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## Hutsepot Dinner

March 1999

The Hutsepot dinner will be held on Wednesday, March 17 at 6:00pm. Celebrate St. Patrick's day with a big bowl of hutsepot and good friends at The Center For Belgian Culture! Look for the reservation form in this newsletter.

## Raisin Bread Bake-Off

The Raisin Bread Bake-off was held on February 11 and we had lots of entries and participants this year. Those bringing bread and/or jam were: **Mary Lou Andre, Helen Foote, Art Holevoet, Harold Krause, Sharon Loete, Bonnie Newman, Mary Lou Robinson, and Evelyn VanPuyvelde.** The grand prize winners were Art Holevoet for his bread and Evelyn VanPuyvelde for her jam. Thanks to all who participated!

A BIG thank you goes out to Mike Cornelis of Chicago Metallic The Bakeware Company for the donations of prizes for our Bake-off! He donated the bakeware that was given out to the winners of each category, and he sent enough that we were also able to use some as door prizes.



## Gift Shop

The gift counter at the center now has a limited supply of rolle bolles for sale. They are priced at \$85.00 each.

## Get Well Wishes

Get well wishes to **Mary Mortier** who became ill while visiting in Florida.

**CENTER ACTIVITIES**

**February Waffle Report**

The February waffle breakfast was hosted by Gene Fowler. The weather was nice for this time of year and our total receipts were \$519.00. Thank you goes out to the following workers: **Stan and Bev Francque, Gene Donohue, Glenn Collier, Lynne Collier, John Vrombaut, Dorene Mummert, and Marion Knock.**

**Volunteers!**

Mark your calendar for our volunteer recognition dinner to be held in April. Our volunteers go out of their way to help people who come in to the center. Following is a thank you letter sent to the center:

*Dear Friends,*

*I'm sure you are wondering, Georgia Who-o? I was the lady who stopped in the afternoon of October 24th and enjoyed your displays so very much. Then you were both so helpful in making a phone call for me so I could have a reservation at the Circa 21 Dinner Theater and drew a map for me so I could get there!*

*I did get to the theater with no problems, arrived early enough to park in front, enjoyed a delicious dinner and a delightful theatrical production.*

*I just wanted you to know just how much I appreciated your kindness! All my contacts in the Quad Cities were just as nice as you two.*

*Cordially,*

*Georgia VanOrnam*

**Father Damien Window Display**

Stop by and look at the window display arranged by Art Holevoet. Father Damien de Veuster was a Belgian priest (1840 - 1889) who cared for the lepers in Hawaii.

In 1965 he was nominated by the state of Hawaii for a place of honor in the Statuary Hall of the Capitol in Washington, DC. Father Damien was beatified in Brussels in 1994 by Pope John Paul II. Prayers should now be said for the third and final step to sainthood.

Also, on the bulletin board is a item from US News & World Report, Jan.11, 1999 "Saint Makers". Thank you to Best Travel of Geneseo for the posters.



**Congratulations to Peg & Gene Horton on the birth of two more Great Grandchildren!**



**News in the Belgian Community**



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

Congratulations to **Alma DeCapp**, of Silvis, who observed her 80th birthday on Feb.10. The former Alma VanHorbeck was born Feb. 10, 1919 in Belle Plaine, IA.

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY**



**Stephen and Linda DeBacker**, Preemption observed their 25th wedding anniversary on Jan. 25. The former Linda Claeys and Mr. DeBacker were married in 1974 in Matherville.

**Charles and Mary DeWitte**, Moline, observed their 50th Wedding anniversary on Feb. 7. The former Mary Verhulst and Mr. DeWitte were married Feb. 19, 1949 in Moline.



Congratulations to members **Gary & Becky Buckrop** on the latest addition to their family! **Matthew Cole Buckrop** was born Feb. 2, and was warmly welcomed by big brothers **Clayton and Jacob**.



