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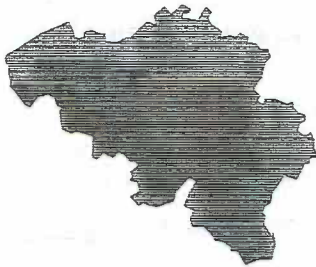
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## Hutsepot Dinner

April 1999

The Hutsepot dinner was held on Wednesday, March 17 at the Center. We had a great turnout! Thanks to all who attended and to all the helpers who made it such a success.

## Dorothy Buresh Retires

Congratulations to Dorothy Buresh upon her retirement from the Dispatch/Argus. Dorothy was a Quad-Cities journalist for more than 50 years. Her "Bits from a Battered Beat" column was a favorite with readers. She will be missed.

You can still read Dorothy's columns from the past 30 years by purchasing the book the Center for Belgian Culture published last year. Many of Dorothy's columns were reprinted. The book can be bought at the Center or at the Flemish Lion. The cost, including tax, is \$10.70. You can also order one by mail by adding \$3.00 for postage. Send orders to: Bits from a Battered Beat, Center for Belgian Culture, 712 - 18th Ave., Moline, IL 61265.



## Did You Know?

Why TRAPPIST MONKS are called that? Because La Trappe, France, is where they established their original monastery. They made wine. Then French revolutionaries chased them into Belgium and Holland. There they set up six monasteries, switched from grapes to grain, and wound up with a reputation as the world's better beer brewers.

## Get Well Wishes

Get well wishes to Val Yeager, we all hope she's feeling better soon.

**CENTER ACTIVITIES****March Waffle Report**

The March waffle breakfast was hosted by Gene Fowler. It was a snowy morning and thanks go out to Tim Ducey for being there early to shovel the walks. Our total receipts were \$343.00. Thank you goes out to the following workers: Mary Mortier, Marv & Mary Brunning, Lynne Collier, Bonnie Newman, Elizabeth Newman, Maurine Schweitzer, Maxine Lambrecht, Clara VanDeViere, and Gene Donohue. Thanks also to Al Loete and Dane Loete for cleanup help.

**CBC Volunteers are Great!!**

Not only do our members give their time and talent to the Center for Belgian Culture, they are active members of the community and volunteer for many organizations. They serve at soup kitchens, and volunteer at hospitals at the information desk and gift shop. They serve on parish councils, are lectors, choir members, communion givers and ushers at their churches. They serve as pastoral care volunteers, help with senior citizen activities, are on right to life committees, and help at libraries and historical centers. Some are scout leaders, serve as officers for women's clubs, genealogy societies and other organizations, and do many other volunteer jobs.

We are proud of all our volunteers and will feature some of them in future newsletters. This month we introduce you to two who are giving their time and talents to help others.

A volunteer extraordinaire is Joyce Haskins. Joyce is one of the Center lacemakers and is always willing to demonstrate bobbin lace making when asked. Joyce also makes quilts which she donates to charities. She recently returned from a trip to Russia with Quad-Cities ChildLife International. She took 25 of her quilts to donate to an orphanage there.

Joyce has been making quilts for charities for more than seven years and does not know how many she has made. She says she stopped counting after 100. In the spring of 1997, when floods ransacked Grand Forks, North Dakota, Joyce got busy and created dozens of quilts to send to flood victims.

Sandy Coopman is a CBC member who serves as a volunteer patient Befriender for Trinity Medical Center's Pastoral Care Department. This program is meant to provide physical, emotional and spiritual support for patients who are going through prolonged or serious illness and their families.

Sandy's cheerful face and bright smile are welcomed by patients. Sandy says what most patients need most is someone to listen to them. "I certainly learned to be a better listener." Sandy says of the training given her, "and how the processes of life review and grieving work, and how to provide the right kind of support that allows people to do their inner work."

If you know of a CBC member who volunteers his or her time and would like to see that person featured in a future newsletter, please contact Joann Loete, 762-9146.

## News in the Belgian Community



# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Congratulations to **Helen Verstraete**, of Moline, who observed her 85th birthday March 20th. The former Helen Hendrichs was born March 20, 1914, in Moline.

**Mathilda "Tillie" Pisman**, East Moline was honored Feb. 27 in observance of her 90th birthday. The former Mathilda Martin was born Nov. 27, 1909, in Women, Belgium.

**Mary DeSplinter**, was honored March 21 in observance of her 80th birthday. The former Mary VanDeKeere was born March 23, 1919, in Annawan.

