



## CENTER FOR BELGIAN CULTURE

Of Western Illinois

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### Center's Activities

-Waffle Breakfast-

1<sup>st</sup> Sat. of each month (except Jan.)

8:00 - 12:00

Open: Wed. & Sat.

1:00 - 4:00

### Kleine Winkel

**Don't forget to do some of your Christmas shopping at the Kleine Winkel.** There are a variety of items that would please many on your Christmas list. The beer steins are still on sale at \$3.00 a piece, for you bargain hunters! A book composed by Paul Callens of Pittem, Belgium is on sale for \$29.95. The title of the book is "Amerikaanse Zantigen". It lists the Belgians that immigrated to the United States and Canada. It is a great tool for genealogy and research. Anyone interested in ordering one, please contact Celie Donohue at 792-8246.

### Bloeman Van Vlaanderen

There are still plaques available. For \$100 or more, you can have the name or names of loved ones engraved on a brass plate, to be placed on our Bloemen Van Vlaanderen plaque. Call Celie Donohue at 792-8246 for more information.



**Richard Mahieu has loaned us a beautiful bobbin lace framed piece made by his mother.** It is on display in the front entrance of the center.

**Dorene Mummert donated a hand made beaded purse from Belgium.** It is on display at the Center.

**Johh & Gen Vrombout donated a religious plaque made by the Poor Clairs, the cloister nuns of Eekloo, Belgium.**

**Cy DeBuysere donated Belgian Beer bottles for display.**

**Paul Callens donated his new book "Amerikaanse Zantigen" to the center.**

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

**Get Well wishes go out to Margaret Slock, as well as any member who is ill or recovering from an illness or surgery.**

**If someone is ill, please notify Celie Donohue at 792-8246 or e-mail her at [c.j.donohue@att.net](mailto:c.j.donohue@att.net) and in case of a death, call Grace Verpaele at 764-2304, so cards can be sent from the Center.**

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

Date	Gift Counter	Host/Hostess
Saturday, Dec. 2	Celie Donohue, am Barb VanNevel pm	Gene Donohue am Pat VanNevel pm
Wednesday, Dec. 6	Gen Vrombaut	Dorene Mummert
Saturday, Dec. 9	Marian Knock	Mary Rose DeCoster
Wednesday, Dec. 13	Mary Lou Andrae	Clara VanDeViere
Saturday, Dec. 16	Joanne Hoyt	Alan Hoyt
Wednesday, Dec. 20	Bev Francque	Stan Francque
Saturday, Dec. 23	Evelyn Van Puyvelde	Al Van Puyvelde

If YOU would like to be a volunteer, please call Celie Donohue @ 792-8246 or Norma Manning @ 788-8586.

The lace makers will be at the center Dec. 9<sup>th</sup> in the afternoon.

**NOTICE: The Center will be closed from Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> through Jan. 5, therefore there will be NO waffle breakfast in January. We will reopen Jan. 6, 2001.**



*Congratulations* to Chad Van Bel and Jodi Miller, who were married November 4<sup>th</sup> in West Des Moines, IA. Chad is the son of Richard and Diane Van Bel.

*Congratulations also go to Chris Knock. He was Alleman High School's Homecoming King* and also received the Joe Seroka Award. This award is given to football players who demonstrate exemplary dedication, work ethic, spirit and Christian attitude and was instituted in memory of Alleman graduate Joe Seroka. Joe was a young man with Multiple Sclerosis, that inspired his classmates with his courage and perseverance. Chris is the son of Lenore and Mike Knock and the grandson of Marian Knock. **Matt Crosser** was a member of the Homecoming Court and is the grandson of Julia Balcaen.

**Donald and Delores Warlop were honored October 28<sup>th</sup> at an anniversary Mass, followed by a reception in observance of their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. "Hats off" to both of you.**

**Grave Gardening: Center member, Carine Serck of Belgium, owns a business called Grave Gardening.** For an annual fee of approximately \$100 or less, she will plant flowers, clean the grave markers, etc. four times a year. If you have family members buried in Belgium and wish to have their graves cared for in this manner, please contact Carine, in care of Grave Gardening bvba, Lijsterbessendreef 29, 8020 Waardamme, Belgium. Telephone and Fax No. (050) 28 14 72.



*Waffle Breakfast and Bake Sale  
December 2, 2000*



*Come and enjoy a delicious breakfast, bake sale items and a visit with St. Nicholas. Please bring items for the bake sale by 8 a.m. to be marked for the sale. Also bring your family and friends.*

*Center for Belgian Culture of Western Illinois Scholarship*

The Center for Belgian Culture of Western Illinois has a scholarship fund available for high school seniors. The purpose of the scholarship award is to encourage students of fine character, personality and ability to persist in achieving their educational goals. This fund may be used for college tuition and /or expenses. The scholarship is valued at \$150 and may be awarded to two individuals per year in March.

