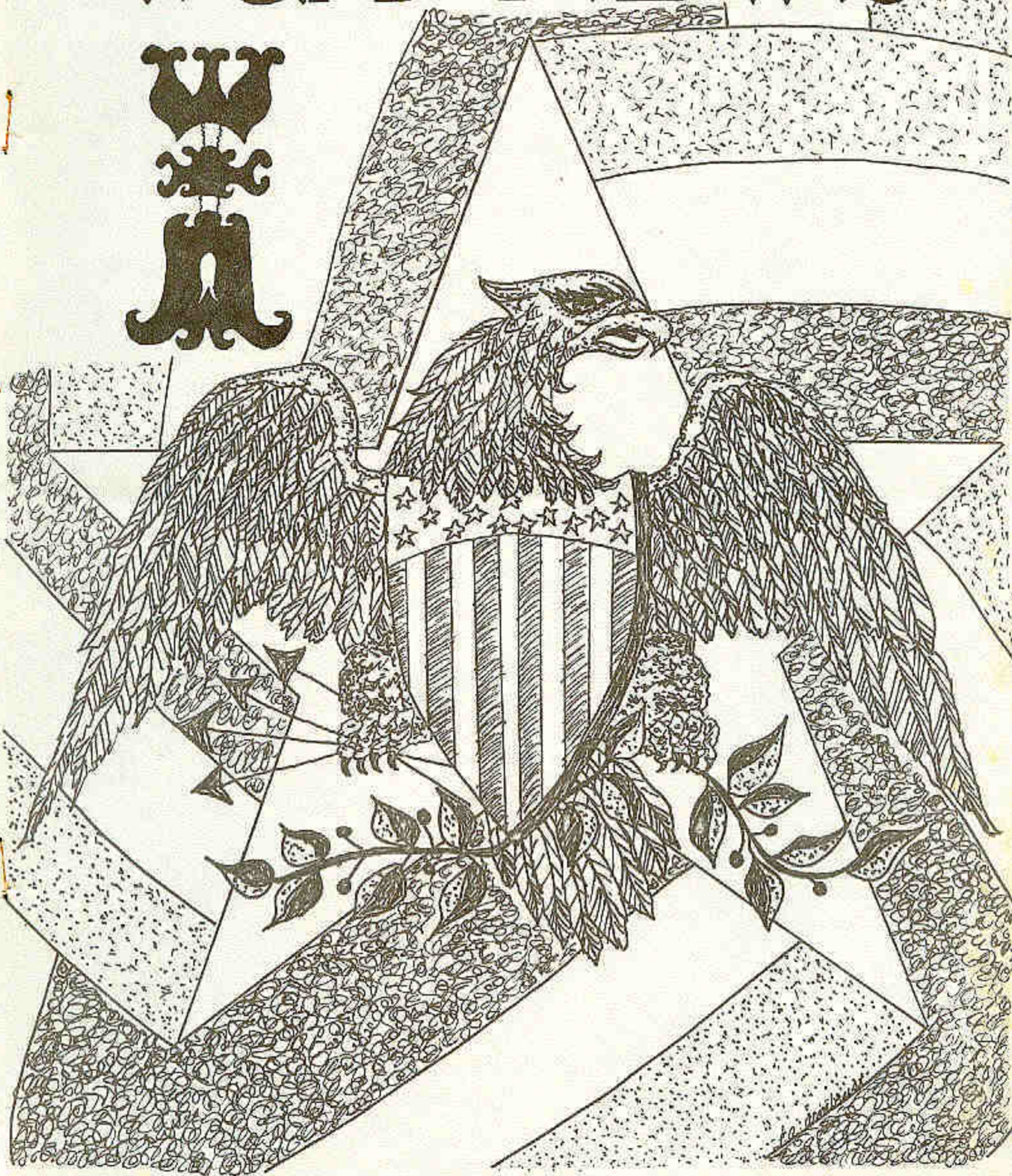
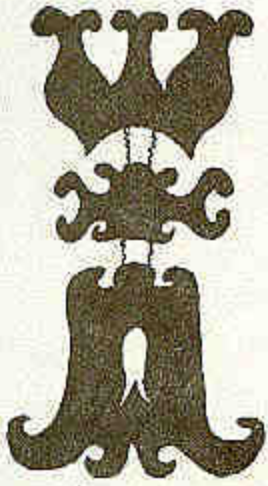


WCA NEWS



STAFF Joan Alexander, Rose Marie Van Dijk, Joy Huggins, Carol Rhydderch, Kit Livingston, Isabella Yzer and Winnie Wunnink

FROM THE PRESS ROOM

We were hoping beyond hope that Joan Alexander, like a knight in shining armor, could return from Miami in time to save us. Alas, we had to do it alone, and how we miss her! Relying on those who constantly help us when we need it (Kay Tekker, Marilee Davies, Carole Schroth, Renee Estrada and Judy Quance), we completed our final issue this year. Bicentennial in the U.S. is our theme this month. Lucille Armbrust and Shai McMannus are our contributing artists. Enrich your mind by reading Hilary Boer's article on Las Tortugas and Mr. Kamp's ideas on horticulture in Aruba. Committee chairmen have added yearly reports to their already hectic lives. Read what you have accomplished in one year. By the way, Rose Marie Van Dijk lost a gold earring at the May general meeting. If you found it, please call her. Thank you Women's Club members for all your suggestions and support. You made the year worthwhile. Have a good summer. You deserve it!

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NEWS FROM THE TOP

Our year has come to an end. It was a good year, considering the many projects we have undertaken, and these we can read about in the various committee reports elsewhere in this issue. Again, our members have proven that thru cooperation, determination, and backed up by our varied skills and leadership, we can achieve a whole lot, and this has carried our organization to new heights. I certainly feel that we have once again achieved the purpose of our organization, that is, "TO FOSTER GOOD FELLOWSHIP AMONG THE MEMBERS BY SOCIALIZING AND WORKING TOGETHER FOR THE BETTERMENT OF THEMSELVES AND THE BETTERMENT OF THE COMMUNITY"...

As President of W.C.A. I also had a very rewarding year. There were moments of joy and satisfaction, but there were also moments when things just didn't work out right, but we were not discouraged, and thru the cooperation and help from all our members we were able to meet all the challenges. Our meetings throughout the year were very well attended. This year we took a different approach concerning our study groups, and it has worked out well. We also had some nice programs and all our committees have done their best. All in all, it was a good year, and for me a wonderful experience.

It is for this reason that I express my sincere gratitude and thanks to our Board, who stood with me, side by side, to face all challenges and guide our organization; and to all our committees and their chairmen, who have performed so well throughout the year and for making the Club an interesting one. A special thanks to Joan Alexander and the W.C.A. NEWS Committee. They have done an excellent job in keeping all our members informed on all Club activities. And last but not least, thanks to every member for making the Women's Club a wonderful organization. I take this opportunity to say goodbye to those members who are leaving the Island and to thank them for all they did for the Club throughout the years. Au revoir, and I hope that they will keep in touch with us.

