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*Some winters in the  
Netherlands can be very cold at  
times with chilly temperatures  
and sometimes snowfall to make  
this windmill picture complete.*

**Winter 2024 in  
the Netherlands**



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*From the Editors desk - Joop de Wit*

**Y**es my dear friends, **2024** has arrived, we are already in the second month of February. I am writing my first editorial for the new year. Welcome onboard, let us stay positive this year, for some it can be full of mixed emotions because of the state of the world today. It's not always the people that are to blame but mostly the governments that should be held to account, they don't seem to care anymore, most are self indulgent creatures that don't deserve to govern. Sorry but it makes me mad when I see the way our world is being managed. Something needs to happen to make a number of governments aware of their respective responsibilities towards their citizens and the world in general.

**What was a big surprise** was my **eighties birthday** last December. It was an emotional moment to receive the biggest happy birthday card I have ever seen in my life and, low and behold, it was secretly signed by all the guests that attended our Christmas function last December. I was dumbfounded and so overwhelmed to be recognised as your **80** year old secretary and editor. May we look forward to my **90th** birthday which is only **10 years** away. Thanks again for your enduring support.

**Concordia** is once again working towards lots of “gezelligheid” or “Cosy” get togethers during **2024**. To all our members and in particular our committee. We likes to thank you for your support and all the excellent work you do for our community. We do however understand that it's not always possible to make everybody happy but we certainly do our best to achieve high marks for trying. We should all have learned by now how difficult and hard that can be sometimes. Perfection is certainly **Concordia's** aim but we must all be aware by now that perfection just doesn't exist. Please forgive us for anything at all that could be a stumbling block for some in the past. Let's all make an effort by trying to make **2024** a very special year for everyone.

**looking forward** seeing you all again in the **Cardiff RSL Saturday 23rd of March** to enjoy another great get-together. Much more in this brand new issue. **May I wish all our readers a happy family Easter celebration.**

*Your Editor Joop*

***No goal is too far, if you enjoy what makes you happy***

***From the Presidents Desk - Toni Somerville***

**Dear Readers**, one month of 2024 done and dusted, Easter buns and Easter treats have been in the shops for a few weeks already. Hopefully you and your loved ones enjoyed the Festive Season.

**Our Christmas function** was a success. Once again, our sincere thanks to the members who donated a raffle prize, money donations and buying raffle tickets. As always, we are very grateful. We are fortunate to have generous members and not only at functions. We also receive donations included with membership renewals. Our very sincere thanks to all.

**The tables looked festive** and beautiful, again decorated by our committee member, **Jopie Ryan**. Thanks very much **Jopie**. Thanks must go to **Joop** also, he spends many, many hours on the entertainment for every function as well as the Newsletters. I know that many members look forward to your newsletters, they always have interesting articles and are well set out.

**Sint Nicholas and Piet** came after lunch, and they were happy to chat with members and guests. Piet handed out small bags with **pepernoten**, **kruidnootjes** and Christmas sweets. Many members had their photograph taken with **Sinterklaas and Piet** - so pleasing to see. Thank you very much **Sint** and **Piet**, for visiting us again, we have happy snaps of the day to look back on.

**The year has not started off well** for many residents in towns and districts in Queensland. Our beautiful country is huge and there seems to be a disaster of some sort somewhere far to often. There are still wars and conflicts in the world. So many people dying, suffering injuries and homeless. We don't know what is ahead of us here, but we must be positive and hope for a good year. I wish all our members and your loved ones happiness and good health.

**The first function for the year** is our **Easter function** on **March 23**. Usual venue, usual time, entertainment from Joop and an all you can eat lunch. Catch up with your friends as we look forward to your company. Until the next issue, take care and stay safe and well. May I wish you all a **Happy Easter**. **Toni**.

***Jij bent de zon, jij bent de zee, Jij doet de afwas, ik kijk TV***



***Exactly what you don't want to see before your flight. Someone fixing the engine with duct tape.***



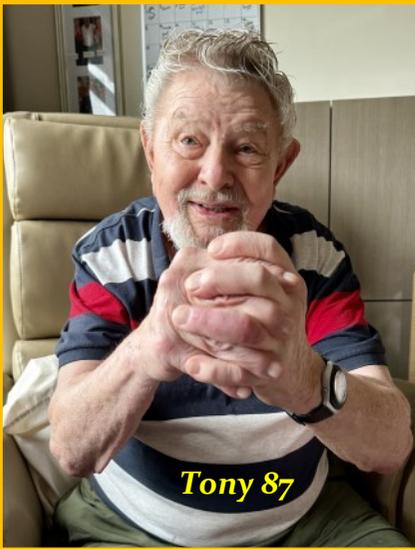
"After 40 years of volunteering I can say that it has offered me a very rewarding experience. New challenges, stimulation, knowledge and a renewed sense of purpose"

