

#### CENTER FOR BELGIAN CULTURE of Western Illinois, Inc.

712 - 18th Avenue, Moline, Illinois 61265 (309) 762-0167 www.belgianmuseumquadcities.org June 2005

#### EXECUTIVE BOARD

President Robert VandeWiele (309) 792-8237

Vice President

**Secretary** Kim Kochuyt (309) 764-1446

**Treasurer** Alan Hoyt (309) 736-9214

Grant Committee Chair Kay Verstraete

> Past President Scott Raes (309) 762-6103

Honorary Consul Patrick Van Nevel (563) 332-8752

Membership Marlene Shattuck (309) 234-5486

Waffle Chairman Jim DeSchinckel (309) 757-8911

Flemings in the World & Board Member at Large Art Holevoet (309) 936-7621

> Genealogy Bev Fracque

Newsletter Editor Ellonyia Yenney (563) 322-5436

### From the Newsletter Editor . . .

Hello! My name is Ellonyia Yenney, and I am the new newsletter editor. I have probably seen many of you as I served waffles, but I don't know many names yet.

Please let me know if you would like to see anything added to the newsletter. The goal of the Board is to have the newsletter out to you by the end of each month so you have info that you will need for the upcoming month! You can always hand deliver, fax, phone, e-mail, send by pigeon . . . news to me and I will certainly include items as space allows. My phone number is (563) 322-5436 and my e-mail is Ellonyia@bierbaskets.com.

### Recent Ambassador Gatherings

The Center would like to thank Patrick Van Nevel for the wonderful work he and Bill Coopman did for the Ambassador reception and dinner. Everything was outstanding!

### Culture Club of Palmer

Recently, the World Affairs Council of the Quad Cities hosted a gathering. The Center was represented with a booth and was very well received. Thanks to Art Holevoet for coordinating the Centers actions!

### **Stevens Park Clean-Up**

On April 23rd, Bill Fisher spearheaded the Centers involvement with the Stevens Park Clean-Up. Thank you for all who attended and gave their time to this community effort!



OPEN Wednesday & Saturday 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

#### **CENTER FOR BELGIAN CULTURE**

#### **June 2005**

# In Memory of . . .

Florence Acke, passed on February 20, 2005. She served in the past as a Vice President for the Center. She was 89 years old.

**Ruby DeKeyrel**, passed on May 9, 2005. She was involved with the Center for many many years and was one of the original key members. She was 91 years old.

Joanne Hoyt, passed on March 27, 2005.

She was the wife of Alan Hoyt. Joannne was always designing and working on displays for the Center and seemed to always have a smile on her face. It was her wish that the Center be included in her memorial. She was 73 years old.

#### Earl Witte, passed on May 7, 2005.

Besides being a member of the Center, Earl was very active with the Moline Public Library. He was 94 years old.

### Belgian Festival in Planning Stage

Jim DeSchinckel is looking into the ins-&-outs of hosting a Belgian Festival at the Center tentatively on July 16th. Possible activities include a dinner, Belgian activity demonstrations, as well as Belgian beer tasting.

This Festival is still in the planning stages, but would be done in conjunction with MUGZ, the Quad

Cities home-brewer association (which has a sizable membership base). The goal of the Festival would not be so much as a fund raiser for the Center but as a "Fun Raiser" to expose the Center to some new



demographics and individuals who might not know about the Center. More information will be included in the next newsletter.

### **CBC** Scholarships Awarded

The Center received nine applications this year for the three \$500 Scholarships that are awarded annually. This year the scholarships were awarded to:

JENNIFER RAES, Moline JACOB SCHRADER, Rock Island KATIE SLEAFORD, Annawan



Thanks to all who applied and to those from the Center who served on the Scholarship Committee. The scholarships will formally be awarded at the Annual Dinner on June 20th.



### Waffle Chairman Needed

Due to family circumstances, Jim DeSchinckel will be stepping down as Waffle Chairman. As this position helps the Center with a very needed revenue source, a new Chairman will be needed **immediately**! Please contact Jim for information and to volunteer.

### Genealogy Meeting

The Center will be open on Sunday, June 5th, from 1:30 p.m. until individuals are ready to leave. The reason is that the Center will be hosting Professor, Dr. Frans Jos Verdoodt and Guido Dutry. Mr. Dutry is a former Flemings in the World Representative (now retired).

Both distinguished gentlemen will be at the Center to collect genealogy information as well as past immigration stories and history. The information will be given to the 11 year old Flemish archive in Antwerp. For more information, please contact Art Holevoet.

# ANNUAL DINNER MEETING

MONDAY, JUNE 20th

Social – 5:30 to 6:00 p.m. Dinner – 6:00 p.m. Short Scholarship Program – following dinner

Menu for this evening .... Fried Chicken – Pork Loin – Cheesy Potato Casserole – Green Beans – Dessert

Cost: \$8.00 per person

Reservations are required and must be receive no later than June 11th.

There are lots of ways to RSVP . . . sign-up at the Center, mail the reservation form below (with payment), e-mail Marlene Shattuck at mglshattuck@qconline.com or call Marlene Shattuck at (309) 234-5486.

### Center for Belgian Culture Annual Dinner Meeting Monday, June 20, 2005

#### **RESERVATION FORM**

Mail to: Center for Belgian Culture of Western Illinois Attention: Marlene Shattuck 712 - 18th Avenue Moline, IL 61265

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Number Attending:

Cost per person: \$8.00

Payment enclosed:



**CENTER FOR BELGIAN CULTURE** of Western Illinois, Inc. 712 - 18th Avenue, Moline, IL 61265



Paul & Marie Callens Waterstraat 18 8740 Pittem, Belgium

00132/0001

Hardburn Ballashillin Barbara Illian Baralla

#### **CENTER FOR BELGIAN CULTURE**

**June 2005** 

## **Calendar of Upcoming Events**

Waffle Breakfast May 30 Waffle Breakfast June 4 June 4 Belgian Lacemakers Genealogy Gathering June 5 Annual Dinner Meeting June 20

8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. 1:30 p.m. to ? 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.



#### June Schedule for Volunteers

#### Date

Wednesday, June 1st Saturday, June 4th Wednesday, June 8th Saturday, June 11th Wednesday, June 15th Saturday, June 18th Wednesday, June 22nd Saturday, June 25th Wednesday, June 29th

#### Gift Counter

- Donald Warlop Mary Rose DeCoster Mary Lou Andrae Margaret Wadsworth Louise Slininger Evelyn Van Puyvelde Marvin Brunning Barbara Van Nevel Elaine Hendrickx
- Dolly Warlop Maureen Schweitzer Clara Van De Veire Bill Wadsworth Georgia Slininger Al Van Puyvelde Mary Brunning Patrick Van Nevel Bob Hendrickx

Host/Hostess

Contact Margaret Wadsworth (786-5791) if there is a conflict with your scheduled time.



