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Editor's Note – After much frustration and consternation, my computer is finally back home and functioning, although it wasn't usable until Thurs. March 22, so....., there still may be a delay getting the newsletter out to you. I hope it will remain "happy and cooperative" for a very long time to come!! Thanks for your patience and understanding.

Calendar of Upcoming Events

- April 7** Waffle Breakfast 8:00 a.m. - noon
- April 9** April Board Meeting - 5:30 p.m. at the Center
- April 17** Volunteer Dinner – 6:00 p.m.– details on page 2
- April 21** Blackhawk College International Festival – details below
- May 11** Gourmet Belgian Beer & Dinner - details on page 2
- June 26** Annual dinner/meeting/auction – Drop off items for the auction at the Center any time
- July ?** Picnic / golf outing - date to be announced

Watch future newsletters for more details and possible additions.

Blackhawk College Presents

International Festival

April 21, 2001

3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

The Center for Belgian Culture has been invited to participate in the International Festival to be held Sat. April 21 on the campus of Blackhawk College. It will be held in Building "B". From 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. the Center will display and sell items at the Market Place and the lacemakers will be demonstrating their art. From 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., there will be performances and a fashion show. The Center will be a part of that fashion show, modeling Belgian clothing. Come and enjoy the many activities and demonstrations.

Center's Activities

-Waffle Breakfast-

1st Sat. of each month (except Jan.)

8:00 – 12:00

Open: Wed. & Sat.

1:00 – 4:00

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

Date	Gift Counter	Host/Hostess
Wednesday, April 4	Gen Vrombaut	Dorene Mummert
Saturday, April 7	Celie & Gene Donohue (a.m.)	Barb and Pat Van Nevel (p.m.)
Wednesday, April 11	Mary Lou Adrae	Clara VanDeViere
Saturday, April 14	Margaret Wadsworth	Bill Wadsworth
Wednesday, April 18	Bev Francque	Stan Francque
Saturday, April 21	Marian Knock	Lois DeCoster
Wednesday, April 25	Lucy DeWaelsche	Bob Hendrickx
Saturday, April 28	Kay Verstraete	Gabe Verstraete

Thanks again to all for volunteering. Don't forget to enter your hours in the "Volunteer Book"!

Notice to ALL Volunteers: You are invited to the Volunteer Dinner to be held at the Center, April 17 at 6 p.m. Volunteers are those who help the Center in any capacity, such as hosting on the afternoons we are open, helping with waffle breakfasts or any other Center activity or working at the gift counter. Please join us. Make your reservations by calling Celie Donohue at 792-8246, so she can determine how much food to order. The Belgian Village Inn will supply our meal. Mmmmm ...good!



Gourmet Belgian Beer Dinner

When: May 11, 2001
Where: Rock Island Arsenal
Time: Cocktails @ 6 p.m. (cash bar)
 Dinner @ 7 p.m. (Belgian beer served with dinner)

Come and enjoy this specially prepared dinner that includes appetizers, soup, salad, dinner (served with beer) and dessert. There are two entrées from which to choose. The first choice is Mock Lobster, Flemish Style and the other is Pork Tenderloin in a Westmalle sauce. Please make your choice and send in your reservations (form provided below) to the Center @ 712 - 18th Ave. Moline **NO LATER** than Friday, May 4. The cost of the Mock Lobster meal is \$43 and the Tenderloin meal is \$40. Remember all that is included in this price!! If you have any questions, call Bonnie Newman @ 309-476-8604 or e-mail her at jnewman@geneseo.net.

Name or names _____

Choice of entrée _____ Mock Lobster @ \$43 per meal

_____ Pork Tenderloin in Westmalle sauce @ \$40 per meal

Amount enclosed \$ _____

In Memoriam

Wayne H. "Bunky" Robinson, 66, died Feb. 22, 2001. He was born in Andover in 1934 and married Mary Lou Holevoet in 1967. He retired from Montgomery Elevator Co. in 1985. Survivors include his wife, daughter and spouse, Jeanne and John Anderson, St. Louis, MO; son Craig Robinson, Traer, IA; one granddaughter, three brothers and a sister. He was a member of the Center for Belgian Culture, as well as other organizations. He was a diehard Greenbay Packer fan. His wife, Mary Lou is also a member of the Center and is the sister of Art Holevoet.

