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Preface

With the 93rd 4 Days Marches in sight, I am enjoying writing this preface for you. But I have to tell you that, when the editor of the circular letter asked me to write a preface, I was quite surprised; already? Time flies.

In the previous circular letter I wrote to you that the next 4 Days Marches would be knocking on our doors sooner as we would think. And indeed, time flies. But I must admit that for some people it seems like they have to wait for ages for the next edition of the marches. This year showed us that a lot of people are looking forward to the coming 4 Days Marches. Close to 49,000 people registered and (for the first time since 2005), a notary had to be order to draw lots. Fortunately drawing lots is not an issue to Gold Cross Bearers, but of course we can understand the disappointment of the people who cannot participate. Together with the other board members I am pleased with your support and appreciation for our meeting points last year. This year we would like to welcome you again. I sincerely hope that the 93rd Marches will turn out well for our active members. I wish the same for our other members who don't participate anymore, but who enjoy this event in other ways. On behalf of the board, I would like to end with wishing you all a good and succesfull 93rd 4 Days Marches. The same goes for manager Johan Willemstein and his hundreds of vollunteers.

Henny Sackers,
Chairman

Announcements of the board

Contribution for foreign members

At this moment there are some members who live abroad who did not pay their contribution for 2009 yet. These members can pay their contribution on Monday July 20 between 1 and 2 pm, in cash to the treasurer in Kolpinghuis.

In case you live within the EU you can also pay per bank transfer. Please mention the following codes with the transfer:

- IBAN : NL70INGB 0000 3757 02
- BIC : INGNL2A

Termination membership

Every year a couple of our members terminate their membership, after receiving a reminder. Some other members don't inform us at all and just don't pay their contribution.

As result, the board terminated the membership of 39 members per May 1, 2009. Therefore, the board asks you to, in case you would like to terminate your membership, unsubscribe before October 1 of any year.

The membership will then be terminated per December 31. Please keep in mind these rules, as they save the association a lot of money and lot of time for your board

Miniature flags for sale



You may know that during the general meeting of 28th March last Mr van der Lans offered the association a new flag on the occasion of his 60th Marches. Following on

that, the committee decided to order miniature flags of our association and to offer these for sale to our members, in response to earlier requests from the members. The flags measure 50 x 30 cms and can, for instance, be attached to a rucksack. Should you be interested in such a flag, transfer € 17,50 to bank account number 375702 in the name of Gouden Kruisdragers Vierdaagse in 's Hertogenbosch. Your flag can be collected at our location on the Wedren on Sunday 19th July between 13.00 and 17.00 hrs, or in the Kolpinghuis on Monday 20th July between 13.00 and 13.50 hrs. We have only 100 flags, so first come, first served.

Results online Meeting Point surveyenquête

Earlier this year we carried out an online survey on the Dutch part of our website to get information about our meeting points on the 1st and 3rd day of the marches in 2008. We would like to thank everybody who took the time to fill in this survey. We are happy with 358 members filling in this survey.

We would like to share some of the results with you: overall impression of the meeting points received a score of 8 (out of 10). Primary reasons for members visiting the meeting points were to meet fellow members and to rest. 97% of the members who visited the meeting points last year will visit them this year as well. 66% of the respondents that did not visit the points last year said that they have the intention to do visit them this year. Partially based on the above-mentioned results the board proposed during the last general meeting to continue with the meeting points this year and even extending it to a meeting point on the 2nd day. You will read more about this later in this circular letter.

4 Days Marches news

The 'novelties' from 2008 shall return in 2009. The flag parade will yet again take place on Sunday evening. Also, as last year, registering is possible on both Sunday (13.00 – 17.00) and Monday (10.00 – 17.00) preceding the Marches. Last year, over 13,000 participants registered on Sunday.

Routes

As for the route, two changes have been made. On the second day participants of all distances stay within the built-up area of Beuningen, rather than walking past the waste incinerator. The cause of this change lies in the fact that the organisation wishes to spare us 600 metres in order to compensate for the extra metres made by walking on the Waal quayside.

