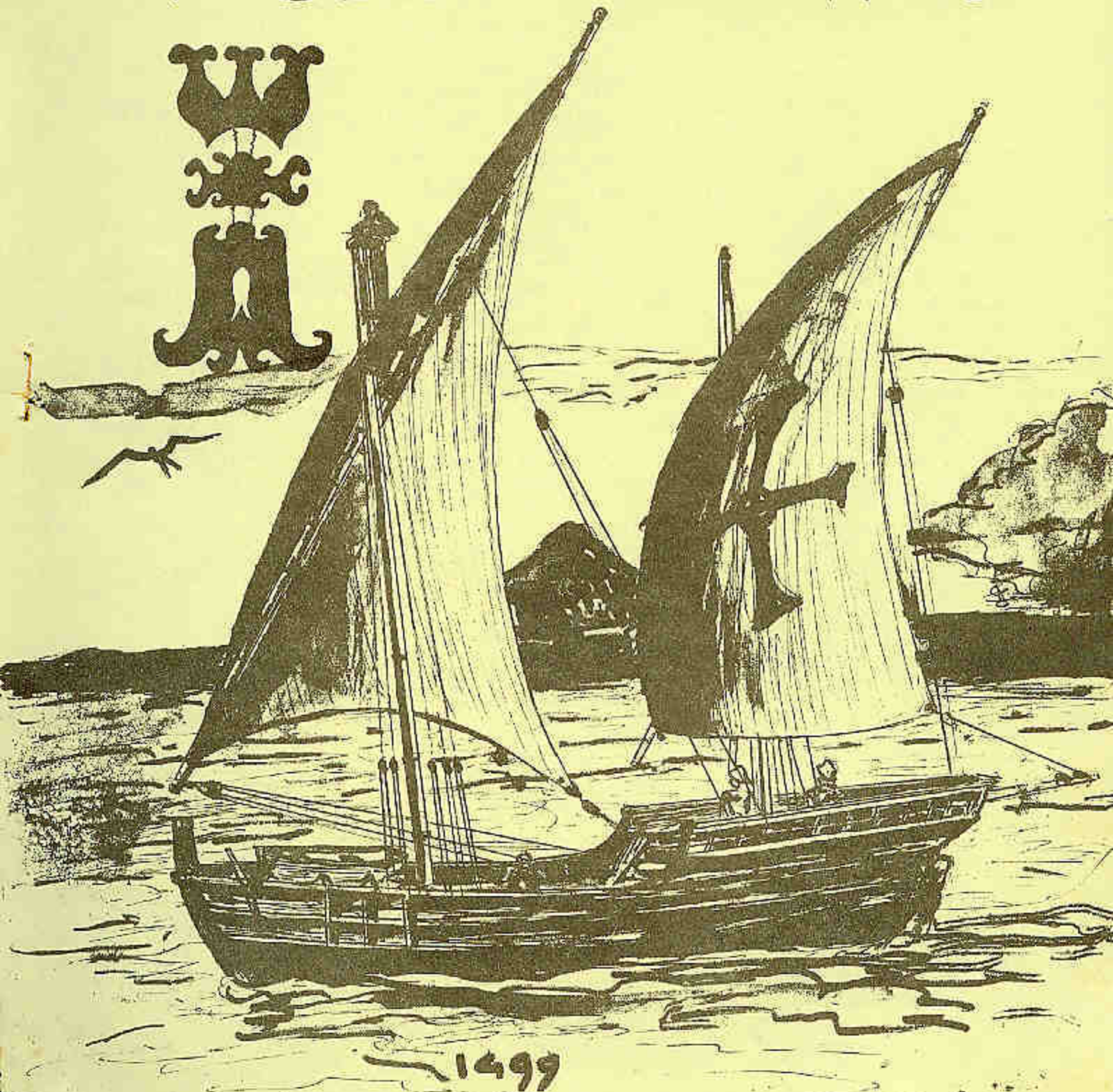


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ALFONSO DE OJEDA AND AMERIGO VESPUCCI

SIGHT THE ISLAND OF ARUBA

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FROM THE PRESS ROOM

March in the north is usually a long dreary month when we feel winter is intolerably long, and we're restlessly awaiting blue skies and warmer weather. Here in Aruba, Carnival and its noisy brilliance has just ended, but as you will see in our tourism article, Island activities in our "Year of the Tourist" are continuing non-stop. We are particularly proud to present our Environment Committee report. Never underestimate what dedicated women (or men) can do! For those of you who are aware of the lively current political issues, we present an outline of our Antillean form of Government to help us understand how our government functions. Our Ways and Means chairman has done it again! Another success by Helen and her hardworking group. Special thanks are extended to Marilee Davies and Kay Texker, who once again gave willing help when it was needed. Dr. Pim Beerman is our cover artist of the month - any man or woman can! Pam Hill also added much to our artistic content. Happy St. Pat's to all our Irish friends.....read on!

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News from the top

General Federation announced the retirement of Mrs. John F. Cloutman, Director of Program for International Clubs, as of December 31, 1975.

