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Preface

This is quite an adjustment! Not only for me, as your new Chair, but also for you, to not see Henny Sackers' introduction anymore. During the last General Meeting in April, I was chosen as your new Chair. It is a great honor and I will try to be a worthy successor of Henny.

First off, I want to say Thank You to Henny, who has been leading the Association in such professional manner for so many years. I have big shoes to fill, but luckily I don't have to do it all by myself. We have a very experienced and motivated Board and we will (continue to) have your interest at heart when it comes to the Four Days Marches.

Speaking of, the 96th edition is right around the corner. I assume that many of you are busy getting those last training miles in. Given the fact that there were 2,000 more entries than last year, it seems that many 'novices' want to secure a spot in the 100th edition, in 2016. But for now, let's focus on this year. Because of the big crowds on Wedren Square on the Friday of the Four Days Marches, the Board of the Four Days Marches Foundation has decided to move all administrative tasks to Julianapark. This will also be the location of all registration booths. The park offers plenty of shade (we're hoping for nice weather!).

Perhaps you know that in the last few years, around the start of the Four Days Marches, author Rudy Dek has published some thrillers, set around the Marches. Last year, it involved the marching leader; this year, the focus will be on our Association! I have the honor of receiving the first book at this year's big press conference prior to the Four Days Marches.

I realize that there are many of you whom I don't know personally, but I hope we will meet at the General Assembly on Monday, July 16, at 2 PM, in Kolpinghuis. On behalf of the Board members, I wish you four fantastic days, whether you will be participating or otherwise enjoying this great event.

Leonie Vink,
Chairman

Announcements (by the board)

Contribution for foreign members

Members living abroad who wish to pay the contribution 2013 (€ 18,50) in cash, can do this on Monday July 16 between 13:00 and 13:50 at the treasurer in the Kolpinghuis. If you pay contribution by bank transfer, you will be notified by us in October.

Cancellation membership

Should you wish to cancel your membership, please let us know before **1 October 2012**, as per article 4.03 of our Rules of Procedure. Your membership will then be cancelled as from 31 December 2012. We appreciate your cooperation.

We can notify KNBLO-NL of your cancellation in a timely manner.

Please follow these rules, it saves the association a lot of administration costs as well as time.

Change in personal information

If we move, most of the times we remember to inform relations about the change of address. But would you also be so kind as inform us when your bank number or email address changes. We then can collect the contribution from the right bank account and send e-mails to the correct address. You can pass on mutations to ledenadministratie@goudenkruisdragers.nl. Thanks for the effort.

Lustrum rewards & Tickets flag parade and entry

Lustrum rewards

When this year is a lustrum, our association would like to emphasize that performance with issuing a lustrum reward.

The presentation of these awards will take place at the next reunion, this year on September 8 in Enkhuizen and your name will appear in the next circular letter published in December.

If you are unable to attend the reunion, the reward can – only on request – be send to you.

Note:

You are only entitled to a reward if you return the enclosed coupon before the date mentioned, you are a member of our association for at least 2 years AND of course completed the 2012 4DAAGSE successfully. If this is not the case, then, unfortunately, we cannot give you a reward nor will your name be mentioned in the circular letter of December

Tickets entry stand

These tickets are available for a select group of our members. It concerns members who finished at least 35 times the 4 Days Marches in 2012 according regulations and who are at least for 2 years a member of our association.

- 36x to 39x 1 ticket free and 1 ticket for € 9.50.
- 40x to 49x 2 tickets free (maximum).
- 50x or more 2 tickets free for the headstand (maximum) if available.

The tickets can be collected between 1 and 1:50 pm in the Kolpinghuis on Monday July 16. This is BEFORE our meeting.

In case you participate this year for the 50th, 55th, 60th, of 65th time, then you the foundation 4DAAGSE will provide tickets and they will contact you.

**Please send this request sheet before June 30 2012 to:
Mrs. F. de Leeuw-de Bruijn, Wedesteinbroek 2007, 6546 RS Nijmegen**

Requests can also be made through our website.

