



CENTER FOR BELGIAN CULTURE

Of Western Illinois

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-Waffle Breakfast-

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

8:00 - 12 noon

Open: Wed. & Sat.

1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.



Chip in for Your Charity!

The Center for Belgian Culture is participating in Birdies for Charity

As some of you may know, the Center is exempt from federal income tax under section 501(a) of the Internal Revenue Code as an organization described in section 501(c) (3). In plain language, it means that donations to the Center (other than dues, activity costs such as dinners etc.) can – in most instances - be deducted as a donation on your federal income tax return.

As such organization, and having met all qualifications, we can participate in the hugely successful “Birdies for Charity” (BFC) event. The John Deere Classic Charitable Corporation and John Deere Health sponsor **Birdies for Charity (BFC)** in association with the John Deere Classic tournament to benefit Quad city area charities. The goal of the BFC is to obtain pledges (donations) of 1 cent or more for every birdie made during the tournament. Remember, a birdie is a score of one stroke better than par for any golf hole.

The BFC program can be a big money-maker for the Center for Belgian Culture. There is no risk to the Center, there are no out of pocket expenses. Whatever the charity collects in pledges will be the NET amount the Center will receive. All administrative and promotional costs of the program will be paid for by John Deere Health. As an added incentive to donors, each person who makes a pledge to BFC will have the opportunity to guess the number or birdies that will actually be made during the tournament. A new Buick Rendezvous will be given to the person who guesses the correct number. In case of ties, the grand prize winner will be randomly selected.

Sign up at the Center or call us at 762-0167 and we will send you a form. Most of you have seen our neat brochures. Donations from the Charles Deere Wiman Trust, Olde Towne Business Association and Wells Fargo covered \$3,000.00 of the \$4,100.00 cost of those brochures. We hope to raise \$1,000.00 to \$1,500.00 from the BFC pledges to cover the balance and further advertise our existence and services within the community and beyond. Those of you who have had a chance to view our web page have seen how our efforts are appreciated. For those of you who have yet to visit our web site, you may do so by going to www.belgianmuseumquadcities.org.

Get well wishes go out to Marian Dupont as she is home recuperating from open heart surgery on May 16.

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

Date	Gift Counter	Host/Hostess
Wednesday, July 4	Gen Vrombaut	Dorene Mummert
Saturday, July 7	Celie & Gene Donohue (a.m.)	
Wednesday, July 11	Mary Lou Andrae	Clara VanDeViere
Saturday, July 14	Margaret Wadsworth	Bill Wadsworth
Wednesday, July 18	Bev Francque	Stan Francque
Saturday, July 21	Marian Knock	Mary Rose DeCoster
Wednesday, July 25	Lucy DeWaeltsche	Bob Hendrickx
Saturday, July 28	Georgia Slininger	Louie Slininger

For those volunteer who have access to e-mail, you may now record your volunteer hours by sending them to Gen Vrombaut at gvrombaut@webtv.net . The volunteer hours may still be recorded in the book by the telephone.

In Memoriam



Margaret DeCraene, Kewanee, 85, died June 2, 2001. She Married Henry DeCraene in 1938. He died in 1972. Survivors include her son, Dennis, Elkridge, Maryland; daughter, Rita Pierenie, Hebron, Illinois; daughter-in-law Rebecca Yaenker, St. Charles, Missouri; 8 grandchildren, 2 great-great grandchildren; brothers, Edward & Prosper Roman, Atkinson; sister, Grace Verpaele, Moline and stepsisters, Helen Kreighbaum, Peoria, Elsie VanVooren, Atkinson and Dorothy Hallas, Moline.

Cyril DeBuysere, 80, died June 15, 2001 at home. He was born Oct. 16, 1920 in Moline. He married Eleanor Wahlgren Oct. 12, 1940, in Davenport.

They celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary in October. Cy was a dairy farmer and later a beef farmer on the home farm in Hillsdale for 20 yrs. He was the first bus driver when upper Coe Township consolidated and drove a school bus for 20 years for Riverdale Unit School District. He was a member of the Center for Belgian culture, AARP, Augustana College Founders and Plus 60. Cy enjoyed woodworking and made grandfather clocks for family and friends. Survivors include his wife, sons and spouses, Gary and Charlotte DeBuysere, For Pierce, FL., and Ron and Susie DeBuysere, Erie; 3 grandchildren, four great-grandchildren and a sister, Alice Brandt, East Moline.

Germaine M. "Gerry" DeMarlie, 90, Bradenton, FL, formerly of moline, died June 15, 2001 at home. She was born Jan. 31, 1911, in Moline to Gaston & Antoinette (Warenburg) VanAcker. She married Camiel DeMarlie in 1933 in Moline. He died in 1995. Survivors include her daughter and son-in-law, Jean and Donald Klarkowski, Bradenton: son and daughter-in-law, Donald and Pat DeMarlie, Coal Valley; four grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; one great-great grandchild and a sister, Madeline Sercu, Moline.

