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The Christmas dinner at the Butterworth Center was, as usual, a thoroughly entertaining evening. Bonnie Newman organized and hosted this festive occasion of fellowship and feasting. Gene Donohue greeted the guests as they arrived.

The evening's social hour began at 6:00 with hors d'oeuvres and wine. Soon, fifty-five guests mingled and renewed acquaintances in the elegantly decorated rooms of the mansion. There followed at 7:00 a generous buffet of roast turkey breast and ham with an abundance of homemade side dishes brought by the guests. Everyone's appetite was satisfied by the variety. The buffet tables were filled with, salads, red cabbage, potatoes, cheeses, baked beans, pickled herring, breads and relishes. The dessert table contained an assortment of cakes, pies, and sherbets. Later, at the business meeting, a motion was entertained to cater the side dishes for an additional \$5.00 but after a moment's reflection on the preceding meal, was voted down.

The raffle prizes were distributed to the following people:

Lois DeCoster (Book), Alma Wyffles (Golf Accessories), Stan Maxfield (Golf Accessories), Alice Coryn (Belgian Calendar), Robert Merchie (U.S. Savings Bond), and Albert VandeWiele (Umbrella). Six large pointsettes and honey cakes were distributed as door prizes.

The evening was enhanced further by the lovely voice of Amanda Byer whose entertained us with renditions of "What Child is This", "Ave Maria", "Oh, Holy Night" and "Silent Night". Her performance created a perfect ambience for the true spirit of the Christmas Season. Everyone joined in singing with her during "Silent Night" and soon after that we left in a Yuletide mood.



The waffle breakfast, Bill Wundram, St. Nicholas Day and the bake sale coincided on December 4th to create a red-letter day for the *Kleine Winkel*. Bill was there to autograph his book, "A Time To Remember". We not only sold out four cases of his books, but also sold luuken irons, lace handkerchiefs, cookbooks and many other items. By one o'clock, the books were all gone though people continued to call and come in to ask for it. The gift counter grossed an all time high of \$2,028.59. Many thanks to Bill and his book!

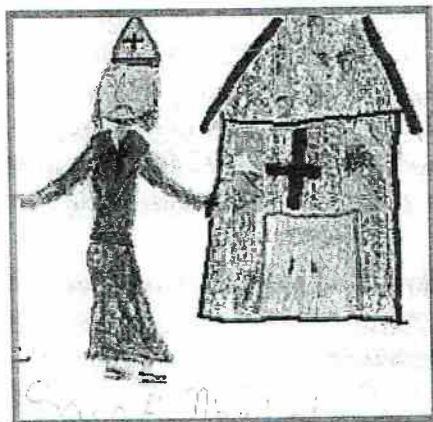
The St. Nicholas Day festivity was well attended by St. Mary's East Moline 3rd graders with eighteen entries in the St. Nicholas coloring contest. Mary Krumdieck and the hospitality helpers at the Center judged them based on style and historical accuracy. The winners were as follows:

First place honors and the Santa trophy went to **Stephanie Garner**.

Second place honors went to **Brittany Yeocum**.

Third place honors went to **Sean Dembosky**.

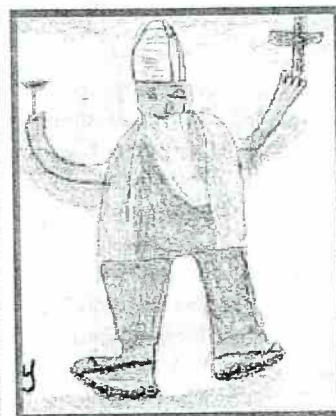
Each of the winners received a book titled "Dog of Flanders", and all the students enjoyed their free waffle breakfast. St. Nicholas (Gene Donohue) was also on hand to admire the drawings, distribute the trophies and listen to the children's Christmas lists. In addition, St. Mary's received a check in the amount of \$25.00 for participating



1st Place
Stephanie Garner



2nd Place
Brittany Yeocum



3rd Place
Sean Dembosky

Winners of the St. Nicholas coloring contest
Third grade class at St. Mary's East Moline

Our winter hours may be affected by the weather. We intend to be open every Wednesday and Saturday from 1:00 to 4:00 with the exception of New Years day. However, our volunteers may choose to stay home during inclement weather. Please call ahead if you intend to visit to be sure that someone is manning the store. Our number is (309) 762-0167, and Celie's is 792-8246.

Please Note: The next Board meeting will be January 18th at 7PM at the Center.

Art Holevoet and Norma Manning hosted a successful December waffle breakfast. It was a warm, sunny day and traffic was steady throughout the morning. We had a great turnout and our receipts were over \$635.00. A big THANK YOU goes out to the following helpers: **Merlin Boostrom, Gene Fowler, Lillian DeClerck, Gene Donohue, Marge Fiers, Bill Fisher, Helen Foote Elaine Hendrickx, Mary Mortier, Dorene Mummert, Gloria Slininger, Louie Slininger, Mary Lou Robinson and Gen Vrombaut.** Thanks to everyone who helped make this one of the more successful waffle breakfasts.

The Bake Sale hosted by Sharon Loete and Lynn Collier was larger than ever. A large variety of baked goods were donated by Center members which brought the total sales to \$179.00. Thanks to all who spent their time baking and to those who bought.

There will be no January waffle breakfast as the first Saturday is New Year's Day.

Art Holevoet was in Fulton, IL. last fall involved in setting up their Dutch windmill. Fulton was originally settled by Dutch immigrants and has recently imported a full size-working windmill, which will be used as a tourist attraction and museum. Art will be donating four paintings by Anton Pieck to be hung in their museum.

The January schedule for volunteers at the gift counter and hostess is as follows:

Date	Gift Counter	Host/Hostess
Jan 1	Closed New Year's Day	No waffle breakfast
Jan 5	Gen Vrombaught	Doreen Mummert
Jan 8	Marian Knock	Mary Koile
Jan 12	Mary Lou Andrae	Clara VanDeViere
Jan 15	Lorraine Krause	Harold Krause
Jan 19	Evelyn VanPuvelde	Al VanPuvelde
Jan 22	Celie Donohue	Gene Donohue
Jan 26	Lucy DeWaelsche	Bob Hendrickx
Jan 29	Maurine Schweitzer	Ruby DeKeyrel

Thank you all for serving at the Center

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Upcoming Events

- January 18th, 2000 Board meeting at 7PM
- April, 2000 James Sensor Seminar
- July, 2000 Flemish Festival

Other upcoming events include the Raisin Bread Bake-Off and a beer & wine tasting party.

Patrick Van Nevel will be conducting a class in Belgian conversational speaking later this spring. Further details later.

And this just in:

Bob Van De Voorde received the top Platinum Leadership Award for significant contributions to the Quad Cities chapter of SCORE.

Pat Van Nevel was sworn in Dec. 6 as treasurer of the Bettendorf School Board.

Larry Lorensen received an Outstanding Volunteer Award for the John Deere Classic.

Delores Bultinck and **Bonnie Newman** will contribute Belgian recipes for inclusion into an Illinois CookBook that reflects the ethnic and cultural background of Illinois residents.

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