

# WCA NEWS



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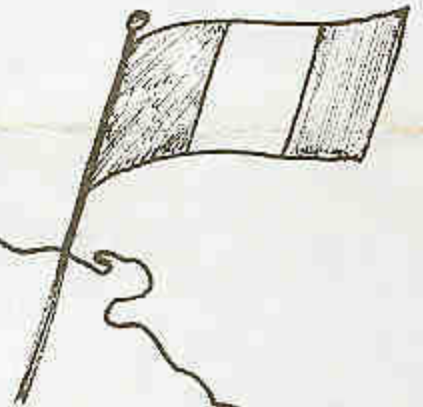
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NOV. 1.

*Come ...*

*... and enjoy  
our*

**ITALIAN**

*Luncheon*



S T A F F Joan Alexander, Rose Marie Van Dijk, Joy Huggins, Carol Rhydderch, Sally Goldberg, Kit Livingston, Isabel Yzer, Loes Nicholson, Winnie Wunnink, Lucille Armbrust, Justine Hart, Ursula Hannibal.

FROM THE PRESS ROOM

November sounds winterish but we have nothing but summery inclusions in our W.G.A. NEWS this month. Happily we welcome Ursula Hannibal who is our guest artist (and we hope for other months too) along with none other than Lucille Armbrust (who though having said she should not draw for us this year has nevertheless turned up or phoned to say how were we doing each time so far -- our pleasure -- keep coming Lucille). Lots of new members and their phone numbers are inside for you to note, --- a new front cover idea we hope you'll like --- thoughts on the Americana's decor, and an exciting Ecology conference in Bonaire help to make up our November issue. Keep on going.....

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NEWS FROM THE TOP

Ann Connolly has joined our board as a member at large, and will be in charge of paper back books. We are glad to have you Ann!

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A letter was received from Centro Di Barrio Noord informing us of their program for young people and requesting at the same time a monetary contribution to realize their goal.

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"De Curacaosche Courant N.V." informed us that the cost of printing our constitution officially is Fls.120.00. This price covers their regular distribution including the ten copies we will receive. For each additional copy the price will be Fls.0.40.

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Approximately 160 members attended our October meeting and enjoyed the Fashion Show of Formfit Rogers Lingerie. The show was expertly directed by Mrs. Raquel Villamil from New York and gracefully presented by our own Women's Club models Joann Innes, Isabel Kelly, Janette Saladin, Betty Steigerwald and Rina Tappin. Three door prizes were presented to lucky members.

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W E L C O M E   N E W   M E M B E R S  
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The Club welcomes many new faces and talents in this 1975-76 Club year. Just look at our list of new members! Let's show them how much we need them by giving them a call and putting them to work immediately. You might be interested to know there are five nationalities represented.

- ANAYA, Vivian - Tel. 3162
- ANGELA, Greta -
- ARENDS-MUYALE, Zoraida - Tel. 1636
- ARENDSZ-CROES, Maxima - Tel. 1789
- d'ARNAULT, Mickey - Tel. 2067/3055
- AUBLE, Bonnie - Tel. 3538
- BEAUJON, Marlene - Tel. 2799
- BOEKHOUDT, Evelina -
- BOER, Hilary -
- BRANDT-NAGTEGAAL, Celia - Tel. 4736
- COLEMAN, Sharon - Tel. 4886
- CORONEL, Johanna - Tel. 2956
- CROES-ACOSTA, Telma - Tel. 1438
- CROES-RICHARDSON, Cheryl - Tel. 2423
- DANIA, Grace - Tel. 4394
- DIENER, Rosemarie - Tel. 9-3565
- ENGLES-KUIJL, Atie - Tel. 2546
- ESTRADA, Renée -
- FINGAL, Lucia Otilia - Tel. 9-2158
- FLUONIA, Sandra Tel. 1536
- GEERMAN, Myrna Marie Tel. 9-3460
- DE GEORGE, Sandra - Tel. 9-2047
- GERICHHAUSEN-HENDRIKS, José - Tel. 2178
- HARMS, Mercedes - Tel. 1827
- HAYES, Sherri - Tel. 3315
- HAZEL, Mabel - Tel. 7240
- HENRIQUEZ, Edith - Tel. 3927
- HENRIQUES-CROES, Francisca - Tel. 4631
- HESE, Cruillerman - Tel. 1536
- HO KANG YOU-SPROCKEL, M.P. - Tel. 2420
- KAMP, Riet - Tel. 4163
- LAVEGA-GOMEZ, Maria Magdalena - Tel. 2982
- LACLE, Etheline -
- LEE, Teresa - Tel. 6613
- LOBO, Graciela -
- MAAT-KEIJZER, Gerda Tel. 1796
- MARQUES-KLYNEE, Marian - Tel. 3114

MEIJNE-BAQUERO, Consuelo - Tel. 2884  
 LA MONTE, Mary Ann -  
 NEUBER-WASSENAAR, Cornelia -  
 ODUBER-CROES, Ingrid Mary - Tel. 4316  
 ODUBER-CROES, Olga Maria - Tel. 4375  
 RATCHFORD, Jan - Tel. 5259  
 RUIZ, Maria - Tel. 2313  
 DE RUYTER, Engelina - Tel. 3600 App.201  
 SANDERS, Donna - Tel. 5414  
 SRUMAN, Bonnie -  
 SMALT, Helma Marie - Tel. 9-3474  
 STEIN, Carolyn - Tel. 9-3365  
 STOUT, Sylvia - Tel. 7045  
 TROMP-de KORT, Olivia - Tel. 4341  
 VAN DEN CLOOSTER SLOET TOT EVERLOO, Karian 3784  
 VAN DER FELTZ, Liesbeth - Tel. 2537  
 V.D.HORN, Scheeres - Tel. 2555  
 DE VEER, Marilu  
 VROLLJK-GHOOTVELD, Goby - Tel. 4273  
 WURTZ-KNAPE, Lientje - Tel. 1312  
 YARZAGAHAY, Elsa - Tel. 7197

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NEWCOMERS COFFEE

All new members of Women's Club are invited to meet with board members at the Holiday Inn for a get-acquainted coffee.

When: Thursday, November 13

Time: 9:30 a.m.

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INTRODUCING NEW MEMBERS

Each month W.C.A.NEWS will be reporting on some of our new members. This month we are introducing BONNIE AUBLE, VIVIAN ANAYA and HELMA SMALT.

# bon bini...

Bonnie Auble is from Painsville, Ohio. She and her husband Ed have two children, a son Brent three years old and a daughter Cindy, who was born in Aruba in September. Bonnie is a chemistry graduate from the University of Miami and worked as a medical technologist prior to leaving the States. The Aubles have lived in Jamaica and shortly before moving to Aruba, they lived in Athens, Greece. Bonnie is competent at bridge and an avid tennis player. Although she is a newcomer to the W.C.A. she is already actively involved with the Study Group Committee.

J.H.

Vivian Anaya

Born in Aruba

Field - Cytotechnology

Languages - English, Dutch, Spanish and Papiamentu

Skill - Piano

Hobby - reading and music

Organizations - B.P.W. and the American Society of Cytology

Vivian is the daughter of the well-known Padu Lampe. She lived in Aruba until she was fifteen years old, then went to America to study. After completing her college education, she went to study Cytotechnology at Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore. She was a student for another year, completed her training and then worked on the staff for another three years. She then went to the Walter

Reed Hospital in Washington, where she worked for two years as Supervisor of the Cytology Laboratory. Vivian has been back in Aruba for the past two years and has been busy enjoying her little boy. She intends to work again next year. Vivian feels Womens' Club presents an opportunity for its members to do much in the community, while providing many benefits to women as individuals. We are delighted to welcome Vivian as a new member.

W.W.

