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Concordia geeft onpartijdig nieuws, zonder gebonden te zijn aan enige staatkundige partij, kerkelijke richting of belangen en gemeenschap, wij werken uitsluitend in dienst van Concordia's eigen social belang.

From the Editors desk

Joop de Wit



Dear Readers, when any **Dutch Club** reaches a **special anniversary**, it certainly deserves to be celebrated. **Concordia** has managed to survive **67** years of ups and downs. During that period Concordia has build a legacy that can't be measured and isn't measured in material possessions, but rather the many lives they have touched. The human reach of our club is very extensive when you add up the many past & present members during those unbelievable **67** years.

67 years have been an incredible trip for all those who have been involved with Concordia, especially those who have been here from the start. We've seen and experienced massive changes in our community during that time, some of which we couldn't have imagined when Concordia started in **1957**. But what hasn't changed is what has always inspired us and that's the great company of friends we enjoyed together.

Concordia started in 1957 to assist all those surviving home sickness which everyone experienced from time to time. They all are unique achievements worth celebrating today. Attending our unique functions are a special way to feel at home in familiar surroundings, just try us out!

I have 2 very important dates for you to jot down on your calendar, in your diary or the calendar on your computer. First we like to invite you to another wonderful afternoon celebrating **Concordia's 67th Birthday** on **Saturday 21st September 2024** in the Cardiff RSL. Entrance fee for everyone is **\$20.00PP** for an afternoon of all you can eat food including entertainment. We have some great surprises in store. If the last few afternoons are any indication we have another great day greeting you.

(Further information and details in this newsletter)

On the 5th October 2024 we have our **Annual General Meeting** in the Cardiff RSL start at **2pm**. Please attend this very important meeting, we need your input and valuable assistance once a year. **Congratulations** to all our past and current members in reaching the **67th** anniversary celebrations of Concordia, my sincere good wishes to all those reading this **234th** issue since I took over as editor in **1984**. *Yours - as always, Joop*

From the Presidents Desk - Toni Somerville

Dear Readers, while preparing my part for the newsletter I am watching the Olympic Games in Paris. It amazes me how dedicated all the athletes are in their individual sports. All Champions and everyone deserves a medal for their commitment. Loved watching **King Willem Alexander** and **Queen Maxima** on the boat with the Dutch team sailing down the river. What a treat for the Dutch team.

It was great to see **Norm Bakker** and his sister **Marijke**, at the July function. **Norm, alias Elvis**, entertained us with well-known songs during the afternoon and members sang along. Most enjoyable **Norm**, thank you. Another successful function. **Marijke** donated a raffle prize: thank you most sincerely **Marijke**.

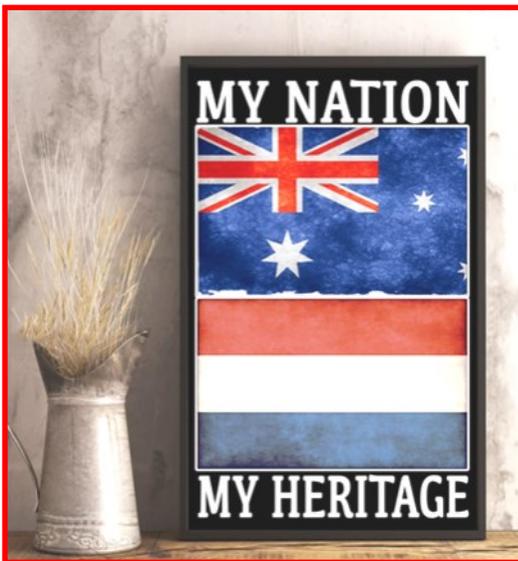
Committee member, Ann Beckers, decorated the tables beautifully, many thanks **Ann**. Also a huge thank you to **Trix, Nicky** and my sister from Glen Innes, **Christina** and **Mina** who donated raffle prizes. At every function we are very thankful for members kindness. The support and donations of our members, no matter how large or small mean so much. We were happy to welcome back members who have been unable to attend functions for awhile. Please stay well and able to come again.

It is sad to hear of our member, **Joe Roggeveen**, passing away recently. **Joe** enjoyed the functions but lately was unable to attend due to health issues. Sincere condolences to **Joe's** family, relatives and friends.

Congratulations to the Dutch Club, **Neerlandia**, at French's Forest, celebrating their **70th birthday on August 24**. We hope your day was special and our best wishes for many more '**gezellige**' years ahead.

The AGM is the **5th of October at 2pm** in the **Cardiff RSL**. We would really like to see interested members attend. We, the Committee, try our best to make functions enjoyable for our members. If you have some ideas how to improve or wish to become a committee member we would like to hear from you at the AGM. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Our next function is the **21st of September**, We will celebrate our **67th** birthday and **Father's Day**. All dads will receive a small gift. Please come and join us for another super day with an all you can eat smorgasbord and an afternoon's entertainment with **Joop**. Enjoyment guaranteed. Until next time, **take care, keep well and stay warm. Toni.**



*A relationship is like a house, when a lightbulb burns out,
you do not go and buy a new house, you fix the light bulb*



Uit de oude doos: Hamilton multicultural Carnivale

De Rugzak

Voor je 'avonds zult gaan slapen, doe dan eerst je rugzak af,
 Volgepropt met alle spullen die het lot vandaag je gaf.
 Echt, je moet nu eerst gaan rusten, morgen zie je dan wel weer.
 Al die nodeloze ballast, leg het even naast je neer.

