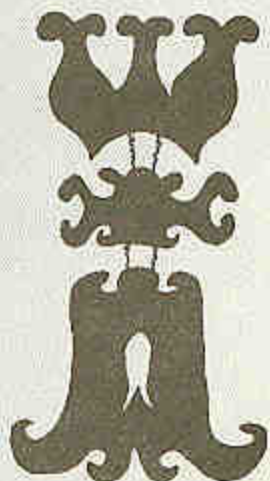


# WCA NEWS



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S T A F F Joan Alexander, Rose Marie Van Dijk,  
Joy Huggins, Carol Rhydderch, Sally Goldberg,  
Kit Livingston, Isabel Yeer, Justine Hart.

## FROM THE PRESS ROOM

With the beginning of a new Women's Club year and a new Volume of the W.C.A.NEWS, some changes seem appropriate. Reaction to the new appearance

of the paper is invited together with any other constructive suggestions. The W.C.A.NEWS welcomes contributions on any subject of general interest. Send or hand your copy to one of the Staff Members or mail to P.O.Box 1026 Seroe Colorado, or P.O.Box 144 Oranjestad. In addition to the listed committees, President Quita Croes outlines the year's objectives, and guest writer David Alexander writes of a week spent in a remote village in Mexico, the first white man to be seen there. Ecology and Education have impressive reports on their summer activities and the Program idea suggests a warm beginning to an exciting year. The W.C.A.NEWS is most grateful to Lucille Armbrust and Judy Quance who did most of the art work this month. Any member willing to help in this field should contact one of the Staff.

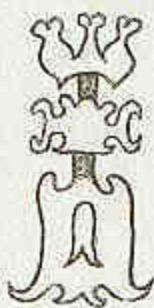
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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Welcome to the beginning of another exciting Women's Club Year. It is my sincere hope that all our members have enjoyed a pleasant "vacation" and are well rested in order to begin our new year with vigor and enthusiasm.

It is important for a progressive organization to have goals to work toward. Among others, our major concern this year will be the realization of the Cunucu House Project for the conservation of Aruban culture. Moreover, we will continue work for the Ecology of Aruba, on our Anti-litter campaign, and to assist the youngsters in our schools with career information. We will also continue to provide an interesting study group program and workshop, demonstrations, etc. and will stimulate the development of our members through committee work.

This year there will not be a Program Booklet prepared as in the past, as we have experienced that at times it was difficult to follow the year's program for several valid reasons. For example, experience has taught us that, as the months go by, it appears to be difficult for the hotels to keep to previously scheduled meeting dates. Also, a particular program may not go through for some reason or another in the month that it is scheduled. Since the program booklet is costly to prepare and since our W.C.A.NEWS is a good media in which to announce our monthly programs, we will use this media this year and save the printing

cost money for other good purposes.

Another change this year will be to our Study Group System. The Study Group Committee will introduce some minor changes which will help the members and which hopefully will lead to more effective programs. Chairman Marianne Tucker has explained the changes elsewhere in this issue.

The Board will do its best to make this a successful year, both in benefit to our members and to the community. However, a successful year will depend largely on the members' participation in the Club's activities. No Board, no matter how good, can do it without the members. So ladies, do support your Club. Our Volunteers Committee, the Limpi Committee, Ways and Means etc... will need your support for the success of their projects. Please do participate when you are called upon.

In the year of the woman, I wish you all an interesting and enjoyable WOMEN'S CLUB YEAR.

Quita Croes  
President



# NEWS FROM THE TOP

Thank you notes were received from:  
Casa Cuna Progreso,  
Aruba Foundation for the Deaf, and  
Mr. B.I. Viapree, Chairman Meals on  
Wheels Committee.

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Our monthly Board Meetings are being held at the Talk of the Town. The following dates are scheduled until the end of 1975 -- September 9, October 4, November 11, and December 9. In January we will publish the dates for the rest of the Club's year. If there is any matter you would like to bring to the Board's attention, please feel free to come to our Board meetings.

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Calculations were made for the cost of subscriptions to the W.C.A. NEWS for those members who have left the Island. The yearly subscription amounts to Fls.20.00. Air mail costs comprise the largest part of this figure.

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Mr. Stenfort Kroese personally took our constitution to Curacao and thanks to him we got it approved last week. The necessary requirements will be met in order to have it published in the Curacaosche Courant, the official listing of government business transactions, and have the sanctioned copies returned to us.

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During our General Meeting in June, a vote on the Cunucu House Project took place. The result was 77-11 in favor for the continuation of the project by the Historical and Cultural Committee.

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We received a post card from our member Erna Van Niel, who left for a stay in Holland of about three years. Erna wishes us a good W.C. year. Thank you Erna and enjoy your stay in Amsterdam.

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Because of unhappy circumstances Amparo Latham is leaving the Island. Amparo was elected member-at-large on the Board for this year. The Board decided not to elect a new member-at-large in her place. We wish Amparo the best of luck in her future endeavours.

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Helen Saladin is the contact person for the paperback books. Your Fresian Flag labels are most welcome by Marianne Coffi, and Imelda de Cuba is our publicity chairman for this year. Please give these ladies your co-operation.

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The Club Secretary needs a few members willing to do some typing occasionally. Please contact Joy Huggins, 9-2056 if you can share your talent.

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Members will be glad to hear that Phile Van Hulten just got out of hospital, and our thoughts are with her for a speedy recovery.

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KOFFIE KICKOFF September 2, 9:30

Coordinator - Doris Leonard

Location - Banquet Room, Holiday Inn

Directions:  
Entrance by Pool

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#### PROGRAM

This will be a coffee morning, a time to get acquainted with the new Board, and a welcome to prospective new members.

The new Board will present its committee chairmen who will present their objectives for the coming year.

Clarita Arends, Treasurer, will collect the dues.

There will be a Limp Committee Sign-up.

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Slogan for the Year

Les Internationales

Around the world in nine meetings. Each month the program will be prepared by a group of ladies of the same nationality. They will be Aruban, Dutch, American, German, French and more. Join us each month and make your year internationally enjoyable.



BUDGET 1975/76

Income:

Dues (280 members @ Fls.25,00)	Fls. 7,000.00
Club Pins (50 @ Fls. 5.00)	<u>250.00</u>
	7,250.00

Expenses:

Stationary	Fls.1,050.00
Printing	1,100.00
Stamps	400.00
Telephone Directories	475.00
Subscriptions	100.00
Flowers and Gifts	250.00
Monthly Meeting Decorations	300.00
First Meeting (coffee)	400.00
Annual General Meeting	700.00
Parties, etc.	500.00
Reserve for Contingencies	<u>925.00</u>
	Fls.6,200.00
Environment Committee	Fls. 250.00
Educational Committee	400.00
Volunteers Committee	200.00
Cultural and Historical Committee	<u>200.00</u>
	Fls.1,050.00
	<u>Fls.7,250.00</u> <u>Fls.7,250.00</u>

Money raised by Ways and Means  
will go to Charity and Welfare. Dues  
will be used for running the Club.

Leny Timmerman  
Vice-President

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ECOLOGY GROUP 1975/76

Chairman Vera Rooze

Co-Chairman Helma Smalt

Members

Ruth Stanley

Carol Rhydderch

Erna Solognier

Louisa Vieira

Els Waasdorp

Joop de Quack

Carmen Scholten

Barbara Hodges

Judy Quance

Euth Maduro

LIMPI GROUP 1975/76

Chairman Annemiek Kock

Co-Chairman Phile van Hulten

Members

Joop de Quack

Bea Kock

Aida v.d. Briezen

Riet Kock

The Limpi and Ecology groups still need more Dutch speaking people.

