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Fantastic!

Our very own CBC member, Bill Fisher has been featured in our local newspapers a couple of times recently. One article focused on

Bill's generosity of time and skill to make a giant barnyard scene for the Quad-Cities' newest park, Millenium Park, on the East Moline/Moline border, located at 34th Ave. and Archer Drive. Bill cut out the shapes of a 40 inch rooster, an oversized eagle, owl, chicken, calf, duck, piglet, 13 foot tulips, as well as a 9 foot sunflower and other figures. Bruce Mabis then brought them to life by transforming the flat shapes into whimsical caricatures. Drive by and appreciate what can be accomplished by the dedication of many hard working volunteers. Bill was honored July 15, along with Leo Hugaert, with a special display of their carved rolle bolle players at the Illinois State Rolle Bolle Tournament in Geneseo. Both men have been carving the pieces for more than 15 years and have produced hundreds of different characters. Tournament coordinator, Roy DePauw said the duo's work has earned them an honored place in the hearts of the area's Belgian-American Community. Bill has done a great deal to promote the popularity of Rolle Bolle in the area. His many contributions to the promoting of the Belgian-American Heritage, brought him the honor of being knighted in the order of King Leopold II last year.

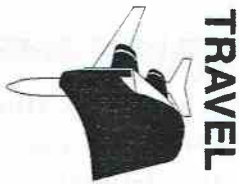


Connie (VanderVennet) Bookman donated a picture of the Belgian Singers of 1972. The picture was the property of Connie's mother, Mrs. Henry (Josephine) Vander Vennet.

Clara Duytschaver, donated a picture of the Notes Band. Her father, Amos DeBoete was a member of that band.

Merlin Boostrom gave the Center VanGoor's Klein Wordenboek and LaVern (DeBell) Kastelic donated 2 guidebooks of Belgium.

Thank you for all the articles above. We appreciate all donations made to the center.



Are you planning a trip to Belgium? The Center has many free booklets and brochures available, compliments of the Chicago Belgian Consulate, to help you plan your trip. One such booklet, "Brussels Ardennes" has numerous Parks and Gardens featured, with descriptions and a calendar of events where you can see what's happening the days you will be in Belgium. **Bastogne: The Wood of Peace** would be an interesting place to visit. The 4000 trees were planted for the 50th anniversary of the Battle of the Bulge. They were dedicated to the American veterans who fought in Ardennes, Belgian combatants and all the civilians and military who died in the winter of 1944-45. Every veteran who returned to Bastogne in 1994 chose a tree, which will always bear his name.

"Bits & Pieces"

King Albert II is recovering well from the emergency quadruple by-pass heart surgery he underwent in mid-April. The King has resumed his protocol responsibilities and is expected to take up his full duties shortly.

Prince Philippe, accompanied by his wife, Princess Mathilde, will be visiting New York from September 9-12 on an image promotion mission. The mission is expected to draw the attention of New Yorkers to Belgian food and beverage, fashion, transportation, and high tech products.

To increase interest in this summer's Euro 2000 soccer championships, the nine spheres of the Atomium, a Brussels landmark, will be covered with fabric to resemble soccer balls. The Atomium, which represents a molecule of iron magnified 165,000 million times, was built for the 1958 World's Fair.

A Belgian chef has opened a European pastry and chocolate shop, "Belgique Patisserie et Chocolatier," in Kent, Connecticut. In addition to cakes, tarts and pastries, the shop features filled Belgian chocolates made on the premises. For more information, please contact 860 927-3682.

The little store at the heart of the world's OLDEST shopping mall

holds the answer to one of the darkest, sweetest gastronomic mysteries – just why is Brussels the chocolate capital of the globe? The Neuhaus chocolate shop opened in 1857 and became the birthplace of Belgian chocolates, that timeless pairing of place and product which – like French wine or Russian caviar – has become instantly recognizable as a hallmark of quality. Today chocolate shops are as much a part of the Brussels landscape as pubs in London or patisseries in Paris.

Volunteers are needed to add to our pool of workers for the gift counter and host/hostess hours. If you could give 4 hours of your time once or month or even just occasionally, please contact **Celie Donohue @792-8246** or **Norma Manning @ 788-8586**. Thank you in advance.

The July Waffle Breakfast was held July 1st. It was chaired by Art Holevoet and Norma Manning. Other workers were: Gene Donohue, Marge Fiers, Bill Fisher, Helen Foote, Gene Fowler, Elaine Hendrickx, Mary Mortier, Dorene Mummert, Mary Lou Robinson, Georgia and Louie Slininger, Gen and John Vrombaut. We had a good summer day, a very good work crew and a nice turnout!

The next Waffle breakfast is scheduled for Saturday morning, August 5, from 8-12. Hosts and hostesses are still needed for future breakfasts. Please contact **Gene Fowler @ 788-0676** for information on what is involved.

The Belgian Lace makers will be at the center, Sat. August 12th at 1 p.m. to demonstrate their art.

Beg your pardon: inadvertent omissions in last newsletter: One of the officers elected at the annual meeting, June 13th was Board Member-at-Large Evelyn Van Puyvelde. Also, there was a recipe for Flemish Cod published in the Illinois Cookbook that was submitted by Evelyn Van Puyvelde. Honest, we were not picking on Evelyn!!!



Eugene Schyvinch, age 78, of Reedsburg, WI, died on March 9, 2000 at his home. He was born in Sauk Count, WI, the son of Alois "Albert" and Eliza (VanLesberghe) Schyvinch. He married Alice Landuyt in June of 1947. He is survived by his wife and children, Gary (Sonja) Schyvinch of Reedsburg, Mary (Bob) Weiland of Baraboo, 3 grandchildren, sisters, Godelive Rott, Madeline Schyvinch, brother, Andrew, and many nieces and nephews.

