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Need a little something extra for those chilly spring evenings? The Kleine Winkel just received a new supply of embroidered sweatshirts in sizes large and extra-large that would just fit the bill @ \$36.95 a piece. Other sizes are also available. Maybe you are itching to do some barbecuing. Wouldn't you impress the neighbors with one of our classy big pocket aprons with the lion logo and *Belgium* printed on it? They are priced at \$9.95.



Volunteer Dinner

Don't forget the *free* volunteer appreciation dinner to be held at the Center for Belgian Culture. Thursday, April 13th. There will be a social hour from 5:30-6:00 p.m., dinner at 6:00, followed by the **James Ensor Seminar** from 7:00 to 8:30. William Hannan, Professor of Art from Black Hawk College will present the seminar. James Ensor was a Flemish painter who is considered one of the forerunners of 20th century art along with Gauguin, Cézanne, and Van Gogh. 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 and *volunteers* are free. **Please call Celie Donohue @ 792-8246** if you plan to attend the dinner, as she needs to know how much food to order.

Luc Fabry of the Flanders Foreign Investment Office will be speaking at the Moline Rotary, April 17. His presentation will be "Investment Opportunities in Flanders, Belgium".

ALBERT LOETE MEMBERIAL 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 of 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 are your parents or grandparents 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**

Submit your essay 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 April schedule for gift counter and host/hostess volunteers is as follows:

Date	Gift Counter	Host/Hostess
Saturday, April 1	Evelyn Van Puyvelde	Al Van Puyvelde
Wednesday, April 5	Gen Vrombaut	Dorene Mummert
Saturday, April 8	Marian Knock	Mary Rose DeCoster
Wednesday, April 12	Mary Lou Andrae	Clara Van De Viere
Saturday, April 15	Lois DeCoster	Georgann Benson
Wednesday, April 19	Maurine Schweitzer	Ruby DeKeyrel
Saturday, April 22	Celie Donohue	Gene Donohue
Wednesday, April 26	Lucy DeWaelsche	Bob Hendricks
Saturday, April 29	Bev Francque	Stan Francque

Our membership is up to 310. If you know someone who would like to be a member, have that person call Lynne Collier at 797-8164 and she will send him or her a welcome letter and membership form.

Gen Vrombaut has created a volunteer sign in book that is located by the phone. When you volunteer, please register your name, date, and time in order that you receive appropriate recognition.

The March Waffle Breakfast was held March 4. The weather was nice for March and our attendance was good. Gene Fowler and Lucy DeWaelsche set up and mixed four batches of batter the previous day. Workers for the breakfast were: Gene Fowler, Gene Donohue, Mary Mortier, Stan & Beverly Francque, Bob & Betty VanDeVoorde, Marian Knock, Mary Koile, Al & Evelyn Van Puyvelde. Bonnie Newman held a desert waffle sale in the afternoon, which was well received. Mary Lou Andrae assisted Bonnie.

The next Waffle breakfast is scheduled for Saturday morning, April 1st from 8-12.

Waffle Breakfast Hosts/Hostesses are needed. Contact Gene Fowler at 788-0676 if interested in volunteering.

The lacemakers will be at the Center on the afternoon of April 1st and May 6th. Sorry about the word *tatting* being used in the last two newsletters, when we referred to the results of the art of the lacemaking. We have many gifted lacemakers: Chickie, Renee, Betty, Marlene, Joyce, Cathy, Clair, Jackie, Sister, Kathy and we also have a gifted *tatter*, Rosie. Come and see them demonstrate their talents April 1st and May 6th.

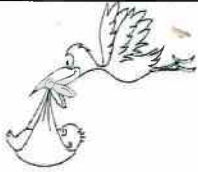
Note: *The next board meeting will be Wednesday, April 12 at 7 p.m. This is not a mistake. The April and May meetings will be on the second Wednesdays due to the Flemish language classes being held on Tuesdays.*

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. The cost of the class is \$35. There are still a few openings for this class even though it is in progress. This is the perfect class for anyone planning a trip to Belgium or who just wants to understand conversational Belgian.

PLEASE NOTIFY US WHENEVER A MEMBER OR RELATIVE GETS MARRIED, GIVES BIRTH, BECOMES ILL, OR DIES, SO WE CAN PUBLISH IT IN THE NEWSLETTER. Call or e-mail Lois DeCoster @ 799-3433 or ladecoster@juno.com or leave the information in the Newsletter drawer at the Center.



We wish to thank the following people for their donations:
 Marge & Jim DeDecker donated a complete costume for St. Nicholas;
 Evelyn VanPuyvelde gave us the beautiful large picture of the royal wedding;
 Frances Bollaert brought in several lace magazines;
 AliceSchyvinch donated \$10 for a memorial and last, but definitely not least, Jim DeSchinckel donated a *computer*, from the Society for Creative Anachronism. All of these items are truly appreciated.



Congratulations to David & Darcy Loete on the birth of their first Grandchild, Alexandria Diehl, born 2/29/00

Get well wishes and prayers go out to: Grace Verpaele, Ruby DeKeryel & Father Lee as well as anyone else who may be ill or recovering.



Our condolences to the Alice Schyvinch family from Reedsburg, Wi. at the death of her husband, Eugene (12/27/21-3/9/2000). His wife, Alice, and two children, Gary and Mary survive him.

The Center for Belgian Culture is looking for someone to edit our newsletter. If you enjoy creative writing with a dash of commercial art and have word processing skills, this would be a perfect opportunity to expand your interest into the Belgian community. It requires about eight hours per month to assemble the news that has been contributed by CBC members. A local printing house does the printing and members help with the labels and the mailing. So, if you or someone you know is interested (age is no restriction), contact Lois DeCoster at **799-3433** or Celie Donohue at **792-8246**.

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