A young lady with a variety of interests, Helma Smalt is a welcome addition to our Club. In fact, she has already been a great help to our Ecology Committee in '74-'75 by translating articles for the Dutch newspaper and giving lectures for the Committee's school program. She graduated from high school in Curacao and studied art in Aruba for a year and a half. While working for the Shell Company in Holland she married Berend. They then moved to Singapore for three years. She has also vacationed in New Guinea where her father was a colonel in the Dutch Marines. Living in Seroe Colorado now, she is busy with her children Berend 9, and Annemarie 5. Her other interests are reading (science fiction and the occult) birdwatching and playing bridge.

J.H.

!! LIMPI FLASH !!

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Our Limpi Committee would like to receive any items you have made that demonstrate recycling. These things would be used in the permanent display for school programs. Annemieke Kock would like you to bring them to her at the November meeting.

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MEMBERSHIP

Deadline for dues is October 31, 1975. Don't forget because there will be NO exceptions! Mail or bring cheque to Clarita Arends, L.G. Smith Boulevard 500 or pay at the Caribbean Mercantile Bank.

There are 58 new members to date this year bringing the total of fully paid members to 157.

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**Women**  
in the  
**News...**

Marianne Tucker, Chris Llewellyn, Raisa Wilson and Tina De L'Isle were the four mothers who helped organize a "Clean-Up The School Campaign" at Mon Plaisir.

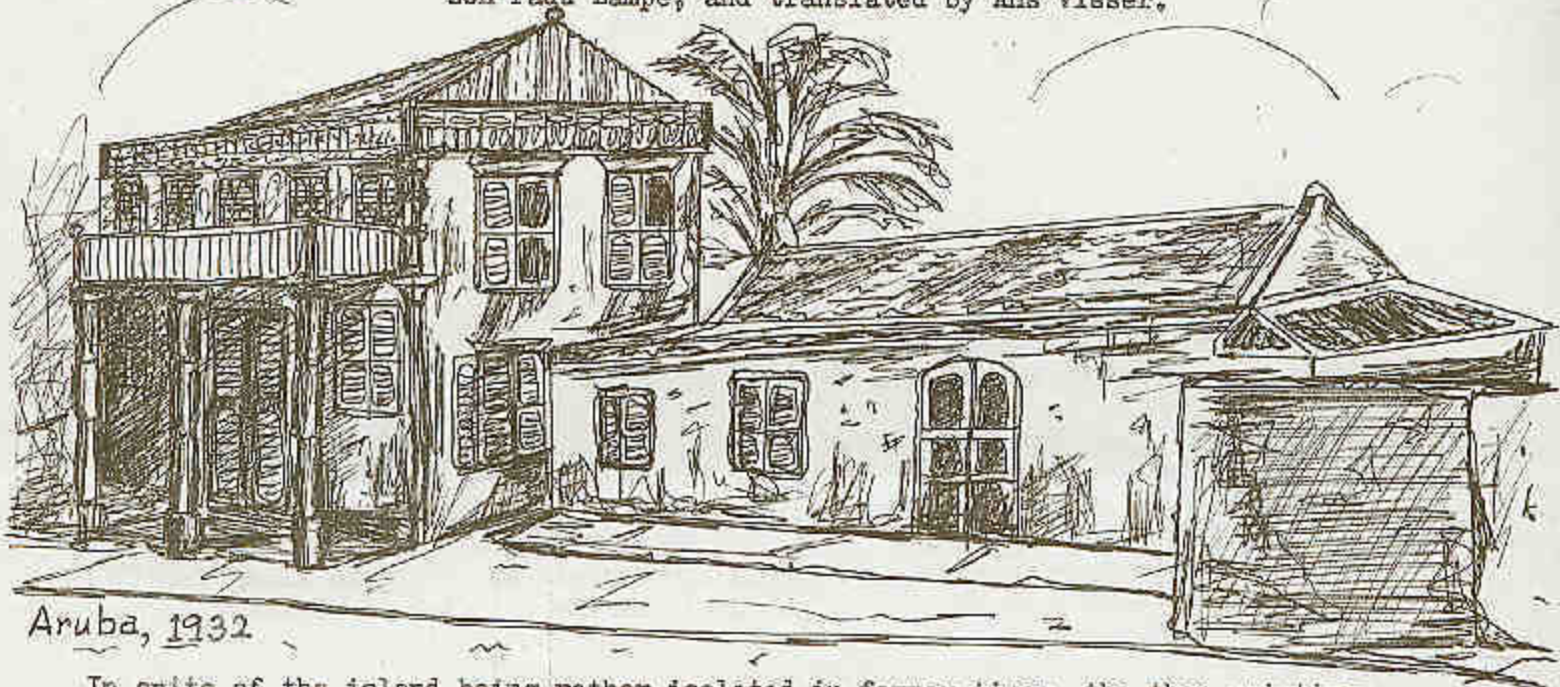
Julio Maduro sent some men to help.... and the mothers, teachers and the children had a busy afternoon. Everyone involved had a good time while doing something worthwhile.

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Last year's Study Group Chairman and always active Gaudia Sins, though only recently returned to Houston, Texas - is already "in The News" there. She has joined the staff of the Baytown Sun and is reporting weekly on a wide variety of subjects. Good luck Gaudia!

# ARUBA... PAST and Present

Except from the book "ARUBA VOORHEEN EN THANS"  
by Harry Lampe published in 1932. Offered  
to the WCA News by kind permission of his  
son Padu Lampe, and translated by Ans Visser.



In spite of the island being rather isolated in former times, the then existing unity and the general feeling of togetherness among people here, made life agreeable. To its inhabitants the place seemed like "a garden of Eden".

Contact with the outside world was only limited to a few traders who knew the art of placing direct orders; usually all goods were obtained from Curaçao. Fierce competition like that of to-day was unknown then. Money was rare in those days, not everybody had money. However, people were happy in their own way!

At that time the celestial tap (rainwater) was not yet closed to the island; people out of town lived off the yield of their crops, which consisted mainly of native corn, beans, ground nuts and tubers. These products were then priced as follows: Corn at  $2\frac{1}{2}$  cents for 2 litres, beans at 10 cents a litre, ground nuts at  $7\frac{1}{2}$  cents a litre and a melon or watermelon of 5 pounds would cost 15 cents.

In those days ground nuts were exported in great quantities, as well as the pods of divi-divi trees; the latter were bought at 2 cents a pound by the traders. Eight eggs cost only 15 cents, meat was delivered at home for 25 to 30 cents for a leg of 5 to 6 pounds.

Aloe-resin was also one of the principal exports, it also being one of the most important sources of income for Aruba. People didn't need much to live well, which can be proved by the fact that a common labourer, who earned only  $62\frac{1}{2}$  cents, at the most 75 cents a day, could provide for his family, often consisting of many children.

A skilled labourer, a brick-layer or a carpenter, earned between Fls. 1.50 and Fls. 2.00 a day. The "Aruba Phosphaat Maatschappij" offered working opportunities to our men for several years and this company enjoyed the benefits of the above-mentioned low wage-rate. Civil servants in Government employ with a regular income belonged to the happy few. Yet a registrar would receive only Fls. 50.00 a month, a teacher of 3rd grade Fls. 75.00, a Counsel for the Prosecution Fls. 33.33, while a policeman or constable would get Fls. 25.00. The district judge was paid like his colleague, the Counsel for the Prosecution.