Anyone who is interested in joining us call Vera Rooze 9-3469 or Annemiek Kock 7148.

ECOLOGY GROUP REPORT

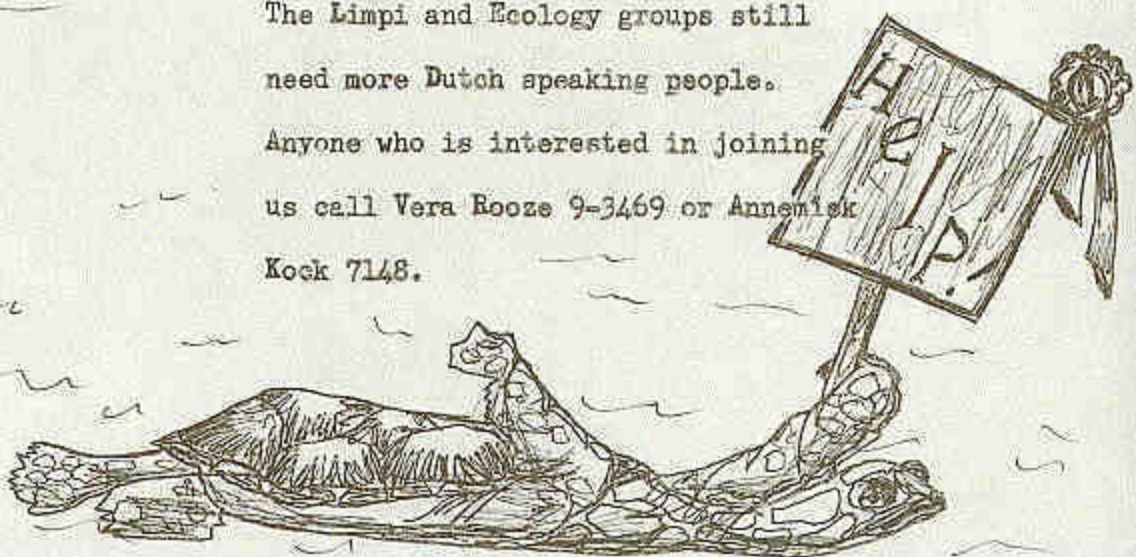
Turtle Campaign 1975

Invitations for their students to make posters were sent to the headmasters of the four schools where we had held an ecology week and to some twenty teachers with L.O. Biology degrees.

In total nine different schools (twenty-one teachers and about 500 students) responded, some of them with exceptional enthusiasm. In the Don Bosco School, even the teachers made posters, and in the Benilde School the 6th graders also made three signs for the beaches.

In addition the 3rd to 6th graders wrote twenty-seven essays. The signs can now be admired near the Lago gate, and on the fishing boat shelters at Savaneta and Malmoe.

The three best posters per class, selected by the teachers, received a certificate from the Women's Club on June 7 and were entered in the final contest. The four daily newspapers (NOBO, LA PRENSA, BEURS, AMIGOE) took care of the judging and prizes (gift certificates) for the six posters. They donated Fls. 150.00 worth of painting material. Posters and signs were displayed with the help of Erna Solognier, Riet, Bea and Annemiek Kock, Carmen Scholten, Louise Vieira, Colleen Geddes, Judy St-phenson, Els Waasdorp, Jos Van Duin and others. From the best essays a newspaper article was compiled in Dutch (V. Rooze), English (B. Hodges) and Papiamentu (E. Solognier).







T.V. Program on the protection of turtles was shown on the Nos Tera program of June 17. Mr. Ito Tromp, Miss May Lin Lie-Kurie and Mr. Dick Kirklaan talked about turtles and the possibility of protecting them by hatching the eggs in protected areas. Filmed on videotape among the many land turtles raised at the Lie-Kurie's home, the program was later embellished by adding music and film excerpts of sea turtles. Thank you Mr. Tromp!

NOTE: Before we can actually start hatching turtles (wouldn't that be wonderful!) more up-to-date information is needed about the places where they still breed. This year if you hear or see anything please give the information to Mr. Dick Kirklaan (tel: 9-3234) or Miss Lie-Kurie, who is a teacher at the Benildeschool and who did a report on turtles for her L.O. Biology degree and has gone to Surinam this summer where she hopes to visit and study the turtle hatcheries.

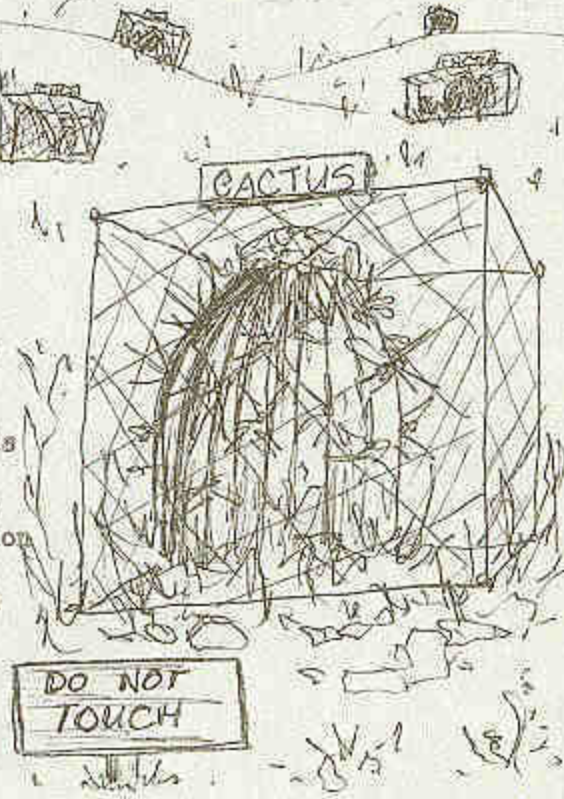
Turtle Sign

Carol Rhydderch's beautiful turtle sign which hibernated in a garage was re-erected by Dick Kirklaan at the fish harbour near the Esso Club where it should be more noticeable.



Visit to the Tourist Office

Some tourists come regularly to Aruba with the sole purpose of collecting shells and coral "using methods that inflict serious damage to the underwater environment" (De Man), or "I saw a busload of tourists digging up the barrel cactus...." (Pat Arends), "People in glass bottom boats are encouraged to collect what they like...." (Laura Goley). In view of these reports, some representatives from our group (Helma Smalt, Laura Goley, Vera Rooze) met with Betty Arends and Watty Chai from the tourist bureau on June 12. They seemed very receptive to our suggestions for promoting conservation. They promised to bring our points to the notice of the tour guide and glass-bottom-boat-operators and to start advertising the export law (PB 1970 no. 72) which forbids export of material of biological value dead or alive, from the land or the waters of the Netherlands Antilles. They asked that we prepare a short article for publication in ARUBA HOLIDAY and suggested we think up slogans and prepare stickers for wildlife conservation. (These could be sold, and the tourist office could help with distribution.) Mrs. Arends wishes to obtain nice underwater slides for making into posters.



