

PROJECT HARVESTING

Meeting on 16th of June 2009

Most important memories from meeting in Wijk aan Zee.

Participators: Vaike, Asta, Jaago, Vella, Ada, Reet, Reet, Tiiu, Mari, Kätlin, Ahti, Kalle, Maia, Eesi.

Vaike:

- People are more religious in Holland. Maybe this is the reason of strong families. For everybody the family is most important. The best example was the story of Tinie about development their love.
- The big number of volunteers.
- The pumping-engine-station. We can imagine how do they care for their land.

Ada:

- Importance of agriculture.
- Wijk aan Zee now is very different from Wijk aan Zee 1999: new houses, gardens.
- The hostfamily was very nice and kind.

Jaago:

- The singers of both choirs. 84 years old Martin Kroon, very energetic Frans, Jan, ... They all enjoyed singing together.
- Peaceful traffik. In the morning on the streets there were cars, schoolchildren, mothers with their babies. Nothing had happened. Everybody was polite. Not only in Wijk aan Zee, but also on big roads.
- Amsterdam is very mighty.
- We need more than ever to learn languages.

Vella:

- Conscientious leaders of the meeting. Management was very good.
- Car drivers were all concentrate on traffik, no communication. The roads are clean, special roads for bicycles.
- Estonians don't praise their families very often. In Holland family is very important.

Asta:

- Wijk aan Zee is a village near the sea, but you can't see it first. The village is like in the bowl.
- Surprisely you can't see in Holland conifers very often.
- In the church there were many thing renovated not restored. Somehow it was even beautiful.
- Importance of family.
- To visit Madame Tussauds Scenerama is the reason to visit Amsterdam once again.

Rut:

- We don't speak English, but we all speak Russian.
- The age of the senior circle is amazing. They don't feel it's boring.
- Standard of living is very high. Everybody has a car.
- The members of the hostfamily have their hobbies: collecting books or furniture.

- The beach with small summerhouses.

Reet:

- It is very important to stay calm in every situation. Like Dutch people, they were very friendly, polite and punctual.
- I liked the flower market
- Martin Kroon: very pleasant person.

Ele-Tiiu:

- My first trip with living in families where everybody was hospitable, friendly. I was like their cousin but dumb.
- The nature is particularly beautiful
- Enormous Schipol Airport

Mari:

- There are many male seniors in the circle. Also the leader of the project is very gifted man Jan. The senior circle is a place to ask and answer, to find out, discuss. Lia has done great job.
- I like that queen gave an award to Bets. It shows how valuable is the work of volunteers.

Maia:

- The special roads for bicycles.
- The small beautiful gardens in Wijk aan Zee.
- Amsterdam is like Venice.
- The choir, the singers were very warm-hearted and direct.
- The Dutch people are very free, they can speak about love, marriage, loss. The story of Douwe about the small garden next to the church.

Eesi:

- Nice stone houses.
- The people ride bicycles very fast, bicycles are light.
- Arrangement of our conference was fluent, thanks to Jan and Lia.
- Kätlin was very good translator

Kätlin:

- The most important thing I learnt: I will spend more time with 86 years old grandmother and listen her stories.