dutch travel documents and Schengen-visa at the office of Orlando

The issue of Dutch travel documents is going to change worldwide and this will affect the service to Dutch citizens in the United States as well.

Starting January 1, 2015, the honorary consul in Orlando will no longer handle Dutch passport applications and visa applications. From that date onward, passport and visa applications can only be submitted at the Dutch consulates in Miami, San Francisco, Chicago 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.

In order to contain rising costs, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs has decided to no longer provide honorary consuls around the world with the expensive biometric equipment needed to process passports and visas. Consequently, the number of US locations where Dutch citizens can renew or apply for a passport will shrink further in the near future.

If you apply for a Dutch passport only in order to confirm your Dutch nationality, you could consider applying for a "Bewijs van bezit Nederlanderschap" instead (€30).

### Visa application

Third-country nationals who need a Schengen-visa for the Netherlands can apply in person at one of the consulates Miami, San Francisco, New York and Chicago, or at the embassy in Washington, D.C. More details about visa applications at [www.dutchhelp.com](http://www.dutchhelp.com).

## Obituaries

**Elaine Rodrigues de Miranda**, wife of 'Pim' de Miranda from Homosassa passed away on July 2. She was 76. Elaine and Pim were married for 55-years. Elaine is survived by her children Hans, Paul, Ariane, 12 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren. 'Oma' as she was called is also survived by stepmother Dorothy and Wayne, Charles, Christine, Geraldine, Ruth and Priscilla.



Donating organs she met 'critical needs'. She had a degree in education from Concordia Teacher's College. Her pursuits were numerous. A coloratura soprano, she sang on stage and in church choirs, becoming a choir director. She taught kindergarten and 3rd grade. She owned The Outpost, a store previously owned by her dad. She was a motorcycle rider, sailboat racer, zip-liner, jet skier and even sailed across the Atlantic to Holland. She had a USCG Captain's license and was honorary life member of the Boca Ciega Yacht Club, becoming their first female commodore, also teaching women to sail. A celebration of Life has been held on August 2 at the St.Thimothy Lutheran Church in Crystal River.

On November 15 a maritime service for dispersal of ashes will be held at the Boca Ciega Yacht Club

## 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 kindly ask you to send your e-mail address to [wieringa.usa@gmail.com](mailto:wieringa.usa@gmail.com)**

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