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Calendar of Upcoming Events

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
Oct 20	Board Meeting	5:30-7:30 pm
Nov 1	Waffle Breakfast	8:00 am-12:00 pm
Nov 1	Belgian Lacemakers	1:00-4:00 pm



From the Editor...

Reminder.... the 40th Anniversary Dinner at Deere Run in Silvis on October 10th with social hour at 5:30 p.m (cash bar) and dinner at 6:00 p.m. 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. We will also introduce our "Endowment Fund" and provide information how you can contribute to ensure the preservation of our Heritage in the Quad Cities for our future generations.

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.

Get involved! Come to our Board Meetings! Our meeting date (currently the third Monday of the month) is always published in the newsletter. Want to know more? Please join us at the CBC monthly board meeting at 5:30 p.m. located at the CBC building. Remember, this is **your** organization and the Board invites **your** input. We welcome ideas and inquiries. You will now find the board meeting minutes on the Bulletin Board.



News ...

➤ Some of you may have noticed the **Center for Belgian Culture Presidents 1963 – to Present** photo album displayed on the table in front of the West display window. This album contains the pictures, names and term of service of all past Presidents since the Center's founding in 1963. The album is more convenient to view the pictures and names of all past presidents and does not take as much room as the prior display.

➤ Sue VanWatermeulen the news editor was born in Moline, Illinois and raised in Silvis, Illinois. My parents are Robert (Bob) and Ann VandeWiele. I have lived in the Quad Cities most of my life. I work at Augustana College in Rock Island, Illinois. I have been married to my husband Ron for 18 years. Ron works at Standard Machine & Tool in Moline, IL as a tool & die maker. We have four daughters. Our oldest daughter Jandie is 17 and is a senior at United Township High School, East Moline, IL. She is a football and basketball cheerleader. She is graduating early (December 2003) from high school and will be attending Augustana College Spring term and transferring in the fall to Florida Southern. Our middle daughter Janelle is 14. She is in 8th grade at Glenview Jr. High, East Moline, IL. She plays traveling basketball and traveling ASA softball. Our third and fourth children are twins, Jennifer and Jamie. They are 8 and are in 3rd grade at St. Mary's Catholic School, East Moline, IL. They play soccer, softball and basketball.

I have one brother and one sister. My brother Mark is a Circuit Court Judge. His wife's name is Terri and he has two daughters, Courtney and Alison. My sister Nancy works for John Deere Health in Moline, IL. Her husband's name is Jeff and they have two sons Mitchell and Jared.

➤ Thank you to these members who sent donations along with their membership renewal. Dorothy McNulty, Marion Knock, Margaret Kessler, Jean DeRoo, Don & Laurie Dussliere, Al & John DeCap, Robert & Doris Libey, Albert & Virginia VandeWiele, Therese Oviyach, Rev. Robert Lee, Joseph & Mary Ann DeSutter, Joe VandeMoortel, Ernie & Joey Verhulst.

➤ Congratulations to long-time CBC members **Marcel and Helene Kerckhove** who celebrated their **60th wedding anniversary** on June 19, 2003 at John Deere Club in Silvis, IL with their children and relatives (16) in all. Marcel is 85 and Helene is 80 years old.

➤ Please keep Helene Kerckhove in your thought and prayers while recovering from heart surgery which she had in August.

➤ 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.



Yummy Waffles ...

The September Waffle breakfast was held September 2nd. We would like to send a special thank you to the workers: Mary Mortier, Marian Knock, Mary and Marvin Brunning, Vic Staut, Evelyn and Al VanPuyvelde, Bev Francque and Clara VanDeVeire.

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.)

Korean War Veteran Art Holevoet wanted us to share the following about Chaplain Emil J. Kapaun.



Father Kapaun, born in Pilsen, Diocese of Wichita, Kansas on Holy Thursday, April 20, 1916, entered the U.S. Army Chaplain Corps in 1944. Separated from the service in 1946, he reentered the Army in 1948 and was sent to Japan the following year. Then, in July 1950 he was ordered to Korea, On November 2 of that same year he was taken a prisoner of war.

In the seven months in prison, Father Kapaun spent himself in heroic service to his fellow prisoners without regard to race, creed or color. To this there is testimony of men of all faiths. Ignoring his own ill health, he nursed the sick and wounded until a blood clot in his leg prevented his daily rounds. Moved to a hospital, but denied medications, his death soon followed on May 23, 1951.



New items at gift shop

Is it hard to think of present for a family member or a friend that seems to have everything? Is it hard to find the "perfect gift" for someone? With Christmas is just around the corner, now may be a good time to start thinking of the "perfect gift" for your family and friends. The CBC shop may just have that "perfect gift" you have been looking for. The CBC shop hours are Wednesday and Saturday from 1:00 –4:00 p.m. **plus** - of course - on Waffle Day - in the morning on the first Saturday of the Month. Here are the CBC's newest items directly from Belgium:

- Bookmarks Cross, Hearts, Rose and Virgin..... \$5.00
- T-Shirt Belgian American..... 10.00
- Belgium Flag 2X3 ft 20.00
- Pencils 0.35