Mrs. Cloutman is an active and dedicated Club Woman and her duties as the new president of a large club will take up so much of her time that she asked for her release from The General Federation. Her successor will be Mrs. Irving M. Day, Jr. Mrs. Irving has served on the staff at General Federation Headquarters and has extensive former experience in Club work, having served as a Club President, a District President and a State Officer.



The new telephone directory, expertly prepared by Justine Hart, was mailed two weeks ago. We hope that all members have received their copies, but in case any of you didn't, please contact Justine or Quita. Any new additions or deletions will be announced in the WCA News Bulletin.




On Tuesday, February 10th at Americana Hotel, Professor Crouches of Maharishi International University gave a lecture to Women's Club members and their guests on Transcendental Meditation. Prior to joining the TM organization, Professor Crouches taught Greek at the University of Amsterdam. He studied TM in the Himalayas and has lived in Switzerland and Southern France. Professor Crouches will be in Aruba for just a few days.


Quita Croes.



MUSIC TO GROW BY



Jerry Cammarata, an audiologist who has just completed an extensive research project in the New York Botanical Gardens, has put out a new record album designed to help plants grow. "Plant Serenade" is not modern, classic, or baroque; it is like "one long a-tonal yawn". Sound boring to you? Probably so; but to plants one playing can highlight their day. The principle behind this type of music is that the sound waves stimulate plants and speed up their metabolism rate.



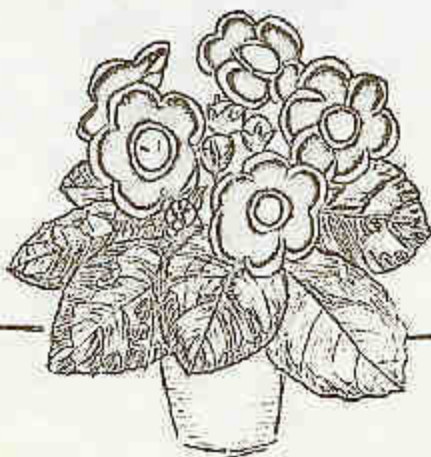
This music is designed so well for plants that Cammarata feels it should not be limited to house plants. He recommends setting up loud speakers for lawns and vegetable gardens to keep them in the best of health. He neglects, however, to mention any effects or possible compensations for one's neighbors.

What do I think about all this?

What do you think?!!

Copies of "Plant Serenade" can be purchased for \$ 5.75 from the following address:

Sakowitz 1111
Main Street
Houston, Texas 77002
U.S.A.



Mother's Corner

Is your child a collector of wondrous outside things (rocks, shells, flowers, leaves etc.)? Don't wait until he goes to bed, then throw them in the nearest litter basket. Try some of these ideas instead...

Wall plaques: give him some jar lids, glue, string, and see what he can create in miniature shadow boxes.

Rubbings: give him some thin paper, like unlined typing or note-book paper, and some broken crayons or chalk. Place the leaf or whatever under the paper and rub gently with the side of the chalk.

Reliefs: use aluminum foil in the same manner but rub with the fingers instead of crayons. It makes a nice bas-relief !

Opaque windows: while you iron, give him wax paper and let him arrange his leaves and flower petals, then cover with a second piece of wax paper and seal it with your hot iron. It makes an interesting window picture and speeds your iron with the wax.

Rock critters: Give him some construction paper, scissors, paste, and the collage box (WCA NEWS, Oct. '75) and let him make "rock critters".



K.L.





TOURISM IN ARUBA

Until 1958, cruise-ships were the main source of visitors to Aruba, but when Aruba's first luxury hotel The Aruba Caribbean Hotel & Casino opened in 1959, the number of tourists staying over rose dramatically. In 1959 a total of 7,209 stay-over tourists visited our island, and the total cruise-passengers were 15,077.

In 1966 the new wing of the Aruba Caribbean Hotel & Casino was opened, which increased the total rooms of the hotel to 220. That same year the Manchebo Beach Hotel (36 rooms) was officially opened, which meant a considerable contribution to the existing number of hotel rooms on our island. That year a total of 26,397 visitors came to our island, with over 50% from the U.S.A. and Puerto Rico, which stayed so throughout the years.

In 1968 the second luxury hotel on Palm Beach, the Aruba Sheraton Hotel & Casino consisting of 202 rooms was inaugurated and the Holiday Inn Aruba with another 209 rooms and the Divi Divi Beach Hotel with 82 rooms were then under construction and were to be opened in the winter-season of 1969/70. In 1969 a total of 59,020 "stay-over tourists" visited our island, and in 1970 a total of 75,042, an increase of plus or minus 27% and the total nights-spent were in 1969: 383,814 and in 1970:490,954.

Cruise-tourism figures showed, although fewer ships visited Aruba in 1970 an increase of 24% in island visitors. In 1969 the total cruise-passengers were 35,885 and in 1970 44,659.

