



A Word from the Chair

At the beginning of 2026, Dirk Hubert Stoop was given two private social media accounts: one on Instagram and one on X. Dirk has attracted a particularly strong following on Instagram. More and more family members are finding their way to Fonds Stoop. Social media is used to post reminders about submitting applications for financial assistance or the student grant, invitations to the STO-Bo (Stoop get-together), and, in due course, updates on the familiar Stoop Gala, which will take place in June 2028.

The first STO-Bo took place at the end of May and was such a great success that we will be organising another one later this year. The next STO-Bo is currently scheduled for October 2026.

During the most recent Commissioners' meeting, it was decided to broaden the opportunities for financial support, and the "Contribution to Earning Capacity" pilot programme has now been launched. Naturally, the Commissioners will continue to process the regular applications for financial assistance as well.

In this newsletter, you will find an interesting interview with a family member who has attended every single Stoop Gala since 1963. Much has changed over the past sixty years, though certainly not everything.

In short, Fonds Stoop continues to evolve.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions about financial support or any other questions or comments. News for the newsletter or the website is, of course, also welcome. The Fund can be reached at info@stoofpfonds.nl.

Kind regards, on behalf of all the Commissioners and the Administrator,
Pauline Insinger-Boreel, Chair

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Mid-October: STO-Bo - you will receive an invitation.

December 31: Deadline for submitting applications for financial assistance, student funding, and the contribution to earning capacity (decisions will be made at the Commissioners' meeting).

2027

January: Commissioners' meeting

2028

June: Stoopfeest

Financial Assistance and Student Grants – Second Half of 2026

From January through May 2026, Fonds Stoop received eight applications for financial assistance and four applications for student grants. All student grant applications and five financial assistance applications were approved by the Commissioners for the full amount. Two financial assistance applications were better suited to the new "Contribution to Earning Capacity" scheme. As the corresponding application form was not yet available, these applications were approved in the form in which they had been submitted.

Unfortunately, one application was incomplete, and in another case the Commissioners required additional information before they could reach a decision. The Administrator will contact these family members to obtain the necessary clarification, after which the Commissioners will make a decision on these applications as soon as possible.

Deadlines for Applications for Financial Assistance or Student Grants

Do you need financial support? If so, do not hesitate to submit an application. Fonds Stoop was established to support needy "vrinden."

The Commissioners meet every six months, namely at the end of January and the end of June. To enable them to prepare properly for the meeting, we kindly request that you submit your application before January 1st or June 1st.

Do you have questions about your application that you would prefer to discuss before submitting it? The Commissioners who represent your branch within Fonds Stoop and the Administrator will be happy to assist you.

On [Stoofpfonds.nl](https://stoofpfonds.nl), under the menu The Fund and the subsection The board, you will find contact forms and email addresses to get in touch with them.

Pilot expansion of support opportunities: "Contribution to Earning Capacity" application form now available

In the previous newsletter, we informed you of the Commissioners' intention to expand the support opportunities offered by Fonds Stoop, enabling it to provide assistance to more descendants.

With the "Contribution to Earning Capacity" application form, you can apply for a one-time financial contribution to finance a project that increases your opportunities in society. This could include the possibility of changing careers, for example through retraining or by starting your own business. Family members who are unable to take such a step themselves for financial reasons may submit an application for support to the board. An extensive business plan is not required.

However, we do ask you to answer the questions on the form as clearly and comprehensively as possible. The financial contribution amounts to a maximum of €2,500.

The application form can be found on [Stoofpfonds.nl](https://stoofpfonds.nl) under the My Stoop menu.

Looking Back on the 1st STO-Bo

On Friday, 29 May, the first STO-Bo became a reality! Through a separate invitation and social media, the Commissioners invited family members to enjoy drinks, paid for by Dirk, and to meet one another in an informal setting.

Thirty-three enthusiastic family members gathered at De Beurs on the Neude in Utrecht. The list of registrations showed that Branch B was particularly well represented. While enjoying drinks and tasty appetizers, Chair Pauline Insinger-Boreel welcomed those present. Afterwards, Priscilla Raadsen Tielenius Kruijthoff (Secretary) recited a poem by Emile van der Borch van Verwolde, a family member who was tragically executed at a young age during the Second World War. The responses to the organisation of the STO-Bo were positive. Its informal character, in particular, was greatly appreciated.

