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Calendar of Upcoming Events

May 28th	Memorial Day Waffles	8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon
June 2nd	Waffle Breakfast	8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon
June 2nd	Belgian Lacemakers	1:00 to 4:00 p.m.
June 7th	Annual Dinner	6:30 p.m.
June 11th	Board Meeting	4:00 to 5:30 p.m.
July 7th	Waffle Breakfast	8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon
July 7th	Belgian Lacemakers	1:00 to 4:00 p.m.
July 9th	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 June schedule is as follows:

<i>Date</i>	<i>Gift Counter</i>	<i>Host/Hostess</i>
Sat., June 2nd	Celie Donohue (AM)	Maurine Schweitzer (PM)
Wed., June 6th	Evelyn VanPuyvelde	Al VanPuyvelde
Sat., June 9th	Margaret Wadsworth	Bill Wadsworth
Wed., June 13th	Mary Lou Andrae	Clara Van De Veire
Sat., June 16th	Mary Rose DeCoster	Mary Rose DeCoster
Wed., June 20th	Celie Donohue	Gene Donohue
Sat., June 23rd	Mary Brunning	Marvin Brunning
Wed., June 27th	Georgia Slininger	Louis Slininger
Sat., June 30th	Elaine Hendrickx	Bob Hendrickx

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

WEBSITE VISITS

Webmaster Werner Gonnissen has reported that the CBC website has surpassed 10,000 visits since first being placed on-line in May of 2001. The US leads visits with 7,204 and is followed by Belgium with 1,605 and Canada with 292. Making up the remainder of the top 10 countries of origin visits are the UK, Germany, The Netherlands, France, Australia, Finland, and India.

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

The President's Corner

First, I want to remind you all of the Annual June Dinner honoring our scholarship winners. The dinner is June 7th with a Happy Hour at 5:30 pm and the dinner at 6:30 pm. Sign up at the Center, or call Evelyn VanPuyvelde at 764-8042 for reservations. Reservations should be made by June 1st. And don't forget to bring your silent auction items. It should be a fun evening!

Second, as of July 31st, it will be time to renew your membership. This year, the CBC will have a "New Members" drive and contest. Who can bring in the most new faces? Check out friends and family that may have let their memberships expire and sign them up again.

To the person who brings in the most new memberships, we would love to award a *special trip to Belgium* – however, that not being possible, how about the next best thing . . . a free 1-waffle breakfast certificate for each new member you sign up. The winner will be announced at the annual Christmas Dinner at Butterworth Center and the certificates will be good from January thru December 2008.

Put your thinking cap on, make your list and call, email, or smoke signal all that you think would love to join THE BELGIAN COUNTRY CLUB!!! See complete details elsewhere in this issue.

Lastly, I would like to give special mention to Catherine VanHecke for her continued work as our Waffle Chairperson and to Mike Kerchove for his dedication and service in mixing the waffle mixins and starting the coffee each month. Our breakfasts certainly wouldn't be successes without you both. Also, a special thanks to Margaret Wadsworth for the wonderful job she does in lining up the volunteer staff and getting the schedule together for inclusion in the Newsletter.

Celie Donohue

Can You Help?

Catherine VanHecke is looking for one or two people who could help with the waffle breakfasts as sausage fryers. It would take a couple of hours once a month and can be done at home or at the Center. If you can help, please call Catherine at 755-8363.

Catherine would also like to thank Mary Lou and Dale Andrae for their year of service frying up those little links that we all enjoy on Waffle Saturdays. If you can take the Andrae's place, please contact Catherine.

With Deepest Sympathies . . .

Ann V. Knobloch, 81, of East Moline, passed away April 20, 2007, at home. Services were held at St. Anne Catholic Church with burial in St. Mary's Cemetery, both in East Moline. Memorials can be made to Our Lady of Grace Catholic Academy Fine Arts Program.

Ann Veys was born July 14, 1925, in East Moline, the daughter of Frank and Alice Peers Veys. She married Robert Knobloch on July 7, 1947, at St. Anne Catholic Church, East Moline.