CBC members **John and Gen Vrombaut** now have two grandsons in the navy. **John Bellville** from Holland, MI is stationed in Charleston, and **Adam Cowan** from Davenport is in boot camp in the Great Lakes.

**Liz Knock and Katy Manning** and their basketball team, The Quad City Swish (Jordan), won the Bettendorf Hoop It Up 6th-grade girls basketball tournament. They are the granddaughters of **Marion Knock**, and **Everett & Norma Manning**.

Prints of artist **Bill Hannan's** depiction of St. Mary's Catholic School, in the early days, are available of \$25 each from the organization and planning committee of St. Mary's Catholic Church. For information, call 762-6176.

**Memories of Earl Witte**

CBC member, **Earl Witte**, was recently featured in "Images of the Past", a column written by Marlene Gantt for the Moline Dispatch.

Earl reminisced about the days when he rode the W.J. Quinlan ferry every Sunday. He worked at the Middle Meat Market from 1930-1936 and lived in a small bachelor apartment. Every Sunday he traveled across the Mississippi river on the ferry to Davenport. He would have lunch in Davenport and go to the Capitol theater to see a movie.

The Quinlan was an 18-hour service ferry and the ride cost five cents at that time. It was built in 1904 by Fred Kahlke in Rock Island. It was first named the Davenport. William J. Quinlan purchased the ferry company from Capt. Marcus L. Henderson for \$25,000 on June 6, 1925. It was then renamed the W.L. Quinlan and given a general overhaul. A dance floor was built on the second deck of the ferry, and the boat became known for this huge ballroom. "I loved dancing," said Earl. "It was my recreation. I still go dancing".

## Belgians in the Seventh Street Area 58 Years Ago

The 1941 City Directory lists the following Belgian families living in the Seventh Street area of Moline. Included are street addresses, wife's names, and occupations.

### 17<sup>th</sup> Avenue from 2<sup>nd</sup> Street to 10<sup>th</sup> Street

- 102 Frank J. DeWitte (Helen), Station Mgr.  
Midway Oil
- 202 Hector Bultynck (Hilda)
- 209 Arthur Hoste (Roman), Carpenter
- 214 Jos. R. Rodts (Anna M.), Painter
- 225 Alfonse Staelens (Eliza M.), Helper
- 226 Zenas C. Decker (Emma), Factory Worker,  
IHCo.
- 311½ Edmond R. DeClerck (Leona), Mechanic
- 314 Jos. J. VanOpdorp (Alice M.), Assembler
- 316 Leo Deleviere (Emily), Grinder
- 320 Joseph Maes (Mary), Molder
- 405 Octaaf B. DeWaelche (Valeria), Blacksmith
- 414 Edward VandeVoorde
- 420 Philemon Calsyn (Bertha), Foreman,  
Deere & Mansur
- 425 Cyriel DeSmet, Factory Worker
- 428 ½ Albert Roelens (Evelyn), Grinder
- 430 August Slock (Leontine), Blacksmith
- 434 Camiel LaKose (Mary), Bartender,  
American Legion
- 439 Alfonse DeWaele (Camille), Shipping Clerk
- 513 Albert Acke (Mary), Bartender
- 514 Camille Barbion, Machinist
- 514 Phil VanLancker (Cecilia)
- 516 Edmond Sierens (Valeria), Grinder
- 527 Frank A. DeWaele (Josephine), Assembler,  
IHCo
- 535 August Welvaert (Pelcea)
- 545 Emiel Ryckaert (Ora), Welder
- 545½ Mrs. Marie Ryckaert (widow of Camiel)
- 546 Edward Welvaert (Pharilda), Grinder
- 550 Gerard Herman (Clara E.), Factory Worker
- 552 Frank DeGreve (Martha), Opr. Tri-City Ry Co.
- 556 Emil Rimmerie (Emily), Tavern
- 709 Julius VanDaele (Irma), Seventh Street Casino
- 709½ Howard Verme (Georgia), Helper  
Arsenal
- 717 Julius Carton (Caesarine), laborer
- 718 August VanEchaute (Alma), Inspector
- 720 Maruice J. DeConnick (Nellie), L & M Tavern
- 721 Peter Verhaeghe (Rachel), Molder
- 726 Mrs. Valentina Rekiere (widow of Bernard)
- 727 Theophil Taghon (Romanie), Blacksmith
- 736 Cyril J. Lema (Estelle), Laborer
- 801 Andrew L. Sevenandt (Emily), Welder IHCo

