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Preface

Dear society members,

With great pleasure this December letter will be introduced by me with a preface. Looking back on this year I conclude with satisfaction that we have had an excellent walking year, with the 93th 4-days marches as a climax. Also this edition had a “relaxing” signature and on behalf of all of you I may confirm it I received a lot of appreciative words about the “meeting points Golden X wearers”(and the extension in Beuningen for the second day) If the general meeting agrees, we will continue this item next year. Also thanks to the enormous efforts from our volunteers, our society have been visualized in the walking host by those meeting points. To criticize the rain showers on Friday is a bit silly. Because the walkers are advised to do their training under different weather conditions, there is no reason whatsoever to shy away from about the consequences, and definitely not because the entry route via the Oranjesingel have been restored. Moreover, during our Zwolle reunion the weather gods were well-inclined towards us. For most of you the month of December is a turning point in the walking season, the last memories about the 4-days marches 2009 have been exchanged and preparations for the 2010 edition are ready to start. I wish you good luck with your preparations and on behalf of the board :
Happy Christmas holidays and in all respects a good and healthy new year 2010

Henny Sackers ,
Chairman



Announcements from the board

Looking for HTML-programmer

To make our website much more professional we are looking for people to support us. Since there is already some basic knowhow within the board, just the people who are in charge of the site now, we are looking for people with a substantial amount of knowledge and experience.

An inventive mind is very welcome, implementation and programming is much more important than designing lay-outs and things like that.

Knowledge of HTML, MYSQL and PHP is a requirement.

We are looking forward to your reactions, which can be sent before February 1,

2010 to : webmaster@goudenkruisdragers.nl

and/or to : redactie@goudenkruisdragers.nl

Subscription 2010

Debit

The subscription 2010 for members living in The Netherlands and who gave authorization for automatic debit will be collected early January.

Giro

Members living in The Netherlands who pay the subscription via giro have received a letter early October to pay the subscription for 2010. Please be so kind as to pay in time. If you are in doubt, please verify. Your treasurer hopes that she not has to send any exhortations this year.

Members living abroad

Members who live abroad have received a request in October for payment of the contribution. They can transfer the contribution of € 13,40 to bank account 375702 to the attention of Gouden Kruisdragers Vierdaagse in 's-Hertogenbosch, The Netherlands. The IBAN-code is: NL70 INGB 0000375702, the BIC-code is: INGNL2A.

You can also send cash in an envelope or pay on Monday July19 in the Kolpinghuis, prior to the General Meeting.

Moving house?

If you are moving house, will you please inform us about your change of address in time for us to send your mail to the new address? We appreciate it if you also state your membership number.

If you change your e- mail address or bank account, would you please be so kind as inform us about that too?

The national walking program and membership card are dispatched by the KNBLO-NL

Both the walking program 2010 and the membership card will be dispatched by KNBLO-NL and received by you this month (December 2009).

New membership card

We received the next message from KNBLO-NL :

KNBLO-NL distributes the membership card to their members every year. This year the card will be reshaped into the new logo from the national walking programme.

The owners of the 2009 card can use this card on a permanent base as a loyalty card, this means that the discounts given by the affiliated companions of the national sport card (see also www.nationalesportpas.nl) preserve their validity.

Withdrawal of the saved credit so far is not necessary and can be transferred to the private account any time. The credit is booked on a third account and by that safe for ever. By our media we will inform our members extensively about the national sport card.

Successful membership recruitment

In cooperation with KNBLO-NL we have brought into action this year a wonderful leaflet

(in color), concerning membership recruitment.

Immediately after the 4-days marches this leaflet have been sent to 831 walkers who obtained the golden cross award this year.

165 persons announced themselves as new members.

Furthermore in September the leaflet have been sent to 984 walkers who fulfilled their 25th edition this year, without being members.

This September activity brought us 80 new members.

We give all these new members an enthusiastic welcome within our society.



Still some association flags for sale

As you probably know, Mr.v.d.Lans has offered a new society flag during the general meeting march 28th this year, on the occasion of his 60th 4-days marches.

In addition the board decided to order for smaller flags and to enable the members to buy the flags, since the members have asked for it several times. The flag dimensions are 50 x 30 cm and can be attached to the backpack. There are still 30 flags on stock, if you want to buy please transfer € 17,50 to bank account nr. 355702 in the name of Goudenkruisdragers vierdaagse at 's-Hertogenbosch.