4 Days Marches News

- Start/Finish changes: all start/finish booths have moved to Julianapark. You should also go here if you want to get a stamp in your IML passport. All administrative tasks will take place in Julianapark. The Red Cross then will move to a different section of Julianapark. These changes free up the Wedren and Juliana Squares for food and drink facilities and to serve as meeting points. This year, bleachers will be built in St. Bernhardt Street. They will be free of charge until Thursday afternoon. For Friday, tickets will be sold.
- There will be no more flag parade in Goffert Stadium. Instead, The City of Nijmegen, Four Days Marches Festival Foundation and Four Days Marches Foundation will officially welcome the participants by hosting a fireworks spectacular on Sunday, July 15. Traditionally, many participants would forego the 'Waal in Flames' event on Tuesday night, because of the time. By offering the fireworks on Sunday night instead of Tuesday night, they now can enjoy these spectacular fireworks. All parties involved are working on a new program for Tuesday night.
- There are two minor route changes. The first one is for the 30 k and 40 k military groups. Right before Elst, maintenance is being done near the railroad tracks, which requires a small change in the route. The second change takes place on the 3rd day, right after Zevenheuvelenweg. Instead of turning onto Oude Kleefsebaan, we will turn left first and end up a little further down on Oude Kleefsebaan. By doing so, traffic will not be interrupted, as the road to Beek/Ubbergen can remain open.

- The number of entries was about 2,200 higher than last year, resulting in the highest number of registrations since 2005. Therefore, 4,896 first-year participants had to be excluded. They were placed on a wait list, and 700 of them are now able to participate after all because of other walkers withdrawing from the Marches.
- Because of government cutbacks, the Defense Department is cutting back on its involvement during the Four Days Marches. For 2012, all Defense facilities have been secured, but it remains to be seen whether this will still be the case in the future. The Four Days Marches Board and KNBLO will do everything possible to guarantee the Defense involvement, and will lobby in The Hague to secure Camp Heumensoord for the future.
- A special committee will focus on the 100th edition of the Four Days Marches in 2016.
- Physiologist Dr. Maria Hopman of Radboud University Medical Center will start a new research project. In co-operation with the Diabetes Foundation, Dr. Hopman will observe 30 participants who have diabetes. She will research the effects of 4 months' worth of exercise preparing for the Four Days Marches on physical fitness, response to insulin and the risk of heart and coronary disease for people with Type 1 or 2 diabetes.
- Huge fireworks Sunday evening to welcome walkers. With a spectacular firework show on Sunday evening July 15, the city of Nijmegen, Association Vierdaagsefeesten and Association DE 4DAAGSE will welcome the participants of the 96th Marches. The event on the Waalkade gives DE 4DAAGSE the opportunity to officially open the Marches. Even though there is no flag parade in the Goffert stadium this year.

Let me introduce myself: Leonie Vink

My name is Leonie Vink (53) and I was born in Nijmegen. I grew up in a family of 4 Days Marches lovers. During my childhood I watch the walkers everyday with my mother and I couldn't wait to participate myself.

I completed the Marches 11 times and then a severe knee injury ended my "walking career".

Because I didn't want to miss the 4DAAGSE, I asked if I could do something within the organization. I started as volunteer in a starting booth of the 50km and then became Deputy Supervisor of the Vereeniging and then supervisor of the 40km.

I still am supervisor of the 40km at the start/finish area and since 3 years I am counselor for the volunteers. I am with the organization for 20 years



this year.

I live in Helmond since 1992 and am married with Martin Raasveld. I met him 5 years ago and he will participate in the Marches for the 4th time this year.

I am very pleased to be chairman of this association. It is an association with a rich tradition and a huge amount of followers. Although we should keep our traditions alive, we also need to make sure that we stand in the 21st century with both legs.