Another route change that already has caused excitement, is the change on the very last kilometre. After passing the Keizer Karel roundabout, we will not continue on the service road and other narrow streets behind the start and finish grounds. Instead, we will continue to the right on the wide Oranjesingel and finally taking a right to the Prins Bernhardstraat in order to reach the finish. In short: the old entry has been re-established. After the year 2000, the police did not allow for the use of the Oranjesingel. However, advanced insight has made the re-establishment of this part

of the route possible. Military groups will also follow this route, even though they will immediately leave the start and finish grounds via the Coehoornstraat. On Friday the start and finish grounds are still only accessible for walkers.

Start- and Finish area

The changed entry route has several implications for the start and finish grounds. For walkers it is important to know that the 40 km registration bureaus are not located on the Bijleveldsingel. They have been relocated to the South side of the Julianaplein. Of old, the 30 km registration bureaus (and since several years a few 40km bureaus) were located there. In 2009 all 30 km and 40 km are located on the Julianaplein.

Organizational changes

There has been an organizational change within the 4 Days Marches organization. The former teams Logistics and Internal Affairs have been merged into one team, called Facilities (lead by Freek Zevalkink). Participants will not deal directly with this team but indirectly they do. For it is this team is responsible for making sure that the teams the participants have to deal with are able to carry out their work properly. Members of this team are already working hard on preparations the week before the marches start and they are also responsible for cleaning up after the “party”. And, very important, they are also responsible for arranging the toilets alongside the routes.

Sport massage

The Dutch Association for Sport Massage, connected to the organisation for many years now, are as from 2009 officially part of the operational committee. The sport masseurs can be found on the start and finish grounds in the Karel de Grote college (entrance via the Bijleveldsingel). It may occur that one of the Four Days’ Marches doctors refers you to the sport massage. However, you may also consult the masseurs on your own accord (in which case a fee is required).

4 Days Marches and research

Although the test with shoe-lace chips in 2008 was a success, the organisation will not continue to invest in this technology. The activity en route will be tracked and measured in a different way. The Knowledge and Information Centre of the Four Days’ Marches has developed a new system called PARDUS, which stands for Route Activity Exchange System. Again a representative number of participants will be asked for their cooperation. The signals of their mobile phones will be used to get an idea of the activity en route, in addition to the images of several webcams. Furthermore, the nearly old-fashioned telephone reports from members of the organisation are still vital.

The Four Days’ Marches of 2008 was characterised by different types of research. In the December circular you were informed of several outcomes. This year less research will be carried out. Naturally professor Maria Hopman (Four Days’ Marches

Medical Service) and UMC St. Radboud will continue their research (the Four Days' Marches pil). In 2007 and 2008 research was carried out looking into the effects of weather conditions. However, after two 'cool' years it is not useful to repeat this. Therefore, two scenarios have been prepared. The research regarding weather conditions will only be carried out should the long-term weather forecast imply it to be useful. Should that not be the case, another type of research will be carried out: the effect of the Four Days' Marches on participants who are overweight.

Bikes

Participants who are traveling to the Start and Finish area by bike can park their bikes for free, upon showing their barcode card), at two bike parking areas at the Start and Finish area. With this measure, the organizations wants to increase the service level to the participants as well as decrease the number of cars around the area. Furthermore it is a countermeasure to end the number of "dumped" bikes everywhere in the neighborhood in gardens etc. Police will take action on bikes that are not correctly parked.

Collecting requested tickets

Members who requested an entry ticket for the Flagparade through our association, can collect their ticket on Sunday the 19th of July between 1 and 5 p.m. at the Start and Finish area. You can find us at the 4 Days pavilion (the tent with the barometer in front). By means of a sign you will be shown which entrance you need.

Members who ordered a ticket for the stands for Friday the 24th, can collect those tickets at the Kolpinghuis on Monday the 20th, prior to the general meeting from 1 p.m. until 1.45 p.m. or directly after our meeting at around 3 p.m.

Invitation General Meeting July 20th 2009

You are hereby invited to the General Assembly on Monday, July 20, 2009. The meeting will be held in the Kolpinghuis, Smetiusstraat 1 in Nijmegen, and will start at 2 p.m.

