



The Netherlands Society Of Saint Louis

Newsletter

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Annual Membership

Membership Renewal 2009

Join or re-new your membership to the Netherlands Society of St. Louis today! Our Society depends primarily on membership dues for its continued operations and funding of its activities such as our Queen's Day Party, Picnic, Indonesian Dinner, Trivia, and Sinterklaas. As in previous years, our annual dues for 2009 will be \$30 for families, \$20 for individuals, and \$15 individual seniors 65+. Please return the membership form and payment no later than 30 April 2009. We truly appreciate your continued support for The Netherlands Society of St. Louis and we look forward to another successful year with a growing membership.

Please complete the membership form and return it with a check for:
(\$20 Individuals / \$30 Families / \$15 Individual Seniors 65+) payable to:



← Click on the image to download the membership form

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Upcoming Events

2009 Event Schedule

Check our website for the 2009 event calendar: www.geocities.com/netherlandsociety_stl
Many of our favorite events like the picnic and the rijsttafel have returned and new ones have been added.



March 20, 5.30 PM - 'Borrel'

For members and non-members alike, organized by Hans de Vries, we meet at Llywellyns Pub, 17 W Moody Ave, Webster Groves. 'Om gezellig even bij te praten'.



April 30, 7.00 PM – Queens Day Reception

For the 31st year, the Society will celebrate the birthday of Her Majesty the Queen of the Netherlands. The party takes place at Gretchen's Inn, the banquet center behind the Feasting Fox, 4200 S. Grand, in South St. Louis. Located on the corner of South Grand and Meramec. We will have hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar. Speeches are given and champagne toasts to the President of the US and to Her Majesty the Queen of the Netherlands, followed by the singing of the Dutch National Anthem.



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News from the Netherlands Consul



European Parliament Election 4 June 2009.

If you are a Dutch national residing outside the Netherlands, then you may vote in elections for the European Parliament on 4 June 2009. However, you must be 18 years of age or older on the day you vote. Furthermore, you must also be eligible to vote.

If you would like to vote for the European Parliament, you are first required to register with the Gemeente Den Haag as a voter residing outside the Netherlands, using form D3-2. You can download this form at <http://www.denhaag.nl/smartsite.html?id=50448>

The completed form, signed and with proof of Dutch Nationality, can be send to the Consulate General in Chicago, or to: Burgemeester en wethouders van 's-Gravenhage
Dienst Burgerzaken
Postbus 12620
2500 DL Den Haag

The deadline for receipt of the registration is 22 April 2009.

For more information see: <http://www.uheefthetvoorhetzeggen.nl>

Dutch Passport Renewal

As of the end of June 2009, Dutch passport applications will no longer be done in St. Louis. Anyone applying for a passport after June will have to go to Chicago. If you have a passport expiring in the second half of 2009 (or even the first half of 2010), you might want to consider renewing early if you want to avoid a ten-hour round trip by car. For more information email info@nedcons.com.

Other News & Updates

Radio 227 request program

Radio 227, an easy listening station in the Netherlands and available online at www.radio227.nl, is starting a musical request program for Dutch citizens living abroad who want to send their greetings to family and friends in the Netherlands. You can submit your request to studio@radio227.nl or by mail to: Radio 227 - Postbus 2 - 4174 ZG Hellouw - The Netherlands. Please state to whom the request is directed, where they live, your reason for the request and the musical number you want to be played.

Holland Focus Magazine

Holland Focus magazine currently distributed throughout Australia and New Zealand, will be published in North America starting with the March / April 2009 issue. If you live in the United States or Canada please contact Henk-Jan de Meer at hdemeer@hollandfocus.com for more information about Holland Focus subscriptions. View older editions of Holland Focus online at: <http://www.hollandfocus.com/v2/index.php/magazine/view-online>



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Launch of NY400.NL

This year we celebrate 400 years of enduring friendship between the Netherlands and the United States. Four hundred years ago, a Dutch ship called the Half Moon guided to the shores of what is now New York City with Captain Henry Hudson at the helm. This led to the establishment of New Amsterdam and the New Netherland colony. Some 167 years later, in 1776, the Dutch were the first to salute the flag of the United States of America. NY400 celebrates the free spirit, openness, entrepreneurship and tolerance of those Dutch-American pioneers, and their continued relevance today and beyond.

On January 28, Minister Timmermans and Mayor Job Cohen (Amsterdam) and Mayor Michael Bloomberg (NYC) recently launched the much anticipated year-long celebration marking four hundred years of uninterrupted friendship between the Dutch and the US. The website www.ny400.nl displays a wealth of information about the celebration, connects the multitude of events, happenings and people on one site. NY400 is more than just New York. It is intended to support you in your work across the US and to promote Dutch excellence in many areas. Join us in starting a fifth century of friendship!

Member's Corner

Looking for Dutch speaking person

Nora Buriks Weiser, daughter of long time Netherlands Society members Rudy and Anke Buriks, is looking to hire a Dutch speaking person who might visit her elderly parents once a week for an hour or two for coffee or a borrel at their home in Webster Groves. Due to Alzheimer's Anke has lost most of her English and speaks and understands primarily Dutch. If you are interested visiting and speaking Dutch with Rudy and Anke, please contact Nora at 314-961-6188.

Dutch books available

We have Dutch books available from the Marijke Slatery collection. If you would like some of Marijke's books email us at netherlandsociety_stl@yahoo.com.

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