

# CENTER FOR BELGIAN CULTURE

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## Waffles on Memorial Day!

The Center for Belgian Culture will continue the tradition of serving Belgian waffles on Memorial Day. We will be serving in the morning only and hope for another big turnout. If you would like to help with the breakfast please call Gene Fowler, 788-0676. Hope to see everyone there!

## Annual Dinner Meeting

Our annual dinner meeting will be held at the Center on Tuesday June 8, 1999. All members of the Center are invited and cost will be \$7.50 per person. Festivities start at 6:00pm with dinner starting at 6:30pm. We are planning lots of fun activities including an auction, so please bring a nice item to be auctioned. It can be new or used, the purpose is to have fun! A reservation form is in the back of the newsletter. Please send your reservation early as space is limited.

## Hutsepot Dinner - Thank You

Thank you goes out to the following who helped with the Hutsepot dinner in March: Evelyn & Al VanPuyvelde, Doreen Mummert, George & Stella Hendricks, Lynne & Glenn Collier, Sharon Loete, and Al Loete.

## Donations

The Center for Belgian Culture has made a donation to the Rock Island County Historical house to help defray the cost of water damage sustained this past winter. The CBC is also a patron of the Moline Boys Choir by giving a donation again this year. Many of our CBC members are past and present members of the Moline Boys Choir.

Ellis Island will feature a Belgian exhibit in July - works by Vandenbroucke from Antwerp.

## CENTER ACTIVITIES

### April Waffle Report

The April waffle breakfast was hosted by Al & Joann Loete. It was a beautiful morning early, mild, sunshine, birds singing; then clouds and darkness. Busy for first hour and half. Our total receipts were \$400.00. Thank you goes out to the following workers: Mike & Mel Lambrecht, Maxine Lambrecht, Jim Lambrecht, Mary Mortier, Sharon Loete, Dane Loete, Dave Loete, Stephanie Loete, Ron & Bev LaSalle, and Lynne Collier. Thanks also to Glenn Collier and Michael Earel for cleanup help.

### Bake Sale



At our waffle breakfast on June 5, the Hand In Hand Rolle Bolle club will be having a bake sale. Plan to attend, eat some great waffles and take home some yummy baked goods.



### Gift Counter News

The Kleine Winkel now has some antique Flemish books for sale. Some are fiction and some are medical books. These are priced from \$3.00 to \$5.00, and are a must for students doing reports or rare book collectors. This month the gift counter is also featuring the "Being Belgian Is My Bag" tote bags at a reduced price of only \$5.95 each! This price is good for the month of May only, so don't wait to get in on this great deal.

### B. Frites in New York

The tasty golden fries that have made Belgium famous are available in New York at 1657 Broadway. B. Frites has a genuine Belgian frite-maker, a Rubbens fryer - Belgian-made and state-of-the art; and imported Vandemoortele mayonnaise. And, to assure the utmost authenticity, the shop has contracted with a farmer to grow an entire crop of Bintje potatoes, the ultimate potato for Belgian Fries. - Belgium Today

### Recipe for Frietjes-Pommes Frites

3 to 4 cups vegetable oil for frying

2 lbs Idaho or Yukon Gold potatoes, peeled, rinsed and dried

1. Pour enough oil into a deep fryer to reach at least halfway up sides of pan, but not more than 3/4 of the way up. Heat oil to 325 degrees. 2. Cut potatoes into sticks 1/2 inch wide and 2 1/2 to 3 inches long. Dry all pieces thoroughly in clean dish towel. This will keep oil from splattering. Divide potato sticks into batches of no more than 1 cup each. Do not fry more than on batch at a time. 3. When oil has reached desired temp, fry potatoes 4 to 6 minutes per batch. They should be lightly colored, but not browned. If your fryer has a basket, simply lift out to remove the fried potatoes. Otherwise, use a long-handled skimmer to lift out potatoes. Be sure to bring temp of oil back up to 325 degrees between batches. At this point, the frietjes can rest for several hours at room temperature until you are almost ready to serve them. When ready to serve, heat oil to 375 degrees. Fry potatoes in 1 cup batches until nicely browned and crisp, about 1 to 2 minutes. Drain on fresh paper towels or brown paper bags and place in warmed serving bowl lined with more paper towels. Sprinkle with salt and serve with mayonnaise as a dip. Makes 4 to 6 servings. Note: Never cover potatoes to keep them hot, because this turns them soft and limp.

**News in the Belgian Community**



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

Congratulations to **Fred Vande Rostyne**, Atkinson, who was honored on April 11 in observance of his 85th birthday. He was born on Jan. 11, 1914.

