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Don't forget your Valentine on February 14!

The gift counter at the Center has lots of wonderful valentine gifts for your sweetheart! Belgian chocolate, lace and many other fine items are available and make great surprises for your loved one.

Raisin Bread Bake-off

As announced in the last newsletter, the Raisin Bread Bake-off will be held on February 11 at the Center. We are hoping for lots of entries and participants this year. We will be judging homemade jams and jellies along with the raisin bread, so please plan to attend. Registration/entry forms are available at the center, and were also in the Jan. newsletter.

Hutsepot Dinner

Mark your calendars now for the Hutsepot dinner to be held on Wednesday, March 17. Celebrate St. Patrick's day with a big bowl of hutsepot and good friends at The Center For Belgian Culture!

Did You Know???

Belgium has three main physiographic regions..the coastal plains, the central plateau, and the Ardennes Highlands, which is the highest peak in Belgium (2277ft).

Fog and drizzle are common. The average temperatures range from 30 to 40 degrees in January and 54 to 73 in July. Yearly rainfall averages about 34 inches.

In Memory of

Alice Waline

A donation was made to the CBC
Susan Kramer & family.

CENTER ACTIVITIES**Ads Discontinued in Newsletter**

Because we are now recognized by the IRS as a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, we are restricted as to the amount and type of advertising we can have in each newsletter. The advertising must relate to the mission statement of the Center. Because none of our current advertisers meet this criteria, we are discontinuing all ads. We thank all who have supported us by advertising in our newsletter and encourage all members to continue patronizing our past advertisers.

We encourage everyone who would like to contribute a little extra towards newsletter expenses to become a Newsletter Patron. For a monetary donation of any amount, your name will be mentioned in a newsletter as a patron.

More Nursing Homes Visited

Each year members of CBC visit local nursing homes and bring holiday cheer to our Belgian friends. Making visits this year were: **Liz Danner** and **Euphrasia VanSteenhuyze**. Among those visited were:

St. Anthonys': **Helen Buysse, Lawrence De Porter, and Helen VandeHeede.**

Laurelwood: **Nova VandeWaele, Marie Conway, Verble Van Earwage, and Augusta DeKezel.**

Oak Glen: **Harry Hamer, Eva Vander Meersch, Ken Griffin, Betty DeVolder, and Mary Safe.**

Helen Foote and Marge Fiers also made visits to:

Extended Care, Hammond-Henry Hospital, Geneseo: **Marie Taets, Charlie Powell, Fritz Engels, Chester Beschorner, Betty Bos, Elva Ruth Young, Leota Carlson, Maud McAvoy and Martha Moens.**

Hilcrest Home: **Clifford DePauw, Joan Vanderheist, Tom VanWassenhove, Martha Doubler, Barbara Bramann, Emil Waterman, Moneta DeBlieck, Selma VanHerzeele, Octavie Subo, Mrs. Clementz, Corinne Gongoll, Anna Knoche, Laura Calsyn, Ray Beamer, Robert Curran, Viola Carlson, Wiley Brown, and B. DeMay.**

Good Samaritan Center: **Liz Durack, Frances Wirth, Mary Verstraete, Margaret Hecks, LeRoy Verbeck, Russell Buysse, Bernard and Irene Rink, Clara VanHyfte, Theresa Bickett, Anna Causemaker, Marjorie Winfordner, Chris Radue, Betty Spatz, Mary DeMink, and Winnie VanStechelman.**

Art Holevoet and Helen Foote visited the following:

Kahl Home, Davenport: **Frances VanThournout, Yvonne Timmerman, Cele & Frank Sonnevile, and Marcel VanDePutte.**

Shut-in: **Catherine DePauw**

Deaths in the Belgian Community

Paul VanDaele, 60, Pendleton, Ind., died Saturday at home. He was born in Moline. Surviving are his wife, Peggy; a daughter, Cathy Morgan, a granddaughter, and a stepdaughter, Michelle Morgan, all of Indianapolis; a stepdaughter, Micah Mallette, Anderson; a sister, Lavone Slead, Moline; four stepgrandchildren; and two nephews. He was preceded by his parents, Achiel and Mildred Engdale VanDaele, his first wife, Sharon, in 1989, and a daughter, Kristen VanDaele.