To our incoming President, Annemiek Kock and her board I wish them success and strength for the coming year. We look with confidence into the future, and let us all continue to cooperate and help those in need on our Island and to make Aruba a better place in which to live.

Once again, masha masha danki to all of you.

Sincerely,

Quita Croes

EDUCATIONAL COMMITTEE

The following summarizes our findings in regards to the questionnaire we sent to the businessmen of Aruba. We got nearly 30% of our forms back which we feel is quite a good percentage. Six questions had to be answered.

Question I asked the number of persons employed by each company. Results indicate that some 3000 people are employed by these businessmen in total.

Question II, concerning the annual turn-over rate, produced a figure of 11%, which is a rather high rate.

Question III was related to the probable growth in staff over the next five years. From this we learned that between 850 and 950 new personnel will be needed by these businessmen, a growth of about 25% in five years.

Question IV inquired about the kinds of training and qualifications these new employees should have. These could be divided into the following categories:

- 30% of the businessmen will need one or more secretaries.
- 30% of the businessmen will need one or more sales personnel.
- 25% of the businessmen will require one or more new typists.
- 20% of the businessmen will be looking for cashiers, accountants and technicians.

Question V indicated that 20% of the businessmen feel there is a shortage of professionals and bookkeepers, while more than 15% saw shortages in qualified secretaries, administrative personnel and technicians.

Question VI was not filled in by many because most of the businessmen did not think there was a shortage of personnel on the island. A few mentioned that there were many insufficiently trained administrative personnel and in general many unskilled laborers in several fields.

From these results we conclude that it would be desirable to create a body which would have the task of reporting the personnel needs of the business world in certain fields in the future. In addition there should be training available for these necessary functions, e.g. qualified secretaries need a sound training after they have finished MAVO, before they can be put to work.

Dip LOMM

From this report which will be sent to the papers (in Dutch) and to the businessmen who were so kind to send in their forms, you can see that the Educational Committee has been quite active this year. The chairman already had an informative discussion about the results of the questionnaire with a group of school councillors in the first week of May and within a few weeks there will be another between members of the Educational Committee and all the MAVO school councillors. We cannot divulge any secrets of the businessmen, but we can discuss what should be done to better the contact between the businessworld and the future employees possibly by means of the school councillors.

In the meantime, we go on with our other work which is to give advice to students as regards their future careers. We usually get the hard cases, for which no solution has been found by the school councillors. Right now we are working on some four hard cases involving a lot of asking around (e.g. Educational Department) and writing letters, hopefully with good results. Some twenty cases passed our hands which only involved giving addresses for certain types of training. We must say that we often find that parents do not encourage their children enough, and there is a slack mentality about handing in the necessary papers in time or answering questions carefully. This means that we often work hard on a case and do not succeed after all because of the attitude of the family of the student concerned.

I would like to end on an optimistic note though - we feel we have accomplished something in this second year of our existence, and there is a definite need for our kind of work. We have established useful contacts in the educational world of this island hope to accomplish the same or more next year.

ANS VISSER

WAYS AND MEANS REPORT

The Ways and Means Committee for the year 1975/76 consisted of the following members:

Helen Modrow, Chairman
Aida Briezen
Margaritha del Valle
Maria Marcus
Sharon Coleman
Veronique Classen



During October a WINE AND CHEESE party was held. This gala affair was enjoyed by members and guests. This project was a success and is worth repeating.

A CHRISTKINDLESMARKT or CHRISTMAS BAZAAR was held at the Americana Hotel during the December general meeting. This was a profitable affair. Booths sold plants, crafts and baked goods. A special booth sold articles made by the mentally handicapped with all proceeds going to that group. Another popular item was having your picture taken with Sinterklaas and Black Peter.

In January we undertook a GREAT WHITE ELEPHANT SALE project. This rummage sale was held at the YMCA in San Nicolas on a Sunday afternoon. Goods were collected and sorted the day before. The Diabetic Foundation made money on Sunday by selling soft drinks and we also gave them profits from the sale of food. Also sold were old carnival costumes. This day was a success.

In addition, we held several RAFFLES AT GENERAL MEETINGS. The prizes were donated by the merchants and here also we made some good profits.

There were several other projects that were discussed but due to unforeseen circumstances they were not realized. These were: a FOLKLORICAL, an ARTS and CRAFTS FAIR, BINGO, CASINO NIGHT and a CHINESE RAFFLE.

Helen Modrow
Chairman
Ways and Means Committee

WELFARE DONATIONS

On May 25 at 10.00 a.m. we will hand out our donation checks to the various organizations on our island, as voted upon at our May meeting. We have decided to do this separately this year in order not to have a lengthy meeting in June.

This presentation will be made in the presence of the Board, the Past Presidents, the Welfare and Ways and Means Committees.

Quita Groes

ENVIRONMENTAL GROUP

- This year both the ecology and the limpi groups spent most of their time and energy on the presentation of environmental programs in the schools. Each program lasted about five days and was followed by a formal distribution of certificates and prizes. They yielded hundreds of environmental posters which were displayed in local shopwindows. Our schedule was:

<u>Starting date</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Number of students</u>
Sept. 8, 1975	Mini-school program for APA (student teachers)	± 20
Oct. 27, 1975	Christus Koning } Brazil	101
	Michael school }	
Nov. 24, 1975	Prinses Christina school	100
	ETAO, San Nicolas	
Jan. 23, 1976	Pius X school } Dakota	63
	Fatima college }	78
March 8, 1976	St. Anna school, Noord	104
April 2, 1976	Kukwisa school, Pos chiquito	68
May 10, 1976	Theresia school, San Nicolas	69
scheduled for June 14	Colegio Ora Ubao	?

Including last year's efforts, (Don Bosco, Graf von Zinzendorf, Benilde and Maria Regina schools) our group will have reached a total of about 1000 students in fourteen schools.

- Several enthusiastic APA-students spread the message further by choosing environmental themes for their practice sessions in the grade schools.
- We tried to interest the government in establishing an environmental advisory committee and to initiate an environmental course for teachers. So far, however, our meetings with Deputy Gomez and others have yielded only good-will, a nice new underwater film and free buses for our school programs.

Other activities from the ecology group.

- Turtle campaign 1975. During the summer we organised a TV program and a poster and essay contest for the protection of Aruba's seaturtles. Prizes were donated by the daily newspapers and by C.C.A. (Cultural Centre Aruba), nine schools participated in the campaign which yielded about 500 posters, three turtle signs and several articles in the newspapers. (Currently we are preparing our 1976 turtle campaign, see later).
- In September, three representatives of our group attended the Ecological conference in Bonaire and made valuable new contacts.
- Slide show lectures on birds and/or the coral reef were held for the Rotary club, the Kiwanis, the Alliance Française, the Lago summer recreation children, the Seroc Colorado Brownies and a group of scuba diving students.

