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Calendar of Upcoming Events

Sep 6	Waffle Breakfast	8:00 am-12:00 pm
Sep 6	Belgian Lacemakers	1:00-4:00 pm
Sep 15	Board Meeting	5:30-7:30 pm
Oct 4	Waffle Breakfast	8:00 am-12:00 pm
Oct 4	Belgian Lacemakers	1:00-4:00 pm
Oct 10	40 th Anniversary Dinner	5:30 pm
	Deere Run	
Oct 20	Board Meeting	5:30-7:30 pm

From the Editor...

This CBC newsletter may look a bit different. I am the new newsletter editor Sue VanWatermeulen and I will be taking the place of Stephanie Swanson.

As your new editor, I welcome your news briefs, articles, ideas and comments. I would ask that you give me your information by the 15th of each month for inclusion in the next month's newsletter. My e-mail address is: suevanwatermeulen@hotmail.com.



This is the final notice for your membership form and payment. If you haven't forwarded your **membership form and payment** to Marlene, please do so as soon as possible. See the enclosed membership insert for particulars. Also - please seriously consider volunteering - it's one important key to carrying on the rich Belgian tradition of the CBC.



Yummy Waffles ...

The August Waffle Breakfast was held August 2nd. Gene Fowler reports that the weather was fantastic and they used five batches of batter. Norma Manning and Art Holevoet were in charge and would like to send a special thank you to the workers Dale and Mary Lou Andrae, Georgeann Benson, Lois and Georgia Slininger, Kim Kochuyt, Helen Foote, Marjorie Fiers, Mary Lou Robinson, Paul Holevoet and Tom Taets.

The monthly Waffle Breakfast continues to be an excellent revenue source as well as an opportunity to share cultural/communal experiences. We solicit your help in any way that you can – set up, tear down, serving, kitchen duty, whatever. Please contact a Board Member to volunteer your time and talents. (And thank you to those of you who have volunteered.)



News ...

The arrival of the new Consul General

During the first week of August, the Honorable Philippe De Clerck arrived in Chicago to commence his assignment at Consul General for the jurisdiction. An economist by training, Consul General De Clerck joined the Foreign Service in 1982 and was posted in Kinshasa, Lubumbashi and Warsaw. He most recently served as Ambassador in Dakar. Consul General De Clerck is married to Marinella Arienta and has two daughters, age 14 and 13. We extend a hearty welcome to Consul De Clerck and his family and are honored with his interest in our community and his planned visit to participate in our Anniversary Dinner on October 10 at Deere Run.

Several of our readers had the opportunity to meet his predecessor, Consul Dirk Loncke who is currently assigned in Brussels at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs where he is working at the Directorate General for European Affairs. We thank Consul Loncke for his interest and visits to our community.

- The CBC 40th Anniversary Celebration will be Friday, October 10, 2003 at Deere Run, Silvis, IL. Fill out the sign up sheet at the Center or mail in the sign in sheet included in this newsletter – space is limited.
- Lucy DeWaelsch recently celebrated her 90th birthday. Congratulations Lucy!
- Dorothy Buresh recently moved to the Northhill Retirement Village, 1451 20th Avenue, East Moline. Dorothy's Batter Beats Book is for sale at the CBC.

- Holly Fogle, 49 of Pocahontas, Arkansas the daughter-in-law of Margaret Fogle, passed away August 14, 2003 after a long illness. Survivors include her husband Thomas, son Andrew, daughter Christy and two grandchildren. We extend our condolences to Margaret and her family.
- Congratulations to Merlyn and Irene Boostrom who celebrated their 65th Anniversary on May 30th. Both Merlyn and Irene retired in 1977. Merlyn worked for John Deere Plow and Planter Works for 42 years. A family reunion is planned in the fall.
- Help us with the new items: E-mail your article to the newsletter editor, drop it off or mail it to the CBC attn: Newsletter editor. We will try to accommodate your requests.
- ***Kleine Winkel gift shop:*** As we have made room for new items, we are happy to report that we just received a shipment of new carefully selected lace and linen goods imported DIRECTLY FROM BELGIUM. Come and check it out!

Another letter from one of our scholarship recipients:

Katie Van Quathem wrote the Board a nice letter that included the following:

I would like to again express my deepest appreciation to everyone responsible for making the CBC Scholarship Program such a success. I was quite honored having been chosen as a recipient of one of the scholarships.

Thank you Katie and thank you to all of you who have made your Birdies for Charity Pledge to the CBC with proceeds going to our Scholarship Fund. If you have not yet made your pledge, delay no more....



