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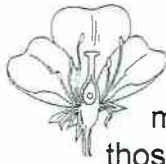
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June and July Special: Adolph DeKeyrel's Rolle Bolle prints, regularly priced at \$20 each, will be offered for the special sale price of \$10 during the rolle bolle season.



Poppy plot prepared: The Ladies Auxiliary of American Legion Unit 246 has donated a WWI memorial monument to commemorate and honor all those who gave their lives in Flanders. The monument features the poem "In Flanders Fields" and is located in the Rock Island National Cemetery. A plot containing poppy flowers has been planted near it.

Upcoming Events

The Quad City Heritage League will hold their annual spring social June 3 in the Singing Bird Nature Center in Black Hawk State Park, Rock Island, Ill. There will be a hot dog cookout with all the "fixins" and a storyteller will present the story, "John Long's Skeleton Rides Again". If interested please contact Evelyn VanPuyvelde for more information @ 764-8042.

Please join us June 13th us for a delicious meal



at the Center, catered by our own Diane DeBord, who will be using recipes from the Belgian cookbook, featuring Rosemary Roasted Pork-loin for the entrée. Social hour will start at 6 p.m. followed by dinner at 6:30. The cost for the evening will be \$12 per person and can be paid for at the door. Following the dinner, there will be a **brief** meeting to elect officers and vote on the by-laws. Copies of the by-laws will be available for all members to read. It will be an enjoyable evening with good food, pleasant conversation and an **auction!** Call Patrick Van Nevel @ **319-332-8752** to make your reservations by **June 7th**. Please leave your name, how many will be coming and your phone number, in case we need to get back with you.

All 21 "Flemish for the Traveler" students attended the reception/graduation with their spouses and/or other family members. CBC Members who attended had the opportunity to meet and congratulate them. Other guests included Barbara Virtue (Blackhawk College Continuing Education Coordinator) and Francesca Rasmussen (class of 1995). After the presentations, all took seriously the Belgian motto, "Belgians don't eat to live, they live to eat" and enjoyed the food that everyone brought. Thanks to all the helpers and participants!

The June schedule for gift counter and host/hostess volunteers is as follows:

Date	Gift Counter	Host/Hostess
Saturday June 3	Evelyn VanPuyvelde	Al VanPuyvelde
Wednesday June 7	Gen Vrombaut	Dorene Mummert
Saturday June 10	Marian Knock	Georgann Benson
Wednesday June 14	Mary Lou Andrae	Clara VanDeViere
Saturday June 17	Maurine Schweitzer	Georgia Slininger
Wednesday June 21	Lucy DeWaelsche	Bob Hendricks
Saturday June 24	Celie Donohue	Gene Donohue
Wednesday June 28	Bev Francque	Stan Francque

A Special Waffle Seving was held April 30 for Sacred Heart Church, Moline. The breakfast was held in Culeman Hall from 7 a.m. until after the 11:00 o'clock Mass. Our special batter makers, Lucy DeWaelsche and Bob Hendricks made six batches of waffle mix and almost all of it was used. Other workers included: Gene Fowler, Mary and Marv Brunning and Micky and Ken Kindhart.

The May Waffle Breakfast at the Center was held May 6th. Workers were: Jim, Mike, Mel, Steve and Maxine Lambrecht, Sharon, David, Dane and Stephanie Loete, Lynne Collier, Dorene Mummert and Mary Mortier, It looks like there was a lot of family bonding that day! Many thanks to all those who helped.

The next Waffle breakfast is scheduled for Saturday morning, June 3, from 8-12.



MRS. H. E Miller made a donation to the Al Loete Scholarship in memory of Arthur E. Engels who died in January.

Mary DeSutter also made a donation to the Al Loete Scholarship in memory of Rachel Bagge .

Congratulations!!

Jacob VandeMoortel, a senior at Moline High School, was one of two area students who were awarded Presidential Scholarships to attend North Central College in Naperville, Illinois. Jacob is the son of Gary and Anne VandeMoortel, the nephew of Maurine Schweitzer and the grandson of past present of the CBC, Joe VandeMoortel.