LaVerne Kastelic, 75, died Feb. 14, 2001. She was born in 1925 in Chicago. She retired from Deere & Co. Credit Union in 1991. She was a member of Women's Catholic Order of Foresters and the Center for Belgian Culture, serving as President from 1972 to 1973. Survivors include daughters and spouses; Francine and Steve Hamm, Moline, Judy and Ed Hodgerson, Coal Valley, Karen and Charlie Schroeder, Arkansas, and Amy Dean, Texas; a son and daughter-in-law, Tim and Marlene Kastelic, East Moline; eight grandchildren; sisters, Jeannine Day, Valerie Yeager, and Renee Ogden, all of Moline; a brother, Monte DeBel, Geneseo and a special friend, Mel Loding.

Pease notify us when a member or relative dies, so we can publish it in the newsletter.

Kleine Winkel

Looking for that special First Communion, Wedding, Anniversary gift or just a unique remembrance of a special event? Be sure to visit the Kleine Winkel and check out the variety of beautiful lace framed art from Belgium. There are some for all these occasions, like a bible with candle or a chalice and host, bride & groom, newlyweds in a horse & carriage, lovebirds, and one for 10th, 25th, 40th and 50th anniversaries. We even have some for the sports enthusiast (golf or tennis), fine arts buff, (piano & ballet slippers), as well as for that new baby, and many others.

We also just received a new supply of pick sets, priced at \$16.95. Keep the Kleine Winkel in mind when you need something special and unique.

In the News

March 20 Patrick Van Nevel made a presentation to the Bettendorf Kiwanis club at their regular noon meeting at Jumers Castle Lodge. He provided an overview of the Center for Belgian Culture, the activities, and publicity and also talked about the Belgian immigrants that have settled in the Quad City area. He pointed out our close ties to the Belgian Government through our Honorary Consul here in Moline and the contact with the Consul General in Chicago, the Belgian tourist Office in New York and the Flemish Foreign Investment Office in Lisle, IL. All attendants received one of our new brochures. Also, copies of Belgian Tourist brochures and Flanders Foreign Investments brochures were made available to interested members.

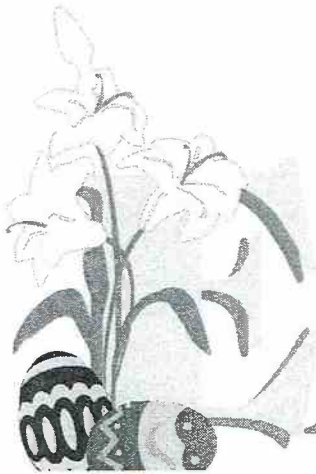
NOTE: Groups interested in a presentation by one of our volunteers may contact the Center at 762-0167.

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CHECK IT OUT! The Center is entering the 21st Century with a computer web page. It is in it's infancy, a work in progress, but you can go to www.belgianmuseumquadcities.org and watch it grow. We want to thank Werner Gonnissen for all his past and continuing hard work putting this together.

If you would like to contact the Belgian National Tourist Office, you may write to them at 780 3rd Ave. Suite 1501, New York, New York 10017, call at 212-758-8130 or e-mail them at www.visitbelgium.com.

Planning a summer trip to Belgium? This is the year for Brugge's Reifeest, or Canal Festival, (Aug. 17-25), held every five years. Six hundred actors, dancers and musicians will stage historical pageants in buildings lining the canals of this medieval city. Year round in Brussels and the Ardennes, the 2001 Festival of Flavors gives visitors a chance to savor the cuisine and beer of the region.

The March Waffle breakfast was a success, even though we still had some snow and ice mounds along the curbs. Volunteers who helped were; Mary Mortier, Marv & May Brunning, Kim Kochuyt, Scott Raes, Mary Koile, Bob & Betty VandeVoorde, Gene Donohue, Marian Knock and Gene Fowler.