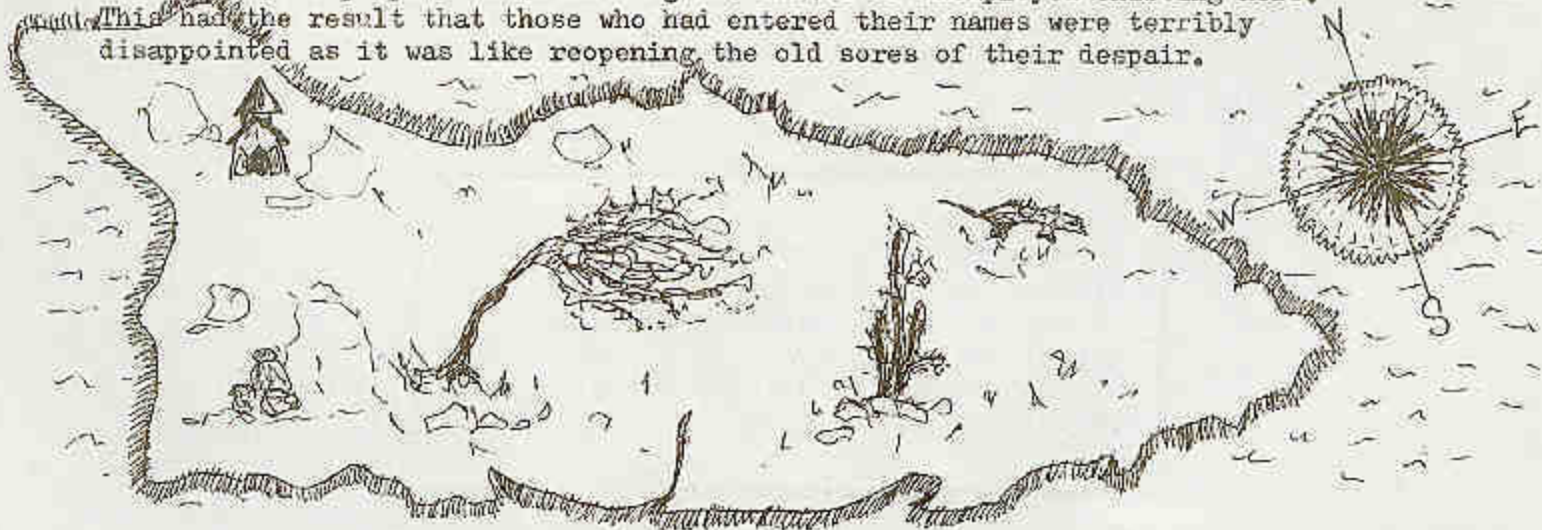
The prices of gentlemen's homes were between Fls. 10.00 and Fls. 15.00 a month; an ordinary shed, which is now being rented for US\$ 20.00 or US\$ 30.00 a month only cost US\$ 1.00 at that time.

A cook was paid only Fls. 2.50 a month, with meals included; a nursemaid or servant was satisfied with meals only. How was the standard of living? Don't let the difference surprise you. One single egg now costs 15 or even 20 cents, while meat costs 70 cents a pound. No decent gentleman's house could be rented for less than Fls. 150.00 a month. For a servant one pays between Fls. 30.00 and Fls. 40.00 a month. While a large family could eat well for only 15 cents for which it would have a beautiful fish. Nowadays Fls. 2.00 would have to be paid for the same meal. And what about the incomes of to-day? It is understandable that gigantic salaries are necessary to be able to make ends meet. In spite of the so-called favourable economic situation, it is a problem how to live decently on your income. Whatever could be obtained for Fls. 1.00 formerly, cannot be bought for less than Fls. 5.00 now. Who doesn't worry about the future? However, man lives by hope. At present everyone's hopes are placed on the oil companies established on our island, which have started to economize enormously of late; everybody is dependent on the actions of these companies. So the fact that when Standard Oil of New Jersey took over Pan Am here, storms of enthusiasm and applause was not without reason. For (Standard Oil) would certainly extend their business enormously, giving jobs to the numerous unemployed who have lived for more than a year with the hope of better times. But it seems as if they have to be content with hope, for, although seven "big chiefs" of Standard Oil arrived on the island and feeling ran high, because of their arrival by air (by plane), there is no noticeable change in the right direction; over and above that more economizing measures are taken all along the line, so that one asks oneself anxiously: "Is there any hope for the future?"

In this way we continue to exist in uncertain circumstances till when.....? The Arend Petroleum Maatschappij, which already completed its construction several years ago, reduced its personnel - labourers included - to a minimum workpower of about a hundred men and there too everything is quiet.

Therefore it was like balm on a sore spot when the rumour was spread some weeks ago that this Company had started inviting tenders for new workmen. People were flocking to it, but if the information we obtained is correct, it was done solely for the purpose of estimating the number of unemployed existing here.

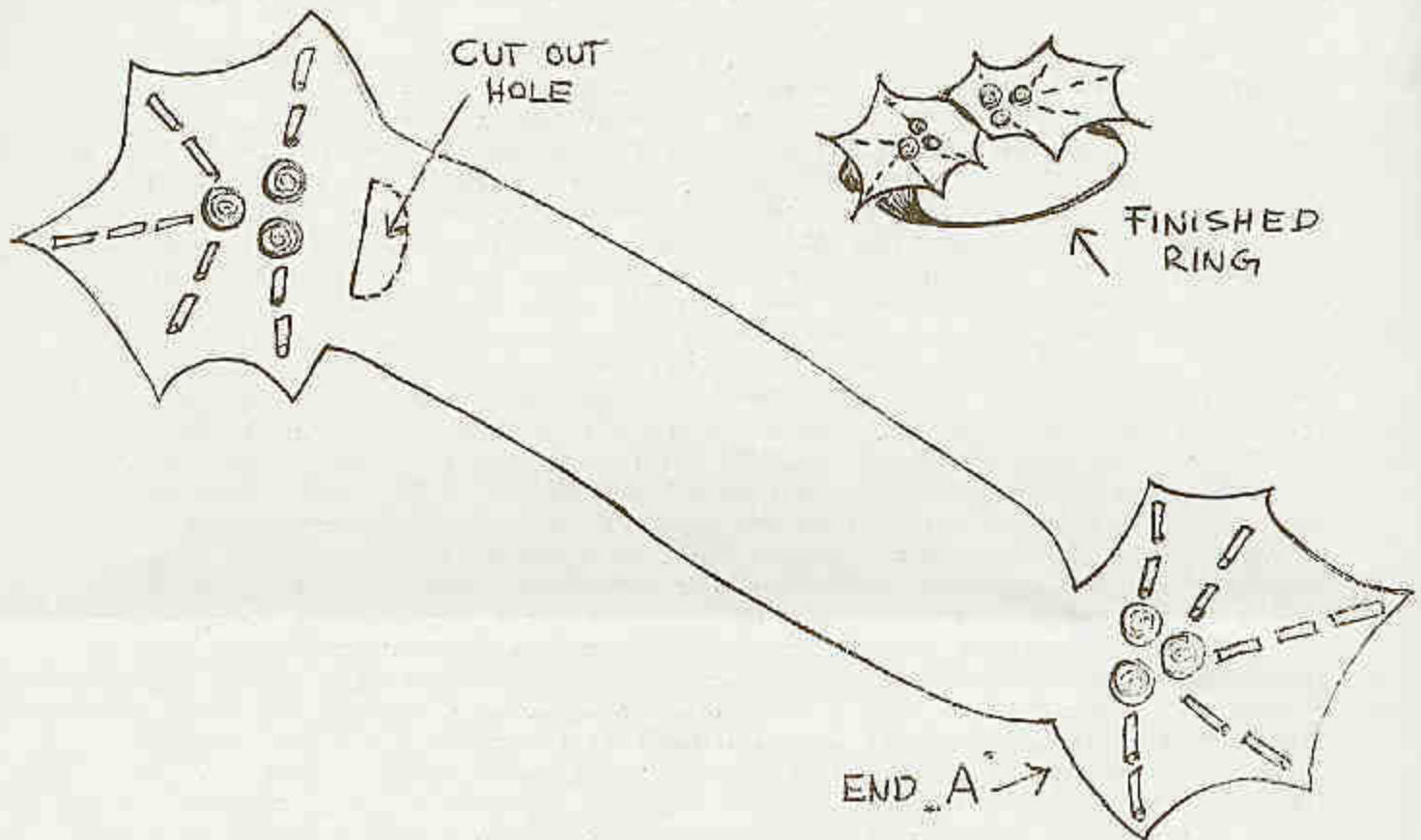
This had the result that those who had entered their names were terribly disappointed as it was like reopening the old sores of their despair.