Flemish Spice Cookies

Serving Size : 10

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| 1 Stick Unsalted Butter | 1 Teaspoon Baking Soda |
| 3/4 Cup Dark Brown Sugar | 1 Teaspoon Ground Cinnamon |
| 1 Large Egg | 1/2 Teaspoon Ground Ginger |
| 1 Cup Flour | 1 Pinch Nutmeg |
| 1/4 Cup Cake Flour | 1 Pinch Ground Cloves |
| 1/4 Teaspoon Salt | |

Beat the butter and sugar in mixing bowl with a wire whisk or mixer until light and fluffy about 5 minutes. Stir in egg. Sift the flours together with the remaining ingredients. Stir the flour mixture into the creamed butter. Stir into a smooth dough. Roll into a ball, wrap in plastic wrap and

refrigerate for 12 hours. Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Line 2 cookie sheets with aluminum foil and butter the foil generously. Roll out the dough 1/8 inch thick between 2 sheets of plastic wrap. If dough becomes sticky, put in freezer for a few minutes. Cut dough into 3X2 inch rectangles. Place them 1 inch apart on the cookie sheets. Bake until a golden brown, 10-12 minutes.



BELGIAN BITS

Did you know.....

- Belgians are among the world's most avid newspaper readers - just one way in which the country's 99% literacy rate manifests itself.
- Between the ages of two and a half and eighteen, children and young adults are able to attend school. An impressive part of Belgium's budget is devoted to a high quality education system extending from early childhood through university. The Belgian universities inherit a tradition that goes back to Charlemagne. Language learning is very widespread in Belgium. In fact, Belgium is undoubtedly the country with the highest number of bilingual or multilingual speakers per square mile, due to twelve years of compulsory education.
- Belgian expertise enjoys such a reputation that its engineers are in demand the world over.

Since June 20 a Visitors centre for Brussels is open in the basement of the Saint Hubert Galleries: Brussels on Stage. It allows you to discover the great themes Brussels has to offer in a nice, interactive way. The visit ends in a Visitors room with an extensive selection of brochures on Brussels. Brussels International has produced 8 brochures especially for this room, each with a theme walk through Brussels, in 6 languages.

In September 2003, a Last Minute Ticketing service will be launched in the Visitors Centre at the initiative of the Foundation for the Arts, where, as the name announces, people can go for last minute tickets to countless concerts, theatre performances, etc.

CBC 40th Anniversary Dinner

We are planning a great event and as mentioned in the newsletter, Consul General De Clerck will honor us with his presence. It is a time to celebrate our rich history and heritage and the impact our forefathers have had on our communities. Our short program will demonstrate how we plan to ensure our future through our Endowment.

Date: Friday, October 10, 2003

Time: 5:30 social hour with cash bar, dinner at 6:00

Location: Deere Run, Silvis, IL

Price: \$18 per person

Choice of entrees:

Herbed Crusted Boneless Chicken Breast, w/ Madeira Sauce

Or

Sliced Grilled Pork Tenderloin, w/ black peppercorn demi glace

We realize some of you prefer not to drive after dark. If you would like help with transportation, call Scott Raes at 762-6103 if you live in Illinois, call Patrick Van Nevel at 332-8752 if you live in Iowa.

Center for Belgian Culture CBC 40th Anniversary Dinner

October 10, 2003

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Entrée Choice:

_____ Herbed Crusted Boneless Chicken Breast, w/ Madeira Sauce

_____ Sliced Grilled Pork Tenderloin, w/ black peppercorn demi glace

Number attending: _____

Payment Enclosed: _____

Mail to: Center for Belgian Culture of Western Illinois
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Please respond by October 3, 2003.

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*This month's Belgian Bits were [redacted]

Volunteer Information ...

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

<i>Date</i>	<i>Gift Counter</i>	<i>Host/Hostess</i>
Wednesday, Sept. 3	Jon + Gen Vrombaut	Dorene Mummert
Saturday, Sept. 6	Margaret Wadsworth	Bill Wadsworth
Wednesday, Sept. 10	Mary Lou Andrae	Clara Van De Veire
Saturday, Sept. 13	Joanne Hoyt	Al Hoyt
Wednesday, Sept. 17	Georgia Slininger	Louie Slininger
Saturday, Sept. 20	Evelyn Van Puyvelde	Al Van Puyvelde
Wednesday, Sept. 24	Bev Francque	Stan Francque
Saturday, Sept. 27	Barb Van Nevel	Patrick Van Nevel

****Please call Scott Raes at 762-6103 as soon as possible if there is a conflict or if you need to change your scheduled time.****