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***Sometimes you don't realise how good the old days were until they're gone***



***This year is not the year to get everything you want  
This is the year to appreciate everything you have***



Tony 87

< Tony & Henk > both enjoying my weekly visits in their aged care facilities



Henk 97

**100 HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

*Lena van der Lely*

**CONGRATULATIONS ON REACHING A MILESTONE. ON BEHALF OF ALL THE CONCORDIA MEMBERS.**  
 Joop de Wit - Secretary/Editor

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**100 YEARS AGO BACK IN 1923**

1200 words • 26,525 days • 876,000 hours • 52,560,000 minutes • 3,153,600,000 seconds

**WHAT THINGS COST**  
 Pound of butter: 19 pence  
 Dozen eggs: 17 pence  
 Loaf of bread: 9 pence  
 Chest of milk: 8 pence  
 Pound of potatoes: 80 pence  
 Pound of sugar: 12 pence  
 Pound of soap: 3 pence  
 Postage stamp: 2 pence

**WORLD POPULATION HIT 1.9 BILLION**

**STARS BORN IN 1923**  
 Bob Taylor, Les Nichols, Eric Clapton, Charles Hays, Bob Dylan, The Beatles, David Byrne, Bob Dylan



Love is when the other person's happiness is more important than your own.





*Peace is not when everyone agrees.  
It is when we can respect our disagreements  
and still play in the sandpit together.*



**SAINT NICHOLAS  
& PIET IN 2023**



**PART OF THE COMMITTEE DURING THE FESTIVE  
SEASON CELEBRATIONS IN THE CARDIFF RSL**

**I was recently** in the Netherlands in the centre of Amsterdam. There I saw 2 people digging a trench. One was digging it and the man behind it immediately closed the trench again. I didn't see the point of that so I asked the man **"what are you doing?"** to which the man replied...  
**"we are installing a cordless phone connection!"**

Dagelijks Nederlands nieuws op kanaal 35  
SBS Channel 35 - Starts daily at 12:30pm



# Nederlands

*Seven Billion Stories and counting...*

**Don't forget, Dutch News every day 12:30pm - SBS channel 35**



***I wish I was older and wiser instead of older and wider***

**Once upon a time** there was a man who went to an expensive car dealer. He said how much does that beautiful car cost. The seller said **"1 million dollars,"** then the man said **"I only have 999,999.99 Dollars, unfortunately it is 1cent too little."** The salesman said, **"Sorry you are a cent short, just get 1 cent and the car is yours."** So the man started walking down the street looking for 1 cent. He met a homeless man and asked, **"Do you have 1 cent for me?"** the homeless man asked, **"Why?"** The man said, **"so I can buy a car,"** then the homeless person said **"here is 2 cents, buy one for me too."**

**Traditional Dutch Recipe**

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***It's all Dutch en heel lekker***



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# CONCORDIA

## Invitation

*Your special invite for Saturday 23rd March*

*Concordia Presents a special 'lets get together' afternoon.*

*Joop will entertain us at the Cardiff RSL. Don't miss it!*

*Anyone is welcome, just come-along and enjoy our show*

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

**Join us for an all you can eat food and a great entertaining afternoon.**

*(We don't like to disappoint - always book early)*

*Please pay at the door \$20.00pp for an all you can eat*

*Eastern Tiger banquet, followed by a cosy sentimental afternoon.*

*Mature age is when your knees buckle  
and your belt doesn't*

### **AUSTRALIA DAY 2024**

**A**ustralia Day has come and gone, at least again for another year. I am in no illusion that controversy about this day seems to get louder and more aggressive in general. I am only making an observation and a point to those that whatever the future holds it will always be my goal to try and make us all live together in peace and harmony. *"Lets be realistic, Aborigines don't OWN the land. They BELONG to it. It's like we don't own our Mothers. look at Australia, this country, those rocks, the wide open spaces, they have been here for over 600 million years"*

**Well, it will still be there when you and I are long gone!**

So, us arguing over *"who OWNS them, is like 2 Fleas arguing over who OWNS the dog they live on"* Yes I acknowledge they were here before us, no argument about that. Come on, we are all better than this, because we are suppose to be **ONE** and that my friends means **EVERYONE.** *Joop*

