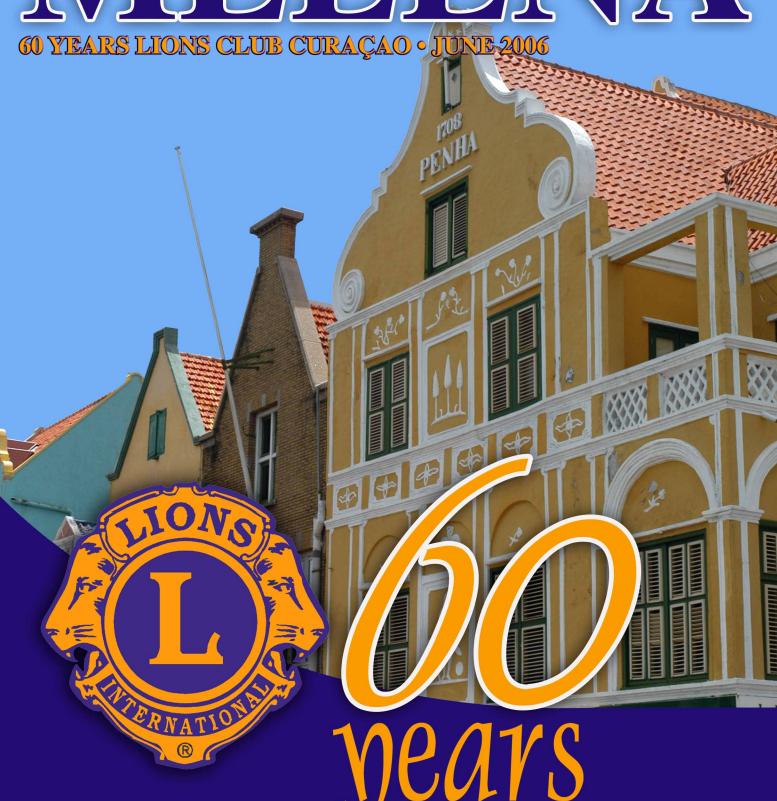
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Vents 1946-2006 CURAÇÃO LIONS CLUB





Dear reader.

An inventory of local non-profit-social organizations in retrospect of the last two to three decades, which have endured the wear and tear of time and the lashes of our not always so considerate community, shows a disappearance percentage way over the nineties.

The Curacao Lions Club has written a different story and I am very proud to happen to be able to lead this organization of select citizens across such an important horizon, 60 years.

For any group of volunteers pushing their club through its sixtieth anniversary, though guided by over 50 different presidents - each with their own deviant approach throughout those years - it is an overwhelming achievement. If it might have appeared that this milestone would go without recognition the contrary is the case. In the Curacao community our club enjoys a great deal of respect and regularly gains recognition by always being visible through our various fundraising events, supporting important projects; not to forget by helping other organizations and showing leadership.

Maybe as the International President stated we do under-use the tool of rendering internal recognition to our fellow lions for their accomplishments, but I can live with this as long as the reason for this "shortcoming" is overshadowed by our humbleness and enthusiasm to do what we join the club for in the first place: "to serve". Just be proud to be a lion, do the good work, making it your mission to provide the youngsters of our country more opportunities for achievement and better their chances for education and easing the lives of the elderly with an extra touch of happiness.

My fellow lions, through this message, marking the rebirth of La Melena, I wish to express my sincere words of gratitude and congrats to all of you fine ladies and gentlemen whose shoulders allow this club to be such a meaningful support to the local community, especially those in our areas of concern.

# We serve

Fl. Elgin A. Felipa President 2005-2006



CURAÇAO LIONS CLUB

**MISSON** -Statement

TO CREATE AND FOSTER a spirit of understanding among all people for humanitarian needs by providing voluntary services through community and international cooperation



# **PAST PRESIDENTS**

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The Curaçao
Lions Club was
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February 1946
and is as such
the oldest Lions
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### **Editorial**

Having cleaned and sorted out the Lions Den at the Fokkerweg last year gave us a chance to collect and archive all important materials from the past, like photo's, newspapers, scrapbooks and La Melena's. FI Anko insisted that we make a La Melena again this year, and we are quite happy that we took his advise. The objective was, and we hope that we have achieved this, highlighting the many good causes done by our organization through the years. This edition tells the history of our great club and brings back sweet memories from the past.

For our 60<sup>th</sup> years celebration a lot of material was sorted, documented and scanned on CD for future generation of Lions. We were able to display beautiful pictures at the celebration of our 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary and Monarch celebration on March 18<sup>th</sup> when the scanned pictures were displayed on two flat screens before and during dinner.

From these hundreds of pictures a selection was made for this special anniversary "La Melena". The pictures represent most of the important events and actions of our club and show the strong foundation to continue to serve and improve. The Curaçao Lions story, is being told in this La Melena through several important activities, such as Lustrum years, Meeting places, Board installations, Zone and district meetings, Lions Dive Hotel project, Bon Bisiña, Leo Club, "Duna e Mucha un Man", Sinterklaas, Donations and Fundraising. All of this has only been possible with the help of many, to mention our advertisers, co-auditors FL.s Adele, Nico, John Boy and translator Rene.

We thank all of you, enjoy the reading and happy anniversary.

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# LUSTRUM YEARS

# SIXTY YEARS ILLUMINATING PATHS

"Curacao Lions Club" was the first Lions Club to be organized and chartered in the Kingdom of the Netherlands."

The organizational meeting took place on January 10 1946 in Hotel Americano, attended by 50 (fifty) prominent members of our community.

Thanks to the cooperative and special representative of tions International", Carlos Santiago Perez, the regulations by "International association of Lions Clubs" were satisfactorily fulfilled.



The first board in 1946, from I. to r. Pedro Portillo, A.W.A. Winkel, R.D. de S. Arends, Manuel Rodriguez Cárdenas, Carlos Santiago Perez, Governor of Distrcit E, who installed Roberto Bardaracco, Alfred Moron Jr., Dr. S.W. van der Meer, Dr. H.M. Perret-Gentil, Alberto Lieder.

# The first"Board"consisted of the following members:

Roberto (Bob)Badaracco, President

Alfred Moron Jr. 1 st.Vice-Pres. S.W.van der Meer, 2nd Vice-Pres. M.C.W.Schotborgh, 3rd Vice-Pres. Manuel Rodriquez Cardenas, Secretary P.E.Portillo A. Treasurer
M.H.Pinedo Lions Tamer
Horacio Leyva Tail Twister
Directors (one year)-Alberto A.Lieder and H.W. Perrit-Gentil.
Directors (two years)-W .A.Winkel and Victor Pinedo

The second and very important step (the receipt of the Charter-Letter), was taken on April 27 1946 in Piscadera Club, with a large and distinguished group of Venezuelean and local Lions attending the meeting.