The flags will be delivered to your door.

The 4-days marches “how many times?”

Sometimes our members are anxious to know how many walkers have fulfilled the 4-days marches 11 times or more. With assistance from the “Stichting Vierdaagse” we obtained the next survey of all awards granted this year to walkers who fulfilled the edition 11 times or more, in total there are 7384 persons involved.

Besides of this 831 persons obtained their golden cross this year.

Award 11: 869	Award 22: 267
Award 12: 721	Award 23: 198
Award 13: 602	Award 24: 179
Award 14: 524	Award 25: 159
Award 15: 494	Award 26: 145
Award 16: 428	Award 27: 102
Award 17: 384	Award 28: 109
Award 18: 405	Award 29: 87
Award 19: 337	Award 30: 66
Award 20: 358	Award higher than 30: 651
Award 21: 299	

News from the Four Days' Marches

The subscription for the four days marches in 2010 starts at February 2010. To be exact: February 1st 00:00 till Friday march 5th 24:00. Everyone who successfully completed the 93rd edition (2009) or started and did not finish but completed the 92nd edition (2008) can apply for the 94th edition in the first term. This term will be without a lottery.

The number of participants of the 94th edition is limited to 45,000. The possibility of late subscriptions exists if this number is not reached at the end of the second term. The late subscriptions can be made through internet and the admission will be higher. If a large number of potential participants will apply, a lottery is required. A possible lottery will be held among those that apply for the their first four days marches.

The people that could not participate in 2009 as result of the lottery won't get a protected position in a possible lottery of 2010. As before 2006 those who missed the right to start twice in a row will be awarded a right to start the year after.

At this moment (December 2009) nothing can be said over changes in the track. There are no changes of importance to be expected. The city of Wychen has spoken out that it is in favor of having the track of 30Km through the center of the town again. This is possible if the situation at the Markt in Wychen is safe and walkers can pass fluently and if in the track of the 30Km compensation can be found.

The route of arrival through the Oranjesingel will be part of the track next year again. This part of the track that is very much appreciated by walkers as well as spectators was without problems this year. The only matter of significance was the great interest to cross the Oranjesingel by bridge and is no challenge to the ministry of defense that build this bridge: in 2010 a second bridge will be build.

Another successful arrangement of the organization were the free bicycle parking-lots in the neighborhood of start and finish. At the moment of the start of the 40Km one of these parking-lots (the one closest to start/finish) was completely filled with bikes of participants of the 50Km. A great number of people decided to put their bike anywhere filling up free spaces, so even the exit for ambulances was blocked. In 2010 it will be possible to park your bike in those free parking-lots again. However the surveillance in case of a full parking-lot will be strict. The second parking-lot a 300m away from start/finish seems to be too far to walk in the early morning hours.

The replacement of the 40Km registration offices in the start/finish area didn't suit that well as expected. In particular during the Sunday as well as the Friday afternoon the crowd was too large at the Julianaplein. It is expected that these offices will be replaced again on the Wedren.

The combined project of Vierdaagse and KNBLO-NL will support in 2010 again the walkers that participate for the first time. The result in 2009 is that the number drop-outs under these participants is significant lower compared to the number of drop-outs under other debutantes.

The regulations in 2010 will again allow people to participate in wheelchair. The strict conditions will dispense those participants whose performance is comparable with that of a regular walker. This means that only the classic hand-hoop-wheelchair can be used, besides that participants need to meet all requirements. In 2009 four wheelers (one of them a soldier) got a dispensation.

In 2010 the checks of participants along the track will be probably done more and more with scanning equipment. Like in the past at the start, the ticket punch of the ticket inspectors will be replaced by instruments with digital control techniques. The possibilities to link the information at the barcode card indissoluble to the walker are under study. This will make fraud almost impossible.

Since the recent editions of the Vierdaagse have been rainy, the number of requests to expel umbrellas on the track is rising. This makes sense because a walker with an umbrella takes more space than one without. Especially numerous walkers are afraid of injuries of the face caused by swift moves of an umbrella. The one that injures his or her fellow walker risk not only liability for damage but also disqualification. The regulation of the Vierdaagse prohibits walkers to carry objects that are dangerous to others. An explicit ban on umbrellas is not possible since the organization is unable to enforce such a rule.