## *Its all about wisdom and practical solutions*

**A**s we grow older, and hence wiser, whether you have a Rolls Royce Mercedes or a BMW, the road remains the same. Whether you travel economy or business class, your destination doesn't change. Whether you have a Rolex or a TAG watch, the time is the same. Whether you have an Apple computer or a Windows based one, both give the same results. Whether we carry a \$300 or a \$30.00 wallet or handbag, the amount of money inside is the same. Whether we drink a bottle of \$300 or \$15 wine, the hangover is the same. Whether the house we live in is 300 or 3000 squares, loneliness is the same. There is nothing wrong in dreaming of a luxurious lifestyle. What needs to be taken care of is to not let the **NEED** becoming **GREED**. Because needs can always be met...but greed can never be fulfilled. You will finally realise that your true happiness does not come from the **MATERIAL** things in life.

*Af en toe gaan Pa en Moe met ons naar de speeltuin toe...en bijna allemaal op één fiets*





*My last trip to the Netherlands 10 years ago in company of 2 nieces to enjoy eating kapucijners, karbonade & various condiments, super!*



*U bent met 65 door een 30 zone gereden*

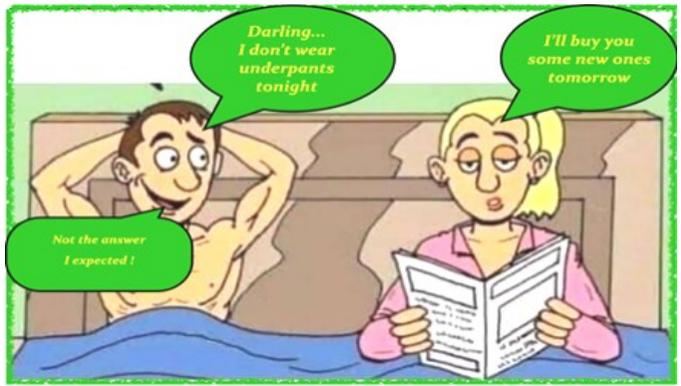


*Wat een charmeur! Ik ben al 85!*

*Don't judge others, because at the end of every person's life, we choose to have memories, not regrets.*

### *A little misunderstanding*

**M**ary was at the Bunnings electrical department and bought twelve 100 watt bulbs. Betty, who saw her friend with so many lamps asked her: *'Mary, why did you buy so many lamps?'* Whereupon Mary replied, *"I have just come from the doctor, and he prescribed me a light diet."*



*5 ants rented an apartment with another 5 ants,  
now they are tenants*



*Dutch GOUDA Syrup wafers are  
a great delicious treat,  
enjoy them freshly made.*



*Trust is like paper, once it's crumpled,  
it can never be perfect again.*

## *Special dates for your Australian 2024 calendar*

### 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
29 Mar	Fri	Good Friday
30 Mar	Sat	Day following Good Friday
31 Mar	Sun	Easter Sunday
1 Apr	Mon	Easter Monday
25 Apr	Thu	Anzac Day
10 Jun	Mon	King's Birthday
7 Oct	Mon	Labour Day
25 Dec	Wed	Christmas Day
26 Dec	Thu	Boxing Day

