

## April 2024 Issue

Let us introduce the new Committee



### The President is Margie van Staalduinen

Together with Rein my husband, I moved into the village in October 2020. My background consists of managing an eighteen room motel, public relations, advertising, Web bookings, accounts and the day to day running of the motel. My other experience is working with children; Librarian of the children's department, Residential Manager of IHC in Papakura, Social Worker, National trainer of Foster parents, and executive member of the NZFFC Federation in Wellington. I would like to use my experiences to Chair the Committee to work for and the with the villagers.



### The Vice-President is Joop Hageman

I came to live in the village with my wife Thea in 2014. For the last seven to eight years I have been on several committees. At the moment I hold the chair for The Trust, the vice chair of the society Committee, the chair of the Works committee and I am a member of the Care Centre committee and the Finance committee. My life is the village.





### Secretary is Eirene Voon

I moved to Ons Dorp in March 2022 and have loved every minute of my life here ever since. I love the community and the way people work together to make the village run smoothly, and to make everybody feel warm and welcome. Prior to retiring in 2012, I was the Acquisitions & Cataloguing Librarian at the Western Institute of Taranaki for 20 years. During this time my husband and I hosted homestay students from many countries, and I was also involved with coordinating annual galas at the Taranaki Cathedral. I like, working in small groups to achieve positive results, and I am happy to help with committee work at Ons Dorp.



### Treasurer is Theresia Fontein

Ton and I arrived in New Zealand from the Netherlands with our 4 sons at the beginning of 1975. Moving around we eventually settled in Napier. Three years ago we moved to Ons Dorp. I worked at Rothmans in the Sales Department, and was in charge of all the Reps of the South island. I was president of the bridge club, and started fundraising for new club rooms, which opened last year. I was also treasurer of Probus for several years. I am willing now to join the committee and do whatever is needed to keep it active and happy.



### My name is Antonia Aarts,

I have been a teacher for most of my life, in the Netherlands and also in New Zealand .During this time I have worked alongside many parent committees. After I retired I have been teaching part-time for ten years at the Dutch School in Auckland. For three years I've been a committee member of my Scrabble club in Mount Albert of which I am still an active member.



### My name is Don Jenkins

I came to live in the village with my wife Elizabeth in 2018. My background is in refrigeration and boat building. I have been a Committee member of the Society since 2019. I have really enjoyed serving the villagers and would like to continue doing so now and in the future.



### My name is Flora Kaminski

My journey with “Ons Dorp” started about 40 years ago with my mother, and now here I am following a few of my family members to one of the best retirement villages in Auckland. As a Committee member I offer vast management, office and work experience gathered over my working life, and I hope that I can make the village a happy place for everyone.



### My name is Danuta Sosna.

Twenty-eight years ago, I came to New Zealand from Poland with my husband Marian and our three children. We settled in Henderson and have been living in West Auckland since then. In March 2000, I started working in a day care centre as an ECE teacher. I worked full time as a teacher and manager until reaching retirement age, and I still work at the preschool three days a week. During my work as a preschool manager, I gained a lot of experience in dealing with people of different cultural backgrounds. In 2021, my husband and I moved to Ons Dorp and have been living in the villa 64 ever since.

I love the village, the atmosphere, the friendly people and would like to give back to Ons Dorp and serve our community as a member of the Social Committee.

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### Dorpskrant

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

Deadline for Dorpskrant  
24th of the month.

## My name is Marion O'Connor



I have served as a member of the Society Committee and together with Brian

organise the very successful Happy Hours.

I am also responsible for purchasing the kitchen supplies. Where help is required, I am always willing to help.

I am very involved with the local community helping the needy.

## President's Corner

Hi de Hi Villagers, this time of the month already, to update you on a few things. Rest and peace have returned to the village; a new committee has been appointed, and everything is in full swing. First two meetings have been held and many ideas have come forward and will be looked at. This is to give you entertainment and events for the coming months.

In this issue you will find the time and place for the planned events/activities. Also the information about events/activity that have taken place already.

Something totally different; the keys that have been removed from the Paviljoen still haven't been returned. Please if you know the whereabouts of the Paviljoen keys, drop them in the letterbox of the reception or villa 18. Also there are still three SILVER COLOURED USB sticks missing with music for our happy hours. Three sticks tied together they must be somewhere, if you know where they are drop them in the letterbox of the reception or villa 18; we need them.

Rein and I contracted COVID at the end of last month, **all better now**, just be aware COVID is still going around. If you feel unwell please test for COVID and if positive put the sign on the front door and stay away from other villagers.

## RVRANZ meeting



On the 12th March Nancy Nielsen the National Region Coordinator, came to talk to us villagers about the RVRANZ, Retirement Villagers Residents Association New Zealand. Nancy gave an overview of what the RVResidents does for residents in Retirement villages. The RVResidents brings awareness to the politicians to make them aware of the need for legislative change as the Retirement Village act is from 2003 and is very outdated. Nancy is a very clear speaker and explained the work of the RVResidents very well. There were approximately 50 interested villagers, some became a member of the RVResidents.