Agenda:

1. Opening of the Assembly by the Chair
2. Documents received
3. Board announcements
4. General Meeting March 28, 2009 minutes (published in this circular letter)
5. The 93rd Four Days Marches
6. Reunion 2009 in Zwolle
7. Proposed date and place of 2010 reunion
8. Proposals by board and/or members, if applicable
9. Any other business
10. Closing and Four Days Marches song

Please submit your questions to the Secretary in writing and no later than one week prior to the Assembly. This will allow the Board to do research if necessary.

If KNBLO or Stichting De 4DAAGSE wishes to address the Assembly, they will do so immediately after the Opening.

Prior to printing this magazine, the Board did not expect to make any proposals.

The Board anticipates closing the Assembly no later than 3 p.m.

Minutes General Meeting dating March 28 2009

1. Opening of the Assembly by the Chair

Having ascertained that everyone has been provided with coffee, the chairman extends a warm welcome to those present at this general meeting, which at the same time is the annual meeting in this, the 57th year of our association. An extra word of welcome is directed at our honorary members, Mr Bert van der Lans and Mrs Gien Langen-van Kolck. Of course, he also welcomes the new members, i.e. those who are present at this meeting for the first time. Finally, he claims to have prepared a word of welcome in eight different languages, but since no foreign members are present, he felt he could skip this.

Next, everyone is requested to sign the attendance roll and the chairman indicates that he will attempt to end this meeting by 13.30 hrs. He introduces the committee members and reports the absence of Mrs Vicky Delaney, who is ill and asks to be excused.

During this meeting, the committee gives account to the members of the year 2008: a year as usual with Marches as usual. Such Marches are deemed best, although the chairman hopes for a dry Friday afternoon at last. The characterisation by the new marches leader (“leisurely and relaxed marches”) was a correct one. Finally, the chairman mentions a number of members celebrating their jubilees, among whom Mrs Greet Meenken.



The chairman speaking.

For our association these Marches were full of expectations: for the first time, money was available to fit out two meeting points. Should these prove to be a failure, we might decide this morning not to continue this. We shall come back to it in due time. On 31st December we counted 2068 members: after five years, we passed the magic mark at last. We were told by the walking association that we even need to make a business plan in case we reach the 3000 mark.

Next, the chairman reminds us briefly of the great reunion we had in Scheveningen and of one of a number of special cases in 2008: in November, we received an heirloom, a Four Days' Marches medal dating from 1937. This was probably part of the collection of one of the first Gold Cross owners.

In conclusion, the committee tried in 2008 to improve the quality of the association and to keep it close to its members.

After reading out the names of members who passed away this year, a brief moment of silence is observed in their memory.

2. Documents received and board announcements

The secretary explains that there is only some Incoming correspondence: Mr. Woordes and Mr. Van Breukelen have asked for a printed version of the meeting papers. Furthermore, Mr. Van Breukelen, Mr. Claassens and Mr. Flinterman forwarded apologies for absence for this meeting and an invitation has been received for the general member meeting of the K.N.B.L.O. - wandelsportorganisatie Nederland.



The secretary goes through the received documents.

The chairman continues with several communications. At first he addresses the intention of the board to continue the meeting points as a result of our evaluation. The objective of the meeting points was, at the request of the members, to have a kind of meeting point during the Four Days Marches as well as to increase the familiarity of our association. Creating an attendance point was expressly not the intention.

The interest of the members appeared to be sufficient (we did not know what to expect) and publicity effects appeared largely beyond expectations: there were newspaper bulletins and even camera teams on the meeting points.

But a good evaluation needs more and, therefore, by means of the internet site an inquiry has been done under the members. The response was unprecedentedly high and now we think of having a pretty good picture of what the members feel about the meeting points.

The locations appear to be reasonable well indicated, the reception on the meeting points was regarded as very welcoming. About seventy percents of the participants find that the meeting points come up to the expectations and would regret it if we would stop them. The same number will certainly visit in 2009. Almost half of the survey would gladly see a meeting point on the second day too.

Of course there were also many suggestions for improvement: we will deal with them. The proposal of the board is, therefore, to continue on the same principles and to arrange for a meeting point for 2009 also on the second day (we have meanwhile taken an option on a beautiful spot).