*Don't wait for a good day, make one*



*Could this one day be possible please?*

### *Public School Holidays*

*NSW 2024 - 2025 - Eastern State*

*Saturday 13th April  
to Sunday 28th April 2024 - Autumn*

*Saturday 6th July  
To Sunday 20th July 2024 - Winter*

*Saturday 28th September  
Sunday 12th October 2024 - Spring*

*Saturday 21st December  
Thursday 6th February 2025 - Summer*

### *CONCORDIA FUNCTIONS 2024*

*Saturday 23rd March*

*Saturday 25th May*

*Saturday 20th July*

*Saturday 21st September*

*Saturday 21st December*



*AGM October date  
to be announced later*

Na regen komt zonneshijn.....  
Van Harte Beterschap

*Thinking of all  
our readers  
who are  
not feeling well.*



*We wish you a full  
and speedy  
recovery, and our  
sincere best wishes.*

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



*Kroket uit  
Het vuistje*

**NA 3 MILJOEN  
JAAR EVOLUTIE**



**ZIJN WE ALLEEN  
VEEL HAAR KWIJT!**



This is a real *'Dutch appeltaart'* for by the coffee

# FINALLY!

Someone made a Coffee cup for left handed people



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Asparagus  
4.4 grams



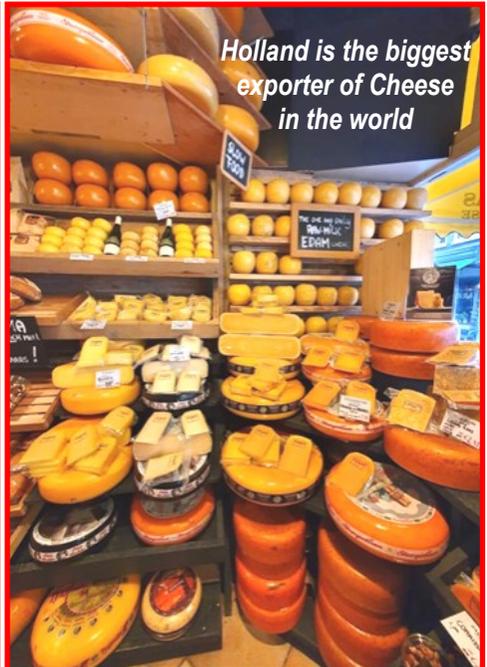
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<b>4.</b>	<b>Finland, Italy, Luxembourg</b>	<b>9.</b>	Hungary, Poland
<b>5.</b>	<b>Austria, Denmark, Netherlands, Sweden</b>	<b>10.</b>	Lithuania, Slovakia

*Your degree or past schooling is just a piece of paper, your education is seen in your behaviour*

### *Its time for a smile or a smirk maybe*

**A** police officer pulls over this guy who had been weaving in and out of lanes. He goes up to the guy's window and says, *"Sir, I need you to blow into this breathalyser tube."* The man says, *"Sorry officer I can't do that. I am an asthmatic. If I do that I'll have a really bad asthma attack."* *"Okay fine."* Sighs the officer *"I need you to come down to the station to give a blood sample."* *"I can't do that either. I am a haemophiliac."* Says the man. *"If I do that, I'll bleed to death"* *"Well, then we need a urine sample."* *"I'm sorry officer I can't do that either. I am also a diabetic. If I do that I'll get really low blood sugar."* *"Alright then I need you to come out here and walk this white line."* *I can't do that, officer."* *"Why not?"* *"Because I'm too drunk."*

**A burglar breaks into a home** and holds the husband and wife hostage. At gunpoint, he forces the two to sit on chairs and ties them to the chairs. The burglar slowly and

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methodically begins robbing the house. The burglar has taken everything of value, and is ready to leave while the homeowners are still bound to their chairs. Suddenly, the man yells at the burglar, **“Please untie her, please, let her go!”** **“No, I’m not untying either of you so that the police get notified as late as possible.”** says the burglar . **“Don’t worry, your neighbours will soon wonder why your lights are still on throughout the night and check in with you.”** **“I’m begging you man, just let her go, she won’t call the police, I promise!”** the man is now crying. The burglar, still unwilling to budge, does find it quite touching how much this hostage cared about his wife. **“Wow,”** he says **“ you must really love your wife to beg me to untie her so desperately.”** **“Not really,”** The man replies in a state of frenzy, **“it’s just that she will be home in 15 minutes.”**



# O Kom er eens kijken

**Attention: Anyone missing a child in an orange coat, please come to the lingerie department, your child is hungry!!**



**You are very bald, what's the reason? Well, that has all to do with my birth. I was born too early, they were still shaving my mother when my head appeared.**

## *Het woord brood in onze taal*

**D**at brood een grote rol in ons land speelt, blijkt alleen al uit de vele uitdrukkingen en spreekwoorden waarin het woord 'brood' verborgen zit. Hier een aantal bekende én minder bekende zegswijzen. Wellicht weet u er zelf ook nog een paar.

- Zich de kaas niet van het brood laten eten: *Op zijn rechten staan.*
- Nood zoekt brood: *Door de nood gedwongen, pakt men alles aan.*
- Dat krijg ik alle dagen op mijn brood: *Dat wordt mij iedere dag verweten.*
- Iemand het brood uit de mond nemen: *Iemand zijn broodwinning ontnemen.*
- Zijn broodje is gebakken: *Zijn fortuin is gemaakt.*
- Kruimeltjes is ook brood: *Men mag het kleine niet verachten.*
- Het brood der schande eten: *Op ontierende wijze aan de kost moeten komen.*
- Brooddronken: *dartel, overmoedig, uitgelaten en baldadig.*
- Broodeerlijk: *volkomen eerlijk.*
- broodfietser: *beroepswielrenner.*

*Ik heb mijn weegschaal in de hoek van de badkamer gezet,  
hij mag er pas uitkomen als hij zijn excuses heeft aangeboden*



*Concordia's first function for 2024 will be held on  
Saturday 23rd March, our special Nostalgic get-together.  
Come and join us for a great day out with your family and friends.  
VENUE: CARDIFF RSL - Everyone is welcome, zegt het voort!*

Wat hoor ik nou?  
Ben je ziek?