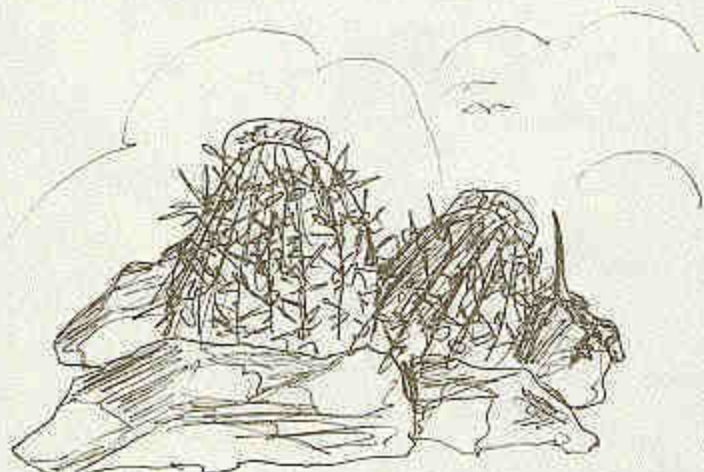
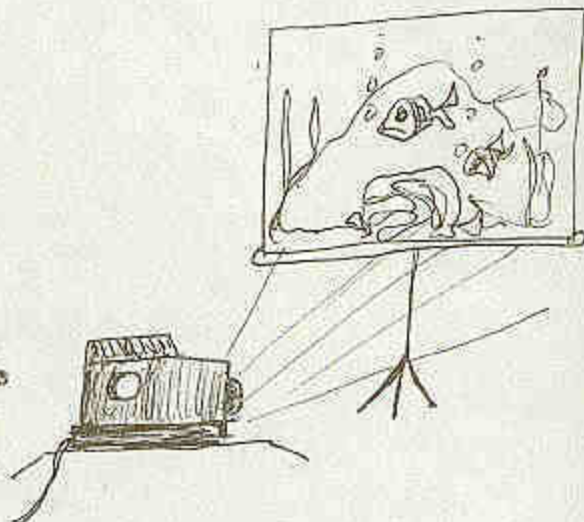


## Letters, Slideshows and Articles

In an effort to protect Baby Lagoon from groups of people who regularly come, deplete and destroy the coral and reef fish here, (see report Tim Lewis published in the Local) we wrote a letter to the Esso Club Board asking them to investigate this irreversible damage, that is robbing all Esso Club Members of the beauty of their lagoon. No answer has been received.

Dr. Tim Beerman volunteered to show slides on underwater problems for the Rotary Club on June 23 and the Kiwanis on July 4, to promote interest in passing protective laws in Aruba.

Vera Rooze and Helma Smalt held slide shows on birds and underwater life for children of the Lago Summer Recreation Program.



### Ecology Conference in Bonaire

Members of the W.C.A. Environment Group have been invited to attend the ecology conference to be held in Hotel Bonaire from September 25 to 28. Lectures will be on oil pollution, human interference in reef communities, and flamingo ecology. Some excursions will be arranged. Prices: U.S. \$ 10.00 registration fee \$ 12.00 a day (+10%) breakfast and dinner, \$ 15.00 a day single lodging, \$ 18.00 a day double, \$ 23.00 a day triple (+10%). Please contact Helma Smalt (tel. 9-3474) as soon as possible if you are interested in attending.

### Attention Members of the Environment Group

The Environment Group will meet every third Tuesday of the month at 9:00 a.m. in the Esso Club, the first meeting being on September 16. Please think of some wildlife conservation slogans and ideas for stickers for the tourist bureau!



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### SPECIAL SCHOLARSHIP GIFT:

During our general meeting in June at the Americana Hotel, a raffle was held. The Fls. 192.00 received was presented as a scholarship to a boy graduating from Don Bosco School. The gift was given in memory of Winston Latham.



# WELFARE

Welfare Chairman : Olga Van Strien  
Committee:  
Iona Richardson  
Louise Hodge  
Edith Lo-A-Njoe  
Mabel Hazel

A Letter Received From Prof. Doctor W. Brinkman, University Nymegan

The possibilities of mental development in man are dependent upon three fundamental conditions: namely, his environment, intelligence and hearing.

Among the most important reasons for bad hearing in children on Aruba were two waves of German Measles that hit pregnant women during the third to fifth month of their pregnancy. The defect of the fetus is in the inner ear which usually doesn't lead to complete deafness but to near deafness.

Unfortunately, medically there is nothing that can be done. No operation nor medicine can help. If such a child is left to its fate, he will never be able to speak. We cannot leave these children to this fate. A hearing apparatus has to be adapted. The parents have to be taught how to educate their children. Small classes have to be formed where the little hearing of the children is stimulated and developed as much as possible with the help of electrical equipment.

The famous educator, Mr. van Leerdam, has taken it upon himself, in addition to his normal job, to help the child with poor hearing on this Island. In this, he is helped by a few trained Aruban women. His complaint though, is that the children are entered much too late in this program and that the help and training aids are not at all sufficient to be effective.

If nothing is done for these children, they become ineffectual as adults: without speech, without possibility for normal contact with others, and deprived of any mental development.

Comments: Olga Van Strien

There is still much help (volunteers) and money needed for this program. If we don't help these children very early, they are condemned never to lead a normal life.

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## MUSIC FROM ARUBA

The Queen Wilhelmina Charity Funds is selling a long playing record of Aruban music made by local musicians. Proceeds from this sale will be used for equipment for the new hospital. The recording artists are: Rufo Odor, Padu Lamps, Dady Brokke, Theo Thyssen, Sharon Rose and Jossy Brokke. A reasonable fls. 12.50 is the price. Please contact Anke Marks (9-3548), An De Ruyter (9-3669) or Mrs. Jossy Tromp (1996) for your copy.



# Keeping in Touch

The summer months have been marked by frequent trips to the airport to wave "good-bye" to our friends leaving Aruba to make their homes somewhere else. The W.C.A. NEWS has lost three staff members this way - Anita Lewis, Betty Knappe and Claudia Sims. They will be greatly missed both for their warm friendship and their valuable help on the paper. To them and our many other friends who have left, the W.C.A. NEWS sends warm wishes and the request to "keep in touch."

Reluctant farewells were extended to Claudia and Steve Sims as they left Aruba on July 1 to return to Texas. The Sims arrived in Aruba the summer of '73 and Claudia quickly became a very active member of Women's Club. She served as Study Group Chairman last year, participated in the panel discussion on Women's Lib, sang in the Christmas Choir and worked hard on the W.C.A. NEWS. She will be missed!

Her activities engulfed the Serco Colorado Community as well. Claudia wrote the book reviews for the Esso Club Library, sang in the community choir, was waterfront director for the Summer Recreation Program and became an avid tennis player.

Recent letters from Claudia tell that they have purchased a house in Baytown, Steve is back at work in the refinery, AND... Claudia has a job as a feature writer for the Baytown Sun (a local newspaper).

The Sims are missed in Aruba but are wished all the best as they continue their active lives.