*Voor je s 'avonds zult gaan slapen moet de rugzak van je rug,
 anders zie je alle zorgen van de hele dag terug.
 En hoe meer je ligt te piekeren, des te meer die rugzak knelt,
 zo dat in de kleine uurtjes je nog steeds de inhoud telt.*

Als je s 'avonds zult gaan slapen, doe je ogen dan maar dicht.
 Heus, die rugzak morgenochtend volgepakt weer naast je ligt,
 Maar wellicht heb je dan krachten, in je nachtrust opgedaan,
 Die je op de weg die voorlicht toch iets lichter laten gaan !!!

Gossip is the devil's radio, so don't be his DJ

Willpower

I have to diet, for I have found. I am too fat, I am too round!
*I've got that picture, nice and trim, from long ago, when I was
 slim! So I ate salads, refused the cake...What difference does, one
 biscuit make! My plans went soon all down the drain, and I am
 fat, and round again.*



A bit off supper, watching TV and then to bed!



Goodnight!
*I am ready
 to dream....*

Come and visit our Annual Multicultural Christmas Concert

To be held on **Sunday 1st December 2024**

Venue: **Sacred Heart Cathedral**

Hunter Street - Newcastle

Further enquiries Joop de Wit - President Multicultural Choral Society - 0412 671 848

Commencing at **7pm.**

A Festive Multicultural Christmas Celebration

Please book your seats for the next Concordia Function, Saturday 21st September for a special 67th Birthday show. We also celebrate a belated Fathers Day, all fathers will get a small present. Joop will entertain us with a great video show. Please book now!

Remember the saying, money doesn't grow on trees!

This is true for you, but certainly also for CONCORDIA

Pay your 2024 - 2025 membership now!!!!!! *Now overdue!*

Concordia is solely a social and cultural club

Membership taken out is valid to 30th June 2025

Further information is on the application form page 35.

Contact information is in the Concordia information corner of this newsletter on page 2. We trust you have enjoyed reading our newsletters during the past year. Please do not send CASH

On behalf of the Concordia committee we like to encourage you in giving a gift subscription to your friends or acquaintances.

You can never give a more value for dollar present to anyone who is interested in our Dutch community or the Dutch Culture. This truly is a gift that lasts a whole year. Think about, how you, as our members can put something back into Concordia without too much effort.

Your Concordia Committee.

Dutch News

News And Current Affairs, News - Overseas



Nederlands Nieuws iedere dag 12:30pm - SBS channel 35



We are still young at heart!



*We used to work together,
don't ask where and what!*

Liever rijk leven dan rijk sterven



We certainly enjoyed another great day at the Cardiff RSL with Norm Bakker

Als het gras bij de burens groener is, dan zal het wel kunstgras zijn

Traditional Dutch Recipe

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- Beef Goulash - Party/Snack Size - Cheese Chicken / Schnitzel
Sausages - Frikandellen

CONCORDIA

About our next September function

Your special invite for Saturday 21st September

Concordia Presents a special *67th Birthday* afternoon.

We also celebrate a belated *Fathers Day*

Every *father* receives a small enduring present.

Joop will entertain us at the *Cardiff RSL*. We will show you the latest and greatest *Andre Rieu's* excerpts from the

'Amazing Miracle of Maastricht'

A combination of the best of *Andre Rieu's* concerts.

Don't miss it! Bring your family and friends.

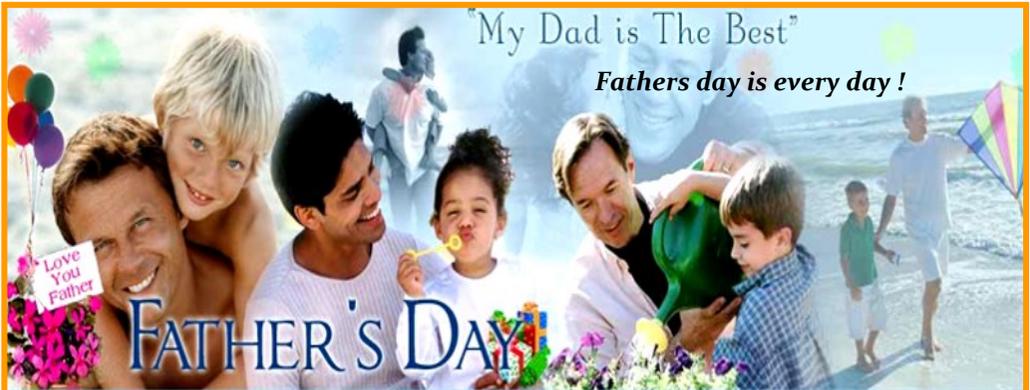
Anyone is welcome - Booking essential - Enjoy our show