Five years later, after having reached a total of 1,470 first class hotel-rooms, a total of plus or minus 125,000 "stay-over tourists" are expected to visit our island, which means an increase of some 22% compared to 105,267 visitors in 1974. With the opening of the Americana Aruba Hotel in May 1975, and of the Tamarijn Beach Hotel 166 rooms completed in December 1975, we may look forward to a very successful "YEAR OF TOURISM". This was officially inaugurated on January 18, 1976 with a parade and a "Folklorical Show".

For more details on the various events to be held during 1976 "ARUBA'S TOURISM YEAR" please see enclosed program.

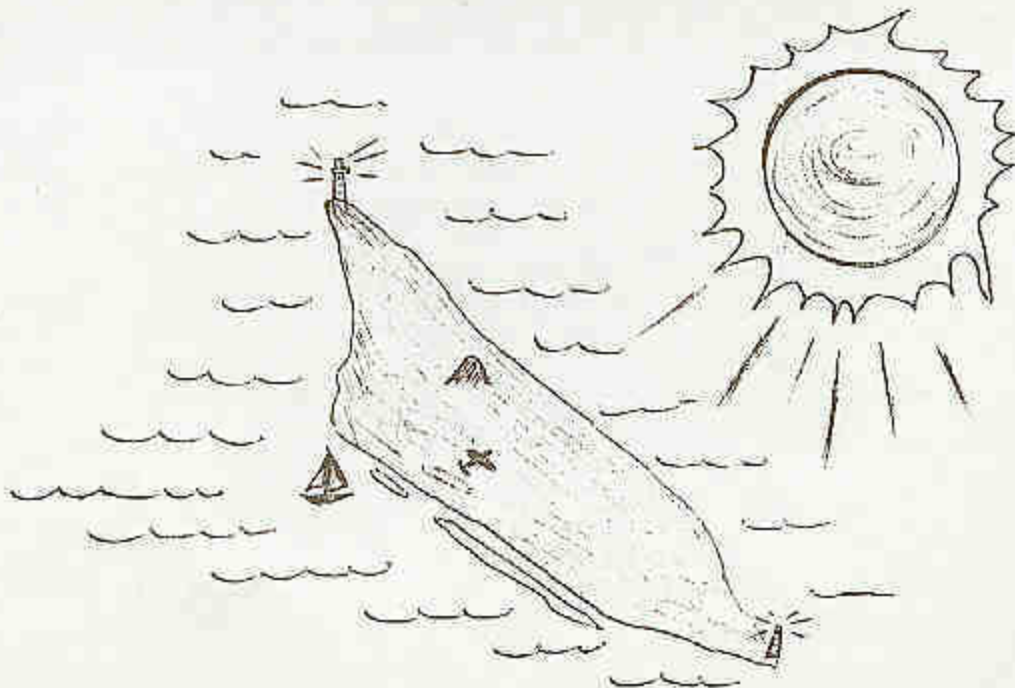
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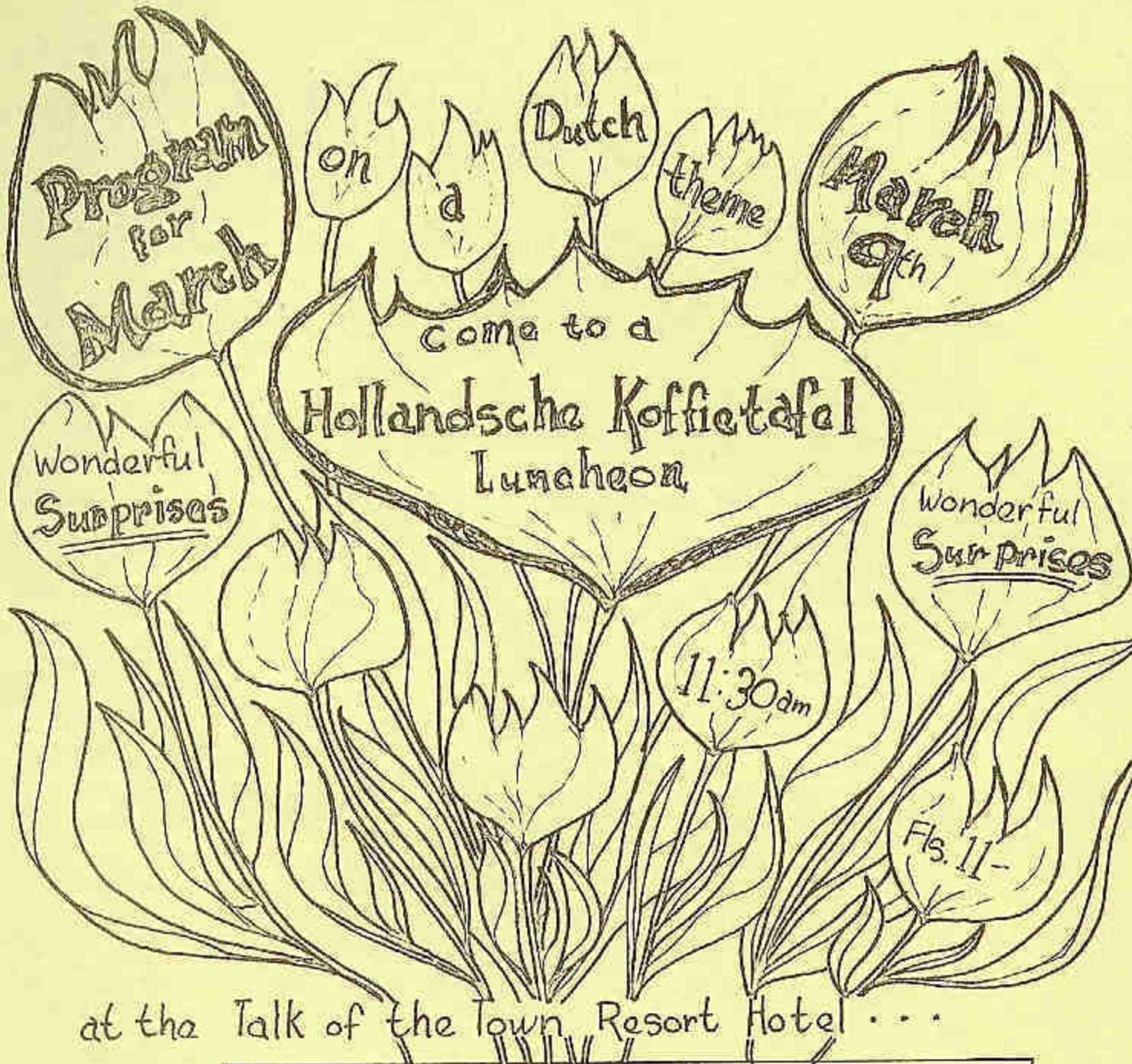
P R O G R A M