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- A series of 10 CARMABI articles about the life on the coral reef were translated to English and published in the "Local" and "The News".
- A short article about the need for conservation of the reef near Baby Lagoon was published in the Esso Club News (we'd still like to get a sign there!)
- A sign "Killing of wildlife is prohibited in the Lago Leased Land Area" was erected by Lago at the Seroe Colorado gate.
- Our appeals to the tourist office yielded promises for advertisement of the law that forbids export of coral, shells etc. So far the promised posters haven't materialized; neither did Aruba Holiday Inn publish the article we prepared. However, the bureau did stress the law in a letter to a group of shell collectors planning to visit the island.

My special thanks to the following:

Co-chairman, Helma Smalt who was actively involved in practically everything.

Our members who worked so hard in the school programs - Joop de Quack, Riet Kock, Annemiek Kock, Philo van Nulten, Stella Alleyne, Marianne Tucker, Hilary Boer, Sandra Vaessen, Mary Ann La Monte, Els Waasdorp, Erna Solognier, Helen Modrow, Carmen Scholten, Ruth Maduro and Isobel Kelly.

To Ruth Stanley for her bird lectures and Carol Rhydderch for valuable assistance in many ways.

To Mieke Verheyen, Els van de Linde, Ricky Emerencia, Barbara Hodges, Judy Quance, Dick and Leni Kerklaan, Ian MacLeod, Jan Coumans, Dr. W. Beerman, Julio Maduro, Joost Stenfert-Kroese, Dr. Ingvar Kristensen, who are not club members but cared enough about Aruba to help us.

To all the others, too numerous to mention who helped on occasion, especially in the 1975 Turtle Campaign and with the distribution of posters.

Finally I would like to give a word of appreciation for the beautiful cooperation we received from Island newspapers, T.V., the government farm at Santa Rosa, Lago and L.L. & S Sports.

Vera Rooze

Environmental Chairman

Keeping In Touch



Holland, May 4, 1976

Women's Club of Aruba
Aruba, Neth. Ant.

Ladies,

Thank you very much for the W.C.A. News. I'm enjoying every page of it. It is very nice to read about the progress in the W.C., especially the Diabetic Foundation and the volunteers still taking care of the aged at Maris Stella.

About myself, I received the E.H.B.O. (first aid) diploma and I'm looking forward taking part in the next course in special techniques.

At the Red Cross an exception was made which permitted me to learn creative works, such as, crochét, macramé, basket weaving, etc. The course starts in September and is open for everyone who likes to work as a volunteer. This concerns the patients, the seniors and lonely-ones at home.

I just wonder if there are volunteers that would like to start some creative work at Maris Stella, in addition to the bingo and dominoes.

Take the first step ladies, I hope to join you someday.

Good luck to you all,

Sincerely yours,

E. van Niel

DIVI-DIVI BEACH HOTEL

11.30 - 12.30 Cocktails

12.30 Lunch

Menu

John Paul Jones Shrimp Cocktail

Buffalo Bill Burger Platter with cole slaw, tomato, lettuce and onion

Betsy Ross Apple Pie a la mode

Coffee

Tea

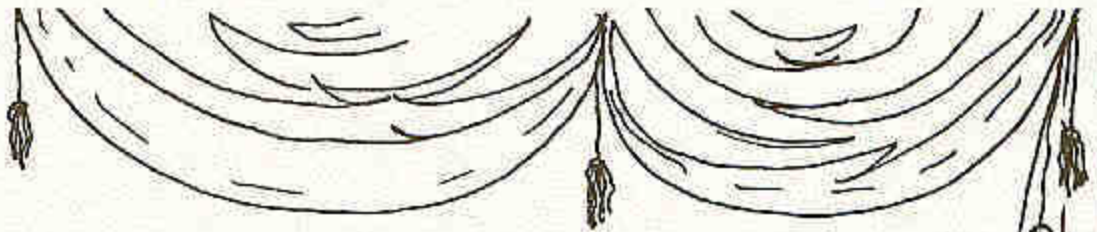
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For tickets call:

Norma Goeting	Joyeria Vasquez	2023
Quita Croes	Bata Shoe Store	5538
Aura's Beauty Shop		1161
Trees Brinkman		9-3530
Palmira Ponson		2150

Deadline for reservations is May 29.





For this, the last meeting of the year, we will end the international theme by celebrating America's Bi-centennial, and have the installation of new officers.

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Dick Huggins will speak to us about what the Bi-centennial means to him and other Americans.

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Max du Renard (if no major problems come up at the Basi Ruti) has promised to add a light touch to the meeting with his humor.

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All you have to do is come in an American costume—either national or state. We already know that our Tivoli members have their costumes and hope they'll wear them. At any rate there'll be prizes for the best!!!

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Also Phyllis Yeamens will have a display of early Americana treasures, and if you'd like to contribute to this display, please contact her.

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American Airlines will be helping us with this meeting so do come. Door prizes and many more surprises!!!

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Linda Fagerquist

for Pat Arends, Program Chairman



LIMPI REPORT

This year again the biggest part of our Limpi-program involved the schools, in which we worked together with the Ecology group. The committee also had meetings with the government about the buses that were needed for the school program. The government loaned them for this school year. Deputy D. Gomez did a good job for Limpi.

Meetings were held with Mr. Merryweather about trash cans. Now we have to start talking with Deputy N. Oduber about them. We hope to have these cans soon.

We sold trash cans donated by Lago.

Tele Aruba ran the Pitch-In movie on T.V. at no cost. We are grateful for this.

Letters have been sent to the following:

Publicidad "EXITO," who was responsible for the Richmond commercial that was a bad example for the "Zene Aruba Limpi" campaign.

"Deurs en Niewaberichten" to rectify an article about Women's Club in the February 5, 1976, newspaper.

A golf morning at the Holiday Inn netted Fls. 50,00 for Limpi.

A clean-up morning at the Natural Bridge in April was attended by only two women, but they picked up ten bags of garbage.

There is still a lot more to do, but everything is continuing at a slow pace. Let's say again that it is our belief that,

"One simple act of disposing of waste in the proper way, multiplied by thousands, will once again make Aruba a clean island."

Chairman Annemieke Kock

Co-chairman Philo van Hulst

Members Riet Kock, Nicomeda de Cuba, Sandra Veassen, Linda Fagerquist, Aida Eriksen, Bea Kock.

Annemieke Kock

THANKS FROM ROSE MARIE

I would like to extend my sincere thanks to Richard Huggins who picks the WCA NEWS up from the printer every month. Also to May and Dries Geerman in Seroc Colorado and Winnie Wunnink, Meta van Romondt, Freddy Stam and Consuelo Meijne in Oranjestad who have helped me each month staple, label, and mail the copies. "Masha Danki." Without their help it would have been impossible.

