



## ROTARY CLUB BONAIRE

Minutes December 11th 2011



## CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION 2011 CAPRICCIO RESTAURANT

### Opening

President Richard H. opened the meeting and greeted Rotarians and guests. He introduced Mr Wilbert Stolte who would be the master of ceremony during this event. Mr Stolte is the Rijksvertegenwoordiger on the BES Islands, he represents the Dutch Government at official occasions.

**MC:** memorized the changes on the BES islands since 10-10-10. Many of them did not work out (yet). He expects that next year will be better.

During his speech he the MC was interrupted by an unexpected visit of Santa on his first performance of 2011. In a comic speech Santa wished everybody a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Richard invited Papa Pasku to stay for the lunch but unfortunately he had to hurry back to the north pole for so many preparations.



Both National Anthems were played followed by a moment of silence in vocation.

**Acting Sgt@Arms, Gregory** reported:

From our own club **26 members** present which makes 78,78%

Appologies: 7 (Herbert, Richard D, Jan G, Pieter, Philip, Frits, Robert S)

Absent without notice : None

### Guests = 28

<u>Guests :</u>	<u>Guest/spouse</u>		
Wilbert Stolte	Board,G	Renee van Dongen	Rob v D, S
Solange maartense	Board,G	Ina Faber	Yke, S
Gabriëlla Hart	R. Hart, S	Jan Henkv d Wiel	Corine, S
Maria Akkermans	R. Hart, G	Margreth kloos	Jan K, S
Inge Ram	Bob R,S	Antje Günther	Eric, S
Christine Ram	Bob R, G	Tania Obersi	Gregory, S
Henk Ram	Bob R, G	Effie van Kessel	Larry, S
Lala Obersi	Alvin, S	Irvin Juaquin	Orphaline, S
Tirza Obersi	Alvin, G	Magda Quinonez	Addo, S
Ibrahim Obersi	Alvin, G	Ans Schrijver	Henk S, S
Flavia Bermudez	Angel, S	Ingrid v d Valk	Martien, S
Frank Bierings	Rosalie, S	Nancy Vrieswijk	Edwin, S
Elke Botterop	Arjen, S	Marjolein van Kooten	Edwin, G
Robbie Croes	Marisela, S	Helene de Wit	Frank, S

MC translated all courses of the menu from Italian into English.

This made the food even more tasteful!

After the third course everybody was invited to come to the front porch for the president's **Christmas speech**.

He surprised all with the announcement that the board had decided to offer a **honorary membership** to Wilbert. It is a tradition that the Lt Governor is a honorary member of our club but since the BES islands have a Rijksvertegenwoordiger who lives on Bonaire, the RCB will be happy to have him as honorary member, who hopefully will be a regular visitor to our lunches.

In his speech Richard memorized the highlights of the past year. Our club did very well, some dynamic young members have been installed who will take over the stick in the near future.

The club donated to some very good projects, showing our goals to the population of Bonaire.

Nonetheless he hopes that our club will get the exposure that it deserves as many still think that Rotary is just a club of elites.

He commemorated our fellow Rotarian Maarten who passed away early this year and Arthur, the brother of Herbert who deceased recently.

Our secretary Dyann had to leave Bonaire in October.

Richard wished everybody a Merry Christmas and a Happy 2012.

Continuation of lunch.

Richard and Gabrielle brought presents for all ladies.

### Raffle

Prizes were brought in by Richard & Gabrielle. Ladies price was won by Christina Ram, men's prize by Frank.

The raffle raised an amount of US\$ 1360,= (!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!)

### Closing of the meeting

Before closing this special meeting Richard thanked the organizing committee Sara, Gregory and Jan for the work they did to make this afternoon so successful.

Furthermore he asked Andrea, Lola and staff to come forward and thanked them for the wonderful food and service.

### Announcements:

- Regular meeting December 14<sup>th</sup>, at Divi Resort
- Speaker: Rotarian Dr. ir. Bart G.J. Knols MBA, *Science Director & Managing Partner Soper Strategies* about plans on elimination of Dengue on Bonaire.

**ATTENTION PLEASE: THIS MEETING WILL START AT 11.45 PM, PRESENTATION AT 01 PM, CLOSING OF MEETING 1.30 PM**

- Raffle price: by [Evert](#)
- For your agenda: President's New Year's Party will be on Saturday January 15<sup>th</sup> at Kon Tiki Restaurant.

## ROSTER ROTARY CLUB BONAIRE

Day	Date	Speaker	Raffle Price	
Wednesday	14-Dec	Frank de Wit	Evert Piar	Divi, 11.45 AM
Wednesday	21-Dec	Jeaniro Balentien	Bob Ram	Divi
Wednesday	28-Dec	Frank de Wit	Orphaline Saleh	Divi
Wednesday	4-Jan	Rosalie Bierings	Aniek Schouten	Divi
Wednesday	11-Jan	Edwin Vrieswijk	Henk Schrijver	Divi
Wednesday	18-Jan	Angel Bermudez	Robert Smaal	Divi
Wednesday	25-Jan	Arjen Botterop	Addo Stuur	Divi