NEWS

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FROM THE PRESS ROOM

Good news abounds in this issue. We are pleased to be able to deliver it to you early in the month so that you will have time to digest it before the hectic days of Christmas are upon us. Continuing this month is Aura Croes' article on Aruban holiday customs. The Money Monster announces the next fund raiser for February. She tells us our members raised over Fls.2.500.00 at the bazaar with more to come. That is good news. Artists this month are Carol Rhydderch (also ace typist and proofreader) Loes Nicholson, and Ursula Hannibal. Guest artists are Lucille Armbrust and Enid Temple - Enid drawing our fine New Year cover. What better time to read about children than at the turn of the year? Mieke Beerman-Paul, one of Casa Cuna's diligent workers, gives us solid facts about this institution. This month Mother's Corner is necessary reading for us all, whether we have little ones around or not. With five issues under our belt", 50% or our news year is over. We are looking forward to the next half. Keep your holidays happy and safe. be seeing you in "76.

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Mews from the top.

Our Christmas meeting and bazaar celebrated on December 2 was very well attended.

The Bazaar was expertly arranged by the Ways & Means Chairman and her Committee. Our congratulations to Helen and her staff and a "thank-you" to all those who have helped make the bazaar a "success" Thanks also to Joan Alexander and Fanny Oduber who have demonstrated great talent during the meeting and to Sinterklass and Zwarte Piet for enlivening the spirit during the bazaar.

Once again, many thanks to all.

Normally in the month of January no meetings are scheduled. However, for the last three years, Aruba Trading Co. has graciously offered us a luncheon consisting of the different tastes of their product lines. Unfortunately this year this will not be possible. Our next meeting will be in February and the program will be announced in our next News Bulletin.

I am happy to announce that our membership for this year has been established at 25%. The Women's Club of Aruba is still the largest organization on the Island. I hope that all our members will share in all activities through the different committees so we may be able to have another successful year.

December is here and Christmas is around the corner. Usually at this time we think of our loved ones here and abroad and all those we do not meet or see often. It is time for presents and good wishes. Our minds also reflect on those who are less fortunate in our community. As an organization, we are very proud to have contributed to those in need in the years gone by.

December is also a month when most of us look back at what we have accomplished and set our pace for the balance of our organization year. A review of our activities during the first half of the year reveals:

- . Successful school programs.
- . A successful cheese and wine party.
- . Contributions to the different organizations in need,
- . Well attended General Meetings.
- . Well attended Study groups.
- . All our Committees are active.
- . A very successful Christmas Bazaar.

It looks like we are on the right track. As the balance of our year will have many new challenges and in order to continue with this fine work, it is necessary that we combine our efforts and work together. We are all members of the same Club, no matter what nationality, belief or race we may belong to. It is my sincere desire that in the coming year we will work together in harmony for the benefit of our Club and our communities.

It is in this spirit that I take this opportunity to wish all our members and their families "UN FELIZ PASCU Y BON ANJA NOBO".

Quita Cross



Cristkindlesmarkt is over, and all is well. Money Monster Modrow's bags are filled. She is still smiling, for just everyone cooperated beautifully, and all went very smoothly. Everyone worked, all ice pick wounds, numb fingers, rope burns and burnt fingers, and green thumbs are recovering. The buyers seemed pleased with their purchases on the whole. Sister Philotea is still jumping up and down with delight, and opening her money box with shining eyes. So all will have a Happy Sinter Klass day, and a very Merry Christmas.

Many thanks to Yvette Tullock,
Faye Higginbotham, Bea Kock, Joan Strong,
Tina de L'Isle, Mathilda Gonzales, Aura
Croes, Carmen Scholten, Barbara Carroll,
Pat Arends, Joop DeQuack, Anneke Koopman,
Chris Llewellyn, Marianne Tucker, Linda
Fagerquist, Sherrie Hayes, Carol Rhydderch,
and the list goes on and on of all the
many heartful people who helped to make
the bazaar such a success. Plus a special
thanks to the patient husbands, and the helping
husbands and children of our members.

THANK YOU AGAIN!!!!!!!