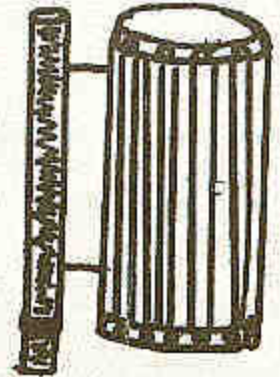
Rose Marie van Dijk

THANKS FROM MOSA

At the end of the Women's Club year I want to thank all Volunteers of Maria Stella for their help and wonderful cooperation. I hope you will go on in the same way in the coming year to bring some happiness to our elderly people.

Thank you very much.

Mosa Whitfield



STORK CLUB

Margery and Gilbert Arends are the proud parents of a third son, DARRON RYON, born on April 1. He weighed seven lbs. His two brothers, Gilberto, four, and Andrew, two, are very happy with their little brother.

A second son, RAFFAELLO ANTONIO, was born on March 31, at 4:50 a.m. and weighing six lbs. eight ozs. to Norma and Anthony Goeting. Two year old Alexander welcomed his little baby brother at home.



Betty and Richard Knappe of Scotch Plains, N.J., announce the birth of MARTIN RICHARD. Marty was born on April 25 and weighed eight lbs. fourteen ozs.

Betty was on the staff of W.C.A. News while she was in Aruba.

LORI ALLISON, the baby daughter born to Sandy and Charles De George was born on May 12. She weighed seven lbs. The whole family is delighted, and we offer our congratulations.

EASTER CELEBRATION AT MARIS STELLA

There was an Easter celebration at Maris Stella on Easter Monday, organized by the Volunteer-group. Press and television reporters were present for taking pictures and making a film, which was shown on T.V. the same evening. With all the delicious cakes, cookies, Easter eggs and even a small glass of Coecoei, it was really a happy group and everyone enjoyed himself. For prizes, there was also a raffle with the three Easter hats, donated by some members after our Easter meeting in April. Thank you volunteers, for a well-done job!!!

A Letter from Jerry Gomes

I was very surprised when I was called by a member of the Aruba Women's Club to tell me about their plans to present a program with stress on ecology. At first I did not exactly know what it was about, but now that this week is over I can only say that I am very glad I gave my approval to this project. The pupils enjoyed every bit of it. It was a really pleasant week for them, because their minds were directed to subjects they experienced as nice and as interesting. This was not just dry theory. The whole program was very well prepared; there was much material on hand for demonstration. I would like to mention especially the wonderful bird and underwater slides and the explanation given during the showing of the slides.....

Since our people generally know little about our flora and fauna, it would be good to go a little deeper into details when talking about corals, local fish, birds, and animals. Furthermore, I think it would be a wonderful idea if the Women's Club could provide those schools interested with articles, books, or any other kind of information about life on land and in the sea of our area.

Last but not least, my sincere thanks for the nice way your organization helps the community socially and educationally. I wish you strength with your wonderful work and you can always depend on our cooperation if the projects are for the benefit of our children.

Yours truly,

Jerry Gomes
St. Michael School, Brazil
May 10, 1976

CULTURAL + HISTORICAL COMMITTEE

The cultural and historical committee did not really get off the ground this year. Hopefully we'll be more organized next year. Our biggest thrill was talking with Mr. Jan Beaujon in charge of the Willem III Tower presently being renovated. It is our hope and the idea seems to meet with Mr. Beaujon's approval, that perhaps our members could be used as guides once the tower is opened. We've already had some members who have said they would be willing.

So more about that next year. Plan to join the committee and if you'd like to be chairman contact Annemiek Kock.

Linda Fagerquist

Happy Birthday, America!

"Proclaim Liberty throughout all the land unto all the inhabitants thereof." (Leviticus 25:10) Inscribed on a bell, a bell that has been cracked, recast, and cracked again, this message must be the starting point for a report on the two-hundredth birthday of the United States. Travel Agents have been luring the visitor to other popular or historic spots promising excitement, fun and homespun hospitality. Inasmuch as one must have birth before a birthday can be celebrated, a visit to the Liberty Bell in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania seems to be the best place to begin.

In 1763 Britain and Spain ruled all of North America. Protecting and governing a vast amount of territory called for great leadership, especially in the thirteen coastal colonies. These colonies were populated by approximately 2,000,000 people who did not think and act like fellow subjects in Great Britain. As one writer puts it, "They had melted into a new race of man". No people had ever been free to live and learn from the land as they had.

Following a series of British blunders and two stormy years of fighting between colonials and troops from the Motherland, no one was much surprised at the issue of the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776. Today Americans celebrate the occasion with exuberance. In 1776 it was a somber gathering of the dedicated, the serious and the brilliant. One by one, fifty-five men, representing all the colonies, signed their names with the knowledge that they were committing treason. The Liberty Bell rang on July 8 when the public learned the news. It was rung every July 4 thereafter until it cracked in 1835.



There you have a capsule history surrounding a nation's birth, a painful time. Words, however, did not give the U.S. freedom. She had to fight. For five more years, aided by France and Holland, she struggled until Lord Cornwallis surrendered to George Washington in 1781. The new nation then began a period of development borrowing ideas from other countries, depending on the ingenuity of new arrivals and always trying to keep the faith of those who had given their lives for this cause of freedom.

Travelling in the United States this year, you can see a paradox. In this land of the entrepreneur anything vaguely historic will be promoted with flim flam. Women's clubs and historical societies and local governments are struggling to preserve true landmarks, but they are often overshadowed by the salesmen of the red, white and blue souvenirs. Thousands of communities are putting forth great efforts and dollars to commemorate the year in a suitable manner. But in a land as large and as diversified, you will find a strange collection of celebration. On television there are historical dramas of high quality along with tasteless patriotic themed commercials. Painting fire hydrants and trash barrels to fit the occasion has caught the imagination of many. A long wagon train is moving from California to Pennsylvania. For the fitness enthusiasts, historical hiking and cycling trails are marked. Craft projects and battle re-enactments are thrilling history buffs.

As a personal note, I would like to tell you of my hometown's July 4 as it has been for years. If you are prone to sophistication you can stop reading here. Early in the morning there is a soap-box derby followed by relay races for all ages in the park. We jump in sacks, run with tied ankles, dash for yards, scramble for pennies and climb greased poles. A carnival midway opens in the afternoon. After picnic suppers the population of the town triples to view THE PARADE. The sound of the day so far has been church bells. Now it is bicycle bells and fire engine bells. Thousands move to the stadium then to hear greetings from the mayor and the announcement of the town's citizen of the year. For a finale see the best fireworks in the world. In the display there is always a Liberty Bell. It is a day of bells; this day was born with a bell.

Joy Huggins

Ecology Report

1) Turtle campaign 1976

The local high schools have officially been asked to participate in a poster contest. Subject is optional to the students: the protection of the sea turtles and/or the protection of the coral reef. Posters should be ready on June 17. Each school will choose its own winners. L.L. & S. Sports has agreed to take care of the prizes. They are also inviting the participating teachers for a trip in the glass bottom boat on May 15.