Pens	0.35
Keyholders	2.75
Lace Handkerchief Box of 2 Blue flower	8.50
Lace Handkerchief Box of 2 Yellow flower.....	8.50
Lace Handkerchief Box of 2 White flower	15.00
Lace Handkerchief in cello Blue flower	4.00
Lace Handkerchief in cello Yellow flower	4.00
Lace Handkerchief in cello White flower	8.50
Lace Handkerchief in cello Butterflies.....	8.50
Little Lace Purse White.....	12.00
Swans.....	18.00
Lavender Sachets Heart-shaped.....	8.00
Lavender Sachets Dried Flowers.....	12.00
Lavender Sachets Lace	5.00
Motives Cards Virgin, Angel, Basket	3.75
Tissue Holder White.....	12.00
Blue Garden Towel	10.00
Berries Towel.....	10.00
Fleur de Lin Towel	10.00



BELGIAN BITS

Is it real? Is it a rumor? Is it possible? Is it a stunt?

2016 Olympics in Flanders?

Flemish Minister-President Bart Somers (VLD) wants to submit Flanders' candidacy for the organization of the Olympic Games in 2016. Talks will soon take place with the Belgian Olympic Committee. In the meantime, Minister for Sport Marino Keulen (VLD) is releasing 250,000 euros for a feasibility study. If this shows that Flanders is up to the task, it will put itself forward as a candidate in 2007. Officially applications must be submitted by a city, but according to Somers the whole of Flanders would de facto take part. Somers is aware that this decision must be supported not only by the political world, but also by the worlds of sport and business. It is a project with which he wants to put Flanders on the world map in the 21st century; a project that will also involve an investment of billions. Flanders has little if any infrastructure that meets Olympic requirements and a financial hangover cannot be excluded, something they know all about in Montreal (1986) and Barcelona (1992). The candidacy alone will cost a small fortune. London estimated this cost for 2012 at 18.4 million euros.

According to "Het Laatste Nieuws" on 18 September Minister-President Bart Somers asked the questions: "What do we need? A project for which we can combine economic, political, social and cultural strengths. There are few alternatives: if we want to remain a top economic region with six million Flemings we need such an ambitious project." Which city Flanders will put forward

has not yet been decided. Somers: "One Flemish city cannot support this project. We will have to modernize and utilize the infrastructure of the whole of Flanders. In Barcelona '92 the organization was also spread up to 100 km outside the city." Somers believes that Flanders can cope with such a massive investment. "We are talking about an investment that Flanders will ultimately recoup. Look at Barcelona: since 92 it has become an economic and cultural world city." The project is more than a Minister-President's dream: "In the past thirty years a comparable Olympic plan has surfaced on two occasions in Belgium. But each time the proposal came from the world of sport and floundered on the disinterest shown by the political world. This time the political world has come up with it itself."

This will be a huge undertaking and initial feedback of the Olympic Games for 2016 includes a fair degree of enthusiasm in all areas of Flemish society, even if Flanders' chances are felt to be slim. The Flemish Entrepreneurs of the VEV are enthusiastic. The Mayors of Antwerp and Brussels have immediately put their cities forward as host. Even the Walloon Minister-President Van Cauwenberghe finds his Flemish colleague's proposal interesting, but adds that such an initiative must be supported by the whole country. Jacques Rogge, Chairman of the International Olympic Committee and a Belgian, backs the idea in *De Standaard* (19 September), but he feels there is only one city that could cope with being host (airport, hotel capacity, King Boudewijn Stadium), namely Brussels, and believes cooperation is necessary on all political levels, including the Federal.

A number of papers do view the proposal as a diversion away from the difficult budgetary problems and/or a cheap effort to promoting a region or city and an attempt by a politician for self promotion a year before the Flemish elections.

Belgian Government takes action against uninsured drivers

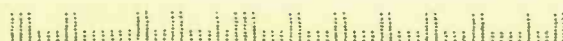
An estimated 100,000 people are driving around Belgium without insurance. They are involved in an average of 25 accidents a day. The damage they cause is paid for by the Joint Motor Guarantee Fund, to which all drivers who are insured pay a contribution. To clamp down on the phenomenon of the uninsured driver, the Motor Guarantee Fund has decided to compare the databases of the Vehicle Registration Centre with the insurance companies' data. In the first three months of 2003 alone, 3,200 uninsured drivers were detected. These were immediately sent a reminder. Anyone who failed to react received a registered reminder and the details of drivers who still did nothing after these two reminders are passed on to the police. In some police districts this results in a ban and a fine, in others in the car being impounded.

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Volunteer Information ...

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

Date	Gift Counter	Host/Hostess
Wednesday, Oct. 1	Jon + Gen Vrombaut	Dorene Mummert
Saturday, Oct. 4	Mary Rose DeCoster	Patrick Van Nevel
Wednesday, Oct. 8	Mary Lou Andrae	Clara Van De Veire
Saturday, Oct. 11	Margaret Wadsworth	Bill Wadsworth
Wednesday, Oct. 15	Georgia Slininger	Louie Slininger
Saturday, Oct. 18	Joanne Hoyt	Al Hoyt
Wednesday, Oct. 22	Bev Francque	Stan Francque
Saturday, Oct. 25	Barb Van Nevel	Patrick Van Nevel
Wednesday, Oct. 29	Evelyn Van Puyvelde	Al Van Puyvelde

****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.****