

# CENTER FOR BELGIAN CULTURE



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### Kleine Winkel

Celie Donohue is happy to announce that the Kleine Winkel has had its best year ever. The gift counter grossed over \$8300.00 due in part to Bill Wundrum's book (we were sold out but now have two more cases from the latest printing), and also due to the fine and varied selection of Belgian gift items. There are choice Belgian chocolates or a variety of framed heart shaped laces that make great gifts for your special valentine on February 14<sup>th</sup>.

### Carbennade A La Flamande Dinner

The Center will be hosting a Carbennade a la Flamande dinner on March 22<sup>nd</sup>. This variation of the traditional Flemish beef stew cooked in beer is made from a recipe handed down by Evelyn VanPuyvelde:

3lbs lean beef (chuck or roast)	2 beef bullion cubes
¼ c. shortening	2 T. brown sugar
1 ½ lb. Onion, thickly sliced	1 bay leaf
salt, to taste	pinch oregano (optional)
pepper, to taste	pinch rosemary (optional)
1 can beer (light or non-alcoholic)	pinch basil (optional)
1 c. water	1 T. lemon juice
2-3 T. flour	3-5 lb. potatoes

Cut meat into 1" pieces. Heat shortening and brown meat quickly. Remove meat; add onion to pan and cook until tender but not brown. Remove onions and add flour to the pan and stir. Add beer, water and bouillon cubes and cook until smooth. Add meat, onions and remaining ingredients except lemon juice. Cover and cook over a low heat for two hours or until meat is tender. Add lemon juice and serve hot over boiled potatoes.

This spicy and sweet flavored Flemish dish will be served at 5:30 p.m. at the Center. Please remit the attached reservation form by March 15. For those who are interested in helping Evelyn prepare this dinner, please contact her at 764-8042.

**Nursing Homes Visited**

Each year during the holiday season members of the CBC visit the local nursing homes and bring a little Yuletide cheer to our Belgian friends. This year Lucy DeWaelsche, Clara Vande Viere and Liz Danner devoted their time and kindness visiting fifty-four members of our community in nine nursing homes. Among those visited were:

Park View Health Center, East Moline:

Florence **De Coster**, Dorothy **Jansen**, Bernice **Thomas**, Lil **De Bakker**, Sarah **Proudst**, Emil **De Bakker** and Augusta **Vande Waele**.

Crosstown, Silvis:

Florence **Bonamie**, Alice **DeWitte**, Gladys **Dumolin**, Clara **Kauzlorich**, Camiel **Vande Keere**, Walt **VanThorre**, Joanne **VanThorre**, Margaret **DePauw** and Mary **Stevens**.

Aspenwood, Silvis:

Martha **Smet**, Leona **Vander Eicken**, Dorothy **DeShepper**, Adeline **Hendricks**, Susan **DeSymter**, Ann **DeMeyer**, Cyriel **DeCap** and Henry **DeBates**.

Forest Hills, East Moline:

Lisa **Vande Berghe** and George **Van Hecke**.

Rosewood, Moline:

Louie **Van Vooren**, Alice **Van Damme**, Mary Ellen **McKay**, Anna **Persinger** and Rene **Loete**.

Heartland, Moline:

Dorothy **Lambert**, Mary **Carlson**, Kathryn **Dolleslager**, Mike **Vande Kerkhove**, Anna **Dobbelaere**, Mary **DeBo**, Martha **Seiter**, Valerie **Yeager** and Madeline **Sercu**.

Oak Glen, Coal Valley:

Betty **DeVolder**, Ken **Griffin**, Harry **Hamer**, Mary **Safe**, Jean **Vande Voorde**, George **DeJonghe** and Virginia **Clearhoot**.

Laurelwood, Rock Island:

Augusta **DeKezel**, Nova **Vande Walle**, Marie **Conway**, Vince **DeVriendt** and Mr. **Vande Sample**.

St. Anthony's Continuing Care, Rock Island:

Helen **Boysee** and Helen **Vande Heede**.

Marjorie Fiers and Helen Foote visited with forty-two people in three nursing homes in the Geneseo/Atkinson area, namely:

Good Samaritan, Geneseo:

Frances **Wirth**, Russell **Buysse**, Mary **Verstraete**, Bernard and Irene **Rink**, Elmer **Mapes**, Clara **VanHyfte**, Ann **Causemaker**, Mary **DeMink**, Elizabeth **Doubler**, Anna **DeClercq**, Frances **Lievens**, Margaret **Hecks** and Betty **Spotz**.

