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Hello everyone,  
 Here we are again with our bulletin. An eight page bulletin to highlight most of the activities over the year 2008. Susila Dharma Suriname like to inform the national and international Subudmembers about the activities of Susila Dharma Suriname and the activities which took place within Subud Suriname in the previous year. Therefore also the activities of the other wings will be mentioned. We also like to inform the Subud members about various subjects. That is why the contribution of everyone is a must; whether it is by reading the bulletin or by giving your opinion or by sharing an experience with us.  
 All information you wish to share with the members is possible by means of this medium. Perhaps we could ask you for an interview sometime? The more information the better we can show the world about the beautiful work we do. Let us know if there are other ideas and suggestions.  
 Enjoy your reading.

*From your editors*

Acting with compassion and care, the network of Susila Dharma Association members supports human development that is harmonious and sustainable. SDI, as the international Susila Dharma organization, coordinates this network and assists its members to achieve their goals in the quest for a just and sustainable society.



## ACTIVITIES

The annual general members meeting of Subud Suriname took place on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> last February. The latihan started at 7.30pm on Friday evening so that the annual meeting could begin at 9 pm. The national committee started with the activities- and financial report concerning last year. Because of the late hour (23 hours) the meeting was postponed till next day.

The next day (Saturday) the latihan began at 8.30 am. We continued the second part of the meeting an hour later. It was the turn of the committee members of Subud Lelydorp and Subud Accaribo to present their report. Both committees have the intention to develop more of their surroundings through the implementation of several activities in 2009. Accaribo mentioned a clean-up of the environment to improve their surroundings. The members of Lelydorp work hard to realize a new Subud House.



Youth and Culture in action.

## *General members meeting*

Finally it was the turn of Susila Dharma to review the past year. For Susila Dharma it was a challenging year because the current committee was formed by the end of 2007 and immediately had to process 9 containers, with relief goods, in 2008. Nevertheless they successfully managed all the work with the help of volunteers, donors and Subud members. Besides this Susila Dharma have also started with supplying personal loans (PL) against a low interest. This way to try to bring in funds which are being used as donations and gifts for needy organizations or institutions. All in all everything to the good cause.

After our presentation it was the turn of Subud Youth and Culture to present their report. They accomplished the following activities: the boat trip with the Sweet Merodia, the Telesur 5 km walking event, the educational outing to Staatsolie, the Kids day at Accaribo as well as a visit to Ivy (our protégé) and our senior Subud members who aren't able to come to Subud House due to declining health.

For the new year there is a lot on the program. We wish each wing committee much success and may Almighty God lead and accompany them in the implementation of their good work.



## Bigi Broki Waka 2009

On the first Sunday of the New Year the Bigi Broki Waka (The big bridge walking and running event) was organized. This annual event has taken place for the 9<sup>th</sup> time. For the Subud and Susila Dharma crew this was the third time to participate and to walk the distance of 5 km over the Wijdenbosch bridge.

Between 5.30am and 6.30am we had to be present at the traffic circle at the van Meerzorg. From there by shuttle bus all traffic so that the walkers, warming-up led by instructors of B-fit. participants became them started to walk. approximately 4000 course and after walking side road. Here the fast walkers of our the road was broader. The group has slow walkers were waited for by the fast group. Together they descended the bridge and at the finish line they all enjoyed their popsicle. We'll do it again next year we enthused.

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## Christmas dinner 2008

The Christmas dinner celebration 2008 was held at Lelydorp on December 20<sup>th</sup>. Another surroundings but with the same sociable friendly feeling we are so familiar with in Subud. The guests were welcomed and got a corsage pinned on. We were offered a slice of Christmas cake right at the entrance. How lovely the place was decorated. The evening was officially opened by sister Kurnia, the chair of Subud Lelyorp. Patrick, the national chair, Mattheus, Hillary and Rudy shared their Christmas message with us. The wonderful feeling of Christmas was all over. Christmas carols were sung by the Subud choir under direction of Culture, poems were recited and the big surprise of the evening was a play of the Christmas story according to local situations with Steven (as Joseph) and Lucy (as Maria) in the leading role.

Thanks to the harmonious cooperation for the preparation of the event by all parties involved, the evening was a huge success. Another example: working together in harmony gives the best results. We certainly can live up to this for now and always.



# Boat trip on the Sweet Merodia

It was Saturday November 1<sup>st</sup> 2008. We had to be at the wharf of the Sweet Merodia at the latest at 8.15am. It was nice weather to go up the Suriname river. Exactly at 8.30 am we left in the direction of the Atlantic Ocean. The guide for the day was mr. Harold Sijlbing who began with presenting us with the house rules and regulations before starting the journey. The organizer of this trip, Subud Youth in the person of Marcella, welcomed us sand called for 1 minute of silence to ask Almighty God for a save trip and save return back home.



