



## February 2024 Issue

It is with regret that on the 23 January, at the Society meeting I, Margie van Stalduinen resigned as the President, after **a vote of confidence**. The vote resulted in 4 Committee members against, and 4 Committee members in favour. This is an environment I cannot function in. At the same time Rein resigned helping with editing the Dorpskrant, however after serious consideration I will edit the Dorpskrant as from February. At the same meeting Don Jenkins also resigned as a Committee member.

Margie van Stalduinen

### Recycling of household goods

It came to my attention that some residents are concerned to do the right thing, when disposing of used batteries. They encounter the question of how, and where to do this responsibly. In the vestibule of the Waitakere Library there is a disposal box. As I go there every week I am happy to accept in my letter box Villa 8 any used batteries, at any time. These I will take to the disposal box regularly. Hoping that this makes an easier option for you all. #Note the batteries are not acceptable in the normal rubbish collection. And have caused several fires in Auckland Rubbish trucks recently. Cheers Gail Griffin

#Note from the Society Committee, thank you so much Gail for solving this problem in the village, much appreciated.

### Missing from the Paviljoen:

A set of 3 USB sticks with music for the Happy Hours etc. belonging to the Society.

Also a set of key's belonging to the village. If you have found any of these please return to Villa 18, Margie Van Stalduinen



### To all single villagers.

We ask you to consider purchasing a personal alarm bracelet / pendant. This is for your safety if you have a fall, feel unwell and need quick support and can't reach the fixed alarms in your villa.

Contact; The Care Centre or St Johns 0800 785 696  
Vital Call 0800 10 20 30

## **“Ons Dorp”**

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### **Dorpskrant**

Email  
[onsdorpskrantje@gmail.com](mailto:onsdorpskrantje@gmail.com)

Deadline for Dorpskrant  
27<sup>th</sup> of the month.

## **Margie's Corner**

Hi de Hi villagers, first of all a Blessed 2024 for you and your loved ones. Let's make it a fantastic year together here in the village! Now the holiday season has finished we can return to our normal lives. Some of you have had a break with family, others had a holiday, the weather hasn't been great, but let's be honest we are getting it for free; you can't say that of many things in the world. Back to village life, for those that haven't been away the neighbours are back and the village is coming to life again.

The Christmas lunch was a success and was attended by 18 villagers. Well done to the caterers from "the Care Centre" and let's not forget our own Truus Lenferink who organised the table and was present during the lunch, and thank you Roelof for taking some pictures. The Society Committee is planning to bring a varied programme to you this year.

The Trust asks you to turn off the mains water tap, when leaving the village for a holiday or break. Lately there have been some incidents with flooding and water pipes, so please help us to reduce expensive plumbing costs.

New Year's eve was celebrated in the Paviljoen and attended by approximately 25 villagers. The planned BBQ did not go ahead because of the weather.

The President, Margie van Staalduinen

## **Open Fellowship**

A gathering for all who love, or want to know the Lord Jesus

Where; in the Atrium

When; every Friday

Time; 2pm

Starting on February 9<sup>th</sup>

++ All Welcome++

Contact Faye Villa 36 phone 838-6952



## What a Party!



Yes, St. Nicolas did visit "Ons Dorp" again on Saturday 2 December. He was accompanied by two of his black Pieten, who were not on their best behaviour. St. Nicolas told us that he came by plane with his Pieten and that he was as usual very busy. The villagers sang some St Nicolas songs, accompanied by piano music played by Truus Groen, who as always was playing to her heart's content. This year we had song books in Dutch and English which made it more interesting for our English speaking villagers. The Pieten were going around giving some sweets to the villagers. At one stage one of the Pieten was so naughty, that St. Nicolas had to call him to order and told him to stand in the corner.

St. Nicolas called Gail Griffin, Faye Baker and Joop Hageman up, and praised them for the good work they are doing in the village. All three received a small Dutch token of appreciation.

When St. Nicolas left, the bar opened for the long awaited drink, whilst the villagers had a catch up with each other. At around 6pm the dinner, consisting of Nasi Goreng, Bami Goreng and Egg Foo Young was served by Joop, Truus and Janni and was well received. After dinner the bar opened up again, until about 7.45pm.