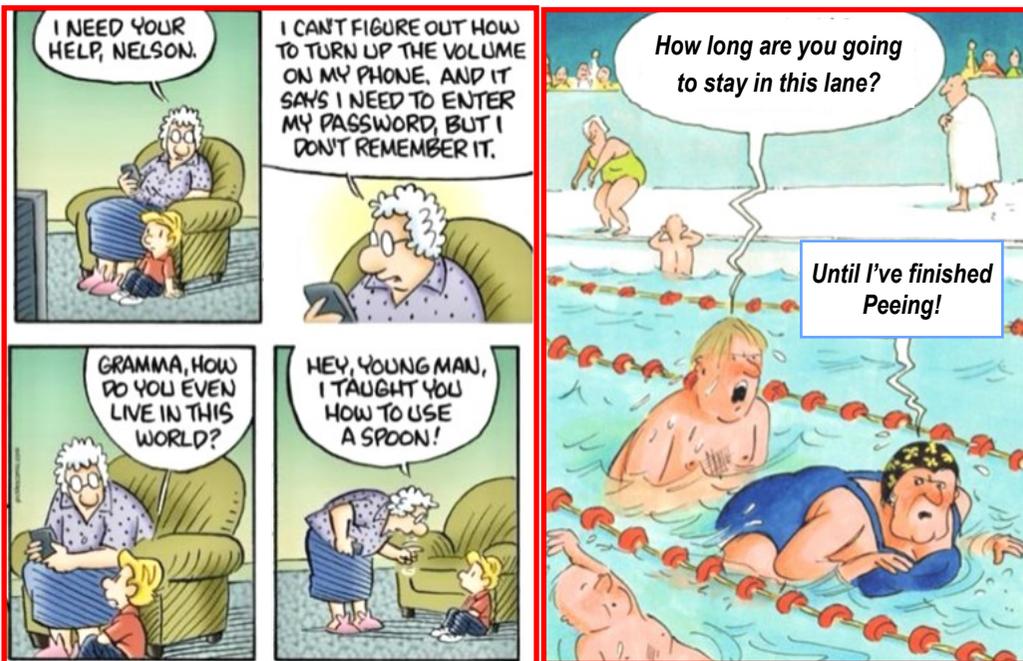
Doors open 11am - Finish 4pm -**BOOKINGS:** Contact Joop on 4954 5227.

Join us for an all you can eat Banquet, followed by our entertainment

Cost: only \$20.00 PP - You only Pay at the door – Book NOW!

Do what is right for you! No one else is walking in your shoes.





Before the development of modern transport and communications, *half the world didn't know how the other half lived.* Today, in our enlightened age, *half the world doesn't care.*

Uit de oude doos van de Dutch Australian Weekly

Nieuw bestuur in Newcastle. Tijdens de algemene ledenvergadering van de Australia-Dutch Club in het gebied van Newcastle in New South Wales heeft men het volgende nieuwe bestuur gekozen. Voorzitter **T. Broekman junior**, penningmeester **J. Moonen** en secretaresse mejuffrouw **W. Mansveld**, 185 Bruce Street, the Junction New South Wales. Telefoon B3285 Voorts werden tot bestuursleden gekozen mevrouw **L. Boogaard**, mejuffrouw **A. Wubbels**, **N. de Groot**, **M. Parker**, **P. Mansveld**, **A. Schelling** en **P. Hanssen**. **A. Schelling** trad af als secretaris en **T. Broekman senior** bedankte als bestuurslid. Tevens besloot men om de eerstvolgende dansavond te houden op Zaterdag 2 maart in de Progress Hall in South Wallsend.

The only person still alive today is our well known Neils de Groot. Congratulations Neils!

The intelligent way to be selfish is to work for the welfare of others

Overheard on a Taxi Radio!

*"Would you be so kind to take these two elderly to the cemetery?"
"But of course! Shall I also bring them back?" "That's up to them! "*



Never too old to learn!



**I AM GOING TO BE THAT
OLD LADY WHO GETS
BANNED FROM EVERY
RETIREMENT HOME!**

Anyone celebrating a special event like an Anniversary, Birthday or some other special occasion during the next 3 months. **Concordia** wishes you a special pleasant time with family and friends. Our sincere congratulations from your **Concordia** Family.
"Moge zij leve lang hoera"



Happy Fathers Day

JA-KOE-ZIE



I HAD MY PATIENCE TESTED



I'M NEGATIVE

*The Dutch National Anthem is the oldest anthem in the world
It was written in 1568 and became official in 1932*

*We celebrate a belated fathers day at the
next Concordia function - 21st September*



*We also remember those fathers that are no longer
amongst us, we also think about them on Fathers day.*

**Happiness
is a choice,
not an achievement.
Nothing
will make
you happy
until you
decide to
be happy.**



***Come and join us for a great day out with your family and friends.
Saturday 21st September celebrating our 67th Birthday.***

VENUE: CARDIFF RSL - Everyone is welcome.

Special dates for your Australian calendar - 2024

New South Wales Public Holidays 2024

This page contains a calendar of all 2024 public holidays for New South Wales. These dates may be modified as official changes are announced, so please check back regularly for updates.

Date	Day	Holiday
7 Oct	Mon	Labour Day
25 Dec	Wed	Christmas Day
26 Dec	Thu	Boxing Day



Public School Holidays

NSW 2024 - 2025 - Eastern State

Saturday 28th September

Sunday 12th October 2024 - Spring

Saturday 21st December

Thursday 6th February 2025 - Summer

Saturday 12th April 2025

Thursday 24th April 2025 - Autumn

CONCORDIA FUNCTIONS 2024

Saturday 21st September

Saturday 21st December

AGM Saturday 5th October

Cardiff RSL Start 2pm

**Membership for the next
Financial year 2024-2025**

is now overdue - Please Pay NOW!