A special thanks to

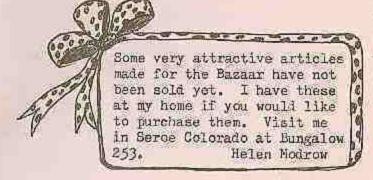
Money Monster Committee Members,
Sharon Coleman, Margaritha Del
Valle, Maria Marcus, Aida Briezen,
and Veronique Chaassen. Welcome
back Veronique, we missed you, and
thank you for carrying on with the
Wine and Cheese Party for me. It
was a job well done.

At the top of my list, the lovely non-members who worked very hard, just because they had a heart. THANK YOU!!!!!



A special thanks to Ann Alexis, and to the Americana Hotel, they cooperated and gave beyond the call of their duty. Also thanks to De Wit Stores, Acme Stores, Aruba Candle Co., and Aruba Trading Co., for their donations of Christmas items, candles and paper sacks.

Helen Modrow





Rummage? Rummage all around the house. Look through all those drawers, closets, attics, garages, and hidden corners. Find all the old clothes, jewelry, pictures, books, appliances and what ever you dream of throwing away. Those items may be just what someone else needs or dreams of having. Old Carnival outfits are welcome.

Call or deliver to the following people: Sharon Arrendale, Bubali 58, Noord

Bea Kock, Mount Scenerystr. 12, San Nicolas 0-5319

Justine Hart, Zepplampestraat 2, Oranjestad

Helen Modrow, Bungalow 253, Seroe Colorado

Rummaging will begin Sunday February 8 at 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Y.M.C.A. San Nicolas. We need your Rummage to make lots of money. We also need help in pricing and selling. Is there a woman in the Club who could help me make posters for the Rummage Sale? I need you. Please call me at 9-3675.

Helen Modrow

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Clarita Arends Treasurer

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Always willing to lend a hand is Maggie Moreno, and we will all miss her very much. As a member of Women's Club, Maggie never missed a meeting. She also attended many study groups and taught one in Cuban cooking with Margar the Del Valle. Their students reved about the course, and they leved teaching it. Maggie says, "Women's Club is great for a newcomer. It provides an excellent opportunity to mix with new people in many pleasant ways".

"Maggie, is there anything special you will miss in Aruba"? I saked. "Yes", she answered, "and they can't pack it"! Maggie and her three lovely daughters — Ans Maria 5, Kergarita 5, and Christina 4 months will all miss something they enjoyed so often — The beautiful Aruban beach!

She made one request to all her friends here in Aruba, "Save room for us, We'll be back! Yes, we will", and we hope to see than soon.

In the mean time, good luck to the Morenc family as they get settled in Boytown, Faras.

Raywonde Kendrick

Raymonde and her family will be moving to Dhehran, Saudi Arabia as soon as a house becomes available. Raye is "up to her ears in Brownies" (Scouting) and goes substitute teaching from time to time. In April, they hope to spend a couple of weeks in Greece and expect to include a trip to Bhodes in their travel plans.

Andrea and her husband have just returned from an Immkeeper's convention in Memphis, Tennessee. She is enjoying settling into their spacious spartment, and her current project is turning the extra bedroom into a pretty nursery for that

> P. O. Box 189, Islamoreda Florida Keys 53036

special beby. Andrea's address is

Jacette Mosley

"You have your mind on W.C.A. News and Christmas baraans; but I'm dresning about Cammival.....See you folks before too long, I'm & almost counting the days".

Maxine MeMutt

"Beth has started Montessori
Eursery...."

I am interviewing for Army
Community Services/Nevy Relief for
2 hours a week. I am chairmen of
Volunteers until January....

trying to solve people's problems
in morsery, thrift shop, ACS/WRS
office staff....am in an International Cocking monthly lumcheon
and various craft classes".

