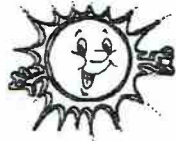


# CENTER FOR BELGIAN CULTURE



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## CBC Receives Donation of \$8500!

Over the past 25 years volunteers from the center have taken part in a cultural awareness festival each spring in Bettendorf. Volunteers have represented the Center in the day long Culture Fest with Belgian Folk dancers, sales of items from the gift shop and Belgian Waffles.

The Cultural Awareness Council, Worldwide, who sponsored the Culture Fest at Paul Norton School and more recently at the Bettendorf Family Museum, is disbanding. CBC, a not-for-profit corporation and participant in the Culture Fest over the years, has been chosen to share their assets.

On Wednesday, July 28, Diana Anderson, Director of the Cultural Awareness Council, Worldwide, presented a check to the Center for Belgian Culture. The letter that accompanied the check follows:

*Center for Belgian Culture*

*As you know, Cultural Awareness Council, Worldwide, is disbanding as a not-for-profit corporation.*

*We in CAC deeply regret the necessities for this action, but we are most happy that an Eight Thousand, Five Hundred Dollars (\$8,500) of our assets can be shared with your organization.*

*Over the years we have all enjoyed the companionship and common goals shared with members of the Belgian Cultural Center.*

*It is our hope that this token will remind you all of our high regard for what you are doing and that it will be of some assistance in pursuing your goals.*

*We're so glad to have your fruitful efforts in our world!*

*Most sincerely,  
CAC Worldwide*

*Diana Anderson, Director/Quad Cities Area*

*Nancy French, Executive Director*

*John Goltermann, Assistant Executive Director*

*Gwendolyn E. Osborn, Founder*

The Center is most appreciative of this donation and thank the people who volunteered at Culture Fest each year. They are the ones who earned it for us. Special thanks also to Evelyn VanPuyvelde and Gene Fowler for arranging the presentation.

**CENTER ACTIVITIES****July Waffle Report**

**Art Holevoet** and **Norma Manning** hosted the July waffle breakfast. It was a hot and humid day. Our total receipts were \$459.00. Thank you to the following workers: **Mary & Marv Brunning, Marge Fiers, Helen Foote, Elaine Hendrickx, Mary Mortier, Dorene Mummert, Barb & Pat VanNevel, Al VanPuyvelde, John Vrombaut, and Gene Fowler.**

**Waffles Served on Arsenal Island**

**Gene Fowler** was in charge of serving waffles on the Rock Island Arsenal June 24, for their employee family day. Our total receipts for this beautiful summer day were \$450.00!! Thanks to the following workers: **Marvin & Mary Brunning, Bob & Elaine Hendrickx, Lucy DeWalsche, and Gene Fowler.**

**Membership Renewal Invoices**

The membership renewal invoices have been sent out and lots of people have already responded with their dues for next year. If you did not receive a renewal notice, please contact **Lynne Collier** at 797-8164. If you know of someone who is not a member but would like to be, give Lynne a call and she will send them a welcome letter and membership form.

**Gift Counter News**

The Gift Counter has received a "much awaited for" shipment of pendants. Choose from: butterfly, rose, angel, cross, or lacemaker. These come as the pendant only (no chain) and are beautiful, and for sale now at the Kleine Winkel for just \$8.95 each.

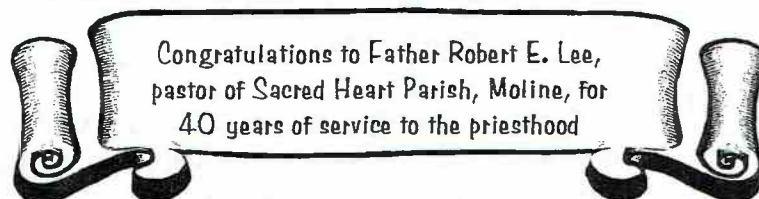
**Thank You**

A special thank you goes out to **Lucrese De Muynck**, Aalter, Belgium, for the beer poster. Thank you also to **Mary Ann Horn**, for the Note's band picture.