## Last Month Village Outing

A visit to the outstanding 59<sup>th</sup> annual Wildlife Photographer of the year exhibition, at the museum. The village trip to see the Wildlife photography was a big hit. The large display was astounding and everyone enjoyed it. Lunch at St. Heliers was delightful and the weather sunny and warm. A big thank you to Faye and the driver Marian Sosna.





## Happy Hour 15th March

About 54 villagers attended our Happy hour on Friday night. We were spoiled with mini- chocolate eclairs and cream puffs, cheese and chips. The atmosphere was good, some wanted the music louder. It's always a fine line. People come to talk and have a drink, although we realize some villagers like to get up and dance. One day we will get it right and please the majority. The Easter bunny came with a chocolate egg for all the villagers present. We had two OBE's (Over Bloomin Eighty) for Simon Hoekstra and Carol Bassett, then we realised that we had the wrong birthday for one more villager, Christine Winter, who turned 80 in January. So quickly another OBE was printed and presented to Christine. See you at Happy Hour on the 5th April!



## Society Committee minutes by email.

This is another opportunity to receive the minutes from the Society Committee by email. If you are interested please contact Eirene Voon, Secretary of the Committee, by email [georgeeirene@gmail.com](mailto:georgeeirene@gmail.com) or by phone 027-459-0653.

## King's Birthday Celebration

As we all know the Dutch King's birthday is celebrated on 27th April, therefore we will have a lovely dinner together on that day.

At 5pm we will start with a glass of juice, water, wine or beer. Followed by the dinner starting at 5.30, with music by The Sound of Europe, well known to many.

To book your dinner please contact Committee member Antonia Aarts villa 38, phone 027-480-4835,

Book by 20th April.

Outside members are welcome as long as there are seats available. Price for dinner for outside members has been set at \$25.00 per person.

**PLEASE WEAR SOMETHING ORANGE TO STAY IN THE DUTCH TRADITION.**

See you all there!



## City of Sails Barbershop Chorus

What a wonderful performance of the Chorus; it was the first time I was present at the performance and I was taken aback, so much enthusiasm.

Many songs I could recognise and a few were unknown by me. The conductor Richard Harker, led the chorus from the 60s all the way to 2016. Junglebook, Seven Bridges Road, Annie's song through to a lullaby and many many more.

The villagers I spoke to were very happy and would like to have the chorus back next year. After the performance there was time for a cuppa with cake.



## A Very Dead Duck

A woman brought a very limp duck into a veterinary surgeon. As she laid her pet on the table, the vet pulled out his stethoscope and listened to the bird's chest.



After a moment or two, the vet shook his head and sadly said, "I'm sorry, your duck, Cuddles, has passed away." The distressed woman wailed, "Are you sure?" "Yes, I am sure. Your duck is dead," replied the vet. "How can you be so sure?" she protested. "I mean you haven't done any testing on him or anything. He might just be in a coma or something."

The vet rolled his eyes, turned around and left the room. He returned a few minutes later with a black Labrador Retriever. As the duck's owner looked on in amazement, the dog stood

on his hind legs, put his front paws on the examination table and sniffed the duck from top to bottom. He then looked up at the vet with sad eyes and shook his head.

The vet patted the dog on the head and took it out of the room. A few minutes later he returned with a cat. The cat jumped on the table and also delicately sniffed the bird from head to foot. The cat sat back on its haunches, shook its head, meowed softly and strolled out of the room.

The vet looked at the woman and said, "I'm sorry, but as I said, this is most definitely, 100% certifiably, a dead duck." The vet turned to his computer terminal, hit a few keys and produced a bill, which he handed to the woman. The duck's owner, still in shock, took the bill. "\$150!" she cried, "\$150 just to tell me my duck is dead!" The vet shrugged, "I'm sorry. If you had just taken my word for it, the bill would have been \$20, but with the Lab Report and the Cat Scan, it's now \$150."

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



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 (Licorice) all sorts; soup (tomato, chicken, vegetable, pea soup) 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. Furthermore, there are the knick-knack tables with lots of items for sale!

### Raffle winners on market day\* Friday 22nd March

1st prize – Dick Wouters Villa 13

2nd prize – Doedtie Hoekstra Villa 11

Next Market 26th April



## This month Village outing

The April outing is planned for Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> of April, leaving the Care Centre at 10am. Let's play minigolf at the Enchanted Forrest in Onehunga (12.00). We could check out DressMart and lunch at the delightful café in Royal Oak. (weather permitting)

All interested ring Faye 09-838-6952 to reserve a seat in the van. Always clearly say your villa number if you get the answer machine. (\$5.00) for the van.

## Have a break—have a Kit Kat

I can't give you a Kit Kat, but if you want to have a real break from our daily routines – then come to the Paviljoen lounge on Wednesday morning from about 10am to midday. I will play YOUR CHOICE of music - weather it is classical, Jazz, klezmer, popular or anything else. All played by world class artists at the top of their game. You can stay as long or as short as you like. - the idea is to relax and enjoy your break. If you have any questions please give me a ring on 834-6250. Otherwise I will see you there.

John van Dolleweerd.