Another topic that is beyond the control of the organization are the many locations along the track that produce loud music. The taste of music is not at stake here but the beat is usually unpleasant and doesn't support the walking rhythm. A lot of walkers complaint, so did the leaders of the orchestras that took part in the final parade. They have enormous difficulties to keep all instruments aligned. The complaints will be discussed with the responsible city councils.

There were complaints about the capacity of the transport services. Once again walkers had to wait too long for decent transport. At the end of the flagparade not everyone was satisfied about the service of public transport. Again the organization will present these issues to the management of responsible transport companies.

The offices of the Vierdaagse will be moved. Together with KNBLO-NL the present locations at the Groesbeekseweg will be changed for a new location at the Berg en Dalseweg (Nijmegen). This move is caused by the lack of office space. Postbox and e-mail addresses remain unchanged.

Invitation General Meeting 10 April 2010

As from 2006 the General Meeting which is also the annual meeting is not anymore held on the Monday preceding the Four Day Marches. The session on that particular Monday (the next one is on July 19th 2010) will be continued as a General Meeting, together with the opportunity to collect admission tickets for the final entry on Friday. We herewith invite you for the General Meeting, which is the annual meeting as well. The board offers all members the opportunity to discuss the items being part of the agenda of the annual meeting. This annual meeting will be held on:

Saturday 10 April 2010, Kolpinghuis, Smetiusstraat 1, Nijmegen, Start time 11.30 CET.

The board proposes the following agenda:

1. Opening by the chairman
2. Incoming correspondence & announcements from the board
3. Minutes of the General Meeting held on July 20th 2009
4. Annual report of the board on 2009
 - a. Secretary's report
 - b. Treasury's report
5. Report Cash Audit Team
6. Appointment Cash Audit Team 2010
7. Budget 2011 & determination subscription
8. Election of the board
9. (Other) Proposals from the board
10. Proposals from the members
11. Any other business

12. Closure

Explanatory notes:

Item 3: The draught minutes of the General Meeting of July 20 2009 are printed in this circular letter.

Item 4 and 7: The pieces belonging to this agenda item will be available at a later date, though at least three weeks prior to the date of the General Meeting (see below).

Item 7: The board proposes to set the subscription for 2011 at € 16,10 and to give a reduction of € 7,10 for those members where the remittance to the KNBLO-NL is paid elsewhere.

Item 8: Periodically outgoing and immediately eligible for re-election are Mrs. F.J. de Leeuw and Mr. ir. F.J.M. Leijters. Every other member who wishes to nominate him or herself is obliged to make known to the board his candidacy in writing, at least 30 minutes prior to the start of the meeting, accompanied by at least 10 signatures of entitled members.

Item 9: The board does not have the intention to make any proposals. The board will handle the proposal of continuing with the meeting points in 2010 at item 2. It is self-evident that the members in the meeting can respond to it.

Item 10: Members who would like to make a proposal, are requested to provide these written to the board in such a timely manner that they can be added to the pieces for the meeting.

“It will be investigated”

The board kindly asks you to communicate questions, which reasonably demand some research, to the board some time before the date of the meeting, in writing or by e-mail.

Availability of meeting documents

The board imagines that not all members will be able to be present at the General Meeting, but on the other hand wish to have the meeting documents at one's disposal. If you intend to visit the meeting, than you surely will want the documents to be available. They can be obtained in two ways. Three weeks in advance of the meeting the documents will be published on our website. Besides of that, every member has the possibility of having the papers sent by mail. In that case we kindly ask you to request them in advance, by mail or e-mail. As a matter of fact the documents will be available before the meeting in the assembly room.

Minutes of the General Meeting 20 July 2009

1. Opening by the Chairman

At 14.07 CET the Chairman opens the meeting. The opening is slightly behind time because it is waited for the representatives of the K.N.B.L.O. - wandelsportorganisatie Nederland and Stichting DE 4DAAGSE who arrive slightly behind schedule. Present are 141 members entitled to vote, among which the plenary board.



Het bestuur.

The Chairman would like to welcome everyone to the General meeting of a 58-year-old, but vital Association which is full of life. And for the first time our Association consists of more than two thousand members. The Chairman has, of course, a special word of welcome to our Honorary Member, Mr. Bert van der Lans and our Member of Merit, Mrs. Gien Langen-van Kolck. He would like to congratulate Mrs. Langen-van Kolck to receive the silver Waalbridge pin out of the hands of Mayor De Graaf during the Vierdaagse church service. The Bearers of the Gold Cross agree cordially with this appreciation for the many efforts of Mrs. Langen- van Kolck for the benefit of the Vierdaagse church service.