Below are a few of the responses (more can be found on the website):

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Marie-Françoise Wilbrennick (Branch B)

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Pauline Hoog (Branch B)

Dear family members who organised the STO-Bo!

You have done a fantastic job! It was wonderful that Pauline gave a few words beforehand and that Priscilla read a poem by Emile van der Borch van Verwolde: a family member who died during the war. Because I am descended from the Van der Borch tot Verwolde family from Vorden, and had a grandfather with 12 brothers and sisters, this branch of the family (within Fonds Stoop – ed.) is strongly represented. In the first generation, they were all cousins of my mother, and the following generation, for me, were second cousins (Pien and Christa). After that came the younger generation, such as Jan Haro and Marie-Françoise Wilbrennick, Reinier Van Hovell, Bastiaan van Dishoeck and Jolien Tielenius Kruijthoff (a first cousin), and then another younger generation. It was nice to have seen and spoken with them and others. Having written this, I immediately get the idea that I myself am actually already very old... and of course I am. Therefore, it is a good thing to meet everyone who is somewhat involved in this large family from time to time in between. In any case, I am once again looking forward to the upcoming "Stoopfeest" in 2028 (and no, Jan Haro, preferably not in shorts!).

A warm greeting to all!

Elisabeth Raadsen-Tielenius Kruijthoff (Branch B)

Preparations for the second STO-Bo are already underway. It will probably take place in October 2026. We hope to see you there (again)!

You will also find here a Genealogical List of the Descendants of Nicolaas Stoop and Margaretha de Veer from 1910, found on the Delpher website. The co-author was A.J.H. van Lynden.

To fill the library with relevant books, stories and other historical documents, we need your active help! On [Stoofpfonds.nl](https://stoofpfonds.nl) / Everything is Family / Library, you will find a form for contributions to the library to do so.

Stoop Gala 2028

The STO-Bo "resulted" in two enthusiastic family members volunteering to help organise the Stoop Gala in 2028. Marie-Françoise Wilbrennick and Dick Poerink have already contributed ideas to make the Stoop Gala 2028 even more special than it already is. The Gala Committee consists of Commissioners Koen van Lynden, Emile van der Borch van Verwolde and Willem van Lynden. Koen is the link between the Commissioners and the volunteers, ensuring that everything runs smoothly. The other Commissioners are, of course, not standing on the sidelines and will provide support wherever necessary and desired.

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Digital developments: Dirk on social media and Stoofpfonds.nl

Social media

At the beginning of 2026, Dirk Hubert Stoop launched two social media channels. Many descendants are already following Dirk on **Instagram** and **X**, for which we are grateful! Dirk keeps you informed about what is happening within Fonds Stoop: new plans, the Stoop Gala, developments on the website, the STO-Bo, deadlines for submitting applications, etc.

Not accepted by Dirk?

Did you submit a request to follow Dirk, but your request has not been accepted? If you use an anonymous or abbreviated username, the moderator cannot verify whether you are actually a member of Fonds Stoop. Send an email to redactie@stoofpfonds.nl with your full name, place of residence and your username (handle) on the relevant channel, and we will resolve this together.

Highlight: the Stoop Library

Did you know that [Stoofpfonds.nl](https://stoofpfonds.nl) has a digital library? Under **Other**, the 1968 invitation, for example, shows that the organisation was much more formal at the time. Only married couples or engaged couples were welcome at the Evening Cocktail Party. At that time, payment was also required to attend the Evening Cocktail Party: a full HFL 10 (HFL stands for Hollandse Florijn, or the Dutch guilder)! In 1998, the Commissioners had already relaxed the rules regarding only married or engaged couples somewhat. The "boyfriend" or "girlfriend" who had been in a long-term relationship with a descendant was now also welcome at the Stoop Gala.

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Translation into English

A Canadian family member requested that the website and newsletters also be translated into English, so that family members abroad can better follow the developments within Fonds Stoop. The Commissioners are, of course, willing to do so. However, a simple translation of the website using the translation button of any browser resulted in Stoop being translated as Stew (literally: a stew). This was certainly not the translation the Commissioners had in mind. Therefore, an English version of the website, [Stoofpfonds.nl/en](https://stoofpfonds.nl/en), will be created as soon as possible. Fortunately, translating the newsletter proved to be easier.