Address is

122 Goldsborough Village Bayonne, N.J. 07002 U. S.A. A. XX

REPORT OF ENVIRONMENT GROUP MEETING WITH GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVES

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On November 17, 1975 four representatives of the Environment Group (Annemick Kock, Philo van Hulten, Helma Smalt and Vera Rooze) met with Deputies D. Gomez (Education & Tourism) and N. Oduber (Environment) in the Government office at 3:00 p.m. After a brief introduction about the various Women's Club committees and about our school ecology program, we made the following request and suggestions.

- * We asked for the continued support of the Government in supplying the buses needed for our school program.
- * We drew attention to the need for environmental education in the grade schools and in the teachers' college (APA).
- We suggested that an advisory environmental committee be established containing, among others, biology teachers and other qualified people interested in improving the environment. It was pointed out that such an environmental committee already existed in Curacao, and the Deputies wished to obtain documentation about this.
- * We also suggested that an environmental course for teachers be organized in Aruba as is currently given in Curacao. Here, also, we promised to supply the necessary documentation.
- * The need for suitable films was discussed. The Deputies explained that currently the Government has a special program on T.V. geared mainly towards education for tourism. One film in particular was mentioned. "En defensa del mar," which had been warmly recommended to them by Mr. Croeze from STINAPA. Since our committee had already tried through several channels to obtain this film for our school program, we strongly urged that the Government purchase this film. We said our group could also start working on ideas and scripts for short T.V. films.
- * We discussed the need for instruction of hotel and tour guides in how to deal with the tourists in order to prevent the further depletion of Aruba's natural beauty. We informed the Deputies that Mr. Don Stewart of Aquaventure in Bonnire has offered his help to all islands interested in conservation instruction for local diving outfits.
- * Our representatives brought up the need for new laws to protect the reefs and unique Aruban animals (such as the burrowing owl, the wild rabbits, Aruban parakeets, etc.), and the need for protective measures to maintain species of economic importance (such as the conch, lobster, etc.). Deputy Oduber mentioned that the Government is already working on a law protecting the reefs and is planning to establish a special environmental police force.
- * We expressed the hope that this environmental police force would reinforce all the existing laws such as protection of birds, cutting down of trees and cactus, removal of sand and stones, free-roaming goats, littering, etc.

- * After complimenting the Government on the extensive clean-up, we asked if it would be possible that a deposit on all beverage containers (bettles and cans) be made mandatory by the Government as is already done in various States of the U.S. Deputy Oduber mentioned that this matter had already been investigated, and that the result was negative. Control is possible for locally made products, and on most of these deposits are required, but it is extremely complicated to do this for imported products.
- * We also recommended that trucks transporting garbage be requested to cover their leads to prevent the wind from blowing refuse all over the place. (Most trucks have canvas covers but don't use them)
- * Another suggestion was that a <u>suitable conservation slogan</u> be <u>printed</u> on auto license plates for 1977.

The Deputies promised to look into our various proposals, expressed their interest in our work and requested another meeting in the near future.

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On November 22, Deputy Gomes called Vera Roose to say that the Government had decided to purchase the film, "En defensa del mar!" He stated that he has also requested Curacao to send information about the existing environmental advisory committee.

During the last week in November the environmental group presented its program to about 100 first year students of the Prinses Christina EFAO School. Thanks to Lago's kind cooperation in providing a projector and operator we could also treat the school to a premiere of the film "En defensa del mar". After an extra week of study the students received their Women's Glub certificate from Mr. Tice Kuiperi, acting deputy of education. The students and teachers had prepared a lovely exposition of environmental pesters, essays and striking handlerafts (all made from Junk). This was a nice reward for all the ladies, who, as always, did their best to make the program a success.

V. Rooze Environmental Group. Since several people have asked me for a copy of this nonsense, it seemed excusable to include it in THE W.C.A. NEWS.