Invitation General Meeting July 16th 2012

You are hereby invited to the General Assembly on Monday, July 16, 2012. 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 April 14, 2012 minutes (published in this circular letter)
5. The 96th Four Days Marches
6. Reunion 2012 in Enkhuizen
7. Proposed date and place of 2013 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 April 14, 2012

There are 55 members present, including the plenary Board, Honorary Member Bert van der Lans and Member of Merit Gien Langen-van Kolck.

1. Opening by the chairman

At 11.35 o'clock the Chairman opens the meeting. He notes that he is punctual normally, but due to the large number of attendees, we had to wait until everyone had found a seat. Everyone is welcomed and there is a special word of welcome for our Honorary Member, our Member of Merit, former Board Member Ab Schreurs and Johan Willemstein, manager of the Four Days Marches. Furthermore, it is pleasant to note that there are various new members present and that some attendees attend a meeting for the first time. The Chairman notes that he will perform his welcoming word only in the Dutch: at some particular point of time he was embarrassed when he was bluffing about this and it appeared that the number of languages which he masters, is much smaller than the number of nationalities that is a member of our Association.

There are some domestic communications and the introduction round of the Board is skipped this time: the members of the Board must meanwhile are known, except perhaps Mrs. Henriksen-Delaney, but that name sounds just what strange because she recently married. The Chairman recalls the special last year: our 60th anniversary with a gift in the form of a badge, two circulars in color, a gift (a replica of the score of the march of the Four Days Marches written by Van Mechelen) from Mr. Van der Lans, Mr. Van der Velden, Mr. Hoogenboom and Mr. Van Rijssen and the music band on our meeting point in Beuningen.

There was also a special reunion with a boat trip from Cuijk to Arcen. Originally, we had a wilder plan in mind, but as a consequence of the amazing attendance and the surprising funfair in Cuijk we did not manage to reach Venlo. Other issues were also to some extent not entirely according to plan, because by short circuit just before the descent the speeches could not be heard on the upper deck of the boat. Nevertheless, it was a beautiful day with 370 participants and wonderful weather.

Also another surprise of the jubilee did not work out. In 2009 and 2010 we tried to support the Vierdaagslied (the song of the Four Days Marches) musically during the July meeting in the Kolpinghuis. The .MP3-version, however, failed twice, after which we arranged for a band. However, in their roadmap there was an item: "Goudenkruisdragers Vereniging" as a consequence of which the musicians where looking for us in the "Vereniging" building elsewhere in Nijmegen. It was extra pity because they had rehearsed the "Defileermars (Parade March) of the Gold Cross Bearers". The Chairman invites the Board to find a way out in 2012.

The Board has the intention to continue the meeting points for 2012, made possible by the volunteers who staff the points. The Chairman does not dare to share

actually additional news about the Vierdaagse, and that is why he invited one of our members to communicate something about the next edition. At this point in time he gives the floor to Johan Willemstein. Mr. Willemstein answers immediately that our Chairman gives the impression that this has been fully arranged. The Chairman, however, did not know until 10.45 o'clock that Mr. Willemstein would like to address the meeting shortly.

Mr. Willemstein tells that unfortunately he has to leave soon, because today it is his mother's birthday and if he would not come along, he would not be a good son. He wants to give our Chairman the mandate to share all sorts of news regarding the Vierdaagse with the members, as soon as he has left the meeting. And on April 25, the Board will certainly share quite a few things that engage the members with the Board of the Four Days Marches during the annual consultations. Now, Mr. Willemstein would like to anticipate one of the agenda items. The point is that Mr. Sackers is already twenty years on the Board of our Association and is Chairman for eight years now. His thorough knowledge, good sense of proportion and weighed up advocacy and careful word choice and formulations were exactly what was needed. Therefore, he thanks Mr. Sackers for his good sport management within our Association and within the management team of the Four Days Marches. According to Mr. Willemstein our Chairman was ready to oblige both for the person who did ten times the Four Days Marches, as for the person who walked 64 times. We are all owner of that precious possession: the Four Days Marches. That does not make the advocacy easy, but our Chairman always found the golden mean. The Board of the Foundation DE 4DAAGSE has, therefore, decided, without consulting their member responsible for legal affairs, to render Mr. Sackers the Dedication medal in gold of the Four Days Marches. This is then presented to the Chairman by Mr. Willemstein. Because our Chairman is also husband and father, and since his wife has had to miss him regularly, Mr. Willemstein has also a floral tribute for her as balm for wounded feelings.



