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## **A WARM WELCOME**

Dear alumni, waarde Confrérianen,

"La Confrérie creates everlasting memories and friendships while encouraging personal development and embracing inclusiveness. "Welcome to the latest edition of La Lettre, Your source of updates, insights, and opportunities to actively engage with our beloved Brotherhood.

In this edition of La Lettre, an update is given by the Secretary of the Board. Additionally, we will explore an industry-specific topic: rosé wine, along with an interview featuring Barbara Le Noble, a truly versatile alumni. Furthermore, we will take a nostalgic journey through time looking back at the 8th Lustrum held in 1997.

We hope that this edition of La Lettre will again evoke fond memories, spark inspiration, and provide you with valuable insights into the dynamic world of our beloved La Confrérie. We encourage your active participation and warmly welcome any contributions or feedback you may have.

Vive La Confrérie! Sponsor Committee & Alumni Relations Committee

#### **ASSOCIATION'S CALENDAR**

**NEW SEMESTER ARRIVAL PARTY - 29TH AUGUST** 

**GENERAL MEMBERS MEETING - 5TH SEPTEMBER** 

**PUBCRAWL - 11TH SEPTEMBER** 

LA HOUSE - 18TH SEPTEMBER

**BEAVO - 23TH OF SEPTEMBER** 

**INTRODUCTION WEEKEND - 29TH OF SEPTEMBER** 

**MOSTERT MEAL - 1ST OCTOBER** 

**EXTRAORDINARY MEMBERS MEETING - 3RD OCTOBER** 

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by Secretary Maartje van den Huijsen

Dear Alumni, Waarde Confrérianen

We hope this newsletter finds you in good health and high spirits. As we dive into the latest updates and happenings within our beloved association, I am happy to have the honour to introduce myself as secretary, Maartje van den Huijsen. I have often wondered what a secretary actually does, answer email all day? I have learned that with a deep passion for fostering connections and strengthening the bond between alumni, you can alleviate the role of the secretary and bring a fresh perspective and dedication to La Confrérie.

In addition to alumni outreach, I take a passion in being responsible for all internal communications within the association, acting as a vital link between the board and our esteemed school-going members. This ensures that everyone remains well-informed about upcoming events, projects, and opportunities for engagement.



My name is Maartje van den Huijsen 22 years old. As the secretary of La Confrérie, I have set some ambitious goals aimed at enhancing the overall communication within our alumni network. With a primary focus on interaction and engagement, I aim to create a thriving community where alumni can reconnect, share experiences, and continue to support each other in their personal and professional lives together with the school going members of La Confrérie.

With a passion for encouraging strong connections within our alumni community, I have like mentioned before, set ambitious goals for the year ahead. One of the key objectives is to reach out to more alumni, ensuring that our network thrives and develop like never before.

However, let me this way make clear I cannot achieve these objectives alone; the support and active involvement of you is crucial. We encourage each one of you to lend a helping hand in this endeavour. Your contributions, be it sharing contact information or interesting updates about fellow alumni, will greatly assist in expanding our alumni database and rekindling friendships that have stood the test of time.

Please reach out to me at secretary@laconfrerie.eu.

Vive La Confrérie!

Kind regards, Maartje van den Huijsen

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## **INDUSTRY SPECIFIC** This edition: Rosé

ROSÉ WINES HOLD A SPECIAL PLACE DURING THE SUN-KISSED MONTHS OF SUMMER. WITH ITS DELICATE HUES AND CAPTIVATING FLAVORS, ROSÉ EMBODIES THE ESSENCE OF THE SEASON, TRANSFORMING ORDINARY MOMENTS INTO EXTRAORDINARY MEMORIES.

Crafted with utmost care and expertise, rosé wines are born from a meticulous blending of select red grape varietals. The winemaker's artistry shines through, as the skins are left in contact with the juice for just the right duration, yielding a wine that exudes a delicate balance between fruitiness, acidity, and elegance.