# HAPPY ANNIVERSARY



**Mark and Bernice Beiermann**, Moline, observed their 25th wedding anniversary on March 13. The former Bernice DePauw Taets and Mr. Beiermann were married March 16, 1974 in Colona.

Condolences to the family of **Ron and Bev LaSalle** on the death of Ron's father, Leonard Ronald LaSalle.

### Thank you for donations

- Al VanPuyvelde - Medal from St. Paul's Church
- Evelyn VanPuyvelde - Belgian apron from grandmother Victorine Lootens
- Mary Rose DeCoster - Bowl from Julius Vanderscheuren Grocery
- Frances Bollaert - Papers and information about Antwerp



### Letter to the Editor

Dear Friends,

I received a pleasant memory through my last issue of the newsletter. In the 1941 directory of Moline was listed "514 - 17th Ave, Camille Barbion". He was my mothers brother. Through him my parents, Camiel and Eugenia (Barbion) Caboar, and myself left Maldeghem, Belgium on October 24th, 1923 and arrived at my uncles house on November 11th. Looking further, I see two Daebelliehn families. So glad to see their names in print again after all this time.

Thank you,

Elsie (Caboar) Daebelliehn



## More Belgians in the Seventh Street Area in 1941

In last months newsletter we forgot to include the Belgians living on 18<sup>th</sup> Avenue A. We are including them in this newsletter. Included are street addresses, wives names, and occupations.

### 18<sup>th</sup> Avenue A from 1<sup>st</sup> Street through 10<sup>th</sup> Street

122	Victor Bomelyn (Martha), lab., J. D. Wagon Works	519	Adolph J. DeVolder (Helen),
124	Cyril VanDierendonck (Ceciel), Mach. Opr.	520	Phil VanEarwaege
419	Paul G. LeSage (Margt M.), rte supvr. Peerless Dairy	524	Gustaf Wulgaert (Alice C.), Molder
421	Mrs. Eldie DeMaeght (wid. Felix)	525	Mary LaKose
422	Mrs. Hortense DeWitte (wid. Emiel)	527	Desire DeCasteker
425	Rene Gusse (Madeline), Factory Wkr	528	Marcel Warlop (Yvonne) Machine Opr, IHCo
429	August J. Buysse (Anna), Factory Wkr	532	Charles Verhoye (Bertha), Molder
430	Leonard R. Loete (Ida M.), Mach. Opr	533	Ivo Bauters (Prudence), Blacksmith
433 ½	Julian Van Zele (Thelma), Attd. Lannoo Service Sta.	536	Henry Goossens (Celina), Assembler
434	Julius A. Verbeke (Jennie), Laborer	537	Hector DeKezel, Factory Worker, IHCo
437	August Verplaetse (Augusta),	549	Frank J. Loete (Marie), Coremaker
441	Raymond VanDeWalle (Mary), mldr	702	Van J. Corelis (Anna), Salesman, Banquet Baking
504	Alphonse Heyninck (Mary), Cubalow Charger	813	Andrew Loussaert
505	Rene Staes (Valentine), Molder	818	Joseph Schatteman (Marie), Helper
508	Mrs. Elodie DeBoo (wid. Madard)	824	Mrs. Leona VerHetsel (wid. Edward)
512	Julius Dusslier (Christine), Benchman	827	Triphon DeVlieger (Mary)
512 ½	Hypoliet Delcourt (Leona), mach.	837	Henry A. Hendricks, Lab. City Sup. Streets
516	August L. DeClerck (Sidonie), molder	1023	Edmond L. VanVooren (Celina), Mldr
517	Elmer E. Dopler (Edna M.), Laborer, City of Moline	1025 ½	Frank I. Duytschaever (Stella), Asmbl, IHCo
517 ½	Mrs. Emma DeVolder (wid. Camiel) Serviceman	1027	Alf L. Demeurisse (Alyne), Barber
		1029	Ralph A. DePorter (Mary M.), City Editor, Daily Times Moline
			Joseph VanVooren



Beer is proof that God loves us and wants us to be happy. -Ben Franklin

Without question, the greatest invention in the history of mankind is beer. Oh, I grant you that the wheel was also a fine invention, but the wheel does not go nearly as well with pizza.

- Dave Barry

## Deaths of Members and Family Members

**Erma Long**, formerly of East Moline, died Friday, Feb. 25, 1999, at Manor House Care Center in Sigourney, IA. She was born Dec. 17, 1910, in East Moline, the daughter of Venans and Mary (Van Dycke) Van Daele. Survivors include her daughter-in-law, Ernestine Long, Delta, IA; granddaughters and their spouses, Denice and Steven Lane, East Moline, Rebecca and Gary Buckrop, Rock Island, and Mary & Lupe Prieto, Moline; and a grandson, Michael Long, Mulbery, Ind.; eight great-grandchildren; three nieces; and a nephew.

