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Calendar of Upcoming Events

June 5	Waffle Breakfast	8:00 am-12:00 pm
June 5	Belgian Lacemakers	1:00-4:00 pm
June 5	Stephens Park	2:00 pm
June 14	Reservations due	
June 21	Board Meeting	5:30-7:00 pm
June 21	Annual Meeting	5:30-7:00 pm



Birth Announcements

Dick & Diane Van Bell have happily welcomed a third granddaughter into their family. Jenna Marie Van Bell was born on March 15th in Des Moines, Iowa to proud parents Chad & Jodi. Looks like a good start on a Belgian cheerleading squad.

Barbara Michalek, member of the Center has a new granddaughter. Emerson (Emmy) Darby Foster was born on April 24, 2004 to Annette and Rusty Foster, Benton, LA. Congratulations.



Next month is time for membership renewal for 2004-05. Look for it in your July newsletter. We already received a few renewals, on with a nice monetary donation. A big thank you to those members.



The Center has adopted Stephens Park in Moline where the Rolle Bolle courts are located. We are asking for volunteers to help with some light clean up duties at the park on Saturday June 5th starting at 2:00. It should only take us about an hour to complete this project so please come out to help. Our coordinator is Bill Fisher and he can be reached at 764-8068 if anyone has any questions.

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



CBC Scholar Award Program

And the winners are in alphabetical order:

Anthony David Crosser, Alleman High School graduate, attending University of Notre Dame.

Adam Warren Nelson, J.D. Darnall High School graduate, attending Loras College.

Jandie Sue VanWatermeulen, United Township High School graduate, attending Florida Southern College, Lakeland, Florida.

The competition was stiff among applicants for the annual program. The scholar awards will be awarded at the Annual Meeting on June 21st. Thanks to Bob VandeWiele and his panel of experts who worked so diligently in rating and ranking the applicants. Congratulations to the winners.



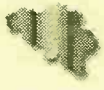
Annual Dinner Meeting – June 21st

The menu will tentatively include fried chicken, cheesy potato casserole, green beans, roll and a brownie. A bargain at \$7.00 per person. The event will consist of a social from 5:30 – 6:00 pm, Dinner at 6:00 pm and a short program following the dinner. **Reservations are required** and must be received **no later than June 14**. 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 Dinner Meeting June 21, 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: _____



Letter from Belgium.....

I am from Belgium and immigrated in 1970. I am a retired teacher and genealogy lover, and recently I have published a book on the ancestry of George Washington Goethals, the Panama Canal builder. I am also working on other projects in Flemish and English.

I will send a complementary copy for your center in the coming days.

Here is a flyer on the book: A "forgotten" Family The Flemish Roots of General George Washington Goethals "Builder of the Panama Canal" (1858-1928) by Jozef J. Goethals

George W. Goethals "always regretted not knowing more of his antecedents." A Flemish- born namesake of his has done it for him in this study of the General's ancestors in Belgium. Based on church records, aldermen and orphan acts, archival documents from the City Archives of Ghent, and genealogical publications on the Goethals of the 18th and 19th centuries, the work traces in detail 13 generations of the general's ancestors. The book also sketches the ancestry of Geeraert Goethals, ennobled in 1652 and descending from the same original family in Ghent. Every person bearing the Goethals surname, whether directly related to General George W. Goethals or not, will enjoy this genealogical account of this particular family and an introduction to the origin of the Goethals surname and history. The book will help also one who is looking for his Belgian roots. Interspersed throughout the ancestral information and in separate appendices, are aspects of the history of Flanders and Ghent, cultural life and governmental institutions typical to Flanders for four centuries. A list of more than 1100 Goethals church records from nine parishes in and around Ghent, a detailed index and a bibliography conclude the book. In addition to eight charts, the work has 24 illustrations of maps, photographs, documents and the wonderful pencil drawings of the Ghentian artist, Mr. Gaston Desmet .

Published by Gateway Press Inc. of Baltimore .Hard cover, 6X9, indexed, xii + 178 pages. Price: \$ 28.60 , postage and shipping included. (Maryland residents: add 5% sales tax)

Payable to: Jozef J. Goethals (318 Rossiter Ave, Baltimore MD 21212)

Questions, e-mail: Jozef Goethals at jef.goethals@earthlink.net



Waffles, Waffles Who Got's the Waffles? 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. Anyone willing to help can email Jim DeSchinckel at deschinc@mchsi.com or phone Jim at 757-8911. A volunteer sheet will also be available at all waffle breakfasts from now on. Jim is more than

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happy to accommodate any scheduling needs or requests for a specific time, job, date or anything else to help our members help the Center. °



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

Date	Gift Counter	Host/Hostess
Wednesday, June 2	Gen Vrombaut	John Vrombaut
Saturday, June 5	Mary Rose De Coster-am	Maurine Schweitzer-pm
Wednesday, June 9	Mary Lou Andrea	Clara Van De Veire
Saturday, June 12	Margaret Wadsworth	Bill Wadsworth
Wednesday, June 16	Georgia Slininger	Louie Slininger
Saturday, June 19	Joanne Hoyt	Al Hoyt
Wednesday, June 23	TBA	TBA
Saturday, June 26	Barbara Van Nevel	Patrick Van Nevel
Wednesday, June 30	Al Van Puyvelde	Evelyn Van Puyvelde
Saturday, June 26	Barbara Van Nevel	Patrick Van Nevel

Please call Margaret Wadsworth at 786-5791 as soon as possible if there is a conflict or if you need to change your scheduled time.