**Center Visitors**

A recent visitor to the Center was **Hendrik Ceulemans** of Belgium, Father J.B. Culemans, founder of Sacred Heart church, was his great-uncle, and Hendrik was anxious to find information about him while he was here. Thanks to **Gene Fowler** and **Evelyn and Al VanPuyvelde**, who showed him the Center and helped him go through our records. He was very excited at seeing our collection and files on Father Culemans.

Other out-of-state visitors included **Bud and Gloria Miller**, Lakewood, California, who were here visiting her father, Ed Castelein, and other relatives.



<b>News in the Belgian Community</b>
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# HAPPY ANNIVERSARY



**Jerry and Pennie TeBockhorst**, Moline, were honored July 11 in observance of their 35<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. The former Pennie Thorpe and Mr. TeBockhorst were married July 11, 1964 in Moline.

**Jerry and Jackie Saelens**, East Moline, observed their 40<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary June 27. The former Jackie Jackson and Mr. Saelens were married June 27, 1959, in Moline.

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY



**Edward Roman**, Atkinson, a long time member of the CBC was honored on his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday on July 3<sup>rd</sup>. A large group of family, relatives and friends gathered at the Town Hall in Atkinson. He still lives on the farm where he and his wife went to live in 1933 after their wedding. His wife Florence VandeRostyne passed away in September 1996. They were married 63 years. They had three children, Sister Marilyn Roman OSB Nauvoo. Barbara & Robert Carpwof, and Dale & Linda Roman. There are many grandchildren and great grandchildren. Mr. Roman still enjoys fairly good health. We wish him well.



## Belgian Born Deaths

**Augusta 'Gussie' Lootens**, 88, Rock Island, died Saturday, June 19, 1999 in Rock Island. Gussie was born July 21, 1910, in Adegem, Belgium, to Alphonse and Emma Marie DeGroote Ginneberge. She came to the United States in 1920. She married Raymond Lootens in 1928 in Moline. He preceded her in death in 1989. Survivors include sisters, Julia Thoensen, Davenport, and Irene Jenkins, Rock Island.

## Deaths of Members

**Jule Cornelis**, 85, Moline, died Saturday, July 24, 1999 in Rock Island. He was born June 25, 1914 in Rock Island, the son of Peter and Elizabeth DeGreve Cornelis. He married Irene Danielson in 1940. Survivors include his wife; daughters, Cele Cornelis and Julie Briesch, both of Moline; daughters and sons-in-law, MaryAnne and Ivan Haschke, Humphrey, Neb., Beth and Terry Rand, Naples, Fla., Katie and Brian Hall, New Windsor, Peggy and Michael Morrell, Dekalb, and Trish and Tim Kelly, Rose and Jim Kronfeld, and Christine and Peter McLaughlin, all of Moline; a son and daughter-in-law, John and Deborah Cornelis, Moline; a brother and sister-in-law, Walt and Ellen Cornelis, Moline; and a sister, Alice Lucas, East Peoria.

**Robert Van De Veire**, 73, Moline, died Wednesday, June 30, 1999 in Rock Island. He was born Jan. 13, 1926, in Moline, the son of Clemon and Sylvia Verlinden Van De Veire. He married Clara Hicks Cox. Survivors include his wife, Clara; a daughter, Linda Van De Veire, Seattle, Wash., a stepson, Jerry Cox, Moline; and several relatives in Belgium.