Those already paid, we thank you!



Monica & Henk
Always attend
our functions.
having another
win in our raffle



Our Committee member
Ann looked after the July
table decorations.
Well done Anne!

*Happiness is not something you experience,
its something you remember.*



The likes of entertainer
Norm Bakker AK as Elvis
has brought many happy
memories to all our
members and their guests.

Wie onze tradities niet eert is het land niet weert

Nel Haasnoot never misses a function



We travel all the way from the Bay area.



Noelene

Noelene joined Concordia at our last function - welcome!



Only smiling faces tell the real story.



We love to meet at every function, 'gezellig toch!'



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Adres.....

Telefoon.....

Voor de positie van: *(Aankruisen a.u.b.)*

1. **SECRETARIS/REDAKTEUR** []

Joop de Wit

2. **BESTUURSLID** []



Handtekening Voorsteller:.....

Handtekening Ondersteuner:.....

Ik accepteer de nominatie:..... *

**Handtekening Kandidaat*

Stuur naar: *Secretary, Dutch Society "Concordia"*

P.O. Box 16, Cardiff - NSW 2285 Per email naar: jdw43n@gmail.com - of:

concordianewcastle@bigpond.com

(Nomination forms must be on the Secretary's desk on or before 5th September 2024)

CONCORDIA'S ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2024

*Concordia members are cordially invited to attend
the Annual General Meeting - AGM*

Date: Saturday 5th October - 2024 commencing at 2pm

Place: CARDIFF RSL - private room - start 2pm

*All members attending the AGM must be financial
for the year 2024 / 2025*

Late membership payments will be accepted prior to the AGM

Attend the **Annual General Meeting** to have your say
in the running of YOUR Concordia.

*Please refer to the nomination form in this magazine (Page 18 = left side)
if you'd like to be elected as...*

Secretary / Editor or Committee Member.

**Kijk niet teveel in het verleden, maar in de toekomst,
daar zal je de rest van je leven in moeten vertoeven.**

A **very stable** executive committee is the backbone of our Concordia.
They have gained the experience of many years in our well
established organisation.

Joop de Wit has 41 years under his belt this year.

He will be available for the next 2 year term as **Secretary** and **Editor**

All the current Committee members are available for re-election,

All these people have been a very valuable tool in our success story.

We must also thank the assistance of many committee members over the
years. All gave so willingly their time and effort to make Concordia such a
big success story. We like to thank them from the bottom of our hearts.

**Please come and join us on Saturday 5th October at the Cardiff RSL
for your participation at our Annual General Meeting.**

**Succes is een taart waarvan iedereen mee wil eten,
maar als hij op is zie je niemand meer!**



Committee member Jopie loves giving good advice!



Our President Toni opening the July function

Mother Superior calls all the nuns together and says to them: *"I must tell you all something very serious. We have a case of gonorrhoea in the convent."* *"Thank God,"* says an elderly nun at the back. *"I am so sick of Chardonnay!"*

A **6 year old** was asked where his grandmother lived. *"Oh"* he said *"She lives at the airport, when we want to see her we just go to the airport to get her and when she likes to go home we take her back to the airport."*

My brain cells, skin cells and hair cells continue to die, but my fat cells seem to have an eternal life.



Liefde maakt blind, maar als je getrouwd bent gaan je ogen wel open

*Our love for Concordia is a combination of... Respect, Friendship, Understanding, Communication and Companionship. Therefore your **Concordia friendship** is like a bank account You cannot continue to draw on it without making a deposit. Time to pay or make a donation, **every extra is very welcome.***



The original Andrew Sisters

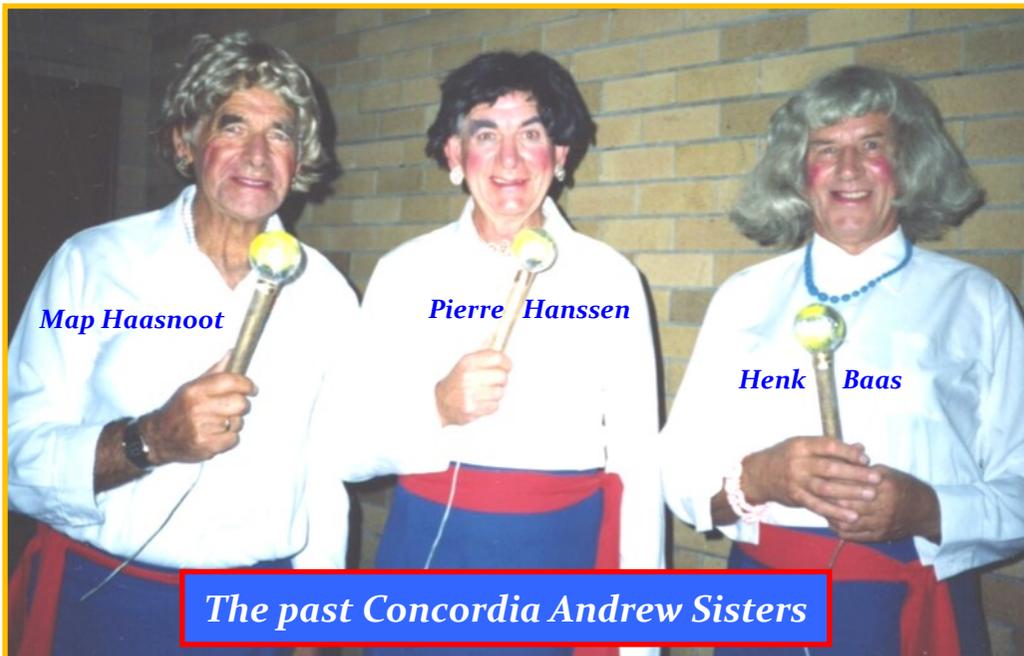
Special Reminder:

Your 2024-2025

Membership

Is now overdue.

Those already paid we Thank You!



Map Haasnoot

Pierre Hanssen

Henk Baas

The past Concordia Andrew Sisters

Some past photographic memories of our earlier functions All those get-togethers were always a great overall success, and by golly, it was a fantastic time for all those attending.



Find the Fruit Names



Find & circle the names of the fruits.

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 c w a t e r m e l o n e a
 f n u t v s o z e e v s t



*You can take me out of the Netherlands.
 But you can't take the Netherlands out of me!*

**HAPPY
 BIRTHDAY!**

Hi Joop, I live down the south coast and publish books re the Dutch discoveries and contact with Australia. How do I advertise in your newsletter or write a short article? Kind regards, *Henry Van Zanden*.

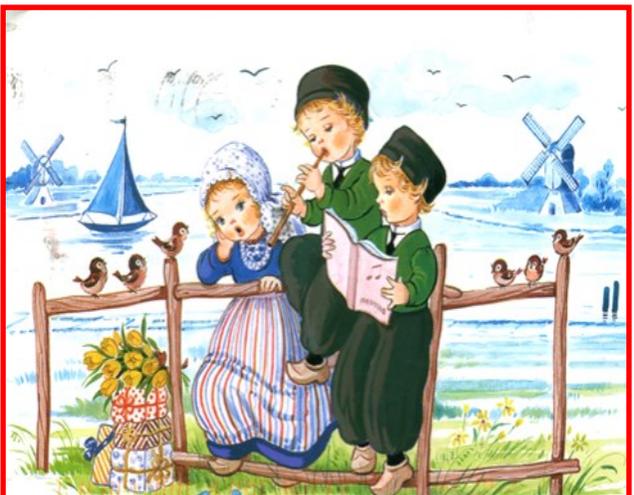
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3. **1629** Mutiny on the Batavia (*larger print - \$60*)
4. **1642** Abel Tasman - **\$50**
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Kind regards, *Henry Van Zanden*

PS: hereby to let *Henry* know that our Concordia club has no issue to publish, we would like a donation to advertise the above. This will be sufficient as its in the interest of those that are following the history of Australia, albeit Its still a commercial enterprise. *Editor*



Your life was a blessing, your memory a treasure.

Message at the service of Trees van Lier - delivered by husband John

Lieve Trees, you were born in Dordrecht on the 8th of July 1928, and baptized **Theresia Maria Albertina**, the first born of the **van Kessel** family, eventually joined by 6 sisters and 4 brothers.

You were a good and very popular student. You were always kind and considerate to all. With the heart and soul of an angel you would always see the good in people.

We met for the first time at your 21st birthday, I told you I was 18, which I wasn't, and a spark started. It took 7 years for the spark to become a flame. We married on the 3rd of August 1957, and soon set sail for Australia. It took 9 years for the spark to become a family. We have 5 wonderful children, to whom you were totally devoted. Your **DNA** lives and continues in **Saskia, Paul, Martin, Miriam** and **Katerina**, and in our 17 grandchildren and ever-growing family of great-grandchildren.

You were loving. You were exceptionally considerate. You were kind, gentle and understanding. You were calm, peaceful, and spiritual. You were truly – genuinely beautiful in every way.

In the end you couldn't walk, you couldn't talk, but love was in your eyes.

Vale my darling. I was blessed to spend my whole life with you, you were, and always will be my best friend.

Dear John and family, hereby the promised message that was to be printed in one of the Concordia newsletters. This was a special moment for **John**, reading a personal message for his beautiful wife **Theresia**. May I also thank **John** for allowing me to guide the family during this sad time, especially in the creation of a personal thanksgiving service.

Requiescat in Pace - Rest in peace - Rust in Vrede † Trees.

Wees nooit verdrietig als je ogen slechter worden op latere leeftijd...

Dit is slechts een natuurlijke manier om je te beschermen tegen shock wanneer je naar jezelf in de spiegel kijkt!

Explanation of Dutch 'Gezelligheid'

I would go as far to say that *'Gezelligheid'* is like the modern day religion of the Dutch. We love it, we need it and we respect it. Pretty much every Dutch person knows the true meaning for *'Gezellig'* and according to the Dutch there isn't a single language that has the right translation for it. We often say that *'Gezellig'* can be fun or cosy or maybe *'knus'* A person can be *'Gezellig'* A home can be *'Gezellig'* An event can be *'Gezellig'* because its more of having a good time. It can also be a feeling of warmth, comfort and relaxation, a friendly ambiance and cozy atmosphere and a pleasant togetherness.

