

February 2010

Holland Area Newcomers

Newsletter

Spring Into Action!



It is hard to believe that it is March...and time for our biggest project of the year: **Dutch Costume Resale.**

This is the 59th year that the HAN (Holland Area Newcomers) has been providing this service to the residents of Holland. The \$5 handling fee that is charged per costume is to cover the expenses of the sale, as this is not a fundraiser. It is our way to give back to the community.

Volunteering to work one of the shifts during the set up and sale is a great way to meet fellow members, as well as other people. This event unfolds over four days. Here is a brief description of what to expect:

Monday—New and gently used costumes are brought to the Civic Center.

Tuesday—Costume sale.

Wednesday—Checks and costumes are organized for pickup.

Thursday—Checks and unsold costumes are picked up.

We need everyone's help to make this amazing community service event run smoothly.

Here are the dates/times **volunteers are still needed:**

- **Monday, March 8**
11:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
Costume Drop Off
1:00 - 3:30 p.m.
3:00 - 6:30 p.m.
- **Tuesday, March 9**
4:00 - 6:30 p.m.
Costume Sale
6:00 - 8:30 p.m.
- **Thursday, March 11**
10:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
Checks and unsold costume pick up.

If you haven't yet, please contact us at HANSocials@hollandnewcomers.com to let us know the time(s) you can help.

Thank you to all who have already signed up to volunteer for one or more shifts.

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“Check Us Out” Coffee

Join us the **first Monday of every month at JP’s Coffee and Espresso Bar in downtown Holland at 8 p.m.**

This is a great opportunity to meet other members and learn more about us. Current members are also welcome to join us.

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Empty Nesters

The March HAN Empty Nesters will be hosted by Mary Lincoln.

Meet your friends at the **Boatwerks Waterfront Restaurant/Lounge** (216 Van Raalte Ave.) Macatawa Room on **Wednesday, March 10!**

We will enjoy a **Happy Hour from 5:30 to 6:00 p.m., with dinner following.**

RSVP by March 5.

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Socials

Ladies’ Luncheon

You are invited to the ‘The Wearing of the Green.’ The March Ladies’ Luncheon will be held on **Tuesday, March 16 at 12:30 p.m. at the Curragh Irish Pub** in Downtown Holland. (Located on the cor-

ner of 8th Street and College Avenue.)

Please let us know if you plan to attend, so we can watch for you.

Bunco!

We plan on having another Bunco night in March, unless there is no participation. We also plan on hold Bunco **the last Tuesdays of the month** going forward.

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Book Discussion

Hi Ladies!

This month brings us another exciting selection. **Greg Mortenson's "Stones Into Schools" will be our read**, as we prepare for his visit to GVSU on Tuesday, April 6. **Laura Johnson will be our host on the 28th of March to discuss the book.**

On April 6, we will be taking a field trip to hear Greg Mortenson, also the author of "Three Cups of Tea," at GVSU at 7 p.m. For more information, please refer to <http://www.gvsu.edu/learn/holland/module-news-view.htm?newsId=2E024FE3-FF53-4C5C-4A6ED7783DB9431E>. He will also be visiting the Herrick District Library at 2:30 p.m. on April 6, but a special ticket is required. Information on how to obtain a ticket is on the web link, as well. If you

would like more information, stay tune to the HAN web site or look for upcoming emails.

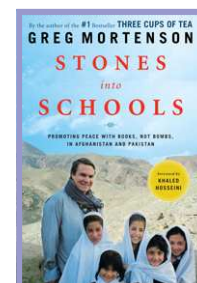
We are still in need of hosts for the months of May, June, July and August. Our group meets on the last Sunday of the month at 7:30 p.m. at a location determined by the host.

We welcome anyone to join us. You do not have to attend all discussions (and can change the date to one that is convenient to you). So come whenever you can.

Happy Reading!

Brenda Hearn

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**Author appearance at GVSU
April 6 at 7 p.m.**

Ladies' Night Out

After a busy February, our March LNO (Ladies' Night Out) will be a **"Project Night" at the home of Cathy Lebster**. We will also go back to our "usual" date, on the 3rd Monday of the month, making this month's event on **March 15 at 8 p.m.**

Bring that scrapbook you've been meaning to finish or that scarf you've been

knitting, and enjoy an evening of conversation. (And it's fine to, if your "project" happens to be a bottle of wine!) Hope to see you there!

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**ALL "projects" are welcome!
March 22 @ 7:30 p.m.**



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Dutch
Costume
Resale



And a special thanks to Lemon Fresh Dry Cleaning for donating 600 plastic bags to our Dutch Costume Resale!

Welcome Newcomers!

Mike and Barbara Campbell and their son from Germany. They are interested in Ladies' Night Out, Moms and Tots, and Newcomers' Night Out.

Ross and Jamie Devries, and their two children who are interested in Moms and Tots.

John and Stephanie Grace, and their two children (and one on the way)

from Richmond, VA. They are interested in Ladies' Night Out, and Newcomers' Night Out.