The World of Stoop

The same family member challenged the editor to provide insight into how many family members live abroad and where they are located. Data from the database was used for this purpose. The results of this research can be found at [Stoofpfonds.nl](https://stoofpfonds.nl) / The Fund / The World of Stoop. There you will also find a rotating globe with markers showing where family members have settled.

Agenda

Since the beginning of 2026, the website also includes an Agenda menu item. It contains the (indicative) dates for Commissioners' meetings and the associated deadlines, STO-Bo events and, of course, the Stoop Gala 2028, planned for June 2028. For the latter, the following applies for the time being: as soon as the final date is known, you will be informed.

On behalf of the Commissioners and the Administrator, the editor warmly invites you to – continue to – visit the website. Naturally, it remains important to keep the Fund informed of address changes, changes in your personal circumstances, births and deaths.

Do not hesitate to contact us if you need support or have any other questions or comments. This can be done via info@stoofpfonds.nl.

Fonds Stoop in the spotlight: current addresses

We still receive messages that descendants were not aware of the Fund and the financial support the Fund can provide, and that they often only learn about this too late through others. Others indicate that they do not receive a newsletter or invitations to gatherings. Only when the Administrator has up-to-date address details and email addresses can he inform the descendants about the Fund's activities.

We therefore ask you to request that family members, and especially those family members living abroad, check whether they are familiar with the Fund. If not, encourage them to visit the website and check whether their details are up to date and to pass on any changes to the Administrator via info@stoofpfonds.nl or via [Stoofpfonds.nl](https://stoofpfonds.nl).

Please also bring this newsletter to their attention by forwarding it.

Family is everything

Interview with Elisabeth Tielenius Kruijthoff (1945, Branch B) and husband Berthold Raadsen (1945)

On Saturday, last July 4th, the editor spoke with Elisabeth in the car on the way to Friesland. Elisabeth married Berthold in 1969. Through her mother, Johanna van der Borch tot Verwolde, Elisabeth is a descendant of Fonds Stoop. She was born on 8 or 9 April 1945, the liberation day of Vorden, at Vorden Castle. The reason for the confusion regarding her exact date of birth is that at that time there was a German time and a Dutch time. It may also have had to do with the fact that her sister (Karin) and brother (Diederik) are both Sunday's children. Since 8 April 1945 fell on a Saturday and Elisabeth came into the world just before midnight, it is possible that some adjustments were made so that this child could also be a Sunday's child...



Stoopfeest 2018

Elisabeth is the mother of Nadjeschda, Priscilla and Barbara and grandmother of two grandsons and a granddaughter. She enjoys playing bridge, used to play tennis intensively but is now "retired" and likes watching exciting matches at, for example, Wimbledon and the Australian Open, and she also creates mixed media artworks.

Together with her husband, she has travelled and continues to travel almost all over the world, where she loves walking, as she does at home. A daily cappuccino is an important ritual. When there is nothing else to do, she enjoys doing puzzles: in the newspaper or on the iPad.

Elisabeth is now 81 and has attended all the Stoop Galas that have been held since she became an adult. That makes 13 in total so far. She attended her first gala when she was 18. The year was 1963. At that time, the formal evening wear dress code was strictly enforced. This meant: dresses reaching at least the ankles for the ladies and gentlemen dressed elegantly in tuxedos.

Elisabeth still remembers her "Stoopdress". Her mother had attached a corsage of pink roses to the top edge of the bodice: "I felt just like a princess." At that time, the gala was held at the Kurhaus in Scheveningen, which had the allure of a palace. She felt completely at home, mostly thanks to the many handsome distant cousins with whom she danced and flirted. Promptly at midnight, the party came to an end and the Wilhelmus was sung. Unfortunately, Elisabeth was not allowed to attend an after-party held by Uncle Koak and Aunt Jacky Leclerc in their cellar in The Hague. Her older brother and sister, Diederik and Karin, were allowed to go, but Elisabeth had to return to Moes house (her grandmother) at her mother's orders. That was a disappointment; Elisabeth was never allowed to experience such an after-party at this uncle and aunt's house.