Their new address is :  
5108 Tamarach  
Baytown, Texas 77502

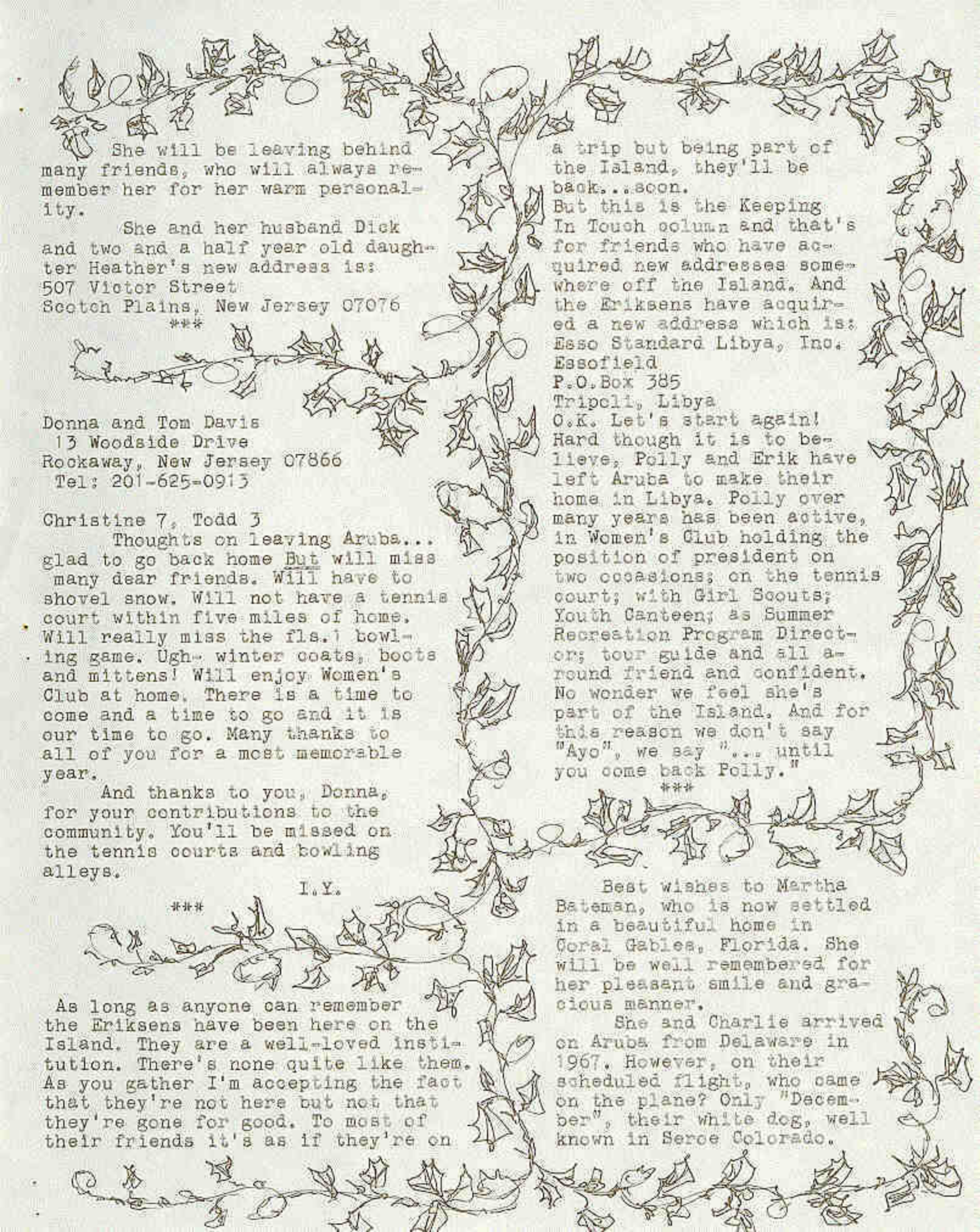
On August 29 we say good-bye to Barbara Larsen, who is returning to New Jersey after two years in Aruba. Barbara and Ivar arrived here with their son Christian in June of '73 and she has been an enthusiastic member of Women's Club ever since. This past year Barbara served on the board of W.C.A. as a member-at-large, even while having her "Aruban" daughter, Mary. We will all miss Barbara and wish her every happiness back in New Jersey.

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Ayo to Betty Knappe and her family. After having spent two enjoyable years on this island, they will be leaving for New Jersey.

Betty has a degree in Microbiology and her hobbies include reading, tennis and sewing. Last year she worked on the W.C.A. NEWS and she will be missed on our Monday morning sessions.





She will be leaving behind many friends, who will always remember her for her warmth and personality.

She and her husband Dick and two and a half year old daughter Heather's new address is:  
507 Victor Street  
Scotch Plains, New Jersey 07076

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Donna and Tom Davis  
13 Woodside Drive  
Rockaway, New Jersey 07866  
Tel: 201-625-0913

Christine 7, Todd 3

Thoughts on leaving Aruba... glad to go back home But will miss many dear friends. Will have to shovel snow. Will not have a tennis court within five miles of home. Will really miss the fls. bowling game. Ugh- winter coats, boots and mittens! Will enjoy Women's Club at home. There is a time to come and a time to go and it is our time to go. Many thanks to all of you for a most memorable year.

And thanks to you, Donna, for your contributions to the community. You'll be missed on the tennis courts and bowling alleys.

I.Y.

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As long as anyone can remember the Eriksens have been here on the Island. They are a well-loved institution. There's none quite like them. As you gather I'm accepting the fact that they're not here but not that they're gone for good. To most of their friends it's as if they're on

a trip but being part of the Island, they'll be back...soon.

But this is the Keeping In Touch column and that's for friends who have acquired new addresses somewhere off the Island. And the Eriksens have acquired a new address which is:  
Esso Standard Libya, Inc.  
Essofield  
P.O.Box 385  
Tripoli, Libya

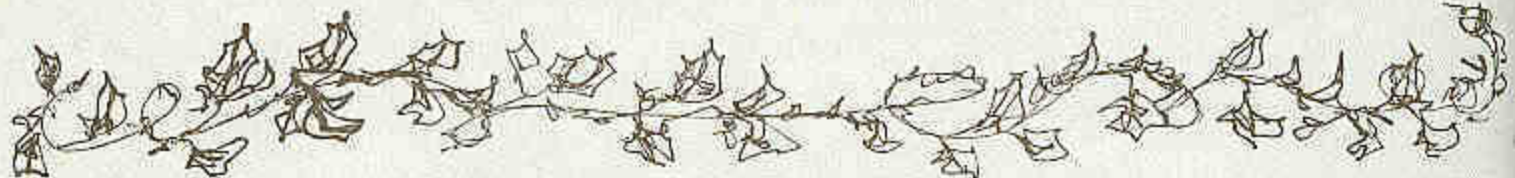
O.K. Let's start again! Hard though it is to believe, Polly and Erik have left Aruba to make their home in Libya. Polly over many years has been active, in Women's Club holding the position of president on two occasions; on the tennis court; with Girl Scouts; Youth Canteen; as Summer Recreation Program Director; tour guide and all around friend and confident. No wonder we feel she's part of the Island. And for this reason we don't say "Ayo", we say "... until you come back Polly."

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Best wishes to Martha Bateman, who is now settled in a beautiful home in Coral Gables, Florida. She will be well remembered for her pleasant smile and gracious manner.

She and Charlie arrived on Aruba from Delaware in 1967. However, on their scheduled flight, who came on the plane? Only "December", their white dog, well known in Serce Colorado.





Mother of two boys, Chris, four, and Jay, a year old, Martha enjoyed her eight years in Aruba. Besides spending many happy hours on the beach, especially with Chris, she played bridge and took golf and piano lessons. Her new address is :

15215 Southwest 77 Court  
Miami, Florida

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Maxine lived here, in Seroe Colorado, for about two years with her husband Dan and two girls Beth and Kay, who was born in Aruba. Her primary interest was in people, small people as well as adults, which was evident whenever she was asked to help out somewhere. Usually, however, she did not wait to be asked, but offered her time freely. The children in the Seroe Colorado Church benefited, for she taught a fourth grade Sunday School Class, which included a voluntary afternoon of crafts and games. Members of the Women's Club benefited from Maxine's creative talents, especially in her sewing and needlework classes. But, many more people benefited from just knowing Maxine, for she was always ready to be a friend-in-need.

Maxine was often seen starting out early in the morning for her daily walk with her children; and her walk usually covered the community from one end to the other.