## CRAFTS by Bea

To help make our Christmas Bazaar a success we offer this craft idea received from Bea Kock.

### Christmas Napkin Holders



This craft is quick and easy. A child could even do it. Make pattern on cardboard, trace outline on felt. (green is good) Cut out felt along lines. Bring end A through the cut out hole. Now you have a holly leaf napkin ring. Decorate the holly leaves with beads or sequins, either sewn or glued.

#### Christmas Party for the Elderly

Please contact Iona Richardson at 2423 if you would like to help with the annual Christmas Party that the Women's Club gives to the elderly people living in San Pedro Hospital.





# UNICEF

Christmas Cards  
and

Date Books

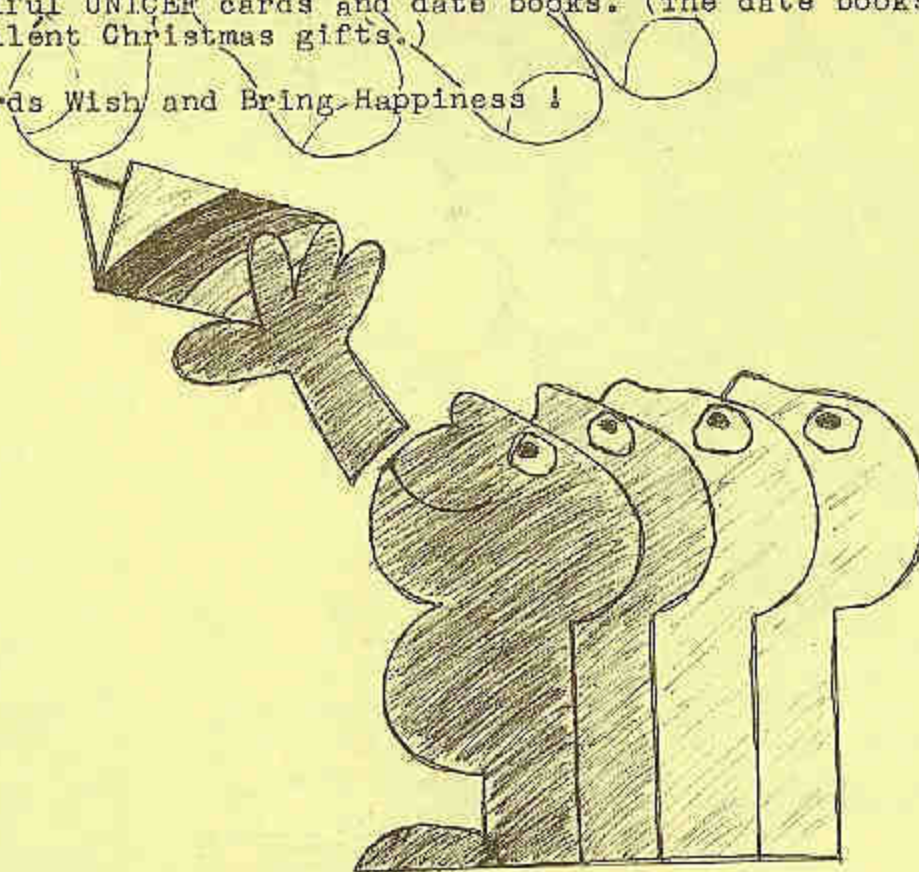
Contact Frances Swingholm at 9-2977  
or Truus Stracke at 0-2774. They will  
be happy to help you make your contri-  
bution to UNICEF. Cards and date books  
will also be on sale at Club meetings.

UNICEF, the United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund, set up by the United Nations, supports programs in more than one hundred developing countries. These are aimed at the welfare of mother and child. UNICEF also urges these countries to pay special attention to children.

Millions of children are still living and growing up under miserable circumstances. More than ten million children in these developing countries are being threatened at this very moment by malnutrition and starvation. These children are the defenseless victims of world inflation and the food shortage.

UNICEF does its part to raise money to help these needy children with food and health care. For Halloween children in the United States collect money for UNICEF while they go trick-or-treating. Here in Aruba YOU can help by buying the beautiful UNICEF cards and date books. (The date books make excellent Christmas gifts.)

UNICEF Cards Wish and Bring Happiness !



GENERAL MEETING NOV. 4 1975  
LUNCHE ON-HOLIDAY INN- 11:30

# MENU

ANTIPASTO



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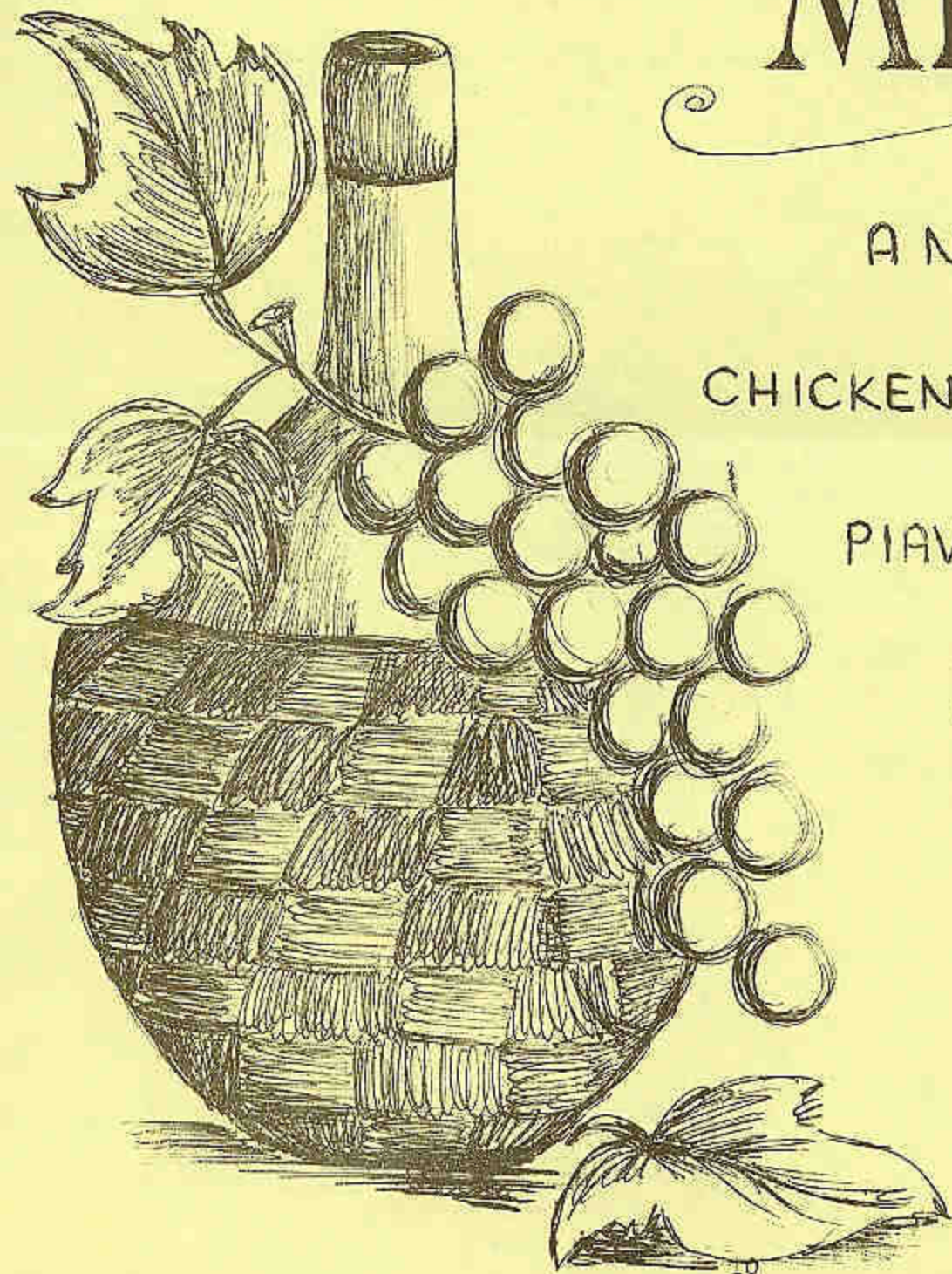