Ann was a member of the East Moline Women's Club, St. Anne's Booster Club, UTHS Band Boosters Club, and the PTO. She was a seamstress for the St. Anne's Fine Arts Program.

Survivors include her husband Robert, five daughters and their spouses, three sons and their spouses, 18 grandchildren, 4 great-grandchildren and one sister.

Her parents and one sister preceded her in death.

Margaret L. Borgonjon, 88, of Davenport, passed away May 5, 2007, at Silvercrest Assisted Living, Davenport. Services and a Mass of Christian Burial were held on May 8th at Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church in Davenport. Burial was at St. Ann's Cemetery, Long Grove, IA. Memorials can be made to either Our Lady of Victory Church or the QC Alzheimer Association.

Margaret Louise Claeys was born November 29, 1918, in Eldridge, IA, the daughter of Triphon and Philomena (Andries) Claeys. She married Arthur Borgonjon on June 25, 1938, at St. Ann's Catholic Church in Long Grove.

She and her husband were charter members and very active parishioners at Our Lady of Victory. Particularly proud of her Belgian heritage, she was a member of the CBC, the East End Club, and an avid rolle bolle player.

Survivors include her husband Arthur, four daughters and their spouses, eight grandchildren, 31 great-grandchildren, and three sisters-in-law.

Her parents, two sisters, and two brothers preceded her in death.

OUR THANKS goes to the Waffle workers for May: Catherine VanHecke, Mike Kerchove, Bob and Elaine Hendrickz, Theresa Bailey, Ralph Vroman, Art Holevoet, Mary Lou Robinson, Paul Holevoet, Helen Foote, Mary Mortier, Millie Kale, Marian Knock, Norma Manning, Gene Fowler, and Everett Manning. Thank you for your efforts in making Waffle Saturday a delicious way to start the weekend.

New Members Drive & Contest

As the President's Corner noted, membership renewal is coming up at the end of July and your Board thought it a great time to try to boost membership. For each new member you sign up through July 1, 2008, you will be sent a free 1-waffle breakfast certificate that can be used at any time. Who is a new member? Anyone who is not now on the 2006-2007 membership list.



In addition, the person who signs up the most new members through November 30, 2007, will receive (12) free 1-waffle breakfast certificates. Those certificates can be used each month over the course of 2008, or the winner can use several at one time to treat family members or guests.

The winner will be announced at the Christmas Dinner and the certificates will be sent to them so they can start enjoying their winnings in January.

A REMINDER . . . artist Willie Swain will be visiting the CBC at the waffle breakfast on June 2nd to display her painting of Albert and Mike VandeKerkhove, the subjects of the article "The Little Miracle In Moline" that appeared in May's Newsletter. Please stop in to see the painting, visit with the artist and Pat VandeKerckhove, who commissioned the painting.

Congratulations!

William Wadsworth celebrated his 80th birthday on May 6th. Born in Rural Township, he married Margaret VanOoteghem in 1948. Bill retired from the Rock Island Arsenal in 1989.

Irma Carmack celebrated her 90th birthday on May 9th. Born in St. Boniface, Manitoba, Canada, the former Irma DeClerck married Charles Carmack in 1939. Irma was employed at Lennox Photo and Agnew Drug, and also did alterations for several clothing stores.

Raymond and Barbara Coppens have celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. Ray and the former Barbara Ochs were married April 27, 1957, in Rock Island. Ray retired from Mid-American Energy in 1995 after 36 years. Barb was employed for 27 years at I-H Farmall and retired from the Rock Island Arsenal in 1992.

Steven and Christine Van Lancker have celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary. Steve and Chris were married May 8, 1982, in Silvis. Steve is the third generation owner of Model Printers and Chris is the office manager.