The highlight of the evening was the solemn moment, when the Charter-letter was delivered to Monseigneur Dubuc, Bishop of Barquisimeto, by Carlos Santiago Perez, Governor of Distict "E".

On his turn, Mons. Dubuc handed it out to Roberto (Bob) Badaracco, the first President of the Curacao Lions Club, who's dedication, dynamic and perseverance will prevail forever.

Teodoro Mendez, founder of the first Lions Club in Venezuela, at that time "International Director", content and satisfied followed up the ceremony.

"Curacao Lions Club," at that time with a membership-list displaying 50 names of unselfish, dedicated ,loyal and hardworking citizens was born.

As from that moment,the members in harmony and cooperation started as Fellow-Lions to open and illuminate viable paths to assist and support others in need,whatever their background maybe.

Guided by "Lions International," Lions Objectives and "Code of Ethics", WE\_SERVE" was put into practice, reinforcing the understanding among fellow-men, motivating and bringing people together, being a positive force in our community, creating enjoyable, safer, saner ways of living, planning and implementing Lionistic projects on behalf of and for the well-being of fellowmen in need and distress.

To be able to successfully continue these "never to finish" humanitarian Lionistic activities, it is irrevocable to extend Lionism on all levels and as examplery Lions, carry and practice Lionistic philosophy and the objectives, in our daily life. The importance of "retentlon of members' is undoubtedly an incontestable fact.

Equally,the recruiting of new Lions (=fresh blood) through responsible and dedicated sponsors. To be installed after the new-corners have been properly screened and inducted. Looking back, we grate-and respectfully remember all the members, who since April 27 1946 passed away and we will never forget, that they as staunch Lions, in the past actively and successfully travelled along the Lionistic-path, destined to brighten the lives of others and create a better world. Fellow Lions of the "Curacao Lions Club: Continue providing unselfish and voluntary services through community involvement and international cooperation, for many more years to come.

As staunch Lionskeep on reaching out to the group of those in need and distress, waiting for assistance, help and care. Be a LION underall circunstarices and always remember that:

"the capacity to care, give life its deepest significance and meaning."

Masha pabien John (Boy) Rosiers Life-member



Honor to our Queen Magda Joubert at Club Curaçao, 25th anniversary Celebration accompanied by FL. Donny Bakhuis



The Board of 1981 that organized the celebration of the 35th Anniversary with president FL. Eddy de Jongh.

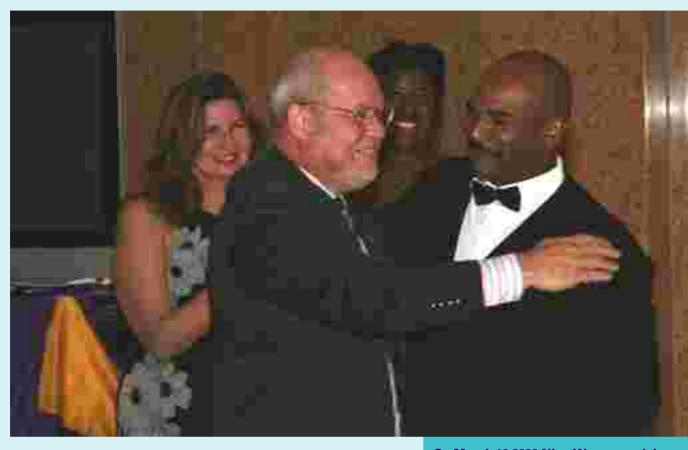
Formal placing of the Lions emblem on the cage of lions at the 'Dierentuin' by FL. Emile Dankmeyer (President) in 1966. The cage was a donation of the Lions Club for its 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary to the "Dierentuin".

During the 30th anniversary several busstops were donated to the Curação public. FL. Ron Gomes Casseres here during the presentation in 1976 with T. Pieters, commissioner. Also present FL. Tuyo de Jongh, Vick Brandao, Felipe Croes, Francis O'Connor.

The board of directors at the end of the 40th anniversary in 1986 with immediate past president FL. Frank Maynard and incoming president FL. Alex den Ouden.



# Why a governor in your club



In 2003 FL. Nico Wever was the Governor of our district E-1: La Melena interviews FL. Nico who is the first Curaçao Lions member elected as District Governor.

"During years our club was the biggest club of our district. But for International our club had no mayor impact because we did not have a governor (a district leader).

When I went to the International Convention for the instructions classes for governor I noticed the different approach to my club, because everybody knew the clubs and territories that had a governor in the past.

Being a club with a good history in your community does not mean that on international level your club counts as a mayor club.

As governor you are a representative for Lions International. When we had the visit of an International President another territory in our district had to prepare the visit. For example International Director Rafael Guerra came to Curacao to prepare the visit of International President Kayid Habanananda, and past governor Frank Croes had to prepare the visit for Int. President Frank Moore.

Without an International representative the club is not allowed to perform such tasks

It is also an honour for your club to have a governor.

For me it was an experience out of this world. Sometimes your fellow Lions do not understand your position because you have other responsibilities towards the International Association of Lions Club."

On March 18 2006 Nico Wever receiving Melvin Jones award by President Elgin Felipa. The Melvin Jones Award is the highest rangking award a Lion can receive.

Melvin Jones Awards given to:

FL. Donny Bakhuis

FL. John Boy Rosiers

FL. Mike Alexander

FL. Piet Eddine

FL. Bimal Gosh

FL. Karel Aster

FL. Ronny Fransisco

FL. Nico Wever

# Zone Meetings CURAÇÃO LIONS CLUB References





Enjoying the district meeting in Merida. FL. Fred Fisher left and FL. Ivan Moreno second the right.



Attending a district meeting in Venezuela.

FL Enrico, FL Leo and FL Robbert



Social zone meeting



# **Meeting Places**



# Hotel Intercontinental

During the seventies and most of the eighties Hotel Curaçao Intercontinental became our meeting place.



Always present and having a good time FL. Foued Elias (mr. "Hiep Hiep") with FL. Ron, FL. Guido and commissioner Zeita Leito.

# Hotel Americano

For many years Hotel Americano was our meeting place.
Lion President Ivan Moreno during an installation ceremony. Also present Gustavo Schrils, George Brandao and Franki Krijt.