## Have you locked yourself out of the Villa?

It has happened in the past that we misplaced our key, or left it inside and we locked ourselves out. If this on a weekday, It's not a big deal. However if you did this in the weekend it's hard to get in the care centre, door is locked and if you ring the bell, the nurses may not always respond.

In the **weekend** the best way is, to go through the staff room door in the back, which will be open, you could also try the side door. Once inside speak to a staff member and they can help you as the staff nurse will have a master key. Of course the best way is not to lock yourself out of the villa!! Consider also putting a lock box outside your front door, and you will always be able to get in.

## 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, 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 Villa 8.

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

## Advertising

If any villagers would like to advertise or have a question to place in the Dorpskrant, please contact the editor Margie van Staalduinen, villa 18. Ph. 974-4713 or 021-222-6833

## Open Fellowship

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



Where: in the Atrium

When: every Friday

Time: 2pm

++ All Welcome++

Contact Faye Villa 36 PH. 838-6952

## Transport

Transport is being offered to those that would like to join activities within

“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

Rein van Staalduinen 09-974 4713

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

## Library Books

There are a few villagers who are not able to reach the Ons Dorp Library these days. The heat has not helped, and a few of you live closer to the back gate than to the Pavilion which is further hindrance.

I am now offering a new service. If you are need of a book, or more, or need some returned, give me a call 835 1293.

I can deliver a number of books that may suit you, and later collect those books to go back.

I do not have an answer phone but am available in the evenings if there is no answer when you call. Gail, Villa 8.

Two people in a retirement village get married. The first night they go to bed, he takes her hand and they go to sleep. The next day when they go to bed, he takes her hand and they go to sleep. The third night when he tries to take her hand, she pulls her hand away and says, “No not tonight, I’ve got a headache”.

## 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.

## Movies showing in April

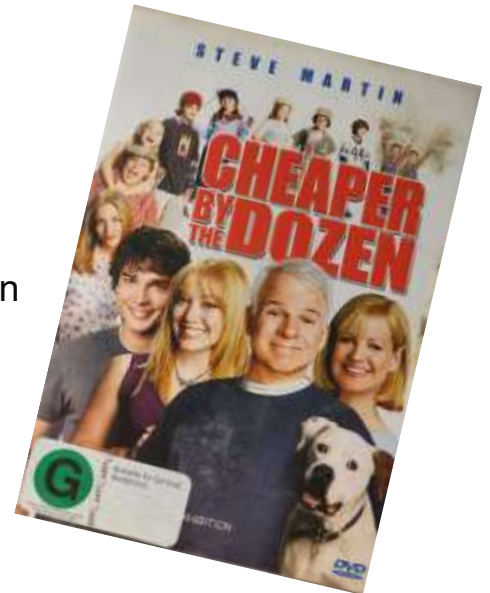
In the Paviljoen at 2.00 pm

7th April; "I love you too"

14th April; IL Divo

Live at the Greek Theatre

28th April; Cheaper by the dozen



## 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 5 April from 4-6 pm

The 2<sup>nd</sup> happy hour is on Friday 19 April from 4-6 pm

The 'Ons Dorp Singers' will be singing Anzac-themed songs



## "Ons Dorp Singers"

We practise every 2nd and 4th Friday of the month from 1.30 pm to 2.30 pm in the Paviljoen, All interested to join welcome.



## Pianist required for "Ons Dorp Singers"

Does anyone know of a Pianist who would be willing to play for us?

Must be able to read music. Contact Brian 836-4467.

## Exercise at the Paviljoen



### Monday Exercise Classes

Monday 10-11pm

Every Monday

### Thursday Exercise Classes

Thursday 10-11pm

Every Thursday

Watch "(1 Hr) Lively Chair Yoga Class with Tatis Cervantes-Aiken at Yoga Vista" on YouTube

<https://youtu.be/4eCb3TFHnTg?si=58vW20rXGtKfYeMb>

## Regular Activities in the Paviljoen

### Sunday Coffee Mornings at 10.00 am

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**.



### Monday Afternoon Klaverjassen at 1.00pm

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

Contact: Margie, 974 4713.

### Monday Evening Indoor Bowling at 7.30 pm

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!



### Tuesday Afternoon Rummikub at 2.00 pm

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,

### Wednesday Morning at 9.00 am

Here villagers get together every Wednesday morning, starting at 9:30am to do knitting, needle work, in short anything to do with hand crafts . All villagers welcome.



### Wednesday Afternoon Playing Canasta at 1.00pm

Villagers interested in playing / learning Canasta or Klaverjassen please phone Theresia on 320 0296 or 027-614-3643.

### Thursday Afternoon Billiards or Pool at 1.00 pm

Villagers play pool or French billiards (3 Balls, no pockets)

Newcomers are welcome.



### Thursday Afternoon Pickle Ball, from 4.00 – 5.00 pm

Paviljoen or Bowling green.

Contact Petra, ph 833-8044 or mob. 021-256-3361

### Housie every 3rd Thursday Evening of the month at 7:00pm

Good prizes, good company. Coffee or tea with biscuits during the evening,

Contact Guusje Boots, ph. 837 5241 or Roelof Siebring, phone 838 1017

