



CENTER FOR BELGIAN CULTURE of Western Illinois

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Calendar of Upcoming Events

Jun 7	Waffle Breakfast	8:00 am-12:00 pm
Jun 7	Belgian Lacemakers	1:00-4:00 pm
Jun 14	Ambassador van Daele and Consul General Loncke visit	2:00-4:00 pm
Jun 16	Board Meeting	5:30-7:30 pm
Jun 30	Annual Meeting	5:00-8:00 pm
Jul 5	Waffle Breakfast	8:00 am-12:00 pm
Jul 5	Belgian Lacemakers	1:00-4:00 pm
Jul 11	Anniversary of Battle of the Golden Spurs	
Jul 21	Board Meeting	5:30-7:30 pm
Jul 21	Belgium Independence Day	

In Honor of

His Excellency Frans van Daele
Ambassador of Belgium to the United States

and

The Honorable Dirk M. Loncke
Consul General of Belgium in Chicago,

the Center for Belgian Culture will host a
Reception/Open House

on Saturday, June 14, 2003
from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.
at 712 - 18th Avenue in Moline.

Center for Belgian
Culture
Open Wed. + Sat.
1:00-4:00 p.m.

After significant coordination and planning, the day has arrived for the Center to host and honor H.E. van Daele and the Honorable Mr. Loncke as they visit the Quad Cities. Earlier in the day, federal, state, community and business leaders will have an opportunity to meet the Belgian diplomats and learn about relations and trade between our countries.

The Honorary Consulate in Moline was established in 1919 to serve the second largest settlement of Belgian immigrants in the United States. Over the past 84 years, five Honorary Consuls have devoted time to serve the citizens of the greater Quad Cities area. Our present Honorary Consul, Dr. Dolores Bultinck, is retiring and will be recognized for her 30 years of distinguished service to the Quad City immigrants. In addition, Patrick Van Nevel will be introduced as the incoming Honorary Consul of Belgium in Moline. The appointment of Patrick underscores a continuing commitment on the part of the Belgian government and the desire to establish additional contacts with federal, state, community and business leaders throughout the jurisdiction.

We encourage all CBC members to attend the Open House/Reception – a once-in-a-lifetime event that is drawing international visitors. Patrick’s father, Joseph, will be attending from Belgium as will Patrick’s Aunt Edith who is on a two month sabbatical from missionary duties in Mongolia. Please join in honoring H.E. van Daele and the Honorable Mr. Loncke and celebrating Belgian Culture, Quad Cities style.



Board Retreat ...

Perhaps some of you did not notice that the Board scheduled a special three hour retreat/brainstorming session, held on May 5th. The purpose of the session was to formulate a long-range plan to take the Center to the next level(s) of community service and education.

The retreat consisted of an ice breaker session, a review of existing priorities, an analysis of successes as well as shortfalls, and a design for future activities/growth. Some salient points from the meeting follow.

- The long list of successes includes completing the long-needed inventory and labeling of CBC items, developing programs to teach Belgian heritage, increasing the number of scholarships, sprucing up the Center (including a new air conditioner, new reception chairs and new paint), maintaining a high level of membership participation, and most noteworthy at this time – the visit of H.E. van Daele and the Honorable Mr. Loncke.

- Along with success in one area goes the inevitable shortfall in another. But such is the fodder for new goals. A continuing goal for

the Center has risen to the forefront as an identified priority for any future planning to occur. Namely, the Center will begin the process of analyzing the establishment of a possible endowment and foundation fund. An endowment fund is needed to ensure the long-term feasibility of the Center and to ensure meeting long-term needs of the Belgian community within the larger Quad Cities community.

- o Other Center priorities include providing Saturday training for volunteers, diversifying activities for various age groups, arranging for improved interpretation and labeling of cultural displays, and managing program changes in the most palatable way possible.

So as you can see, the Board was very busy on their retreat from one reality and immersion into another. And the resulting/continuing goal is a shared one: promote and share Belgian Pride whenever and wherever possible. (By the way, thanks to Kay Verstraete for acting as moderator for the retreat.)



Marlene Shattuck informs us of the latest information regarding the Annual Dinner. The menu will tentatively include fried chicken, pork loin, cheesy potato casserole, green beans, and desert. A bargain at \$7.00 per person. The event will consist of a Social from 5:00 – 5:30 pm, Dinner at 5:30 pm and a short program following the dinner.

Reservations are required and must be received **no later than June 23rd**. You can sign up at the Center, send the following form (with payment) to the Center, Attention: Marlene Shattuck, email Marlene at mglshattuck@qconline.com, or call Marlene at 309.234.5486.

