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## 40 years of Celebrating Belgian Heritage – 1963-2003

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

### Upcoming Events

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|--------|---------------------------------------|
| Dec 2  | Christmas Party<br>5:30 pm-8:00 pm    |
| Dec 6  | Waffle Breakfast<br>8:00 am-12:00 pm  |
| Dec 6  | Belgian Lacemakers<br>1:00 pm-4:00 pm |
| Dec 25 | MERRY CHRISTMAS                       |
| Jan 1  | HAPPY NEW YEAR                        |
| Jan 3  | Waffle Breakfast<br>8:00 am-12:00 pm  |
| Jan 3  | Belgian Lacemakers<br>1:00-4:00 pm    |



Come and join us for our monthly meetings. You will learn what goes on, what we plan to do and have the opportunity to be heard. Next meeting, is Monday, December 15<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 at the CBC.



**News ...**

**A Note From the New Waffle Chairman**

**Jim DeSchinckel**



First off, I would like to thank the Board for giving me this opportunity to serve the Center in a way I really enjoy, cooking and organizing! Not to mention volunteering is always easier when you get to sample the waffles and work with such great people.

Secondly I would like to thank our outgoing Waffle Chairman, Gene Fowler, for all of his help in making my transition as painless as possible. I'm sure I'm not done yelling to him for help yet.

Thirdly, I would like to thank Bob and Elaine Hendrickx for the many years of dedicated service. As some of you know, Bob and Elaine have been two of the many workers who help out enormously behind the scenes. For many years Bob made sure that everything was ready for the waffle breakfast – from setting up the tables to making the batter and pre-frying the sausage.

Thank you Gene, Bob and Elaine.

I would also like to ask for a little help from the membership if I could. Our waffle breakfasts are only successful because of the hard work of all of our fine volunteers. I would ask that anyone who would like to volunteer to help at a waffle breakfast in the future could notify me by either email at [deschinc@mchsi.com](mailto:deschinc@mchsi.com) or by phone at (309) 757-8911. People who have volunteered in the past or who do so on a regular basis could do me the favor of responding to this request as well, either yea or nay, just so that I can update the volunteer roster and so I don't bother anyone who no longer wishes to volunteer in this fashion.

I also would like to poll the membership for any ideas that people may have for improving our breakfasts in any way. I will be trying to streamline the workflow to ease the need for so many volunteers while at the same time attempting to make sure that everyone, volunteers and patrons alike, will find this fundraising endeavor to be as pleasant and delicious as it can possibly be. Thanks to all.





The November Waffle breakfast was held November 3<sup>rd</sup>. Would like to send a special thank you to the workers: Mary Mortier, Marian Knock, Bob & Betty VanDeVoorde, Ralph & Martha Vroman, Ron LaSalle, Everett & Norma Manning and Louis & Georgia Sliniger.



Our Women National Catholic Society of Foresters of St. Mary's of East Moline organization, like so many other organizations in the community, are indeed blessed to have so many Belgian volunteers and winners.

On September 21<sup>st</sup> the Women National Catholic Society of Foresters of St. Mary's of East Moline held their annual card party. Officers of Court #1017 are: President Mary "Mickey" DeVos, Vice President Donna Nelson, Secretary Margaret "Cookie" DeJaegher and Treasurer Helen Kerckhove. Many of the members of the Court are Belgians.

A number of winners of the raffle prizes are also Belgians. The prizes were: 1<sup>st</sup> (donated by Goldie DeMeulemeester, Lizette Desseyn, Julia Goethals and Margaret Monstrey) a \$175 toolbox filled with hand tools won by Joan DeCap; 2<sup>nd</sup> (donated by Isabel Bloom Studio & Showroom) the \$140 large Peace Angel won by Bob Roman; 3<sup>rd</sup> (donated by NCSOF) \$100 won by Lizette Desseyn; 4<sup>th</sup> (donated by Metrobank) \$75 gift basket won by Dick DeBaillie; 5<sup>th</sup> (donated by St. Rita's Circle of St. Mary's Alter Society) \$50 won by Flo Hock; 6<sup>th</sup> (donated by Rosemary DeGrande) a handmade afghan won by Nancy Monstrey and 7<sup>th</sup> (donated by Manor House Designs) a Praying Child picture won by Alice Odendahl.