Mr. Sackers receives the Dedication medal from Mr. Willemstein

Then Mr. Willemstein announces that he intends to do something unusual. He addresses the candidate, nominated by the Board for the post of Chairman. Although the meeting still needs to agree with the appointment, he has, as a member of our Association, the feeling that things will proceed well. He does not want to influence the members, but in his opinion Mrs. Vink is an excellent candidate. And to wish her already success with these beautiful Association with more than 2,500 members at home and abroad, he has brought her a flower too. He wishes everyone a good further meeting: he hopes to see all of us again in July. Then Mr. Willemstein leaves the meeting.

The Chairman takes the floor, but does not actually dare to speak of resuming the order of the meeting. He recalls the 95th Vierdaagse as an event having disastrous weather forecasts. And while it remained in and around Nijmegen wonderful weather and on the Wedren people were asking for extra parasols, elsewhere in the Netherlands the streets were flooded. Only on Thursday afternoon a sharp cloudburst fell, if only for all those hikers who dragged along their rainproof clothing already for three days in vain. Having 2,900 dropouts this was the lowest percentage since 1968 (the first Four Days Marches under the leadership of Tonnie van Dongen).

Over 38,000 walkers reached the finish and gave a performance that speaks to the imagination. Among them seven members who participated for the fiftieth time, two members for the 60th time (Mrs. Van Waterschoot and Mr. Okkes) and of course Honorary Member Bert van der Lans who accomplished his 64th Vierdaagse. It was a calm year for our Association with again on 31st December 2011 an increase of our membership figures. We counted that day 2,563 members.

Because the march leader gave him the opportunity to share some aspects, the Chairman starts with the communication that by now 5,000 people are drawn. This draw constitutes each year a black day for some people, but it also means that we are back with 50,000 registrations at the level of 2005. On the first day of the Four Day Marches there will be a small trail change for the 30 kilometers and for the 40 km soldiers in connection with the construction of a viaduct at Elst. And for the hundredth Vierdaagse in 2016, there is a Commission set up to celebrate the Jubilee: our member Mr. Claassen is a member of this Commission. Our Member Mr. Schreurs is part of the established Stichting Sponsorloop Vierdaagse (Foundation Sponsor walking Four Days Marches).

The paramount news regarding the Vierdaagse for next year are the budget cuts at the Ministry of Defense. The support of Defense will be increasingly cut down in 2012 and 2013 and even stop in 2014. This means a huge problem for the future of Camp Heumensoord. Also, the sign-up fee for soldiers increased sharply: for now, this has not influenced the number of registered soldiers. The Canadian delegation will participate this year for the 60th time.

As a consequence of the budget cuts by Defense and the declining number of visitors the flag parade comes to expire this year. Consequently, our Association has no longer access cards for our members. On the Sunday before the Four Days Marches we will no longer be on the Wedren to share cards. The grandstand tickets for the entry on Friday will be issued on Monday afternoon in the Kolpinghuis. An alternative opening ceremony on 18th July 2012 is still in study. The Board of the Stichting DE 4DAAGSE considers to have no draw in 2016. In order to accommodate all additional participants one starts this year already with the redesign of the start and finish area. Hence, all enroll desks of all distances move to the Juliana park for the sake of creating more room for terraces on the Wedren. Apart from that this an ordinary Vierdaagse, so the Chairman wishes everyone success with the preparations.

Finally, the Chairman asks everyone to stand. He reads the names of our members who passed away last year, and asks us a moment silence to commemorate them.