T'was a Tuesday, the first in the month of December The Women's Club meeting (how well I remember)! I woke on the morning of that dreadful day Rehearsing the lines that I knew I must say At the luncheon to be held at the Holiday Inn. My hopes for the meeting were wearing quite thin! Disaster had struck.....just as bad as could be And everything seemed to have fallen on ME! The girl doing the program had been taken ill, The President and Vice were in bed with a chill, The menu was off --- 'cause the food had gone bad - An electrical fault, the worst that they'd had -The reservations committee had mislaid their lists, The Board - what was left - were clenching their fists! The Bazaar items truck had had a colision And the plants at Trees Brinkman's had died of dirision! The macrame hangers had formed one big knot And some Christmas tree ornaments - orushed by a pot! They'd put out the candles to lighten the room, You could just see your ham on your plate in the gloom! The members were coming, the tables too few ----I could see the Maitre D's face turning blue! More Bazaar things began to come in with the crowd -(The Chairman just stood there - SOBBING OUT LOUD!) The heat and the gloom made the table flowers wilt, And the punch got knocked over and every drop spilt! - The chaos incredible - tempers got frayed With a background of carols the Secretary wailed -"Where are my minutes? I put them down here! Some idiot must have removed them - OH DEAAAAAR!!!!" I stepped to the platform and tried to be calm But the scene before me increased my alarm I opened my mouth to speak into the mike But suddenly everything turned black black as night My shoulder was shaking =--- tried to be still My head felt attacked by some sort of drill! I opened my eyes wide - heart wildly pounding

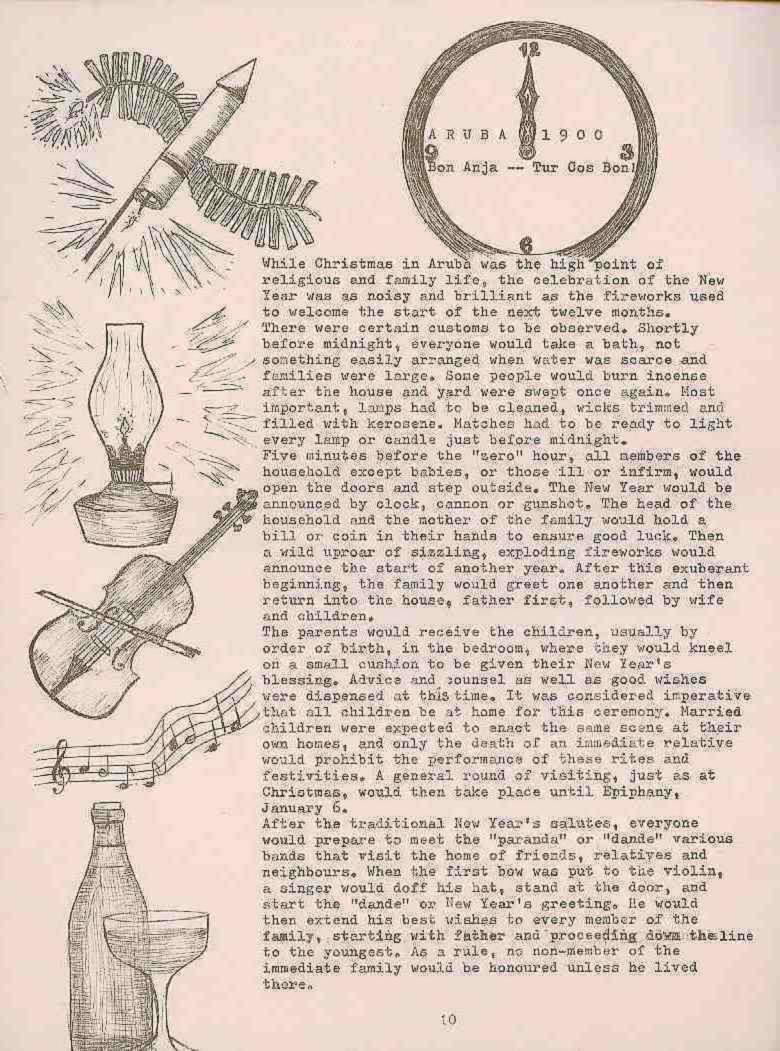
> Joan Alexander, December, 1975

And became aware ---- my alarm clock was sounding!

I don't ever want to go through that again!

What JOY! And what pain -

OH what relief!

