



# CENTER FOR BELGIAN CULTURE of Western Illinois, Inc.

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## Calendar of Upcoming Events

April 7th	Waffle Breakfast	8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon
April 7th	Belgian Lacemakers	1:00 to 4:00 p.m.
April 9th	Board Meeting	4:00 to 5:30 p.m.
May 5th	Waffle Breakfast	8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon
May 5th	Belgian Lacemakers	1:00 to 4:00 p.m.
May 14th	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 April schedule is as follows:

<b>Date</b>	<b>Gift Counter</b>	<b>Host/Hostess</b>
Wed., April 4th	Evelyn VanPuyvelde	Al VanPuyvelde
Sat., April 7th	Celie Donohue (AM)	Maurine Schweitzer (PM)
Wed., April 11th	Mary Lou Andrae	Clara Van De Veire
Sat., April 14th	Al Hoyt	Al Hoyt
Wed., April 18th	Celie Donohue	Gene Donohue
Sat., April 21st	Margaret Wadsworth	Bill Wadsworth
Wed., April 25th	Georgia Slininger	Louis Slininger
Sat., April 28th	Elaine Hendrickx	Bob Hendrickx

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

## The Kleine Winkel

The inventory is building . . . not only do we have new caps and t-shirts, we just received a new shipment of the "Say it in Dutch" books. We have two framed prints by Brueghal and a framed windmill print.

Stop and see our plush lions, just in time to add to your special Easter Basket. You can also flip the pages of the new "Belgo" cookbook. It's 160 pages of wonderful recipes, color pictures of the dishes, as well as pictures of many other foods from Belgium. You'll find a guide to cooking mussels and how to eat them; many "top-ten" lists of Belgium, i.e., tunes, beers, films, things to do in Belgium, and the five steps of tasting fine chocolates of Belgium.

This is a rare and unique cookbook and would make a great addition to EVERY kitchen.

**Center OPEN Wednesday & Saturday 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.**  
**Waffle Breakfast 1st Sat. of each month**

## The President's Corner

On February 22nd, Blanche Eriksen, one of our original members, invited her King's Daughters circle to the Center. After a light lunch and meeting, I welcomed the ladies. They enjoyed a demonstration of lace making by Marlene Shattuck. Art Holevoet gave a very interesting talk on Belgian horses, St. Anthony and the Pig, and he displayed some of his many tins and cookie boards from Belgium.

The March 3rd Waffle Breakfast benefit for Travis Hearn was a huge success in spite of nasty weather the week before. Waffle irons stayed hot all morning! CBS-Four news reporters Nicole Lolly and Kegan Feeny were busy interviewing customers and shooting video of the decked out waffles. Travis' grandparents were in attendance and enjoyed visiting with old and new friends.

A Thank You to all who supported this effort and made Travis' family feel the genuine support of the Center and community – not only with the monetary tribute, but with sincere good wishes for Travis' future. In case you were wondering, the donation box held \$200.00 and the breakfast raised another \$500.00. The Center will be sending a check for a total of \$700.00!!!!

Special thanks goes to the "waffle workers" – it couldn't have happened without you. Those workers were: Theresa and Bob Bailey, Joan DeCap, Al VanHecke, Art and Linda Van Hecke, Tim Van Hecke, Art Holevoet, Paul Holevoet, Evelyn VanPuyvelde, Marian Knock, and Gene Donohue.

Celie Donohue

## Bake-Off Winners

February 15th was a very cold night, but the Center was warm and buzzing with activity as the popular Raisin Bread Bake-Off was held. The contest attracted about 40 people.

First prize for the bread was awarded to Joe VanVooren, second prize was a tie between Art Holevoet and Evelyn VanPuyvelde, and third prize was awarded to Margaret Sherbeyn.



Joe VanVooren

In the jams and jellies competition, Helen Foote won first prize for her white peach jam. Art Holevoet's white peach butter won second place, and third place was awarded to Pauline Accoe for her grape jelly.

Judges for the evening were Lori Wilson of the Moline Park Board, Lois Marsoun of the Moline Senior Center, and Margaret Wadsworth of the CBC. Prizes were donated by Mike Cornelis (son of Walt and Ellen) and were from the Chicago Metallic Bakeware Co.

When the judging was complete, all in attendance enjoyed not only the bread and jams, but also the makings for sandwiches, a veggie tray, and thirst quenchers of wine, beer, coffee and pop. A big Thank You to Evelyn and Al VanPuyvelde for all their work on a fun evening.



## A Salute to Long Marriages



Moline's Sacred Heart Church recently held its annual Marriage Day Mass. The Center for Belgian Culture and the Belgian community were very well represented.

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| 25 Years | Patrick & Mary Kay Trimble        | 55 Years | Raymond & Mary Lou DeVolder |
| 35 Years | Roger & Bonnie Boostrom           | 57 Years | Albert & Evelyn VanPuyvelde |
| 40 Years | Deacon Patrick & Mary Beth Murphy | 58 Years | Frank & Rosemary VanAcker   |
| 45 Years | James & Donna Cavins              | 59 Years | Henry & Marian DeMay        |
|          | Dennis & Loretta Ceurvorst        | 60 Years | Walter & Ellen Cornelis     |
|          | Lawrence & Mary Kay Lorenson      |          | Maurice & Alice Kerchove    |
| 50 Years | Eugene & Cecilia Donohue          | 61 Years | Kenneth & Clara Van Opdorp  |
|          | Richard & Mary Schoeve            | 65 Years | Hector and Marie DeKezel    |
| 52 Years | Robert & Jennine Day              | 68 Years | Merlyn & Irene Boostrom     |
|          | Maurice & Betty VanSpeybroeck     |          |                             |

## DANK U

A THANK YOU goes to Catherine VanHecke for her donation of a new sweeper to the Center, to Bill Coopman for the Bruegal Amber Ale bottle, and to Larry DePover for the rolle bolle and stakes.