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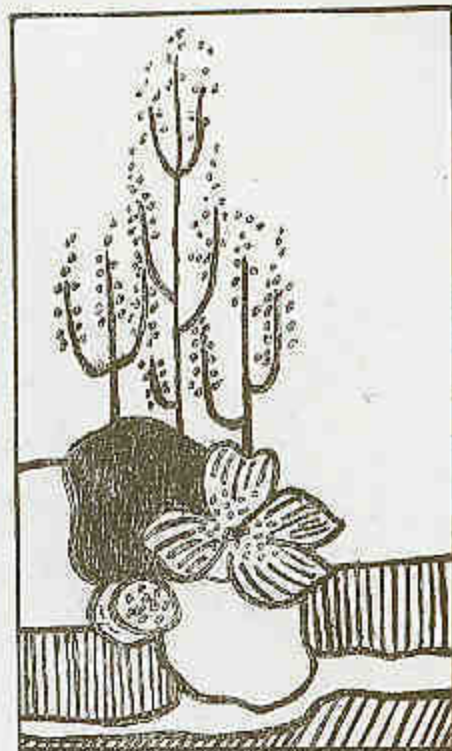
COFFEE

FLS. 8.70



# NOVEMBER

# MEETING



On November 4, we bid you "accoglienza cordiale"  
to our Italian Luncheon at the Holiday Inn.

The meeting will begin at 11:30 a.m. Prezzo for "colazione" will  
be Fls. 8.70 Antillian currency not lira!

Our program will include a talk on the planning, designing and  
actual embroidering of yarn paintings by Sandra de Aldrey. Mrs. de Aldrey was  
born in Puerto Rico. She studied dress design in New York City and returned to  
San Juan where she practiced fashion design. At the age of twenty, she was the  
only designer chosen from the Puerto Rico Design Council to have her clothes  
appear in Vogue magazine. Her work in embroidery and intricate beading for  
gowns, eventually led to yarn embroidery which she began to develop while living  
in Mexico.

Mrs. de Aldrey will present color slides of paintings she has  
done, and some samples of her work. The technique of her work combines crewel,  
needlepoint and appliqué on a stretched fabric base, which is then framed. The  
finished work is a painting rendered exclusively in yarns, straw, string and  
other materials.

Remember to purchase your ticket before the deadline. Don't  
miss our Italian "bello pomeriggio."

Deadline for tickets ----- November 1.

Tickets available from: Quita Croes - Bata Shoe Store S.N. 5538  
Aura's Beauty Shop 1161  
Norma Goeting - Joyeria Vasques 2023  
Tres Brinkman - 9-1531  
Anke Marks - 9-3548  
Palmira Ponson - 2150

# Thought for Today . . .

Pray don't find fault with the man who limps, or  
stumbles along the road,  
Unless you have worn the shoes he wears, or  
struggled beneath his load;  
There may be tacks in his shoes that hurt and  
may be hidden from view;  
Or the burden he bears, placed on your back, might  
cause you to stumble too.  
Don't sneer at the man who is down today, unless  
you have felt the blow,  
That cause his fall, or felt the same that only  
the fallen know;  
You may be strong, but still the blows that were  
hit, if dealt to you  
The self same way at the self same time, might  
cause you to stagger too.  
Don't be too harsh with the man who sins, or pelt  
him with words of stone,  
Unless you are sure, yes, doubly sure, that you  
have no sins of your own;  
For you know, perhaps, if the temper's voice  
should whisper as soft to you,  
As it did to him when he went astray, 'twould cause  
you to falter too.

## MOTHERS' CORNER

Maybe this month's idea should be filed under money saving tips as well as hints for mothers. When good mother makes numerous trips to the grocery store each week, the child she takes along or the one she has left behind wants a souvenir (usually sweet). Since sweets or plastic toys last too short a time and are costly, try this next time.

Bring home a box, the biggest box, or the sturdiest you can beg, and carry from the store. To an intelligent imaginative child, a box can be cut, colored, pushed, and pulled. He can sit in the box with a friend or hide under it. A box can soon become more than just a box. A string of boxes makes a train. Cutting holes for arms and head makes a robot costume. An older child can design his own computer, cash register, or table. There you have it. But that's not all. If it is especially big, mother can use it as a retreat when the world is too much for her.



\* Mom can even help build this!

# EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT

The education committee had their first meeting after the summer holidays. As the information-centre for MAVO III and IV has been a success in the past, we have decided to continue this service. If you want to know something about further schooling for your children, please phone the following ladies for a date.

## ORANJESTAD.

MONDAY and TUESDAY 3-6 p.m. Ans Visser, Kamerlingh Onnesstraat 30  
Tel. 1462  
Dutch, English, a little Papiamento.

WEDNESDAY 4-6 p.m. Mathilda Gonzalez, Kamerlingh Onnesstraat 40  
Tel. 2672  
Papiamento, Dutch, English.

TUESDAY and FRIDAY 4-6 p.m. Raiza Koolman, Röntgenstraat 10  
Phone Ans Visser for a date with her.  
Papiamento and Dutch.

## SAN NICOLAAS.

EVERY DAY 4-6 p.m. Hendrika Leerdam, Juana Morto 117  
Tel. 6030  
English, Papiamento, Dutch.

FRIDAY 3-6 p.m. Isabel Yzer, P.O.Box 631, Seroe Colorado.  
Tel. 9-3420  
English.

Telephone contact every day. Anke Marks, P.O.Box 16, Seroe Colorado.  
Dutch, English

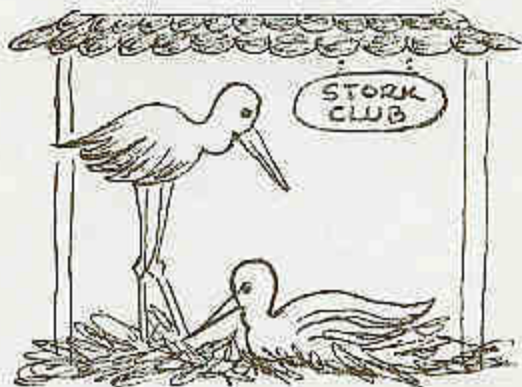
Anke Marks is still working on our questionnaire for the businessmen on our Island which we hope will be ready soon, and our television interview will be held as soon as possible.

Education Committee Chairman - Ans Visser

## THE STORK CLUB

Bonnie and Ed Anbla are the proud parents of a daughter, Cindy, weighing 7 lbs 12 oz. at birth on September 15, at 3:05 am. Cindy's brother, Brent three years old, welcomed her at home.

Omar Philip II, son of Ambar and Philip De Souza was born on September 15. He weighed 7 lbs at birth. Congratulations and best wishes to the new parents.





# B CHRISTMAS

# Z A A R

MONEY MONSTER MODROW should be in our midst by the time you read this. An unexpected hospitalization kept her in the United States longer than she expected or wanted. Let's do her a favor as well as the club by really concentrating on our Christmas bazaar on December 2.

