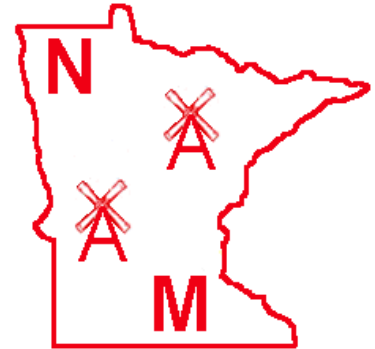




NAAM Newsletter

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Quarterly newsletter of the Netherlands-American Association of Minnesota



President's Message

Dear members and friends of NAAM,

Gelukkig nieuwjaar!

Granted, the year is not as "new" as it was in January, but since this is the first newsletter of 2001, here's a sampling of both old and new...

THANK YOU to the Sinterklaas committee for providing such a warm welcome for Sint and Pieten on Dec. 2. Christine Stevens, Sabine Ibes, Shawn Corwin Myland, Marieke Farrell, Marcia Haffmans and their families did an outstanding job of planning and organizing the program and preparing for the day's festivities. Thanks also to "goed heilig" Patrik de Haes and Jair Euverman (alias "Hoofd Piet"). Jair, from Groningen, is spending the year as an AFS exchange student in Cleveland, Minnesota.

NAAM members enjoyed a delicious buffet dinner at Tartan Park on Feb. 17. Dancing and listening pleasure was provided by the jazz stylings of the Willey August Project.

Don't miss NAAM's celebration of Koninginnedag 2001, to be held Sun., April 29 at the home of Albertjan and Mary Planten in Afton. Invitations will be mailed in April, but you might want to mark your calendars now to reserve the date.

About 80-90 volunteers are needed to work the "Dutch" areas at the Festival of Nations, held at Saint Paul RiverCentre May 3-6, 2001. As anyone who has done it can attest, this is great fun. To volunteer, call Carla Leebens at Windmill Imports - 952-988-0852. Interested in joining the adult or

children's dance group to learn and perform Dutch folkdance? Contact Cor Linders at 651-484-1551.

NAAM Board of Directors welcomes John Buursema and Jan Witte. Jan, NAAM's new club secretary, is also your new newsletter editor. He will be grateful for input and material that readers provide for future issues.

Remember, the energy and vitality of NAAM always depends on your participation and support. Your interest keeps NAAM strong. I hope to see YOU at the Koninginnedag party and/or at the Festival of Nations.

Mark

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Event Calendar

Sun April 29 – Koninginnedag borrel. Invitations will be mailed in April.

Thu-Sun May 3-6 – the 69th Festival of Nations in Saint Paul (<http://www.iimn.org/festnations>). Read Mark's call for volunteers on page 1.

April 6-21 – International Film Festival. See page 4 for more information.

About This Newsletter

A new editor, a new layout. Let me know what you think of this new layout! Also, if you have something to share with the Dutch community of Minnesota, call or email me. We publish non-commercial announcements for free.

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Consul's Corner

Op 1 februari 2001 is een belangrijk onderdeel (de eerste fase) van de nieuwe Rijkswet op het Nederlanderschap (RWN) in werking getreden. Personen die sinds 1 januari 1995 het Nederlanderschap hebben verloren omdat zij na hun meerderjarigheid tien jaar hebben gewoond in het land waarin zij zijn geboren en waarvan zij ook de nationaliteit bezitten, worden vanaf 1 februari 2001 geacht hun Nederlanderschap niet te hebben verloren. Voorwaarde hierbij is wel, dat zij na 1 januari

1990 in het bezit zijn gesteld van een Nederlands paspoort of een bewijs van Nederlanderschap.

Het volgende is van groot belang voor personen aan wie voor het laatst tussen 1 januari 1990 en 1 januari 1992 een Nederlands paspoort of bewijs van Nederlanderschap is verstrekt. Zij moeten voor 1 januari 2002 opnieuw een paspoort of bewijs van Nederlanderschap aanvragen. Dit omdat op het tijdstip waarop het laatste paspoort of

bewijs van Nederlanderschap werd afgegeven, een nieuwe termijn van tien jaar is gaan lopen,

Op een nader te bepalen datum in 2002, streefdatum is 1 januari 2002, treedt de tweede fase van de RWN in werking. Voor personen die om de hierboven genoemde reden hun Nederlanderschap hebben verloren en aan wie na 1 januari 1990 geen Nederlands paspoort of een bewijs van Nederlanderschap is verstrekt is het volgende van groot belang. Zij moeten vanaf een nader

te bepalen datum in 2002, mogelijk 1 januari 2002, een schriftelijke verklaring afleggen bij de dichtsbijzijnde Nederlandse Diplomatieke of Consulaire Vertegenwoordiging om hun Nederlanderschap te herkrijgen.