2. Documents received and board announcements

The secretary list the cancellations for this meeting: Mrs. Ellie Borst from Drunen, Mr. Ton Swart from Beverwijk and Mr. Arie Versteeg from Zwijndrecht. We received a question from Mrs. Marti van der Laaken-Maan: she likes to participate together with her husband Wim van der Laaken in the upcoming trip with members to Van Veluw in Zeist. Her husband is infirm and she asks if she (as a non-member) can push his wheel-chair. Obviously we have confirmed that she is also very welcome. Furthermore, we received a letter from Mr. Jos Knooff, who calls attention to his charity during the next marches. The board will enable him to recruit sponsors for his charity at the Kolpinghuis on 19 July and the website of the association. A letter has

been sent by the secretary to Mr. Van der Lans, Mr. Schreurs and Mr. Van Slageren, but this issue will be addressed at a following agenda item.

The only announcement of the board is a repetition of the intention to organize meeting points during the first three days of the Vierdaagse in 2012.

3. Minutes general meeting 18 July 2011

The chairman presents the minutes to the attendees page by page and there appear to be no comments. The minutes are determined. The chairman thanks the secretary for good and actual reporting.

4. Annual report of the board on 2011

a. Report of the secretary

Mr. Claassen states that a formulation on page one of the report gives the impression that the six members, present at the meeting, are also entitled to vote. This is not true and he therefore proposes a more careful wording of this sentence. The secretary promises to correct the text.

Member of merit Gien Langen-Kolck indicates that the name Foundation Vierdaagsemiss on page two should not contain the word "The".

b. Report of the treasurer

The chairman presents to the attendees the annual report of the treasurer. There are no comments on this report from the members.

5. Annual report of the Audit Committee on 2011

Mr. Van Slageren speaks out the statement of the auditing committee and hands over the statement to the board. The audit committee performed a check on the records of the financial year 2011 on the 21st february 2012 at the office of KNBLO walking organization Netherlands. The audit committee considers the administration as well and clear. The balance sheets gives a truthful impression of the assets of the association. Therefore the committee proposes the board, and thus the treasurer, to be discharged for the financial policy over 2011.

The chairman proposes the board to be discharged for the policies over the year 2011. This proposal is confirmed with a unanimous applause from the members present.

6. Nomination of the Audit Committee 2012

The chairman proposes the current auditing committee to be re-elected for 2012. The committee currently consists of Mr. Vermeer, Mr. Van Slageren and Mr. Van der Made. Ms Van den Brakel is available for replacements. The present members support this proposal with applause.

7. Budget 2013 and the proposed contribution

The budget is discussed with the members and there are no questions or comments. It shows how clear the documents are: the Chairman thanks the

treasurer for the preparation. With the consent of those present the budget for 2013 is approved, including the determination of the subscription for 2013.

8. Election of the Board

The chairman reported now, that there was nothing where he could think of to prolong his presidency and proceeds to his final act as president: handing over the gavel to the vice-president, Mrs van den Heuvel. The vice-president said that she now finally has her chance to take the word for a while. After 20 years of boardmembership, because we say goodbye to our chairman, mr Sackers.

In those 20 years, the president himself gave his heart and soul to our association: first 12 years as secretary, then as vice-president and the last 7 years as chairman. Mr Sackers was appointed july 15 1991 as reserve member of the auditing committee. March 14 1992, he was elected to the board. His predecessor, Mr van Kessel, said that it was a brilliant move to a 77-year-old in exchange for someone of 36!

Mr Sackers first took the secretariat itself, perhaps because of its evocative address; Sint Annastreet 188k [better known as the via gladiola!]. He was immediatly used to the position of secretary, because in the

first annualreport made by him, mr Sackers said a deceased former board member of the first name, which prompt became a remark during the meeting. But soon, the innovative influence in the administration felt.

Together with mr Hartog, mr Sacker starts a major membershipenlistment action. This is repeated every year since 1994, and thus increased the membership from 800 to over 2500.

The legal background of mr Sackers certainly comes handy in 1995 when the association is discussing the test-participation of wheelchair users to the marches. Wheelchairs can't physically walk and there would be a modification of the regulations needed to let them participate. Mr Sackers also argues that the participation of wheelchair-users may create a precedent and that marches should not slip off to a parade, it's an achievement oriented walk. But even within the union mr Sackers put his legal knowledge. The growing association requires new regulations and this agreement will be drafted between 1996 and 2000, and finally approved.