From the desk of Scott Raes:

Have you ever considered making a contribution to the Center? Many persons make gifts or bequests to charitable organizations for a number of reasons. Some of the more common motivations would include the following:

- **Perpetuation of one's beliefs, values, and ideals**
- **Support for the arts and education**
- **A desire to share one's "good fortune" with others**

Whatever the reason, our current tax laws are designed to encourage these gifts. There are many types of charitable giving. A person can simply write a check; give appreciated stocks, thereby saving the capital gains tax; by naming the Center as a beneficiary in his or her will or life insurance policy. Another way is to sign a pledge card for The Birdies for Charity, available at the Center. Call the Center for more details. We need your help to grow our organization as a fun and active place to visit. Thank you.

Rolle Bolle Capital

When Bishop John Ireland encouraged Catholic immigrants to settle in Minnesota, little did he know that it would lead to the "Rolle Bolle capital of the world." On April 23, 1881, a group of Belgian colonists, led by Angelus Van Hee arrived at Ghent, MN, in Lyon County. The village was originally known as Grandview but the immigrants named it after the city in their homeland. Today, Ghent is known as the Rolle Bolle capitl of the world. The game isn't widely played in Belgium today, but it's a staple in Ghent, MN.

Kleine Winkel **Notice: Just arrived – Rolle Bolles. They are hard to come by, so, pick one up before they are gone!**

Rock Island Kiwanis

Patrick Van Nevel made a presentation to the Rock Island Kiwanis Club on May 21 at the Botanical Center. Patrick gave them a history of the Center, as well as an explanation of it's functions, goals and services to the community. Kiwanis presented Patrick with a certificate of appreciation and a Kiwanis pin.

Traveling to Belgium this year? If you are interested in visiting "Flemings in the World" in Mechelen, you may contact Art Holevoet or Patrick Van Nevel by leaving a message at the Center and one of them will get back to you.



How about a "Get Away Day Trip? The Center is planning one!! Interested members are welcome to join us as we travel to the Herbert Hoover Presidential Library and Museum in West Branch, IA and to the Czech and Slovak Museum in Cedar Rapids, IA. We will be viewing their collections, seeking tips on preservation and display of museum pieces, and checking in to ideas for interesting activities and methods of stimulating membership. The trip is scheduled for **Thursday, July 19**. We will either rent a van or seek volunteers to drive depending on the number of people who sign up to make the trip. We will be leaving the Center at 8:00 a.m. and hopefully will return by 5:00 p.m. It promises to be a full day of adventure! Transportation costs will be provided by the Center and members will cover their own meal expenses. Contact Lenore Knock, Secretary, by e-mail, at KnockL@bhc1.bhc.edu or by phone at 309-799-7847 to reserve your spot.

Looking for another day-trip destination? Why not visit Kewanee, Il to view Pabst's famous last bar! Lloyd's Bar has the mahogany shine of a saloon museum, but it's a place where patrons can prop a foot on the brass rail and buy a beer. Fifty feet long and imported from Belgium, it was on of three ornate bars installed in America by Pabst Blue Ribbon when it intended to go into the saloon franchise business 110 years ago. The other two have been destroyed: Kewanee's is the last one left, with its buzzer buttons to summon waiters. Teller cages, as in a bank, remain where working men cashed paychecks before buying a drink. When women weren't allowed in bars, gents would take their lady friends upstairs and have drinks sent up on a dumbwaiter, which still works. The original player piano still tinkles out old tunes for a quarter. Lloyd's also has some of the Midwest's best root beer and free popcorn, according to Bill Wundrum.

Information obtained from Bill Wundrum's book, What, Where and Yummy!

Waffle Breakfasts

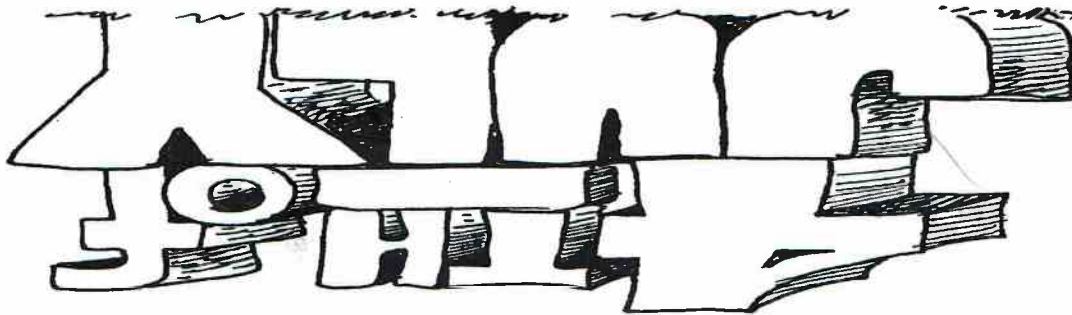
The Waffle Irons were barely cooled from the Memorial Day (May 28) duty, when they were pressed into action again the following Saturday, June 2. Those who helped Memorial Day were: Louie & Georgia Slininger, Tillie Patrick, Norma Manning, Mary Mortier, Marian Knock, Lucy DeWaelche, Pat & Barb Van Nevel, Bob Hendrickx, Werner Gonnissen, Gene Fowler and Gene Donohue. Volunteers on June 2 were: Ron & Bev LaSalle, Mary Mortier, John & Gen Vrombaut, Gene Donohue, Gene Fowler and Pat Van Nevel.

The next Waffle Breakfast will be held at the Center July 7, from 8:00 – Noon

The next Board meeting will be held 5:30 p.m., July 9, at the Center

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