Florence Gustafson, 79, Moline, died Sunday, Jan. 3, 1999 at Stonehill Care Center, Dubuque. Florence Calbrecht was born Feb. 6, 1919 in Moline, the daughter of Florent and Cecile Van Den Bosche Calbrecht. She married Robert Gustafson in 1945. He died March 15, 1991. Survivors include her son and daughter-in-law, Jeffrey and Deb Gustafson, and granddaughters, Elisabeth and Katie Gustafson, all of Dubuque; sister Hilda O'Neill, Moline; and brother Joseph Calbrecht, Milwaukee, Wis.

Madeline Maas, 78, Sheffield, formerly of Annawan, died Monday Jan. 4, 1999 at Toulon Health Care Center. Madeline DeCraene was born Feb. 6, 1920, in Annawan. She married Joseph DeMay in 1937. He died in 1978. She married Raymond Maas in 1987. Survivors include her husband; a daughter, Carol Pettis, Peoria; a stepdaughter, Deanne DeBrock, Sheffield; sons, Ken DeMay, North Glen, Colo., Dan DeMay, East Moline, and Duane DeMay, Normal; stepsons, Jerry Maas, Wall, S.D., Donnie Maas, Sheffield, and David Maas, Austin, TX; 26 grandchildren; 31 great-grandchildren; and a great-great-grandson.

Marie Michielsens, 81, Rock Island, died Saturday, Jan. 9, 1999 in Rock Island. The former Marie DeLoose was born July 26, 1917 in Rock Island, the daughter of August and Emma Glotzbach DeLoose. She married Victor Michielsens in 1942. He died in 1990. Survivors include a daughter and son-in-law, Susan and Edwin Dennis, Hood River, Ore.; a son and daughter-in-law, Donald and Betty Micheilsens, Rock Island; four grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; sisters and brothers-in-law, Charlotte Silkmitter, Irene and Bill Bowser, all of Rock Island, Blanche and Ronald Wacker, Davenport, and Dorothy and Frank Kopetko, Lapeer, Mich.; brothers and a sister-in-law, Henry and Virginia DeLoose, and Ronald DeLoose, all of Rock Island; and many nieces and nephews.

Francis DeBlieck, 79, Moline, died Tuesday, Jan. 12, 1999 in Silvis. He was born Sept. 14, 1919, in Bishop Hill, IL, the son of Theo and Erma Anseeuw DeBlieck. He married Mary Verstraete in 1946. She died in 1998.

Lawrence 'Larry' Standaert, 77, Kewanee, died Thursday, Jan. 14, 1999, at Kewanee Care Home. He was born May 26, 1921, in Kewanee, to Prosper and Mary Dhondt Standaert. He married Marian Siemers Heberer in 1959. survivors include his wife, Marian; a son, Larry, Kewanee; a daughter Marian Landry, Austin, TX; and grandchildren, Angela and Lawrence.

News in the Belgian Community



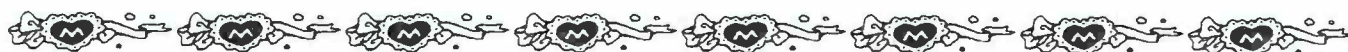
HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Congratulations to **Bertha Beert**, of East Moline, who observed her 85th birthday on Jan. 3. The former Bertha Roselie Wulffaert was born Jan. 1, 1913 in SasVanGhent, Holland.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY



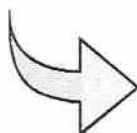
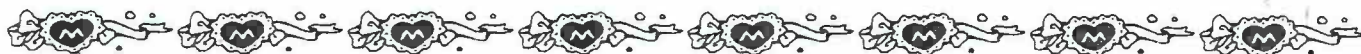
Paul & Veneta DeKeyrel, of Illinois City, were honored Jan 3, in observance of their 50th wedding anniversary. The former Veneta Asay and Mr. DeKeyrel, were married Jan. 8, 1949, in Milan.