- 803 Emil A. Williams (Alma), Shipping Clerk
- 806 Cyril P. Berjohn (Marie), Welder
- 809 Mrs. Emma Verplaetse (widow of Emil)
- 813 Henry VanParys, Coppersmith
- 813½ Lester A. DuPont(Mary), Assembler,  
AM&M
- 817 Mrs. Marie T. Sevenandt (widow of Camile)

### 18<sup>th</sup> Avenue from 7<sup>th</sup> Street to 10<sup>th</sup> Street

- 119 Benjamin Willems (Mary), Factory Worker,  
IHCo
- 161 Roman E. Pynckel (Ann), Welder
- 207 Julius VanHooteghem (Leona)
- 211 Gaston VanAcker (Antoinette), Molder
- 215 Henry DeRooze (Emily), Laborer
- 215½ Merlyn Boostrom (Irene), Clerk
- 217 Charles Roman (Romanie), Coremaker
- 219 Edgar F. VanDeWalle (Clara), Foreman,  
Moline Foun.
- 301 Charles J. VanOpdorp (Marcella), Welder,  
Arsenal
- 303 Julius DeMeulenaere (Mary), Machine Operator
- 305 Edward Kochuyt (Ella), Machinist
- 305 Raymond Goossens (Anna), Machine Operator
- 307 Frank E. Goossens (Clara), Crane Operator
- 415 Mrs. Augusta M. VanderVennet (widow of Rennie)
- 416 Alphonse Heirbrandt (Madeline), Coremaker
- 417 Carl F. Daebelliehn (Emma)
- 417½ Albert DeBacker, Molder
- 421 Henry H. Hendricks (Mary L.), Foreman  
Deere & Mansur
- 422 Mrs. Alida Heirbrandt (widow of Alphonse)
- 426 Joseph VanAcker (Emma), Molder
- 431 Mrs. Sophie VanKerrebroeck (widow of August)
- 435 Julius Immesoete (Emily)
- 506 John J. Hendricks (Nellie)
- 507 William H. Hendrickx (Ellen), Bindery Worker,  
Desaulniers
- 509 Peter VanDeVelde (Romanie), Grinder
- 514 Alfonse C. Dankart (Emma)
- 516 Gustaf Vermeulen (Mary)
- 520 Albert F. Vandekerckhove (Loretta),  
Machine Opr, IHCo.
- 523 Charles H. DeBaedts (Fanny), Machine Operator.  
JD Wagon
- 531 John B. Acke (Florence), City Fireman
- 541 August VanAcker (Helen), Boilermaker