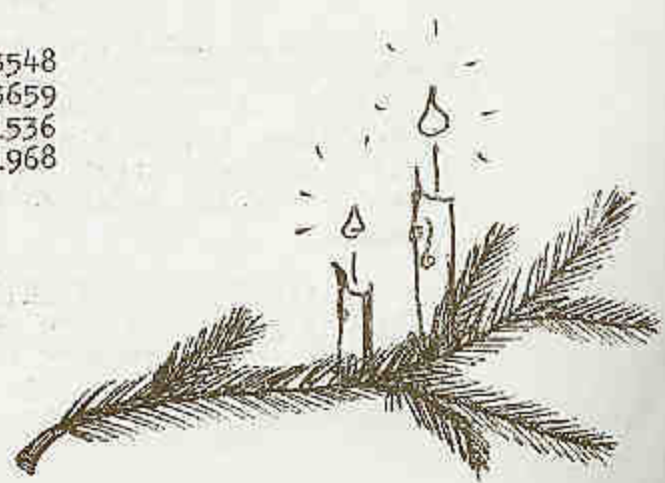
We plan to have 3 large booths, plants, baked goods, and crafts. With our ever increasing membership we can really have a bountiful display if every member is generous enough to contribute one or more things. Come on!! You can do it!!

Chairmen

Crafts : Faye Higginbotham 9 -3685  
 Mathilda Gonzalez 0 -2672  
 Yvette Tulloch 0 -5761

Plants : Trees Brinkman 9 -3530  
 Ama Pietersz 0 -4430  
 Liesbeth v.d. Vels 0 -2537  
 Tina De L'isle 0 -3746

Baked goods : Anke Marks 9 -3548  
 Aida Briezen 9 -3659  
 Meme Hese 0 -1536  
 Ninita Lacle 0 -1968



# CLASSIFIED ADS

by Helen Modrow

**WANTED**  
Crafts - for  
Dec. 4 Bazaar.  
Gifts, Decorations  
Toys, stuffed  
animals...

**WANTED**  
Bakers for  
our booth at  
Dec. 4 Bazaar  
**WATCH OUT**  
**SARAH LEE!**

**WANTED**  
ALL kinds of plants  
for **PLANT BOOTH**  
Size not a factor

**Dec 4th**

**Swap**

Cup of coffee and **FUN**  
for your help in making  
Crafts. F. Higginbotham  
Every Tues. A.M. - 9:00  
Bung. 330, S.C.  
Experience not required.  
Will Train.

**For Sale**

100's of X-mas  
items; Gifts  
Decorations.  
Women's Club  
Dec. 4.  
Reasonable.

**WANTED**  
Sequins  
Beads  
Felt  
Will pick up.  
Call Higginbotham.

**WANTED**  
**EXCLUSIVE OFFERING!**

Short, fat  
tall, or skinny  
women\* to  
bake X-mas  
goodies suit-  
able for  
freezing.

**PERSONAL**  
Money Monster Modrow  
wants all green thumbs,  
white thumbs, and clever  
thumbs working on the  
**CHRISTMAS BAZAAR!**

**For Sale**

paperback  
books at every  
general meeting.  
Dutch, English,  
Swahili, etc.

**ATTENTION!!**

call any booth  
co-chair person.\*  
if you have questions  
or suggestions call  
**MONEY MONSTER MODROW**

**Special Offer**

All the gratitude  
**WOMEN'S CLUB** can  
give to those husbands  
who help our bazaar.  
To collect, he must  
overlook felt scraps,  
chaotic kitchens, etc.

**WANTED**  
Thrifty women  
who are setting  
aside a few \$1s  
every week. Dec. 4  
they won't be  
disappointed!

**Believe it or not**

\***WOMEN'S CLUB** is an  
equal opportunity  
employer.

**WANTED**  
Craft magazines with patterns!  
Foam (hard and for stuffing)  
Rope, fabric for throw pillows  
Burlap, cotton wool, old X-mas  
tree ornaments. **HELP!** call  
Yvette Tulloch - 5761.

W.C.A. REPRESENTED AT ECOLOGY  
CONFERENCE IN BONAIRE

by Ruth Stanley

On September 25 Vera Rooze, Helma Smalt and Ruth Stanley flew to Bonaire to attend a four day conference of the Caribbean Conservation Association. This conference was attended by about 100 people from all over the Caribbean, representing the United States, Mexico, Venezuela, Holland, Puerto Rico, St. Thomas, St. Croix, St. Lucia, Guadeloupe, Dominica, Barbados, Trinidad, Guyana, Saba, St. Maarten, Bonaire and Curacao. In addition to our W.C.A. delegates, Aruba was also represented by five of the Island biology school teachers, STINAPA (2), Lago (2) and the Government (1).

During the conference 14 interesting lectures were presented dealing with the three main topics of "Oil Pollution," "Human Interference in Reef Communities" and "Flamingo Ecology."

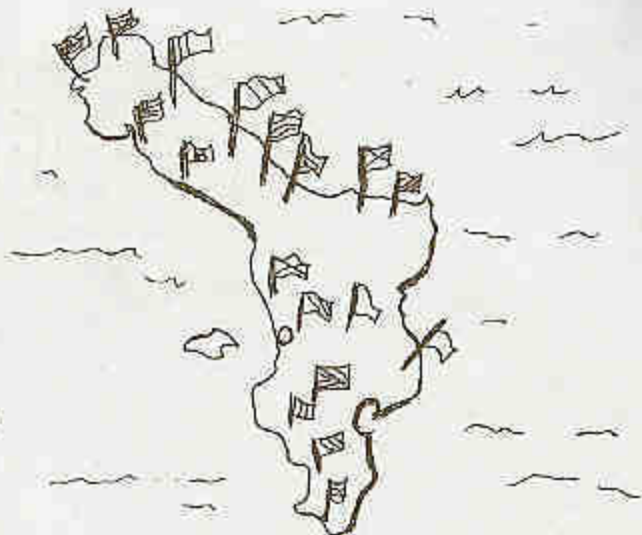
CARMABI (Caribbean Marine Biological Institute) presented some fascinating statistics on the effect of oil and sediments on various species of coral. Most types of coral can effectively get rid of reasonable amounts of sand on their surfaces. However silt seems more of a problem and, surprisingly, tested mixtures of oil and dispersants (used to clean up oil spills) appeared to be more harmful to the coral than oil alone.

While industrial effluents, tankers and shipping in general are commonly considered our main sources of ocean pollution, it was pointed out that used oils discarded by garages, service stations, etc. play an important part in the pollution of the oceans. It was learned that in Curacao they have a campaign for returning used oils to Shell where it is recycled.

The Oil Spill Contingency Plan for the Caribbean was described by Mr. Lorenzo Guilini of Shell, Caracas. However, any international enforcement agency will have little power until all the countries involved have endorsed such plans. (While Venezuela and the Netherlands Antilles endorsed the pact of the 1954 International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution of the Sea by Oil, they still have not yet accepted the amendments of the 1969 Convention!)

In sessions dealing with "Human Interference in Reef Communities" the urgent need for conservation of slow growing organisms such as black coral was shown through slides presented by CARMABI. Their studies show that it takes about fifteen years for black coral to grow only one centimeter in thickness. In Bonaire it is now against the law to collect black coral or to have it in one's possession.