# Rust & Burgh

Regular meetings also took place in Rust & Burgh during the eighties and the nineties.

# **Fort Nassau**

Lion President Alexis Daou introduced the power lunch meetings where Lions could meet with the community leaders.



During the early 1980s, the Curaçao Lions Club felt that, as oldest Lions Club in the Kingdom and as part of its 40th Anniversary celebration, it should do its share to provide the Curaçao community with a more structured approach to promoting the economic development of the island. Simultaneously, the members of the Club felt that this

promotion should meet a second goal: namely to provide the Lions Club with an opportunity to receive a steady flow of (future) income which would help to support the Club's "community service" activities. The Club's choice of projects fell on a "dive" hotel, a project that the Club felt would provide a vision and a hope for the future expansion of Curaçao tourist market.

Lions Dive & Beach Resort
THE NATURAL PLACE TO STAY

# Lions Dive Hotel Project

A Lions Dive Hotel and Marina "feasibility study" was organized; a Foundation was established and the feasibility study was made on the initiative of the Club. The goal of this study was to determine the potential and the viability of establishing a 72-room hotel geared specifically to the diving and surf segments of the tourism market. The project was carried out

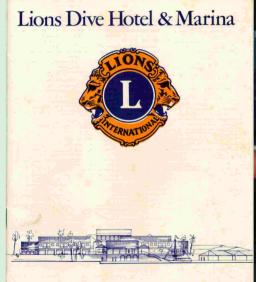
within the above, specifically incorporated, *Lions Hotel & Marina N V* 

In preparation for the first Shareholders meeting of this new entity, the Club appointed Fellow Lions Piet Eddine and Miro Seferina to the Board of Supervisory Directors, while F.L. Koki van Eps was nominated as the President

of the Board. The newly-formed *Lions Hotel Project Foundation* was subsequently appointed as the director of the company.

### Location

Keeping in mind that its target group goal was the diving and surf tourism, it soon became evident that the marina at the Seaguarium, i.e. the area directly





Presenting the feasibility of the project by mr. Steven van der <u>Velden and Anko van der Woude.</u>

next to the dive-shop and the beach (considered being one of Curaçao's longest), was the most attractive location to establish this hotel. Considering the choice of location, one looked specifically at the accessibility of the hotel by land and sea, as well as the infrastructure which was already available.

### **Management**

The management philosophy of the hotel was, and still is, directed towards the hotel's core business: room rentals. All



FC Koky van Eps presents the Dive Hotel Project to the membership next to FL Lio Capriles, FL Piet Eddine, commissioner Augustin Diaz, FL Ton van der Heyden, FL Frank Maynard in 1986.



contracted to third parties. So, while management concentrates its efforts on the operational, marketing (specifically diving and surfing segments) and administrative aspects of the hotel, it contracted out to third necessary four million guilders loan to the N.V. Lions Dive and Marina Hotel. The corporation. with its NAFL 2 million Capital, desired to have placed and fully

deposited, at least NAFL, 800,000,00 of

that Capital amount. To accomplish this, the corporation made available to the general community, 800 shares with a nominal value of NAFL. 1,000, 100%, a t divided into 760 "A" Shares and 40 "B" Shares.

To compensate

the Lions Club for the NAFL, 40,000,00 that it had advanced to pay the cost of the feasibility study, the corporation deposited the above, 40 "B" Shares in

more attractive, the corporation offered the investor, not only yearly cash dividends (to the investor or to his descendents for ever), but also the opportunity to be a quest at the hotel for one night per year during "low season", for every NAFL 1,000 invested. This right, conditioned of course to availability, was offered only to the 760 owners of "A" Shares.

Finalizing the pool area in November 1988.

The project has been a great success since its pre-opening in december 1988. The official opening of the 72 room hotel was in May 1198. It was expanded in 2005 with a Beach-Restaurant, 6 twobedroom apartments and 30 additional quest rooms. The Curação Lions Club, as the holder of the 40 "B" Shares (thus the Curação general community), continues to benefit from the yearly

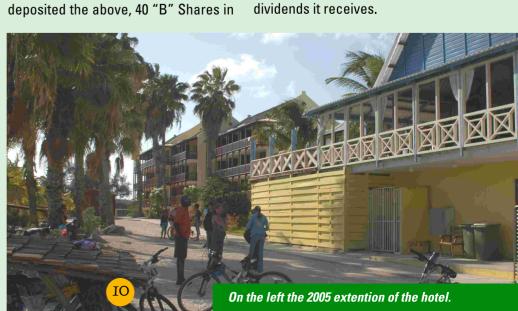




parties such activities as laundry and food & beverage.

# **Financing**

In order to finance this project, the Lions Club offered the general Curação community, an opportunity to buy shares in the project. This investment would serve, of course, to provide the individual investor with a good return. But, according to the Curação Lions Club, the benefit should also have been for the Curação general community. The total cost was projected to be Nafl. 4.8 million. KORPODEKO and OBNA, depending on their terms, were approached to extend the



# EXPERIENCE OF THE FIRST LADY LION FL. ADELE

In many functions I have been the first female carrying and executing such function. So I was the first female candidate notary working on the island, the first female president of the Antillian Jurist Association, the first female notary, the first female president of the Notarial Association, but I also was the first lady lion and the first female president of the club.

How did I experience to be the first lady lion?

FI. Mike Alexander was my sponsor. He invited me a couple of times to attend a lionsmeeting in the second half of 1993. I liked the atmosphere of the meetings. Unrestrained, friendly and sometimes even a bit chaotic. About 40 Lions attended the meetings.

At that time I already knew the Lions club from the Bon Bisinja project, from the carnaval fundraisingparties at Fort Nassau, from the Lions Dive Hotel project etc.

The club seemed an active club to me, with a good cause. In December 1993 I became the first female Lion.

The fact that until than only men were a member of the Lions club did not border me. During the time I was studying in Leiden, The Netherlands, I already had the necessary experience to feel at ease in companies of which the majority were men. Also when working as a candidate-notary in The Netherlands as well as Curaçao my colleages were almost only men. Even at school (HBS) at that time I experienced the majority of my classmates were men.

It therefore was not something new to me to be surrounded by persons of the opposit sexe and I have to say that I had



Lioness Shalimar Huyzen receiving the Dolly Delvalle Pin from outgoing President FL. Adèle van der Plijm-Vrede in 1998.

the impression that none of the members experienced my becoming a Lion as a problem. None of them quit as a member due to my arrival.

