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November

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



Calendar of Upcoming Events

Nov 6 Waffle Breakfast 8:00 am-12:00 pm Nov 6 Belgian Lace makers 1:00-4:00 pm Nov 15 Board Meeting 5:30-7:30 pm Dec 4 Waffle Breakfast 8:00 am-12:00 pm Dec 4 Belgian Lace makers 1:00-4:00 pm Christmas Dinner Dec 7 5:30 pm Dec 20 Board Meeting 5:30-7:30 pm

New Items Have Just Arrived at the Center's Gift Shop

Our inventory has been updated just in time for the holidays. Some of the new Belgian lace items are pillowcase covers, purses, hankies, brooches, bread/fruit baskets, egg baskets, toasters covers, doilies, tissue box holders, and holiday motives (a Santa, Christmas tree and an Angel with a horn). There are also two different sizes of Belgian porcelain dolls, eyeglass holders, picks and pick boards. There are many other gifts in stock such as lace tablecloths, aprons, sachets and place mats. Don't forget about the lukken irons and rolle bolles. Stop in and let one of our friendly volunteer's help you find the perfect gift and remember to shop early for the best selections. Our hours are Wednesdays and Saturdays from 1:00 until 4:00 PM. We look forward to seeing you!

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Did you know......

The Honorable Renilde Loeckx-Drozdiak was appointed Consul General of Belgium in New York. Consul General Loeckx has the responsibility for a large jurisdiction including the Midwest area. According to honorary consul Van Nevel, "She hit the ground running and has already visited several of her constituents." "We had the pleasure of visiting with Consul Loeckx in Chicago recently and extended an invitation to visit the Quad Cities." He further stated he is confident that Consul Loeckx and her experienced staff will continue to serve our region in an exemplarily manner". Until recently she was department director for Western Europe at the Belgian Ministry of Foreign Affairs. She is married to William Michael Drozdiak and they have three children: Nicholas, Karen and Natalia

» Please let us know of members, friends and "Belgians at Heart" who would appreciate a visit or card or telephone call from one of our volunteers or board members over the holidays. We would like to acknowledge those people who may not be able to come to the Center and participate in our events. You may send us a note or include a comment on your Christmas dinner reservation.

» Thank you for stepping up: as you renewed your membership, many of you signed up to volunteer. Thank you so much. We are currently working on a schedule and will provide on the job experience to help you make us a better organization. We will contact you over the next couple of months.

» If you have a change of address you may e-mail Marlene Shattuck at mglshattuck@qconline.com, leave a note at the Center or leave a phone message. Thank you.

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.

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Annual Christmas Party

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The annual CBC Christmas Party is being held on Tuesday, December 7th at the Butterworth Center, Moline. Following input at the annual volunteer dinner, we are changing our formula and will have the event catered. Dinner will cost \$15.00 per person which includes appetizers, the full meal and drinks. **For those of you who worry about losing the "Belgian Flavor" volunteers have an opportunity to provide home made deserts**. The social will begin at 5:30 p.m., followed by dinner at 6:00 p.m. The program begins at 7:30 p.m. If you would like to donate an item for the raffle, bring it the night of the party and put it on the table with the poinsettias. Raffle tickets will be available at the Center and at the event.

Attendance is **limited** to the **first 80** sign-ups (sorry, no exceptions). Reservations are required and can be accomplished one of two ways. First, there is a sign up sheet at the Center. Second, you can send the following form (*with payment*) to the Center, Attention: P. Van Nevel.

Please keep in mind -- the **reservations deadline** is Saturday, **November 27th**. If you have any questions, feel free to call P. Van Nevel at 332-8752. Please payment to: Center for Belgian Culture of Western Illinois, 712 – 18th Avenue, Moline, Illinois 61265, Attn: P. Van Nevel.

Center for Belgian Culture Annual Christmas Party

Name:	
Telephone number:	
Number attending:	Payment enclosed:
I would like to bring a desert:	Yes No

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

Date

Gift Counter

Host/Hostess

Wednesday, Nov 3 Saturday, Nov 6 Wednesday, Nov 10 Saturday, Nov 13 Wednesday, Nov 17 Saturday, Nov 20 Wednesday, Nov24 Saturday Nov 27

Jon VrombautGen VrombautMaryRose DeCoster-am Maurine Schweitzer-pmMary Lou AndraeClara Van De VeireMargaret WadsworthBill WadsworthGeorgia SliningerLouie SliningerJoanne HoytAl HoytAl Van PuyveldeEvelyn Van PuyveldeBarbara Van NevelPatrick Van Nevel

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