The "Sweet Merodia"



Admiring the surroundings .

We went down the river with to our right the District of Commewijne. Well known places on this side of the Suriname river are Belwaarde, Lust en Rust, Zorgvliet, Voorburg and Nieuw Amsterdam. At the junction of the Suriname and the Commewijne river, the water was rather turbulent. That was the reason for us to make noises as if we rode in a carousel, a Merry-Go-Round.

A short while after, we were on the Commewijne river and left the Atlantic Ocean behind us.

At Rust en Werk we were able to take a stroll down the lanes of this old plantation and have also visited with the owner, Mr. van Alen. Also at Frederiksdorp, which is an old coffee plantation, we were able to have a nice chat with the owner, Mr. Wijngaarde. After the visit to Frederiksdorp, half of the day had already passed. It was now time to turn homewards again. All in all we can look back on a pleasant trip.

Many thanks to the Youth of Subud.



Demonstrating the importance of relaxation after hard work.



## Trip to Colakreek

From Monday 25 August till Thursday 28 August the members of Susila Dharma Suriname planned a trip to Colakreek. Part of the group left town on Monday afternoon so to be able to straighten up the weekend house of the Abas family. They left town at 2 pm and arrived at their destination 3 pm. The rest of the party was expected on Tuesday 26 August. Cooking was not necessary that day because Serena took care of lunch. We had fried noodles with all the trimmings, even the pepper, from Warung Salmiati. Mattheus wasn't able to join in the first place but after we persuaded him that it was going to be fun, he gave in and came driving with Matthew. Just in time for the barbecue which we planned for that evening. We enjoyed a well prepared barbecue completely served with vegetables and potato salad as well as French bread with garlic butter.

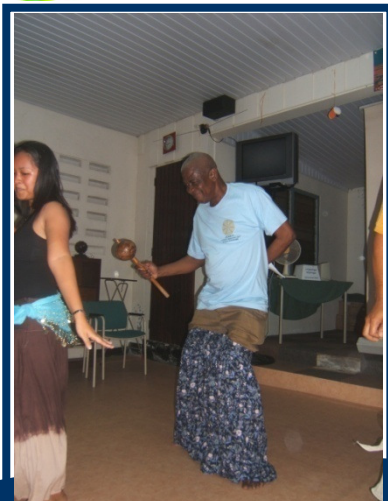
After the evening meal Mattheus, Matthew, Astrid and her niece had to leave us. The group which stayed behind kept close to the campfire, threw some fishing rods into the creek and chatted the night away. In the meantime the children were all asleep but as it became later some of us couldn't keep their eyes open. One by one their eyes fell shut. Only Patrick could not keep off of the fish. He kept fishing at the creek till the early morning hours. According to him he caught eight fishes of which five fell back into the water.

Wednesday morning the party awoke early to prepare breakfast. Fried rice was cooked with the left over meat from the barbecue and that was a good start to begin the day with. Chili con carne was on the menu for lunch, indeed a savory dish for the outdoors.

We made arrangements to sleep in the last day, but it didn't get later than 8 o'clock. After breakfast the children couldn't resist the water and they went for a swim. Around 12 noon we finished clearing and loaded all the baggage in the cars. We can look back on a wonderful time and we are grateful to Almighty God for taken us under His protection and accompany us safely to and from.



*On Friday the 9<sup>th</sup> of May and 13<sup>th</sup> of June,  
we celebrated Mother's day and Father's day.  
Some impressions of these days on behalf of Culture  
and Youth.*





# PROJECTS

## Project Accaribo

Susila Dharma have also contributed to the construction of the restroom facilities in Accaribo. Financial donations have been made and also the proceeds from the sale of an earth moving equipment could cover the initial costs of the construction. Also by means of a collection from Subud members has it been possible to realize this project. The intention is to build a guesthouse next to the Subud House and exploit the surroundings of Subud House to start enterprise. The aim of this project is also to get noted by the local residents of Accaribo and in particular to show that Subud is more than only a spiritual brotherhood. This project is a sign to the community that through brotherhood and cooperation and working together in harmony it is possible to realize dreams.

## Renovation project of roof Subud House Par'bo

In the weekend of 16-17 August 2008 the roof of Subud House Paramaribo was replaced. The old roof of corrugated iron sheets had gone rusted with the consequence that rainwater penetrated the ceiling and did great damage. The renovation was made possible by the financial contributions of the Subud members during a year. Thank you all for your generosity.