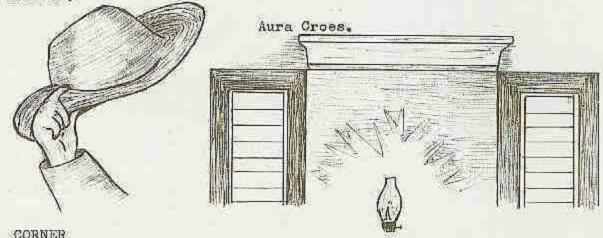


For everyone recognized by the "paranda," a coin would be put into the singer's hat. The group would move indoors to receive the hospitality of the house, and as a rule, three musical selections would be played inside. The first and most outstanding would be a "tambu," with the drum and wiri, the second selection would feature the violin, guitar or accordian, usually a tumbe, and the third could be anything including vocal accompaniment. One drink in every house was the usual limit, but of course there are exceptions to every rule! As the band would move from house to house, each household would prepare for the next "paranda".

After the sixth of January, the drum and other musical instruments

would become silent until needed again.

Traditions are so rich and full of meaning. Let us hope the "dande" endures forever.



MOTHERS CORNER

I know that your homes shone for the holidays. Ferhaps January is a good time to lock at often forgotten areas. How safe is your home for children and for adults? Three areas that can cause trouble are Medicine cabinets, Kitchens and Garages. Take some time to look at these places carefully. The little time spent making these areas safe is well worth the effort. You'll know that your family is protected.

Medicine cabinets: Keep a well stocked first aid kit on hand. All other medications should be kept to a minimum. Dispose of all old prescriptions and be sure to check the expiration date on those you must keep. Make sure that all medication is clearly marked. If you have young children, ask for child-proof tops and keep your kit out of their reach.

Kitchens: The main villains here are cleaning agents. Wearly all can be poisonous or cause injury if improperly used. (Eye and lung inflammations are the most common problems.) Keep them away from youngsters. Check them at regular intervals.

Garages: Tools, paint, fertilizers and maintenance objects are often stored here. Everyone's needs vary in these areas. Common sense is your best guide as always Keep what you need on hand, but see that it is stored safely.

STUDY GROUPS

STUDY GROUP REPORT JANUARY 1976

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 14, - Second wednesday of each month 9:00A.M. DIVERSIFIED ARTS & CRAFTS

Surfside

Topic - Macrame - Team Teaching, both Beginning and Advanced will be taught at the same time in different groups. Beginner Macrame students bring 50¢ - materials will be provided.

AdvancedMacrame students bring 12" dowel and

1 ball macrame thread. Teachers - Ans de Ruyter Jan Ratchford

Bonnie Shuman Mary Ann LaMonte

Chairmen - Joy Huggins and Mancy Jackson MONDAY, JANUARY 19 - Third monday night of the month 7:30 P.M.

Evening Study Group

At the home of Sea Kock - Mount Scenerystr. 12, San Nicolas Topic - Making of Terrariums - by Chris Llewellyn Bring Fls. 3,00 to cover costs. Contact Sea if you plan to be there, so container can be purchased for you. Telephone 5319

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 21 - Third wednesday of the month 9:00 A.M. INTERNATIONAL GOURMET

Surfside

Topic - Dieting for 1976

Different Diets will be discussed by a panel Teachers - Margaritha Del Valle

Joy Huggins Helen Modrow

Chairmen - Louiss Hodge & Iona Michardson

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 28 - Fourth wednesday of the month 9:00 A.M. GARDENING

At the home of Ana Pieterez Bucutiveg 12, telephone 4430 Topic - Orchards - in bloom in Ana's garden.

Study Group Chairman Marianne Tucker women in the news.