'Gezellig' as a quality, is applied to people, places, times, events and objects. It can also be used ironically, for example: *Joop* is spending most evenings on his computer preparing the Concordia newsletters one can say *"doe eens even Gezellig"* to me that is *'Gezellig'* I look at it more from a practical side. You have a sentence with the word *'Cozy'* and you have to translate it, I have a number of options, they are not perfect, sometimes even far from it. But they do offer a solution.

A perfect example of untranslatability is seen in the Dutch language through the word *'Gezellig'* which as we all know does not have an English equivalent. We can call it quaint, or nice, but we can also use it for time spent with loved ones. Seeing a friend after a long absence, or general togetherness like we do when *Concordia* has a function in the *Cardiff RSL*. A brown *café* is *'Gezellig'* A dentist's waiting room is not *'Gezellig'* even if your friends accompany you, particularly if they are normally *'Gezellig'* An evening on the town with friends is *'Gezellig'* especially if you have dinner at a good *'Gezellig'* restaurant, see a good movie, and finish with a drink at a *'Gezellige'* pub. Trying to entertain the in-laws-from-hell is definitely not *'Gezellig'*

Another example I read on the internet was *'Huize Pruimtabak'* is het meest gezellige bejaardentehuis van heel Nederland or in short, *"Huize Pruimtabak"* is the coziest - most welcoming retirement home in the country for fun-loving social retirees. Wow, are we ready yet? I think I rather see the dentist. *Joop*

Ik kwam gisteren mezelf tegen.....Was best gezellig

Charles, a new retiree-greeter at a large department store, just couldn't seem to get to work on time. Every day he was 5, 10, 15 minutes late. But he was a good worker, really tidy, clean-shaven, sharp-minded and a real credit to the company and obviously demonstrating their "**Older Person Friendly**" policies. One day the boss called him into the office for a talk. "**Charles, I have to tell you, I like your work ethic, you do a great job when you finally get here, but your being late so often is quite bothersome.**" "**Yes sir, I know, and I am working on it.**" "**Well good, you are a team player. That's what I like to hear.**" "**Yes sir, I understand your concern and I'll try harder.**" Seeming puzzled, the manager went on to comment, "**It's odd though you're coming in late. I know you're retired from the Armed Forces. What did they say to you there if you showed up in the morning so late and so often?**" The old man looked down at the floor, then smiled. He chuckled quietly, then said with a grin,

"They usually saluted and said: "Good morning General, can I get you your coffee sir?"

***Don't judge the choices of others
If you don't understand their reasons.***

Life is all about LOVE

She said, "**Don't call the doctor, I want to fall asleep peacefully, with your hand in mine.**" He told her about the past, how they met, their first kiss. They didn't cry, they smiled. They didn't regret anything, they were grateful. Then she repeated softly;

'I love you forever!'

He returned her words, gave her a soft kiss on the forehead. She closed her eyes and fell asleep peacefully with her hand in his.

Love is really all that matters because everyone comes into this world with nothing other than love and leaves with nothing other than love.

Lets just think about it. Profession, career, bank account, our goods are just tools, nothing more. Everything stays here. So just love.... Love those that really love you. Love, as if there was nothing more important in your life. ***Editor***

*a Taste
of Dutch*



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Funny how kids learn to use a computer, smart phone and learn to drive... Yet most have no concept of how to use a dishwasher, vacuum cleaner or lawnmower.



*Always keep in touch with the Dutch!
Eat Gouda Cheese from the Netherlands!*

Gouda cheese has been described as the '**King**' of Dutch cheeses. It's a semi-hard cheese with a 48% milk fat content. Jonge kaas (**Young cheese**) is a Gouda cheese that has been matured only for 4 weeks. Its still pretty soft at this stage and it is the favourite amongst the Dutch cheeses, its low in lactose. Belegen kaas (**Mature cheese**) is another young Gouda cheese that has been aged 2 months although Extra belegen (**Extra mature cheese**) is good for those who prefer a slightly older cheese. Young Gouda cheese is a favourite on Sandwiches. You find the real Gouda cheese at selected supermarkets in Australia like the Dutch shop in Smithfield, Bibina, Aldi and some other outlets. Make sure that the Gouda cheese was made in the Netherlands as some are made in Australia and New Zealand. *Editor*

We may not be perfect but nevertheless we are unique, kind, thoughtful and positive and doing the best we can.

June 30 was the official end of our financial year. We allow our members a period of **2 months** before removing them from our official mailing list. Those already paid we thank you. Please refer to page **35** for information as your membership could be overdue!

We were saddened when we received the news that our member
Mr. Johannes 'Joe' Roggeveen

passed away on **5th July 2024** aged **78**

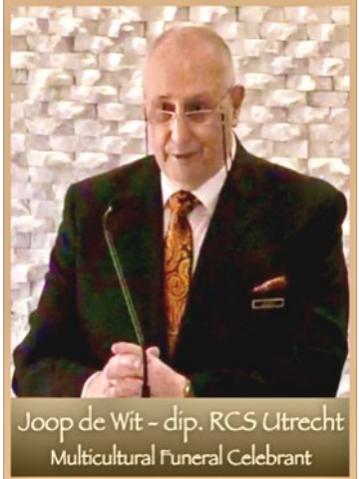
We will remember Joe as a very special Friend. **Joe** became an official member of Concordia in 2019, mostly booking a taxi to get to our gezellige functions which he so enjoyed by his many attendances.