Mr. Miel Termont, President of the K.N.B.L.O.- wandelsportorganisatie Netherland is welcomed too. It is always very pleasant to have Mr. Termont in our midst: he has every year, a beautiful and proud metaphor for describing the Bearers of the Gold Cross, such as special forces, colour sergeants, living walking legends or the crack regiment. We are always a little embarrassed then. But Mr. Termont is on a fast way becoming a legend too. After the walking trip to China he leads us now towards

Israel and, perhaps, London in 2012. The Four Day Marches, Walk of the World, is in any case, ready for any Olympics in 2028 in the Netherlands.

Of course we are happy to have the President of the board of the Four Day Marches and leader of the 93rd edition, Mr. Johan Willemstein, in our midst. The Chairman congratulates Mr. Willemstein with the success of the beautiful 92nd Four Day Marches in 2008 and wishes him luck with the many volunteers who are ready to make an equal success of the 93rd Four Day Marches.



In het midden de heren Willemsein en Termont.

One hundred years ago the hiking association organized the first Four Day Marches. There were circuits from 15 cities and Nijmegen was only a transit municipality where 28 walkers went through. One hundred years later Mr. Willemstein will give the starting shot tomorrow in order to render an unforgettable week to 41.000 people: the debutants, whether or not the Via Vierdaagseproject, military and civilian participants and, of course, the bearers of the Gold Cross. Hopefully Mr. Willemstein is able on Friday night to speak once again in terms of a relaxed edition. Our organization has only one small request to our marching leader. It would be nice, this time, having a dry finish on Friday afternoon, and in case the meteorologist from the weather consultancy team is not able to provide it, then it may be worthwhile to extend this team with a priest next year.

Then the Chairman also welcomes the new members of our organization and its members for the first time at this meeting. He extends also a hearty welcome to the foreign members, and then repeats this greeting, traditionally in French, German and English.

We are on the eve of the 93rd Four Day Marches, and everyone is full of expectation as to what we are going to experience the next few days. We have, of course, still no clue. What we have been able to share with the people present here are several piece of news which we publicized in our June circular and on the Internet site. There are too many to mention, but the Chairman cannot omit from expressing his pleasure on the recovery of the traditional finish route on Friday.

This year we expect again impressive lustrums among our members: Mr. Smith from Spijkenisse hopes to finish his 55th Four Day Marches and Mr. Koopman from Oudorp his 60th. And, of course, we hope that our Honorary Member, Mr. Bert van der Lans will be able to pin on Friday the 62 on his ribbon. We hope that we all will enjoy it all the time and are able to reach the finish on Friday. Then we can look back on a great week and we will give also the coming Four Day Marches its place in history.

The Chairman asks those present a moment's silence to commemorate the members which we lost this year. Then, the Chairman resumes the order of the assembly, and he draws everyone's attention to the attendance lists; finally, he introduces the members of the Board to the members present.

The President apologizes for late starting time: in most cases, we are used to greater punctuality from his side. He, of course, is also very interested to know which metaphor Mr. Termont will use for our association this year, and he gives him the floor rapidly.

Mr. Miel Termont recalls to memory first the great anniversary trip to China. There were 623 walkers from the Netherlands, and brought with them the spirit of the Wedren. The hikers were received by Erica Terpstra in Holland Heineken House and had earned in the view of Mrs. Terpstra the first gold medals already. This brings Mr. Termont directly with a transition to his metaphor, the bearers of the Gold Cross, according to him the top athletes under the hikers. It is well with the walking sport and the K.N.B.L.O.- wandelsport-organisatie Nederland. This Association is growing in membership: it is now towards the 34,000. Next, a new international event, the Walk Challenge Israel, is coming. Mr. Termont turns briefly to the programme of this trip.



He will remember, of course, all of the turns that are opened in the Netherlands last year, that the walkers into old age will be able to use. And he informs us that the Association thinks ahead to the year 2028. The hiking Association co-operates with the bid to host the Olympic Games in 2028. By promoting the walking sport for the elderly, it can be the basis for such a bid to increase its support and draw the attention to the walking sport for still quite a few years.