Onder de wol en snel weer opknappen!  
Dikke knuffel en kus. XXX

## DEADLINE NEXT ISSUE:

For our MAY - JUNE issue is the 10th APRIL 2024.

Copy received after this date will be included in the  
JULY—AUGUST 2024 issue.



OUR RELATIONSHIP IS LIKE A LASAGNA  
A LAYER OF LOVE, A LAYER OF ANGER,  
A LAYER OF JOY, A LAYER OF PAIN...  
BUT ALL TOGETHER, NOT A BAD COMBINATION

Need new tyres?  
Rent a car with the  
same tyres and  
swap the wheels...  
Don't blame me...  
I was a little naughty  
having to reveal this



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

**Een felicitatie van broer Fred voor mijn 80ste verjaardag**

**V**an harte gefeliciteerd met je nieuwe kroonjaar. 80 lentes oud. Dat je bent geboren in oorlogstijd werd je niet benijd. Pa en Ma schrokken zich een hoedje (*vooral die van Pa, denk ik*). Toch kwam jij er kennelijk goed uit die onzekere periode. Je speelde met diertjes en later met veel geluidsapparatuur. En je leerde het slagersvak. Ik heb jou veel gemist, want dik 4 jaar ouder en veel weg uit Gouda. Venray en later mijn dienstplicht maakten mij los van het slagersgezin. Bovendien vind je oudere personen net een tikkeltje interessanter dan je leeftijdgenoten. En jij verdween ook nog in de Koninklijke Marine; op de woelige baren voor 6 jaar, de hele wereld lag aan je voeten. Oppervlakkig kende ik je als best optimistisch wellicht ook meer gelijkend op moeders familie, heel enthousiast. Een goed jaar na mijn dienstitijd ging ik in Zweeloo met de jeugd werken en was Gouda weer uit beeld: 1963 – eind 1965. Daarna kwam ik in Eindhoven en op andere (stage-) plaatsen.

**Jij vertrok** met je José in 1967 naar het onbekende warme land van Australië. Je moest ook nog je toog als koster aan de wilgen hangen. Dat is ook alweer 56 jaar geleden. En je hebt en had het best naar je zin daar, ondanks enkele pittige ervaringen, want je hebt je Nederlandse talenten op een aantal gebieden mooi kunnen exploiteren in je nieuwe land Australië. Bovendien zit je nog steeds niet stil; er is nog uitdaging genoeg. Opoffering is geen liefde. Werkelijke liefde ligt in onze denkkeest. Als het universum niet in jou verbonden is/was, zou het losstaan van Godsliefde en zonder hem of dat zijn, is zonder betekenis.

**Zo Johannes**, wens je nog een verdere zinvolle 'oude dag' toe die vele jaren mag duren. Liefdevolle en warme groeten uit het wat kille Nederland. 30 á 40 graden bij jullie hoeven wij niet hoor.

*Have a nice day. Fred de Wit*

*'Mijn man heft een sleutelpositie op het bedrijf waar hij werkt. 'Wow, dan is hij zeker de directeur.' 'Nee, portier.'*