Linda Fagerquist our dynamic 1974/75 President was overheard saying at the Talk, of the Town after the last board meeting of her presidency, "Now I can relax, play tenn go to the beauty parlour, have a manicure, facial, massage and steam baths every week visit friends and chat over morning coffee. In other words do all the things that did not have time to do that I would have liked to have done this year." Well in actual fact Linda has not done any of these things. She was very active just the same especially with organizing a LITTLE MISS LITTLE LEAGUE fashion show, being on the committee of the Little League, which hosted several countries for the International Tournament recently held here in Aruba. That was a big job, entertaining, feeding and transporting the little leaguers during their stay. Since then Linda has been attending the study groups and working on Bazaar items, only for the Women's Club Bazzar but also for the Y.M.C.A. and churches in Sam Nicholas. With the Bazaar over Linda is looking forward to the Christmas holidays. She serves as past president on our Women's Club board, and is an enthusiastic member of the Historical and Cultural Committee. Linda is even more excited about '76 Carnival particularly as the theme will be the bicentennial of the U.S.A. Already sha is planning her costume and is collecting beads and sequing in anticipation.

Chris Llewellyn

Maybe next year, Linda, you will be able to FUT YOUR FRET UF and do all the things

that once again you did not do this year. I wonder if that will be your New Year !=

Resolution. Linda, to you and yours, Bon Pascu and Feliz Anya Nobo.

Casa Cuna

Almost everybody has heard lately about Casa Cuna because of the campaigns for our new building which we hope to open around March 1976.

Most people were of tremendous help to us, for which we are very thankful. We are convinced, that Casa Cuna is giving the best possible help to the ones who need it most.

Lately we have been asked what is the good of Casa Cuna if when the child reaches seven years of age he can no longer be kept there and has to go back to the sometimes unfavorable family circumstances?"

We would like to bring the following points to your attention.

Many children at Casa Cuna are from unwed mothers that work. These mothers can only keep their job and earn the income for their families because Casa Cuna is taking care of the little ones. By the time the children are of school age, there may be a family member or a neighbour that can supervise the child after school, till the mother comes home.

2. In case of an emergency (Mother taken ill) , children can be brought to Casa Cuna

immediately, so the father can go to work.

3. For children from socially weak surroundings, it is even more important to be able to stay at Casa Cuma because at home they would have been neglected, physically, mentally and/or socially; while at Casa Cuma they would get the proper care from birth till their seventh year.

These early years are crucial in a persons life, as doctors and psychiatrists can

state, for the following reasons:

A. When a child does not get the right food in those early years, there can be

permanent damage to its body and brain.

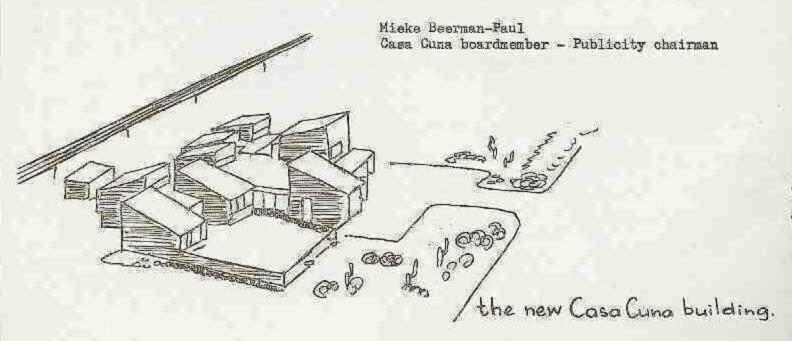
B. When a child is mentally and socially neglected, he will never be able to have normal interpersonal relationships with other people in later life. Experiments with baby monkeys have shown that social neglect in early years produced aggressive, neurotic monkeys that never could adapt to the group later.

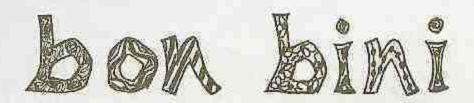
When a child is treated the right way in those early years, he has a strong

foundation to build upon for the rest of his life.

If children do not have a decent home to go back to, by the age of seven, Casa Cuna tries to get a place for them in another institution, like Imelda Hof, where they do take older children.

I hope that this answers any questions you may have had concerning the purpose of Casa Cuna Children's Home, and I want to thank all of you once more for your tremendous support.





DONNA AUHANN

Donna came to Aruba five and a half years ago to teach at the Serce Colorado School. She is a specialist in Primary Education and before coming here had taught in Wisconson. She has travelled extensively in Europe and South America, but this is the first time she has lived outside the United States. Her interests lie in the fields of cooking, reading, antique collecting and tennis. Welcome to Women's Club, Donna!