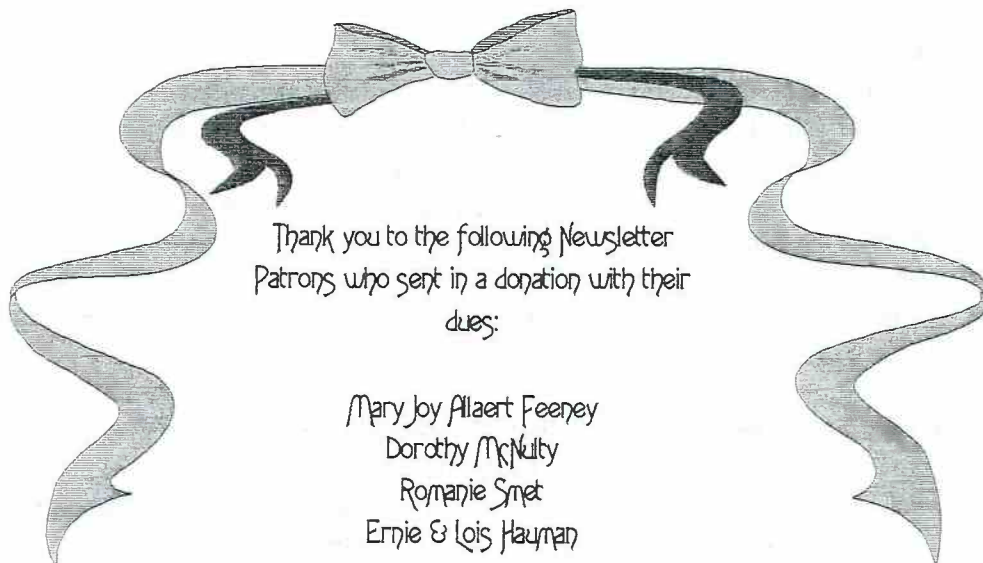
### Deaths in the Belgian Community

**Stella M. Verbeke**, 82, Taylor Ridge, died Tuesday, June 1, 1999 in Rock Island. She was born March 11, 1917, in Rock Island County, the daughter of Julius and Emily Grypp Hamerlinck. She married Albert Verbeke in 1935. He preceded her in death in 1997. Survivors include daughters and spouses, Joan and Jerry Dunlap, Yucaipa, Calif., Katy Dean, Taylor Ridge, Janice and Stephen Dixon, Taylor Ridge, and Marilyn and Bob Padilla, Cable, Ohio; son and spouse, Al and Joy Verbeke, Columbus, Ind.; numerous grandchildren and great grandchildren; a sister, Dorothy DeSchepper, Silvis; a brother William Hamerlinck, Orion; a brother-in-law, Henry Verbeke, Aledo; and several nieces and nephews.

**Cathy DeJaegher**, 42, Moline, died Sunday, July 25, 1999 in Chicago. She was born April 14, 1957, in Moline, the daughter of James and Marian (Ollie) Hubbs. She married Robert DeJaegher in 1981. Survivors include her husband and her children, Lewis and Amber; her parents, Jim and Marian Hubbs, Garland, Texas; and siblings, Paul Hubbs, Atlanta, Ga., Mark Hubbs, Dallas, Texas, Sheri Sheffler, Houston, Texas, Stephen Hubbs, Dallas, Brian Hubbs, Atlanta, and Lisa Hutcheson, Austin, Texas.

**Alvin Hoogerwerf**, 78, rural Atkinson, died Tuesday, June 15, 1999 in Rock Island. Mr. Hoogerwerf was born Oct. 9, 1920, the son of Adolph and Clara (Croegaert) Hoogerwerf in Annawan. He married Barbara Lempke in 1948. Survivors include his wife; sons and daughters-in-law, Paul and Sue Hoogerwerf, Las Vegas, Nev., Mike Hoogerwerf, Ankeny, Iowa, and Rob and Pam Hoogerwerf, Geneseo; a daughter and son-in-law, JoAnn and Carl Borkgren, Silvis; a sister and brother-in-law, Pat and Rueben DeSmith, Atkinson; nine grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

**Richard Van Tieghem**, 68, formerly of Moline, died Friday, June 25, 1999 in Port Charlotte, Fla. Survivors include his wife, Mildred; sons and daughters-in-law, Richard and Jennifer Van Tieghem, Colona, and Darin and Connie Van Tieghem, East Moline; his mother, Elsie Van Tieghem, Moline; a sister, Jeanette Flores, Moline; one stepdaughter; three stepsons; five grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.