A scholarship committee will select the candidate(s) for the award. The committee must receive applications by January 31, 2001. Applications may be obtained at local Quad City area high schools or by stopping by the Center. Center hours are Wednesdays and Saturdays from 1-4 p.m. and from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the first Saturday of each month. Note: the Center will be closed from Dec. 24 to Jan. 6. Good luck to all applicants.

**Waffle Breakfast Reports:** An additional waffle breakfast was held Oct. 21 in connection with the Old Town Fest. Gene Fowler was the chairman and was assisted by Mary Mortier, Art Holevoet, Helen Foote, Celie Swensen, Gene Fowler, Gene Donohue, Elaine Hendrickx, Pat Van Nevel, Barb Van Nevel, and Marjorie Fiers.

Nov. 4<sup>th</sup> Waffle Breakfast was hosted by Mary and Larry Lorensen. Their helpers were Mary Mortier, Stan and Bev Francque, Bill Fisher, Marian Knock, Al and Evelyn Van Puyvelde, Georgia Slininger and Gene Donohue. It must have gone well, since they had to take the signs down at 11:50 because they ran out of batter!

**Patrick Van Nevel attends VIW conference in New York City**

Local Vlamingen in de Werel (Flemings in the World) representative, Art Holevoet, asked me to attend a VIW conference in New York during the last weekend of Oct. This conference, with representatives from Canada and the U.S. started with a reception and dinner, hosted by Flemish Minister-President, Patrick De Wael, at the Yale Club of New York City. It was great to hear Mr. De Wael report on the successful business meetings held with various entrepreneurs interested in doing business in and with Flanders. These meetings were planned and coordinated by the Flemish Foreign Investment Office and the Flanders Export organization. The next day, the fifteen representatives had an opportunity to meet the VIW new chairman, Rik Decan and get reacquainted with other management members, Guido Dutry, Rik Lariviere and Guido Jouret. The weekend was busy with presentations on Flander's Foreign Policy, Flemish Export, Foreign Investments in Flanders, Flemish Tourism and, of course, and the network of VIW. All meetings were in Flemish and I must say, I couldn't believe seeing and hearing so many Flemish in the "Big Apple". There is a copy of the VIW newsletter available at the Center for your review. You can also access the VIW website at <http://users.pandora.be/viw>. For more information, feel free to contact Art Holevoet or Patrick Van Nevel. *Submitted by Patrick Van Nevel*

*Don't Forget !!*



*Belgian Center Annnnual Christmas Potluck !!.*

**Raffles - Door Prizes - Good Food - Good fun !!**

**Place:** Butterworth Center **Date:** Tuesday, December 5, 2000

**Social Hour:** 5:30 pm **Dinner:** 6:30 pm.

Don't forget to bring a dish to share and, if you wish, a door prize. \$5.00 per person. Call Bonnie Newman at 309-476-8604 for reservations. It's not too late.

The next board meeting will be held Tuesday, December 11<sup>th</sup> at the home of Pat and Barb Van Nevel and will begin at 6 p.m. Beginning in January, our board meetings will take place on the second Monday of the month and will begin at 5:30 p.m.



Governor George H. Ryan, Illinois First Lady Lura Lynn Ryan and Rep. Lee A. Daniels, visited Ethnic Village at the Illinois State Fair this summer. Ethnic Village has a stage with continuous, international entertainment during the nine day fair and 14 ethnic food booths. The Governor and Mrs. Ryan enjoyed the **Belgian** cuisine. **Pictured left to right:** James Jumer Jr., Rep. Daniels, Mrs. Ryan, Gov. Ryan, Mark Adams, Frank Pedulla and Rob Whitlatch. Submitted by Pat Michalski, Assistant to the Governor for Ethnic Affairs.

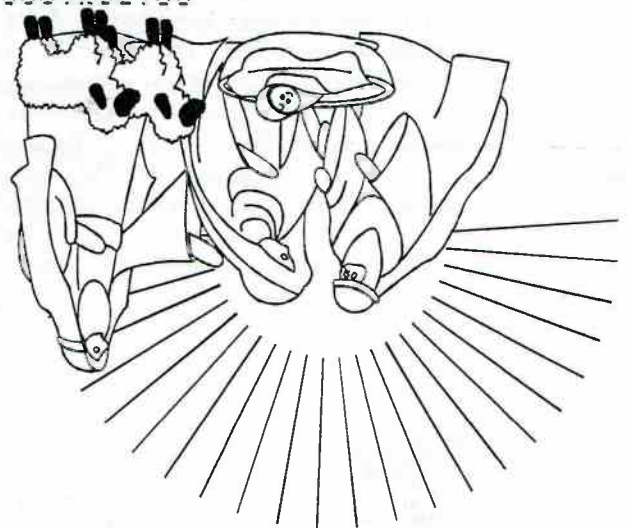
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*Happy Christmas*



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