EDNA LUCIA RUIZ-CROES

The Women's Club of Aruba welcomes Edna Lucia Ruiz-Croes. She can be reached at 0-2313. Having lived in Aruba all her life, she is happy to become a member of W.C.A. and looks forward to the many activities sponsored by the club. Formerly a salesgirl in the Holiday Inn drug store, Edna now works only evenings in the new Beep-Beep Restaurant. Chinese food is the specialty, and she recommends it highly. At home she enjoys cooking and reading. It is a pleasure to have you in Women's Club, Eana. We look forward to

YVONNE SPIEKERMAN VAN WEEZELEN-BURG-SCHTPFER

seeing you at the next meeting.

Yvonne is not new to the Netherlands Antilles, as three years ago she lived in Curação. Her husband is with the Dutch Marines, so they are always on the move. This is just a short stay. They arrived here in September and expect to leave again in enother five or six months.

Her birthplace is The Hague, Holland. She likes cooking, gazdening and tennis, and also enjoys working with small children. The Spickerman's have two small children.

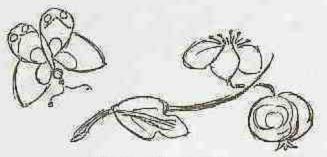
Welcome aboard Yvonne. We are happy to have you.

PAT WASHBURN

For Pat Washburn and her husband Rudy, an employee at Lago, living in Aruba is a great joy. From Houston, Texas they have moved to Argentina, Brazil, Columbia, El Salvador and Venezuela before joining us here. Every weekend you can find them on their boat enjoying water sports. Pat has a boy and girl living in America and a son, Kent, with her in Seroe Colorado. She also has a granddaughter. After receiving her Masters degree in English from the University of Texas, Pat taught in high schools for 7 years and for 4 years at the University of Houston. She studied art (acrylic painting) in Argentina and taught art in Amusy. Playing the miano, bridge and bowling are a few more of her pastimes, end she speaks Spanish and Portuguese. We're glad to have her on Aruba

and in our club.

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CASILDA VAN WILGEN

Casilda van Wilgen was born in Aruba. Her nursing education was obtained in Holland in the Andreas Hospital in Tiel. After completing her studies she came back and worked as a nurse in the Lago Hospital.

Married in 1960, she has two daughters, 13 and 8 years old.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS FLASH

This is your last chance to make sure your name, address and phone number are listed correctly in our directory. If you feel there is a need for a change, call RoseMarie Van Dijk, 0-2556. Don't be disappointed.

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thoughtor today:

A bed.....but not sleep
Books.....but not brains
Food......but not appetite
Medicine...but not health
Pinery.....but not beauty
A house....but not a home
Luxeries...but not culture

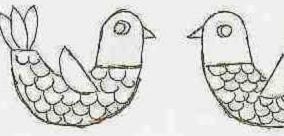
Amusement. but not happiness

Friends.... but not sincerity.

SANTA'S MAILBAG.

Please share with us any bits of news from Club members who have left the island. Save your Christman cards or letters and hand them to one of the W.C.A.NEWS Staff members for inclusion in next month's issue.

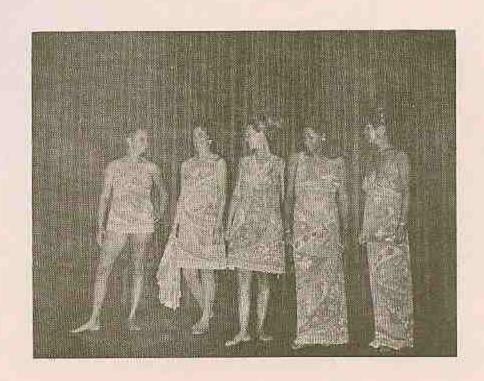
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THE W.C.A. NEWSSTAFF WISHES ALL

ITS READERS

A HAPPY NEW YEAR.



Remember the October Meeting and Lingerie Fashion Show? Here is a pictorial reminder of that day!