Concordia's sincere condolences to all those staying behind grieving his loss. many will miss Joe as a remarkable person and as a great friend.

The last Battle.

If it should be that I get frail and weak. And pain should keep me from my sleep. Then will you do what must be done? For this - the last battle - can't be won. You will be sad, I understand. But don't let grief and tears be sad for long, for on this day, more than the rest, your love and friendship must stand the test.

We have had so many happy years. You wouldn't want me to suffer so, when the time comes, please, let me go and hold me firm and speak to me. Until my eyes no longer see. I know in time you will agree. It is a kindness you do to me. From pain and suffering I have been saved. Goodbye, I love you most of all.



Joop de Wit - dip. RCS Utrecht
Multicultural Funeral Celebrant

Everyone eventually returns to their own home port. Death is not about death, but about what you have done with your life.

Concordia members were sad to hear of the passing of:

Mrs Eileen Joan Bamford

Eileen passed away on **5th July 2024. Aged 94**

Eileen was a long time member of Concordia, despite the fact she wasn't Dutch, she had a great affinity for our Dutch Society always visiting our Concordia socials and was one of the first to book for any function.

Our sincere condolences to all those staying behind grieving her loss.

So many will miss her as a remarkable person and as a friend during her life.

A lesson in good living

When I was growing up, my father said something to me I will never forget, "*Son, when you were born, you cried while the world rejoiced. Live your life in such a way that when you die the world cries while you rejoice.*" We live in an age when we have forgotten what life is all about. We can easily put a person on the Moon, but we have trouble walking across the street to meet a new neighbour. We can fire a missile across the world with pinpoint accuracy, but we have trouble keeping a date with our children to go and have a meal together or invite them to one of our functions. We have e-mail, computers and digital phones so that we can stay connected and yet we live in a time where human beings have never been less connected. We have lost touch with our humanity. We have lost touch with our purpose. We have lost sight of the things that matter the most. We know more than ever, yet we also know less, about what it means to be truly great as a human being. I love this message as it's super deep.

One thing we don't talk about enough is death. It's like a sacred thing we choose to not talk about until we experience a death of a loved one. Which I think is sad. I think it's important to live everyday to the fullest and to never have regrets. Learn from mistakes, but choose to still keep going. This message reminds us to focus on the important things in life, and not get caught up in all the new shiny bright things in front of us. Go meet a stranger, teach someone something you are an expert in. Be kind, be gentle. That's what life should be about so hopefully this a reminder to all of us. **Editor**

Two guys stole a calendar.....they got 6 months each!

"The History of 'APRONS'

I don't think most kids today know what an apron is. The principal use of Mom's or Grandma's apron was to protect the dress underneath because she only had a few. It was also because it was easier to wash aprons than dresses and aprons used less material. But along with that, it served as a potholder for removing hot pans from the oven. It was wonderful for drying children's tears, and on occasion was even

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used for cleaning out dirty ears. From the chicken coop, the apron was used for carrying eggs. When company came, those aprons were ideal hiding places for shy kids. And when the weather was cold, she wrapped it around her arms. Those big old aprons wiped many a perspiring brow, bent over a hot stove. Chips and kindling wood were brought into the kitchen in that apron. From the garden, it carried all sorts of vegetables. After the peas had been shelled, it carried out the hulls. In the summer, the apron was used to bring in apples that had fallen from the trees. When unexpected company drove up the road, it was surprising how much furniture that old apron could dust in a matter of seconds. When dinner was ready, she walked out onto the porch, waved her apron, and the men folk knew it was time to come in from the fields to dinner. It will be a long time before someone invents something that will replace that 'old-time apron' that served so many purposes. *Editor*

A man walks into a bar with a parrot on his shoulder, the barman says... *"hey that's pretty cool, where did you get him"*. The **parrot** says... *"In Africa they've got millions of them."*

If my body was a car, I'd trade it in for a newer model. Cause every time I cough or sneeze, my radiator leaks and my exhaust backfires.



Top Hits



1. Theme from A Summer Place - Percy Faith
2. He'll Have To Go - Jim Reeves
3. Cathy's Clown - Everly Brothers
4. Running Bear - Johnny Preston
5. Teen Angel - Mark Dinning
6. I'm Sorry - Brenda Lee
7. It's Now Or Never - Elvis Presley
8. Handy Man - Jimmy Jones
9. Stuck On You - Elvis Presley
10. The Twist - Chubby Checker
11. Everybody's Somebody's Fool - Connie Francis
12. Wild One - Bobby Rydell
13. Greenfields - The Brothers Four
14. What In The World's Come Over You - Jack Scott
15. El Paso - Marty Robbins
16. Alley-Oop - The Hollyweed Argyles
17. My Heart Has A Mind Of Its Own - Connie Francis
18. Sweet Nothin's - Brenda Lee
19. Itsy Bitsy Teenie Weenie Yellow Polka Dot Bikini - Brian Hyland
20. Only The Lonely - Roy Orbison

Editor

**The most expensive liquid
in the world is a tear.**

It's 1% water and
99% feelings
Think before you hurt
Someone.