Belgian Born Deaths

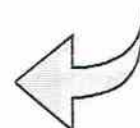
Yvonne Timmerman, 99, Davenport died Monday, January 11, 1999. Yvonne DeRuyk was born April 20, 1899 in Deinze, Belgium. Survivors include a daughter, Rose (Mrs. J. Hugh) Collins, Park Ridge, IL, three grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Adrienne Quinlan, 90, formerly of Moline, died Friday, January 15, 1999 in Davenport. Adrienne Van Esbroeck was born May 19, 1908, in Belgium, to Joseph and Marie (Bollaert) Van Esbroeck. She married John Russell Quinlan in 1927. He died in 1981. Survivors include a daughter, Marianne Timko, Napa, CA; and a granddaughter, Tori Timko, Alameda, CA.



Belgium is the world's largest producers of Azaleas!

Antwerp, Belgium's second largest city, and the world's 4th largest port, is also the "Diamond Capital of the World".



The following is a reprint from The Catholic Post

Notable Catholics of the 1900s - Father J.B. Culemans

Name: Father John Baptist Culemans

Born: Nov. 13, 1880, on a farm near Hever, Belgium

Ordained: July 12, 1904 in Louvain University, Belgium

Died: Dec. 26, 1943, in Moline Public Hospital

Notable facts: Father Culemans came to the United States following his ordination in 1904 and, just two years later, was named the founding pastor of a Moline parish for Flemish-speaking people. He guided the parish, which is dedicated to the Sacred Heart and is now one of the largest parishes in the diocese, for its first 37 years.

Known as "the flying priest", Father Culemans is also associated with aviation. Sort of a clerical Wiley Post, he began flying in 1924 and soon became chairman of the Aviation Committee of Moline Association of Commerce, and he was active in the establishment of the Moline Airport.

Among his other civic interests were the Moline City Hospital, of which was a director, and the Moline Welfare Association, which he served as president. The parish hall at Sacred Heart is named in his honor.

Getting personal: A fond admirer of the life of Abraham Lincoln, Father Culemans owned a complete library on Lincoln and was a collector of Lincoln mementos. One room in the rectory contained so many of them that it was referred to by his friends as "the Lincoln room".

He had a large garden in front of and on the west side of the original rectory. He grew many vegetables and often worked in his garden, but always with is collar on.

Was an early advocate of using corn to produce alcohol to mix with gasoline to benefit farmers and stretch oil supplies.

Two of his proudest moments were his first solo flight in 1924, and hosting Belgian Cardinal Mercier, a former instructor at Louvain, for the laying of the cornerstone of the present Sacred Heart Church in 1919. A civic holiday was declared for that occasion.

A noted writer and editor, Father Culemans helped establish Gazette von Moline, the first Flemish newspaper in the United States.

Noted for his humility, modesty, and interest in social problems, he declined the title of monsignor which had been granted to him by the pope in 1931.

Quotable: "The moment we deliberately fail to recognize and submit to a power outside of man, greater than man, the source of all that man is and aspires to be at his best, then we surrender our human dignity and personality." - Father J.B. Culemans, from an article written for the Moline Dispatch in December 1943, two weeks before his death.

Dates to Remember

The Center for Belgian Culture is open Wednesday and Saturday afternoons from 1 - 4. It is staffed by volunteers. We thank the following, who are serving in February:

Wednesday, February 3	Dorene Mummert, Hostess; Gen Vrombaut, Gift Counter
Saturday, February 6	WAFFLE BREAKFAST LACE MAKERS AT THE CENTER IN THE AFTERNOON Celie and Gene Donohue, Afternoon Host Couple and Gift Counter
Tuesday, February 9	Board Meeting - 7pm at The Center
Wednesday, February 10	Al & Joann Loete, Host Couple and Gift Counter
Thursday, February 11	Raisin Bread Bake-Off - 6:30pm at The Center
Saturday, February 13	Mary Rose DeCoster, Hostess; Marion Knock Gift Counter
Wednesday, February 17	Clara VandeVeire, Hostess; Bonnie Newman, Gift Counter
Thursday, February 18	Belgian Roots Workshop
Saturday, February 20	Evelyn & Al Van Puyvelde, Host Couple and Gift Counter
Wednesday, February 24	Bob Hendrickx & Lucy DeWaelche, Host and Hostess & Gift Counter
Saturday, February 27	Maurine Schweitzer, Hostess; Ruby DeKeyrel, Gift Counter

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