To the contrarary. Within a year two other females became member of the club, among which Alexis Daou. From 1998 to 1999 I was the president of the club. My theme for that year was: By working together things can be done better.

There was a good harmony in my daily board and we formed a good team. Something very essential for a president. Every week we had a daily board meeting at my office.

It was a period of never a dull moment. Very busy, but also a very pleasant period, although not always easy. The outstanding balance of the dues of the members was high, the funds low and a collection committee was installed.

Furthermore the fundraising committee organized a fabulous ruin party at Fort Beekenburg. A party never to forget and the surroundings were discovered.

Unfortunately the quantity of lady lions remained very small, therefore something for the club to work at.

Curação, May 2006

FL Nelson Coffie in charge of distribution, filling the bags at the store house in Brievengat



FL Egbert Nijdam at the end of Bon Bisiña packing of goods in 1980.

# **BON BISIÑA** PROGRAN

Since 1965 the Curação Lions Club has been organizing the Bon Bisiña program for the less fortunate of our community.

The Bon Bisiña program's main objective is to make food packages during the Christmas season for the needy people of the island. This is made possible trough donations from the community.

A second objective is to motivate the children to give a helping hand by donating food.

Thanks to the help of many, the Lions have been able to distribute for more than 40 years up to 4000 food packages per year with a retail value of approximately ANG 70,- each. We have been able to make a lot of people happy at the end of the year.

The Bon Bisiña organization has four main processes and each with its own responsibility: preparation, collection and transportation, purchasing, packaging and distribution. Preparations start from September and in the first week of December the collections of goods start with the children who are asked to bring along a donation to school, which are later collected by members of our club. Lions members also collect canned food and other non perishable goods at the bigger supermarkets on the Island on the second Saturday in December, which gives a tremendous exposure of our club.

It is important that the goods that are collected do not need cooling, so ideal products are rice, beans, corned beef, soup, peanut butter, coffee, tea, etc...

Many donations are given by sponsors including wholesalers which make it possible to purchase more goods and complete the packages. Even the paper bags are donated each year.

The packaging of the bags are done with the help of several organizations, we estimate that over 100 people are involved each year. Schools, CAPS International School, Boy scouts and youth clubs such as "Youth Explosion" help us out with packing and not to forget the Lions, Lionesses and the members of our Leo Club who are also present every year to help.

A large number of social institutions and churches help us out with the selection of the needy people and the distribution of the much needed packages. This program is a true representation of what Lionism is all about and also brings out the Christmas spirit in all of us.

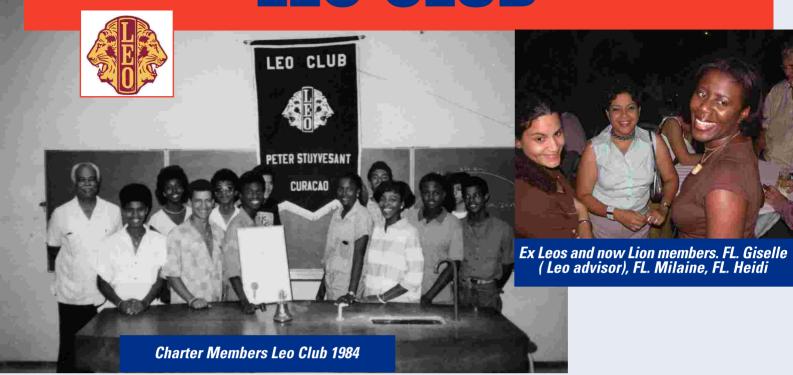








# LEO CLUB





Leo Club Curacao, the Junior club of the Lions Club Curacao, was founded in 1984 and it's original name was Leo Club Peter Stuyvesant Curacao. The club got it's name because by then the Leo's were from the Peter Suyvesant College.

This was changed due course because at a certain point youngsters from other schools also joined the club and it was then decided to change it's name to Leo Club Curacao.

Just like the Lions Club Curacao the club is doing it's utmost by helping the less privileged in our community.

The club always give the Lions Club Curacao a helping hand by participating in Lions projects such as the "Sinterklaas Project" and the "Bon Bisinja Project" just to mention a few.

They also have their own projects such as providing less privileged kids with schoolbags full of school material, party for needy kids and in the past they have also donated a library to a school. By means of this way the club is simultaneously helping our community and working on young leaders in our community. Currently the club consists of 28 members.



Encuentro in Curaçao, 1992







# DUNA E MUCHA UN MAN

### Introduction

Increasingly more children in Curaçao go to school on an empty stomach. The financial situation of many households is such that there is no space for a daily breakfast. This has become more and more noticeable in various elementary schools, particularly in those located in the lower income neighborhoods. The fact that the government's financial situation does not allow to address this problem, makes this dire situation even worse.

It should not surprise anyone that a child that goes to school without having breakfast is not in the condition to perform optimally. Consequently the child cannot pay attention in the class and this results ultimately in a dramatic increase of "drop-outs". This has its impact on our society, among others on crime level. This grim reality has become a matter of great concern to the Curaçao Lions Club, which now has focused its resources on helping those children who are in need.

## **Project description**

The goal of the project is to save as many children as possible from falling into the wrong social circuits by lending them a helping hand. This hand, consisting of five fingers, is meant to help them build a better future for themselves and be better members of the community.

The project has been running as from March 1998 with 25 elementary schools participating, in which 1.100 children have been identified as belonging to the target group. Only children who do not have breakfast at home qualify for a free

breakfast at school. Besides providing breakfast, this project has been set up to help needy children in other areas as well, in order to led them a helping hand to secure a better future.

### The five fingers

The supply of breakfast alone to those children, who are not in the position to fulfill this basic need, is a drop in the ocean. That's why the denomination "Duna e mucha un man", Lend the child a helping hand, embraces a broad approach.

The five fingers that form the totality of the hand, are:

- 1. supply of breakfast
- 2. after school activities homework guidance, recreation, sport and educational activities
- social guidance foster parents, mentorship, godmother/godfather, "role model"
- child and parents' instruction towards education, healthy nutrition, sex, manners, addiction, budget control
- educational materials among others reading books and other school necessities for personal use at school

## **Together**

The lending of a helping hand to those children, who in fact are the future of our society, is a common responsibility. The Curação Lions Club has approached

other organizations that are active to the benefit of the youth and of which their activities can be considered as part of "Duna e mucha un man", to join forces. To succeed in helping the child in need become a good citizen, it is extremely important that all parties involved work together. Our children call upon us to work together in creating a bright future for them: "Duna e mucha un man"!