**Anna Lawrence**, Rock Island, was honored April 11 in observance of her 80th birthday. The former Anna DeCommer was born April 14, 1919, in Rock Island.

**George Lannoo** was recently honored in observance of his 80th birthday. Mr. Lannoo was born March 22, 1919.

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY**



Congratulations to **Al & Evelyn VanPuyvelde** who will observe their 50th wedding anniversary in May.

**Ray and Clara VanHooreweghe**, Moline, were honored April 11 in observance of their 60th wedding anniversary. The former Clara Vergotte and Mr. VanHooreweghe were married April 11, 1939 in Moline.



**Did You Know???**

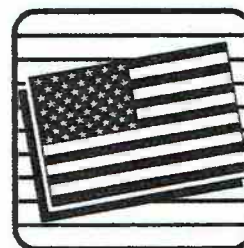
Did you know that it was a US congressman of Belgian descent, **Louis Rabaut**, who was responsible for having the words, "Under God" inserted in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag?

The first Belgian horses were brought to the United States in 1866 by Dr. A.G. Van Hoorebeke who lived in Monmouth, Illinois. Many Amish farmers today own "Belgians".

The Cocoa and Chocolate Museum was officially opened in Brussels in 1998. The Museum, in a historic house in the prestigious setting of the famous Grand'Place, is on three levels, where the story of cocoa and its economic importance for producer countries is told and the chocolate-making process is described. Belgium is the world's top-ranking chocolate exporter in per capita terms.



*Thank you to J.L. Vanthorre for 2 copies of the Belgian American Trade Review donated to the CBC.*



**Remember Our Country's Heroes on MEMORIAL DAY**



## Deaths of Members and Family Members

**Orville Fargo**, 82, Moline, died Thursday March 25, 1999. He was born July 7, 1916 in Moline, the son of George and Mae Rice Fargo. He married Madeleine Termont in 1941. Survivors include his wife; daughter and son-in-law, Judith and David Trimble, Milan; son, O.J. Fargo, Creston, Iowa; grandchildren and spouses, Erick and Robin Trimble, Andrew and Tricia Trimble, Robert and Barbara Fargo and William Fargo; and great-grandchildren, Alex and Madeleine Fargo.

**Margaret Dobbelaere**, 81, East Moline, died April 12, 1999 at her home. Margaret was born May 11, 1917 in East Moline, to Victor and Octavie (Mouton) De Smet. She married Albert Dobbelaere in 1939. He died in 1975. Survivors include a daughter and son-in-law, Diane and Richard Van Bell, East Moline; a son and daughter-in-law, William and Margy Dobbelaere, Bettendorf; four grandchildren, Marc Van Bell, Chad Van Bell, Brian Dobbelaere and Jodie Nelson; and a sister, Suzanne De Smyter, East Moline.

## Deaths in the Belgian Community

**Edna Schopp**, 89, Atkinson, died March 28, 1999 at home. Edna was born July 15, 1909 in Annawan, the daughter of William and Rosalie VerKruyse Wirth. She married Raymond Schopp in 1931. He died in 1994. Survivors include her daughter and son-in-law, Jeanne and Roger Hoberg, Omaha; sons and daughters-in-law, William and Pat Schopp, Geneseo, and Vince and Judy Schopp, Atkinson; five grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; and sisters, Lucille Mariman and Elsie Mariman, both of Geneseo, and Bert VanRie, Cambridge.

**Mary Weeks**, 92, Kewanee, died April 18, 1999 in Kewanee. She was born July 22, 1906, in Wethersfield Township to Peter and Stephanie Martens DeKazel. Survivors include a daughter, JoAnn Jenkins, Toulon; three grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren; and sisters, Emily DePauw, Rock Island, and Elsie Kirley, Kewanee.

**Ralph VanDeVelde**, 77, rural Galva, died April 18, 1999 in Galesburg. He was born July 14, 1921 to Peter and Stephanie Serie VanDeVelde. He married Darlene M. VanDeKeere in 1944. She died in 1981. He married Oglavavra in 1985. Surviving are his wife; sons, Steve, Independence, Mo., Paul, Kewanee, David, Atkinson; a daughter, Karen Schairer, Burlington; three stepsons; two stepdaughters; brothers, Roy, Galva, Marvin, Kewanee; a sister Lucille Wheeler, Sheffield; 11 grandchildren; three great-grandchildren.

