

# Annual Report 2010 of the Foundation Twin cities Goes Panevėžys

## Introduction

We hereby present the Annual Report once again to give you an impression what the Foundation has done in the past year about contacts with the sister city Panevėžys behalf of the municipality of Goes. We hope you will enjoy reading and if you want to give a comment, please don't hesitate.

During four meetings (19/1, 7/4, 3/8 and 7/9), we discussed various topics related to the relationship with Goes - Panevėžys.

The composition of the board in 2010 was as follows:

Name	feature	special field of interest
Antoon Andela	chairman / treasurer	education, economy, over all.
Jan van den Hondel	deputy	education, religious affairs, culture
Wil de Koning	secretary	urban development, economy
Marian van Heugten	member	social and welfare aspects, culture
Eric Debbaut	member	health care, culture

Still we look to expand our board but we didn't found enthusiastic people. Because all members are volunteers, retired and have time for family and more nice things they don't always found time for meetings and especially the preparation of plans and decisions we take together. Also promoting of our foundation needs more attention.

There are more twin cities of Panevėžys who can contribute in cases where they do best. As our main sponsor, the Foundation for Children Suffering has expressed no longer has sufficient finances, we should look to other sources of income. With the contribution of the municipality we can do only very small projects. We hope and expect that our municipality continues to support financially and morally.

## Projects:

1. **Bikes to Panevėžys:** Beginning in July, a delegation of the cycling club "Dviraciai" from Panevėžys to spend a week exploring our beautiful Zeeland brought in by their own bicycles, but bicycles which we had collected as a foundation. At the end of the week, which was accompanied by the board, they are after a delicious meal asparagus again returned home with a trailer full of 16 offered bikes.



2. **Physiotherapy-room:** During the last visit of the President, he must conclude that this has not been completed. The construction workers were flown halfway and had more than made up piece. But at the end of the year, the room will be decorated and the children who need to make.

3. Now, many years the **exchange of students from Kaunas** take place. They work during the harvest, pruning and grading season by two fruit growers in the area of Goes. Both parties are very happy, so we continue with the mediation in this and give young people the opportunity to look around here and work and enriched by their experiences and impressions to return.

4. Several meetings are devoted to our main topic this year namely **Healthcare**. In mid-October was the day that a delegation of six persons working for a mentally and physically handicapped children's home was take a look at the provisions which Goes and environment for these children. A program of one week by our board member Eric Debbaut put together with many appointments for visits and presentations of various institutes.



Along this path we would like all who have contributed to a successful outcome of this study week, many thanks.

5. Admiration and appreciation we would like to acknowledge the many years been organizing a visit by a number of **students CIOS** to our sister city Panevėžys. Also this year there will be a delegation travelled there and have colleagues and students taught us how kinematics is taught and implemented. Because we know that much red tape associated with receiving subsidies, we are surprised every time when it succeed again.

6. Because international projects are often financed only if there exists a tender and also to other requirements, we contacted the foundation **Etten Leur - Šiauliai** wanted to perhaps something together to pick. The same applies to **Bildt - Panevėžys region**. It also depends on the municipalities if they see something in there.

**Both municipalities Goes and Panevėžys this year a mayor transformed.** Our mayor Dick van der Zaag was succeeded by **René Verhulst** while



Panevėžys much faster than expected Mr Povilas Vadopolas was succeeded by **Vitalijus Satkevičius**. Perhaps this is an occasion to meet each other in 2011?

Also, Lithuania has a **new Dutch ambassador** in the person of Mr. Joep Wijnands.



Moreover, chairman visited this time briefly Lithuania. He also went to Panevėžys and get new contacts and strengthen the old ones. Lithuanian Journal came out one time. Contacts between the Dutch and Lithuanian association, the association Baltic, the Lithuanian Embassy and the municipality Panevėžys continued.

### **Finally.**

We hope this report would reflect what we have done. Of course it only contains information on major issues, it is not complete.

At the end of this year we liked to bring out a Lithuanian journal but by the absence of an editor it's unfortunately not happened.

We hope to be more promotion for our work so we may be able to rely on more volunteers in the board.

Goes, Antoon Andela, Secretary interim.