**Belgians in the 1941 City Directory, continued**

- 545½ Marvin Daebelliehn, (Martha)  
Machine Operator Moline Tool
- 550 Henry Acke (Catherine), Tavern
- 551 Hendrickx Dry Goods
- 551½ Philemon Hendrickx (Alida), Dry Goods
- 555 Louis VanAcker (Hazel), Tavern
- 710 Alfonse DeGreve Grocery
- 712 Goethals Bros. Clothing
- 712 Arthur Goethals (Rachel), Goethals Bros.
- 712½ Maurice Goethals
- 712½ Lyman Weaver (Margaret), Clerk, IHCo
- 712½ Louis J. Goethals, Personell Mgr, SRCo
- 719 Edward J. VanHootegem (Mary),  
Laborer IHCo
- 729 Maurice Rekiere (Mary), Dept. Mgr.  
Geifmans
- 731 Felix Cornellis (Florence), Supt. Peters  
Bakery
- 737 Maurice VanHulle Jewelry (Viola M.)
- 805 Emil J. Loete (Clementine), Core maker
- 807 Mrs. Mary A. Cabor (widow of Edward)
- 813 Honore VanDaele (Martha), Auto Repair
- 813½ August Vander Meersch (Jeanette T.),  
Bartender
- 823½ Cyriel Blondell (Marian E.), Plumber
- 826 Mrs. Collette Hermann (widow of John),  
Cashier Arthur J. Hause
- 831 Rene Lootens Dry Goods
- 831 Louis A. Sonnevile (Henrietta), Toolmaker,  
IHCo
- 840 Joseph J. Blancke, J. Blancke & Sons
- 841 Sonnevile Apartments
- 3 Fred Yeager
- 18 Frank A. Sonnevile (Cecelia), Dept. Mgr.,  
Block & Kuhl
- 842 J. Blancke & Sons Grocery
- 845 Sonnevile Apartments
- 7 Ralph A. Sonnevile (Minnie), Stockman,  
IHCo

**7th Street from 3rd Avenue to 29th Avenue**

- 354 Jerome Viane (Celeste), Meats
- 407½ Charles J. Blondell
- 411 Jermone Viane Meats
- 424½ Richard W. Vermeulen (Genevieve), Clerk
- 428 Florens DeBock (Mary), Trmr John Deere  
Wagon Wks
- 428½ George E. Mortier (Rachel), Adjuster

- 1515 Richard B. DeJaeger (Violet V.), Draftsman
- 1525 Benjamin DeJaeger (Amanda), Moline Police Chief
- 1611 DeRoo Funeral Home
- 1611 Eugene DeRoo (Jean), DeRoo Funeral Home
- 1621 William C. Weimer (Edna), Machinist IHCo
- 1629½ Medard Serlet (Minnie), Laborer
- 1630 Lannoo Service Station
- 1702 Louis VanHooreweghe Tavern
- 1704 Gustaf DeWitte (Elsie), Laborer
- 1710 Triphon DeVolder (Steffonie), Molder
- 1712 Moline Pigeon Club Tavern
- 1714½ Prosper J. DeClerck (Irene),  
attendant Lannoo Service Station
- 1724 Balkan's Market
- 1725 Mrs. Alida Silversmet Grocery
- 1725 Rene Silversmet (Alida), Laborer Edw. A. Freed
- 1731 Louis VanAcker Tavern
- 1801 Henry VanAcker Tavern
- 1805 Camiel Jonckheere (Mary), Laborer
- 1808 Raymond Verhetsel Barber
- 1810 Alois Roeland Tailor
- 1814 Bossuyt Hardware
- 1814½ Urban A. Serlet (Alice), Assembler
- 1817 Julius Vanderscheuren Grocery
- 1817½ Julius Vandenbussche (Marie), Janitor
- 2111 Rene DePoorter (Minnie), Factory Worker
- 2115 Medard Bonte (Irma), Laborer J. D. Wagon Works
- 2125 Maurice DeBoo (Dolores), Machine Operator
- 2221 Clarence Hendricks (Mildred E.),  
Cashier, J.D. Harvester
- 2231 Henry Martens
- 2326 Pierre VanTomme (Nora C.), Machine Operator
- 2416 Emil Bufe, Foreman Deere & Mansur
- 2823 Dennis V. Claeys (Leotina), Molder Moline  
Foundry & Machine
- N/A Joseph Huys (Martha), Carpenter
- 2902 Odell M. Lannoo (Martha), Machinist