*Sometimes all we can do is just hang on!*

*A New Weight Loss Program...sure is different!*

**A** guy calls a company and orders their **5-day, 5kg** weight loss program. The next day, there's a knock on the door and there stands before him a voluptuous, athletic, 19 year old babe dressed in skimpy clothes and a pair of Nike running shoes and a sign around her neck. She introduces herself as a representative of the weight loss company. The sign reads, **"If you can catch me, you can have me."** Without a second thought, he takes off after her. A few miles later puffing and puffing, he finally gives up. The same girl shows up for the next four days and the same thing happens. On the fifth day, he weighs himself and is delighted to find he has lost 5kg as promised. He calls the company and orders their **5-day/10kg** program. The next day there's a knock at the door and there stands the most stunning, beautiful, sexy woman he has ever seen in his life. She is wearing nothing but Reebok running shoes and a sign around her neck that reads, **"If you catch me you can have me"**. Well, he's out the door after her like a shot. This girl is in excellent shape and he does his best, but no such luck. So for the next four days, the same routine happens with him gradually getting in better and better shape. Much to his delight on the fifth day when he weighs himself, he discovers that he has lost another 10kg as promised. He decides to go for broke and calls the company to order the **7-day/25kg** program. **"Are you sure?"** asks the representative on the phone. **"This is our most rigorous program."** **"Absolutely,"** he replies, **"I haven't felt this good in years."** The next day there's a knock at the door; and when he opens it he finds a huge muscular guy standing there wearing nothing but pink running shoes and a sign around his neck that reads, **"If I catch you, you are mine."** **He lost 33 kilos that week.**

*You know you are Dutch when all your cousins have the same name as your brothers and sisters because everyone used to be named after Opa and Oma*





*A visit to Maria Richardson in Singleton after 5 years made her day*

*Lena van der Lely  
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## *A true story about people's last will and testament*

**T**here is nothing quite as confronting as having to deal with a loved one's last testament when they depart. Let's be honest, whilst the passing of someone is hard to come to terms with, having to deal with rude relatives and harsh lawyers is no walk in the park. From insensitive suggestions to wild propositions. Here is a list of what not to do when you are writing your will and last testament.

**For many people**, the idea of saying goodbye to a parent is a horrible and unfathomable thing to try and comprehend. But whilst some people have a good and stable relationship with their parents, that isn't the case for everyone. But even estranged family members need to be mentioned in the will. I am not sure what happened between some of these family members, but the fact that these parents left everything to their daughter and only \$1 to their son is pretty brutal. Clearly, something pretty serious has happened in this family dynamic, but only these parents knew what they were doing by leaving their son such little money.

**In life**, it can be really hard knowing what possessions are worth keeping in the long run and which aren't. Every family has a story of a piece of furniture, a property, or a gold necklace that they didn't keep that would now be worth a lot of money. Well, this heirloom might not be a house, but the hobby of a stamp collector over many years, could be a lot of money today. The entire collection could be a very valuable resource.

**Everyone knows** that when it comes to mothers and daughters, often things can get a little bit complicated. Sure, some of these relationships run smoothly without too many hiccups or anything along the way, but that isn't the case with a majority of people out there. The fact that this woman doesn't even want one of her daughters to know when she dies is a very intense and possibly a very cruel act. I sort of understand not leaving her anything, but not warning her about her passing until a week later seems like a very big deal. However each family has their own reasons and their own stuff to deal with. My past experiences in the funeral industry are a witness to all of the above incidences. *Editor Jaap*

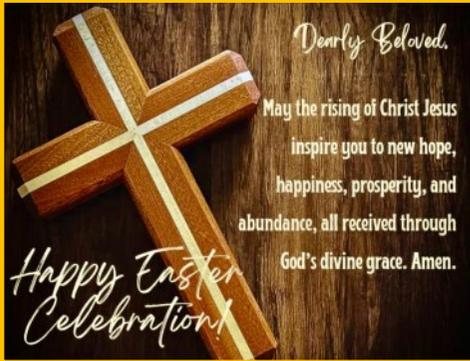
*Als je goed kijkt, kun je iedere dag iets moois zien*

*Happiness is not about getting what you want all the time.  
Its about loving what you have and being grateful for it.*



*Love is when the other person's happiness is more important  
than your own, that includes the grandchildren...*

