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Just a reminder: We do have more copies of Bill Wundrum's book from the latest printing, in case you missed out the first time around. We've also added some interesting items you should check out. They are: 8 beautiful ink sketches of Brugge @ \$19.95 per set; Poppy napkins – large @ \$4.50, small @ \$3.50 per pkg.; Poppy note cards in 2 styles @ \$1.95 each and some lace shamrocks from Belgium, framed (\$11.95) or as pins (\$5.95) that should bring a broad Irish smile to just about anyone's face. Framed Anniversary lace for 10th Anniversaries have been add to those we already have for 25, 40, 50 & 75 years for \$19.95.



Our winter hours may be affected by the 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 plan to visit to be sure someone is manning the store. Our number is (309) 762-0167, and Celie's number is (309) 792-8246.

Gen Vrombaut has created a volunteer sign-in book that is located by the telephone. If you volunteer, please register so that we can give you appropriate recognition. Sign your name, date, & hours worked.

Fantastic! **CBC members that were** recognized for their great service to Sacred Heart Church Pastoral Care Volunteers are: *Georgann Benson, Mary Krumdieck, Maurine Schweitzer, Shirley VenDeMaele, Marguerite VanVooren, and Grace Verpaile.*

ALBERT LOETE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

The Center for Belgian Culture will be awarding two \$300 scholarships from the Albert Loete Memorial Scholarship fund this spring. This scholarship is a one-year, non-renewable award and is being offered to children or grandchildren or current center members who will be attending an accredited college, university, technical school, or a local parochial high school in the fall of 2000. Those wishing to apply for this scholarship need to submit an essay titled "My Belgian Heritage". It can include family history, traditions, customs, or other ways you and your family celebrate your Belgian Heritage. Pictures, photos, or any other visual aids can be included and will be returned to you upon request. Please submit a cover page with your **name, address, phone number, birth date, social security number, the school you will be attending, and your affiliation with the Center for Belgian Culture** (Who your parents or grandparents are that are center members). Essays must be received by May 15th and the scholarships will be presented at the annual June dinner-meeting. Winners will also receive a complimentary one-year membership to the CBC. If you have any questions or need further information, please contact **Lynne Collier** at **(309) 797-8164** or **Collier@qconline.com**

Drop off or mail your essays to:

The Center for Belgian Culture
712 – 18th Avenue
Moline, IL 61265

The CBC Scholarship Committee will judge all entries. They will be judged on content, neatness and originality. Good luck to all entrants.

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

Date	Gift Counter	Host/Hostess
Wednesday, March 1	Gen Vrombaut	Dorene Mummert
Saturday, March 4	Celie Donohue	Gene Donohue

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

Wednesday, March 8	Mary Lou Andrae	Clara Van De Viere
Saturday, March 11	Marian Knock	Georgann Benson
Wednesday, March 15	Maurine Schweitzer	Ruby DeKeyrel
Saturday, March 18	Lorraine Krause	Harold Krause
Wednesday, March 22	Lucy DeWaelsche	Bob Hendrickx
Saturday, March 25	Bev Francque	Stan Francque
Wednesday, March 29	Evelyn Van Puyvelde	Al Van Puyvelde

Thank you all for serving at the Center

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 received 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.

Upcoming Events

Waffle breakfast is scheduled for Saturday morning, March 4th from 8-12.

The lacemakers will be at the Center on March 4th 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 23rd Ave. in Moline. It is scheduled run each Tuesday evening from 6:30 to 8:30 from March 21st through May 9th in room 408. The name of the class is "Flemish For The Traveler" and is a conversational Flemish class. Registration will begin on March 1st 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.

Out sympathies go out to Yvonne Warlop who is recovering from injuries which occurred in an auto accident. Yvonne is a close friend of Joanne Loete who would appreciate your keeping her in your prayers. Get well Yvonne.

VOLUNTEER DINNER: A free volunteer dinner will be held at the Center for Belgian Culture at 712 – 18th Ave., Moline April 13th. The **James Ensor Seminar** will follow it. William Hannan, Professor of Art from Black Hawk College, will present this seminar from 7 – 8:30. James Ensor (1860-1949) was a Flemish painter who is considered one of the forerunners of 20th 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. The cost of the seminar is \$5.00 per person, children under twelve are free.

We welcome new members Alan & Joanne Hoyt of Moline.

This brings our membership up to 310. 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.

Deaths in the Belgian Community



Albert J. Pysson, 78, Coal Valley, 1921-Dec. 1, 1999

Husband of Mary Schillinger Pysson.

Father of Martha Thompson, Geneseo and Sherrie Larson, Lynn Center; Daniel Pysson, Andover.

Brother of Blanche DeWitte, Coal Valley

PLEASE NOTIFY US WHENEVER A MEMBER OR RELATIVE GETS MARRIED, GIVES BIRTH, BECOMES ILL, OR DIES, SO WE CAN PUBLISH IT IN THE NEWSLETTER.

Donations

Blanche DeWitte, Donna Teel and Mary Lou Pysson made memorial donations in memory of Albert Pysson.

Eugene & Margaret Horton also made a Memorial donation.

Other donations made by Evelyn & Al Van Puyvelde are:

1. Plaque from Moline's 1972 Centennial Celebration with ethnic exhibits
2. Coin – Bettendorf International Folk Festival VI 1972

A photo of the 1932 Belgian American Brotherhood softball team was dropped off at the center. We don't know the donor or the players. If you can identify either, please call.

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



Q-C teacher recalls a Super pupil

Super Bowl Sunday, Therese Lootens of Rock Island had a special interest in that game. She taught the quarterback of the St. Louis Rams, Kurt Warner, when she was teaching in Cedar Rapids and Kurt was in seventh grade. He sent her a note, when she and her husband were moving back to Illinois and she would like to think she has his first autograph.

CBC members or relatives honored by Peoria Diocese are:

Name	School	Years of Service
Janet DeMeulenaere	St. Anne's East Moline	25+
Sylvia Standaert	St. Anne's East Moline	25+
Kathy (DeRoo) Peterson	Seton Moline	20-25
Ann (DeCoster) Holst	St. Mary's East Moline	15-19
Mary Cornelis	Seton Moline	15-19
Jan (DeRoo) Hufford	Seton Moline	15-19
Therese Lootens	Jordan Rock Island	15-19

Carbonade A La Flamande Dinner

The center will be hosting a Carbonade a la Flammande dinner on March 22nd. The recipe that will be used was given to us by Evelyn Van Puyvelde. This spicy and sweet flavored Flemish dish will be served at 5:30 p.m. at the Center.

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

The Center for Belgian Culture
712 – 18th Ave, Moline, IL. 61265

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

Carbonnade A La Flamande Dinner Reservation

Dinner includes side dishes and liquid refreshments

Yes, we will 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).



Waffle Breakfast Report: Feb. 5th – Host Gene Fowler

The day was mild for February, however snow, and slush piled up at the curb. The patrons were steady and that makes for a good day. Hearts shaped waffles were served, thanks to the use of Al Van Puyvelde's waffle iron. It was a nice touch for February, although the sales of the hearts were minimal. Workers included: Maurine Switzer, John Vrombaut, Marvin Brunning, Gene Donohue, Dorene Mummert, Gene Fowler, Mary Mortier, Art & Paul Holevoet, Helen Foote, and Cele Swenson.

Help Wanted: We are looking for someone to take over the newsletter. Please notify any board member if you're interested.

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