

## Birthday Invitation

On Sunday May 31st I have my birthday and will be turning 60. Friends of ours, Tim and Paul, who live at Jacob Marisplein in Amsterdam , have spontaneously decided to throw a birthday party for me at their home. In the mood and attitude of celebrating life that Marieke and I are carried in during these days, created by our peace inside, by experiencing all the angels surrounding and looking out for us and by the support from so many friends and family around us, we really like the idea. And the pain is under control!! The VU University Clinic pain team has done a great job with that!

So we want to invite you to the celebration of my 60th birthday! And it is going to be great fun, tears flowing freely if it so happens, as well as champagne. And a lot of love, joy , contactfulness and appreciation and gratitude arising and being shared and celebrated.

As it is short notice and it is also holidays and many of you will already be having other plans, please feel no obligation to come, there will still be many other occasions and possibilities to meet face to face. But if you want to join this particular party, you are very welcome and cordially invited.

Please let us know as soon as possible if you plan to come, then we can send you the details, when where etc. We will start in the afternoon and go on not too long into the night. I love making up games and rituals and things that bring people together and create communication and togetherness at parties, so there might be some ideas or little preparations we will ask of you. But all this later, once we know you will take part. For now it is just about checking the date and if so marking it in your calendar and letting us know you are coming. You can also bring anyone you like, loved ones, significant others, friends, just let us know with how many you will be coming.

For my german and international friends living further away it could be combined with a spontaneous weekend trip to enjoy a weekend in Amsterdam in May, the weather so far has been beautiful. So we are sending this to many people, whether their attendance is realistic or not, you never know, and better to include than to exclude and allow for wild ideas and spontaneous decisions.

So let us know!

Best is to send me an e mail: [Jaeckel@xs4all.nl](mailto:Jaeckel@xs4all.nl)  
with copy to Marieke: [m.geldermalsen@xs4all.nl](mailto:m.geldermalsen@xs4all.nl)

But here are also our home address and phone number. We are staying in our Amsterdam home at the moment: Lindengracht 95 · 1015KD Amsterdam · Tel/fax:+31-20-4279033. But we are not phone people, so phone is NOT our preference. And the party will NOT be at our home,



Love from Monika and also  
big hugs from Marieke

Picture taken by Rob Merckx on May 21<sup>st</sup>