The McNutts have moved on now to Bayonne, New Jersey, where Dan is stationed with the U.S.Navy. Their new address is:

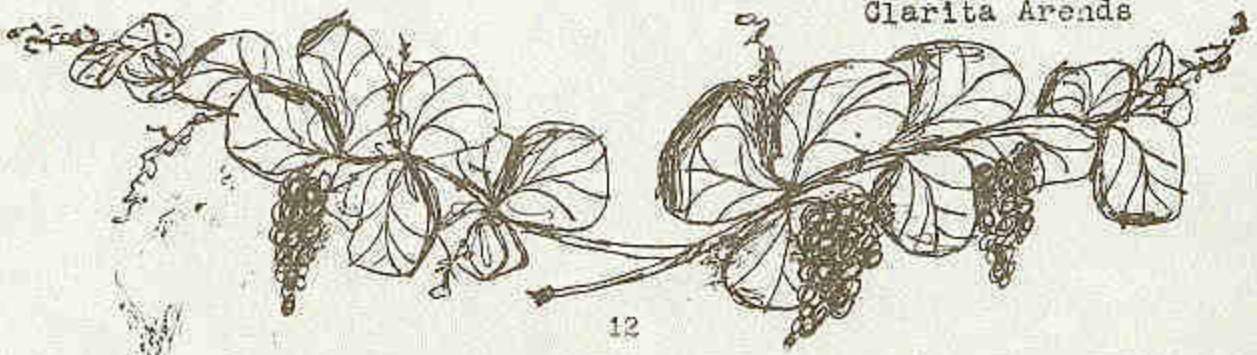
Lt. Cdr. and Mrs. B.D. McNutt  
NAVILCO (code 20)  
Military Ocean Terminal  
Bayonne, New Jersey 07002



T.R.E.A.S.U.R.E.R.'S. R.E.P.O.R.T.  
July 1975

Savings Acct.:	fls. 2000.-	*	Charity:	fls. 1452.84
Petty Cash:	8.83	*	Limpi:	979.03
Current Acct.:	1724.73	*	Club:	1301.69
Total:	<u>fls. 3733.56</u>	*		<u>fls. 3733.56</u>

Clarita Arends





# EDUCATIONAL

Ans Visser - chairman  
Lourdes Anjie - co-chairman  
Rose Marie Van Dijk  
Drika Leerdam  
Anke Marks  
Joan Van Romandt  
Mathilda Gonzales  
Isabel Yzer

COMMITTEE

This year the Women's Club of Aruba decided to give awards to one boy and one girl of every type of school that exists on the island of Aruba. Below you will find the details of the best graduates:

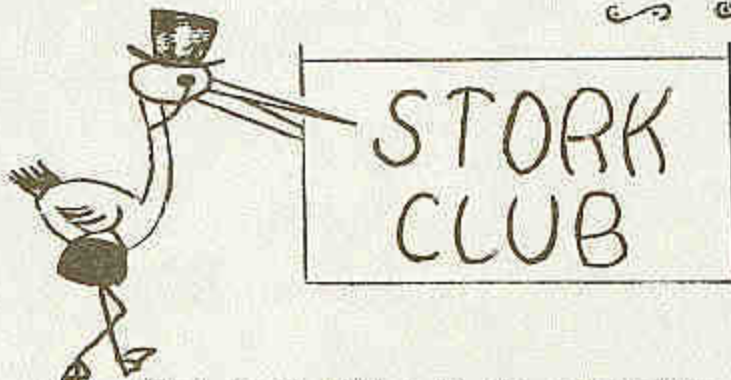
1. Technical Schools: Felix Groes from Tarabana School with an average of 8.5.  
Born in Aruba: 5-8-'57
2. E.T.A.O.: girl Lientje Hernandez from Anthonius College with an average of 8.5.  
Born in Aruba: 28-4-'57
3. E.T.A.O.: boy Hubert John Dirks from Maria College with an average of 8.5.  
Born in Aruba: 17-2-'57
4. Huishoudschool: Deta Werleman from Immaculate School with an average of 8.-.  
Born in Aruba: 14-2-'60
5. M.A.V.O.: girl Yvonne Mees ten Dever from Maria College with an average of 8.5.  
Born in Holland: 18-11-'58
6. M.A.V.O.: boy Dexter Yuan-Sam from La Salle College with an average of 8.5.  
Born in Aruba: 25-8-'59
7. H.A.V.O.: girl Carol Assang from Colegio Arubano with an average of 7.3.  
Born in Aruba: 15-10-'56
8. H.A.V.O.: boy Steve Fagerquist from Colegio Arubano with an average of 8.-.  
Born in U.S.A.: 26-10-'57
9. V.W.O.: girl Hilda Tromp from Colegio Arubano with an average of 8.-.  
Born in Aruba: 18-1-57
10. V.W.O.: boy Walter Donner from Colegio Arubano with an average of 8.2.  
Born in Aruba: 15-9-'52

We gave these students a beautiful Cross pen set from Spritzer's (fl.42- 15% discount with engraving free.) Quita Groes, our president, was there and three members of the Edu. Committee, Isabel Yzer, Hendrika Leerdam and Ans Visser.



Of the students mentioned above, the following four have sent their future educational plans:  
 Deta Werleman will continue her studies at M.A.V.O. II.  
 Dexter Yuan- Sam will go on to the H.A.V.O. II.  
 Hilda Tromp will further her studies in languages in the Netherlands.  
 Walter Donner will study history, also in the Netherlands.

Ans Visser

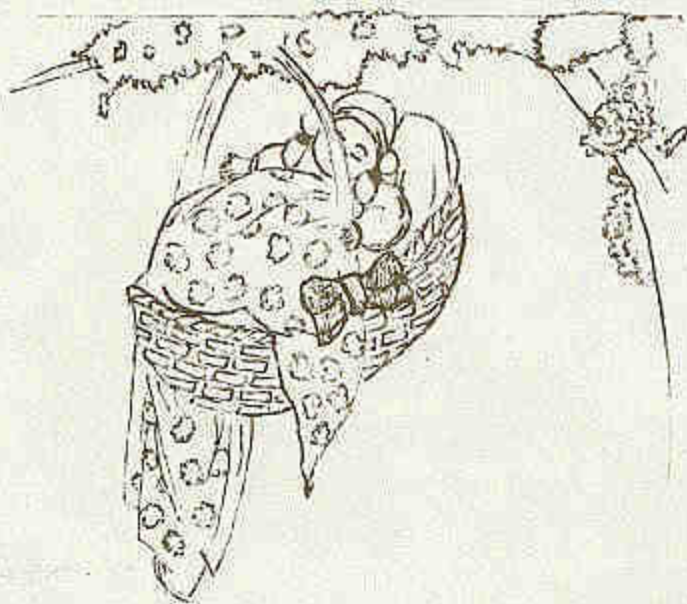


Mrs. Riet Koch had a 7 lb. baby boy, Rene, on August 3.  
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Maggie and Nestor Moreno welcomed their third daughter on July 16. Christina Elena was born in Puerto Rico and weighed 7 lbs. 10 oz. at birth.  
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Gerda Salas gave birth to her second child on August 8. The new daughter is named Suzanne and weighed 7 lbs. 4 oz. at birth  
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BEST WISHES TO ALL !!!!!  
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### MOTHERS' CORNER

Do you find yourself yelling at your children more and enjoying them less? Relax! You're normal. Everyone feels this way occasionally. . . Probably the fault lies neither with you nor your child. Perhaps you just need some new ideas on how to cope on bad days.

Watch for this column. Clip and save it if you want. At least try to think of your own ways to make life more fun than furor.

The Last Straw: recommended for children ages three to six years.

1. Find an area with lots of room and stand facing your child.
2. Together take five deep breaths.
3. Jump on both feet two times.
4. Hop on one foot three times.
5. Spin around in a circle.
6. Flap your arms wildly in the air.
7. Make a funny face.
8. Collapse on the floor.
9. Hug your child.
10. Laugh.

