

## Scholten-Was and van den Houten to Wed

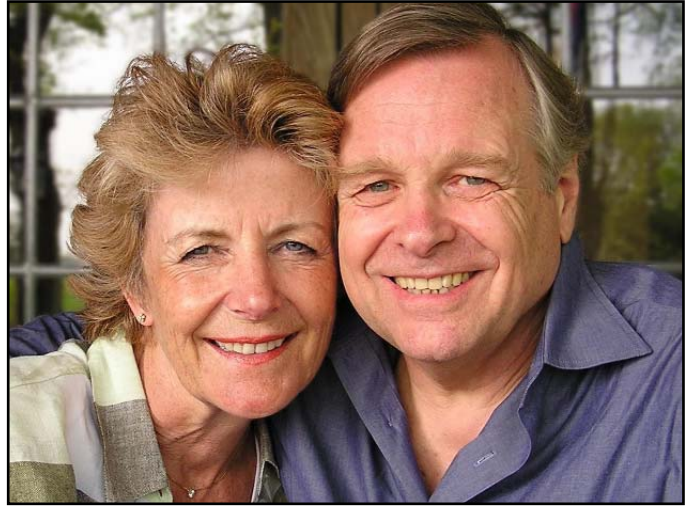
**Marian Scholten-Was**, a retired executive of her late husband's textile trading firm Tonny Scholten & Co. B.V. Handelsmaatschappij of Almelo, the Netherlands, plans to marry **Hans van den Houten**, Senior Vice President of the Career Counseling firm Lee Hecht Harrison and president of the Chase Alumni Association, on Friday, July 8, 2005 in New York City.

Marian, 64, had multiple treasury responsibilities as an executive at Tonny Scholten & Co. She is the daughter of the late Dr. Daniël Was and the late Louisa Alida Schoonman-Was. Her father was a senior executive at the Bataafsche Petroleum Maatschappij, a subsidiary of Royal Dutch Petroleum, as well as President and subsequently Honorary President of the European Patent Office. He was an Officer of the Order of Orange-Nassau.

Hans, 64, is the son of Dr. J. N. van den Houten of Wassenaar, the Netherlands and the late Magda van den Houten-Schuil. His father was General Counsel of the European Investment Bank, and the Secretary-Treasurer of the Netherland Olympic Committee.

Hans started his career with Royal Dutch Shell in Africa, and subsequently joined the Chase Manhattan Bank in New York where he was a Vice President with responsibilities for Asia in the Corporate Development Department and Institutional Banking for Francophone Africa. On a leave of absence from Chase in the early 1970s, he was Director Finance of the Museum of Modern Art. He also started the International Departments of both Moody's Investors Service and Fitch Investors Service and was Regional Manager for Latin America for Dun & Bradstreet. Hans is Co-founder and President of the Dutch Financial Club of New York, and past President and Vice Chairman of The Netherland-America Foundation. In 2003, he was honored by Her Majesty Queen Beatrix of the Netherlands for his contributions to Dutch-American relations and named a Knight of the Order of Orange-Nassau. The bridegroom has a degree in business economics from the University of Lausanne, Switzerland.

The couple have been close friends in the Netherlands since their late teens and both studied in Lausanne. They maintained close contact as friends during Marian's marriage to Tonny Scholten, a study contemporary of Hans in Lausanne. Earlier this year they engaged in an extensive e-mail correspondence, which culminated in their planned marriage. Marian and Hans plan to live in Manhattan and Almelo, the Netherlands, as well as Bend, OR.



*Marian Scholten-Was and Hans van den Houten*