Rosé wines in summer bring forth a tapestry of delightful differences. From the spectrum of captivating colours, ranging from delicate pale pink to vibrant salmon and coral, to the nuanced flavours that grace the palate, each rosé offers a unique sensory experience. Delicate notes of red berries, hints of citrus, and the ethereal touch of floral undertones dance harmoniously, showcasing the craftsmanship of winemakers. Furthermore, the global stage presents a diverse array of origins, such as the refined offerings of Provence or the bold expressions from California and the New World.

As providers of exceptional experiences, the hospitality industry curates thoughtfully diverse collections, allowing guests to embark on a tailored journey. By celebrating the differences that define each rosé, hospitality professionals offer patrons an opportunity to indulge in refined sophistication, creating memorable moments that embody the enduring allure of these wines in the summertime.





#### IN THE SPOTLIGHT: BARBARA LE NOBLE

Author 'Grote Mensen Doen Alsof' | Human Design, Education & Parenting | Photographer | Educate the Heart | Editor De Andere Krant

Barbara Le Noble, a proud alumnus of La Confrérie, started her journey at Hotelschool The Hague in 1990, and graduated in February 1996. Reflecting on her time in Scheveningen: "I would describe it as a playground for personal growth, a place where I could explore and develop myself in various ways." The open and unrestricted atmosphere of La Confrérie allowed her to pursue her interests freely, whether it was taking pictures, playing music, or engaging in activities at the ClubBar.

During her time at La Confrérie, Barbara was actively involved in various roles and committees, including being a member of Sorority Oloroso, the photo committee, music committee, and serving as the Hoofdredacteur of Entrenous magazine. She also participated in Picasso, organising theater, music, dance, and cabaret evenings. Reflecting on those experiences as Hoofdmedewerker, she is grateful that times have changed and that the purpose of the introduction is no longer focussed on hazing individually, but focussed on group growth, getting to know the association and bonding with your semester.

La Confrérie made a significant impact on both Barbara's personal and professional development. Through being a member of Sorority Oloroso, she built a strong network that proved invaluable in her career. Maintaining connections with Oloroso and attending alumni events has been a source of joy and continued friendships, like her tight-knit bond with her yearclub KABAAL, who remain her closest friends to this day.

Nowadays, Barbara keeps herself occupied with various things. Recently, she fulfilled her dream of contributing to education innovation by publishing her own book called 'Grote Mensen Doen Alsof'. The positive response, with nearly 1000 books sold, makes her proud that she has inspired many through this project. After her time at Hotelschool, Barbara explored different paths, working in the catering and business events industry, as well as in photography, specialising in portraits and wedding pictures .

For those considering joining La Confrérie, Barbara advises, "The only one who knows if it's the right fit for you is yourself. If in doubt, give it a chance. You're entering a new phase, and the people you meet now can become very important in your life."

Her journey with La Confrérie has shaped her into the person she is today, and she remains grateful for the enriching experiences that have contributed to both her personal growth and professional success.



#### "THEN AND NOW"

BeaVo tournament

A long standing tradition within our association has been the infamous Beach Volleybal tournament. This event, attended by the entire alliance, has always been one where association pride and competitiveness get the better of most of us.

In the beginning this tournament was awarded a whole weekend in the city of the association that was responsible for the organisation. On Friday afternoon all alliances would travel to the set destination, and on Sunday evening they would leave packing new memories and probably some muscle- and headaches,

The first ever BeaVo was organised by La Confrérie at the beach club Whoosah. It was a huge success, mainly the opening party in Clubbar and the big party on Saturday night were the ones for the books.

However, wherever our members went, La Confrérie was known to be the loudest and proudest association of all. The yearbook of 1999 explained: "One thing is for sure: members of La Confrérie know how to get the full attention to be put on them during their entrance."

This year this tradition will be re-installed and we hope all members will join us in keeping our BeaVo reputation as pristine as it always has been.







### **A BIG THANK YOU!**

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Please send an email to secretary@laconfrerie.eu if you wish to be added to the alumni data base!