# **Helping each other**

These children in need are receiving help. Part of the project includes an explanation in classical form what community service means. These children under guidance of their teachers, parents and others involved will be asked, on their turn, to help others by serving the community. How, when and in exactly what way will be determined in a later stadium.

### Your contribution

There are many ways you can contribute to this cause and the success of this project.

Have you ever thought of investing more time and love in raising children? In stimulating their development in becoming well-educated and responsible citizens? You will be surprised of the positive results without having spent a lot of money.

Besides the above-mentioned you can support the implementation of this project financially by sponsoring a certain amount of children in need via a monthly bank standing order.



FL. President Alex den Ouden meeting the Queen in 1986.



Always having a good time at the home of FL. Donny Bakhuis sr.



**Installation of new Lion members in 2005** 

**Enjoying a power lunch in Fort Nassau.** 

# **Preserving the Innercity**

On September 22, 1986 the first meeting

of the Lions Innercity Committee was held as initiative of F.L. Jacques v.d. Harten. The main goal of the Committee is to stimulate the well being and living quality in the Innercity of Willemstad in particular through renovation and restoration of the historical elements. At that time a city tour was organized under guidance of FI. Anko van der Woude for the Chamber of commerce of Curacao in Otrobanda.

The Chamber was asked to sponsor the committee in order to start the restoration of small projects and helps to preserve historic buildings details.

The Chamber decided to donate Nafl. 10.000,=, thus the work could start. In cooperation with DROV several objects in the Otrobanda area's of S e b a s t o p o I, Consciëntiesteeg and Hendriksteeg were chosen as pilot projects.

The constructive work was executed by Fundashon Drecha Kas who plastered, painted and patched up the buildings and boundary walls. The Chamber magazine of December 1987 noted the following: "Since the necessary action was not taken by the owners of the buildings for financial and juridical reasons Lions Club Curacao took the initiative to build a bridge between public and private efforts in this field".

Also Lions Club Den Helder donated Nafl. 1.870,= for the same purpose. In the beginning of 1989 the initiative of the Government to subsidize the restoration costs of the historic buildings was reason for the Innercity Committee

PRESERVING THE INNERCITY



Lions Chub Curacao: Improving the Sebastopolsteeg-area.

Part of the rehabilitation of the innercity of Punda/Otrabanda is to prevent the most important and characteristic buildings from falling apart, awaiting a possible restauration or renovation. In preserving the authentic innercity, Curaçao is also working for the improvement of the tourist product.

Since the necessary action was not taken by the owners of private and public buildings, mostly for financial and juridical reasons, Lions Club Curacao took the initiative to build a bridge between public and private efforts in this field. Concrete action resulted since the Lions Innercity Committee started at the end of 1986. Patching up buildings around Con-

scientiesteeg and Sebastopolsteeg, this important initiative took form in close co-operation with DROV and the Foundation for Monuments, whereas the Foundation Drecha Kas executed the constructive work.

The Chamber supported the initiative of Lions Club Curacao in establishing a Fund for the Preservation of the Innercity, by donating f. 10.000,--. Also international support was received from Lions Club Den Helder in the Netherlands, which contributed f. 2.000,--. Depending upon the donations which the Lions Club Curacao hopes to receive in the Fund, new activities are projected in Otrabanda and the Pietermaai and Scharloo areas.

Publication in the Chamber of Commerce News, in December 1987 of the first action near "Sebastopol" Otrobanda.

to buy and try to restore one of the old dilapidated buildings in Otrobanda. For this purpose the Foundation of Lions Innercity projects was founded on February 3, 1989, which one month later, bought Emmastraat # 4,6,8. The late 19th century house is at that time divided in several apartments, housing a variety of people and in a very bad state of repair. The area surrounding the house was in great decay and the necessity for a pilot project as starting point for revitalization was reason for choosing this location.

Again the Chamber of commerce

financially supports the Committee with this initiative.

A plan is made to renovate the building into 3 one-family apartments. The plan is incorporated in a projectdossier and the construction costs are estimated to be around Nafl. 615.000,= of which the subsidy can amount up to approx. Nafl. 332.000,=.

Through F.I. Koki van Eps in November 1989 the Prins Bernard Foundation is made acquainted with the project and is willing after a presentation to support the restoration with Nafl. 75.000,=! The only restriction is however, that if two years after date the execution of the project has not started, the donation will be cancelled. Unfortunately is takes two years before the, so called, "Monumentenfonds" comes into action to effectuate the earlier

mentioned subsidy. Also not Nafl. 332.000,= but only Nafl. 240.000,= is calculated as subsidy for the restoration costs of the project.

Not being feasible for the Innercity Committee any more, it is decided in 1992 to call off the project and try to sell the Emmastraat house to F.K.P., Stadsherstel or Monumentenzorg with the obligation to professionally restore the house.

In the years between 1988 and 1997 all of the surrounding properties have been renovated and restored by these same institutions, making the neighborhood a livable and attractive area again.

The most important restaurations and new projects in Otrobanda during the mid eighties and nineties.

1988 Koral Agostini (Restaurant De Gouverneur)

1989 F.K.P. Social Housing in Frederickstraat area

1991 Porto Paseo Hotel & Casino, now part of Hotel Kura Hulanda

1992 Hotel Otrobanda

1994 The Cruise Terminal

1995 Arawak Craft Products, now Dance School

1996 Kas di Alma Blou Art Shop

1996 Keizershof Café and Restaurants

1996 Waterfront Restaurant Waaikiki

1996 "E Gai" Restaurant & Apartments, now Afrika Museum

1997 Bellevue Mansion in Langestraat, now lobby of Hotel Kura Hulanda

1997 F.K.P. Social Housing Emmastraat

1997 Renovation Plaza Brion



FL. van der Harten receiving a donation from the Lions Club Den Helder for the Innercity project in 1987 in the Sebastopolstraat Otrobanda.

Due to these positive developments in the area the Innercity committee has proposed to the board of the Curação Lions Club a possible new function for the house. As for years a discussion is going on for the construction of a new Lions Den, the Emmastraat house could be ideal for this purpose, being located in the middle of a promising and vital historic neighborhood surrounded by as well as social housing, urban villa's and day and night-life entertainment. By this action the Lions Club Curação can also support the program to help Willemstad's approval to join the UNESCO list of cultural heritage sites, effective since December 1997. The ground floor could still be used for two one-bedroom apartments where as the first floor with a beautiful view over the St. Annabay Harbor could facilitate the Lions Den.