Mr. Termont reiterates that those present are the champions within the organized walking sport. He is hoping to be able to congratulate all again on Friday at the finish of the Four Day Marches. Then he gives the floor to the Marching leader.

Mr. Willemstein, General Manager, and Marching leader of Stichting DE 4DAAGSE begins by expressing his concerns about his introduction: that of Mr. Termont was much more detailed. But Mr. Termont is for the tenth time now as a speaker at this meeting, and he himself only for the second time. You could say the chairman of the walking Association is truly a gold cross orator.

Then John Willemstein congratulates his association with the achievement of the 2,000 members. He is sure that there are more candidates running around, and he will appreciate to set up an additional campaign with us to bring in new members in the autumn.

But he has been thinking out a title for us and had in mind then the unstable weather forecast for next week: sunshine, it may happen or it may not. In doing so, he is trying it in biblical terms of spheres and found a fine saying: "they are maintained in strange clothes and roamed unnecessarily around". According to the leader of the Marches this is a quote from Deuteronomy, and it was probably the first announcement for the Four Day Marches ever.

Then Mr. Willemstein directly addresses himself to the hard core of the walkers of the Four Day Marches, collected here for him. Everyone has probably already been waiting for this day for weeks and hoping, as he himself that it is going to be a beautiful event.

Here, we know what it was like to be on the fourth day to walk via the Orangesingel to the finish and after the Foundation has had to fight hard, it has now come to that. Also, there are still more toilets than last year, some 30%. Almost no one can walk past, but that did not do the bearers of the Gold Cross already. They don't water wildly.

The leader of the Marches recommends everybody to taste again the Four Day Marches and he twirls his thumbs for each walker, even for those who have not yet reached the ten. Last Thursday, he has been listening to Mr. Van der Lans in theatre "Lux" in Nijmegen and in case Mr. Van der Lans walks the way he is talking, he will surely succeed these 62nd Four Day Marches. He wishes everyone a lot of success: till Friday on Via Gladiola.

The gentlemen Termont and Willemstein leave the meeting to their many other obligations in this week of the Four Day Marches, with the consent of the members present.



De aanwezigen luisteren aandachtig naar de sprekers.

2. Incoming and outgoing correspondence

The secretary goes through the incoming and outgoing correspondence. The board sent a letter to Mr. Peters from Arnhem in reply to his request to pay attention to the situation of Mr. Christian Winkler. Mr. Winkler is a walker from Switzerland who was not allowed to participate in the marches. In the letter the board explained that we agree with the point of view of the Stichting 4DAAGSE and that Mr. Winkler caused the incorrect subscription all by himself.

Furthermore, the board received a letter from the Stichting Vierdaagsemiss (4 Days Mass) in which they thanked the association and Mr. Van der Lans for receiving a copy of our new flag. They also mentioned that they will use the flag during the mass on July 19.

As many times before Mr. Flinterman from Ede sent us a card and did we receive an invitation from the Stichting 4DAAGSE to attend the flag parade and the entry on Friday. Also received from Mr. Flinterman were several newspaper articles and photos of his participations to a walking event in Israel 49 years ago for our archive.

The misters Den Ouden from Spijkenisse, Breed from Bussum and Duker from Arnhem notified us of their absence for this meeting.

Walking association K.N.B.L.O.-wandelsportorganisatie sent us the preliminary minutes of the latest meeting on April 25, 2009 and an invitation for the next meeting of the association on November 14, 2009.

Mr. Claassen sent us a list with grammar mistakes in the circular letter; this to improve the quality of future editions.

3. News from the board

The Board is pleased with the members' decision to continue with the meeting points. Evaluation results showed that the meeting points were a great success. This year, there will be a third one, in Beuningen, on the second day. The Chair asks that all volunteers present at this meeting stand up; they get a massive round of applause. The Chair then proceeds by wishing all volunteers good luck as well, and recommends everyone to stop by one of the meeting points.



Op de voorgrond drie van de vrijwilligers voor de meeting points.

4. Minutes General Assembly, March 28, 2009

Many of the changes as proposed by Mr. Claassen have already been made by the secretary. Mr. Laterveer from Ridderkerk has a minor textual change on page 9 of the newsletter and wonders if the medal shown on page 10 is the actual Gold Cross. The Chair explains that pictures of this medal are on the website.

