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Calendar of Upcoming Events

February 3rd	Waffle Breakfast	8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon
February 3rd	Belgian Lacemakers	1:00 to 4:00 p.m.
February 12th	Board Meeting	4:00 to 5:30 p.m.
March 3rd	Waffle Breakfast	8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon
March 3rd	Belgian Lacemakers	1:00 to 4:00 p.m.
March 12th	Board Meeting	4:00 to 5:30 p.m.

Visit the Center for more information and to stay updated on current events.

Schedule for Volunteers

The February schedule is as follows:

Date	Gift Counter	Host/Hostess
Sat., February 3rd	Celie Donohue (AM)	Maurine Schweitzer (PM)
Wed., February 7th	Evelyn VanPuyvelde	Al VanPuyvelde
Sat., February 10th	Al Hoyt	Al Hoyt
Wed., February 14th	Mary Lou Andrae	Clara Van De Veire
Sat., February 17th	Margaret Wadsworth	Bill Wadsworth
Wed., February 21st	Celie Donohue	Gene Donohue
Sat., February 24th	Elaine Hendrickx	Bob Hendrickx
Wed., February 28th	Millie Kale	Millie Kale

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

Break Out Your Breadpans

It's time for another Raisin Bread Bakeoff (and jams and jellies, too)! February 15th has been chosen as the date for judging your best culinary efforts in raisin bread, jams, and jelly-making. A sign-up sheet is posted at the Center, or you may call Evelyn VanPuyvelde at 764-8042, and let her know you'll be baking.

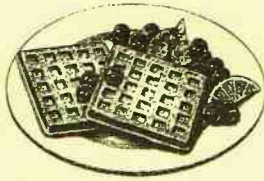
For those of us who don't "loaf" around, come in and taste the winners beginning at 5:30 pm on the 15th. A relish tray w/dip, crackers, ham, turkey, wine, and beer will be available as you build a sandwich with the winning and runner-up efforts. The cost for the tasting is \$5.00/person. Nothing beats homemade, so try your hand at baking or come enjoy the results.

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

Waffle Breakfast 1st Sat. of each month

The President's Corner

Mark your calendar now for Waffle Saturday on March 3rd, as the CBC has denoted it a benefit for Rock Island High School football player Travis Hearn. As many of you know, Travis was paralyzed during an early season game against Alleman. He is currently receiving treatment at the Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago.



All profits from waffles sold March 3rd will be donated to Travis to help offset the costs of his rehab. We will also have a basket on the gift counter for those who won't be available for the breakfast but wish to make a donation. You can also mail a donation to the CBC.

Because the Center desires and anticipates a large crowd, I ask that we have more volunteers to help on this special Saturday. If you can help in any way possible on March 3rd, please contact Catherine VanHecke at 755-8363. And please come to support the Center and this special cause.

Celie Donohue

For Those with Computer Savvy

Did you know that you could visit various cities and towns in Belgium via the Internet? Any city with an Internet website can be easily toured by typing the name of the town, followed by "be" into your browser's URL address window. For example, if you'd like to visit Wingene, you would type www.wingene.be. Even though most are in Flemish or French and do not offer English versions, they are still very interesting and offer plenty of photos and contact email addresses.



For you readers who enjoy "classic oldie" music, www.fantasyclassicgold.com/ offers some great songs from the 50's-70's. When you have accessed the website, scroll to the right and click on "Luister Live." The service originates from Weelde, Belgium, and you will hear occasional advertisements and announcements in the Flemish language. While younger people would enjoy this the most, it really is a neat website for listening while you "surf the Net."

With Deepest Sympathies . . .

Richard M. Rik Veys, 41, of Rock Island, passed away on Wednesday, August 30, 2006, at Trinity Medical Center, Rock Island.

Funeral services were held on September 2nd at DeRoo Funeral Home and at St. Pius X Catholic Church, Rock Island, where he was a member. Burial was at Memorial Park Cemetery, Rock Island. Memorials can be made to his son, Sid's Educational Fund.

Rik was born November 27, 1964, in Moline. He was the son of Maurie J. and Jan Lannoo Veys. He married Lori A. Zielke on June 4, 1994, in Galeburg.

Mr. Veys was employed for the last four years by WQAD-TV, Moline, as director of creative service. He also worked for seven years at Pick Two Productions as a producer and director.

Rik enjoyed golf, Tae Kwon Do and playing guitar.

Survivors include his wife, Lori; son, John Simon "Sid" Veys at home; mother, Jan Veys, Moline; father Maurie Veys, Laguna Hills, CA; Rik's twin brother Randy Veys, Rock Island, and brother Brian Veys, Los Angeles, CA; sister, Megan Veys, Edina, MN; grandmother, Marjorie Lannoo, Rock Island; aunts, Margo Francque, Moline, and Linda Rose, Midland, TX.

Frank Dunshee, 88, of Denver, CO, and formerly of Davenport, passed away December 28, 2006. Private services were held in Denver.

Before moving to Denver, Frank operated Dunshee's Auto Shop in Davenport and was a strong supporter of the Belgian community.

His wife, Evelyn (Poma) Dunshee; daughters Nancy Walsh and Peggy Leaf; sons Frank and Daniel; brother Ron; 10 grandchildren and numerous great-grandchildren survive him.

