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1:00-4:00 p.m.



Calendar of Upcoming Events

Oct 2 *Waffle Breakfast* 8:00 am-12:00 pm
Oct 2 *Belgian Lacemakers* 1:00-4:00 pm
Oct 18 *Board Meeting* 5:30-7:30 pm
Nov 6 *Waffle Breakfast* 8:00 am-12:00 pm
Nov 6 *Belgian Lacemakers* 1:00-4:00 pm
Nov 15 *Board Meeting* 5:30-7:30 pm

Volunteer dinner: A very nice evening was enjoyed by the folks who keep us going....our great volunteers. We were treated with Belgian Village Inn sandwiches and all the extras. We want to recognize all our past, current and newly signed up volunteers for the many hours of commitment and dedication to our Center. Patrick and Barb Van Nevel who organized the event, want to thank the many helpers. A special "thank you" goes to Mary Lou Andrae, Margaret Wadsworth and Evelyn VanPuyvelde who volunteered with upcoming events. You will read about it in coming newsletters.

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.

Did you know.....

- ⇒ Belgium ranks near the top in "Quality of Life". According to the most recent United Nations Human Development Report, Belgium placed third in the European Union and sixth in the world on the quality of life index. The report considers such factors as health and life expectancy, education and earnings, to allow a broader view of a country's development than offered by income alone. Belgium was outranked by only Sweden and the Netherlands within the European Union. The United States occupies eighth place in the ranking. The Belgians have an average life expectancy of 78.7 years and an average per person GDP of \$27,570. But Belgium scores particularly high in the area of education: its combined primary, secondary and higher education enrollment ratio is the 4th highest in the world.

- ⇒ According to the cost-of-living survey of 144 world capitals, Brussels was ranked as one of the lowest cost major cities.

- ⇒ Brussels is ranked 3rd position (after Uusima in Finland and Stockholm in Sweden) out of 91 regions in competitiveness. The report was based on Creativity, Knowledge, Economy, Sectoral Productivity, Performance, Economic Performance and Infrastructure and Accessibility.

- ⇒ Linda Polich, one of our monthly lace makers and regular volunteer reported that Patrick Van Nevel provided an excellent program for the Friends of Rock Island County Historical Society luncheon on Monday, September 20, 2004, at the Deere-Wiman Carriage House in Moline. He spoke about the Center for Belgian Culture, his involvement as Honorary Consul of Belgium, and also about Belgium in general - its culture, its economy, and its people. And he of course invited everyone to the next Waffle Breakfast at the Center! His program was very well received by the 35 attendees.

- ⇒ Olympic images and flags: Made in Belgium. Belgium won three medals at this summer's Olympic games in Athens: one gold medal for Justine Henin-Hardenne (tennis), and bronze medals for cyclist Axel Meckx, son of legendary Eddy Mercks, and Ilse Heylen (judo). Fifteen Belgian

athletes qualified for the finals, more than ever before. Belgium's presence was not limited to its athletes. Antwerp-based Alfacam was contracted to provide images for about a third of the Olympic events. Also, Mouscron-based Wollux delivered 65,000 Olympic flags to the International Olympic Organizing Committee. This marked the third game in a row that Wollux, one of the biggest flag-producing companies in the world, has supplied flags for the Olympic Games.

⇒ **Championship of the United Bolders Clubs of Western Illinois** was held September 12, 2004 at the Bolle courts in Stephens Park. The CBC was the host for the tournament. Bill Fisher coordinated the event and did a fantastic job representing the CBC. Thank you Bill! The CBC took 2nd place in the tournament. Congratulations Mike VanThournout, Bill Fisher and Ed DeNeve. Below is a list of the winners:

- 1st place East End Club – Carl Suhr, LeRoy Suhr and Mike Motley
- 2nd place CBC – Mike VanThournout, Bill Fisher and Ed DeNeve
- 3rd place Friends Circle – Dick Claeys, Bob Verstraete and Rob DeBusschere
- 4th place Annawan Bolders – Ardie Clementz, Troy Clementz and Brent DePauw
- 5th place Atkinson Bolders – Bill Verstraete, Toot Causemaker and Vern Sturtewagen
- 6th place Hand in Hand Bolders – Shane Naert, Terry Jordan and John Maere
- 7th place Geneseo Moose Bolders – Roy DePauw, Paul DePauw and Bob Ahlgren
- 8th place Mineral Bolders – Brian Heston, Kelly Blomme and Rod Nelson
- 9th place Belgian Village Inn – Steve Fuessel, Bruce Johnston and Jerry Verdick
- 10th place Kewanee Flemish Club – Ron Beauprez, Phil Emmerson and Bill Dollieslager
- 11th place Manlius Bolders – Roger DeBrock, Blake DeBrock and Hootowl Kepner

GET WELL SOON!

Bev Francque and Alan Hoyt are recuperating from surgery. We wish them a speedy recovery and look forward to welcoming these great volunteers and board members back soon!

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

Date	Gift Counter	Host/Hostess
Saturday, Oct 2	MaryRose DeCoster-am	Patrick Van Nevel-pm
Wednesday, Oct 6	Jon Vrombaut	Gen Vrombaut
Saturday, Oct 9	Margaret Wadsworth	Bill Wadsworth
Wednesday, Oct 13	Mary Lou Andrea	Clara Van De Veire
Saturday, Oct 16	Joanne Hoyt	Alan Hoyt
Wednesday, Oct 20	Georgia Slininger	Louie Slininger
Saturday Oct 23	Barbara Van Nevel	Patrick Van Nevel
Wednesday, Oct 27	Al Van Puyvelde	Evelyn Van Puyvelde
Saturday, Oct 30	Wilma Gusse	Marlene Brown

Please call Margaret Wadsworth, 786-5791 if there is a conflict with your scheduled time.