"1 9 7 6 ARUBA'S TOURISM YEAR"

1. Banner at the Airport, welcoming the visitors.
2. Each visitor will receive a sticker with slogan.
3. Once a week Barrel Organ music at the Airport. (Fridays).
4. The first visitor of the year from the U.S.A., CANADA and VENEZUELA will receive a gift.
5. FORT ZOUTMAN AND WILLEM III TOWER
To become Aruba's Museum, serving the community and our visitors as an "ART GALLERY".
Daily exhibition of local arts with weekly performance of Aruba's Folkloric dancers, musicians and barrel organ.
6. Monthly Folkloric Shows(Public).
The purpose of these shows are mainly to mix the visitors with our local people.
7. Folkloric Shows in Aruba's Luxurious and first class hotels. May through November.
8. Monthly T.V. programs
 - a. Tourist Information Service and Motivation.
 - b. Social and Cultural Program.
9. Educational Program:
Introduction of books and courses on Tourism in order to show the importance of this industry to our youth.
All these books and courses will be introduced in our local language(Papiamentu). The first book will be "AMI, UN TURISTA" (Me, a tourist).
10. Educational Month:
Seminar for all those directly involved with Tourism. To realize the contact has to be made with American Airlines, Caribbean Travel Research Centre, LAGO Motivation Group and more experts in this field.(May 1976)
11. Election Social Hostess 1976.
12. Selection of hotels, and employees in different branches of the Tourist Industry concerning services.

13. There will be an "Old Mask Parade" on February 23, where the visitors will have the opportunity to participate together with local people.
This will be held in the vicinity of Aruba's Major Hotels.
14. Special presentation of our Folkloric Festivities on St. John's Day.
15. Combination National and International Folklore, such as Aruba/U.S.A, Aruba/Venezuela, Aruba/Canada, etc.
16. ARUBA NIGHT for Travel Agents in the U.S.A., Venezuela and Canada.
17. CARIBBEAN FOLKLORIC DANCE FESTIVAL. (November 1976.)
18. Participation Folkloric Dance Group in International Folkloric Dance Festival in Miami.
19. Assist different organization in coordinating their program.





at the Talk of the Town Resort Hotel ...

Contact the following for reservations:

- Norma Goeting-Joyeria Vasquez - 2023
 - Quita Groes - Bata Shoe Store - 5538
 - Aura's Beauty Shop - 1161
 - Trees Brinkman - 9-1531
 - Anke Marks - 9-3548
 - Palmina Ponson - 2150
- Ticket Deadline**
March 5 !!



GREAT WHITE ELEPHANT SALE

What makes a GREAT WHITE ELEPHANT SALE successful? A lot of great BIG hearts that worked hard. Thank you for all your donations, every contribution helped to make it a great sale. Again, many thanks to my committee, Aida Briezen, Maria Marcus, Margarita del Valle and Veronique Claasen. A special thanks to all those ladies who loved to work and cooperated beyond my expectations. We had a big gang sorting and pricing on Saturday. Thanks to Bea Kock, Lucia Fingal, Joy Huggins, Lucile Ballenger, Justine Hart, Riet Kock, Betty Ann Johnson, Raisa Wilson and Bonnie Auble. Also a thanks to the ladies who helped to sort and set up at the YMCA, Yvette Tulloch, Nancy Jackson, Milda Wong and Joy Huggins. Now to those who assumed the big task of selling--- Leny Timmerman, Isabella Yzer, Sharon Arrendell, Ita Tromp, Bea Kock, Daisy Wever, Joop De Quack, Elsa Yarzagary, Annemiek Kock, Doris Leonard, Marianne Tucker, Renie Kuiperda, Rene Hartmann and to our illustrious Quita Croes, another special thank you. We do have to thank in a very special way the YMCA's kind help for the use of their building for our GREAT SALE. They gave us every speck of cooperation they could. A very warm thank you to ACISCO for the use of their truck and driver for the whole weekend, plus the use of their building, their coffee pot, coffee and soft drinks donated to get us through the sorting.