## Bike-A-Thon

The Cancer Foundation of Limburg, Belgium, is supporting a Bike-a-thon for Breast Cancer in the U.S. from July 15 to August 15. A group of twenty enthusiastic Belgian cyclists, among them medical doctors and pharmacists, will ride the Great Continental Divide from the Canadian border to Mexico – some 2000 miles – in 19 cycling days. Participants will cover their own costs and all money raised will go to cancer research.

## Belgian Women Defer Childbearing

Belgian women seem to be following a general trend in Western Europe of deferring the birth of their first child to a significantly later age than was the norm a generation ago. The tendency is especially common among highly educated women, who on average give birth when they are 29 years old. In other European countries such as Finland, Italy, Spain, France and the Netherlands, these women wait until after their thirtieth birthday to work on their off-spring.

The average age of first motherhood for less educated Belgian women is around 23 years old. Belgium has not yet joined the ranks of countries where age deferring is brought to the extreme of remaining childless for life. Interesting to note is that the educational attainment level of the father does not seem to have any impact on his age of fatherhood. – *Belgium Today*

## Belgian Oil on Board

At an auction in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania in March, a 19<sup>th</sup> century Belgian oil on board by Eugene J. Verboeckhoven (1799-1881) sold over the telephone to a Dutch gallery on behalf of a Belgian client for \$31,000. It depicted a charming pastoral scene of a ram, ewes, lambs and chickens and was 23 ½ by 29 inches.

## Cheers, Stella is Coming

Interbrew, the world's sixth largest brewing company, with headquarters in Leuven, is launching a marketing offensive in the U.S. and Canada to promote Stella Artois as "*Europe's Favorite Belgian Lager Beer.*" After successfully introducing Stella in Hungary, Croatia, and Romania last year, it will pursue a marketing strategy focused on five American cities.

Stella Artois was introduced on the New York market in January, and this spring in Boston. Later this year, the famous Belgian lager will become available in Chicago, Atlanta and Los Angeles.

Stella Artois' history spans seven centuries. Tax records from the town of Leuven indicate that the breweries' origins date back as far as 1366. Leuven is still the hometown of Stella Artois, which is exported to over 60 countries world wide. Other Specialty beers from Interbrew that will become available include BelleVue, a traditional Lambic, Leffe Blonde, an authentic abbey ale, and Hoegaarden, a white beer. – *Belgium Today*

## Did You Know?

Ninety per cent of Belgian children attend preschool beginning at age 2 ½ although it is not compulsory. The government funds both public and private schools. Compulsory education begins at age 6 and goes through age 18. Children attend elementary school from age 6 to 11 and then go to comprehensive high schools. All high school students take basic courses, but they also specialize in technical, vocational, or college preparatory courses. – *World Book '97*

## 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 August:

- Wednesday, August 4     **Dorene Mummert**, Hostess; **Gen Vrombaut**, Gift Counter
- Saturday, August 7     **WAFFLE BREAKFAST** - **Joel & Bonnie Newman** - Host Couple  
**Celie & Gene Donohue**, Afternoon Host Couple and Gift Counter
- Tuesday, August 10     **Board Meeting 7pm at the Center**
- Wednesday, August 11     **Al & Joann Loete**, Host Couple and Gift Counter
- Saturday, August 14     **Mary Rose DeCoster**, Hostess; **Marion Knock**, Gift Counter
- Wednesday, August 18     **Clara VanDeViere**, Hostess; **Bonnie Newman**, Gift Counter
- Thursday, August 19     **No Belgian Roots Workshop this Month**
- Saturday, August 21     **Bev & Stan Francque**, Host Couple and Gift Counter
- Wednesday, August 25     **Bob Hendrickx & Lucy DeWaelche**, Host and Hostess & Gift Counter
- Saturday, August 28     **Ruby DeKeyrel**, Hostess; **Maurine Schweitzer**, Gift Counter

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