

# CENTER FOR BELGIAN CULTURE



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**December 5, 2000, over 80 people came together** at the beautifully decorated Butterworth Center, for our annual Christmas party. Chairperson, Bonnie Newman did a wonderful job organizing the enjoyable evening. The food was delicious and the delightful

entertainment put all in a festive mood. 11 year old, Codi Bausch, a little girl with a big voice, was a big hit, as she wowed everyone with her repertoire of songs, including a duet with her father. There were many nice door prizes, including poinsettias, homemade wine, coffee mugs, a beautiful wreath, Belgian chocolates, an exquisite copper tea pot, etc. They were donated by the Center, the Flemish Lion and by generous members. Our raffle prizes were; a large St. Nicholas, donated by the Center, a beautiful rug, made and donated by Marian Knock, a big box of Belgian Chocolates brought back from Belgium and donated by Art Holevoet and a \$25 Kleine Winkel gift certificate. The lucky winners were: St. Nicholas, Dot McNulty; the rug, Georgia Van Melkebeke, the gift certificate, Father Engels, and the Chocolate, Lenore Knock. The evening came to a close after those present sang some Christmas songs; led by Gene Fowler.

## Thank You!

**There are so many people to thank**, beginning with all those who helped Bonnie put the Christmas party together, as well

as those who donated raffle and door prizes and those who brought a dish to share. It's a treat to taste the variety of homemade goodies that come in.

**A special "Thank You" is extended to Cy and Eleanor De Buysere**, who surprised everyone with their generous donation of \$500 to the Center. What a Christmas present! Hope to have a picture of the presentation by next month.

**A month or so ago, member, Jack Staes from Leawood, Kansas**, stopped in the Center to donate a beer bottle he brought back from Belgium on his recent trip there. Thank you Jack, for adding to our collection and for dropping by.

### 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

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

Date	Gift Counter	Host/Hostess
Wednesday, Jan. 3	C L O S E D	
Saturday, Jan. 6	Barb Van Nevel	Patrick Van Nevel
Wednesday, Jan. 10	Mary Lou Andrae	Clara VanDeViere
Saturday, Jan. 13	Marian Knock	Mary Rose DeCoster
Wednesday, Jan. 17	Bev Francque	Stan Francque
Saturday, Jan. 20	Celie Donohue	Gene Donohue
Wednesday, Jan. 24	Lucy DeWaelche	Bob Hendrickx
Saturday, Jan. 27	Evelyn Van Puyvelde	Al Van Puyvelde
Wednesday, Jan. 31	Kay Verstraete	Gabe Verstraete

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

**NOTE: During the winter months, when the weather is inclement, volunteers may not be able to get in to work, so please call the Center ((309-762-0167) before you come in to make certain that it is open.**

### *In Memoriam*



**Micheal VandeKerckhove Sr. died Nov. 13, 2000 at Heartland Health Care Center.** He was born in April of 1909 in Gullegem, Belgium and came to America in 1917 to join his parents.

**Margaret Slock died Nov. 27, 2000. Margaret was born June 15, 1912 in East Moline.** Survivors include sons and wives, Michael and Patricia Slock, Fripp Island, S.C. and James and Beth Slock, Mountain Top, PA., five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren and a brother, Joseph Dhondt, East Moline.

**Helen DeCoster, wife of Fred G. DeCoster died Dec. 15, 2000 at Good Samaritan Nursing Center, Davenport.** Helen was born May 30, 1916. Survivors include her husband, Fred; daughter, Corinne

DeCoster, Davenport; sons and wives, Thomas and Patricia DeCoster, Carmel, IN and William and Mary Kay DeCoster, Moline; seven grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren and a sister, Bernice Van Lauwe, Moline. Helen was also the aunt of member, Fred DeCoster.



Rene Duyvejonck passed away Nov. 16, 2000 at the age of 80. He was the son of Henry and Alice (Holsbeke) Duyvejonck and the brother of Alois Duyvejonck and Leona (Duyvejonck) Rakus.

## **Congratulations!!**

John and Leona (Duyvejonck) Rakus were honored November 18 at a family dinner in observance of their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. They are the parents of Jill, Jeff and Jay Rakus, all of Rock Island. Another daughter, Jo Ann Wells, passed away in 1998. There are two grandchildren.

### **Waffle Breakfast and Bale Sale**

The December waffle breakfast and bake sale was held De. 2, 2000. It was chaired by Art Holevoet and Norma Manning. Volunteers who helped were: Mary and Marv Brunning, Gene Donohue, Marge Fiers, Helen Foote, Gene Fowler, Elaine Hendrickx, Paul Holevoet, Mary Mortier, Dorene Mummert, Celie Swenson, Tillie Patrick and Gen and John Vrombaut. Celie Donohue was in charge of the bake sale and was helped by Bev Francque, Clara VandeViere, Art Holevoet and Lois DeCoster. Special thanks to Bob Hendrickx and Lucy DeWaelsche for being "on call" and for mixing the batter, browning the sausage and helping with set-up in advance. We had good weather, great work crew and a large attendance. People that were there for the first time said that they came because of the appearance of Pat Van Nevel and Al Van Puyvelde on the Paula Sands Live TV show the previous day. Kudos go out to our publicity chairperson, Mary Lorensen for making that appearance possible. The bake sale was also a success, even though we didn't have one lukken cookie! There was a nice supply of raisin bread as well other tantalizing goodies, thanks to our talented bakers.

***Note: The next waffle breakfast will be February 3, from 8 - 12.***

It has been brought to our attention that there may be members that would like to attend Center activities, but do not drive or have no means of transportation. If you are one of those folks or know someone who fits that category, please let us know by calling the Center, or a board member, giving your name and address and we'll see what we can do to remedy the situation. By the same token, if you would be willing to pick someone up for certain activities, please call the Center or call a board member. We would like to compile a list of people that could be called when a ride is requested. Thank you.

### **Did You Know?**

On June 10, the all-new Museum of Musical Instruments opened in Brussels, in the former Old England department store, near the Place Royal. This museum lets visitors hear, as well as see, the 1500 instruments - thank to headphones activated automatically as you pass the exhibits, containing instruments of all types - ancient, classical, modern, traditional and folk. There is also a rooftop café-restaurant that offers panoramic views of the Brussels skyline. "Sounds" like an interesting place to visit for those planning trips to Belgium.

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It's a  
**New Year!**  
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**Pictured are A.C. and Marie Vandewalle, admiring the beautiful Copper teapot they won at the Center's Christmas party, December 5. It was a door prize that was donated by Bob and Doris Libex.**



*Submitted by Alan and Joanne Hoyt*