**Maurice DeBuysere**, Silvis, died Friday, March 5, 1999 in Silvis. Mr. DeBuysere was born May 5, 1914, in Moline, the son of Gustaf and Marie (DeClerq) DeBuysere. He married Marcella DeSutter in 1937. Survivors include his wife; a daughter and son-in-law, Betty Jean and Wayne Cornett, Port Townsend, Wash; sons and daughters-in-law, Richard and Kay DeBuysere, Taylor Ridge, Michael and Joyce DeBuysere, Marion, Texas, and John and Janice DeBuysere, Moline; 11 grandchildren, six great-grandchildren; a sister Alice Brandt, East Moline; and a brother and sister-in-law, Cy and Eleanore DeBuysere, Port Byron.

**Alfred 'Al' Staelens**, Tampico, died Monday, Feb. 15, 1999 at home. He was born March 3, 1917, in Yorkstown, to Andrew and Mary DeMay Staelens. He married Marjorie McCormick in 1951. Survivors include his wife; sons, Mark, Appleton, Wis., daughters, Cynthia Whitebread, Dixon, Patricia Buck, Corpus Christi, Texas, and Cean Embrey, Leander, Texas; 11 grandchildren; brothers, Raymond and Hubert; and sisters, Ann Weidel and Elizabeth Puckett.

## Deaths in the Belgian Community

**Peter John Coene**, 86, of Silvis, died Saturday, March 13, 1999 in Silvis. He was born Feb. 12, 1913, in Silvis, the son of Camiel and Natalie Verstringe Coene. Survivors include nieces and their husbands, Joanne and Anthony Columbia, Hampton, Mary and Jim Dowsett, Rapids City, and Paula and John Bosten, Hampton; a brother-in-law, Frank Lesthaeghe, East Moline; and several great-nieces and nephews.

**Raymond Onderbeke**, 77, Rock Island, died Monday, Feb. 15, 1999 in Rock Island. Raymond Aloise Onderbeke was born March 24, 1921, in Belle Plaine, Iowa, the son of Leonard and Helena Verhagge Onderbeke. He married Dorothy Hauerwas in 1941. Survivors (and spouses) include his wife, Dorothy; daughters Barbara Petersen (Frederick), Cedar Rapids, and Toni Rae Niemann (Theodore), Columbus, Ohio; grandchildren, Kevin Petersen (Adrienne), Becky Petersen, Tyne Niemann, Tad Niemann, Taylor Niemann and Tate Niemann; great-grandchildren; Ron Petersen, Jessica Petersen and Olivette Petersen; sisters, Lorraine Wiseman, Milan, Johanna Berberich (Vic), Milan; and brothers, Robert Onderbeke (Lois), Fulton, Clarence Onderbeke (Sharon), Moline.

## Deaths in the Belgian Community

**Gerard Leuntjens**, 75, Moline died Friday, March 5, 1999 at home. Gerard was born July 27, 1923, in Moline, the son of Achiel and Emerentia DeSmet Leuntjens. He married Betty Moline in 1942. She preceded him in death. He married Geraldine Burlingame in 1971. She preceded him in death. He married Ellen Collins in 1981. Survivors include his wife; daughters, Patricia Jacobs (and spouse Perry), Moline, and Barbara Benson, East Moline; sons, Michael Jeuntjens (and spouse Iris), Davenport, and Steven Leuntjens, Tucson, Ariz.; 10 grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; a stepdaughter and spouse, Teena and Nathan Roland, Mesa, Ariz; and a sister-in-law, Marjorie Leuntjens, Moline.

**Helena Vermeulen**, 83, Moline, died Sunday, Feb. 14, 1999 at the home of her sister Laura. She was born May 12, 1915, in East Moline, the daughter of Achille and Palmyra (Robaey) DeClerck. She married Clarence "Pat" Milam in 1937. He died in 1960. she later married Cyriel "Cy" Vermeulen in 1963, he died in 1990. Survivors include a sister, Laura Waem, East Moline; a brother, Gene DeClerck, Moline; and many nieces and nephews.

