

The Smoorenburg Scoop

Vital Statistics

Birthdays

Day	Age	Name
8/2	-	Guido Smoorenburg
8/4	61	Else van der Horst
8/8	3	Jelle Visser
8/12	10	Cynthia Anderson
8/18	7	Ramon Peekel
8/22	33	Carla Wolfsen-Ridder
8/26	60	Frits Smoorenburg
8/27	13	Ashley M. Landry

Anniversaries

Day	Years	Couple
8/3	13	Casey & Cindy Wolters
8/4	9	Ad & Bea van Hoof
8/19	52	Harold & Maria Mattin

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Family News

Marion and Jan van der Linden (Wednesday; July 8)

Hi all,

So a lot happened here when we came back from our trip home (Netherlands). Jan got a message that we have to leave Monclova because the Mexican company is doing very badly. Only 8 people are staying. Before, there were 80!

So we are going back to the Netherlands the first of August!!! First we are going for a vacation to Costa Rica the first of August until the 12th.

Then on the 12th, we are going for three days to Aruba, in the Dutch Antilles and after that we will be home on the 16th of August. Then Jan will start at Hoogovens the 24th of August.

There are a few options that he can do there. First starting in the office there is some work for Africa. Then maybe going to Skopje Macedonie (Old Yugoslavia). Then maybe next year a few months to South Africa. Nothing is sure and decided yet but we will see what happens.

Now it is a busy time to arrange everything here with packing all our stuff including the car for sending it to Europe. We have to take the car to MacAllen Texas (Anthony, maybe it will be the weekend of 24 25 26 of July).

We were not glad about this news because Jan cannot finish his job here, and he is not sure what to do in the Netherlands. He will be pre-retired the first of April next year.

I am glad to go back to my kids.

Dear friends, (7/28/98)

We are very glad to inform you that we are going home definitive the first of August 1998.

Our e-mail address in Mexico is not any longer available from of July 27th, 20.00 h (p.m.) local time. Sorry about that.

However as soon as we are back in the Netherlands and our computer has been installed after receiving home from move, we will contact you as soon as possible.

Of course if you have any messages for us, you can send them by e-mail to our son Nando or daughter Marjan.

Kind regards and a big hug from

Marion en Jan

(home address in Netherlands)
Jan en Marion van der Linden
Kromme Akker 54,
1723 BH, Noord-Scharwoude
The Netherlands.

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Nando Wolfsen

I changed my e-mail address because I got Internet access by cable... :-))

My new e-mail address: n.wolfsen@multiweb.nl

John, Cathy, & Eric Smoorenburg (written by Mandy)

John called me on July 22 to fill me in on the news of his family. Cathy's sister and brother-in-law went to Denver for a visit. They live in Portland, Oregon. John & Cathy took them to Rocky Mountain National Park and to a Rockies vs Giants game. There was a Dutch festival in Denver from the 18th to the 20th. They had costumes setup for souvenir picture taking like in Vollandam. Cathy tried hutspot, olybollen, and almond pastries all of which she liked. Do any of you have recipies for some of these Dutch foods. Cathy would like to try making them at home.

It has been very hot in Denver as well as most of the US. Fortunately, in Denver the nights are still cool so sleeping isn't a problem. John and I remember how hard it couls be to sleep on hot nights in Louisiana.

On the 16th the family flew to San Francisco to visit Cathy's parents. A nephew of Cathy's (whom she hadn't seen in some time) was there to visit. Cathy and Eric stayed for an extended visit (it's cooler in the Bay Area than it was in Denver). Cathy and Eric will return home on the 27th. John rode his 1980 Honda Goldwing (motorcycle) home to Denver. He left the Bay Area aout 5:00am and drove 20 hours straight through to Denver. John said he like the spicy smell of the desert in Nevada but that the people in Utah were not so nice.