The Innercity Committee was more than willing to support this idea and give more information when necessary. The committee consisted of FL. A. van der Woude; president, C.J. Hilgersom; secretary, A.B. van der Heyden; treasurer. Members: FL. K. Aster, F. Promes, J. van der Harten, E.S. Joubert, J. Kleyn, D. Bakhuis, E. de Brabander. After a long discussion, finally the board decided in April to sell the house

Emmastraat to N.V. Stadsherstel as other locations for a Lions Den are considered.

Published here are the floor plans and facades of the building in Emmastraat. Now in 2006 it has to be concluded that the Emmastraat house has not yet been restored by N.V. Stadsherstel nor has the Lions Den been realized. Maybe it is time to start up the Innercity Committee again?

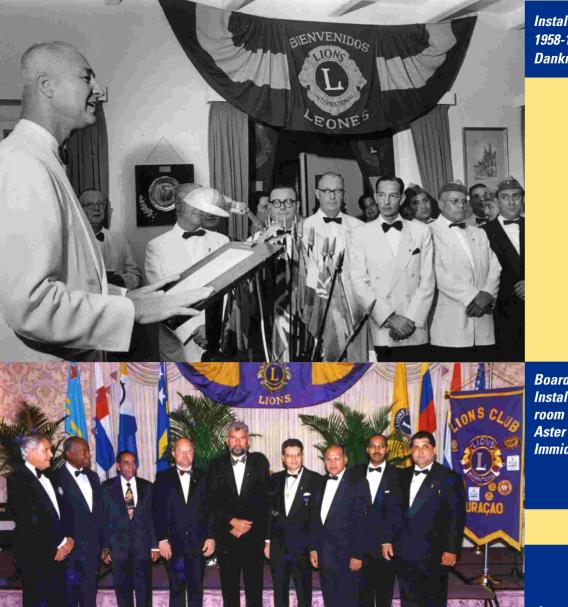




FL. Anko van der Woude thanking mr. Jopi Cijntje of Fundashon Drecha Kas who helped with the renovation works.

Floorplan of the Emmastraat house to be transferred into two appartments and the Lions Den in 1997





Installation Ceremony Lionistic Year 1958-1959, Lions President Emile Dankmeyer addressing the audience.

Board of Directors 1996-1997 at Installation Night June 1996 in the ball room of the Sonesta hotel with FL. Karel Aster President and FL. Tom Domhoff as Immidiate Past President.

Installation Board of Directors 1999 - 2000 FL. Robert Huyzer President, Immidiate Past President Adèle van der Pluim-Vrede.



# MONARCH CELEBRATIONS



FL. Anko van der Woude Monarch 20 years sitting next to FL. Heidi Foendoe.



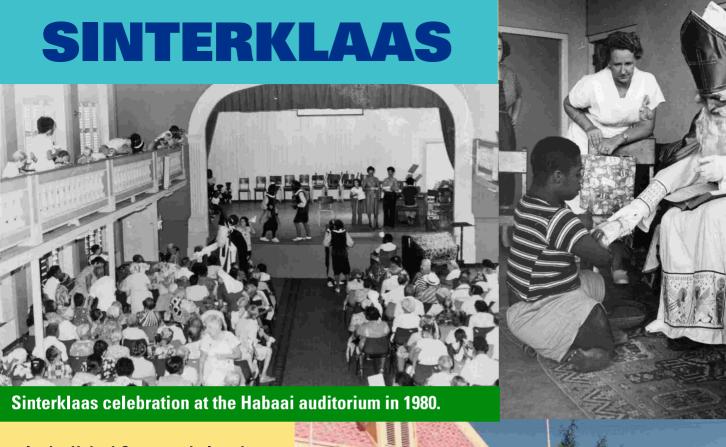
Monarch Night celebration 2005, Fl. Nelson Coffie



Monarch Night celebration 2005, at Serena Bay Estate in the Penstraat.

FL. Agen Pool, FL. Pierrot Hurtado, Lioness Gerda Hurtado and Lioness Lourdez Girigorie.

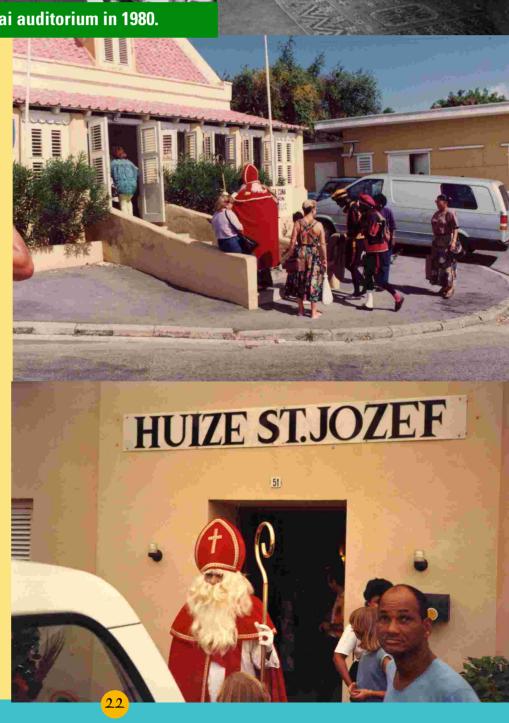




In the United States and elsewhere Santa Claus is celebrated around Christmas time.

Gifts are presented to young and old.

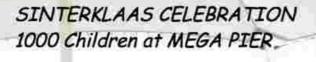
In Curacao, following the Dutch tradition, the anniversary of Sint Nicolaas is celebrated every year on the 5th of December. On that day children are presented with toys and sweets and grown ups have their share in the giving and receiving of gifts. The Lions Club had observed that many poor parents could not afford to give their children this pleasure. There are also children in the orphanages and institutions for handicapped and crippled children, who were deprived of this privilege. Recognizing a need to serve, the Lions Club stepped in and for many years now the Sint Nicolaas celebration for the less fortunate children as well as grown-ups is being organized by the ladies-committee. **Every year funds are raised and gifts** and sweets are distributed to the poor, handicapped and the aged. The Lions of Curacao, with one member acting as Sint Nicolaas, go from institutions to another to distribute the gifts.













# SENIOR CITIZEN DAY

The Curacao Lions Club for years is recognizing our Senior Citizens in our Community by organizing a special day for them.

A lot of us tend to forget that because of our senior citizens we are here today.