Many thanks to all the volunteers who have made this most enjoyable afternoon/evening possible.

The feedback was great, so till next year St Nicolas and Pieten!!!





### Village Xmas lights tour.

The Village outing this month was to admire the Christmas lights and was really beautiful again. We had 8 villagers who enjoyed the Christmas light tour this year.



Faye had worked out a route to see as many displays as possible. We started at the Church Unlimited, which had a great display as always. So we had to get a photo taken with Santa Claus. We were very fortunate to come across some more beautiful displays.

Next year we will go again. Will you come too?

### Christmas Lunch

It was held on 22<sup>nd</sup> December, in the Atrium, catered for by the caterers of the Care Centre. Eighteen villagers attended this lunch. This was enjoyed by all and Truus Lenferink organized the table settings (see photo.)





## Happy hour / Ons Dorp singers

Our last happy hour for the year was combined with the “Ons Dorp Singers”. The performance was well received with many villagers joining in with the chorus. Koos Brasser skilfully played the organ. It was a pleasure to see the enthusiasm of Koos, Brian O’Conner the conductor and the Ons Dorp Singers. The evening was enjoyed by many villagers; the count was over 70! Brian, Marion and many volunteers had created a Christmas sphere and with the Christmas decoration set up by some of the Committee members gave a lovely Christmas feeling. To all those villagers which were present, please keep coming to enjoy the happy hours and perhaps a dance or two. Our thanks go out to all those who volunteer; it’s very rewarding to see the villagers having a good time!! Till the next Happy hour in February 2024.



The Ons Dorp singers surprised the residents in the care center by singing carols on the 18th December. At the same time the Bell Ringers displayed their mastery of playing the bells, so cleverly done. The residents and their friends and family had a lovely time.

The Ons Dorp singers then went through the village on 19th and 20th December singing carols. They especially sang for the sick, and those house bound like Truus Brasser. This was very appreciated by the villagers. Thank you for all those who volunteered their precious time before Christmas.





## New Year's Eve

This year's New Year's eve, was attended by about 25 villagers in the Paviljoen, the BBQ had to be cancelled due to rainy and stormy weather. It was hard to get a good atmosphere; it would have been nice if more people could have been there, but many villagers were away for a break or holiday. Let's make a bigger effort next year, as it will give more of a party vibe.



## Music Performance Polish duo Sunday 21 January

On Sunday 2 January, Zbigniew and his wife Izabela Slomian, a professional duo from Poland, took us on a musical journey. They played classical and popular music. The music was of a very high standard. Zbigniew played the violin and Isabela the piano, and as a surprise their daughter Katherine, who lives and works as a music teacher at a music school in Auckland played Amelia (film Music). The performance was very much enjoyed by the villagers. The duo Zbigniew and Izabella Slomian are very happy to perform again another year when they will be back in Auckland to visit their daughter. The Honourable Consul of the Polish Republic, Mr. Bogdan Nowak and his wife Maria Nowak honoured us, with their presence. Eirene and I Margie with the help of volunteers, served strawberries with ice-cream and cream to cool down the villagers as it was a very hot afternoon in the Atrium.



Transport is being offered to those that would like to join activities in "Ons Dorp".

**Please note:** You will need to be able to walk **unaided to and from** the vehicle.

The following people are available to help with transport:

Joop Hageman	09 837 5176
Roelof Siebring	09 838 1017
Simon Hoekstra	09 299 9126

Please call in advance so pick-up can be organised.

## Village outing

Yay, A brand New Year, let's get out and about.

On February Thursday 15<sup>th</sup>, the van departs 10am from Care Centre.

We are going to Butterfly Gardens in New Lynn, followed by a lovely lunch at a café in New Lynn (own cost)

\$5.00 entrance fee for the Butterfly Gardens

\$5.00 for the van.

The gardens with lots of Monarch butterflies are beautiful. We hope you can join us, please contact me on 838 6952. Please leave a message with your name and villa number, thank you.

