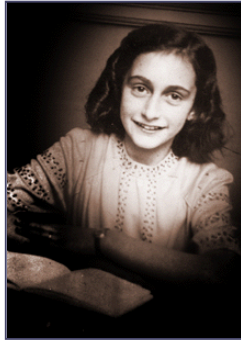


Crossroads

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Anne Frank

Annelies "Anne" Marie Frank, (12 June 1929 – early March 1945) between thirteen to fifteen years old, survived most of World War II with her family (Otto, Edith and Anne's elder sister Margot) by hiding out in a "Secret Annex" (*Achterhuis*) at her father's company premises in Amsterdam, Netherlands. Also hiding with the Franks was another family, Herman and Auguste Van Pels and their son Peter, aged sixteen, and also a dentist (Fritz Pfeffer). Due to Otto's business acumen and many connections the group was able to obtain food stamps and rations and was also able to make money in order to buy food which was brought to them daily or weekly by any of six close and trusted work colleagues.



While in hiding, Anne wrote a diary detailing her experience living in the "Secret Annex" - "Our food is miserable. Dry bread and coffee substitute for breakfast. Dinner: spinach or lettuce for a fortnight on end, and potatoes, twenty centimeters long, and tasting sweet and rotten."

Her feelings as a young girl growing into adulthood: "I know what I want, I have a goal, an opinion, I have a religion and love. Let me be myself then I am satisfied. I know that I'm a woman, a woman with inward strength and plenty of courage." The intimate relationship she developed with Peter: "Mummy thinks Peter is in love with me, I only wish he were, then we'd be quits and really be able to get to know each other." And her philosophies about life and people: "I don't want followers, but friends, admirers who fall not for a flattering smile but for what one does and for one's character. I know quite well the circle around me would be much smaller. But what does that matter, as long as one still keeps a few sincere friends?"

The last entry in her diary is Tuesday 1, August 1944. Tragically, on August 4, 1944 German Uniformed Police (Grüne Polizei) raided the "Secret Annex". Everyone in hiding was immediately sent to German and Dutch concentration camps where all died except for Anne's father. Anne's diary was later found in the "Secret Annex" by Miep Gies (one of the six people who helped them remain hidden for two years) among a pile of old books, magazines and newspapers on the floor. When Anne's father returned, Miep gave him Anne's diary and he had it published. Her now world famous diary has also been the basis for several plays and films.

Net News

NET LESSONS: Are you too busy to come to CROSSROADS?....Try our *lessons on the Internet!*

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SITE OF THE MONTH:

There are some YouTube videos about Anne Frank:
<http://www.youtube.com/user/AnneFrank>



Top Left:
Anne's father,
Otto.



Bottom Left:
Miep Gies,
who found
Anne's diary
and gave it to
Otto who then
published it.



Right: The
"Secret Annex"

Article by Matthew

Some Thoughts for the Month



Joshua Says: Well, the typhoon washed us out the first time, but we managed to have a very pleasant B-B-Q party the second time around. Although we had to postpone it for a week, still many of you turned up and I'd like to extend a big thanks to all of you who did come. You were great company and I, for one, had a great time. There are a few pictures on P3. Check them out.

Junko Says: Many people feel as if there are only two seasons in the year because of the very short autumns and springs we are experiencing recently. Because of changing weather patterns, the warm climate continues even to the end of autumn when suddenly we experience winter. The result is that many people have both summer and winter clothes in their closets at the same time.



Matthew Says: Why do young Japanese people put their garbage such as plastic bottles, drinks cartons and other rubbish in the baskets of people's bicycles? What is running through their mind as they do this? Do they think I'm going to take it home and dispose of it myself? Do they think I want it? Is this their idea of "recycling"? However, I am positive, it is the ONLY thing I can complain about in Japan!

Craig Says: Japan really is a consumer paradise. When I worked in Vietnam and Costa Rica, I rarely felt the need to spend money on more than the necessities, beer, and travel. I bought a new computer recently, and I am about to get my credit card out again, this time for a guitar. Well, as the saying goes, you can't take it with you!



Arnaud Dit: L'un de mes compositeurs préféré est sans doute Danny Elfman, qui a notamment fait les musiques des films de Tim Burton. "This is Halloween, This is Halloween..." est l'une de ses chansons. En France aussi, on fête Halloween. Les villes, les rues, les magasins, et même l'intérieur des maisons sont décorés! C'est presque devenu un autre Noël!

NOTICE BOARD

A Few shots from our B-B-Q Party this month



Pet's Corner



For those of you who couldn't make it to the B-B-Q party and missed meeting Murphy and Pepper, Matthew's two buddies, here they are.



This is Murphy, a Jack Russell Terrier. "Murphy" is an Irish name which means "Sea Warrior". He was rescued by Matthew from a Dog Shelter in Seoul, South Korea. He is three years old. Among some of his tricks he can shake paws, do high fives, jump through hoops and run along side Matthew while he is cycling!

This is Pepper, a Japanese Sheeba-ken. Matthew named her "Pepper" because of the colour of her coat! She was rescued by Matthew from a Dog Shelter in Matsuyama. She is one year old. Among some of her tricks she can...mmmmm...be very, very friendly! She can also run alongside Matthew when he is cycling! She sits and lies down but this is considered to be obedience rather than a "trick".

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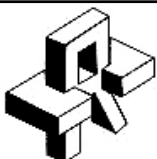
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