Mr. Van der Lans wants gladly make a compliment to the hospitable team of the meeting points. Mr. Van der Maden asks whether we want to indicate clearly the locations of the meeting points in the coming June circular letter; the chairman indicates that the board will do so and that he will tell once again the locations during the meeting on the Monday preceding the Four Day Marches. Several members state that the meeting points were difficult to find. Also one wants to know how many visitors there approximately have been. Ms De Leeuw tells that on both days about 200 members dropped by.

Eventually the proposal of the board to arrange three meetings points in 2009, is accepted with general approval of the members.

Then there was still an open question of Mr. Van Breukelen concerning the appreciation of the stock. The financial commission has been asked previous year for recommendation about this. That recommendation says that the commission agrees with the way the appreciation of the stock has been incorporated in the current balance sheet as well as in the explanation on the balance sheet.

In January 2009 the board has had a conversation with the management of Stichting DE 4DAAGSE. On this occasion several suggestions of the members have been transmitted and we have been informed about the last news, such as the modification of the Limiteringsprotocol and the new project "Via Vierdaagse". Thanks to our lobby draw in 2009 only will take place under walkers who want to participate for the first time. Yesterday the number of inscriptions was 2000 above the permitted number of 45000, the inscription still being open for almost 10 days.

There will be a large change of track in Beuningen with a shortening of the total distance with six hundred meters. This has caused agitation under the local population. We will now turn to the left one street earlier in Beuningen and, therefore, no longer run along the dirt combustion. Also on the fourth day there comes a modification. In consultation between the police and authorities one returns at the arrival at the Keizer Karelplein back to the situation in 2001 and earlier. We will walk the Oranjesingel again, and not via the parallel road. The soldiers will pass the finish area as well and continue a considerable end direction the university.

Stichting DE 4DAAGSE stops with experimenting with the lace chips. One continues, however, with systems with bar codes. The offices of the forty kilometres will all be on the Julianaplein (just like the offices of the thirty kilometres and the groups). Fifty remains on the old location on the Wedren.

Movement of the Vlaggenparade to the Sunday evening has pleased the Stichting well, the contents were what less successful. Also the march leader endorsed this already in Scheveningen. It was, moreover, strange that several members of our association did not know that they are always certain about cards for the Vlaggenparade via our association. Everyone is requested to communicate this under all members. Picking up these cards takes place again on the Sunday afternoon before the Four Day Marches on approximately the same location from 13.00 up to and including 17.00 h.

At the conversation with the Stichting also the next point came forward: our board has been asked for its opinion concerning a modification of the dispensation regulation. In 1995, there was a large discussion concerning the participation of disabled persons and at that time we were against their participation. The Stichting 4DAAGSE arranged for new research by experts and comes to the next conclusion: persons in wheelchairs which would cover the Four Day Marches by sport role chair still render a lighter achievement than compared to walkers. However, in case they go in a traditional hoop role chair, then the effort is similar.

The board of the Stichting intends now to permit three people to participate by means of the dispensation regulation. Their role chair must be approved by the St. Maartenskliniek. Two of these people are military and one of them became invalid during fighting operations.

Being the Department of Defense the largest partner of the organization of the Four Days Marches and with the eyes of the society onto itself, the Stichting DE 4DAAGSE wants to release therefore the rigid policy from 1995 a bit. The board of the Vereniging Gouden-Kruisdragers Vierdaagse accepts this decision, with a certain reservation.

Mr. Van der Lans remarks that he knows two participating persons in wheelchairs: these are no soldiers, what, therefore, would add up to four. The chairman confirm this, but notices that this in view of 40,000 walkers still would be a highly restricted number.

Mr. Van der Velde does the suggestion towards the direction of K.N.B.L.O.-wandelsportorganisatie Nederland to deal generously with persons in wheelchairs which previously in their life walked the Four Days Marches. He also suggests to grant the medal of honor of Oranje-Nassau to participating persons in wheelchairs. The chairman thanks him for its suggestions and slightly points out that the Stichting DE 4DAAGSE is our interlocutor in this case, not K.N.B.L.O.-wandelsportorganisatie Nederland.

