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Calendar of Upcoming Events

Aug 7	Waffle Breakfast	8:00 am-12:00 pm
Aug 7	Belgian Lacemakers	1:00-4:00 pm
Aug 16	Board Meeting	5:30-7:30 pm
Sep 4	Waffle Breakfast	8:00 am-12:00 pm
Sep 15	Volunteer Dinner	6:00-8:00 pm
Sep 20	Board Meeting	5:30-7:30 pm



Volunteer Dinner

All volunteers are invited to a Volunteer Dinner scheduled for Wednesday, September 15th at 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. at the Center. Volunteers are those who help the Center in anyway, such as hosting on the afternoons we are open, helping with waffle breakfasts, working at the gift counter, etc. Please join the festivities. Please sign up by September 12th on the sheet at the Center or call Patrick Van Nevel at 563-332-8752 for your reservations. The Belgian Village will supply sandwiches for our meal.



Membership Form.....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.



The **CBC Scholarship Program** was established, as you know, to assist young scholars in the greater Quad-Cities metropolitan area in their academic pursuits. It's a great community outreach effort to encourage heritage appreciation among young people. And it's an effort that does not go unrecognized by the recipients. All recipients conveyed their gratitude:

"I want to sincerely thank you for the scholarship you awarded me. I am going to use the money to pay for books that will be needed. I wish the best for the center and all of your families, Thank you and God Bless". Anthony Crosser, Alleman High School graduate, attending University of Notre Dame.

"I would like to thank you and the Center for Belgium Culture for the scholarship. I appreciate your support in helping me further my education. I look forward to attending Loras College in Dubuque, Iowa, where I will plan to major in Accounting. Thank you also for the invitation to dinner. It was very good! Thank you again". Adam Nelson, J.D. Darnall High School graduate, attending Loras College.

"Thank you so much for the scholarship you awarded me. It will help me out with school finances. I really appreciated it. Thanks again". Jandie VanWatermeulen, United Township High School graduate, attending Florida Southern College, Lakeland, Florida.

This and That ...

- **Congratulations Father Lee.....** A reception will be held on August 21, 2004 at Culemans Hall from 1:00 until 4:00 PM to celebrate the 45th anniversary of his ordination. Father Lee, a member of the Center, has been a spiritual leader and friend at Sacred Heart Church in Moline. Please mark your calendars and plan to stop by and thank him for all his years of service.
- As of May 16, SN Brussels Airlines are offering its clients a daily service to New York JFK Airport. The flight is operated by code share partner American Airlines.
- Jacob VandeMoortel is the son of Gary and Anne VandeMoortel, the grandson of Joe and Marilyn VandeMoortel and the great nephew of Maurine Schweitzer and Bob and Jerry VandeMoortel of Sacred Heart Parish. Jacob graduated from Augustana College, Rock Island, IL in June and is now in China studying Chinese first hand with four other Augustana graduates. His family is very proud of him and all he has accomplished in his 'young life'.
- The Koninklijk Museum voor Schone Kunsten in Antwerp, the Groeningmuseum in Bruges and the Museum voor Schone Kunsten in Ghent

has joined together and are now called Vlaamsekunstcollectie.be. The Vlaamsekunstcollectie.be is a Flemish Art Collection. Please visit their website <http://www.vlaamsekunstcollectie.be> and log on as a visitor and view the collection of the three museums on line. You will see the wonderful works of art from the Southern Netherlands from the middle ages to the present. The database also consists of 6,750 paintings, 40,000 drawings and 2,000 images.



Greetings from the Waffle Chairman!

I hope people have enjoyed some of the improvements we have made at our monthly fundraiser. Not everything new worked out, such as new sausages, and sometimes the center's electrical system balked at some new demands placed on it, but overall I hope I have helped make the center a fun place to get your waffles and conversation.

When I accepted this job, I had hoped to be able to take on this entire challenge for a longer period of time like my worthy predecessor. However; a new job and the ever-growing demands of an inquisitive 3 year old require that I lessen my burdens. I would, at this point, like to request assistance from four or five volunteers to be my new Crew Chiefs. I will still assume the responsibility of inventorying, ordering and stocking all of the requisite supplies, but I would like to spread out actual set-up and day-of responsibilities over more people. If we can get just five other volunteers aside from myself, one person need only host two breakfasts a year, a much more viable option than one person doing almost every one.

However, if we can't find the volunteers to manage and work waffle breakfasts on a sustainable basis, the populace and the board will have to consider the possibility of fewer waffle breakfasts and the resulting loss to the Center's main source of revenue. I believe any member can see this would be a great loss both to the Center and to the neighborhood and community. Please don't let this come to pass. If any member would like to step forward and help assume this responsibility, please don't hesitate to call me evenings or weekends at 738-8211 or speak to any board member to discuss how you can help. There's nothing too difficult about waffles and I will be more than happy to walk anyone through the process to see if you might enjoy helping the CBC in this way.

I would also like to give many thanks to all of you stalwart volunteers who have rallied to the call this past year to cook and serve many a fine waffle. I honor your service and hope to see you at the waffle iron again soon.
James DeSchinckel

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

<i>Date</i>	<i>Gift Counter</i>	<i>Host/Hostess</i>
Wednesday, Aug 4	Jon Vrombaut	Gen Vrombaut
Saturday, Aug 7	MaryRose DeCoster-am	Maurine Schweitzer-pm
Wednesday, Aug 11	Mary Lou Andrea	Clara Van De Veire
Saturday, Aug 14	Margaret Wadsworth	Bill Wadsworth
Wednesday, Aug 18	Georgia Slininger	Louie Slininger
Saturday, Aug 21	Joanne Hoyt	Al Hoyt
Wednesday, Aug 25	Wilma Gusse	Margaret Wadsworth
Saturday, Aug 28	Barbara Van Nevel	Patrick Van Nevel

I would like to have a list of substitutes for working at the center so when a regular is ill, out of town etc. I can call you. Please call me if you could do this occasionally. Margaret Wadsworth, 786-5791.