**Naarmate je ouder wordt
verlies je 3 dingen**

Het eerste is je geheugen,
en de andere twee ben ik
vergeten.



DEADLINE NEXT ISSUE:

For our December - January - February issue is the 10th November 2024.

Copy received after this date will be included in the
MARCH—APRIL 2025 issue.

Don't mess around with the elderly!

After being married for 30 years, a wife asked her husband to describe her. He looked at her for a while, then said, *"You are an alphabet wife..... A. B. C, D, E. F, G, H, I, J, K."* She asks.... *"What the hell does that mean?"* He said, *"Adorable, Beautiful, Cute, Delightful, Elegant, Fabulous, Gorgeous and Hot."* She smiled happily and said.... Oh, that's so lovely, but what about *"I, J, K?"* He said, *"I am just kidding!"*
A memorial service will be held this Tuesday afternoon.

An elderly couple returns to a Mercedes dealership where the salesman has just sold the car they were interested in to a stunning, tall, and busty blonde. *"I thought you said you'd hold that car until we raised the \$75,000 asking price,"* said the man. *"Yet I just heard you closed the deal for \$65,000 with that lovely young lady there. You insisted there could be no discount on this model."* *"Well, what can I say? She had the cash ready, and just look at her, how could I resist?"* replied the grinning salesman. Just then, the young woman approached the elderly couple and handed them the keys. *"There you go,"* she said. *"I told you I'd get the jerk to lower the price. See you later, grandpa."* Never underestimate the elderly!

*Life is a stage and you only get one performance
Make it a good one.*

All those not feeling well right now! Concordia will be thinking of all our readers who are experiencing any illness. We wish you a full and speedy recovery. Editor



Don't mess around with the elderly, continued...

A woman decided to give herself a big treat for her 70th birthday by staying overnight in a really nice hotel. When she checked out the next morning, the desk clerk handed her a bill for \$250.00. She demanded to know why the charge was so high **"I agree it's a nice hotel, but the rooms aren't worth \$250.00 for just an overnight stay - I didn't even have breakfast!"** The clerk told her that \$250.00 is the 'standard rate,' and breakfast had been included had she wanted it.

She insisted on speaking to the Manager. The Manager appeared and forewarned by the desk clerk, announced: **"This hotel has an Olympic sized pool and a huge conference centre which are available for use."** **"But I didn't use them."** **"Well, they are here, and you could have."** He went on to explain that she could also have seen one of the in-house shows for which they were so famous. **"We have the best entertainers from the world performing here."** **"But I didn't go to any of those shows."** **"Well, we have them, and you could have."**

No matter what amenity the Manager mentioned, she replied, **"But I didn't use it!"** and the Manager countered with his standard response.

After several minutes discussion, and with the Manager still unmoved, she decided to pay, wrote a check and gave it to him. The Manager was surprised when he looked at the check. **"But Madam, this check is for only \$50.00"** **"That's correct I charged you \$200.00 for sleeping with me."**

"But I didn't!" **"Well, too bad, I was here, and you could have."**

Letters to the editor

Hoi Joop, lieve vriend, Heerlijk weer van je krant genoten! Weer 36 bladzijden! Hoe krijg je het altijd weer voor elkaar! Je bent een kanjer en dat al 41 jaar!!! Heb uitgerekend dat je er in 1983 mee begonnen bent. Je vertelde het al over die tattoos. Erg leuk! En dan het salaris dat vergeleken wordt met spinazie koken, echt leuk! En dan die winterkost, echt iets voor jou! Ja, wij zijn met de zomer begonnen met al veel hoge temperaturen. Dat over de liefde is gratis, vond ik ook een goeie en uit de puzzel kwam ... **newspaper**. Je wordt weer vreselijk bedankt voor het leesplezier. Neem nu even rust hoor! Heel veel liefs en knuffels, groeten.

Diewuuke van Rossen NL

Be proud of your achievements **Joop** you have done well and have always been there for my family and many others. *Norma Hobbs*

Fantastic Concordia magazine again Joop. So good, you are amazing.
Barbara Goertzen

How lovely to hear from the Concordia Club, didn't know it existed. I remember there was a club in Sydney, but we weren't members of it as it was a little too far and remote to get to. But we did attend a few Dutch functions in the city years back. What a great newsletter!!!! Your readers would love all the newsy items of the events you have had plus some historical articles. Really good!!! Although we would like to come to the 20th July event, we unfortunately cannot as we have a commitment already, but will look at coming in September instead. Thank you again for sending the latest newsletter. *Johanna & John Rosee*

Hi Joop, As always, this latest issue is full of interesting reading! I am sure all the photos that are spread out over the whole magazine would be appealing to many of us! Also, the comments that were made! Your photographer did an excellent job! Your article on page 24/25 Food for thought! And the look back at the founding of '**Concordia**'. also plenty of pages that bring a smile to your face! Regards *Joop van Leeuwarden*

Dear Joop I have paid my yearly subscription today, thanks for your great effort to always entertain with the paper. I read it from front to back each time. My Mum would be pleased to know I still belong. 'Thank you!' *Ineke Daunt/Boertje*

Last issue was the best one ever Joop, I always enjoy reading it, you are the best, *Jopie Ryan*

PS: Thanks for all the beautiful words and encouragement, Joop

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