Mr. Sprakel expects little enthusiasm for this initiative since there is already a four day marches for wheelchairs being organized in Delden. The chairman explains that in 1995 large commotion arose, until questions in the House of Parliament, concerning the participation of persons in wheelchairs. There was a serious threat with abrogation of subsidy to the Four Days Marches and former march leader Chris Bos has been even summoned for at the State Secretary. Mr. Woordes tells that also the members of the walking association in majority decided not to allow persons in wheelchairs and that this recommendation has been put aside as a result of pressure by the State Secretary.

A large subsidy has originally been supplied to Delden and that event will remain. We talk, therefore, about two groups of sportsmen: the three hundred of Delden and that couple of us. The chairmen adds to all this that both military persons in wheelchairs indeed participated earlier in the Four Days Marches walking.

3. Minutes general meeting July 14 2008

The minutes of the general meeting of July 14 2008, published in the circular letter of December are being reviewed page by page. It turns out that there are no comments. The minutes are accepted.

4. Annual report of the board on 2008

The annual report of 2008 consists of two parts. The first part to be handled is the annual report of the secretary. There are no comments or questions so the treasurer takes over for the annual financial report for 2008. There are no comments or questions now either.

Mr. Van der Lans remarks that it rarely happens that there are no remarks to the annual report of the secretary. Mr. Vermeer of the Financial committee agrees with this compliment. On February 16 2009 his committee checked all the Financial paperwork for 2008 as well as the budget budget for 2010. Everything looked well. Mr. Vermeer reads the declaration of the committee and advises to discharge the board for the Financial report of 2008.



Mr. Vermeer reads the declaration of the Financial committee.

The chairman asks the members to discharge the board for 2008. This is approved under applause.

5. Appointment of the audit committee

The chairman proposes to confirm the appointments by acclamation. Without any objection the members agree to reappoint Mr. Vermeer, v.d. Maden and Purmer. Mr. van Slageren presents himself as a substitute member.

6. Budget 2009 and establishment of the contribution 2010

The board does not expect the budget (as presented to the members) will be altered, although the 2009 exploitation can give rise to it. Mrs Langen-van Kolck asks for the truth concerning the fee increasement to the 4 days Mass foundation, the chairman confirms it. Mrs Langen-van Kolck says thank you on behalf of the foundation, after which the chairman announces that officially speaking the foundation still knows nothing about it. Mr van Slageren asks why the meeting point project costs € 1000,00 less. The treasurer explains this budget have been readjust as a result of the 2008 experience. The 2010 budget is fixed by the members without any objections.

7. Election of the board

For this item on the agenda the chairman temporarily hands over his hammer to the vice-chairman (the treasurer) and asks if he possibly has to leave either the table or the room for a while, this turns out unnecessary. The vice-chairman proposes to the members to reappoint the chairman for a 3 years period, the members agree. The

chairman announces this 3 year period will be in principle his last one. After a 20 year's board activity his contribution has to be enough. Different members make clear that also representatives of the association have a appointment period of 3 times 3 years at most, so the chairman's point of view fits the walking association's policy.

8. (other) Proposals by the board

The Board does not have any other proposals, but the floor is given to Mr. Francien de Leeuw and Mr. Rademaker. Mr. Rademaker briefly introduces himself and his wife. They live in Zwolle and he used to work for the Dutch mail service. He has offered to organize the next reunion in Zwolle, on Saturday, September 12, 2009.



Mr. Rademakers goes thorough the program for the reunion.

The reunion will officially start at 10 AM in the former Bethlehemkerk. After the official part of the program, lunch will be served, while an acapella choir will take care of the entertainment part. Around 3:25 PM, there will be a surprise on the church square, and then we will take a walk through the town. People who have trouble walking will take a boat tour. Members from the local hiking club will be our guides. We will then return to the Proosdij for a drink, the reward ceremony and the Four Days Marches song.

Mr. Rademakers compliments Ms. De Leeuw for her wonderful help, and the Chair invites everyone to come to the reunion. Mrs. Rademaker ads that there will be plenty of parking space, and the Proosdij is close to the train station. More news in the June newsletter.