**Poly Paul VanBevern**, 89, a resident at Marigold Health Care Center, Galesburg, died Friday, Feb. 19, 1999, in Galesburg. He was born May 21, 1909, in Sheffield, to Evo and Mary Salens VanBevern. He married Ann Marie Driessens in 1933. She died in 1954. Survivors include daughters, Barbara Jackson, Nocatee, Fla., and Dorothy DeLaRosa, San Antonio, Texas; a daughter-in-law, Gloria VanBevern, Altona; 13 grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

**Elsie VanDerGinst**, 83, formerly of Moline, died Thursday, Feb. 25, 1999 in Silvis. Elsie Van Acker was born Nov. 7, 1915 in Moline. She married Louis VanDerGinst in 1942. He died in 1961. Survivors include daughters, Diane Lingafelter, Geneseo, and Mary Eaker, Oakbrook Terrace; a son Joseph, Bettendorf; 10 grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.



## A Volunteer Poem

It's not for the money. It's not for the fame. It's not for only personal gain.  
 It's just love of fellow man. It's just to lend a helping hand.  
 It's just to give a tithe of self. That's something you can't buy with wealth.  
 It's not for medals won with pride. It's for that feeling deep inside.  
 It's that reward down deep in your heart.  
 It's that feeling that you have been a part, of helping others far and near that  
 makes you become a volunteer. - *Author unknown*



**Honorary Consul's Comments**



THE EURO - January 1, 1999, was a historic day by many accounts. Eleven sovereign states in Europe abandoned their national currencies and transferred their monetary powers to a federal authority at the European level. This constituted a major and remarkable step in the continuous process of European integration. It heralded a new era of opportunities for Europe and Belgium, which is very proud and satisfied to be part of the 11 EU countries that now form what has been called EUROLAND.

INVESTMENTS IN BELGIUM - Kentucky Fried Chicken is to open a chain of 100 restaurants in Belgium, with the first opening by the year 2000. There are now 66 McDonald's and 104 Quick restaurants, as well as 73 Pizza Huts. Taco Bell has no restaurants to date in Belgium. (Business Memo from Belgium)

CONGRATULATIONS - to Father Gerard Verhoye, the "rolle bolle" priest from Atkinson, who is celebrating his 50th anniversary this month.

WALLONIA INFORMATION - Liege boasts Europe's 3rd largest inland port, while Flanders has three major ports - Antwerp, Ghent, and Zeebrugge. Antwerp is the world's third largest port.

Eighty per cent of all billiard balls used around the globe are manufactured in Wallonia.

Wallonia has nine university centers of learning.



**ATTENTION: CBC VOLUNTEERS AND WOULD-BE VOLUNTEERS!!**

Tuesday, April 20 is your special time at the Center. A party for all volunteers and those who would like to volunteer will be held at the Center beginning at 6:00pm. Without our volunteers the CBC could not survive. We'll have sandwiches, beer, pop, wine, coffee and dessert. Then we will take some time for discussions on what's available at the Center, what the volunteers do in their jobs, what's new at the Center, suggestions from volunteers, and questions and answers. Come join us and find out how you can help the Center! To help us plan, please complete and return the form below by April 15.

Volunteer Dinner, April 20, 1999

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes, I/We will attend the party on Tuesday, April 20.

\_\_\_\_\_ Sorry, I/we cannot attend the party, but will volunteer for \_\_\_\_\_

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

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**Dates to Remember**

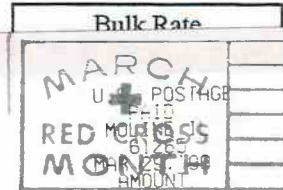
The Center for Belgian Culture is open Wednesday and Saturday afternoons from 1 - 4. It is staffed by volunteers. We thank the following, who are serving in April:

- Saturday, April 3** WAFFLE BREAKFAST, Al & Joann Loete, Host & Hostess  
Al & Evelyn VanPuyVelde, Host Couple and Gift Counter
- Wednesday, April 7 Dorene Mummert, Hostess; Gen Vrombaut, Gift Counter
- Saturday, April 10 Mary Rose DeCoster, Hostess; Marian Knock, Gift Counter
- Tuesday, April 13** Board Meeting 7pm at the Center
- Wednesday, April 14 Al & Joann Loete, Host Couple and Gift Counter
- Thursday, April 15** Belgian Roots Workshop
- Saturday, April 17 Harold & Lorraine Krause, Host Couple and Gift Counter
- Tuesday, April 20** Volunteer Dinner 6pm at the Center
- Wednesday, April 21 Bob Hendrickx & Lucy DeWaelche, Host and Hostess & Gift Counter
- Saturday, April 24 Mary Koile, Hostess, Georgann Bensen, Gift Counter
- Wednesday, April 28 Maurine Schweitzer, Hostess, Bonnie Newman, Gift Counter

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*Easter Greetings*  
TO ONE AND ALL



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