Comments: It works! Whether because of the diversion or fear that Mother has finally lost her mind, I don't know.

K.L.



# A WEEK WITH THE

# ACHUPIL INDIANS

by DAVID ALEXANDER

After climbing wearily to the top of yet another rise in the line of hilltops we were following, we were glad to see pinpricks of flickering light in the distance signifying the end of the sixteen-hour trip we had made travelling up the state of Veracruz from its capital Jalapa. The light came from the mud-walled and thatched-roofed huts of the tiny Indian village of Achupil clinging precariously to the side of a steep hill. Although the lights were visible, they still seemed rather far away which dampened our enthusiasm slightly as we were tired, dusty and sticky in the moist heat of that tropical evening.



A few weeks earlier, back in Jalapa which is a university city and state capital about 200 miles to the southeast of Mexico City, I was talking to a friend of mine who is studying anthropology. Part of his work concerns the Nahuatl language and the small number of Indians who speak it. As I showed interest, he asked if I wanted to spend a week at a rather remote, untouched village in the north of the state four hours hiking from the nearest road. Three other friends who had also come from England, for a year of studies in Mexico, wanted to go along as well. The summer holidays had begun and it promised to be an interesting study. So

five of us set off - my Mexican friend Alejandro; Jaime, an Argentine; Brenda, an English girl; Kevin, the Scotsman, and myself.

The path wound through relatively thick vegetation, went down into a dip to cross a trickle of water and then rose again to break out into the clearing on the hillside dotted with huts, trees, stone supporting walls and rough pathways. We had finally reached what seemed to be the rather deserted village of Achupil, as we couldn't see anyone until we reached the main square where Alejandro wandered off and found someone. He had hoped that the three school teachers would be there and would arrange some plan for us to sleep, but they had all gone away when the summer break began. The time was about 8:00 p.m., and the village had already gone to sleep soon after sunset. Even so, it wasn't long before the old woman who had come to the door of the school-teachers' hut reappeared with a young man who, as it turned out, became our friend and guide. His name was Antonio, and Alejandro knew him and told us that he was one of the elected officials who attended to the community needs. Antonio seemed slightly uneasy in our presence but with a few suggestions from Alejandro he got hold of an old kerosene lamp, some petates (straw mats), told the old woman to cook up some beans, coffee, rice and tortillas and took us into the tiny schoolhouse where

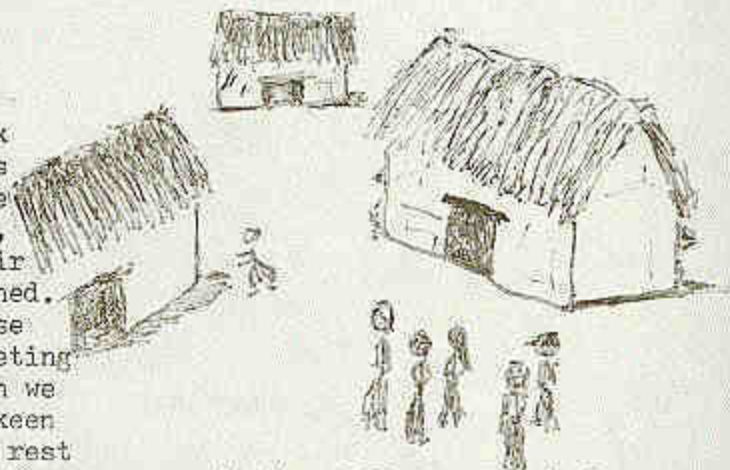




we cleared spaces for the potatoes on the mud floor. We were then summoned into a small room with a low, rough table and two small benches, and fed a good but fairly tasteless meal using old and worn but clean metal cups and bowls. Antonio was very formal and polite and rather awed with our presence due to the fact that we were the first tall, white, light-haired 'gringos' to visit the village. He had undoubtedly seen others like us during visits to the larger towns but, as we found out later, few of the women or children had been more than a few miles from the village and were afraid of us. After the meal we were quickly asleep despite the hard floor, heat and occasional wandering rat.

Antonio woke us at 7:00 a.m. and then again at 8:00 a.m. after little reply the first time. We washed in a small bowl of water and ate a similar meal to the that of the night before.

Antonio then took us to meet the village elders, who were all ancient and seemed to think we were either engineers who had come to build a road to the village, or teachers. We then had our first good look at the village and at its inhabitants. As we walked in between the huts, many of the children who saw us would run away crying, while the women would peer at us from their doorways and then disappear as we approached. The men would keep their distance but raise their hand to their head as a form of greeting as we went by. Topile was the next Indian we met. He was also a village official and keen to show us around which he did during the rest of our stay. His manner of greeting, which was common in the village was simply to touch your palm rather than shake your hand.



The dress of the women and girls consisted of a very colorful blouse with many different designs embroidered on it and a long and billowing skirt, invariably black. They wore no shoes or sandals but had gold earrings and strings of beads around their necks. The men and boys wore basically a white, long-sleeved, buttonless shirt and a pair of white trousers reaching to just above their ankles and held up by lengths of rope. Some of the men wore western style shirt and trousers, but no shoes or sandals. All the clothes were made of cotton.



Among the things we saw in and from the village was the church, only used once or twice a year; the womens' washing and gathering place, a well on the outskirts of the village; a makeshift basket ball field, surprisingly; and down in the valley the crops of sugarcane which was the mainstay of the village.

In the days that followed, our presence became more acceptable; although the women still marvelled at Brenda's long wavy blond hair and would try and touch it. They all had straight jet black hair. We were taken to market with the men in a small town two hours walk away, where they would proceed to get drunk on aguardiente, a rather strong drink which they continually consumed like water. The market was a hive of activity with villagers



from the surrounding countryside selling their different wares. Another day we were shown the wooden sugar mills which were powered by mules. The brown juice from the cane was boiled for four to five hours and then left to congeal after being poured into small wooden containers. Later the cylindrical solid sugar was wrapped in leaves and taken to market to be sold.

We also attended a funeral which enabled us to see one of their little-mentioned rituals. Often our questions about their religion, which was basically Christian, and traditional festivals and rituals, were avoided. The church was not used at all, and the coffin was simply placed open in the dead man's house for all to see. Many of the women set up fires outside the hut and cooked, among other things, various parts of a pig that had been killed for the occasion. Inside the hut we were given seats unlike most others who sat on the floor. We were also given food and aguardiente, unsuccessfully trying to be as inconspicuous as possible. There were many people jammed inside and outside the hut and everyone seemed to talk at once. Two women sat by the coffin and wailed continuously until some food was brought to them. Then they immediately stopped, wiped away their tears and started chatting to each other. Then the widow who had shown no signs



of sorrow but who was very busy and talkative, suddenly flung up her arms, put them round her head and started to chant a phrase over and over for about fifteen minutes. Everyone else kept quiet except for one man who had had too much aguardiente and was trying to explain to me, in a mixture of Nahuatl and Spanish, and in a loud voice, the virtues of a good pair of sandals. We were not allowed to go to the burial, and we presumed that this was because of some unchristianlike ritual which we might not approve of. Instead we were taken to the church yard where three dancers, all men though one was dressed as a woman, accompanied by three musicians, played and danced some of the traditional Indian dances. We were told that the women were not allowed to dance except at certain festivals.

The evening before we left, a chicken, a scarce item in the village, was killed and cooked for us, and before turning in for the night we sat outside the schoolhouse and talked to many of the men we had made friends with. As there was little to do in the evenings, the men would drift in ones or twos to the schoolhouse and talk with us. Some would bring musical instruments and would play as a group with everyone joining in the singing.