Hillcrest, Rural Geneseo:

Tom **VanWassenhove**, Art **VanVooren**, Elfrieda **VanOverberg**, Julie **Hartman**, Barbara **Bramann**, Elsie **DeDecker**, Moneta **DeBlieck**, Octavie **Subo**, Ray **Beamer**, Laura **Calsyn**, Martha **Doubler**, Anna **Knoche**, Robert **Curran**, Clifford **DePauw**, Florence **Fritsch**, Joan **VanderHeist**, Marcia **Baltushaitis** and Wylie **Brown**.

**Nursing Homes (cont.)**

Extended Care, Hammond-Henry Hospital, Geneseo:

Albert **VanVooren**, Charles **Powell**, Marie **Taets**, Lillian **DeSplinter**, Martha **Moens**, Ella **Hippler**, Mary **Hulslander**, LeRoy **Doubler**, Lila **DeBlieck**, Maude **McAvoy** and Dorothy **VanVooren**.

**The waffle breakfast is scheduled for Saturday morning, February 5<sup>th</sup> from 8-12.** Since Gene Fowler has managed to acquire two special irons, heart-shaped waffles will be served in honor of St. Valentine's day. So, bring in your valentine for a special treat.

Lucy DeWaelsche and Bob Hendrickx get much of the credit for making our breakfasts' run smoothly. During the day before, Lucy and Bob spend several hours frying sausage, preparing waffle mix, setting up the serving tables and other necessary preparations in order that the next day's event operates without a hitch. Thank you both for your efforts.

The lace makers will be at the Center after the waffle breakfast. They are scheduled to demonstrate their tatting skills from 1:00 to 4:00. (How do they do that?)

**The February schedule for gift counter and hostess volunteers is as follows:**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Gift Counter</b>	<b>Host/Hostess</b>
Wednesday, Feb 2	Gen Vrombaut	Dorene Mummert
Saturday, Feb 5	Celie Donohue	Gene Donohue

**Waffle Breakfast Hosts needed. Please contact Gene Fowler at 788-0676 if interested in volunteering.**

Wednesday, Feb 9	Mary Lou Andrae	Clara Van De Viere
Saturday, Feb 12	Marian Knock	Mary Rose De Coster
Wednesday, Feb 16	Maurine Schweitzer	Ruby DeKeyrel
Saturday, Feb 19	Lorraine Krause	Harold Krause
Wednesday, Feb 23	Lucy DeWaelsche	Bob Hendrickx
Saturday, Feb 26	Evelyn VanPuvelde	Al VanPuvelde

Thank you all for serving at the Center

**Gen Vrombaut has created a volunteer sign-in book that's located by the telephone.** If you volunteer, please register so that we can you give appropriate recognition.

**Our display windows have been redecorated to reflect the seasonal changes.** Celie and Gene Donohue have again worked their special talents for making our front window into an eye-catching display that will cause pedestrians to pause and gaze.

### Upcoming Events

**The lacemakers will be at the Center on March 4<sup>th</sup> from 1-4 p.m. Desert waffles** with ice cream will be served from 1-3 o'clock, The price of \$2.50 also includes coffee or juice. Come and appreciate the intricacies of tatting and the flavor of a Belgian waffle.

**Pat Van Nevel will be holding a Flemish language class at the Black Hawk Outreach Center on 23<sup>rd</sup> Ave. in Moline.** It is scheduled run each Tuesday evening from 6:30 to 8:30 from March 21<sup>st</sup> through May 9<sup>th</sup> in room 408. The name of the class is "Flemish For The Traveler" and is a conversational Flemish class. Registration will begin on March 1<sup>st</sup> and the cost is \$35.00. This is the perfect class for anyone planning a trip to Belgium or who just wants to understand conversational Belgian.

**The James Ensor seminar will be held in April. William Hannan, Professor of Art** from Black Hawk College, will present this seminar.

James Ensor (1860-1949) was a Flemish painter who is considered one of the forerunners of 20<sup>th</sup> century art along with Gauguin, Cézanne, and Van Gogh. This year a number of exhibitions are being staged in his honor in his hometown of Oostende and in Brussels. We are fortunate to have Mr. Hannan illustrate Ensor's impact and contribution to the modern world of art.