Our plans to release turtle hatchlings received enthusiastic support from several specialists in the field. Especially Dr. Ingvar Kristensen, head of CARMABI, has offered his full cooperation to make this action a success. Through his mediation STINAPA will also participate in this project. We are also pleased to receive a letter from Dr. Schulz offering to send us 100 turtle hatchlings from Suriname and the use of a film (all free--except for mailing costs so far). CARMABI will also help with the TV program--it looks like this might become an international venture filmed in Suriname, in Curacao and in Aruba! Our plans might be realized after all. Remember--we are counting on your help and support!

2) News about our seabirds--the Terns

The terns have returned to Aruba and are currently breeding again on the islets in front of the Lago refinery. Unfortunately, we have already received reports that eggs were stolen, and according to an unverified source they were offered for sale in some local supermarket.

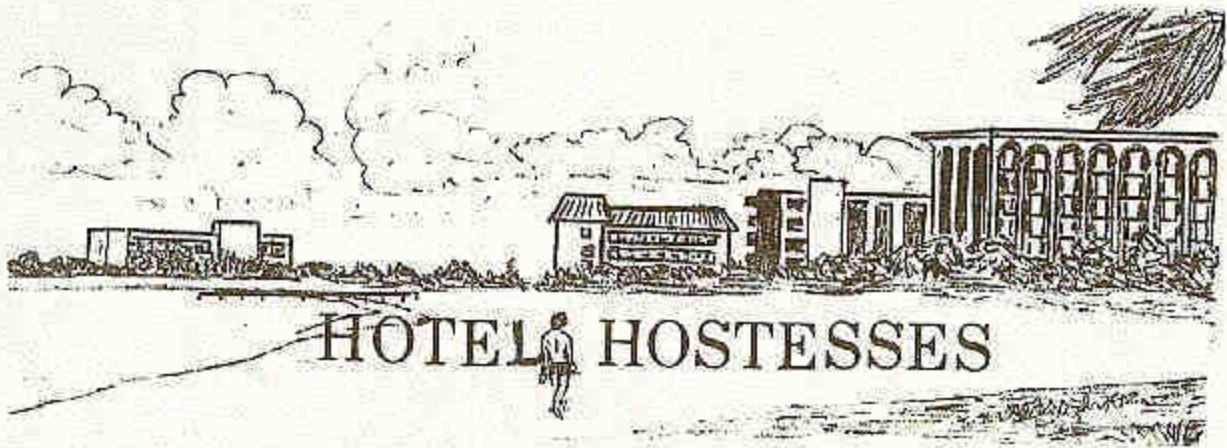
Captain Jerry Goud has offered to assist Lago police in keeping a close watch on the islets with the help of his boat, the Yukuri. Terns are protected by law, and warning signs are posted on the islands as a result of a campaign started in 1974.

3) Iguanas

The iguana campaign which started in 1974 has been so successful that we will soon be ready to start on a follow-up: namely a controlled effort to transfer some of "our" iguanas to other areas in the island where they have become scarce. Mr. Julio Maduro has offered his assistance in this project.

We thank Lago and all the residents who kept us faithfully informed. We hope for their continued cooperation in keeping Seroe Colorado a protected breeding place for the iguanas on Aruba.

Vera Rooze
Chairman ecology
group



Women's Club is happy to report that the Divi Divi, Tamarijn, Manchebo, Surfside, and Talk of The Town are using our members as hostesses, and all seems to be going well. The hotels did want us to host special coffee mornings, but we have sent letters stating that at this particular time we feel we should take part in the already existing weekly manager's cocktail parties rather than initiate another social function.

The hostess chairman for each hotel is as follows:

Joann Innes	Manchebo Beach
Riet Kock	Divi Divi
Annemiek Kock	Tamarijn
Marie Therese Croes	Talk of The Town
Lenny Timmerman	Sheraton
Ann Connolly	Holiday Inn
Riet Kock	Americana
Lorraine Verschoor	Caribbean

If you would like to join these ladies by attending management cocktail parties, usually held in the early evening, please contact them.

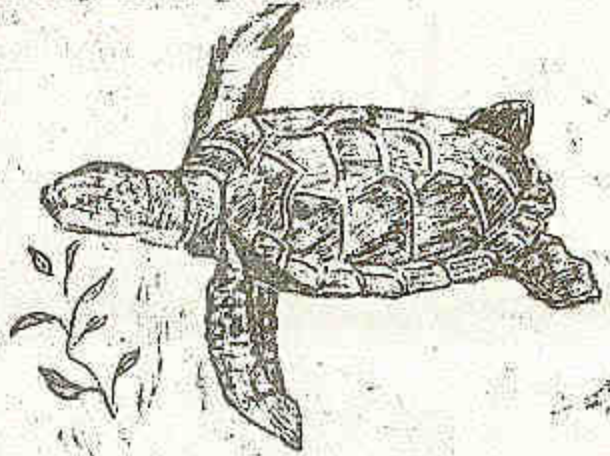
Perhaps you would be interested to know that Annemiek Kock met a woman who knew her in Holland. Joop de Quack was a little hesitant about her English, but now she goes regularly as a hostess and enjoys every minute. Riet Kock was asked how a woman could get in touch with a local home for the elderly since this visitor worked in this field. Riet put her in touch with Mrs. Whitfield who regularly goes to Maris Stella. Anne MacLeod met a couple who knew her husband's uncle in Canada. The stories go on and on. It is a great way to meet people, so please join us.

Linda Fagerquist

LAS TORTUGAS

Las Tortugas, the Turtle Islands, as they were named by Christopher Columbus, are now better known as the Cayman Islands. Grand Cayman, the larger of the three, is the home of one of the few turtle farms in the world. The history of Cayman and the turtle have been intertwined since the beginning of time. The Caymanian used the turtle as a source of protein, in an environment sadly lacking in that commodity, and through him began the development of their now world renowned sailing ability. In past times man alone benefited; now due to the existence of an ecological responsibility in a private enterprise; it is the turtles turn.

During the 18th century, explorers, conquistadors, and merchantmen relieved their scurvy-causing diet by dining on turtle. According to an 18th century British historian Neville Williams, the pirates who followed them, "dined like lords" the turtle meat being, "sweet and tender, some parts of it eating like chicken, some like veal". By the middle of the 20th century the turtle colonies had vanished from the Caymans. In 1960 two U.S. scientists studying the green turtle came to the novel conclusion that the way to save the turtle was to raise it commercially. In 1968 mariculture was started in Grand Cayman. After four years of research and development, sales operations began. In the first two months of 1972 receipts totalled C\$48,000; (the Caymanian dollar is worth 20% more than the U.S.). Mariculture problems were far from over. In 1974 just before my own six month stay on the island, and a short two years from the beginning of economic production, the bank holding all profits and working capital became bankrupt. (The return was 10 cents on the dollar.) Mariculture now known as Cayman Turtle Farm is still in production, an indication of the economic viability of turtle farming.