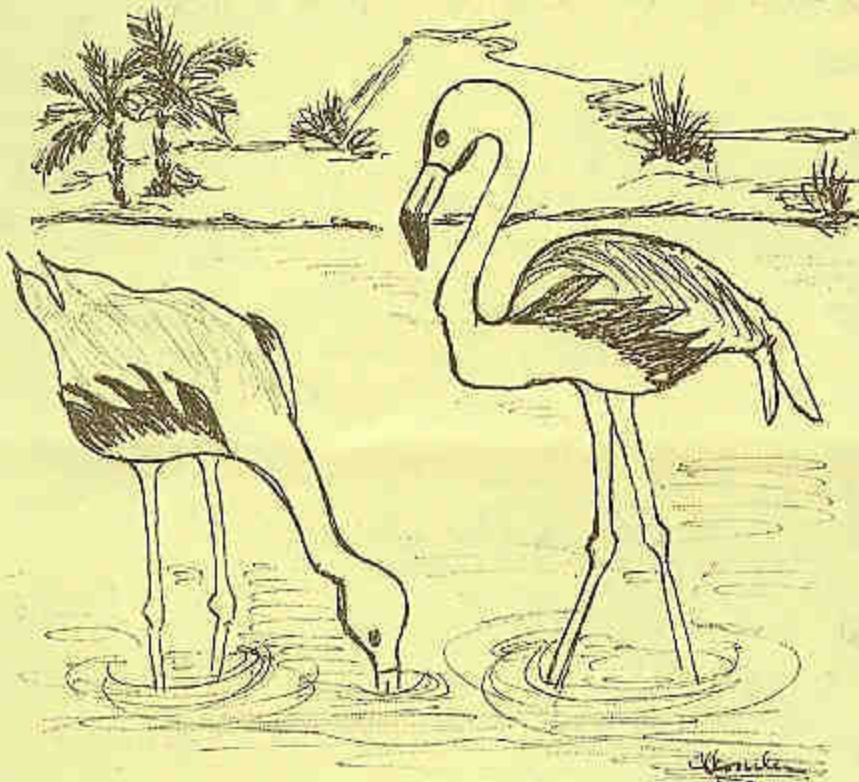
Don Stewart who is the owner and operator of Aquaventure, a scuba diving firm in Bonaire, demonstrated his techniques for educating the diving tourists before they are allowed to go out on dives. He claims that careful management of the reefs can mean a multi-million dollar revenue for an island. Mr. Stewart would like to train personnel from diving organizations on other islands in his techniques. It should be noted that Mr. Stewart was successful in helping to make spearfishing illegal in the waters around Bonaire.





Studies of the flamingo in Bonaire show that the flamingoes have adapted themselves to the presence of the recently reactivated salt company. Statistics for the last two years show that these birds are now raising two young a year instead of only one as in earlier years. It was felt that water level control preventing flooding in their nesting area was largely responsible.

On the other side of the coin, Dr. Jan Rooth from Holland reported that the food supply of the flamingoes in Bonaire may be running out in the foreseeable future, and investigations are being made to determine other feeding areas in the Caribbean. Venezuela, Mexico, the United States and Holland have already offered their help and support in furthering efforts to preserve the flamingoes of the Caribbean.



In addition to the many lectures and panel discussions, the evenings were filled with films and slideshows of flora and fauna from various Caribbean countries. These were followed by many informal discussion groups lasting into the wee hours of the morning.

During these informal sessions our gals took advantage of the opportunity to talk with many influential people, and found that there was a lot of interest in the school ecology program that our group initiated here in Aruba this past year.

Dr. Edward L. Towle, President of the Island Resources Foundation and former President of the GCA, and Dr. Hans de Kruijf of STINAPA and CARMABI said, they received valuable source material as well as films to use in our school program.

Special excursions were arranged for those attending the conference, and visits to the flamingo sanctuary and to National Park Washington were enjoyed. Our delegates had a very busy four days and summed up the conference as being not only interesting, stimulating and pleasant, but rewarding and encouraging as well.

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#### DISTEMPER P.S.

It pays to read the W.C.A. NEWS. Due to prompt diagnosis and treatment, Sharon Arrendel's dog, Ginger, survived distemper. Give your pet a chance. With treatment, his chances are 50-50.

REPORT: ENVIRONMENT GROUP  
(LIMPI AND ECOLOGY)  
SEPTEMBER 1975

The sign "Killing of wildlife is prohibited in Lago leased land area" was finally erected at gate #6 on September 12th. (Negotiations about this had started in October of 1974 !)

As requested by the Tourist Bureau, two articles were handed in on September 29 for publication in Aruba Holiday, appealing to the tourists to respect the export law. (Carol Rhydderch and Judy Quance each prepared a different version.)

On September 8 a mini-school program was held for the APA students, who may use some of our material and ideas in their practice lessons or research projects.

MEETINGS:

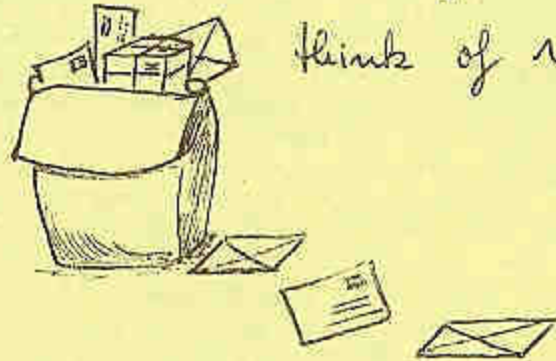
Representatives from our group attended several STINAPA meetings, met with the two biology teachers from Colegio and were able to make valuable new contacts during the ecology conference in Bonaire.

Our next school program is scheduled for the week of October 27, for the fifth and sixth graders of "Christus Koning" and "Michael" schools, both located in Brazil.

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, October 21, at 9:00 a.m. in the Esso Club.  
We do need more help. Please join us if you are interested.



What will they  
think of next?



(For complaints about mail, complain by mail.)

A new system has just been set up in the United States to make it easy for Americans to voice their gripes about the postal service. While most of the problems experienced are related to slow delivery and missed delivery, there is a wide range of other complaints from misdelivered letters to unco-operative employees. To accomodate consumers, the United States Postal Service has designed postage-free post card complaint forms that can be picked up in each post office or from any letter carrier. The complainer can then write about his problem on two cards, one to be sent to the Washington headquarters and the other to his local postmaster. The local postmaster must then respond by telephone or letter to the consumer. This response, however, must first be sent to Washington for review. If no response is given, the consumer office at the Postal Service headquarters will step in. The United States mail service, sophisticated and efficient as it may be, has long been the object of much criticism. Hopefully, this new system to handle mail complaints will make the service even better.

S.G.

## WAYS and MEANS

Women's Club would like to thank those members who organized the magnificent Wine and Cheese Party. The elegance of the Van Strien's home added much to the evening. Superb wines and cheeses were enjoyed, and the Club made a tidy profit as well. (Fls. 769.76)

Special gratitude and applause go to Veronique Claassen, Sharon Coleman, Aida Briezen and Margaritha Del Valle, who did all the planning and soliciting from merchants. Well done.



If you attended this party you heard the debut of a visually handicapped orchestra called the Quartet Tropical. This group which has been in existence for a short time, provides music for dancing or soft background music for weddings, anniversaries, etc. Olga Van Strien is the person to contact by telephone 0 - 3009 if you want to hire these men. Try to call her well in advance for making your arrangement. The price is reasonable.



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## FURTHER HAPPENINGS

On November 8, Saturday evening there will be a BAR- B- Q and dance at Surfside to aid the Fund Raising Committee of "For the Children by the Children". The evening starts at 9 o'clock and there will be a dance contest and door prizes. Money is being raised to build a mini-Disneyland for the Island children. For more information or tickets, please contact Miss Wekker at 1059 or Olga Van Strien at 3009.

Tickets are Fls. 15.00.

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The Century Club of the YMCA will be holding their annual dinner Friday night, November 7. If you would like to know more about what the Century Club of the Y is all about, please contact Isabel Yzer at 9-5323 or Dick Huggins at 9-2056.

# TREASURERS' REPORT

OCTOBER 1975

Savings Acct	Fls 2000,-
Petty Cash	19,45
Cur. Acct.	<u>5559,72</u>
	Fls 7579,17

Charity	Fls 2097,60
Limpi	927,74
Club	<u>4553,83</u>
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## IMPRESSIONS

Gloomy days in other parts of the world bring something important to our Island ... tourists. Aware of new jobs created to serve this industry, we see the even greater vitality of our economy and realize that we Island residents benefit directly. One of the many dividends we are able to enjoy is the new hotels and their facilities. This is the first of a series of articles on the art and decoration of these buildings, each one expressing a different thought or interpretation of our island.