To the driver, who carried our rummage on and off the truck with a smile all weekend, along with Aida Briezen's and Lucia Fingal's families, and of course my dear husband, we express thanks.

Thanks go as well to the Esso Club for the use of their tables. A special thanks to artist Ursula Hannibal for the use of her Great WHITE HANNIBAL Elephant, and for the help of Lucille Armbrust, and our great poster maker Clelia Guastavino. They were all so willing and such great talent was put to good use.

And then many thanks to the people who came to support our sale. We really got a good Oranjestad following, we appreciated your coming all that way to buy. Also thanks to Dr. and Mrs. Hymans and their balloon blowing machine, and to Danny Wilson for helping to sell.

Special thanks for donations from the Acme, American, Shirley and Bata stores of St. Nicholas and to the De Wit and Spritzer and Fuhrmann stores of Oranjestad.

We did have four entries for our most unusual "White Elephant". First place winner was Ann MacLeod who contributed a pair of ice skates. She received a white elephant from Spritzer and Fuhrmann, an Arabia of Finland cigar and cigarette holder with ash tray. Second place went to Carol Rhydderch for a donation of a much circulated vegetable cutter. Third place was a knight in shining armour holding a cork screw and bottle opener. The most comical donation was Henri Hymans' bed pan. Honorable mention went to Bea Kock's Japanese doll in a strange case.

Returns are as follows:

The Diabetic Foundation concession made Fls. 193. on food. Their proceeds are not included in our figures.

Miscellaneous	Fls. 145.41
Boutique	192.34
Plants	30.25
"White elephant"	176.43
Old clothes	<u>275.72</u>
Total	Fls. 822.35

Ways And Means Chairman
Helen Modrow

We are all so sorry
Sharon Coleman has moved
and left our island.
She was a great help
to me. We now welcome
Annexe Koopman to our
Ways and Means Committee.

H.M.

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FOOD FOR THOUGHT

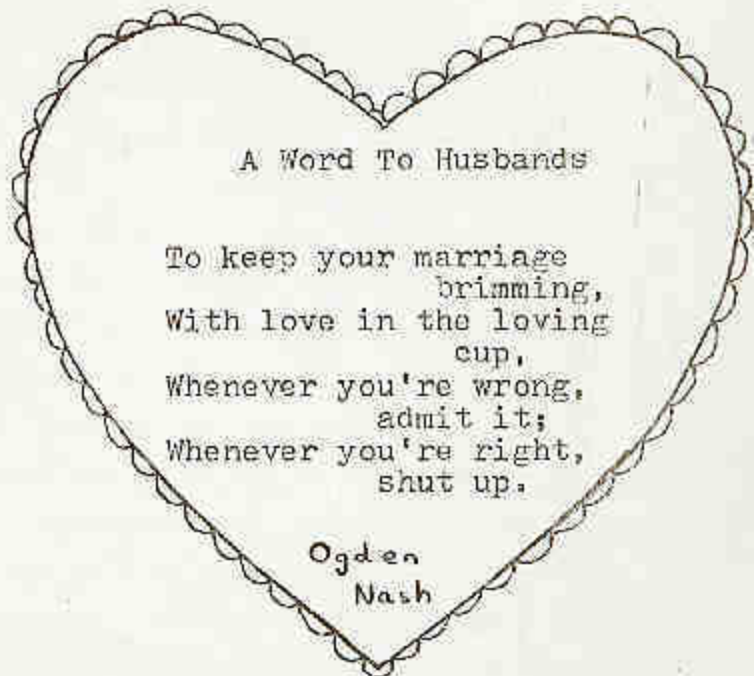
For the season ... and always.
We should learn to accept a
gift...a kindness... a help...
with graciousness, and not
with a guilt complex that it
must be reciprocated today,
tomorrow or ever... The joy
to most people in giving is
not having it returned. It is
more blessed to give than to
receive.

Christmas Bazaar picture on sale
at March meeting. Fls.2.00 a piece.
Profit goes to Charity Fund.

COMING EVENTS

May 8 - 9 Women's Club Children's
Fair, Arts and Crafts, exhibits and
sale by schoolchildren, local
organisations, artists and Women's Club.
We will have games and fun activities.
More information at our March meeting.

FASHION SHOW by Catalina bathing suits!