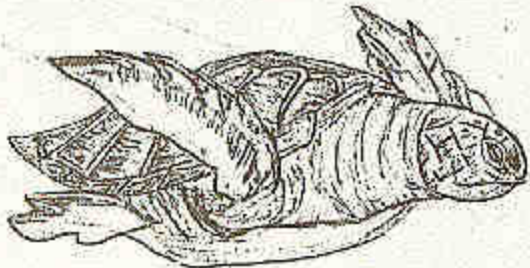
The farm covers ten acres and at the time of my visit held 100,000 green sea turtles. It consists of eight large pens holding turtles age six to eighteen months. There is an office where statistics in breeding, egg-laying, hatching, survival and growth are fed into a computer in London for analysis. They also have tanks holding hatchlings from one day to six months and a man-made breeding tank and a nesting beach. The capacity of this tank is a million

gallons. In addition to the homegrown eggs, some 60,000 to 100,000 eggs are collected from wild nesting beaches and hatched at the farm. The farm has achieved a 95% hatching rate; in the wild the survival rate for hatchlings is less than 1-2%. Also there are two rows of tanks containing a variety of other species of turtles for research. Of the 5,000 living species of reptiles in the world the green turtle is considered the world's most valuable.

The green turtle is a rich source of protein as can be seen from the following statistics:

	<u>Protein</u>	<u>Fat</u>	Calories per 100 Grams
Turtle steak	23%	0.2%	102
Beef sirloin	19%	19.0%	247
Chicken	21%	2.0%	109

The taste is delicious, a fact I can confirm. The shell is used for decoration and for the making of beautiful jewelry. The skin is used for handbags and shoes, and from the gelatinous flesh called calipee, the base for turtle soup. The fat (which is green and from which the green turtle gets its name, not from the shell colour) makes oil for cosmetics. Nothing is wasted, and the quality of all these products as produced on a farm is far superior to the same products from a wild turtle. Through selective feeding the meat is better, and because the turtle does not have to fight to survive, the skin and shell are neither scarred nor covered with barnacles.



The existence of the turtle farm does not eliminate the need for protection of the wild turtle. Efforts by biologists to restock exhausted nesting areas by transporting eggs have not been notably successful. However if every business based on the use of products derived from a species in danger of extinction showed the same responsibility as the Cayman Turtle Farm, the possibility of survival for those species would be far higher. 1-2% of all hatchlings, the normal survival rate in nature, are released to the sea.

Continuous research on the turtle obviously benefits the farm but also cannot help but benefit the reptile in the wild. Lastly, but probably most important, the existence of superior quality turtle meat and products eliminates the need to hunt the wild turtle. Though not the whole answer, turtle farming is making a large contribution in solving the problems of the wild turtle. Also, this farming is producing a rich needed source of food in a world which according to scientists must triple its food production by the year 2000.

Hilary Boer



Fourth of July - Seroc Colorado

For many years until the 1960's, a typical July 4 celebration in Seroc Colorado began with a parade which started after the men finished work. The floats were elaborate affairs on flatbed trucks. Women's Club, Canadians, Heinekens, and the American Legion were among the many groups that participated. Similar to present day Carnival, work for this day began months in advance. Scouts and the Dutch Marines marched in uniform. The parade route went from the present Youth Canteen to a picnic ground at Baby Lagoon. Once there, the crowd enjoyed a cookout given by Lago with meat, salads and always, apple turnovers. After dark, fireworks were shot from a barge off Rogers Beach. When the children had been put to bed, everyone went to a dance that lasted until 2 a.m. Many left the dance and went swimming, and then gathered at different homes for breakfast. As in the U.S., July 5 was not a very productive day.

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Sav. Acct.	Fls. 10,229.27	Charity	Fls. 5,347.20
Petty Cash	5.-	Limpi	962.02
Cur. Acct.	<u>1,885.33</u>	Club	<u>5,810.38</u>
	Fls. 12,119.60		Fls. 12,119.60
Fins Fls. 246.21			

Clarita Arends

Our gratitude goes to Theresa Lee who gave a donation of Fls. 22 to the Welfare Fund. This was collected at her Chinese cooking study group to pay for her supplies, and she chose to give it to the club.

NEW OFFICERS

Annemiek Kock came to Aruba five and one-half years ago from Holland and has been a member of the club for four years. She has always been very active in the club, helping wherever it was needed. In the past she has served as a member-at-large and as chairman of the Limpi Committee. With her broad background of knowledge of the functions of the club we have confidence for a successful year. Annemiek spends her spare time doing handicrafts and bowling. She and her husband, Albert, who is an architect for the government, have two children. Let us all give our support to our new president.

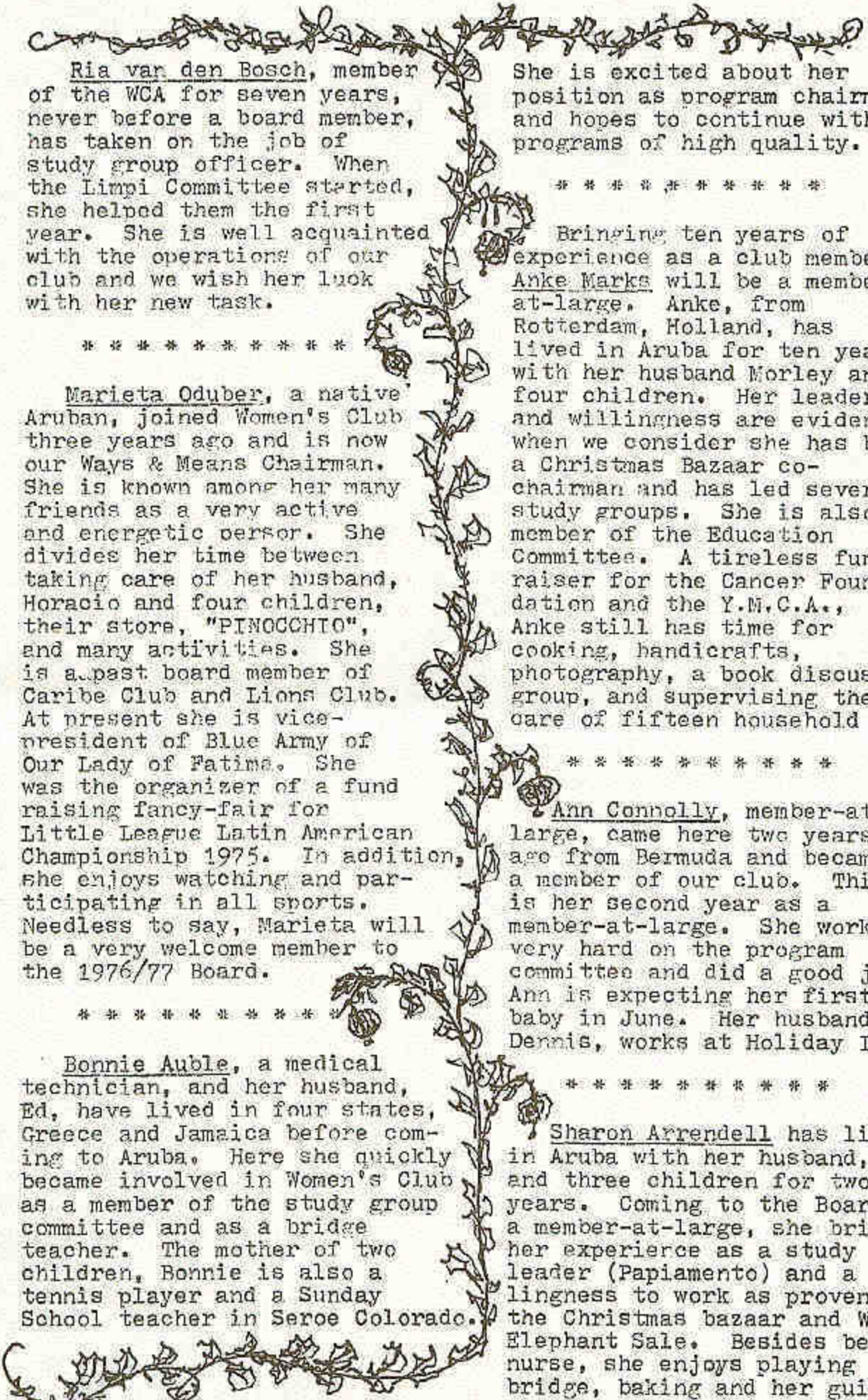
Linda Schnog, our new vice-president, was born and educated here. She has been a member of the club for three years, and has always been a willing worker. Her interests are waterskiing, dancing and tennis. She and her husband, Hans, who own the Toyota car business, have one child.