The chairman then, mr Hoge, also says:"The new regulations are the crowning-glory that Henny Sackers has done for the association. Since 1995 he has been the architect of these regulations, in addition to his busy work,

and has them established. It was the great desire of Henny to the union to provide them with modern regulations".

Also the advisory role towards the KNBLO, than the organizer of the 4DM, is since 1996 and lateron regularly consulted with them on which the intersts of our members naturally recieve special attention.

Furthermore, Mr Sackers writes a large number of annual reports, in which he gives the atmosphere of an association year and the marches. There may sound emotion in the annual report: Mr Sackers spends in 1997 with integrity

attention to the Hercules disaster [a plan with an military band came down in Eindhoven] on the eve of the marches 1996 and he knows striking in writing obituaries of numbers of former members of our association.

But for the jubilee book that the men Sackers, Claassen and Van der Lans wrote on the occasion of our 50th anniversary, a great effort was required. After he finished in 1996 for the 25th x the marches, Mr Sackers had to stop

for health reasons. Fortunately he soon found a place in the executive committee of the marches, and he was noted soon there too for his personality and qualities. This brought our association always first news of the 4DM.

The additional meeting in the spring was his idea and there was an internet site, a new look for the circular letter and meeting points along the route during the 4DM.

But also the implementation, Mr Sackers was active. He was on our walks in 2001, 2003 and 2005 [walks in springtime, 1 day] still a good marshall, listen to a remark of a member: "Henny Sackers is present at 3 [!] crossings, which may be proven that some board-members apparently have to be everywhere at once". Even his opening words at members-meetings and the reunion we will remember and especially the welcome word for Mr Parrega in 1998, spoken in the Frisian language.

He was always up for fun activities. The idea of Mr Wim Jansen in his final year as chairman of the Foundation 4DM, to offer him a polo shirt with the words "I love Golden Cross Bearers" and the brilliant idea to keep the reunion in 2011 at the beautiful boat Jules Verne came from our president. However, for this last idea the treasurer was stabbing his stick, because otherwise we had gone bankrupt. The vice president thanked Mr Sackers for all his work and thanked his wife Aditi and daughter Lisa for the hospitality during board meetings.

The board has [behind the chairman's back] contacted the Appointments Commission with the proposal for the outgoing president to appoint him a honorary member of our association. This proposal is supported by the committee comprising Mr Bert van der Lans, Ruurd Slageren and Ab Scheurs. This gives us an honorary member, Bert van der Lans, the microphone.



He reads the statement, which the Appointments Commission once recalls the managerial career of Mr Sackers and supports the nomination of Mr Sackers to become a honorary member. This statement, signed by all members of the Appointments Commission, is presented to the board.

This requires the vice-president, Mrs van den Heuvel, if the meeting may accept the appointment of Mr Sackers as an honorary member. This is followed with a loud applause, which means that Mr Sackers is appointed as an honorary member

of our association. The secretary handed Mr Sackers a certificate and the other board members handed him a gift and flowers on behalf of the association.

Mr Sackers speaks a brief word of thanks. As an association we are careful with these appointments and makes him so special to become a honorary member. He just repeats the incident during his first meeting as secretary. He thought at the time as a member of a club one week a year where everyone is equal. That is the atmosphere of this association should prevail. There is also a word of thanks for all board and Mr van der Lans, who approached him once for an executive position.

The welcoming speech of Mr Sackers from Parrega is still known by heart. He wished his successor the trust of all members, and thanks again. Mr van der Lans and Claassen for the pleasant cooperation in the writing of the jubilee.

This is a young, strong association with sufficiently good for another sixty years.

Then the vice-chairman goes on with the annual board election. The board has 1 candidate; Mrs Leonie Vink from Helmond nominated. There are no other candidates. Mrs Vink introduces herself briefly to the attendees.



