

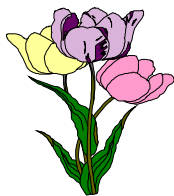
**Schenectady/Nijkerk Council**  
**Information/Membership**

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[    ] I have more questions about the  
Schenectady/Nijkerk Council. Please call me.

[    ] I would like to become a member of the  
Schenectady/Nijkerk Council. My membership dues  
(\$25.00) are enclosed.

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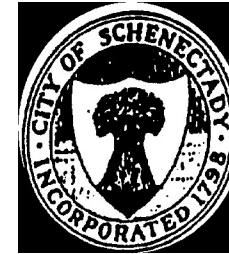
**NEW MEMBERS ALWAYS WELCOME**

**Schenectady/Nijkerk Council**  
**Executive Committee**

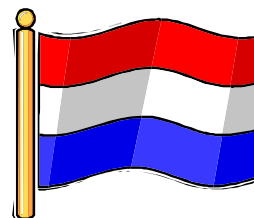
**President.....Connie Colangelo**  
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**SCHENECTADY**  
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## Arendt Van Curler Settles Schenectady

In 1662, Arendt Van Curler, native son of Nijkerk, The Netherlands, led Schenectady's fifteen original settlers to the banks of the Mohawk River at the edge of New Netherland and the American frontier. Since renowned as the founder of the city, he is memorialized on bronze plaques in both his birthplace and Schenectady's historic Stockade, and is the reason behind contemporary contacts between Nijkerk and Schenectady.

In 1984, by invitation of Schenectady, a party of 40 Nijkerkers visited the city as guests for a week following the successful transatlantic solo sailing voyage of Nijkerk Alderman, Goos Terschegget, aboard his boat *de Volharding, the Perseverance*. They stayed with host families and were shown about the city.

Two years later, 42 Schenectadians went to Nijkerk as guests, stayed with host families and were shown about Nijkerk. The exchanges have been on-going since then on a yearly basis - an adult exchange every two years and a youth exchange every year. The first youth exchange was in the summer of 1993. The first cultural exchange was in March 1992 with the visit to Nijkerk of the Jazz band of Schenectady County Community College.

## What is the Schenectady/Nijkerk Council?

The Schenectady/Nijkerk Council is an organization of individuals and families interested in maintaining an on-going relationship with the people of Nijkerk in The Netherlands. Membership is open to all. The Council is an official committee of the City of Schenectady and the members of the Council's Board are appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by the City Council. While the Schenectady/Nijkerk Council has official status within the Schenectady City government, the Council is responsible for raising the funds necessary to carry on the exchanges and other activities of the organization. Dues and donations to the Schenectady/Nijkerk Council are tax exempt.

### Activities of the Council Include:

- Promoting and coordinating educational, social and economic exchanges between the cities of Schenectady and Nijkerk, The Netherlands.
- Participating in community events such as the Schenectady Colonial Festival.
- Fundraising for these exchanges.
- General meetings of the S/N Council are held four times a year

## How to become involved in the Schenectady/Nijkerk Council

Individuals and families interested in participating in the activities of Schenectady/Nijkerk Council may attend any or all of the meetings. During the year, the members are kept apprised of Council activities through its newsletter. The day-to-day business of the Council is carried out by the Board and its committees. Members are encouraged to join the Council committees and participate in their on-going activities. Being involved can mean helping to plan the annual exchanges, helping to raise funds for these exchanges, hosting our visitors in your home or driving to scheduled events or joining a delegation to visit Nijkerk. Each member determines their own degree of involvement. More information can be obtained by contacting one of the officers or Kay Ackerman, our membership chairperson.

You can join the Schenectady/Nijkerk group by filling out the form and sending it to:

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Schenectady/Nijkerk Council  
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