Deze herkrijgingsmogelijkheid geldt tot twee jaar na inwerking-treding van de tweede fase van de RWN, dus vanaf een datum in 2002, streefdatum is 1 januari 2002, tot een datum in 2004.

Summary: new Dutch laws allow Dutchies living abroad to maintain dual

citizenship under certain conditions, or in some cases regain lost Dutch nationality. For

more information, go to the web site of the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs

(<http://www.minbuza.nl>) and click on "Reizen en burgerzaken".



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International Film Festival

This year's International Film Festival (April 6-21) will showcase three Dutch movies. Check <http://www.ufilm.org> for details.

Kruimeltje (1999). Based on a beloved children's book by Dutch author Chris van Abkoude, Little Crumb is the story of Kruimeltje, a 10-year-old street urchin in scenic 1921 Rotterdam. When his sometime guardian dies, Kruimeltje is left to fend for himself, his only possession a locket containing photos of his absent parents. Adopting a stray dog as his traveling companion, the boy sets out to find his future. (119 min.)

De Zee die Denkt (2000). The Sea that Thinks focuses on a screenwriter working on a film called, well, The Sea that Thinks. As the writer puts words down on the page, the events he transcribes unfold in his "real" life. Or is he merely recording the details of his life as they unfold? Cheeky and audacious visual effects set a surreal tone as the writer finds his apartment filling with water, the titular sea striving to become a tree, and his wife upbraiding him for vainly living his wanted writer's life and trying to adapt to the computer age. (100 min.)

Crazy (1999). Although Holland is officially a neutral country, Dutch soldiers have been serving as U.N. peacekeepers for more than five decades. As witnesses to the most horrific conditions of human suffering, these servicemen and women are burdened with wartime trauma and deep emotional scars. Honigman seeks to reach the soldiers' deepest feelings about their experiences through the unique medium of popular music, asking each veteran to recall the song he or she associates most with the battlefield. The reactions show that for many of these people, the battles are far from over. (97 min.)

Links

<http://www.omroep.nl> – de site van de publieke omroep

<http://teletekst.nos.nl> – teletekst op het web

<http://www.rijksmuseum.nl> – almost as good as the real thing

<http://www.volkskrant.nl> – the news

<http://www.telegraaf.nl> – more news

<http://www.thehollandring.com> – web sites of Dutchies around the world

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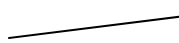


NAAM Membership

NAAM now has more than 100 member households and almost 300 households on our mailing list! To become a NAAM member, or to renew your membership for 2001, please fill out the coupon below, write a check payable to NAAM and mail both to:

Mark Boorsma
P.O. Box 67
Cleveland, MN 56017-0067

Membership benefits include:

- ✓ The NAAM Quarterly Newsletter, highlighting social activities, Consulate information and more.
- ✓ Reduced or free admittance to events.
Membership dues more than pay for your participation!
- ✓ Free videotape conversion. 

New Members

NAAM welcomes the following new members:

- ❑ Carla & Steve Jacobson of West Saint Paul
- ❑ Chanda & Jacobus Peens of Minneapolis
- ❑ Ron & Tiffany van de Crommert of Bloomington
- ❑ Veronica de Vries Wahoski of Eagan
- ❑ Annemarie Schutte & Jan van Ek of Minnetonka

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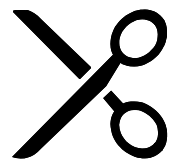
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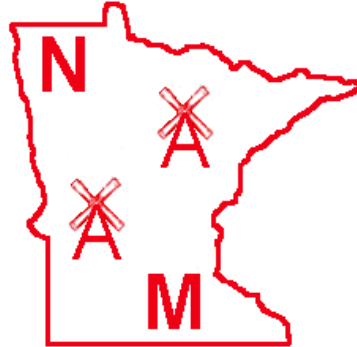
Membership type (check one): \$20 – family
 \$10 – individual
 \$10 – senior



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