Mr. Van der Velde from Utrecht elaborates on his comments on page 13 of the newsletter. He suggested that participants in a wheelchair who finish the Marches could receive a medal that looks like the Four Days Marches cross or the Caretaker Cross.

Mr. Van Amerom from Rijnsburg wonders if it would be better to discuss the

Members Meeting minutes of June 2008, and the General Assembly meeting minutes a year later, in March. The Chair explains that this suggestion is made more often, but that the Board prefers to keep the current procedure.

Mr. Van der Meer from Maasland compliments the organizers of the Flag Parade; it was clear that comments made by visitors and our association were taken to heart.

5. The 93rd edition of the Four Days' Marches and related matters

Mr. Breukelaar from Wijlre remarks that the colours of the circular letter don't match the colours of our new flag. He suggests to adjust the size of the circular and to print the contents in full colour, as to further promote our association.

Mr. Scharp from Pijnacker proposes to only guarantee an early start to walkers that have completed the Four Days' Marches several times, or only to members of our association. Although the chance of success is small and the suggestion has been put forward more often, the board will certainly propose this to the board of the Four Days' Marches.

Our honorary member, mr. Van der Lans from Nijmegen, would be pleased with a solution for small groups of walkers that participate for the first time. It is now the case that when one team member is excluded from the Four Days' Marches due to the drawing of lots, the others usually don't participate either. Should a group be able to register as a such, less people might drop out before the start of the Four Days' Marches. Another member of association agrees with Mr. Van der Lans, and also wonders whether someone who was excluded this year, has a chance of being excluded next year again. The board will bring this to the attention of the board of the Four Days' Marches, after having addressed matters that directly influence the members of our association.

Mr. Mol from Breda used public transport to travel to the flag parade yesterday: it was yet again chaotic. He asks us to mention this to the board of the Four Days' Marches.

Mr. Peeters from Almere wishes everyone luck during the Four Days' Marches, and especially our treasurer who is recovering from a double hip operation.

Ms. Van Loosbroek from Nijmegen claims she knows someone who completed the Four Days' Marches before and was excluded this year. De chairman replies that this is impossible and explains who is eligible for exclusions.

Mr. Van de Maden from Wijchen asks what the regulations for exclusions will be next year. The chairman replies that the new regulations will be published on the website in December.

Mr. Koopman from Haarlem would like to question the participation of wheelchairs. Although this was discussed extensively in our last annual meeting, the chairman explains matters and adds that the board was not enthusiastic about this decision.

Ms. Borst-Brunsmann from Drunen says hello to everyone from Ms. Lautenslager. She had sent a letter, however it was not posted timely, therefore she would like to say hello this way.

6. Reunion 2009 in Zwolle

On behalf of the board Mrs. De Leeuw reminds those present of our annual reunion, which takes place on Saturday 12 September in Zwolle. We will be greeted by Mr. Cnossen from the city council of Zwolle and a member of our association. After lunch we can enjoy a guided city tour. The day is concluded with the handing out of the anniversary pins. The chairman wishes the organisers, Mr. and Mrs. Rademaker from Zwolle, luck with the final preparations.

7. Reunion 2010, setting a date and location

None of the members have submitted any ideas for the organisation of the reunion in 2010. The board therefore authorises itself to search for a suitable location on 11 September 2010. Someone suggests to organise it abroad. The chairman suggests to look no further than the Benelux.

8. Proposals of the Board and/or members

The Board has no proposals to present.

Mr. Van Amerom from Rijnsburg has brought some things to the Board's attention in writing early on. The Chair thanks him for doing this, as it gives the Board the time and opportunity to formulate an answer. First off, Mr. Van Amerom feels that it is not very nice to take away membership from people who have not paid on time. Why does the Association not institute automatic payment as part of membership rules? As much as the Treasurer would like to see this happen, it is not legal to do so. Mr. Van Amerom also wonders if the meeting points can be turned into actual treatment posts. The Chair explains that this was not the initial purpose, and since they are still in a conceptual phase, the Chair does not think it is appropriate to discuss any further expansion at this time.

Finally, Mr. Van Amerom and some other members suggest that the Chair will stay on longer than his planned retirement in 2012. However, as much as the Chair appreciates this compliment, he will resign in 2012.

No other proposals have been received.

9. Any other business

Mr. Scharp from Pijnacker put again the list of toppers onto the wall! He always tries to complete this list and asks if anyone will correct him, or complete his list.