The Americana Hotel, where our October meeting was held, is an eight story lodging structure, joined to a lower level building, containing a lobby area and public rooms. The roof is made of authentic Dutch tiles, and the exterior of the building is white. Clean. Your first impression of the lobby is the "indoor - outdoor" feeling. Its atrium ensures you are never separated visually from the sky, day or night. As soon as you enter the building, your sight is immediately drawn through windows that carry you from garden, to pool, to beach and to that intense turquoise water. You realize, after some analysis, that what has made this hotel outstanding, is the skill with which all furnishings, wall coverings and decorations were assembled. The style and feeling of the building does not depend on one or two works of art, although the Auger Shell mirrors in the lobby, and the Tivoli curtain in the Supper Club are definitely outstanding.

As you continue looking, you become more aware of the attention paid to detail -- lamp cords for instance -- all one colour. The mood of the lobby is restful -- natural materials and colours. I am sure the macramé and woven wall hangings have attracted the attention of many of you. The paintings are simple and pleasing.

The Club Cocktail Lounge has a contemporary look, with its English Pub mirrors, and mirrored sheet music covers suggesting the 20's. Another point of interest is the chenille and aluminum curtain which you can see as you enter. The mood has definitely become more flamboyant. Lights and lighting have been most effectively used throughout the hotel -- the lobby, pool fountain, signs, fixtures, and of course, the Tivoli curtain in the Supper Club. The wall that serves as its background is covered with silver foil canvas paper which increases the effect of the hundreds of lights on wires contained in plexiglas tubes -- dazzling! The plush finish of the walls, also helps to create an aura of elegance. You again look at patterns, colours and textures, and are aware of the skillful blending. Floor by floor, the halls and rooms are colour co-ordinated. The decor is tropical-oriental, with lotus chairs, ginger jar lamps, campaign chests, all in typical prints and colours.

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The "pièce de résistance" is of course the Royal Suite. It too, is tropical-oriental in motif, but with an even more artful blending of complex patterns. The furniture is bamboo, glass and copper. Mirrors which are used in many other places to advantage, have a special place here. What particularly caught my eye, was the dining-room table --a split bamboo set in plexiglas, a most unusual and beautiful piece of furniture.

Frances Lux Designs of Los Angeles was responsible for the interior decoration. All furnishings and decorations down to the mattresses were purchased in the United States. What a shopping list that must have been! Actual placement and installation supervision was carried out by Ms. Cynthia Brown of Beverly Hills, a young woman, obviously very good at what she does.

Carol Rhydderch



# Study Groups . . .

Study Groups are off to a good start . For a bunch of amateurs we are certainly doing and making a lot of interesting things. Remember to set aside your Wednesday mornings and come join us for coffee and creative craft work, creative garden work and creative cooking. Most classes only last one hour, and a lot of the girls have time to do their shopping or run errands after the meeting. If you don't feel inspired that morning . . . still join us for a cup of coffee, and bring a friend. If you don't take advantage of these groups, you will miss not only sociability, but the opportunity to share stimulating experiences.

P.S. If you don't have anyone to watch your child . . . bring him or her along . . . the groups are very informal. See you all on Wednesday mornings !

Marianne Tucker

I hope that none of you missed any of our interesting October programs.

## Wednesday October 8th

Diversified Arts and Crafts  
Candle holders by Sylvia Strout

## Wednesday October 15th

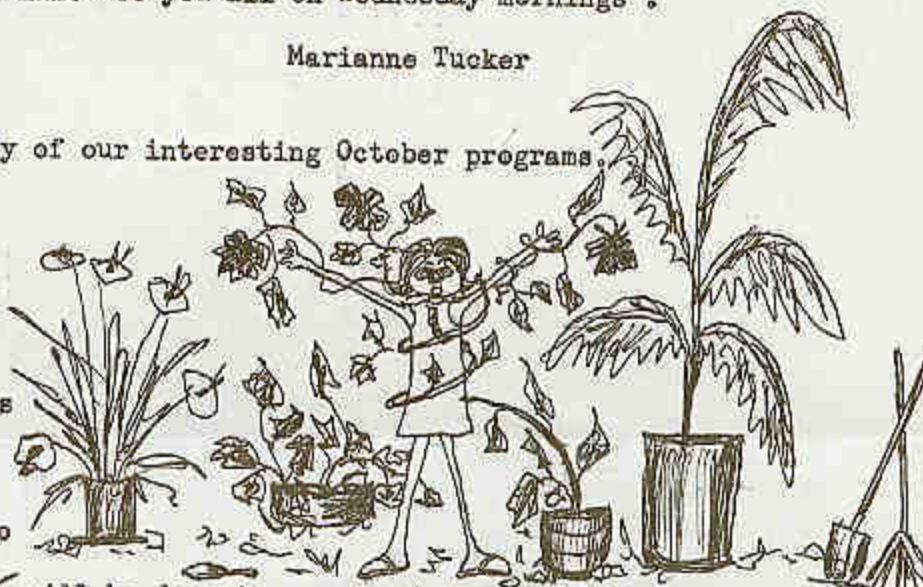
International Gourmet  
Microwave Cooking by Sherrie Hayes

## Monday October 20th

7:30 Evening Study Group

Spaans Lagoenweg II. Fos Chiquito  
Chairman- Raisa Wilson

Macramé by Yvette Tullech (Macramé will be done in morning Arts and Crafts in January 1976) Bring Fls. 2.00 for cost of materials. Create for Christmas !



## Wednesday October 22nd

9:00 A.M. Gardening

Tour of Agroco in Paridijs- To help you make the most of your garden in Aruba. Agroco has accomplished wonders in just a short time !  
Meet at Marianne Tucker's home 8:30 - 8:45 L.G. Smith Blvd. 14

## Wednesday November 12

9:00 A.M.- Diversified Arts and Crafts at Surfside

Come to Chris' Workshop. Learn to use gingham and calico for Christmas.  
Chris Llewellyn has lots of fresh new ideas for the holiday season.  
Coffee Fls. 1.00

## Monday November 17th

7:30 P.M. Evening Study Group

An encore for Chris' Workshop. Place to be announced at November Meeting.

## Wednesday November 19th

9:00 A.M. International Gourmet at Surfside. Learn to make hayacas and other Christmas dishes from Venezuela. Presented by Norma Goeting. Cost to be announced at November meeting. Fls. 1.00 for coffee.

Wednesday November 26th

9:00 A.M. Gardening Group to meet at Pierre Cornellestraat 6, Oranjestad.

Enjoy a tour of Jean Crawford's garden. See what unusual things have been done with plants and coral.

Study groups will not meet during the month of December when the members will want to devote so much of their time to making the Christmas Bazaar the most successful ever. In January we will start again with an exciting program for the new year.

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## Keeping in Touch

### CONNIE SCHMIDT

Most reluctantly Connie Schmidt left Aruba October 1 after a year's stay. Connie and husband Capt. Bill Schmidt had grown fond of living here and hope to return to visit. A member of the W.C.A., Connie had become a familiar face on the golf course. Friends who wish to write to her may do so at the following address:

Mrs. William A. Schmidt  
85-15 Main Street  
Briarwood, N.Y. 11435

### JUDY STEPHENSON

Much to the regret of their friends and acquaintances on the Island, Judy and Jim Stephenson will be leaving Aruba this month. This will be the fourth time they have left Aruba for good, but

the "for good" has turned out to be "for a while", and so we hope the case will be this time. Their in-between times were spent in Brazil, Puerto Rico and St. Croix. Now they will be returning to the States and anyone wishing to contact them should write to:

c/o Berns  
1204 Greenvale  
Akron, Ohio 44313

Judy was active in the Women's Club Ecology Group, has pursued her favorite pastime reading, worked in the Esso Club Library and written some book reviews for them, and enjoyed bridge, tennis, swimming, snorkeling and sailing. We won't say "Ayo" to Judy, Jim and six-year-old Betsy - just "until next time!"

J.A.