More details concerning the date and cost will be made available in the next newsletter.

**We welcomed five new members to the Center in the last month.**

Alice Laethem, Mike Kerckhove, Mary Fecht, Chris Van Lauwe and Kay Dellos.

If you know of someone who would like to be a member, have him or her call Lynne Collier at 797-8164 and she will send them a welcome letter and membership form.

**The Al DePauw Memorial team rolle bolle tournament will be held on Saturday, February 5** at the indoor courts at the Geneseo Moose Lodge 990, 1025 S. State St. The double elimination tournament will begin at 10 a.m. Entries must be received by 8 p.m. February 4<sup>th</sup>. Three person teams will compete in men's and women's divisions. The entry fee is \$15 per team. A lunch stand will be open. Contact the Moose Lodge at (309) 944-2025 for registration information.

**Roy DePauw is following in his father Al's shoes by manufacturing the DePauw Rolle Bolle again.** He's working in his father's garage with the same equipment Al used to make his classic bolles Good for you Roy! All the details are in the Sunday (1/23) Argus/Dispatch.

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



**Deaths in the Belgian Community**

**George H. Hendricks**, 94, Moline, April 27, 1905-Jan 7, 2000  
 Husband of Stella Chabi Hendricks  
 Father of Judith Glancy and Richard Hendricks

**Laura M. Van Parys**, 91, Moline, Nov 18, 1908-Dec 6, 1999  
 Widow of Raymond H. Van Parys  
 Mother of Rosemarie Van Acker and Robert Van Parys

**Frank D. Bruyntjens**, 70, Moline, April 5, 1929-dec 12, 1999  
 Widower of Elizabeth Frest Bruyntjens

**William C. Ledbetter**, 65, Moline, May 10, 1934-Dec 13, 1999  
 Husband of Ruth A. Hendricks Ledbetter  
 Father of Sheryl Thieme, Richard and Paul Ledbetter

**Octavie M. Subo**, 92, Geneseo, Aug 15, 1907-Dec 24, 1999  
 Widow of Phillip Subo  
 Mother of Mary Lou Stojek, Robert, Donald, Marvin and Irene

**Memorial Fund**

A memorial fund has been created at the Center for those who are interested in donating toward the purchase of equipment or fixtures. Lately, the Center has been receiving monetary donations to be used at our discretion. It was therefore decided to set up a separate fund in order to properly account for the income. Patrons can specify how the money is to be spent. They will receive a signed receipt and the donor's name will be engraved on a memorial plaque. The memorial can be used for any item the donor desires including office equipment, waffle equipment, scholarship fund, newsletter, etc. Anyone interested in becoming a donor may contact any of the Board members for details.

If you plan to attend the Carboneade a la Flamande Dinner, please fill out the form below and mail by March 15 to:

The Center for Belgian Culture  
 712 - 18<sup>th</sup> Ave, Moline, IL. 61265

**Please remember that space is limited, so send your reservations today!**

**Carboneade A La Flamande Dinner Reservation**

Dinner includes side dishes and liquid refreshments

Yes, we'll be there for the dinner on March 22 at 5:30. Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ seats for

(Names) \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed is \$5.00 per adult, \$2.50 per child under age 12, (free for tots under age 5).

**Donations**

In the last month, we received several donations.

**Mary Rose DeCoster** sent us a series of Belgian post cards circa 1918 depicting some major buildings in Zoute.

**Frank Van Acker** donated 37 prayer cards that belonged to his mother-in-law, Laura Van Parys.

**Several people** sent us magazines with pictures and information of the Belgian royal wedding between Prince Filip and Princess Mathilde.

**Therese Oviyach** from Oak Forest, IL.

**Mrs. VanderHeyden** from Antwerp

**Jeanne Camertyn**

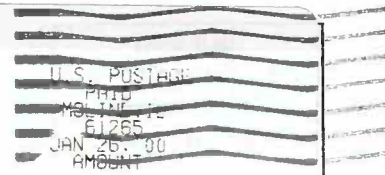
**Carine Serck** from Waardamme

**Kathryn Foulker** of Rock Island donated several crochet books and sewing supplies.

**Anonymous** sent in \$20.00 to be used for the newsletter. (Anonymous donates a lot.)

The center welcomes items such as the above. They help to fill out our reference library, genealogy records and historical documents. If you have any items of Belgian interest that you wish to donate, please contact us.

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