

"Short Liners"

by Harry Simons

I watched the Dutchman disappear
As I was left with the check
Only after I paid
Did he come back!



Dutch TV is Just a Mouse Click Away!

There is no reason to be homesick for Dutch TV anymore... nor do you have to invest in satellite TV. Most newer TV's will connect to your computer via an HDMI or VGA cable, bringing you full-screen viewing! Imagine sitting back and watching Dutch TV on the big screen in your living room!

Check out these websites for a wide variety of modern Dutch programs:
www.uitzendinggemist.nl
and
www.rtvoost.nl

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2013 Upcoming Events

- March: Spring Borrel/Annual Meeting - March 23
- April: Koniniginndag - April 28
- June: Golf Outing - June 22
- July: Pool Party - check website

Go to naadv.org for event dates and details and watch for e-blasts.

Stay Current...

www.naadv.org: for all the latest events as well information about the club.

Electronic mailing list: enter your e-mail address on our website homepage for event info and announcements.

Mail: current members will receive mailings about upcoming events as well as the quarterly newsletter, De Brug.



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Catching up with the NAADV!

It's been a long winter and many of you ventured into the cold to attend NAADV events. As always **Sinterklaas** was a huge hit with a lot of children receiving well-deserved presents from Sint! A huge thank you to Deb Kowal Heerkens who has chaired the Sinterklaas comitee the past few years and has done a spectacular job making sure this event always goes off without a hitch! Deb has decided to step down this year and we all appreciate the contributions she has made in keeping Sinterklaas our #1 event!

Later in December we held our annual **Holiday Borrel** at Rock Bottom Brewery in King of Prussia. It was great to see a lot of new faces enjoying micro-brews and meeting other members.

January brought us the **New Member Borrel** and there were certainly a lot of new members! Held at Yoonie and Stefan Lint's home in Havertown, the house was filled with mingling members, new and old. The Lints put out a great spread and it was a real party! How great to see so many new Dutch people joining the NAADV - many of whom who have been here for years and did not know about our club! Spread the word - there are many more out there in the Delaware Valley!



Sinterklaas photos courtesy of Dan Brody



Oranje
Golf
Outing!
June 22



Details on
our website &
watch for an
eblast!



April 28th
2pm-5pm
Swarthmore
Community
Center

Tot Ziens Koninginnedag!

With the recent announcement that Queen Beatrix will be stepping down, making way for Prince Willem Alexander to become King of the Netherlands, it will also be the end of Koninginnedag. Born on April 27th, Willem Alexander will be celebrating his birthday on Koningdag. It's only 3 days difference but for most Nederlanders it's hard to believe this will be their last "Queen's Day."

Come and celebrate this special day with us on **Sunday, April 28th** in Swarthmore, PA. An invitation will be sent to our members and details are also on our website,

naadv.org. Enjoy a rommelmarkt, haring, bitterballen, kiddie games and lots of great food and fun! And, enjoy the last singing of the Wilhelmus to Queen Beatrix!



MEMBER PROFILE:

She's Got the Best of Both Worlds... Literally!



Ilonka Montgomery grew up in Uden, Noord Brabant and came to America when she was 20 years old. She had applied to the police academy in Holland but got married to an American who was stationed with the Air Force in Volkel instead. They left 6 months later. She and her husband adopted 3 kids now 16, 15 & 13 in New Jersey – two girls (who were sisters) and then a boy who is actually the oldest.

Ilonka's job as a flight attendant was not planned – she heard from a friend that USAir was hiring Dutch speaking people for their new route to Amsterdam and she thought "lets give it a try." She gets to go home an average of 5 times a month! Normally, it's just a 24 hour stay, "so it's 'home' in little bursts". But, Ilonka really enjoys it! " Just

walking though the streets of Amsterdam is wonderful! It's so different from my Uden, but I still call it home." Since her stays are so short family and friends often come to see her in Amsterdam. She frequently flies with her boyfriend and together they do fun things like canal rides, bike rides and excursions to the Rotterdam Harbor, Zaanse Schans, Leiden, Gouda & Delft but even went indoor skiing one time!

Because she knows she will return the following week, it's never hard to leave Holland. She gets her goodies from the grocery store and her kids wait happily at home to see what she has brought – kaas, hagelslag, limonade siroop, and drop.

What she does miss of Holland are the things you do with family which she doesn't get to do as often as she likes. However she (alone or with the kids) does try to go back a few times a year on her days off to celebrate her sister's birthday. "That is one of those things they don't do quite the same here in the U.S.

(Lekker gezellig rond de tafel met de hele groep.)" And, since she is a brabander, she loves Carnaval, and tries to go back every year for that.

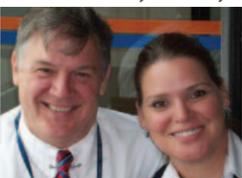
The U.S. has spoiled her with the convenience of everything - no worries about catching a store closed and the ease of drive-throughs. She finds return policies in stores are so much easier here. "It makes us lazy but sadly enough we get used to them. And, I like the American people because of their laid back personalities."