A longtime CBC supporter herself, Evelyn's cousins are Emily Mortier and Mary VandeVorde.

Kleine Winkel

Belgian chocolates are again in stock and we'll soon have t-shirts and sweatshirts. And don't forget we've got a good supply of chef's aprons and battery-operated clocks with the Belgian flag logo on the face.



Ruth Lambrick Van Tieghem Scholarship Fund



The Ruth VanTieghem Scholarship is awarded to a deserving student who has completed at least two years of college and has plans to continue his/her education. Congratulations to this year's recipient, Jandis Van Watermeulen!

Jandie is a graduate of United Township High School and currently attends Florida Southern College. She is majoring in Human Resource Management. Jandie is very active in school and community organizations including Relay for Life, QC Marathon, Chamber of Commerce Leadership Academy, Crime Stoppers, Letterman's Club and Student Ambassadors. Jandie shared that she enjoys psychology and sociology. "I love learning about different types of people and their behaviors." Her school honors include Illinois State Scholar, National Honor Society (High School and College), Spanish National Honor Society, John Deere Award, Academic Achievement and Leadership Awards. Jandie was on the President's List at Southern Florida College for straight A's.

Jandie Van Watermeulen Belgian Heritage Essay

My great grandpa VanWatermeulen came from Belgium, settled in Minnesota and became a farmer. He married and had seven children. My grandpa Ron was one of them and he married my grandma Phyllis. Then my grandparents moved to Colona, Illinois. Grandpa went to work for International Harvester Works where he worked hard for thirty years. Grandma stayed home and took care of their five children. After grandpa retired, they moved back to Minnesota to be with their families. Grandpa was from Belgium and grandma was from Germany.

My great grandpa VandeWiele came to Detroit, Michigan, from Tielt, Belgium, at the age of eighteen. He later moved to the Quad Cities and worked at the Moline Iron Works. He married a local girl, my great grandma Mary Martin, whose parents also came from Belgium. My grandparents had three boys. My grandpa, Bob VandeWiele, was the eldest son. He married Ann Donalson, and they had three children of their own. My mom was the youngest and she married my dad, Ron VanWatermeulen. My parents live in Silvis, Illinois. My dad is a tool and die maker and my mom does computer work at Augustana College.

My dad is half Belgian and half German and my mom is half Belgian as well, so that makes me half Belgian also. My Belgian heritage is very important to me. I haven't yet had the

privilege of visiting Belgium, but my grandparents took my mom and she talks about her experiences all the time. She talks about going to Brugge to see lace being made at the convent. She told me about going to church and how funny she thought it was that men walk in and sit on a different side of the church than the women do. She shares her tale of seeing all the historical sites throughout the country and attempting to learn how to play rollie bollie, which is a very popular game in Belgium.

Belgium is a country full of culture and strong, hard-working people. My parents are two of those strong, hard-working Belgians who continue to try and pass their skills and ethics onto us, the next generation. They work very hard to support our family, but they can't do it all by themselves. We have to work together as a family. If I wanted to go to college, I would have to work to help with the astronomical expenses. I completed high school in three and a half years and went to Augustana College to complete my fourth year. I enrolled at Florida Southern College in Lakeland, Florida, and I am pursuing a degree in Human Resource Management and a minor in Communications. I work very hard to get good grades all the while working at Outback Steakhouse and participating in school activities like basketball games, Southern Ambassador tours and the National Honors Society. This past semester I made the President's List because I received straight A's for two consecutive semesters.

I have to say I am proud to be Belgian, and I enjoy learning about my heritage. I feel the Belgium Culture Center is a wonderful organization because it helps keep our culture alive. The different activities and waffle breakfasts are a delight. My grandparents Bob and Ann, my mom and dad, my uncle Mark and aunt Terri and my aunt Nancy are all members of the center and I hope to follow in their footsteps.

Smoking Snuffed

From Focus on Flanders

As of January 1st, smoking is no longer allowed in Belgian restaurants and taverns where more than one-third of the revenue is derived from food. A survey carried out last year showed 79% of Belgians preferred smoke-free dining.

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Fr. Robert Lee Honored



L-R: Patrick Van Nevel, Delores Bultinck, Fr. Robert Lee, Celie Donohue, and Gene Donohue at the November 4th dinner honoring Fr. Lee for his service and dedication to the Belgian community, Sacred Heart Church and Seton School.



Flanders Gets Credit Where Credit is Due

from Focus on Flanders

Flanders is the first government in this country to receive the highest score in terms of creditworthiness from credit-rating agency Moody's. As a reward for its orthodox budgetary policy Flanders' rating is being increased from Aa1 to Aaa. Flanders has been recording budgetary surpluses for a while now, and will be debt-free in 2008. The Federal Belgian Government has been rated Aa1 for some time, but according to De Tijd, Moody's is considering increasing this in 2007.

Planning a Trip to Belgium?

While the CBC does not endorse any particular airline, Northwest Airlines has announced that as of May 7th, it will offer nonstop service between Detroit and Brussels five days per week. After June 15th, the service will be offered on a daily basis. With morning and afternoon Northwest flights leaving Moline for Detroit, connecting to Brussels has just been made easier. Check www.nwa.com for further information.