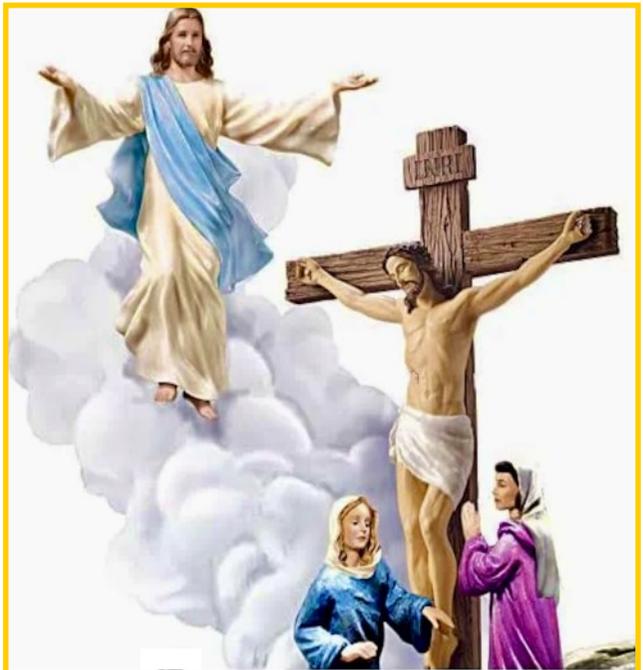
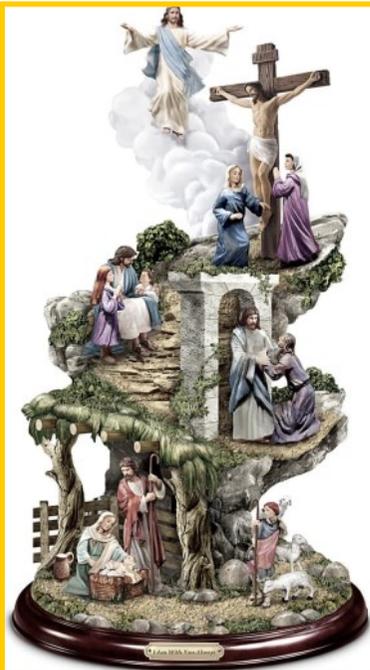
*Concordia wishes you a pleasant Easter 2024*



*Dearlly Beloved,*  
 May the rising of Christ Jesus  
 inspire you to new hope,  
 happiness, prosperity, and  
 abundance, all received through  
 God's divine grace. Amen.



***“Earth's saddest day and gladdest day  
 were just three days apart!” Happy Easter everyone!***



***“Sorry” works when a mistake is made, but not when trust is  
 broken. So in life, make mistakes but never break trust.  
 Because forgiving is easy, but forgetting and trusting again is  
 sometimes impossible.***

*Keep walking through the storm.*

*Your rainbow is waiting on the other side*

### *Happiness in a sad world*

**W**e can't expect to have a good day every day. But we can try to make it a happy one. Every day we can make a conscious decision to rise above the negatives in life. Some day's will be more successful than others. Every person has good and bad day's or day's we rather forget, after all we are all human. True happiness is about balance, contentment and deep satisfaction. As such, we have to accept that we are all different. What makes one person happy may fail to impress others. We are all responsible for our own happiness. We can control it, nourish and direct it. At the other end of the emotional scale, we have the same power over sadness. The safest and most comfortable place to live our lives is somewhere between the two extremes. But the skill to do that does not always come naturally. It's something you may have to learn. We need never feel isolated or helpless, all we need to do is reach out. **Editor**

*Raise your hand if you once lost everything and had to rebuild your whole life from scratch*

### *A Cowboy's Tombstone*

**Here are five rules** for men to follow for a happy life, this message was written on a tombstone that won the main prize in the coolest headstone contest.

- 1/ It's important** to have a woman who helps at home, cooks from time to time, cleans up, and has a job.
- 2/ It's important** to have a woman who can make you laugh
- 3/ It's important** to have a woman who you can trust, and doesn't lie to you
- 4/ It's important** to have a woman who is good in bed and likes to be with you.
- 5/ It's very, very important** that these four woman do not know each other or you could end up dead like me.



### *Letters to the Editor*

**H**i Joop, Thank you so much for sending me the latest Concordia newsletter. I found that very interesting to read. Today, I have deposited directly into the Dutch Society Concordia bank account. I have also attached my new membership application form. I have recently moved from Port Macquarie to Mount Hutton and live on the same property as my daughter and her Family. In Port Macquarie I was a volunteer at the **2WAYFM** radio station based in Wauchope. The radio station broadcasted every Tuesday afternoon from **2.00** to **4.00pm** the Dutch Program "**Holland's Allerlei**". The program was popular with the "**Dutchies**" in the area, and good fun to prepare. Looking forward to meeting you and other members in due course. Sincerely yours. **Ria Berlee**. **A:** Welcome onboard **Ria** hope to meet up soon, **Editor Joop**

**H**i Joop, I usually, write some comments after a new issue is received. I didn't do this after the last 2 issues! But I like to make some comments on the latest festive season issue. Sometimes I don't believe members don't always read what is written. Reading between the lines, your disappointment in your editors story is not only you, but for all in the committee in their support to our club. I, hope your comments about unstable times and the number of religious fanatics who slowly disintegrated our beautiful world, are taken seriously. About **Toni**, in her President report, also mentioned that not many members attended the 30th September function! She excused them that the long weekend and school holidays could have been the reason. They must have been