Our new treasurer was born in Aruba and has been a member of Women's Club for three years. Joan van Romondt finished Collegio Arubana and worked for two years in Holland as a pri-

vate secretary. When she returned to Aruba, she worked two and one-half years for McKee as a secretary. She and her husband, Onno, have one child. Presently, she is taking a beauticians course so she can start her own business.

A nurse who loves animals, traveling and reading, Hilary Boer is our new recording secretary. She has been a member of Women's Club for two years and attends our study groups (Panimento and cooking) and is helping the environmental committee. Her home is England and she has lived in Italy, the United States, and Grand Cayman. Her husband, Jack is from Holland.

Our new corresponding secretary, Gerda Salas, has been with the club for five years and has been very active in the volunteers group. She was born and educated in Curacao except for one year in Holland at a school for secretaries. She returned to Curacao and worked as a secretary before coming to Aruba to live. Norman, her husband, is also from Curacao and works as a chemical engineer for Lago. They have two children. She likes swimming, jazz ballet, and miniature golf which she took up after the club spent a morning there.



Ria van den Bosch, member of the WCA for seven years, never before a board member, has taken on the job of study group officer. When the Limpi Committee started, she helped them the first year. She is well acquainted with the operations of our club and we wish her luck with her new task.

Marieta Oduber, a native Aruban, joined Women's Club three years ago and is now our Ways & Means Chairman. She is known among her many friends as a very active and energetic person. She divides her time between taking care of her husband, Horacio and four children, their store, "PINOCCHIO", and many activities. She is a past board member of Caribe Club and Lions Club. At present she is vice-president of Blue Army of Our Lady of Fatima. She was the organizer of a fund raising fancy-fair for Little League Latin American Championship 1975. In addition, she enjoys watching and participating in all sports. Needless to say, Marieta will be a very welcome member to the 1976/77 Board.

Bonnie Auble, a medical technician, and her husband, Ed, have lived in four states, Greece and Jamaica before coming to Aruba. Here she quickly became involved in Women's Club as a member of the study group committee and as a bridge teacher. The mother of two children, Bonnie is also a tennis player and a Sunday School teacher in Serco Colorado.

She is excited about her position as program chairman and hopes to continue with programs of high quality.

Bringing ten years of experience as a club member, Anke Marks will be a member-at-large. Anke, from Rotterdam, Holland, has lived in Aruba for ten years with her husband Morley and four children. Her leadership and willingness are evident when we consider she has been a Christmas Bazaar co-chairman and has led several study groups. She is also a member of the Education Committee. A tireless fund raiser for the Cancer Foundation and the Y.M.C.A., Anke still has time for cooking, handicrafts, photography, a book discussion group, and supervising the care of fifteen household pets.

Ann Connolly, member-at-large, came here two years ago from Bermuda and became a member of our club. This is her second year as a member-at-large. She worked very hard on the program committee and did a good job. Ann is expecting her first baby in June. Her husband, Dennis, works at Holiday Inn.

Sharon Arrendell has lived in Aruba with her husband, Bob, and three children for two years. Coming to the Board as a member-at-large, she brings her experience as a study group leader (Papiamento) and a willingness to work as proven by the Christmas bazaar and White Elephant Sale. Besides being a nurse, she enjoys playing bridge, baking and her guitar.



Horticultural Course in Aruba

About three months ago, a group of people from Aruba approached AGROCO N.V. to find out if they could receive horticultural training since they intended to start, or had already started a small garden, in which they wanted to grow vegetables. Due to their lack of experience they did not want to start on a larger scale before they knew the basic facts of horticulture and could find an organization which could help them as soon as they started and would minimize investment loss. Agroco was very willing to help these people, as the development of horticulture in Aruba is very important.

Twenty young people from different educational and economic levels were interested, and the eight week course started on March 8, 1976.

Each Monday evening from 7.00 to 9.30 p.m. lectures took place.

The students were educated in the following fields: soil science, water usage and water applying systems, nursery technique, plant knowledge, pruning and plant maintenance, farm hygienic measurements, pest and disease control, fertilization, horticultural equipment, product marketing, quality standards, environmental studies and the set up of a cooperative.

Special attention was given to the basic tenet that horticulture is a serious undertaking. In Aruba growing is far more difficult than in Europe or the U.S.A. due to the total absence of information and to the extremely unfavorable climatic conditions. We have tried to teach the students that there are an enormous amount of factors which can influence yield and quality. The individual contributing elements can be compared with a chain consisting of different strength links; the weakest link determines the strength of the chain. This principal also works in regard to horticulture here. The weakest condition determines the production and quality.

The farmer must therefore study his crop to find out what his problem is, cure it, and work then on the second least favorable condition.

There is no use in applying fertilizers, pruning, or heavy watering if we do not change restricting limitations. Once the people understand their problems, they are able to look at horticulture more realistically and achieve positive results. Public education of prospective growers will help solve Aruba's problem of now being dependent on off-Island sources for fresh vegetables and fruit.

Other important needs are:

1. Low interest bank loans to growers
2. Recognition of the farmer as one of the most important persons in a country's economy



Studies in the Caribbean made by the F.A.O. (World Food and Agricultural Organization) have clearly shown that those countries which have the lowest standard of agricultural development have the highest inflation rate. It is the responsibility of the government and the news media to improve the standard of living of the people by education and to give the farmer his proper place in our community.