Jerry and Sandi McDowell, and their three children from Grand Rapids. They are interested in Ladies' Night Out, and Moms and Tots.

Jack and Raynetta Praest with interests in Bunko, Empty Nesters, Newcomers' Night Out, and Tastings.

In Friendship,

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Community Events

FREE Spring Matinees @ Holland 7—For all ages! Saturday and Sunday at 10 and 11 a.m. with 15 minute intermission with every show. Visit www.gqti.com/freematinee.aspx for a list of shows.

Mondays & Thursdays: Children's Story and Craft @ Barnes & Noble—Everyone is welcome to join us at this free story and craft at 10 a.m.

Wednesdays: Great Decisions Series—Explore current topics in World Affairs with local experts, while enjoying a light luncheon. Meet in the Auditorium for this free event and lunch from noon to 1 p.m. (February 3-March 24). Co-sponsored by The World Affairs Council of Western Michigan.

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Thursdays: Happy Hour Entertainment @ 8th Street Grille—Acoustic guitarist and singer Drew Behringer will be performing live, beginning at 8 p.m. No cover charge; \$2 bottled beer.

Fridays: Lapsit @ NS Herrick District Library—Stories, finger plays, and bouncing rhymes for kids 12 to 36 months and a caregiver at 9:30 a.m. (January 8-April 30).

Fridays: Live Music @ New Holland Brewing Co. Restaurant & Pub—Get locally brewed beer and live music at 9 p.m. Visit www.newhollandbrew.com for a list of artists.

Fridays: Open Preschool Gymnastics @ Champion Gymnastics—Open gym for kids ages 6 and under w/ caregiver every Friday from 9:00 to 10:30 a.m. Cost is \$5 per child and caregiver is free.

Sundays: Herrick Library Sunday Concert Series—Join us for a free concert at 3 p.m. For a complete concert list, visit www.herrickdl.org.

February 1-April 26: Year of the Tiger Exhibit—We invite you to an exhibition of the Cambodian, Laotian and Vietnamese cultures at the Holland Area Arts Council. And for an Asian New Year's celebration including various foods, costumes, artwork, and entertainment on April 24 from 12 to 2 p.m. Admission is free. www.hollandarts.org

February 19-May 16: "Bevrijding (Liberation): Images from the Dutch Resistance" Exhibit—The Museum's new Focus Gallery makes its debut, showcasing intimate

exhibits of artwork, paper archives, and multimedia, starting with this emotionally-charged collection. This series of linoleum cuts commemorate the end of WWII and tell the story of the Dutch Resistance from the perspective of countryside-dwellers. Admission is \$7, \$6 seniors, \$4 students and children under 6, and members are free. www.hollandmuseum.org



Spring...into some fun, community events!

March 7: "Archipelago: Indigenous Art of Indonesia and Melanesia" Exhibit @ Holland Museum—Beyond the stone-carved temple guardians at the entrance to the Wichers Gallery are two 65' long Balinese temple paintings on cloth, depicting Hindu legends, which are the centerpiece of this exhibit. More than sixty other exotic pieces of art and artifacts, including weapons, puppets, batik, and tribal masks, give a glimpse of the diverse cultures within the island archipelagos of Indonesia and Melanesia.

March 5-7: Girlfriends Weekend in Downtown Holland—A weekend with no kids, no husbands, no work...just you and your best gal pals! The Downtown Holland Girlfriends Weekend offers an indulgent and eclectic mix of wining, dining, fashion, makeovers, fitness and shopping. For more details and registration information, please visit www.girlfriendsweekend.org

March 5: Funktion @ New Holland Brewing Co. Restaurant & Pub—Funktion is West Michigan's premier funk band, featuring a large amounts of musical improvisation and an array of talented guest musicians.

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Moms and Tots

Hope everyone is staying warm and healthy this winter season. We look forward to seeing you at these fun and exciting events!



**“Michigan Wildlife”
DeGraaf Nature Center**

**Thursday, March 14
10:00-11:00 a.m.**

**Thursday, March 4
10:00-11:00 a.m.**

DeGraaf Nature Center
600 Graafschap Road
(located across from Christ Memorial Church)

Join us for a Michigan Wildlife presentation. This is a great event for the children to see and touch nature. If weather (and children) permit, we will take a nature walk on the trails afterwards.

With the group rate, there is a \$1.75 charge for children (age 1 and up), parents are free.

RSVP by Monday, March 1 so we are sure to get this group rate.

**Wednesday, March 24
10:30 a.m.**

Treehouse Books
37 E. 8th Street

Join us for story time. If you want to pick up some coffee before hand, meet at JP’s (57 East 8th Street) around 10 a.m.

RSVP by Tuesday, March 23 so we know who to look for.

**Tuesday, March 30
10:00-10:45 a.m.**

Kindermusik @ Herrick Library
300 S. River Avenue

Join Darcy Logan, as she offers FREE musical fun for preschoolers in the lower level Auditorium.

RSVP by Monday, March 29 so we know who to watch for.