She was born in Nijmegen and grew up with the marches. For example, she recalls that when she was 2 year old and saw Black Piet [friend of sant claus] in a shop .But it was a black American soldier; ,a participant in the marches

Thus began her love for the marches. She has run the event just 11 x and then became a bureau list and later distance coordinator and confidant of the executive committee. Finally she asked the current management of our association to become the chairman. She thinks its a great honor to be allowed to do for an association that is so rich in tradition. With many young members we can confidently go into the 21st century.

The vice-president proposes., in absence of other candidates, Mrs Vink to select as the new chairman. This is supported by its members and ratified with applause. Mrs Vink sits than behind the board table and takes charge of the meeting itself now.

9. (Other) proposals of the Board

Except the continuation of the meeting points, there are no other proposals.

10. Proposals made by the members

The new chairman observes there are no proposals from the members and secondly her first meeting goes very quickly in this way.

11. Any other business

On behalf of the board “Stichting Vierdaagsemis” Mr. Claassen thanks the association for the financial contribution and pointed out the 51th 4-days mass service on Sunday July 15th. And on behalf of the “records commission” he wants to draw attention to the site of the regional Nijmegen record office, this record office

contains a lot of 4-days pictures on line and it would be nice to receive comments and/or more information about those pictures. The chairman announces: The link to this site will be published through the site and circular letter of our association. Mr.Vermeer wants to know how (the association) will stay involved with the new flags parade set-up. The chairman promises to negotiate this item during the planned consultation with “Stichting De Vierdaagse”. Mrs.Wouters adds the desire to have an opening ceremony on Monday evening. Mr.Sackers reports: The “Stichting De Vierdaagse” and the council of Nijmegen have a consultation together about a new opening ceremony, may be as a parade on Monday evening. Mr. van Slageren mentioned in the past and now again about the difference in countdown (time to go until the start) on the site of “Stichting De Vierdaagse” and our site. The secretary promises to check this problem. The chairman hands over the floor to Mr. Peeters, the organiser of the Enkhuizer reunion in September 2012. He organised already the Almere reunion and will try it again this year. The Enkhuizer reunion program is already fixed and an orientation visit, together with the board, have already taken place. The reception is realised in a big room, followed by a walk towards the boat and during the boat drive a lunch will be served. After the boat drive some time will be available to visit Enkhuizen on the “open monuments day”. The day finally ends in the reception room where a drink will be served and the lustrum awards are distributed. Everybody is invited on this reunion on September 8th. The chairman thanks Mr. Peeters for his explanation. The chairman has only one official job to go during this meeting: Margje and Ruurd van Slageren have their 40th wedding anniversary today, the celebration will be tomorrow, in connection with their presence here today. For this reason the chairman handed over some flowers.

12. Closure

The chairman invites everybody for lunch and asks all present members to sign the attendance list. She wishes everybody good luck and success during the 4-days marches to come and finally she closes the meeting at 13.10 pm.



Mr. Schreurs shakes hands with new honorary member Henny Sackers.



Members thank Mr. Sackers for his efforts.

In memoriam

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

Mr.	J.A. Bouma	1921	Leeuwarden
Mr.	O.A.J. Dam	1931	Nijmegen
Mr.	B.G.G. van Duren	1959	Grave
Mr.	B. van Hall	1928	Enschede
Mr.	P. Hogenberk	1929	Apeldoorn
Mr.	H.J. Mombarg	1929	Groenlo
Mr.	H. Roos	1944	Gennep
Mrs.	S.J.E. Willems	1953	Nijmegen

Our condolences go out to the relatives.

Reunion 8 September in Enkhuizen

As you know, the reunion this year will be held in Enkhuizen. Enkhuizen is a lovely city with a lot of water around it.

We will have lunch on board of a boat.
This boat can only have 200 passengers maximum.

Hosts will be Mr. Peeters and Mr. Leenders who will await you at the train station or parking lot.
From there you can go by foot to the “Nieuwe Doelen”. There you will receive coffee.

