

# NAUL NEWSLETTER

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## **Report of the Annual Meeting** **May 3, 2014**

Membership attendance at the Annual Meeting and Rijsttafel this year was better than it has been in the past few years. More than 35 members attended and the dishes they made for the Rijsttafel were outstanding.

After the minutes of the 2013 meeting were approved, Karla Vandersypen presented the Secretary's report, highlighting activities and programs held during the year. Lineke Zuiderweg's Treasurer's report was reviewed and approved. Bottom line, NAUL is solvent with total assets at the beginning of 2014 of \$7,729.95. Membership is stable at 88 members. Board members whose terms expired this year were: Ton Broos, Annemarie Toebosch, and Arthur Verhoogt. Gemaya Griffin and Ed Bonnewit were proposed for board membership. The slate of board membership was approved as presented for three-year terms. At the conclusion of the business meeting, NAUL members enjoyed a delicious Rijsttafel. The variety and quality of dishes was particularly outstanding. Special thanks to Frank and Toos Judge for opening their lovely home for our Annual Meeting.

### **NAUL People:**

**Els Nieuwenhuijsen** - On April 27, 2014, Els was acknowledged during a special "disability related" workshop in the First United Universalist (UU) Congregation in Ann Arbor, for her work as a volunteer pilot test

coordinator of the national UU Association Disability/Ability Action Certificate Program.

She and a dedicated team of about 15 volunteers are working on strengthening accessibility and inclusion in the UU congregation to enhance the participation of people with disabilities, and also including the elderly in Congregational life. In July 2015, they plan to apply and receive national Certification, as one of the first 10 congregations in the US. Good work and good luck Els!

**Irene Butter** - On Thursday, May 8, 2014, the film *Never a Bystander*, featuring Irene Butter was premiered at the Michigan Theater in Ann Arbor as part of the Jewish Film Festival week. The documentary film by Evelyn Neuhaus, tells Irene's story. As a Holocaust survivor, and by her example, Irene, challenges us all to never be a bystander in life. Her story recounted in presentations in schools demonstrates to young people it is possible to live a full life after surviving trauma. By her untiring effort and example, she has changed the lives of countless people, especially the young. The film received a standing ovation from the full-house audience. We saw many familiar NAUL faces in the audience.

A DVD of the film available through the website [www.neverabystander.com](http://www.neverabystander.com), at a reasonable price. Your editor highly recommends this outstanding film.

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**PICNIC**

Get ready for the annual NAUL picnic. The date of the picnic is **Saturday, June 14, 2014**. This year we will gather at Glazier Highlands Park here in Ann Arbor. The park is located on Larchmont Drive, directly across the street from the Zuiderweg’s home. The park has been reserved for our group. It has a BBQ, four picnic tables under shade trees, and a volleyball field. There is a playground for the children and baseball can be played on a big grassy area. Toilet facilities are available across the street at the Zuiderweg’s. We have the park from 3 PM to 6 PM and have purchased the permit allowing us to serve beer and wine.

Bring a salad or dessert, lawn chairs for your family, and any favorite games, especially for the kids. NAUL will provide the rest - drinks (beer, wine, and soft drinks), hamburgers, sausages, and all the “fixins”. If you have any questions about the picnic preparations call Els Nieuwenhuijsen at 734-995-1817 or by e-mail to [elsni@comcast.net](mailto:elsni@comcast.net) by June 11. For planning purposes, Els would appreciate an RSVP, with an indication whether you will bring a salad or dessert. **MARK THE DATE – SATURDAY, JUNE 14, 2014 AT 3 PM IN GLAZIER HIGHLANDS PARK ON LARCHMONT DRIVE IN ANN ARBOR.**

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