We feel however, that one day in the year in fact is not enough to have an extra attention for our elders. If possible, we should do this activity more than once a year.

On Sunday June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2006 in "Hoffi Biesheuvel" the Curacao Lions Club together with the White Yellow Cross has organized an event for about 300 hundred senior citizens. Interesting was that among the visitors were two persons a man and a lady who each had the age of 101 years, together 202 years old. It does a lot to see that age does not matter; they were present and enjoyed themselves.

In the future we expect to see more Lions if possible with their Lioness helping out on this project. You can walk and talk with these elders about, for instance how was it as a youngster, where did they worked, how much was their paycheck in those days, was it possible to live on these paychecks. If they had vacation how did they spend their vacations?

Other Lions can help in the bar, in the kitchen and serving the elders with food, drinks and snacks.





Every Lion can contribute to do something, age does not matter remember "ONCE A LION ALWAYS A LION". AND WE SERVE.

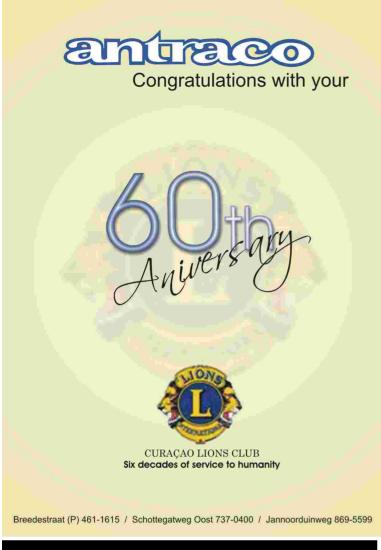
Let's promise ourselves that at our next and other projects we all will do better then before. George Sleeswijk

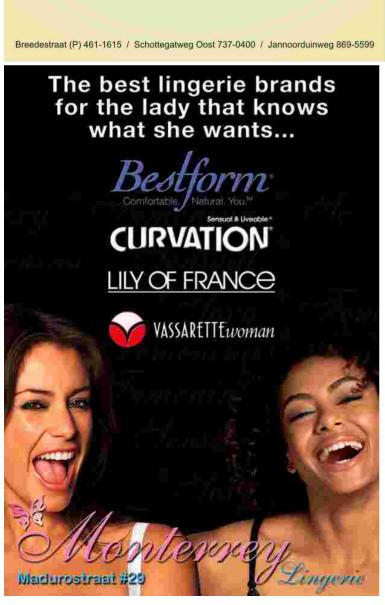




















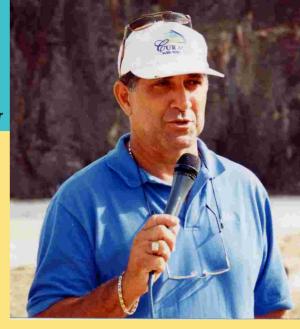




# **FUNDRAISING**

Gibi Goilo, Fundraising Director

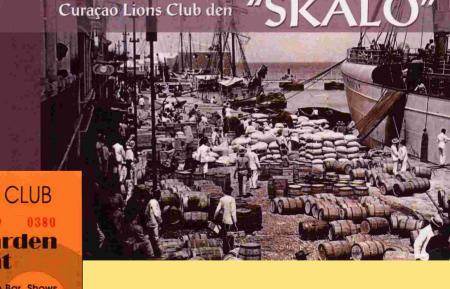
In the early days of Lions existing, fundraising was very popular. The Lions was well-known for its house raffles and car lotteries. Late Lioness Irene Moreno was the architect in those years. Due to fiscal reasons these fundraisings were not attractive anymore, the Lions club started organizing fundraising shows in Centro Pro Arte namely; Lion King Paradise, Piano Extravaganza, Christmas on ice, The Jeans, The Supremes. The disappearance of Centro Pro Arte brought a turn around in fundraising strategy of The Curacao Lions Club. Now a days the fundraisings we organize are focused on partying in a different way, to name a few; Barbeque Delight in the museum gardens, Ruine Party at Fort Beekenburg, Oscar de Leon at Tafelberg, Scharloo Party at the Scharloowharf, Johnny Ventura at Isla di Aventura.



For more than 25 years Curacao Lions Club has been organizing the best Carnival's party on Curacao.



# **Development tickets fundraising parties**



CURAÇAO LIONS CLUB

PRESENTS Nº 0380

1 St Country Garden

BBQ Delight

Various BBQ and Salad Bars, Open Bar, Shows and Entertainment, The Three Voices Band

Date: May 31, 1997

Time: 20.00 p.m. - 01.00 a.m.