## Farewell to Lady Dorothy Buresh

Long-time Dispatch reporter, columnist, editor, feature writer, and friend to the Belgian community, Dorothy Buresh, passed away Tuesday, March 6, 2007. Visitation was held March 8th at DeRoo Funeral Home, with funeral services at Sacred Heart Church in Moline on March 9th. Burial was at National Cemetery at the Rock Island Arsenal.

Although she was Irish and not Belgian, the Olde Towne area and the Belgian community thought highly of Dorothy. Many of her Battered Beat columns were devoted to 7th Street-area businesses and the Belgian families and personalities that lived on the bluff.

In 1977, the Belgian government conferred upon her the distinguished medal Knight in the Order of Leopold II. Then-Mayor Larry Lorensen proclaimed her honorary mayor of 7th Street. Belgian officials and dignitaries



enjoyed meeting with Dorothy whenever they were in town.

Dorothy Green was born Jan. 1, 1917, in Moline. She married Arnold Buresh in 1949. He preceded her in death in 1987, as did her son Michael in 1998. She was employed by the Dispatch for 44 years and with the Times-Democrat and Quad City Times for 16 years.

Dorothy's first collection of weekly columns, published by the CBC, were quickly sold out. The original collections from 1966-1997, plus additional columns published through 1997, were reprinted in 1998. Copies are available at the CBC.

The accolades from newspaper people and local dignitaries were many, and all of us of Belgian heritage feel a special loss with the passing of Lady Dorothy.

## We Help Them, They Help Us

Although she has spoken about RSVP (the Retired Senior Volunteer Program) over the last few months, Margaret Wadsworth wants to make sure those interested in the program understand what is required of them. First, fill out an RSVP membership form. Copies of this form are in a binder in the rack where you note your volunteer hours for the Center. After you have become an RSVP member, you sign an RSVP volunteer sheet (along with signing the Center's record sheets) for your hours, what you did in those hours, and list your mileage to and from the Center. Every three months you will be sent a check to cover a portion of your cost of gas. Once a year you are invited to the Milan Community Center for a wonderful lunch in thanks for being a member and volunteering.

RSVP is funded according to how many members it has, so by becoming members we are helping them and they, in turn, are helping us with payment on some of our costs of coming to the Center. The Center has 23 members signed up, so make sure you fill out your sheet and leave it in the folder marked RSVP. There is no charge for joining RSVP. Should you have any questions, contact Margaret at 786-5791. This is a very worthwhile endeavor and you get something back for your volunteering efforts.

## Birdies for Charity



It won't be long before the birdies of spring arrive at our doors. Not robins, wrens, or cardinals, but "Birdies for Charity."

Larry and Mary Lorensen will again be seeking pledges for the Birdies program that

accompanies the John Deere Classic PGA golf tournament. You guess the total number of birdies the pros will make during the tournament and pledge an amount per birdie. All monies pledged on behalf of the Center, come back to the Center. And tournament officials usually kick in an extra 10%. What an easy way to help the CBC and its scholarship program.

If you'd like to help defray the cost of labels, letters and mailing, Larry and Mary will be more than happy to take any special donation you care to make for that purpose. It's one of our biggest stand-alone fund-raisers, so please help with a donation or a pledge.

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### Meet Our New Ambassador



*From Belgium Today*

Dominique Struye de Swielande has taken up responsibilities as Ambassador of Belgium. "Being Ambassador to the US is a great honor and I look forward to promoting bilateral relations and to meeting Belgians wherever they live in the States," the Ambassador stated. "Never having served

here before, I will be grateful to everyone who helps me discover this great country."

The Ambassador, a native of Ghent, holds a Doctor of Law degree from the Catholic University of Leuven, and Masters degrees from University College, London, and the University of Ghent. He joined the Belgian foreign service in 1974. His first posting in Vienna was followed by three African assignments: Lagos, Harare, and Kinshasa. In 1984, he returned to Europe to become a Counselor in the Cabinet of Foreign Minister Leo Tindemans.

After serving as Deputy Permanent Representative at the UN in Geneva from 1987-90, and Director of the European Union Section at the Foreign Ministry in 1990, he was appointed Head of Cabinet of Foreign Minister Mark Eyskens (1991-92), Diplomatic Advisor to Prime Minister Jean-Luc Dahaene (1992-94), and Head of Cabinet of State Secretary Reginald Moreels (1995-96). From 1997-2002, he was Belgium's Ambassador to Germany, and immediately prior to his Washington posting, was Permanent Representative of Belgium to NATO (2002-06).

For the genealogist, or just plain curious, the GSFA Newsletter reports that a new database of records has been translated into several languages, including English. At the State Archives of Bruges, there are 132 volunteers entering data from both church and civil records. Some of the information includes births, baptisms, marriages, and deaths.

You will need to visit the website on a regular basis, as it is being added to constantly. The web address is:  
[www.vrijwilligersrab.be](http://www.vrijwilligersrab.be)