Center for Belgium Culture Annual Auction/Dinner Meeting
June 30th, 2003

Mail to: Center for Belgium Culture of Western Illinois
Attention: Marlene Shattuck
712 – 18th Avenue
Moline, Illinois 61265

Name: _____

Telephone number: _____

Number attending: _____

Cost per person: \$ 7.00

Payment Enclosed: _____



Mary and Larry Lorensen will again chair the **Birdies for Charity** this year for the Center. This program is an easy way to raise funds for *your* favorite charity: the CBC scholarship program. Individuals can pledge to donate any dollar amount for each birdie made during the John Deere Classic tournament, held on 8-14 September this year. Most individuals pledge one penny per birdie, which amounted to about \$20.00 last year. Pledges in any amount are welcome and appreciated. After the tournament, the John Deere Classic office will mail you a notice/invoice informing of your pledged amount, the due date and how to send in your pledge.

This will be the third year that the Center will participate in this event. It is a great way to raise funds for our scholarships, which we will be presenting again this year to three high school seniors at our Annual Meeting in June. In 2002, we collected some \$1500.00 for scholarships, with an additional \$150.00 being awarded by the Classic as "Bonus Bucks" based on the volume of our pledges.

Mary and Larry have additional information to help you determine a pledge amount. If you are interested, they will be at the waffle breakfasts and the Annual Dinner. Or you can call the Lorensen's at 309.762.6218.



CBC Scholarship Program

I can't ignore an obvious segue ... as your Birdies for Charity contributions go, so goes your Scholarship Program. Bob Vande Wiele, Chair of the Scholarship Program, reports that competition was stiff among applicants for the annual program. The scholarships will be awarded at the Annual Meeting on June 30th. Scholarship winners, in alphabetical order, are:

Emilie Pannell, Sherrard Junior/Senior High School graduate, attending University of Illinois-Urbana/Champaign.

Brittany Robertson, J.D. Darnall Senior High School graduate, attending University of Illinois-Urbana/Champaign.

Kathryn (Katie) Van Quathem, Bettendorf High School graduate, attending Augustana College.

Thanks to Bob and his panel of experts who worked so diligently in rating and ranking the applicants.



Adopt-A-Park Program ...

As mentioned in our February 2003 issue, the Center decided to participate in the City of Moline's adopt-a-park program. Stephens Park, as many of you know, is located not far from the Center and is now under our watchful wing.

It is time to solicit all of you "green thumbers" to lend your horticultural expertise. In fact even you "brown thumbers" can lend a hand in sprucing up our neighborhood park. Those of you who volunteer your time and talents will be rewarded with a Waffle Breakfast certificate. So, please phone Bill Fisher at 309.764.8068 to participate in this worthwhile community support endeavor.

THANKS .. Special thanks to Jim De Schinckel, Rick Burrus and Donna Weeks for the wallpaper and flooring expertise. The Center just keeps getting better and better. Stop by and check out the improvements.



Waffles, Waffles, Who's Got the Waffles?

The monthly waffle breakfast was held on May 3rd and was very successful. Workers included: Mary and Marv Brunning, Gene Fowler, Bev and Stan Francque, Bob and Elaine Hendrickx, Kim Kochuyt, Bev and Ron LaSalle, Mary Mortier, Vic Staut and Pat Vande Kerckhove. Many thanks to the volunteers who contributed their time and efforts for the eating enjoyment of those who attended. The next waffle breakfast is scheduled for June 7th.



Condolences ... CBC member A.E. ``Eddie" Borgonjon, 90, of Moline, died Friday, May 16, 2003, at his home. Mr. Borgonjon was born Aug. 26, 1912, in Moline, son of Sylvain and Eugenie DeBruycker Borgonjon. He married Margaret Lannoo Sept. 10, 1938, in Moline. She preceded him in death Jan. 10, 2003. Survivors include his daughter and son-in-law, Patricia and David Armstrong, Silvis; son, Michael Borgonjon, Moline; grandchildren, Rusty Jones, Joe Jones and Jeff Armstrong; and great-granddaughter, Sarah Jones, and Sarah's mother, Regan. Our sympathies to the family.

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VOLUNTEER INFORMATION...

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

Date	Gift Counter	Host/Hostess
Wednesday, June 4	Gen Vrombaut	Jon Vrombaut
Saturday, June 7	Mary Rose De Coster (am)	Maurine Schweitzer (pm)
Wednesday, June 11	Mary Lou Andrae	Clara Van De Veire
Saturday, June 14	Margaret Wadsworth	Bill Wadsworth
Wednesday, June 18	Georgia Slininger	Louie Slininger
Saturday, June 21	Joanne Hoyt	Al Hoyt
Wednesday, June 25	Bev Francque	Stan Francque
Saturday, June 28	Barb Van Nevel	Patrick Van Nevel

****Please call Pat van Nevel at 332-8752 as soon as possible if there is a conflict or if you need to change your scheduled time.****

CONGRATULATIONS! CBC member Barb Michalek welcomed not one, but two grandchildren recently. Her daughter (also a CBC member) Amy and husband Keith Johannsen from Morrison had a son, Avery. Barb also welcomes a new grand daughter, Abbie, who was born in Lexington, KY. Congratulations to the proud grandmother and parents!