Faye Baker



**Roelof, our movie operator back in action!**



Zondag, 25 February  
**-Andre' Rieu -  
Romantic Paradise,**

Zondag, 10 March:  
**The Essential -  
Charlie Chaplin,**

Zondag, 24 Maart:  
**I love you too.**  
With Brendan Cowell,  
Peter Dinklage,  
Yvonne Strahovski,  
Peter Heliar and  
Megan Gale)

## Regular Activities in the Paviljoen



### Playing Klaverjassen in the Paviljoen

Monday afternoon 1:00pm, Contact: Margie, 974 4713.

A very relaxed afternoon, with afternoon tea/coffee in the break.

Wednesday 7 pm Contact: Kasper Koning, Tel: 410 5906

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### Monday evenings Indoor Bowls

Every Monday evening starting at 7:30pm, these are very enjoyable social evenings with a cup of tea or coffee at the end of the evening.

Therefore, if you enjoy social evenings and want to give it a try, you will not regret it!



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### Rummikub every Tuesday afternoon at 2pm

Here again, villagers who enjoy a game of Rummikub get together to play a social game with a chat and cup of tea or coffee. Newcomers are welcome.

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### Craft Morning in the Paviljoen

Here villagers get together every Wednesday morning, starting at 9:30am to do knitting, needle work, in short anything to do with hand crafts. They chat, have a cup of coffee or tea with biscuits, and generally have a relaxed get together. All villagers are welcome.



### Thursday afternoon Billiards or Pool

Every Thursday afternoon from 1:00pm villagers play pool or French billiards (3 Balls, no pockets) in the Paviljoen. Newcomers are welcome.

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### Playing Canasta in the Paviljoen on Thursday 1:30pm

Villagers interested in playing or learning Canasta (may be also Klaverjassen). Anyone interested in playing either of these Card Games, please phone Theresia on 320 0296 for further details.

All villagers will be welcome.

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### Housie evening is every 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday evening of the month at 7:00pm Housie in the Paviljoen.

Good prizes, good company. Coffee or tea with biscuits during the evening, Contact Guusje Boots, ph. 837 5241 or Janni or Roelof Siebring, ph 838 1017

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## The Village Shop is open every Wednesday morning between 9 and 12



The village shop has a large range of goodies like: kroketten; kersen bonbons; a variety of chocolates; ginger or plain ontbijtkoek; a large selection of different kinds of Dutch biscuits; drops (Liquorice) all sorts; soup (tomato, chicken, vegetable, pea soup, etc.) chocolate hail; different spices; red cabbage in a jar; brown beans, kapucijners, appelstroop, biscotti's and.... much, much more! On our monthly market days (the last Friday of the month) both the "Kaas Boer" with his large delicious selection of Dutch cheeses and the "Herring Boer" with Dutch herring, witlof and "roll mops" are always popular and busy. Further, there are the knick-knack tables with lots of items for sale!

### Raffle winners during market day

\* Friday 22nd of December

1st prize – Marian O'Conner

2nd prize – Casper Koning

### Raffle winners during market day

\* Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January

1st prize – Ella (outsider)

2nd prize – Marian O'Connor



## Happy hours on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of every month.

Your 1<sup>st</sup> happy hour is on Friday 2nd of February from 4-6 pm.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> happy hour is on Friday 16th of February from 4-6 pm

**Piet Dobbe has his 98th birthday on the 2nd February**

Piet would like to invite the villagers to have a drink at Happy hour on 2 February, to celebrate his 98th birthday. All villagers welcome.

## Regular Weekly Activities in Paviljoen for Villagers

**Mondays** Exercise Class 10:00am Just walk in and enjoy.  
Klaverjassen 1:00pm Margie van Staalduinen Tel: 974 4713  
Mob: 021 222

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Indoor Bowling 7:30pm Contact: Guusje Boots  
Men's group 10.00 am **meeting in the Atrium**



**Tuesdays** Rummikub 2:00pm  
Mini Golf 2:00pm

**Wednesdays** Shop opens 9:00am until midday  
Craft Mornings 9:30am

**Thursdays** Exercise Class 10.00am Just walk in and enjoy.  
Playing Pool 1:00pm  
Housie 7.00pm Contact Guusje Boots, ph. 837 5241  
or Janni/Roelof Siebring, ph. 838 1017

**Fridays** Open Fellowship 2.00pm **meeting in the Atrium**  
Contact Faye Baker Villa 36 Tel: 838 6952

**Saturdays** Pickle Ball 2.00pm **at the bowling green**

### Klaverjas on Wednesday Night

Lately there have been not enough players for at least two tables.