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Moms and Tots Valentine’s Party!



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Each show is truly unique. Admission is free.
www.newhollandbrew.com

March 9: After School Adventure @ N.S. Herrick District Library—Join us at 4 p.m. for this once a month K-2nd grade adventure—Listen to stories and create a craft.

March 9: HAN Annual Dutch Costume Sale @ Holland Civic Center—This popular annual Dutch Costume Resale is organized by the HAN, offering new and used adult and children's costumes. Public hours: March 8 from 12 to 6 p.m. and March 9 from 5 to 8 p.m.

HAN still needs volunteers to help with this community event! Volunteers get first choice of their costumes. If interested, please email HANSocials@hollandnewcomers.com

March 9: History of Ottawa County Shipwrecks—Shipwrecks abound in the Lake Michigan waters that border Holland to the west. Enjoy free stories, facts, and photographs of these wrecks with Craig Rich, one of Holland's best-known shipwreck hunters, at the Mass Center on Hope College at 7:30 p.m. Presented by the Holland Area Historical Society. 395-7798

March 10: Hope College Great Performance Series: Indo-Pak Coalition—Held at the Dimnent Memorial Chapel at 7:30 p.m. Guggenheim fellow Rudresh Mahanthappa is one of the most innovative young musicians and composers in jazz today. Winner of the 2009 Downbeat International Critics Poll for "Rising Star-Jazz Artist" and "Rising Star-

Alto Saxophone," Mahanthappa has incorporated the culture of his Indian ancestry and has fused myriad influences to create a truly groundbreaking artistic vision. Led by Indian-American saxophonist Mahanthappa, this trio with Pakistani-American guitarist Rez Abbasi and rising tabla star Dan Weiss is already turning heads internationally in both the jazz and world music scenes. The Indo-Pak Coalition released their debut album *Apti* on Innova Records in 2008. Admission is \$17 for adults, \$12 seniors, and \$6 Hope student and children 18 and under. www.hope.edu/gps

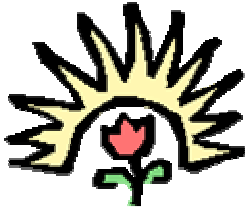
March 11-13: "Les Miserables" Theatre Production @ Hamilton High School—Victor Hugo's novel set during the French Revolution tackling the issues of its time. The talents of the band, choir, theatre and technical programs will produce an inspiring and entertaining production at 7 p.m. Call (269) 751-5185 for more information.

March 12: St. Patty's Pacer 5K Fun Run—Join us from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. for the Gazelle Sports St. Patty's Pacer 5K Fun Run/Walk! This great event raises money for the Community Action House of Holland, and gives you the chance to celebrate St. Patrick's Day in the process. Packet pick-up is at Gazelle Sports in Downtown Holland on Friday, March 12, from noon to 5:30 pm. The course begins and ends at Centennial Park; 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. Stay afterward for great food, music, and contests! Admission is \$20 for adults, \$10 kids 12 and under, or \$50 per family. www.gazellesports.com



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“Our Purpose”

Operating as an all-volunteer, non-profit organization shall have as its goal the promotion of friendship among residents of the greater Holland area and the sponsorship of and assistance with various community projects.



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March 13: St. Patrick's Day Parade—The community of Holland, well known for its Dutch ancestry, goes Irish for the fifth year in a row as organizers commemorate St. Patrick with the annual St. Patrick's Day Celebration in Downtown Holland! The event will kick off with a spectacular St. Patrick's Day Parade at noon.

Irish dancers, bagpipers, and kilt-wearers are just a few of the parade highlights! Families and individuals wearing green are invited to carry Irish flags in the parade (a limited number of flags will be available at no charge). The parade begins at the Eight Street Marketplace and travels the opposite direction down Eighth Street until it reaches the Curragh Irish Pub and New Holland Brewing Co. (on the corner on Eighth Street and College Avenue). Free admission.

March 13: A Spiritual Gospel Extravaganza II by Holland Chorale @ Central Avenue Christian Reformed Church—Composer/conductor Rollo Dilworth will

delight the audience in this impressive musical event at 7:30 p.m. Admission is \$17 for adults, \$14 seniors, and students are free.

March 17: Whiskey Before Breakfast @ New Holland Brewing Co. Restaurant & Pub—Whiskey Before Breakfast performs Irish traditional dance music: jigs, reels, hornpipes, and all manner of tunes and songs. Their approach to the music is clear and simple: capture the essence of the tradition melodically and rhythmically. WBB finds it irresistibly fun and appropriate for all sorts of occasions. Come celebrate St. Patrick's Day here at the pub with your favorite local brews and Whiskey Before Breakfast performing live! Admission is free. Live music begins at 9 p.m.

March 23: Travel Adventure: Cinema Series, “Burma & Cambodia: Lands of Conflict” @ Evergreen Commons Senior Center—Join us for family Entertainment, movies narrated in person by world travelers from 7 to 9 p.m. Admission is \$7.