Mr. Breukelaar from Wijlre is very content, how the chairman leads the meeting, and thanks the whole board for the work they do every year.

Mr. Sprakel from Raalte tried to force the chairman, so that he would tell us something about the new limit-protocol, which will show at December [2009]. The chairman said, that there aren't great changes expected, maybe there will be a significant commitment for the ones, who where drawn.

Mr. van Ameron noticed that the 4Dsong on the A4.s in the meeting room weren't correct. The chairman pointed on the circular letter, that text is correct.

Mr. van der Velde from Utrecht is very glad because of the promise from Mr. Willemstein about his action to bring in new members. Maybe we can grow towards 3.000 members. He also wants to advise everyone who has problems with walking, to start on Tuesday anyhow. It means; that they will have a starting license next year, according to the limitation-protocol. Mr. van der Maden says, that people could also join the Via 4Dproject.

Mr. van der Meer from Maasland asks, who will pay for the free bicycle stalls. The chairman answers that the city of Nijmegen pays half [from the mobility fund] and that the 4DMfoundation the other half.

Mr. Bouman from Ommen saw that the public restroom in front of the railway station was gone, and would like to know why this had happened. The chairman pointed; this isn't our business, but he would ask about.

At last; Mrs. Langen van Kolck saw yesterday an umbrella in the church after the 4DM.mass. He was at a place, where Gold Crossbearer sat; so, maybe he is from one of the people at the meeting. The chairman thanked her for her appropriate behavior.

10. Closure

The chairman answered the question of Mr. van Plateringen from Arnhem. The board tried to arrange music to support the 4Dsong. But the stereo isn't able to play our CD. We have to do it without music. He thanks everyone who joined the meeting.

In memoriam

After appearance of the last circular letter, we have received notice of the decease of the following people:

Mr.	J.R. Antonie	1939	's-Hertogenbosch
Mrs.	M. Creemers	1950	Eindhoven
Mrs.	T. Himpers-Visser	1921	Den Helder

Mr.	F.J. de Moet	1930	Arnhem
Mr.	A.J.P. van den Pol	1938	Huizen

Our condolences go out to the relatives.

Lustrum list

We congratulate the following members after all with the achievement of a lustrum during the 4 Days Marches of 2009.

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Mr. C.C. Bakker	Montfoort	Mrs. M.C. Kmiecik – van den Heuvel	Zwaanshoek
Mrs. M. van Basten – de Groot	Empel	Mr. A.P. Koster	Meppel
Mrs. I.C.T.M. v.d. Berg	St. Oedenrode	Mr. W.H.J. Kooijman	Beverwijk
Mrs. J.A.M.Y. Bos – Rups	Gouda	Mr. C.F.H. van Leeuwen	Maastricht
Mr. H.G.M. van den Bosch	Nijmegen	Mr. M.J. van Loon	Den Bosch
Mrs. C.J. Boukamp	Nijmegen	Mr. H.J. Pardijs	Vorden
Mr. W. Compeer	Houten	Mr. M.W. van der Ploeg	Heiloo
Mr. T.G.A. v. Driel	Dronten	Mr. J.P. Roest	Leiderdorp
Mr. P. Dezaire	Nijmegen	Mr. C.J. Schreuders	Geldermalsen
Mr. R.G. Elzer	Deventer	Mrs. C.A. Schuurbijs – Vermue	Hulst
Mr. H.P.J. Franken	Son	Mr. M.S.J. Suidman	Nijmegen
Mrs. A. Grisel – van Ommen	Den Bosch	Mr. A.C. Verhoeven	Lunteren
Mrs. M. Hartwigsen	Nieuwegein	Mr. C.G. Vermeulen	Zierikzee
Mr. J.A.M. van den Heuvel	Alphen a/d Rijn	Mr. H.J.J. Wetzels	Geleen
Mr. D. Hoekstra	Wanroij	Mr. F.J.J. Zuurman	Hoofddorp
Mrs. T. Hutjens – de Jong	Den Helder	Mr. N.S. de Groot	Alkmaar
Mr. L.W.M.B. Janssen	Hoogvliet	Mrs. F. Groenewoud	Middelburg