9. Proposals from the members

None of the members have submitted any proposals, but the Flag Committee has something to present. Mr. Van der Lans explains that his proposal to design a new Association flag took more time and work than expected. He briefly mentions the history of the first standard, then explains how he, Mr. Van der Velde and Shipmate came to the new design.



Mr. Van der Lans and Mr. Van der Velde.

There are now also extra standards and miniature replicas. Mr. Van der Lans is happy to help the Association this way. Mr. and Mrs. Van der Lans and Mr. Van der Velde then reveal the new standard. One extra flag was made, as a gift to the Four Days Marches Church Service Foundation.



Mrs. Langen-Van Kolck receives the flag for the “Stichting Vierdaagsems”.

The miniature flags are presented to the Board, and the Flag Committee has one more surprise: little table flags. Each board member receives one, on the condition that they will pass them on to their successors. Finally, there are also three little table flags for the Board table, as well as a flag for the honorary member and the member of merit.



Mr. Van der Velde with the table model.

The Chair says thanks to Mr. Van der Velde for his work and gives him a little gift. He then expresses his gratitude to Mr. Van der Lans and says he was really

pleasantly surprised about the offer to design a new standard. The old standard, dating from 1956, will be kept in a safe place. The new standard is a wonderful gift, given that it is Mr. Van der Lans' 60th successful participation in the Four Days Marches. The Chair presents a flower bouquet to Mrs. Van der Lans. Mr. Van der Lans then concludes by presenting a gift to the Chair, by giving him a copy of the book *Op Gouden Voet* (On Golden Foot) by Jan Cottaar. He knew that the Chair did not yet have this book. He thanks the Chair for his cooperation in this project.

10. Any other business

Mr. Koning asks if members who don't walk de 4.D.M. anymore, still can count on a standticket at the entry. Mr. van der Velde asks if the statistics and pictures of medallions, which stood in former 4.D.M. magazine, could be printed again in this magazine. He also asks that our board should surely mention this to the foundation "The 4.D.M.". According to what Mr. v.d. Lans says; the foundation mentions that they have to deal with the privacy-law. But, however, in the Walkingsportmagazine are all names mentioned of the Long-Distance-Walkers. He also asks, why the jubileepins are changed.

Mr. Sprakel asks if the annual reports [from secretary and treasurer] could be numbered in future. He would also like to know how to get the Jubileebook of the "K.N.B.L.O.-walkingsportorganisation Netherlands". Mr. Rademaker asks if he is allowed to hang the new Union flag in top of the tower named: "Pepperbox" [this is a churchtower] in Zwolle at the reunion in september 2009. Mr. Sprakel would like to change the name 4.D.M.mass into 4.D.M.divine service. Mrs. Langen-van Kolck answers on this matter: although we regularly speak of divine service instead of mass, the name "4.D.M.mass" as a name is placed by notarial deed [by the union]. In all other ways/generally we will speak of the 4.D.M.divine service. The union 4.D.M.mass will inform our board about the use of their flag if it is needed. She also mentions the death of Mr. Mooij from Berg en Dal, although he wasn't a member of our union anymore.

The chairman answers on these matters:

-as long as you're a member of our union, you'll keep the right on a standticket. This is one of the good sides of our union; people [you] can still be involved in the 4 day marches.

-jubileebook [K.N.B.L.O.], you can buy this at Groesbeekseweg (KNBLO office) in Nijmegen.

-jubilee pins: they changed some years ago into smaller ones. For men and women is nowadays a pin; the color and the quality stayed the same.

Mr. van der Maden couldn't find the meeting parts [meeting papers] on the internet site, although they were on. He would also like to buy a miniature flag. The treasurer answers that they are not available yet; because we still have to put a price on. Mrs. de Leeuw says that there are still soaps, bidons and other merchandising for sale.

Mr. v.d.Lans has for all board members a miniature flag; he almost forgot to give it to them!!

11. Closure

The chairman doesn't see anyone with questions anymore. It's just 1.30 p.m., just about 114 day's, 14 hours and evensomuch minutes to the start of the 4 Day Marches 2009 according to our internetsite. He thanks everyone for joyning this meeting and mr. van der Lans fot the new flag and wishes everyone a good lunch. The meeting is closed now.