We were rather sad to leave early the next morning but set off along the line of hills towards the road leaving the village behind us.







# Ways\$ and Means\$

Money bags in hand, ye old MONEY MONSTER MODROW is about to descend on the Women's Club of Aruba for a year and any other victims she can get money from to fill her bags. The greed will continue all year long till the June meeting when Women's Club will take the money bags from MONEY MONSTER MODROW and give them to the needy of the Island. She will need lots of helpers. The list of help is long, but it should satisfy some of the many talented and working type people, hungry to help fill her money bags. If everyone does a little something, a lot of big something will happen. The program for this year is planned to put smiles on peoples' faces as they fill them there money bags. MONEY MONSTER MODROW will take all criticisms, suggestions and will need all helping hands and cooperation, because all she wants is happy faces filling her money bags.

The following program is designed to fit all peoples' enjoyments and be a benefit to many people. You don't have to support all the following events, just make sure people who enjoy and benefit from them attend.

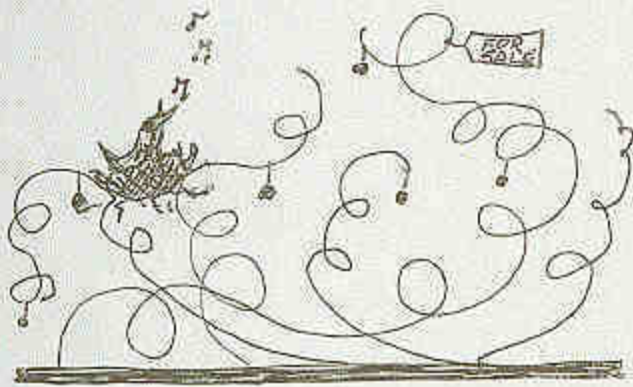
On Sunday, October 5, from 5p.m - 10 p.m. there will be an Aruban Musical Folklorical ( A musical history of Aruban music and dance.) There will be a Folklorical Program, Aruban Dinner (informal) and dance till 10 p.m.. It should be educational and fun.

Anyone who has musical knowledge in an Aruban way can help. Need ticket sellers, drivers and maybe trucks to pick up the musicians, decor artists and poster artists. Women's Club families are welcome and so are the friends and relatives.

Trying to fit a wine and cheese party in the fall. Want it to be an elegant affair. Need some wine and cheese experts, party-giver experts, decor artist type people, ticket sellers and other ideas to make it a success. Old MONEY MONSTER doesn't feel to much money will fill her bags from this event, but she likes elegant affairs, and she loves wine and cheese, so let's plan to fill her and her money bags.

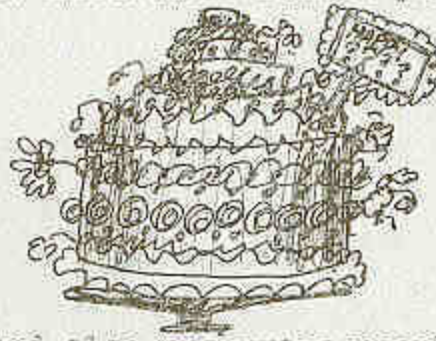
November and December are "help, help" months. On Sunday, November 9, MONEY MONSTER MODROW and committees are planning an Arts and Crafts Fair. All talented and crafty people of Women's Club and the Island will be showing their wares and demonstrating their talents. This Fair will be set up help those who need to earn money. The charities and schools of the Island can help themselves by selling their wares.





We will offer the artists and craft people a place to sell, display and demonstrate their talents. The Blind Foundation is already making some interesting items. Sister Filothea and her pupils from her school for retarded children are also making beautiful things. We also need the talented people.

of Women's Club to make demonstrate and sell their wares. People like cake decorators, needle point experts or semi-experts, and any other talented people who are willing to give some time. You don't have to make something special. Old ideas as well as new ideas will be very much appreciated. We need workers to set up the Fair, organize and also encourage people to display their works. Later we will need people to work in the booths. Another idea is to have a Childrens' Fair. We will need someone to set up activities for the children. We plan to have a Sinterklaas and Santa Claus for photos. So get all your ideas together and all your working fingers limbered and talk to one of our committee members.



Then the MONEY MONSTER will come out after the holidays and put the untired workers to work. During the first of February, there will be a Rummage Sale for the bargain hunters. All the unwanted Christmas presents and old attic things you clean out to put the new Christmas presents away can then be sold. Sell at a bargain and put more smiles on people who need them. We need garages and attics to store all the unwanted items till the big Rummage Day. Already MONEY MONSTER's place is bulging, so we need help immediately. Need people to wash or mend items. You do get first choice for your efforts. Need those great saleswomen too. Carnival costumes are welcome and we may even have a rental.

At the end of March or the first of April, for the cultured, sophisticated women, we are planning a Drama Dinner Show. This evening is still in the planning. All the hidden actors and actresses get into practice before your mirrors.

Toward the end of the year, MONEY MONSTER MODROW will resort to the worst vice to finally fill her money bags, CASINO NIGHT. Start saving your quarters. It is a way of getting your money back from that MONEY MONSTER. But we don't want too many people to succeed; most of it will go to them there moneybags, which, at that time of the year, will be opened and given away. And there we go again, seeing the smiling faces of the people to whom we give the money. And ye old moneybags, MONEY MONSTER MODROW and her helpers will be too exhausted to smile and will be saying, "never again". Maybe with everyone helping a little or a lot, whatever their capabilities are, we may happily face the Greedy



Grin on MONEY MONSTER MODROW, and we wouldn't have to face the end of the year with that never again tired grin.



There will be a MONEY MONSTER MODROW sign up sheet of helpers at our September meeting. It will give her an idea of where to ask for help. Also, if there is a program you would like to work on, please say so. If you like to work hard and be put to work let us know. If you only want to do a small part, let us know. It has been suggested to have a Sports Day and a Card Party. If three women would like to organize these events or any other, I will support and help them

#### MONEY MONSTER MODROW

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#### KEEPING UP WITH THE NEWS

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If you are planning to leave Aruba soon and would like to keep up with the Women's Club news here, you can order your subscription to the W.C.A. News now. Airmail postage for one year costs Fls. 20 (\$11.17). In Seroe Colorado leave your name, address and money with Joy Huggins, 9-2056; and on the rest of the Island, contact Leny Timmerman, 0-2083.



# Christmas concert

The Serco Colorado Church has launched an island-wide search for men and women, 18 years and up, to present a Christmas Concert. Parts of the Christmas portion of "The Messiah" and other Christmas music will be presented on December 14 and 15 under the direction of Mrs. Doris Thompson. Rehearsals will be every Thursday starting September 18, 8:00-9:00p.m. at the Serco Colorado Church. Please call Joy Huggins, 9-2056, if you have any questions. This is an ambitious project for the whole Island and will be rewarding for those who sing as well as those who listen.



## CAKE DECORATING FILM

A film on cake decorating, sponsored by the Acme Store, was shown at the Y.M.C.A. on August 5. Women's Club members were invited. This was a very interesting and well attended show. Our thanks to Acme Store and Marianne Tucker, who arranged for the W.C. members to see the film.



# WHAT WILL THEY THINK OF NEXT!



New from the fashion industry is the aromatic T-shirt. It is covered with microscopic capsules that when ruptured by scratching give the smell of the picture design. Wear a pizza shirt and smell like a pizza; wear a shirt with a rose and "smell as sweet as a rose". The more an area is scratched, the stronger the smell; and the aroma will last up to fifteen washings.