**Marie Bookman**, 89, Moline, died April 4, 1999 in Moline. Marie Lievens was born May 14, 1909 in Moline, to Rene and Zulma (DeWitte) Lievens. She married Kenneth Bookman in 1931. He died in 1991. Survivors include a daughter and son-in-law Florence and Richard Nichols, Moline; sons and daughters-in-law, Don and Connie Bookman, Moline, Jim and Kathy Bookman, Springfield, Ohio, and George Bookman and friend Diane Ewoldt, Blue Grass; 8 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; 2 great-great-grandchildren; and sisters, Josephine Rettig, Moline, and Alice Layer, Milan.

**Deaths in the Belgian Community**

**H. Richard Impens**, 70, Moline, died April 3, 1999 in Rock Island. He was born Sept. 12, 1928 in Moline, the son of Richard A. and Elsie M. Vande Voorde Impens. He married Alice Runyon in 1948. Survivors include his wife; daughters and sons-in-law, Michele and Ben Stoneking, Moline, and Gayle and Garry Doyle, Coal Valley; sons and daughters-in-law, Richard A. and Anna Impens, East Moline, Ronald and Barbara Impens, Tucson, Ariz., Jeffrey Impens, Adelaide, Australia, Patrick and Karen Impens, Rock Island, and Christopher and Kelli Impens, Peoria; his parents, Richard and Elsie Impens, Moline; 15 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

**Roy De Fauw**, 62, of rural Geneseo, died April 2, 1999 on his farm in Edford Township. Mr. De Fauw was born July 21, 1936, in Cornwall Township, the son of Cyriel and Kathryn (Van De Voorde) De Fauw. He married Joyce Kane Freeman in 1963. Survivors include his wife, Joyce; daughters and sons-in-law, Teresa and Larry Hock, Geneseo, Joanne and John Wright, Orion, Jeanne and Ken Mirocha, Davenport and Janette and Michael Dwyer, Atkinson; sons and daughters-in-law, Don and Mary Freeman, Geneseo, James and Theresa De Fauw, Osco, Jeral and Dana De Fauw, Geneseo, and Joe and Bonnie De Fauw, Geneseo; 15 grandchildren; 1 great-grandchild; sisters and brothers-in-law, Ruth and Cyriel Lauwagie, Atkinson, and Roberta and Howard Van De Voorde, Annawan; and brothers and sisters-in-law, Earl and Janice De Fauw, Hillsdale, Dale and Jennifer De Fauw, Geneseo, and Howard and Nancy De Fauw, Cambridge.

**Lawrence DePoorter**, 84, Moline, died March 30, 1999 in Rock Island. He was born Oct. 24, 1914 in Atkinson, the son of Alois and Melanie DeSplinter DePoorter. He married Marie Versluis in 1947. Survivors include his wife; and a son and daughter-in-law, Walter (Valerie) DePoorter, Moline.

**Belgian Born Death**

**Selma Noe**, 94, formerly of Moline, died April 4, 1999 in East Moline. Selma Loete was born April 8, 1904 in St. Laurent, Belgium, the daughter of Leonard and Ida Leuntjens Loete. She married Oscar Noe in 1931. He died in 1975. Survivors include a son and daughter-in-law, Richard and Janice Noe, Silvis.

Annual Dinner Meeting Reservation  
 Tuesday June 8, 1999, 6:00pm

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

Please make \_\_\_\_\_ reservations @ \$7.50 per person for the annual Dinner Meeting, to be held Tuesday June 8. My check for \$\_\_\_\_\_ is enclosed.

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

## 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 May:

<b>Saturday, May 1</b>	<b>WAFFLE BREAKFAST</b> Gene and Celie Donohue, Host Couple and Gift Counter
Wednesday, May 5	Dorene Mummert, Hostess; Gen Vrombaut, Gift Counter
Saturday, May 8	Harold & Lorraine Krause, Host Couple and Gift Counter
Tuesday, May 11	Board Meeting 7pm at the Center
Wednesday, May 12	Al & Joann Loete, Host Couple and Gift Counter
Saturday, May 15	Mary Rose DeCoster, Hostess; Marian Knock, Gift Counter
Wednesday, May 19	Bev & Stan Francque, Host Couple and Gift Counter
Thursday, May 20	Belgian Roots Workshop
Saturday, May 22	Georgia & Louis Slininger, Host Couple and Gift Counter
Wednesday, May 26	Bob Hendrickx & Lucy DeWaelche, Host and Hostess & Gift Counter
Saturday, May 29	Lynne Collier, Hostess; Georgann Bensen, Gift Counter
Monday, May 31	Memorial Day WAFFLE BREAKFAST

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**HAPPY** *Mother's Day* 

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