**5th Street from 3rd Avenue to 29th Avenue**

- 313 Adolph DeFauw (Rosella), Machine Opr.
- 315 Maurice Hugaert (Juanita), Grinder
- 1721 Herbert Bufe (Ellen), Machine Opr.
- 1727 Mrs. Bertha Bufe (widow of Oscar)
- 1727½ Frank R. Bufe (Genevieve), Blue Printer
- 1827 Henry VandePutte, Watchman, John  
Deere Wagon
- 1840 Thomas Vershaw (Ida K.), Coremaker
- 1929 Julius Vanderscheuren (Mary), Grocer
- 2025 Peter Coppens (Louise), Moline Pigeon  
Club
- 2330 Seraphien C. VanLaere (Edna), Grocer

## Deaths of Members

**Irene Staes**, 81, Manor Care Health Services, Davenport, formerly of Moline, died Sunday, Jan. 31, 1999 in Davenport. She was born Dec. 20, 1917, in Moline, the daughter of Octaaf and Valerie DeFauw DeWaelche. She married Joseph G. Staes in 1942. He preceded her in death March, 1991. Survivors include daughters and sons-in-law, Patricia and Richard Brown, Mission Viejo, CA, and Susan and Charles Hyndman, Hibbing, Minn.; a son and daughter-in-law, Robert and Michele Staes, Moline; grandchildren, Alex and Noah Brown, Kevin and Jennifer Hyndman, and Brooke, Joseph, Sara, and Jordan Staes; and sisters, Lucy DeWaelche, Moline, and Madge Coppens, Clermont, Fla.

**Robert Hutten**, 86, Moline died Saturday, Jan. 30, 1999 in Silvis. He was born June 19, 1912, in Cordova, the son of Adam H. and Anna M. Rettich Hutten. He married Leona Cant in 1939. Survivors include his wife; a son, Rodney Hutten, Moline; a daughter-in-law, Karen Hutten, East Moline; grandchildren, Kevin and his wife Kim, Dayton, Ohio, Lynn Dewilfond, Marion, Iowa, and Jennifer Hutten, Monmouth; and great-grandchildren, Tyler, Brittany, Rachel, Breanna and Tori.

## Belgian Born Deaths

**Clara DeClercq**, 99, Moline died Thursday Feb.11, 1999 in Rock Island. She was born Sept.13, 1899, in Sleidinge, Belgium. Clara Van Speybroeck married Victor DeClercq in 1920. He died in 1976. Survivors include daughters and a son-in-law, Evelyn DeClercq, with whom she resided, and Alice and Donald DeWulf, Moline; grandchildren, Karen Klockau and Cheryl Westin, both of Rock Island, Ann Wiseman, Mansfield, IL, Jerry DeWulf, Muskego, WI, and James DeWulf, Coal Valley; and 7 great-grandchildren.

**Celia Sonnevile**, 93, Kahl Home for the Aged and Infirm, Davenport, formerly of Moline, died Thursday, Jan. 21, 1999 at the home. She was born April 1, 1905, in Bellem, Belgium, the daughter of Henry and Maria Verhelst Hendricks. She married Frank Sonnevile in 1927. Survivors include her husband; a daughter and son-in-law, Marjorie and Joseph Galvin, Naperville, IL; sons and daughters-in-law, Walter and Pam Sonnevile, Gaithersburg, Md., and Donald and Tina Sonnevile, Moline; eight grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; a sister Helen Verstraete, Moline; and a brother, Frank Hendricks, Moline.

**Germaine Landuyt**, 96, of Lyndon Station, WI died Wednesday, Jan. 20, 1999 at home. She was born March 23, 1902 in Mulebeke, Belgium, the daughter of August and Louise(Bouckart) Maddens. She married Joseph Landuyt in 1921. Survivors include her children; a son, John (Mary) Landuyt of Mauston, WI, and daughters, Alice (Eugene) Schyvinch of Reedsburg, WI, Elizabeth Mitchell of Lyndon Station and Rose Morris of Mauston, and a brother, Charles Madden of Belgium; she is also survived by 12 grandchildren and 21 great-grandchildren, plus many nieces and nephews.