OUTLINE OF THE ANTILLEAN FORM OF GOVERNMENT

Once every year inhabitants of Aruba, friendly though they are, may become very excited and say mean things to each other.....Election-time is the reason!

In 1975 Aruba, Bonaire, Curacao and the Windward Islands had their Island Council (Eilandsraad) elections. After every four years this type of election is repeated. Every citizen of the islands mentioned above, over eighteen years of age, who is a Dutch citizen, is eligible to vote.

"Eilandsraad" means the elected representatives of the island. They are in fact the rulers of the island for matters which do not belong to the competency of the executive council or the Lieutenant Governor. Each political party, therefore, tries to get as many of the council seats as possible, by promising the people of their island a lot of wonderful changes and by down-grading the opposing parties, even the existing majority.

Aruba and Curacao each have a twenty-one seat Eilandsraad, Bonaire nine and the Windward Islands (together) fifteen.

The Lieutenant Governor of Aruba is the Chairman of the Aruban Island Council, but he is NOT allowed to vote about matters discussed in the Eilandsraad, because he is not one of the elected representatives. He is appointed by Queen Juliana for six years. During their first meeting, members of the Eilandsraad elect at least two and a maximum of five aldermen, (gedeputeerden -deputies). At least half of the deputies should be elected from the Island Council members. The Lieutenant Governor, the Island Secretary and the five aldermen make up the so-called Executive Council (Bestuurscollege or B.C.). They are supposed to run the island affairs and have to execute the decisions by the Eilandsraad. The Lieutenant Governor is also Chairman of the Executive Council., besides that he is also head of the Island's police.

In 1977 a different kind of election will take place. Then the members of the twenty-two seat Antillean "Staten" are elected. These elections also take place every four years. Aruba has eight of the twenty-two seats, Curacao twelve, Bonaire one, and the Windward Islands one. Again the political parties fight their good fight. To get a majority in the "Staten" amazing combinations of parties are made. Just as the Island Councils rule the different islands, the Staten rule the Netherlands Antilles comprising of the six dutch islands: Aruba, Bonaire, Curacao, Saba, St. Eustatius and St. Maarten with the Central Government in Curacao.

Seven or eight ministers are appointed by the Governor of the Antilles upon proposal by the "Staten". They run the daily affairs of the country (and hopefully more than that) and have to execute the decisions made by the Staten. Each of the ministers heads a department such as Finance, Education, Social Affairs, etc.

Resume:

	<u>Island</u>	<u>Neth. Antilles</u>
the legislation	Island Council	Staten
the executive	Executive Council	Cabinet Ministers

Apart from those two powers there is, of course, the judiciary. In our system there are no juries. Independent judges, appointed by the Queen, give their verdicts. Above the three separate powers, our Governor sees to it that all the affairs are handled in accordance with the Antillean constitution, the "Staatsregeling of the Netherlands Antilles". He is the official representative of the Queen.

Willie Schaap

bon biki

Maryann Lamonte

Maryann, her husband Tim and daughter Stephanie have been in Aruba a little over a year. They are co-owners of the watersports facilities at the Holiday Inn and Americana. Maryann is from Las Vegas, Nevada and attended school at Brigham Young University, where she studied German. She has travelled widely through Europe and was able to practise her German on the bicycle trip she and her sister took through Germany.

Although a newcomer to the Women's Club she has been very active, teaching a study group in advanced macramé and acting as a hostess for the house tour. Her many beautiful macramé plant holders and wall hangings decorate her home. She also enjoys embroidery, cooking, playing the piano, gardening and bowling. Since coming to Aruba she has taken advantage of the sun and ocean by waterskiing and snorkeling. She and Tim live at Noko 4 and plan to stay in Aruba another three or four years.

Sandra Hese

Sandra was born in Curacao. After finishing her schooling, she worked as a secretary for four years at Maduro & Sons. Sandra's great interest and love is to travel; therefore she decided to become a stewardess.

For the past five years she has been working for ALM, and has been able to visit many different, exciting and beautiful places.

Sandra married recently and together with her husband Caspar they reside at Dominicanessenstraat 22, tel. 4858. Congratulations and good wishes to both of you.

Renée Estrada

"I love everything about Aruba - the people, the sunshine and the way of living", said Renée, "and I like the good work the Women's Club is doing in the community".

Indonesia is a long way from Aruba. That is where Renée was born. She met her husband Rafael, an Aruban, in Holland, where they were studying at the same school. The Estradas came here in 1970 and after a couple of years moved to Venezuela for a while before returning here again. They have two children ages 2 years and 8 weeks.

Renée has worked as a secretary. She likes music, especially the South American type and reading. A pleasure to have you with us Renée.

Renée's telephone is 7692.

Sandy De George

Sandy De George and her husband, Charlie, came to Aruba last summer from Chester, New Jersey.

Sandy's interests and talents are many and varied; just the kind of person W.C.A. loves to have as a member. Her time is occupied these days preparing for the birth of their first child which is due in May. Among her other interests Sandy lists music (she plays piano and organ), reading, tennis, bowling, bridge and, of course, our beautiful Aruba beaches to mention just a few. Welcome, Sandy at 9-2047!