There is a limited opportunity in Aruba for many large horticultural companies (labor cost, water cost, etc.), but it could be an ideal place for family owned gardens which would be able to supply our people with fresh vegetables. We hope that every person reading this article will understand that we farmers have the interest of your family and community at heart. We from AGROCO are very pleased with the first twenty people to follow their example. Our next course will start June 14, 1976.

Please come if you want your Island to become an independent source of fresh produce and to help develop a healthier and more prosperous people.

B.G.M. Kamp, B. Agr. Sc.
Managing Director
AGROCO N.V.

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CLEANING UP the Natural Bridge

Ten big black plastic bags of trash were picked up at the Natural Bridge several weeks ago by two of our members. People asked why should the Women's Club take it upon themselves to clean this area and not the owners of the snack bar and/or the government? Well, let's take a look at the problem.

Owners of the snack bar feel they pay taxes - - - they generate their own electricity and bring in their own water supply and ice to keep the facilities going. Should they also pay people to clean up the bridge? The government does send in trucks and men to clean up. However, this is a never ending process as each new day brings in a flow of trash. We must remember when we talk about the government doing things we are talking about "OUR" money paying for the job being done.

I feel the owners of the snack bar and the government should work out some kind of arrangement whereby each would take over some of the responsibility of keeping our NUMBER ONE tourist attraction clear of litter. 128,000 People visited our Island last year bringing with them thousands of dollars that directly support over 3,000 jobs and indirectly support thousands more.

Do we want these tourists to travel all the way out to see a beach lined with trash?

Linda Fagerquist

STUDY GROUPS

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As a result of the questionnaires distributed we found that seventy-six percent of those returned approved of the study group pattern this year. Four percent did not like the way the study groups were run and twenty percent had no opinion. One unusual thing happened. Thirteen women volunteered to lead study groups but neglected to sign their names. We would really appreciate knowing who they are! Please call Marianne Tucker at 4725.

Below is a list of suggested topics found on the questionnaires for study groups next year. Each would need a leader. How about you?

German	Music	Traffic Safety
Spanish	Aruban History	Sewing
Dutch	Riding	Makeup
English	Macramé	Films
Exercise	Paper Maché	Sex Therapy
Sports	Wildlife Study	Charm Classes
Weight Watching	Nature	Environmental Study Walks
Walking	Sculpture	Book Study

Study group attendance through May 13 was 738. Thank you for coming.

Marianne Tucker

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VOLUNTEERS REPORT

Volunteer-groups: Maris Stella - twenty
 Casa Cuna - ten
 Visual Handicapped - nine
 Deaf - one
 Handicapped children - nine

Donations: Maris Stella: a Bingo-set
 School of the Deaf: Coloring books and pencils
 Te Avoro: Screens

Total money donated: Fls. 4,375.--
 May 25, 1976

Special activities: Christmas parties at Maris Stella, Casa Cuna and Hospital
 Easter celebration at Maris Stella on Easter Monday

Erees Brinkman

Te Oro

Indications are that a number of WCA members from Seroe Colorado will not be here when the organization reconvenes next fall. Barbara Carroll, whose sewing classes have been a real contribution, will be with her family in Baytown. Following a brief stay here, June Collins will be in Houston. Returning to Benicia, California, will be Kit Livingston, WCA News staff member. Staff member and club recording secretary, Joy Huggins, will be going wherever her husband is pastor. Holland has claimed Anneke Koopman, who helped Ways and Means greatly with her craft donations. Former president, Bev Fredrickson, who has been active in numerous groups and worked diligently most recently on the Cultural and Historical Committee, will be in Saudi Arabia. There are no doubt others who will be leaving whose plans are not definite at this time. (See the September WCA News!) In "foreign service", one never knows when she may encounter the same person again, and this does make parting easier. Therefore, to all these ladies, we say, not "Ayo," but "Te Oro."

Carole Schroth

Gien Nagtegaal left Aruba May 14. A WCA member for three years, she liked the study groups, in particular the shell decorations of Louk de Winter. She has made many plaques for friends. She says goodbye to all the WCA members. Her new address in Holland is Waalkant 37 Ochten.

Sylvia Stoudt's husband left his business in the States for a year to work for Radio Victoria. They and their two children have enjoyed their stay here and are going back to Kalamazoo, Michigan at the end of June. The bazaar committee will miss hard working Sylvia.

After living in the Antilles for eighteen years, fifteen in Curacao and three in Aruba, Freddie Stam and her family are leaving for Holland in the first week of July. As a faithful participant of all the meetings, she enjoyed being a member of Women's Club.

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Clarita Arends

	<u>Administrative & Committee Fund</u>	<u>Welfare Charity Fund</u>	<u>Limpi Fund</u>	<u>Student Aid</u>
Balance May 31, 1975	f. 2,462.01	f. 1,603.54	f. 995.03	
Int. & Savings Acct.	" 229.27			
Receipts 1975/1976	" 7,140.10	" 3,743.66	" 344.--	f. 400.--
	<u>f. 9,831.38</u>	<u>f. 5,347.20</u>	<u>f. 1,339.03</u>	<u>f. 400.--</u>
Disbursements 1975/1976	1) " 4,489.36	2) " 4,375.--	" 377.01	
	<u>f. 5,342.02</u>	<u>f. 972.20</u>	<u>f. 962.02</u>	<u>f. 400.--</u>
Petit Cash	f. 11.15	Club Funds		f. 5,342.02
Savings Account	" 7,500.--	Charity		" 972.20
Cur. Account	" 165.09	Limpi		" 962.02
		Student Aid		" 400.--
	<u>f. 7,676.24</u>			<u>f. 7,676.24</u>

Disbursements Club Funds.

Educational	f. 357.--
Films & Processing	" 125.95
Flowers	" 285.55
Gifts	" 30.--
Printing: Bulletin	" 605.--
Tel. Directory	" 221.13
Others	" 53.38
Stamps: Bulletin	" 315.17
Tel. Directory	" 72.--
Others	" 72.66
Stationary: Bulletin	" 673.95
Tel. Directory	" 36.--
Others	" 481.10
Subscriptions	" 238.47
Programs	" 895.02
Monthly Meetings & others	" 27.--
	<u>f. 4,489.36</u>

Disbursements Charity Funds to be granted

Casa Cuna	f. 300.--
Meals on Wheels	" 500.--
Diabetic Foundation of Aruba	" 600.--
F.A.V.I. (Blind)	" 600.--
Te Aworo	" 250.--
Centro di Barrio Noord	" 375.--
Aruban Foundation for the Deaf	" 450.--
Handicaped Savaneta	" 350.--
Cancer Funds	" 200.--
Y.H.C.A.	" 350.--
Student Aid	" 400.--
	<u>f. 4,375.--</u>