Opening of restroom facilities in Subud Accaribo.



Removing old sheets on the roof.



## Information of the Zorg samen voor Suriname foundation

Zorg samen voor Suriname foundation was founded on May 23<sup>rd</sup> 2002. The formal objective is to support deprived groups in Suriname to provide them with primary goods. They want to achieve that goal by collecting goods and sending it to Suriname.



Forming the board of directors of the Zorg samen voor Suriname foundation are:

- \* Mr. A(driaan) de Zeeuw, chair
  - \* Mr. C.P. (Kees) van Londen, secretary-vice chair
  - \* Mrs. L(enie) de Zeeuw, treasurer
  - \* Mrs. W(ilma) Coutinho, member
  - \* Mrs. S(andra) B.H. Ho Sam Sooi, member
- (All the members of the board are volunteers; they work on a strictly voluntary basis.)

The Zorg samen voor Suriname foundation has been focusing on the support of deprived groupings by providing materials (e.g. medical goods, school furniture and educational tools, clothing, aid apparatus etc.) to social institutions in education and care such as elderly person centres, children's homes, primary schools in the interior, hospitals etc. The foundation strives to ship 10 containers per year to Suriname. To insure sufficient material for every shipment a volunteer network is maintained in the Netherlands. The goods generally come from education institutions and health care centres which proceed to replacement. Other donations come from companies allied to the same target groups. Furthermore the foundation must seek for sponsors and conducts actions to be able to pay for the transport to Suriname.

Counterpart organizations:  
Susila Dharma foundation  
Fosa foundation  
Trio Ontwikkeling Sipa foundation

Source:  
[www.zorgsamenvoorsuriname.nl](http://www.zorgsamenvoorsuriname.nl)  
[www.nederlanddoetmee.nl](http://www.nederlanddoetmee.nl)  
[www.raaf-fotografie.nl](http://www.raaf-fotografie.nl)



The married couple Adriaan and Lenie de Zeeuw.



A school in Palumue (interior of Suriname).



The current Susila Dharma committee which was formed in 2007 have processed 9 containers in total by the end of 2008. Thanks to the help of volunteers, Subud members and personnel of the National Army we managed to help the poor and needy people in our society by providing them with relief goods from the containers. In close partnership with Zorg samen voor Suriname foundation and Fosa foundation we have also provided may schools with goods. The Fosa foundation is being led by the wife of the President of Suriname, Mrs. Liesbeth Venetiaan. It is good to mention Mr. Max Chin A Sen who has been the power behind the scenes all these years.



## Upcoming events Subud – Susila Dharma – Youth – Culture

May 1st  
**Telesur 5km  
walking  
event**

*Fundraising*  
Last/first friday  
of the month

*Mothersday*  
May 10th

*Fathersday*  
June 21st

*Outside the  
city*  
14-16 Aug

*Sport day*  
26+27 Sep

# B i r t h d a y s

**May**  
02 Roxanna Martodikromo ('87)  
06 Mardija Ponijem Karto ('35)  
18 Francisca Kertodikromo ('87)  
27 Ruhkmi Kromopawiro ('47)  
28 Ryan Wirjonangoen ('79)  
30 Salmiatie Kaslan ('40)  
31 Hardy Sastroredjo ('69)

**June**  
02 Surtina Marie Martotaroeno ('43)  
02 Sawijem Kasimin ('52)  
03 Annie Saleh Tirtosentono ('67)  
07 Gavin Martodikromo ('86)  
08 Arnold Diran ('80)  
09 Gerard Sastroredjo ('55)  
17 Ariana Soemotiko ('75)  
24 Dusty Susanti Santokhi ('76)  
25 Cleo Tjitrodipo ('80)  
29 Rosada Kertodikromo ('75)

**July**  
03 Adjiet Sadhoe ('86)  
04 Roy Soerdjibali ('53)  
09 Miranti Wirjonangoen ('82)  
09 Arvin Jimmy Misran ('61)  
13 Richard Kromopawiro ('50)  
14 Sebastiaan Kasanbadri ('60)  
15 Samuel Amar Santokhi ('75)  
16 Nicolaas Orlando Somowidjojo ('69)  
19 Wijajanti Ponisem Kertodikromo ('70)  
22 Irma Thea Boksteen ('45)  
23 Steven Adriaan Soerotiko ('69)

**August**  
03 Soeratnie Tjitrodipo ('45)  
03 Marianne Tirtosentono ('73)  
06 Wijajanti Kasanbadri ('83)  
14 David Kaslan ('31)  
22 Patrick Karijodirono ('65)  
29 Chudney Kromokarijo ('82)