

The Smoorenburg Scoop

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Vital Statistics

Birthdays

Day	Age	Name
2/3	42	Vera Boumans
2/8	8	Claire M. Smoorenburg
2/8	17	Liesbeth Bijlsma
2/11	7	Erika Depperschmidt
2/11	20	Christina L. Smoorenburg
2/14	43	Joe Ramey
2/15	51	Jean H. Smoorenburg
2/19	41	Laura Ann Smoorenburg
2/19	9	Brian Joseph Smoorenburg
2/20	36	Miranda Ooteman-Wolfsen
2/23	9	Emmanuel Smoorenburg

Anniversaries

Day	Years	Couple
2/2	15	Frank & Miranda Ooteman
2/5	5	Phil & Alice Rauch

Missing Family Member:

If anyone has the new address for Scott and Angie Theriot please sent it to me. The last two Scoops I sent came back to me with no forwarding address.

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Family News

Christopher Dennett:

Christopher (eldest son of Edmee Michelle & Milton Dennett) was recently called to serve a 2 year proselytizing mission for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. He reports to the Missionary Training Center in Provo, Utah on February 24, 1999. He was called to serve in the Albuquerque, New Mexico area. He may be assigned to work with the Native Americans on the reservations around Albuquerque.

Michelle, Christopher and Cressa (the youngest child of Michelle and Milton) went on a trip from 1/25/99 to 2/1/99 to see relatives before Christopher reports. The first stop was in Vancouver, Washington at Larry & Mandy's house where tax returns were prepared and computers were fixed while much visiting went on. We went to visit "Grandpa Gus" on Wednesday (27th). On Thursday, they left for Mylene's house in the San Francisco bay area. Steve (Mylene's other half) was going to take Christopher flying over Yosemite if the weather permits. Steve is studying to get his pilots license. He thinks he will earn it in April or so.

Sandi Romanello:

Sandi was recently accepted to study psychology at the University of Arizona in Tucson. She still has applications pending at California Polytechnical Institute in Santa Barbara, California and at San Diego State University in San Diego, California. Sandi is finishing high school in June with a very impressive grade point average.

David Dennett:

David will finish high school in June. He is planning to attend Rick's College until he is old enough to serve his mission for the Church of Jesus Christ of Later Day Saints. David is involved in theatre arts in high school and is intending to follow that course of study in college.

Daniel Dennett:

Daniel is doing very well his first year back in public school. He has been home schooled for the last 3 years. This is his first year in high school and he is third in a class of 366 with a grade point average of a perfect 4.0. His mom says he is really motivated and studies a lot.

Family News

Mary Lou Brady:

Ome Frans & Tante Wies are now online!!! New E-Mail address is flsmo@teche.net and this should help Dad get info for the Scoop on a more timely basis. Cheerey also has a scanner now, so photos should be more timely as well. Looking forward to keeping in touch this way. I, (Mary Lou) should be online as soon as Uncle Anthony has me fixed up with a system as well.

Hope to hear from you soon! Send mail, as Mom and Dad still need a little practice learning all this! Dad has a little cold right now, but I will get with him tomorrow to see if he has anything new for the Scoop. I'm still working at the police department and Christina has just started another semester at USL with a full schedule. She's also taking JUDO and thinks she can throw Mom around now. She forgets I learned the same moves in the police academy. Should be interesting.

Marion Smoorenburg:

About the trip to Paris, the story is ready only the pictures (are not). It's coming your way in the next Scoop.

Thanks to uncle Frank for his Christmas card with the photos and to Alice for her card and the photo of me and Gerda at the reunion.

On January 14th my first new ceiling will be installed. I ordered lower ceilings with halogen lights for the two bedrooms and the kitchen. Because the ceiling on the top floor of a building with a flat roof can give you a lot of trouble, the price for new ceilings in my apartment goes up. And when I think of the price, oh what a nice trip to the USA for a month that could be. Well, maybe next year.

A nice little story for now.

At Christmas I was in Helmond with Ruud and Bets only one day because Nancy had to work at 2:00 Christmas Day. Bets was so busy for the whole week in the flower shop most of the time she fell asleep. And Ruud has on his shop a nice sled with a dress doll (mannequin?) in it dressed as a Christmas man (a lady doll). We had a lot of storm so first the beard flies off; and the cap soon follows the beard. Then the blouse gets loose and believe it or not we almost had a naked lady doll sitting in an open sled. It was too much for Bets, so Ruud brought her (the doll, not Bets) inside. At New Year the doll will be all dressed up as a skiing lady.

So for now this is all. Paris is coming. We have January 30th a big party from my work and March 18th to Austria skiing, so more stories to go.

Mandy Helseth:

Larry and I had very nice birthdays this year. The cards started rolling in several days before the birthdays. I got a lovely handmade 3-D card depicting a bouquet of flowers from Marion Smoorenburg. I was surprised by several other cards from family members as well. On Wednesday, January 20th (my 44th birthday), I worked hard all day at a client's office finishing their payroll reports for 1998. When I got home there was a huge bouquet of mixed flowers from Mylene on my desk. I was tired but that really lifted my spirits! We went out to dinner with Dad, Marion and two good friends that evening. One of my clients is a nice restaurant and we sometimes trade services. I had a nice credit with the restaurant and this was a wonderful way to spend it. My favorite meal there is a whole trout stuffed with crab dressing on a bed of fettuccini. It's very rich, but it was my birthday after all.

The rest of our friends wanted to celebrate also, so on Thursday evening we met them at Gaffer's (our favorite "hang-out"). Georganne made Amaretto cupcakes for all of us. She is a great friend; she never forgets a birthday; she always makes sure everyone else knows where and when to meet; and she always bakes something. She did the same for Larry's birthday the next week.

I tried to call Astrid on her birthday (it's one of the few I can remember because it is the same as mine) but she wasn't home. (Where were you Astrid, out celebrating perhaps?)