Request after request has been coming in to the various "Scratch 'n Sniff" T-shirt companies for new scents. Many firms are interested in these new clothes as promotional items. Other people have other ideas. The top request has been for a marijuana shirt. Although controversial, Michael Amberger, founder of the Smell This Shirt Company, says "They can't arrest you for scratching yourself, can they?"

Available by mail-order only right now, the shirts should be in full stock in stores in the U.S.A. by the end of the year.





SUMMER WEDDINGS  
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Summer is always a lovely time for weddings and some of our members have been shopping or preparing for these very special events during the past few months. Anna Lourdis De Veer was in Caracas for her brother-in-law's wedding recently. Soon, in Serce Colorado, Nancy Deahl will see her daughter Diana wed to Scott Jenkins. On July 31 Mariela Arends, daughter of Clara and niece of Pat, was married to Tonny V/D Bosch, son of Ria. The wedding was held at the home of the bride.

Good Health and Happiness to the newly-weds.

## Women in the News ...

### Betty Steigerwald

The parents of the children who attended the 1975 Summer Recreation Program would like to thank Betty Steigerwald for the excellent job she did as director. One mother had more favorable things to say than the next, and all were happy with the constructive activities in which their children participated all summer long. For each week she planned a theme that ended with an exciting round-up event each Friday. The children had a wonderful time, learned a lot and kept their enthusiasm throughout the summer. Great job Betty!



### MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Leny Timmerman - chairperson  
Marie-Therese Croes  
Meta Van Romondt  
Winnie Wunnick  
Diny Timmer  
Nuhad Mansur

Applications for membership can be obtained from these women or from any member of the official board. At the general meeting in September, applications will also be available.





# VOLUNTEERS

It is a very important and necessary job to be a responsible volunteer. For whatever job you volunteer, always remember that the people, adults or children, depend on you.

We need a lot of volunteers in this community. It is the intention that the volunteers who sign up for a specific job should work as a team. We will try to get a sufficient number of volunteers that will make it possible to rotate.

For example, if someone goes on vacation, there should be someone else to take her place during that time.

Here are the specific groups for which we need volunteers.

VISUALLY HANDICAPPED: Caicoatic Club, Thursday 9:00 - 11:00 a.m. There we need volunteers to bring the blind or visually handicapped at 9:00 a.m. to the Caicoatic Club and take them home at 11:00 a.m. This is the morning they work at their various handicrafts, or for the very old, they just come to enjoy each other's company and fellowship which they may not get at home. The blind from all over Aruba come to the Caicoatic Club, which is situated at Paradera.

CASA CUNA: Pos Chiquito, Friday morning 9:00 - 11:00 a.m. Here the volunteers are asked to entertain the children ages one to six. This helps to break the routine, since the teachers don't have the time to amuse the children. For the older children, this means sometimes taking them to the beach where they can play and swim, or taking them for a ride and teaching them something about Aruba's nature. For the small ones, one to two years, just taking them for a stroll and playing a little with them is very much appreciated. Bringing some fruit or juice once in a while, but no sweets, is a treat for these children.

MENTALLY RETARDED: Sister Filothea. There are many mentally retarded in Aruba of which about eighty to one hundred attend the school at Sjabocari 16, Santa Cruz. Different groups meet every morning and afternoon, from 8:00 - 11:00 and from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. Volunteers are needed for transportation to the school in the morning and afternoon. There are four groups -

two for adults - men and women, two for children - girls and boys.

MARIS STELLA: The Government and the Sisters have done a great job of providing a home for some of the older people of Aruba, offering them good food, care and a pleasant atmosphere. However, the folks look forward to a change of routine and even a change of face. To help with this project takes very little time or effort, but it means so much to them.

Can you spare an hour and a half every other week? What is involved? Drive to Savaneta, at 10:00 a.m. on a Monday or Wednesday, play Bingo or take a walk until 11:15 a.m. It is important that you speak either Dutch or Papiamentu.

The club received a note from Sister Leonie Ruiz thanking us for the two wheelchairs donated to Maris Stella.

DEAF AND PARTIALLY DEAF: There is a little school for about twenty children from Monday through Friday near the Emma School in Oranjestad. Here the children are stimulated with the aid of various apparatus to use whatever hearing ability remains and to learn to speak.

Volunteers are needed to bring the children to school at 8:00 a.m. and take them home at 12:00 noon. Mr. van Beertam, the head of this school, is in need of a receptionist-secretary for Tuesday afternoons from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. She should be able to speak Papiamentu, English, Dutch and/or Spanish. Typing would be useful but not necessary. This need is urgent!



For any further information, please call Olga van Strien at 0-3009.





## STUDY GROUPS

This year the Women's Club of Aruba will try a new approach to study groups. With the old method of signing up, few people attended the meetings scheduled. Because the time and place for meetings were constantly changing, often with short notice, people had difficulty making plans to attend.

For 1975-1976 the Study Group Committee has set up four basic groups: Diversified Arts and Crafts, International Gourmet, Gardening and the Evening Study Group. These are open to all members and scheduled at the same time and place each month. Anyone interested in forming any other group can do so by calling 0-4725 (Mrs. Tucker). Then an appropriate date, time, and place can be set up. If you are interested in any of these groups, please come and take part. What better way is there to share your talent than by giving of yourself to others. In going over past records of Women's Club, we found that this is not a new way of running things, but the way study groups were conducted in the 1950's.

The following is a general description of each group and the schedule for each month. Decide which one or ones you would like to attend. For morning meetings Surfside has reserved their room for us on the dates set up, and they will provide coffee for one guilder per cup. However, meetings can be held in members' homes if the group so decides.

### DIVERSIFIED ARTS AND CRAFTS - Morning

Meetings will be held on the second Wednesday of each month at 9:00 a.m. Many craft ideas will be explored throughout the season.

### INTERNATIONAL GOURMET - Morning

Meetings will be held on the third Wednesday of each month at 9:00 a.m. Different ideas of international cooking will be explored each month. (Fee to cover the cost of demonstration and/or food.)

### GARDENING - Morning

This group will meet at 9:00 a.m. on the fourth ~~Monday~~ <sup>WEDNESDAY</sup> of each month. It will feature different programs for the personal interests of amateur gardeners.

### EVENING STUDY GROUP - Evening ~~Monday~~ <sup>MONDAY</sup> ~~Wednesday~~ <sup>WEDNESDAY</sup>

This group will meet at 7:30 p.m. on the third ~~Monday~~ <sup>MONDAY</sup> of each month. At last those who work can attend a study group at night in



the homes of members of the group. The group will determine programs to be scheduled for each month. The first meeting will be held in the home of Mrs. Tucker, L.G. Smith Boulevard 14, Oranjestad, on September 14.

Come learn, share and enjoy  
 the company of others in the  
 study group of your choice.  
 It is YOUR club -  
YOU make it work!!

COMMITTEE

Chairman - Marianne Tucker

Committee Members:

Justine Hart

Bonnie Aubel

Sherrie Hayes

(Sherrie is willing to teach a  
 course on natural child-birth  
 if anyone is interested.)

Marianne Tucker

Study Group Chairman

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YOUR 1975/76 WOMEN'S CLUB OF ARUBA WORKING CALENDAR

	Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
1st Week of Month			General Meeting				
2nd Week of Month			Board Meeting	Div. Arts and Crafts 9:00 a.m.			
3rd Week of Month		Evening Study Group 7:30 a.m.	Comm. Mtg. Env. Ed. Vol. His. Cul.	Int. Gourmet 9:00 a.m.			
4th Week of Month				Garden Group 9:00 a.m.			