



'Goden Forever' New Year's Reception at



For the sixth consecutive Getronics alumni New Year's reception on Thursday January 19th, turned out to be another great happening where old friends reconnected and new friends were made!

The Goden-alumni initiators Rob Eleveld, Robert Sommeling en Edze Hiemstra thought it would be highly appropriate to call for a 'Goden Forever' theme in the invitation sent out to the 140+ attendees. Goden Forever particularly in light of the passing away of our dear friend and former Getronics senior executive Ton Kersbergen and the name change last year of Getronics The Netherlands into KPN Corporate Markets. Of course, what we did not officially know last Thursday was that KPN would be selling Getronics International – see article below – which further emphasizes the need to keep the Goden Together Forever!

<http://www.computable.nl/artikel/nieuws/ictbranche/4367801/2379258/kpn-verkoopt-buitenlandse-tak-getronics.html>

Alumni came from literally from all over the world. A special thanks to Stefan Zorn (from Germany) , Rupert Hunte and Phil Riggen (the United Kingdom),

Leo Wiegel (rush flight from Finland), and Andy Hanna (Atlanta, USA) who travelled very far to attend.

Chris de Bruijn presented in his keynote how the Goden network has actually been an enabler of new initiatives next to the excitement to reconnect with former colleagues. Chris launched FM IT SEA (short for Frontline Master IT Sales Executive Academy) which is a strategic alliance between Frontline Business School and Master Search International. FM IT SEA aims to fill a huge gap between IT companies' need to attract young, talented sales people and to match this need with the desires of talented sales people's to advance in their careers in IT sales.

Mr Steven van Schilfgaarde, Getronics CEO and end-responsible for KPN Corporate Markets, elegantly addressed the 'Goden' about recent developments at Getronics. The transformation of Getronics in The Netherlands into KPN Corporate markets and the emphasis of KPN Corporate Market's on innovation and further consolidation of the organization are major priorities going forward.

Many of the Goden made remarkable career changes which were highlighted by Edze Hiemstra during the opening speech. One of the most remarkable career changes was that of Pieter Heiligers who some 20 years ago left Getronics to join KPN to ultimately go into politics as the Deputy major of the city of Haarlem. The careers of Goden Ineke Verwijs (CIO of Evides), Carlos Lopez Nieuwdorp (Chief Security Officer at Vopak), Andre Lotte (Owner of Nivo Network Architects), Ida Goede (CEO ASR Bank), Maud Knijnenberg (Director Business Development Ernst & Young) were highlighted and a mini-reunion of former MD (Management Development Program) members Toon van Bodegom (CEO of Myler), Hans de Groot (Director at Imtech NV), Koos van der Staaten and Bob Toetenel (Director executive relations at KPN). Last and not least, Remco Meisner took everyone by surprise by playing the Saxophone all

throughout the evening and to apply for an exciting new career in music and in IT program management!

Of course the Goden's patron and former 'General' of the Getronics Mr. Ton Risseeuw was excited to speak to so many alumni and proud to learn that his 'troopers' are making incredible progress in their careers and personal lives.

Please enjoy the pictures below and do come visit us again for next year's New Years reception!



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