And maybe cancel Wednesday

Consequently, I reluctantly had to decide to suspend and maybe cancel Wednesday night Klaverjas.

If there are Klaverjas players among you, who haven't already played regularly or occasionally on Wednesday night and would like to do so, please contact me...

Learners are welcome too. We only play two rounds instead of the customary 3, so you can be back at home at a reasonable time.

Kasper Koning 4105 906

### Exercise at the Paviljoen

#### Monday Exercise Classes

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February  
Every Monday

#### Thursday Exercise Classes

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> February  
Every Thursday

Watch "(1 Hr) Lively Chair Yoga Class with Tatis Cervantes-Aiken at Yoga Vista" on YouTube  
<https://youtu.be/4eCb3TFHnTg?si=58vW20rXGtKFyeMb>



## Coffee morning

The 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month in the **Atrium**.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month in the **Paviljoen**.

Sunday 4th February	10.00	Coffee morning in the <b>Atrium</b> .
Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup> February	10.00	Coffee morning in the <b>Paviljoen</b> .
Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup> February	10.00	Coffee morning in the <b>Atrium</b> .
Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup> February	10.00	Coffee morning in the <b>Paviljoen</b> .



Are you interested in Canasta? Contact Theresia ph. 320 0296

ADVERTISING CORNER



If any villagers would like to advertise or have a question to place in the Dorpskrant, please contact the editor (to be advised)

### Hairdresser

If you are looking for a new hairdresser due to Val no longer coming to the Village, give Katherine Morgan a call on:

**mobile 0274 086 212**

Local hairdresser, perms, cuts etc.

My parents were married for 55 years. One morning, my mom was going downstairs to make dad breakfast, and she had a heart attack and fell. My father picked her up as best he could and almost dragged her into the truck. At full speed, without respecting traffic lights, he drove her to the hospital.

When he arrived, unfortunately she was no longer with us.

During the funeral, my father did not speak; his gaze was lost. He hardly cried.

That night, his children joined him. In an atmosphere of pain and nostalgia, we remembered beautiful anecdotes and he asked my brother, a theologian, to tell him where Mom would be at that moment. My brother began to talk about life after death and guesses as to how and where she would be.

My father listened carefully. Suddenly he asked us to take him to the cemetery.

"Dad!" we replied, "it's 11 o'clock at night, we can't go to the cemetery right now!"

He raised his voice, and with a glazed look he said: "Don't argue with me, please don't argue with the man who just lost his wife of 55 years."

There was a moment of respectful silence, we didn't argue anymore. We went to the cemetery. With a flashlight we reached her grave.

My father sat down, prayed, and told his children: "It was 55 years... you know? No one can really talk about true love if they haven't done life with a person."

He paused and wiped his face.

"She and I, we were together in the good and in the bad." he continued. "When I changed jobs, we packed up, sold the house and moved. We shared the joy of seeing our children become parents, together we mourned the departure of loved ones, we prayed together in the waiting room of some hospitals, we supported each other in pain, we hugged one another each day, and we forgave mistakes."

And then he paused and added, "Children, that's all gone and I'm happy tonight. Do you know why I'm happy? Because she left before me. She didn't have to go through the agony and pain of burying me, of being left alone after my departure. I will be the one to go through that, and I thank God for that. I love her so much that I wouldn't have liked her to suffer..."

When my father finished speaking, my brothers and I had tears streaming down our faces. We hugged him and he comforted us, "It's okay. We can go home. It's been a good day."

That night I understood what true love is. It is more than just romanticism and sex, it's two people who stand beside one another, who are committed to one another ... through all the good and bad that life throws at you.

Peace in your hearts. Author unknown

**If any resident of Ons Dorp has a cold, the flu, Covid-19 or just feeling unwell, please see your doctor and / or isolate yourselves by not mixing with the other Villagers or Care Centre residents until you are free of all symptoms. Thank you.**

Cut-off date to have Items included into the Dorpskrant is 8 days before the end of the month. Please contact Margie 974-4713 or 0212226833

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