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babysitting. Also, regarding the Treasurer's report, from **Matthew Wolthers**, I don't think many people would realise the time involved in running an organisation like ours! I like the comments he made about our **Editor Joop** and about our non-active members who are receiving the newsletter. Now the funny pages: **Page 5**: The boy, who thinks his dad is a magician and the 2 nuns (**The Nuns, Faith**). **Page 6**: The little girl's question to Santa about her email! **Page 7**: good explanation about washing dishes! **Page 12**: Paddy & Murphy, got drunk, trying to catch the last bus! You have to smile !!!! **Page 16**: Great memories! **Page 20**: A lady sitting next to a priest on a plane,???????? Thanks, Joop, I always enjoy every issue! I am looking forward to the next one. I see you at the next function. **Joop van Leeuwarden**.

**A: Thanks Joop, nice to get your feedback.**

**Hi Joop**, mum is now in a residential care facility as she suffers from quite severe dementia. She does however love receiving her bit of "**Dutch**" reading from Concordia and always says she wishes she could go to the social events. Thank you for the production of the Concordia - I am sure it brings much happiness to many other people too especially who are in Mum's situation. Thank you, **Rita**

**Hallo Joop**. Ik heb het helemaal gelezen wat super leuk wat je in elkaar hebt gezet. Petje af. Hoop dat alles goed is daar. Groeten van je neef **Marcel de Wit, Den Haag NL**.

**Ha, geliefde vriend Joop**, heb net het laatste Concordia editie door zitten spitten. Wéér 36 bladzijden. En heel gezellig allemaal. Je maakt er heel veel werk van en het is dit keer voor 3 maanden. Sinterklaas komt er aan, Kerst en de jaarwisseling. Wat hebben jullie toch andere datums voor de seizoenen hè. Het is vaak lachen hoor met wat je allemaal schrijft. Van Sint die opgepakt is wegens fraude voor het witwassen van de pietten. Wie verzint zoiets? En die lekkere dingen allemaal... frikandellen, bitterballen, stroopwafels, patat, haring, en straks weer de amandelstaven, kerstbrood met spijs en de oliebollen. De gevulde speculaas is er ook al. Geweldig hoe je dat allemaal doet. Dat van die trouwe hond in de dierenwinkel was ook leuk. En of we onze Heiland

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wel welkom kunnen heten in deze wereld? Als laatste noem ik de sneeuwvlokken voor onze dierbaren. Die herinneringen blijven. Zo mooi dat je daar ook aan hebt gedacht, mooi mens! Wat zullen er veel mensen blij met je zijn. Je maakt de wereld een stuk mooier. Bedankt! Heel veel liefs en knuffels en alles van het beste in de komende decembermaand.

*Dieuwke van Rossen, Zuidland NL*

**Hé lieverd**, je Concordia boekje gelezen op m'n iPad. Zo leuk. Heerlijk die mopjes. Het boekje is weer super goed gelukt. Zo knap weer van jouw. Heel veel liefs voor jouw. *Margriet Reynders, Noordwijk NL*

**Hello Joop**, how are you? It is Sandra here, Anne Stevens' daughter. Thank you for sending the Concordia newsletter to me for all this time. I'm guessing the subscription Mum paid for has run out by now. But as I'm not too computer literate, I can pay you via cheque/snail mail if that's okay with you and the club? I also have met another lady through my local Probus club. She too was born in Holland and would be interested to receive your newsletter. Also a case of pay by means other than computer. I think she would also require the newsletter to be mailed to her as a hard copy. Is any of this possible? I've noticed a lot of familiar names still on your club committee. I sincerely hope you are all well and send my warmest regards. I'm off to the Dutch Shop in Smithfield next month with another born-in-Holland lady who says she goes there regularly. She will drive us down there in February. I'm looking forward to it as I haven't set foot in that shop since I was last there with Mum, which must be well over 20 years ago! I do hope you are keeping well, Joop. I have very good memories of the funeral service you conducted for Mum nearly 18 months ago. Healthwise, I'm holding my own. There are constant problems but, so far, I seem to be able to overcome them. All the best to you as I look forward to hearing from you when you have a moment. *Sandra Stevens*

**Answer:** *Thanks Sandra for your email, I have already taken steps and answered all your concerns by phone, it was good to hear that you enjoy our Concordia newsletter. Take good care, Joop*

***Be thankful for these comments, just think how rich we are!***

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