Work is going very well for John. He recently got a raise at United Airlines and the standard of living in Denver is much better than it was in the San Francisco Bay Area. The good news is that John and Cathy bought their home in Denver. The bad news is that now John has a "Honey Do" list. You know... Honey do this... Honey do that ... John is working on the items on the fit-it list while Eric is gone. Evidently, Eric has figured out how to open and close jars and how to use a screwdriver. When Eric helps it takes a bit longer to get the work done.

Marion Smoorenburg & Nancy Zonneveld

From Marion:

Hi Family,

First I wonder is our family lazy, busy or only reunions will be a part for talk and meetings. It's the second time Mandy ask for us to send something for the Scoop. And when you all go and look in all the Scoops we receive, well sorry folks but always the same people write and send pictures. When we will keep in touch for our family we all have to help Mandy keep the Scoop going. So, for everyone, sit down, make a story or vacation trips or a picture and something about yourself so Mandy can go forward with the Scoop.

I asked Ruud to put something, he is no big writer too and when I talk to him on the phone Big News for the Scoop every morning by bike to work and every evening on bike back home. That's all in my brother's life. I think everybody has something to tell so come and try. Ad, Bea's husband, has back problems and maybe an operation is necessary. About myself, thanks to the Dutch weather I have a cold for three weeks now so i will see the doctor tomorrow. And I am painting the house inside. Almost ready only the guest room and everything is clean again. My friend Nancy is hard working for her new job so i will let her write for herself. And the next Scoop i will read news from another family. Till the next time you all, love from Marion in Holland.

From Nancy:

Hello Smoorenburg Family,

As a non-Smoorenburg, I'm Marion's friend, Marion asked me to write something for the Scoop. And after the family reunion, I feel a little bit of a Smoorenburg.

Well, lately I'm very busy to get a new job. I'm working now for 15 years as a domestic co-operator. But it's getting harder and harder and now it's time to change that. Just before the reunion I had an interview for a bus driver job at the airport (Amsterdam). I passed that interview, but because of Marion's and my trip to the USA my second interview had to wait. My second interview went OK. Now I have to pass a medical test and a driver's test. Everything went OK and now I have bus driver lessons. 2 hours or sometimes 4 hours per week. I have a little trouble with driving backwards and turning corners backwards. Well I have the time until August thirteenth because that's the day

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that I have to do my examination. If I pass, they'll have to give me a contract within 26 weeks, and then I'll have to go back to school again to get my chauffeur's certificate. All of my friends over here say that I will make it because they know that I want this job so much. Well, ofcourse I will let you know.

I'll hope also (what Marion wrote) that more family members will send mandy material for the Scoop. So all of you have much reading pleasure to know what's going on in the Smoorenburg family.

Jean & Anthony Smoorenburg

As usual not much time to write but have a few things that I need to get to you.

Tomorrow the moving van leaving Fir Forest Drive in Spring with Joey & Laura's belongings and will be in Covington, Louisiana on Monday morning. Laura came by on Monday evening to say goodbye and to give us their new address. I told her she needed to take a photo of her new adobe and I'd scan it and send it up to you for everyone to see. We sure will miss them.

Anyway, here's their new address:

Joey & Laura Smoorenburg
722 River Oaks Drive
Covington, LA 70433
Telephone: 504-875-2254

And too we didn't get (regretfully) to say proper good-byes to Marion and Jan. In the event you didn't know, the company is sending them back to Holland as of August 1st. They wanted to come this weekend (25th) but Tony and I were already committed to being in Denver on Saturday for one of good friends 60th Birthday. So we too shall miss them. We've had lots of good times over the past few years and lots of pleasant memories. Tony and I met them often at the airport when they were on their way here or there. We'll miss my "niece" and "nephew". Love Auntie Jane & Uncle Tony. (Private Joke)

John Holland's house is finally almost all back together; just carpet to go. It 's looking great. John asked me to tell you that his address has changed as did Myron's due to the 911 stuff in the area. His new address is 479 Brandon Rd, Conroe, TX 77302. He didn't move; just a new address.