"I love both countries equally and am so blessed to be part of both of them."



Ilonka's Kids: Nate & Taylor and sisters Taylor and Sam.

Ilonka with her boyfriend Tony.



"Do you know the meaning of the word abdication?"

The Dutch word is "abdicatie," and I had not heard of it until January 28, 2013. On this day, Queen Beatrix announced she will be stepping down in favor of her oldest son, Prince Willem



Alexander. On April 30, which is the date of the national Dutch holiday Queensday, Prince Willem Alexander will assume the title King Willem Alexander. He will become the first Dutch king in over a century.

Starting in 2014 Queensday as we know it, and, as I have celebrated it my entire life, will be different. Will the flea markets, the KoninginneNach, and the visits of the royal family to local events

still be there? Kingsday will be celebrated on April 27, King Willem Alexander's birthday. However, as April 27, 2014 will be on a Sunday, the Netherlands' very first Kingsday will be on Saturday, April 26. The NAADV will celebrate their last Queensday (for now) on April 28, 2013 in the Swarthmore Community Center.

Let's make it a good one!

- Cisca Jansen

Colophon

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If interested in volunteering or attending a board meeting, please contact President Cisca Jansen. Elections for board members are held yearly in the Spring at the Spring Borrel/Annual Meeting.

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More Indonesian Options in Philly....

Philadelphia has a lot of new Indonesian options. Next time you are in the city, check out some of these places...

If you have been to the Rijsttafel in recent years then you are familiar with Aqua Restaurant which tends to skew more Malaysian than Indonesian. Many of you may remember Indonesia Restarant which moved to South Philly a few years back. Well, now there are a few more options if you are craving true Indonesian fare.



Sky Café is located in very far south South Philly on Ritner Street. It's not much from the outside and the decor is more hamburger joint than exotic Indonesian but the food makes up for it. Run by an Indonesian husband and wife team, this tiny place seems quite popular with Indonesians themselves. You won't need to bring a lot of money either. The most expensive entree is \$7.50 and you won't leave hungry! They offer Nasi and Noodle dishes and homemade kroepoek. They also make Spekkoek on the premises but it apparently does not last very long so you may want to call ahead!

Sky Café
1540 Ritner Street, Philadelphia
215.271.1983 • skycafe215.com

In the Point Breeze section of Philly is **Hardena/Waroeng Surabaya**. This family-run restaurant offers a large

selection of traditional Indonesian dishes although the restaurant itself is small. Again, the value for money here is fantastic and there is a rotating selection of specials to choose from.

Hardena/Waroeng Surabaya
1754 S Hicks Street, Philadelphia
215.271.9442 • hardenas.com

Café Pendawa Lima is more of a market than an actual restaurant. Don't let the "MoneyGram" sign outside fool you - this is true Indonesian fare available for takeout. It's so Indonesian that you may need help translating the labels on the ready-to-go meals.

Café Pendawa Lima
1529 Morris Street, Philadelphia
215.755.6229

The Perfect Dutch Frikandel Comes to America!

By Gerald van Wilgen

The absence of one of the most popular Dutch snacks – more than 700 million are sold yearly in The Netherlands – has been cause for lamentation and frustration. The latter, especially among those who wanted to reproduce the snack. It took Rob Dirne (from LaGrange, Ohio) 11 years and 33 serious attempts to recreate a frikandel to his standards. The result (which he named the 'Freak') not only pleased his friends and family, but he now also has a small production line in Amherst, Ohio.

What is the appeal of the frikandel?

It's the combination of spices with the consistency of the meat. The closest product you can get here is the hot dog, but the taste and the bite are completely different. It's hard to explain to Americans. That's why we organize tastings.

I'm assuming you needed to convince your bank. How did you sell them the idea? I simply told them how many were

sold in The Netherlands, and how many Dutch people live in the US and Canada who have an interest. It's simple math. The first order we received was from Bruges Waffles & Frites in Salt Lake City, Utah. They ordered 3000 of them, and largely due to the success of the Freak, they have just opened their second location. It proves that the Freak appeals to a broad American audience as well.

What can you say about the production process?

I can't get into details on how we do it, but I can tell you this: we don't use any mechanically separated meat. We make a gourmet version. That's why we are more expensive. We use quality ingredients, beef, chicken and pork.

Do you deep-fry them at home?

The Dutch purist wants to deep-fry of course, but you can also bake or grill the frikandel, or sauté it. People here



are not familiar with the product, so they are using it in all kinds of different new ways: like in pasta sauce or as a pizza topping. There was a truck-stop that wanted to sell frikandel with eggs for breakfast; they are calling it 'Freak-n-Eggs'.

Why do you call your product 'Freak-n-Fries'?

It's more a serving suggestion. It was my wife's idea. People don't know what a frikandel is, and it's a hard word to pronounce. We started brainstorming and she came up with 'Freaks'. It's a nice alliteration, and they look kind of freaky.

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Smullen!