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Mr. C.J. Bakker	Akersloot	Mr. B. Keizer	Winschoten
Mrs. J.M.G. Berends	Grave	Mrs. A. Kroeze	Heerde
Mr. J.C. Boer	Renesse	Mr. L.J.M.G. Lahaije	Maastricht
Mrs. T. Boerhof – Schipper	Smilde	Mr. F.J.M. Leijten	Dordrecht
Mrs. E. Borst – Brunsmann	Drunen	Mrs. V.A. Moerkens – Aarts	Leuth
Mr. A.J. van Buren	Arnhem	Mr. G.P.H. Moorselaar	Spijkenisse
Mr. W.A.M. den Dekker	Oosterhout	Mrs. A. van Neerven – van Extel	Beek en Donk
Mrs. V.M.L. Delany	Nijmegen	Mr. H.M.M. Roelofs	Escharen
Mr. A. van der Donk	Wageningen	Mrs. J.M. van Rooijen – Joppe	Spijkenisse
Mrs. T.J.M. van der Donk – Jansen	Wageningen	Mr. A.H. Roozendaal	Malden
Mr. C.W. van der Giessen	H.I. Ambacht	Mr. M.G.M. Smits	Lelystad
Mr. L.J. Havermans	Oude Vossemeer	Mrs. M.M. Sponselee	Beverwijk
Mr. P.H. Heerde	Nijmegen	Mr. G. Tielemans	Oosterhout
Mr. J.F.W.J.B. Hekking	Nijmegen	Mr. H. Vogts	Winsen (D)
Mr. A.C.J. Hofs	Doorwerth	Mr. J.H. Wingelaar	Driebergen
Mr. C.S.J. Hoffs	Zaandam	Mr. H. Zweegman	Hoofddorp

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Mr. G.A.J. Aarts	Den Bosch	Mr. J.H. Reynders	Beek (L)
Mr. A.M.P. Bot	Nootdorp	Mr. R. Riss	Rheinbach (D)
Mrs. E.W. Foeken	Dedemsvaart	Mrs. J.H. Stoove	Harderwijk
Mrs. I.F. van Haren	Voorburg	Mrs. T.J.M.E. van der Westen	Galder
Mrs. J.C. Heintsman	Den Helder	Mrs. A.M.Th. Wouters	Groesbeek
Mr. L.J. Lourens	Bovensmilde		
30X			
Mr. J.P.G. Eggenhuis	Huissen	Mr. W.M. Sloodmaker	Goes
Mr. Noordover	Voorburg	Mr. A. Wijshake	Nijmegen
Mrs. J. Slagter	Rosmalen		
35X			
Mr. B.H.M. Aelen	Nijmegen	Mr. C. Mudde	Doorn
Mrs. J.J.H. Colijn – de Raat	Scherpenzeel	Mr. G.A.J. Peters	Nijmegen
Mr. M. van der Gaag	Gouda	Mr. J.P. van der Pol	Oudenbosch
Mrs. R.B.J. Langen – van Kolck	Lent	Mr. B. Vooijs	
40X			
Mr. A.M.J. Hendriksen	Huissen	Mr. J. de Natres	Oss
Mrs. A.C.M. Kok	Amsterdam	Mr. H.H.T. Raijmakers	Oss
Mrs. J.M. de Leeuw	Nijmegen	Mr. J.A. Thijssen	Nijmegen
45X			
Mr. A.G. Kroes	Nijmegen	Mr. A.G.J. Schreurs	Haaksbergen
Mr. L. Otter	Abbega		
50X			
Mr. P.J.J. Jansen	Tilburg		
55X			
Mr. C.N. Smit	Spijkenisse		
60X			
Mr. D.J. Koopman	Alkmaar		

Reünie 2010

Yes we can; he will come; and our reunion will be held in Middelburg. Four members are very busy to give you a perfect day. And it seems too!!!!

It is a beautiful city, with lots of options, and where we have found a perfect location.

You'll be expected as usual, between 10 and 10.30 a.m., the railway station is about a 10 minute-walk from the location, and we are still dealing about p-lots around there.

In the circular letter in June we will show you the program on that day.

Francie de Leeuw

☆ **Prettige Kerstdagen en een Gelukkig Nieuwjaar** ☆

☆ **Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year** ☆

☆ **Fröhliche Weihnachten und ein Glückliches Neujahr** ☆

☆ **Joyeux Noël et Bonne Année** ☆

☆ **Boas Festas e Feliz Ano Novo** ☆

☆ **Glædelig Jul og godt nytår** ☆

☆ **God Jul och gott nytt år** ☆