Joseph & Mary Ann DeSutter, Irma DeClerck-Carmack, and Victor Standaert are four out of 98 men and women that will be recognized at the 2003 Pere Marquette Awards, which will be presented by Bishop Daniel R. Jenky on November 22. These men and women have given years of service to their parishes and the Diocese of Peoria. Congratulations.



If you have a change of address you may e-mail Marlene Shattuck at [mglshattuck@qconline.com](mailto:mglshattuck@qconline.com)



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## News from Belgium



11th International Lace Biennial - Contemporary Art - Queen Fabiola Grand Prix. In November 2004 the city of Brussels will host the 11th International Lace Biennial - Contemporary Art, Queen Fabiola's Grand Prix.. For information and applications on participating in this event please visit their website: <http://www.dbk.be>. E-mail address: [c.delwiche@dbk.be](mailto:c.delwiche@dbk.be). This event will contribute to the international image of Belgium.



Baron Paul Janssen, founder of the Belgium's Janssen Pharmaceutica, now part of Johnson & Johnson passed away last month. Drugs developed by Dr. Janssen and his company treat a wide range of disorders, including psychoses, chronic pain and fungal infections. Dr. Janssen and the company he founded hold numerous patents around the world and are credited for many breakthroughs in the medical field. This multinational company employs many specialists in different fields and has a large number of emigrants/expatriates. Janssen Pharmaceutica has approximately 55 to 60 Belgians working abroad while scientists from 34 different nationalities work at the research center in Beerse. We plan to provide more information on this outstanding Belgian scientist and humanitarian at a later date.



Belgian athletes close out a terrific year: Kim Clijsters and Justine Henin-Hardenne have occupied the #1 and #2 spot in the world rankings. Our small country also dominates the world of dirt bike racing. Everts, Smets and Ramon hold the world titles in the their respective classifications. Stefan Everts in particular seems unbeatable and has gained his seventh world title. After watching a race on TV a while back, I wondered if he has a doctor of chiropractic on staff...



During the November 9<sup>th</sup> mass in St Peter's Square, pope John Paul II beautified five European religious including Belgian Franciscan father Valentin Paquay, 1828-1905, a famed confessor; he was also an early leader in the movement to encourage the faithful to receive the Eucharist frequently.



On September 30 Nizar Trabelsi, a Tunesian national, and Tarek Marroufi, a Tunesian-born Belgian, were both sentenced in Brussels, the first for planning an attack against NATO base in Kleine Brogel and the second for providing stolen passports to the murderers of the Afghan Northern Alliance Leader Ahmed Shah Massoud. These convictions are recent examples of Belgium's commitment to the global fight against terrorism.



The new tamper-resistant Belgian passport is recognized as one of the most fail-safe travel documents in the world. Since its introduction in 2001, not a single one has been successfully forged. At its latest general assembly, held in Spain at the end of September, Interpol presented Belgium a "special reward" for the passport, acknowledging that it incorporates the latest technologies for preventing counterfeiting.



Belgium retains important seats at the International Monetary Fund and World Bank. For the next ten years, Belgium will continue to have a director's seat on the International Monetary Fund's Executive Board. The Executive board is responsible for conducting the day-to-day business of the IMF. It is composed of 24 directors. The five largest shareholders (France, Germany, Japan, the United Kingdom, and the United States) appoint an Executive Director, while other member countries are represented by 19 Executive Directors elected within constituencies.



If you are going to Belgium, have a heavy foot and plan to drive, be forewarned! Unmanned speed cameras are now a permanent feature of the traffic landscape. The effect they have is clearly impressive. Not only has traffic slowed down visibly, the results of accidents statistics also speak volumes. In some places the number of accidents fell by 40%!

Best wishes for a Merry Christmas!

**Merry  
christmas**



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### Volunteer Information ...

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

<b>Date</b>	<b>Gift Counter</b>	<b>Host/Hostess</b>
Wednesday, Dec. 3	Jon + Gen Vrombaut	Dorene Mummert
Saturday, Dec. 6	Mary Rose DeCoster	Patrick Van Nevel
Wednesday, Dec. 10	Mary Lou Andrae	Clara Van De Veire
Saturday, Dec. 13	Margaret Wadsworth	Bill Wadsworth
Wednesday, Dec. 17	Georgia Slininger	Louie Slininger
Saturday, Dec. 20	Joanne Hoyt	Al Hoyt
Wednesday, Dec. 22	Bev Francque	Stan Francque
Saturday, Dec. 27	Barb Van Nevel	Patrick Van Nevel
Wednesday, Dec. 31	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.\*\*