Bonnie Shuman

Bonnie Shuman has been in Aruba for a whole year now. She is originally from Massachusetts but moved to Florida with her family when she was seventeen. She graduated last year with a degree in Biology from the University of Florida in Gainesville.

Bonnie and her husband are co-owners of L.L. & S. Sports. Bonnie enjoys watersports of all kinds. In her home there is a salt water aquarium filled with fish she has caught herself. She likes raising plants, and playing the piano. She plays miniature golf regularly. In January she taught macrame at

the arts and crafts study group. She also likes to travel. She plans to be in Aruba another 3 years, during which time she hopes to see much more of the Caribbean. Bonnie lives at San Miguel 15.

TURN IN A FRIEND
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Help us uncover the latent abilities of Aruba's artists -- usually overly modest about their accomplishments.

W.C.A. NEWS staff is delighted to have discovered Dr. Pim Beerman's artistic talents and to have persuaded him to do our lovely cover this month.

Give staff members the names of those who might enjoy making a guest appearance in the W.C.A. NEWS.

Be A Talent Scout!!

Study Group Calendar

March 1976

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10, Second Wednesday of month 9:00 AM
DIVERSIFIED ARTS and CRAFTS
Surfside

Topic - A Keepsake Hutch by Sherri Hayes
Sherri will demonstrate how you can
catch your memories "in the nick of
time" by creating a Keepsake Hutch.

MONDAY, MARCH 15, Third Monday night of month 7:30 PM
EVENING STUDY GROUP

Topic - A Keepsake Hutch by Sherri Hayes
At the home of Jeanette Steele, Barcadera #5

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17, Third Wednesday of month 9:00 AM
INTERNATIONAL GOURMET
Surfside

Topic - Arabian Cooking by Houda Saade
You MUST call Marianne Tucker 4725 if
you plan to attend so food can be
purchased by March 9.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 24, Fourth Wednesday of month
TIME CHANGE TO 1:30 PM

GARDENING

At the home of Frances Swingholm, Jung.285, Seroc
Colorado

Topic - Flower Arranging for Spring by Frances
and Bertha's Flower Shop in San Nicholas.

The BRIDGE STUDY GROUP is going strong with sixteen
members attending once a week.
However, with only one person calling with interest
in the COUPLE GOURMET DINNER GROUP it will NOT
take place (NO INTEREST).

Sharon Arrendell will be forming a class for Women's
Club members to learn Papiamento. If interested call
Sharon for details 4272.

January Study Group total was 79 out of 270 women
members. We are working hard and need you.

Marianne Tucker
Chairman

SAINT PATRICK'S DAY



Saint Patrick is the Patron Saint of Ireland and across the world, wherever the Irish spirit lives, March 17 is Saint Paddy's Day. There are many legends about Patrick in Ireland's legendary history. One of them is that he used the shamrock to illustrate the idea of the Trinity.

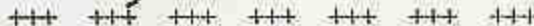
He died in about 461 A.D. on March 17. Consequently that day has been observed in his memory. In the United States the Friendly Sons of St. Patrick was organized in Philadelphia. In New York, Irishmen of the Roman Catholic and Presbyterian faiths organized another chapter of the society.

Since 1845 the observance of this day, for the wearing of the green, has been nationwide in the United States. It is celebrated in homes, churches, schools, and places of entertainment. Even though Patrick was, and still is, a Roman Catholic Saint, Protestants observe his memory by wearing, not green but orange on his day.

In a very basic sense, this observance is to remember a good person who taught and shared his faith and life with the simple folk of Ireland and is now remembered around the world.



Richard L. Huggins



Treasurer's Report ...

Savings Account	Fls. 2,229.27
Petty Cash	56.85
Current Account	<u>8,833.60</u>
	Fls. 11,119.72
Pins	Fls. 276.21

Charity Fund	Fls. 3,847.47
Limpi Fund	805.02
Club Fund	<u>6,467.23</u>
	Fls. 11,119.72

Clarita Arends
Treasurer

Keeping in Touch

Marge Oliver

Aruba has been home to Marge Oliver since October, 1954 when she arrived in Serco Colorado as a bride from Sarnia, Canada. Marge has always been an active member of Womens Club lending her energy and talents to many jobs. These activities included being Recording Secretary, Chairman for two years of the Charity Dance Committee and Club President in 1960-61. Beside her Club activities Marge has been a busy community worker and leader. Over the years she has worked with Senior Youth Groups, been a Brownie Leader, served as a member of the School Committee, and has been on the Serco Colorado Community Church Board of Stewards. She for many years efficiently ran the Church Chronicle and Christmas Tableaux. The Church and Christmas Choirs will greatly miss Marge's lovely soprano voice and many solos. One of her biggest undertakings was to organize the very successful Aruba reunion in 1973 for which 300 former islands residents came back to revisit the island. Marge and her husband, Ken, will be moving to Houston, Texas on a temporary assignment of from six to nine months before their move to Dharhan, Saudi Arabia on Assignment with Aramco. We bid them and their children, Marnie and Scott, who are attending schools in the U.S. and Canada, a fond farewell and wish them the best in their new home.