In memoriam

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

Mrs.	V.M. Backx – Bloks	1941	Steenbergen
Mr.	F.J.A.W. Banning	1934	Huizen
Mr.	W.D. van de Berg	1944	Zoetermeer
Mr.	P.W.F.J. Boogh	1935	Malden
Mr.	L. Dissel	1930	De Bilt
Mr.	A.J.M. van der Lans	1943	Zeist
Mr.	C.R.O. Simon	1944	Zoetermeer
Mr.	J.S. Stroet	1934	Noordwijkerhout
Mr.	G.C. Strubbe	1922	Hilversum
Mr.	A.J. van Weerdenburg	1931	De Meern
Mr.	F. Zonneveld	1940	De Meern

Our condolences go out to the relatives.

Lustrum rewards

After the appearance of the circular letter in December we noticed that some of the names in the lustrum list are misspelled. The correct names are printed below as well as the names of the members that have reached their lustrum last year, didn't respond to our call but like to be mentioned.

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Mr. A.C. Joosse	Wijk Bij Duurstede
Mrs. I. Kayatoe-Hamm	Oosterhout
Mrs. J. Muller-Compagner	Balkbrug
Mrs. C. Vriend-van Ederen	Aalsmeer

20X

Mr. C.J. Bol	Rotterdam
Mr. H.A.J. Ketels	Druten

Reunion Zwolle 2009

This year our association will have a reunion at Zwolle, in the province of Overijssel (Eastern part of the country).

The reunion will be held at September 12, 2009.

It will be held at a former church, now called the Proosdij. During a cup of coffee a singing group will provide some entertainment.



After that a lunch will be served.

After lunch it's time to go outside. People who can't walk that well anymore can see Zwolle by boat.



The boatrip will take about one hour. The others will visit the city by foot and will be accompanied by voluntary guides.



After the outdoor events we will return in the Proosdij for some drinks.
Of course, the lustrum rewards will be handed out at the end of the day.

You are kindly invited.
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4 DAYS MASS 2009

The board of the foundation “Vierdaagse” invites you for the 4 Days Mass on Sunday July 19 2009 in the Grote- of Sint Stevenskerk (Great or St. Stevens’s church) in Nijmegen.

Theme during the mass is: “THE FEAST OF THE LORD”.

Ministers are reverent J. Dorst and father L. Raymakers.

Music is provided by Koninklijke Zangvereniging Nijmeegs Mannenkoor (Men’s Choir).

The celebration starts at 10.00 a.m., the church will be open at 09.00 a.m.
We ask you to be seated timely.

The board of the foundation,

Marcel Claassen, Gien Langen- Van Kolck en Peter Roumen.

Meeting Points



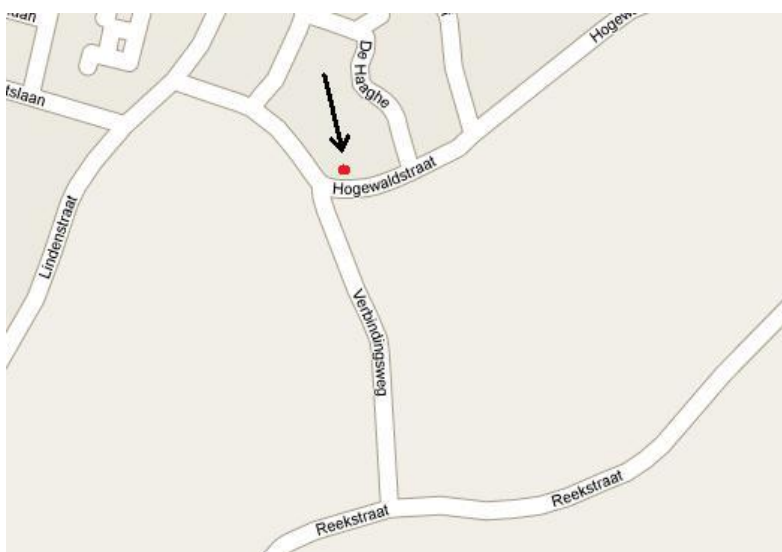
Just like last year, our association will have meeting points (MP) along the routes. This year there are two major changes. This year we will have a meeting point on the 2nd day as well and you will not have to turn in the meeting point ticket to get a refreshment. As with last year you can meet fellow members and enjoy a refreshment. The meeting points are not intended to be a full blown rest area. It has to be a place where people can (schedule to) meet or where you can introduce people to our association.