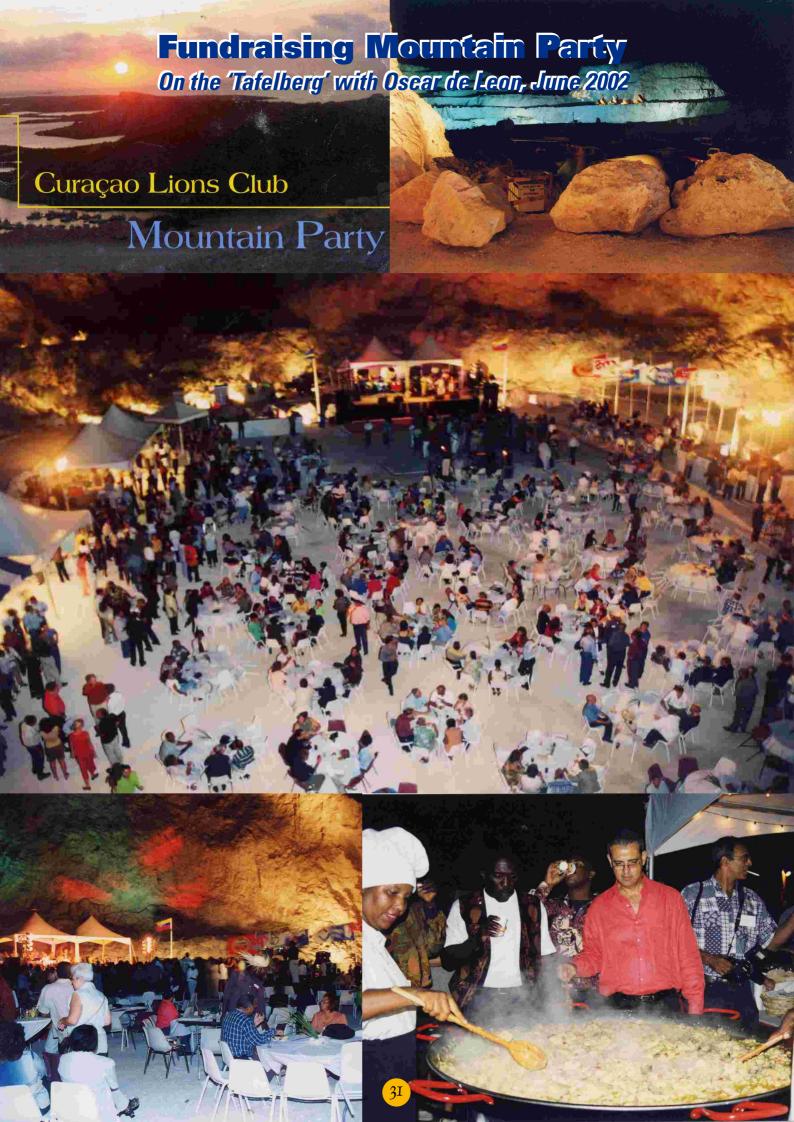
Place: Curação Museum Gardens

Price: Afl. 125,00 all included

Various doorprizes

All net proceeds will be spent on social projects of Curação





# **Donations**







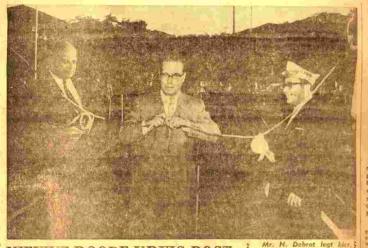
FL. Fred Fisher (President) and Luis de Lannoy with a heart patient from Aruba in 1963.

# BEURS-ENNIEUWSBERICHTEN

chten bezorging na kantoortijd foon Redactie 11479 cteur-hoofdredacteur J.F.A. Boer

ALGEMEEN EN ONAFHANKELUK DAGBLAD **VOOR DE NEDERLANDSE ANTILLEN** 

uitgeefster-drukker: Theaterstraat 11 - Postbus 215 et. Drukkerij ,De Stad' N.V.-Prijs f 3,50 p.m. (b/yooruith.)



# NIEUWE ROODE KRUIS-POST OP FOKKERWEG GEOPEND

Gouverneur Debrot knoopte twee touwen aan elkaar

### Niet zonder meer

### Zeemansknoop

### Geldkistje ontvreemd uit slaapkamer

# Zestienjarige jongen tweede slachtoffer hondsdolheid

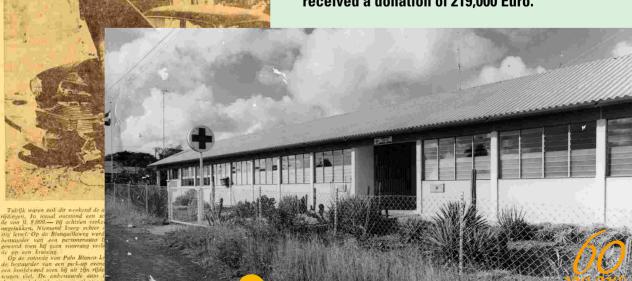
Copy of Beurs- e nNieuwsberichten from October 1962 with Netherlands Antilles Governor N. Debrot officially opening the Red Cross building.

The building was made possible through donations and joint effort of the Lions Club and Red Cross.

On August 1st 2003 the Florence Nightingale Foundation was established between the Red Cross and the Curacao Lions Club.

The Foundation owns the Red Cross Building in Fokkerweg, which has been used since 1962 as a Disaster Relief Centre (thankfully it has not been needed very many times, although it was being used to collect items to ship to Grenada following Hurricane Ivan in 2004, and it was a major centre following Hurricane Luis in 1995). The building is in a poor state of repair and the initial aim of the Foundation is to renovate the building so that it can be used at once in the event of a disaster. Rental income from the centre will be used for maintenance of the centre with any surplus funds being donated to the Red Cross or to the Lions for similar community projects. The Foundation has had no income or expenses so far. The Red Cross and Lions have provided the Foundation capital and the Lions Club have committed NAf.100, 000 to the renovation project. Recently the Red Cross of Curacao has also received a donation of 219,000 Euro.





The "target group" are victims of any disaster, and in general any in the community who are vulnerable. Owing to lack of funds (Red Cross relies entirely on private donations locally with no government or international subsidies), maintenance at both bases has not been adequate. The Red Cross board searched for a way to solve this major problem and found the Lions Club interested to help with Fokkerweg and indeed the Lions Club helped build the centre in 1962 and has always been a major supporter of the Red Cross. Legal advice was to transfer ownership of the building to a new foundation. The Red Cross was thus heavily involved in the formulation.

In addition to its work in times of disaster, the Red Cross in Curaçao is on hand at public and private events in Curaçao in case medical assistance is required, gives first aid courses, and has a growing Youth Brigade with educational projects in such areas as AIDS, teenage pregnancy and drugs. The objective of both organizations represented in the Florence Nightingale Foundation is to improve the lives of the most vulnerable. The vulnerable people are frequently the most effected in times of disaster and need therefore specific help.

A renovated and better-equipped Disaster Relief Centre will help the island cope much more effectively in the event of a disaster here, and help it to be able to provide assistance in the event of a disaster to a neighbor.

A renovated centre will give a boost to the Red Cross and help it operate more effectively so that the island has more support for medical assistance, first aid training etc. .It should also lead to more Red Cross volunteers and thus more people on the island trained in first aid and showing more consideration for others. There is a clear educational element as well as pure medical assistance.

A representative and adequate building will attract other organizations to rent space. This helps to maintain the building.

The formal establishing of the Florence Nightingale Foundation at Notary and FL. Mike Alexander.

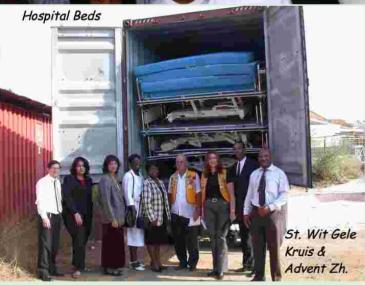






FI. Co Klein donating to the baseball club 'Clinic'.

School receiving a refrigerator, Fl. Karel Aster



Through contacts of FI. Bob de Haan donation of 100 hospital beds to Stichting Wit Gele Kruis and Advent Ziekenhuis was made possible in 2005.

FI. Bob, FI. Alexis, FI. Elgin and reps from organizations.

Donation to the Verkeerspark at Damacor "Dierentuin".



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