Incidentally, Elisabeth says that her first "Stoopdress" was not long as required. Diederik had brought back a beautiful piece of fabric from one of his sailing trips, but it turned out not to be large enough to cover the ankles as well. The dress came down to just below the knees. She made up for that in 1968 with a beautiful green-and-gold brocade dress, which was worn by her granddaughter at the Stoop Gala in 2018.

Berthold recalls another memory. In 1968, as Elisabeth's fiancé, he was allowed to attend the Stoop Gala for the first time. He found the very idea of a Fund itself rather strange, but he greatly appreciated the gala. Once again, the Kurhaus was the venue. The custom of addressing everyone as uncle and aunt seemed hilarious to him, especially because he also addressed younger descendants by these titles. Perhaps the current practice of calling each other cousin causes less hilarity.

Elisabeth interrupts him: "Do you remember that time when you wore a turtleneck under your tuxedo and Joop (her sister Pauline's then-husband) wore a tuxedo shirt with coloured dots on it?" Apparently, complaints about the gentlemen's attire were made to Elisabeth's mother. Berthold: "Mammie came to tell me about those complaints, and I said: Mum, if the family has anything to say about our choice of clothing, send them to me. Why should you have to answer for that?" Whether Johanna did so is not known, but neither Berthold nor Joop heard any further complaints. He also remembers that the older aunts loved seeing how enthusiastically Elisabeth and he ballroom danced.

They would say: "Look, what a lovely couple, they're dancing." Elisabeth suddenly remembers her grandmother Moes, who wore her underslip to a Stoop Gala. It was so beautiful that Moes thought it was a shame to cover it with a proper dress. She even went out for dinner wearing it at Hotel L'Europe.

The answer to the question of what Fonds Stoop means to Elisabeth is quite simple: "It is above all very nice that it exists. Isn't it special that this large family, with so many branches, gets the opportunity to see each other at least once every five years? And now that STO-Bo events are also being organised, it is only becoming more enjoyable! Although it would be even more enjoyable if more descendants came to the STO-Bo." The added value of Fonds Stoop has proven itself several times, not only in general, but also in particular for her eldest daughter, who attended fashion school at the end of the 1980s. This was a private school and very expensive at the time. Fonds Stoop helped pay the costs. The Fund later provided support to the daughters more often, and recently also to a grandson.

Does Elisabeth have any suggestions for Fonds Stoop? She thinks that, compared with other funds, the Fund is already quite progressive. However, she feels it might be more enjoyable for the "in-laws" if they were also allowed to attend the descendants' meeting. At present, they have to wait until their partners have finished their meeting. But whether that is possible is something for the general meeting to discuss. A lot has changed already: there is a beautiful website, a newsletter is sent out and social media channels have been set up to inform the younger generation as well. However, having to wait five years to get an update on the Fund's financial position is quite a long time. It would be nice to be able to read about this at least once a year in the newsletter. Not in detail, but in broad terms: how are the investments performing? Have they increased or decreased in value, and what has caused that? These are topics that could be discussed at the descendants' meeting.

Elisabeth also remembers that there was once a heated discussion at the meeting about a woman joining the Board. Her aunt Henriëtte was an advocate of women's emancipation and ultimately succeeded, with the support of other aunts, in having Albertine Duin-van Lynden appointed to the Board. It just goes to show that trends disappear and return again: Henriette van Riemsdijk-de la Bassecoeur Caan (1879-1938) had already been a Commissioner more than a century earlier. "In any case, there could be more discussion at the descendants' meeting," Elisabeth says, "but it should be about relevant topics. For example, when a descendant dies and their long-term spouse/partner is suddenly no longer welcome at the gala after many years. Couldn't we change that?" Fortunately, this changed years ago.

Meanwhile, the car is speeding along the motorway and we are almost at our destination. I (the editor) find myself thinking that it is very interesting to hear how the Stoop Gala used to be compared with what I have experienced since attending it myself. How wonderful would it be to have older descendants share their experiences of the Stoop Gala and Fonds Stoop?

Would you like to be interviewed about your experiences with Fonds Stoop? Please let us know via redactie@stoofpfonds.nl. The result will be even more interesting if you have relevant photographs that may be shared with the interview.