Everyday the meeting points will be announced by signs like the ones left.



Meeting Point Day 1.

The 1st day the MP will be in Oosterhout, just before turning left on the Waaldijk (dyke), on the left hand side of the Dorpsstraat. The photos below give you a first impression.



Meeting Point Day 2.

The (new) MP on the 2nd day can be found in Beuningen on the Hogewaldstraat, number 16, close to the crossing with the Verbindingsweg. This is at the new part of the route.



Meeting Point Day 3.

On the 3rd day, you can find the MP at the Oude Kleefsebaan 123a, which is at the right hand side, just before leaving Berg en Dal. The square in front of the church (Parochie De Verrijzenis) gives us a nice location close to the road.



The same volunteers as last year will be providing you with a refreshment. We hope to see a lot of members at our MPs.

Are you walking a lustrum this year? Then watch the rules of the game mentioned below!

Request lustrum rewards and cards flag parade 4 Days Marches 2009

Lustrumbeloningen

LUSTRUMREWARDS

Is the 4 Days Marches 2009 for you a lustrum and you're at least for 2 years member of our association? Please let us know by sending in the slip of the separate enrolment sheet. Our association will support this achievement by reaching out of the lustrum rewards. This reward will be reached out during the reunion on Saturday September 12 in Zwolle. When you won't be able to be there, the lustrum reward can be sent to you [on request!].

Note:

You have only the right on this lustrum reward when you send in the slip of the separate enrolment sheet before June 21 2009. If you admit this, unfortunately, we can't give you a lustrum reward, neither your name will be mentioned in the circular letter in December 2009.

FLAGPARADE

Cards for the flag parade Sunday July 19 2009 are free for our members. We try hard to be able to have enough cards available for members of our association. Those who want to use this offer are requested to send in the slip before June 21 2009 to Mrs. F. de Leeuw. You can get the cards on Sunday July 19 between 1 and 5 pm at the 4Daagse tent at the Wedren. The entrance is next to the well-known barometer.

Tribunekaarten intocht

STANDCARDS ENTRY

These cards are available for a select group of our members. It concerns members who finished at least 35 times the 4 Days Marches in 2008 according regulations and who are at least for 2 years a member of our association.

36x to 39x	1 card free and 1 card for € 7,00
40x to 49x	2 cards free [maximum].
50x or more	2 cards free for the headstand [if available!].

For members who are walking this year for the 50th time; we make an exception concerned the stand cards at the entry. The foundation 4DAAGSE will get in touch with these jubilees them self and will reach out stand cards to them. If these jubilee on our request will be mentioned [for stand cards], then it quiet often happens that these cards won't be given twice! Although we can imagine that there will be more supporters for someone who will finish for the 50th time, we can't change the rule. The foundation 4DAAGSE also depends on the cards they can give away.

Please send this request sheet before June 21 2008 to: Mrs. F. de Leeuw-de Bruijn, Wedesteinbroek 2007, 6546 RS Nijmegen

Vierdaagslied (song of the 4 Days Marches)

Natuur gaf ons een motor mee
van 't allerbeste merk
Gaf ons een hart en longenpaar,
Gezond, gaaf, goed en sterk.
En een paar flinke benen,
een groot geluk op aard'
Wie die niet leert gebruiken
is niet zo'n motor waard.
Wie die niet leert gebruiken
is niet zo'n motor waard.

Wij lopen de Vierdaagse mee
vol levenslust en moed.
Als goede lopers blijven wij,
altijd op goede voet.
Want wij zijn één voor allen
en allen zijn wij één.
Zo willen wij door Neêrland
en door het leven heen.
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en door het leven heen.