William "Morry" Elder died June 10, 2000. He was born Oct. 4, 1916 in Mooleyville, KY. He is survived by his wife, Irene, son and daughter-in-law Paul and Sherry Elder of Phoenix, AR, daughters and sons-in-law Theresa and John Sadler of Rio Verde, AR, Irene and Richard Farrell of Moline, and Mary Jane and Colin Letendre of Rock Islad, IL, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

August 5th and 6th, 2000 HOOVERFEST at the Hoover Presidential Library-Museum at West Branch, Iowa. The event features great entertainment for families of all ages. On Saturday night, the Cedar Rapids Municipal Band will perform to fireworks. Quite a spectacular!!

It's that time of the year your Center for Belgian out the form below and the Center. Dues should



again!! It's time to renew Culture membership. Fill send it to, or drop it off at, be paid by Aug. 31.

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The Center for Belgian Culture picnic was

held July 9th at Steven's Park to celebrate Flemish Holidays (July 11th). The rain came before the picnic started and may have kept the numbers attending down, but the shelter made it possible to enjoy the delicious food. Patrick VanNevel brought hot dogs for everyone, the Holevoet family provided tasty desserts. Barb VanNevel kept everyone cool with iced tea, pop, etc. After the meal, a challenging game of rolle bolle was played. The kid in the crowd, Jacob Newman, showed the old pros a thing or two. Alice Laethem played her first game and was a "champ" for holding her own. The day ended with the teams being tied, so it was decided to break the tie at next year's picnic. Dispatch photographer, Chuck Thomas came for pictures and brought Belgian almond cake. He also learned the game of rolle bolle very quickly. A good time was had by all.

Recipe for Belgian Almond Cake from Diksmuide

- ½ cup plus 1 tbs. butter
- ½ cup plus 1 tbs. sugar
- ½ cup plus 1 tbs. peeled, roasted, chopped almonds
- ¾ cup plus 2 ¼ tbs. flour
- 3 egg yolks
- 3 egg whites, beaten stiff
- 1 scant tbs. vanilla sugar or 1 tsp. vanilla extract

Mix butter with sugar and vanilla sugar (or vanilla extract) to a fluffy mass. Add egg yolks, one by one, then add the almonds. Continue by adding the flour and end by folding in beaten egg whites.

Butter a regular 9 inch pie pan, dust it with flour, pour in the mixture and bake in middle of oven of a preheated 355 degree oven for 35 to 40 minutes, until golden.

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

Date	Gift Counter	Host/Hostess
Wednesday, Aug. 2	Gen Vrombaut	Dorene Mummert
Saturday, Aug. 5	Evelyn VanPuyvelde	Al VanPuyvelde
Wednesday, Aug. 9	Mary Lou Andrae	Clara VanDeViere
Saturday, Aug. 12	Marian Knock	Mary Rose DeCoster
Wednesday, Aug. 16	Bev Francque	Stan Francque
Saturday, Aug. 19	Lenore Knock	Liz Knock
Wednesday, Aug. 23	Lucy DeWaeltsche	Bob Hendrickx
Saturday, Aug. 26	Celie Donohue	Gene Donohue
Wednesday, Aug. 30	Maurine Schwietzer	Ruby DeKeyrel

Congratulations! Austin DePorter, grandson of Al & Judy DePorter, is a member of the Quad City Wolves, a 12 and under soccer team that participated in the Manchester Umbro International Football (soccer to U.S. folks) Festival in England July 20-30. There were 400 teams from 20 different nations competing at the this Festival.

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 leave the information in the Newsletter drawer at the Center. Please submit any information you wish to have published in the newsletter by the 15th of the month in order to have it in the next issue.

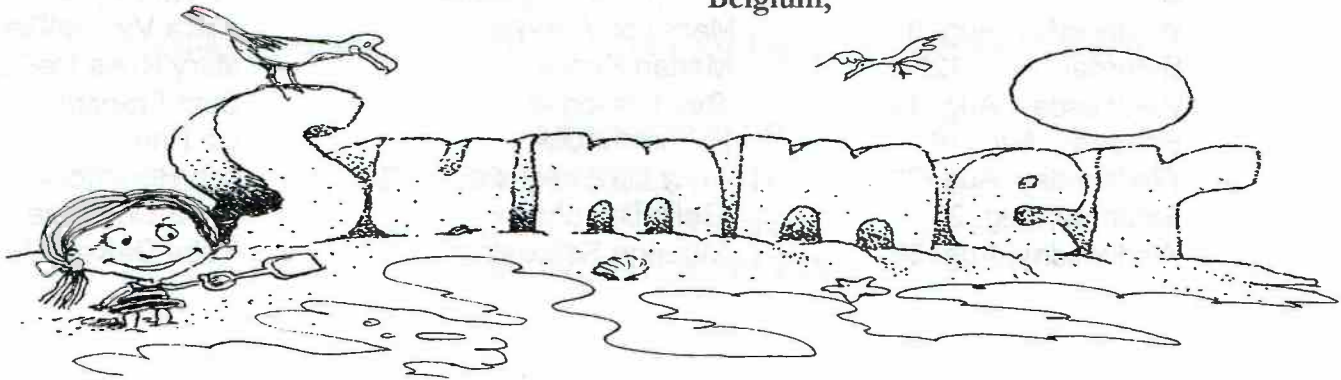
Please note the change in the deadline, from the 20th of the month to the 15th. We've made that change to make certain the newsletter is in your homes by the 1st of each month. Thank you.

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