Our only other news is that Bess' renters moved out of her house in the Woodlands and left it in pitiful shape. Since we're here and Bess and Ron are in San Antonio, Tony's been working all his extra time trying to get the house in shape to sell. Bess (and Ron when he didn't have to work) spend several weekends here cleaning and stripping paint, etc. We're down to the wire now with only the molding to be put on the newly refinished hardwood floors. Bess is sure going to be surprised at how it looks since she was last here. All that's left is having the carpet man in and reinstalling all the interior doors. Can't say we're unhappy this project is almost over. It's Tony's busy time of the year work wise and we've been passing like ships in the night. I'd like to get our life back.

In August Tony and I will also be taking several days to go to my family reunion in Connecticut. It ought to be fun. I talked with my girlfriend in New Jersey and they've had lots of rain. 'Sure wish they'd send us some. The drought here has hurt crops and the heat has killed lots of the elderly and poor who don't have air conditioning. We sure do need some relief from the heat. Come on rain!!!

Tonight I finished teaching my first class in Word 97. I've been thinking about going back into teaching so I volunteered at HAL-PC to teach one. I just really wanted to know how much I know (or don't know about Word) since I've never had any formal training. It went rather well considering...I'll let you know as the course progresses.

Give our congratulations to Astrid and Bob on their marriage. From the article in the Scoop their special day and honeymoon was terrific.

A special note to Marion and Nancy: Many thanks for the Dutch coffee spoons but as you know I can't guarantee that they won't be used to feed the cat...Marion's been sick with a cold and so has Nancy. Too much rain they wrote (Maybe they could send some here????) And Marion thanks for the info on the two "O" Smoorenburg's. I told Tony the day we got it I wanted to get started and work on it but had other priorities to attend to. But many thanks for the info and the spoons.

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Well, it's late and we're leaving early for Denver. Just didn't want to miss your deadline. I know you need copy. I keep hoping I'll get a chance to scan more photos of Myron's wedding for the Scoop but just flat haven't had even the time to sneeze.

Love from all of us. Sure will miss the Smoorenburgers and van der Linden's that are moving away.

Love, Jean

Gus "Smoor" from Sheridan OR

Marion's 61st High School reunion.

Usually High School reunions are boring, but still interesting how many of "us" are still not in a nursing home, or have something to brag about. This time I went with Marion to a reunion, of course the quantity was reduced by a few each year, the quality was above expectations. After arriving in Neskowin, (on the Oregon Coast), we (all the attendants of the reunion) had registered in a motel right on the beach, then we went to Pacific City for dinner with a small group, being back in Neskowin at 8 p.m. we went for a walk along the incoming waves. The next day (Saturday) we went for dinner to Pacific City, and I must say there was a festivity mood among the group, of course some off-color jokes were told, besides the "You remember" anecdotes from High School years, but it was all in good humor.

Around noon on Sunday the group split up and went home, some out of state attendants extended their visit to the Oregon Coast what is still a beautiful place to visit anyhow....come see for yourself, and you will agree with me.

Gus sent along this thought:

Mathematics...? Is that so....? Wow !

We normal people work about 8 hours a day... right? We normal people do things like mowing lawns, watch TV, or do things we like to do, in another eight hours, right ?

That leaves us (if we go to bed at say at 10 PM and get up at 6 AM) another eight hours, are you with me so far ? Three times eight is 24 hours a day, right?

Now, I just passed my 76th birthday, does that mean that I have slept for over twenty five years, Oh... come on, this can't be, my math must be wrong.

Sleeping away more than twenty five years in my lifetime ? What a waste ! At my last physical, my Doctor asked me if I do take a daily snooze, I told him yes, but just for 45 minutes, do you realize that I have to add this to my 25 years? Yes, my math is right. now figure out how many years YOU have slept!

With greetings from Gus & Marion

Marion Holm became a great-grandmother in July.
Her grandson and granddaughter-in-law had a son.
Congratulations to Marion and the new parents!

I found this picture of Anne Smoorenburg (Jean & Tony's daughter) in her high-school graduation announcement. I don't think I published it before.