Earl R. Witte, Moline was honored at a family dinner in May, celebrating his 90th birthday. He was born in Seaton, Il in 1910. He married Mary Ann Coopman in June of 1939 at Sacred Heart Church, Moline. He retired from the Moline Fire Department in 1991. He and Mary have two sons, Stephen and Gregory Witte and a daughter, Stephanie Reinekie, six grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren.

Deaths in the Belgian Community



Donald Schrader, 69 of Glen Ellyn, Il (formerly of Moline) died March 3, 2000. He was born September 21, 1930. His survivors include his wife: Regalette Hepala (VanHoet), a daughter, Joan Marange and a son, Michael Schrader.

George VanHecke, 89 died April 24, 2000. He was born Aug. 26, 1910 in Loppem, West Flanders, Belgium. He married Margaret DeBoo Feb. 12, 1934 in Moline. She died in 1984. He was a tool maker at the former John Deere Plow Planter Works, Moline for 35 years, retiring in 1972. Survivors include a daughter and son-in-law, Georgia and Louis Slininger. He had 4 grandsons and 6 great-grandchildren.

Rachel Bagge 99, formerly of East Moline died April 26, 2000 in Glendale, Arizona. She was born Feb. 20, 1901, in Ruisalede, Belgium. She married Medard DeVrieze in 1921. He died in 1923. She later married Carl Bagge in 1928 in East Moline. He died in 1964. Rachel was the oldest living charter member of St. Mary's Catholic Church East Moline. Survivors include a daughter and son-in-law, Carolyn and Albert Cordova, Glendale, Ariz.; a son and daughter-in-law, Richard and Rita Bagge, Ada, Mich. A daughter-in-law, JoAnn DeVrieze, East Moline; 13 grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

Louis P.J. Coopmans, 95, died May 3, 2000. He was born Oct. 27, 1904 in Brussels, Belgium, came to America in 1921. He married Mary L Cauwels, Nov. 8, 1927 in Atkinson, Il. His wife and daughter-in-law, Kathleen Coopmans, 3 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren, a nephew and long-time business associate, Sylvia Brandt survive him. He was preceded in death by parents a sister and a son, Lloyd.

Frances L. Maenhout died May 13, 2000. She was born July 11, 1923 in Kansas City, MO. Frances was married to Leonard "Notch" Maenhout for 54 yrs. She is survived by her husband, Leonard and a daughter, Linda Ortiz, Moline and a sister, Loretta Johnson.

Mary DePorter passed away May 14, 2000 in Munster, Indiana. She was born Feb. 13, 1905 in Moline to Joseph and Emma VanVooren. Mary married Ralph DePorter June 20, 1927. He died in 1980. Ralph served as Belgian Consul for 20 years. Survivors include a daughter, Melanie DePorter, St. Louis and a son and daughter-in-law Dr. Louis and Pat DePorter, 5 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren.

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. Please submit any information you wish to have published in the newsletter by the 20th of the month in order to have it in the next issue. Thank you.

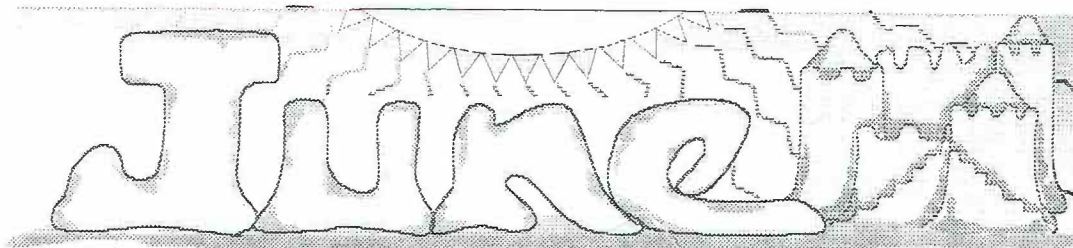
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