After that we will go to the boat “Zuiderzee” and will sail the IJsselmeer.
After the boatrip you will have the opportunity to go sightseeing in the center of Enkhuizen and visit museums like “Snouck van Loosenhuis” free of charge.

After the sightseeing tour, we will return in the “Nieuwe Doelen” for some drinks and the lustrum rewards.

Francie de Leeuw.

Costs for this day are: € 35,-

How do you get to Enkhuizen?

- Per train via Amsterdam CS or Schiphol-Sloterdijk
- Per car from the north via the A5 towards Lelystad and from there the N302, this will lead you directly to Enkhuizen.

- Per car from the west, go towards Amsterdam, then the A7 until Hoorn and then the N302. This will lead you directly to Enkhuizen
- Per car from the south: go towards Utrecht and then either: Amsterdam – A7 and then N302 or Almere A27 – Lelystad and the N302.
- Per car from the east: Around Zwolle, go towards Lelystad and then the N302. Below Zwolle: via A50/A12 towards Utrecht and then as above.

In Enkhuizen you can park for free behind the train station. From there you will be guided towards the Nieuwe Doelen.

Impression of Enkhuizen:



4 DAYS MASS 2012

The board of the foundation “Vierdaagsemiss” has the pleasure to invite you for the festive celebration of the 51st 4 Days Mass on Sunday July 15, 2012 in the St. Stevenskerk in Nijmegen

The theme of the mass is: “YOU NEVER WALK ALONE”.

Ministers are father Aloys van Velthoven s.s.s. and reverent Joop Mol.
Music is provided by the Groesbeeks Gemengd Koor (choir) led by Eugène Ceulemans and the Police Band Gelderland-Zuid led by Emile Stoffels.
The organ is played by Cor van Wageningen.

The mass start at 10.00 uur. The church will be open at 09.00 a.m.
We ask you to come in time.

The board of the foundation,

Marcel M. Claassen, chairman
Gien B.J. Langen- Van Kolck secretary/treasurer
Jan A.M. Maassen, board member

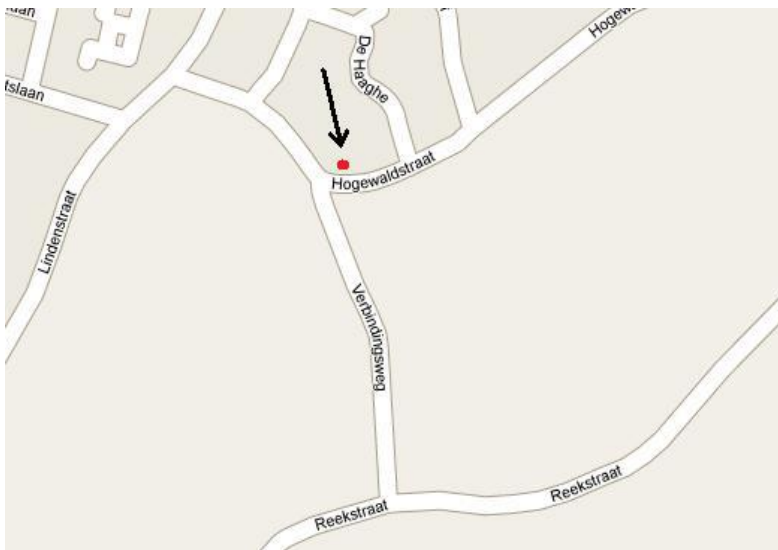
Meeting Points

Just like last year, our association will have meeting points (MP) along the routes. As with previous years 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.

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 MP on the 2nd day can be found in Beuningen on the Hogewaldstraat, number 16, close to the crossing with the Verbindingsweg.



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.



Ook dit jaar staan de dezelfde vrijwilligers voor u klaar om u te voorzien van een drankje. Wij hopen wederom vele leden op onze Meeting Points te mogen ontmoeten!



Four Days Marches Anthem

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.
Zo willen wij door Neêrland
en door het leven heen.