**Deaths in the Belgian Community**

**Julius Descamps**, 86, East Moline, died Monday, Feb. 1, 1999 in Moline. He was born July 12, 1912, in East Moline, the son of Amaible and Felecie Van Steenkiste Descamps. He married Helen DeBlieck in 1932. Survivors include his wife, Helen; children and spouses, Shirley and Keith Howard, Port Byron, Steve and Diane Descamps, Coal Valley, Vicki and Dean Best, Arlington, Texas, and Nick and Cindy Descamps, East Moline; 14 grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

**Lucille 'Bud' Coppens**, 82, of Rapids City, died Monday, Feb. 1, 1999, in East Moline. The former Lucille Vermost was born March 17, 1916, in Cambridge, the daughter of Emil and Matilda Lezoen Vermost. She married Maynard Coppens in 1939. He died in 1998. Survivors include sisters, Florence Bonamie, Silvis, Gladys Porschke, Geneseo, and Elsie DeDecker, Kewanee; brothers, Edward Vermost, Cambridge, and Donald Vermost, Geneseo; and a very special friend, Pat Pannell, Rapids City.

**Donald Van De Wiele**, 67, East Moline, died Tuesday Feb. 9, 1999 in Iowa City. He was born July 17, 1931 in Moline, the son of Octaf and Monique (Van De Voorde) Van De Wiele. He married Louise Ann Darling in 1973. She died in 1989. He later married Rose Schatteman Poelvoorde in 1997. Survivors include his wife; a daughter and son-in-law, Elizabeth and Kevin Pilotte, Clayton, NC; sons and daughters-in-law, Michael and Cathy Lowe, St. Augustine, Fl, David and Elizabeth Van De Wiele, Bettendorf, and Thomas P. Van De Wiele, East Moline; 5 grandchildren and a brother and sister-in-law, Jim and Betty Van De Wiele, Peoria.



**1974 - 25 years ago:**

In a ceremony, Black Hawk college of Moline was presented a pair of collector plates in Val St. Lambert glass, etched with the likeness of Ruebens and Rembrandt. Mrs. LaVerne Kastelic, president of the Center for Belgian Culture, presented the plates to James Copas, college librarian in connection with the Bicentennial of the United States.

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**Hutsepot Supper Reservation**

\_\_\_\_\_ I/we will be there to enjoy the Hutsepot Supper, Wednesday, March 17, 1999.

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Enclosed is \$3.00 per person to cover the cost.

Return to: Hutsepot, CBC  
 712 - 18th Avenue  
 Moline, IL 61265

**Remember, space is limited so send your reservation today!**

## 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 March:

Wednesday, March 3	<b>Dorene Mummert</b> , Hostess; <b>Gen Vrombaut</b> , Gift Counter
<b>Saturday, March 6</b>	<b>WAFFLE BREAKFAST</b> <b>LACE MAKERS AT THE CENTER IN THE AFTERNOON</b> <b>Celie and Gene Donohue</b> , Afternoon Host Couple and Gift Counter
<b>Tuesday, March 9</b>	<b>Board Meeting - 7pm at The Center</b>
Wednesday, March 10	<b>Al &amp; Joann Loete</b> , Host Couple and Gift Counter
Saturday, March 13	<b>Georgann Benson</b> , Hostess; <b>Marion Knock</b> Gift Counter
Wednesday, March 17	<b>Hutsepot Dinner</b> <b>Clara VandeVeire</b> , Hostess; <b>Bonnie Newman</b> , Gift Counter
<b>Thursday, March 18</b>	<b>Belgian Roots Workshop</b>
Saturday, March 20	<b>Evelyn &amp; Al Van Puyvelde</b> , Host Couple and Gift Counter
Wednesday, March 24	<b>Bob Hendrickx &amp; Lucy DeWaelsche</b> , Host and Hostess & Gift Counter
Saturday, March 27	<b>Mary Koile</b> , Hostess; <b>Ruby DeKeyrel</b> , Gift Counter
Wednesday, March 31	<b>Liz Danner</b> , Hostess; <b>Joan DeCap</b> , Gift Counter

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