

# FAMILY REUNION

Reunion Dates: September 19 - September 23  
Birthday Party: Saturday, September 21, 1996  
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**Can you guess who this month's mystery picture is? Do you have any suggestions for next month's mystery picture?**

**Kees Wolters** was the first person to contact me with the name of last month's mystery picture. She was "Oma" Elizabeth Smoorenburg. The mother of Henk, Gus, Frank, Kees, Elizabeth, Anthony, and Yvonne and grandmother to many of us.

I got e-mail from **Edith and Aad Peekel** on May 9. They will not be able to attend the reunion because they have planned a trip to Italy and can't leave their business for too long. They tell me that Nando is planning to attend.

**Freda Olson** (Marion Holm's sister) wrote to tell me that she and **Carl** are hoping to be able to attend the birthday party. I was amazed that she knew last month's picture was "Gus's mother". Did Gus give you a hint Freda?

## Family News:

**Kees Wolters** writes that he is planning to become an Internet provider. He is installing a "mainframe" at his house. He and Cindy are celebrating their 10<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on August 3, 1996. They are planning a trip to Holland starting the second week of September. Unfortunately they can't be in two places at once, so we will not see them at the reunion. Casey & **Cindy**, good luck with the Internet business, congratulations on your anniversary, have a wonderful trip, and we will miss you at the reunion.

**Caspar Smoorenburg** sent a letter from his home in Australia. He writes:

*I emigrated to Australia in January 1986, and am currently busy setting up a small bird and wildlife park. I have always had a hobby in breeding and keeping birds, and by setting up this park' I hope to see a dream come true. The nature in Australia is beautiful, and the fauna as well as the flora deserve conservation. Our property is approx. 10 acres, and besides a dam and wetlands area for waterbirds, (ducks, geese and black swans) there are now 52 aviaries which hold a variety of native and exotic birds, i.e. parrots, cockatoos, quails, pheasants, partridges, finches, and a large collection of different poultry breeds. 3 pet emus also belong to the animal nursery, together with a goat and 4 pet sheep.*

*During the breeding season 3 fully automatic incubators are running nonstop, and if all goes well, this will become part of the Education Centre which is also planned in the park.*

We wish you and **Elisabeth** lots of luck with your venture. It sounds like you have a real passion for your work. Please let us know how the work is progressing from time to time. We will miss you at the reunion.

**Genevieve Leunissen Landry** and **Joe Stewart Ramey** will be married on June 16, 1996 on Jefferson Island, New Iberia, Louisiana. Genny is the daughter of Elizabeth Smoorenburg Leunissen and Henry Leunissen.

(If there is any news you would like me to include in the next issue, please send it to me.)

### The following people are planning to attend:

Anderson, Maureen & Ken Collins, Felicia, & Cindi  
Dennett, Michelle & Milton, Christopher, David, Daniel, Johnathan, & Cressa  
Grift, Sid & Lori Banthrall, Crissy, & Shannon  
Helseth, Mandy & Larry  
Holm, Mr. & Mrs. John & Family  
Holm, Mr. & Mrs. Victor & Family  
Leunissen, Elizabeth & Mike O'Keeffee  
Romanello, Mylene & Steve, Sara, & Sandi  
Smoorenburg, Anthony & Jean, Anne, & Matthew  
Smoorenburg, Astrid & Bob Johnson  
Smoorenburg, Frank & Louise  
Smoorenburg, Gus & Marion Holm  
Smoorenburg, Henk  
Smoorenburg, Marco (and Paula ?)  
van der Linden, Jan & Marion  
Wolfsen, Nando & Carla & Family

### These people want to attend but aren't sure yet:

Olson, Carl & Freda

### These people will not be able to attend:

Peekel, Edith & Aad  
Remington, Mr. & Mrs. Gary & Family  
Smoorenburg, Caspar & Elisabeth  
Wolters, Kees & Cindy

### Activities:

Please let me know which activities you would be interested in participating in. I am trying to get some plans started for dates and travel arrangements for day trips. I am also looking into facilities (location and equipment) for activities like a picnic and the big birthday party. I am planning events for the evening of September 19 (maybe a welcome pizza party) through the 23<sup>rd</sup>. The birthday party will be on the afternoon of the 21<sup>st</sup>. Those of you coming from out of town who will be here for a few days, please let me know your travel plans so I can arrange to pick you up at the airport and make sure you have a place to stay. There is room at our house, Gus & Marion's, a friend of mine has offered her house in Tigard (she will be out of town), and Astrid and Maureen have some space too. If you prefer a hotel, let me know and I will get some information and/or make reservations for you.

### Address List:

I plan to publish the address list with the July newsletter. Please let me know if you want me to make any changes to your address as it appears on the envelope.

Until next month, \_\_\_\_\_ **Mandy**