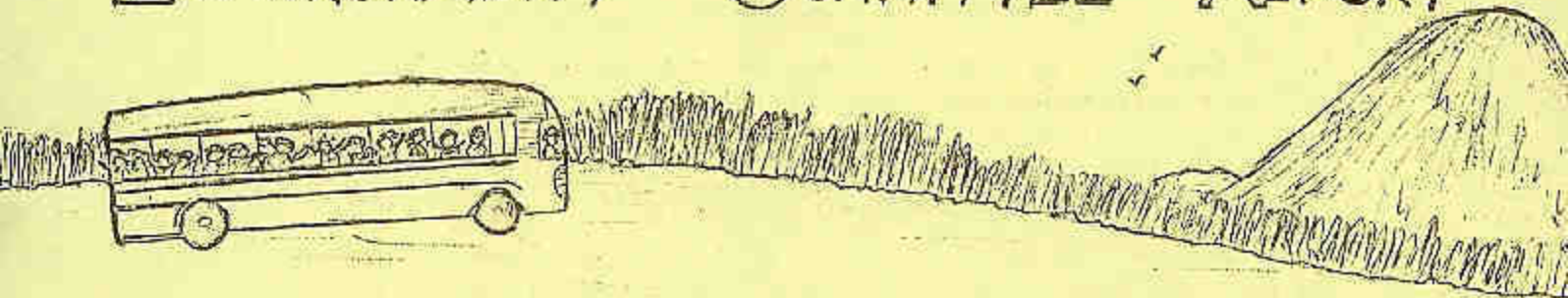
Knowing Marge as we do, we know it won't be long before she will be putting her energy to work and becoming active in her new community.

Fay Higginbotham

On January 29 Fay Higginbotham left Aruba to return with her family to Texas. We will all miss her vivacious personality and easy smile. While in Aruba, Fay was an active Women's Club member. She enjoyed handicrafts and participated in several study groups. This fall, despite preparations for moving, she devoted countless hours in her home to craft workshops for the Christmas Bazaar. Fay approached all she did with enthusiasm and confidence. She was an avid (and excellent) bowler. She taught Sunday School, and this year helped with a Brownie troop. The Higginbothams will be living in Texas. Until they are settled, Fay can be reached through her parents at the following address:

c/o Mr. Fred Schluens
Rt. 3
Sealy, Texas 77479

ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE REPORT



In response to a letter sent out in December, several schools have expressed interest in our school programs and it looks like we're booked till the end of the school year.

During the week of January 23 we showed our program to sixty-two students of Pius X school and seventy-eight students of Fatima College, both located in Dakota. Since neither school had a suitable classroom available we requested - and received - permission to hold the lectures in the clinic of the White Yellow Cross next door. Mr. Julio Maduro helped us plan the excursion trip in the Canashito and Santa Cruz area.

During the study week the students and teachers worked hard on their projects (recycled items, essays and art work). Their enthusiasm made us feel our efforts were well received; a real inspiration for all of us.

Our group of ladies currently working in the school program is slowly expanding. Besides the regular members (Helma Smalt, Riet Kock, Annemiek Kock, Joop de Ouack, Helen Modrow, Philo van Hulten, Vera Rooze, and Stella Alleyne who types our diplomas) we also enjoyed the assistance of several non-Women's Club members. One even managed to give her underwater lecture in Papiamento, despite the fact that she is Dutch and came to Aruba only one year ago and has never taught before. We sincerely hope this will stimulate some of our nature loving members to build up their courage to join us in the future. Our next program will be held in Sta. Anna school in Noord during the week of March 8th.

Some good news we'd like to share.

1. Did you ever see the Richmond commercial where a workman lights up his cigarette with great delight, and throws the empty package on the ground? A bad example, several people pointed out to the Limpi group. The Limpi chairman has contacted Publicidad Exito who is responsible for the commercial. They have agreed to pay more attention to Limpi details in the future.

2. Recently we heard that a group of commercial shell collectors is planning to visit our Island on a shelling tour. Moreover, they had been officially informed that Aruba has no ecological

laws. This news duly brought our ecology group into action. On their recommendation the Tourist Bureau has rectified the situation by writing a letter advising them of the export law P. B. 1970 number 62: Export of natural resources from the land or sea of the Netherlands Antilles is forbidden.

3. In the beginning of the school year we presented a program to the Teachers College APA. We are very pleased to learn that three student teachers have taken environment as a topic for their practice lessons in the grade schools. They are currently presenting an environmental program of their own, including such fun things as a bus trip to study pollution and a limpi-song which is sung during excursions.

To us these little things mean a lot.....

Vera Rooze
Environmental Chairman

EDUCATIONAL
COMMITTEE
REPORT

The Educational Committee is getting well on the way with the questionnaire for the Businessmen of Aruba. There are about fifty ladies from the club helping to contact them.

We hope to have the report ready by the end of March.

Ans Visser
Chairman