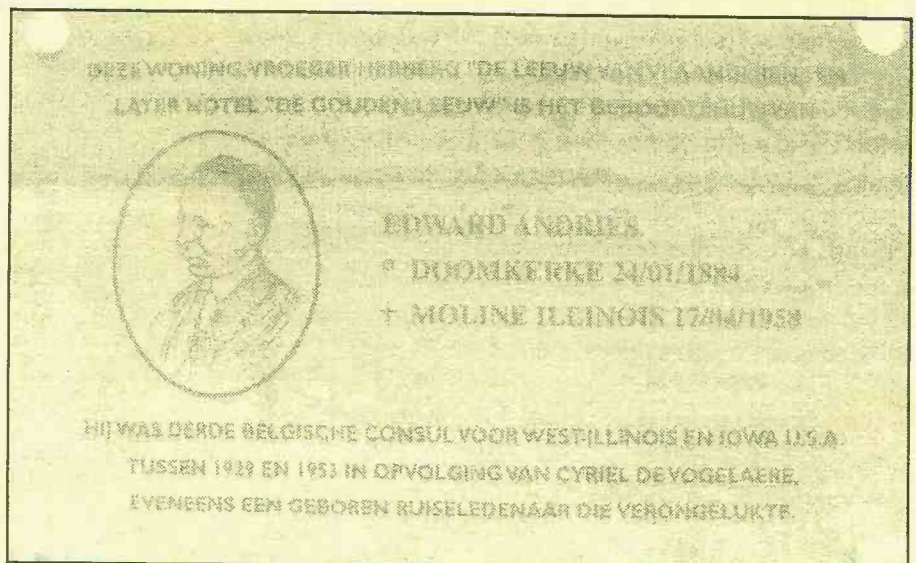
Marikay Trimble, daughter of Walt and Ellen Cornelis, was chosen to receive a fourth quarter Special Recognition award on May 9th by the John Deere, Moline, and Moline School District Business and Education Partnership. She is a kindergarten teacher aide at Hamilton Elementary.

A Salute to Edward Andries

Thanks to the efforts of Geert Deguffroy, chairman of the Historical Society "Old Ruysselede," a memorial plaque was dedicated to Edward Andries in Doomkerke, a parish of Ruiselede, in 1998. The plaque was installed on the site of "The Lion of Flanders," a tavern once owned by Edward's father.

Ed Andries came to Moline in 1905. He married Alida Heirbrandt in 1908 and served as consul of Belgium for Western Illinois and Iowa from 1929 through 1953.

Thanks to the *Gazette van Detroit*.



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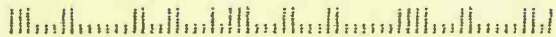
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Flanders and the World Economy

from Focus on Flanders

According to the Flemish Foreign Trade Minister, Flanders exported EUR 132 billion worth of goods during the first nine months of 2006. This figure is up 5.4% over the previous year. Trade Minister Fientje Moerman stated that Flemish companies are exporting more and more to Central and Eastern European countries. Foreign trade was transferred from the Federal level to the Flemish level in 1993. Since then, Flanders' share in total Belgian exports has risen from 68% to 80%. In percentage terms, Flanders is the strongest climber in world rankings of exporting countries/regions after China. Overall, according to the World Trade Organization, the Flanders region accounted for 2.67% of the world's export of goods in 2005, compared with a figure of 2.17% in 1993.

Tintin Come to Life

The Associated Press reports that Hollywood directors Steven Spielberg and Peter Jackson will each direct one film in a series of three movies based on the adventures of Tintin. Tintin is the subject of a series of illustrated books about the globetrotting Belgian reporter who follows his subjects to the end of the world, often to his own detriment.

Tintin was created by Georges Remi who wrote and illustrated over two dozen books under the pen name Hergé. Since last September, Belgium and France have been celebrating Hergé's centennial in art galleries, with coinage, special stamps, and even an illustrated airliner.

The films will be created through motion-capture technology, which utilizes digital renderings of live actors to create a combination of live action and digital animation.

ANYONE GOING TO DOOR COUNTY? Did you know that Door County, Wisconsin, is home to many Flemish-speaking residents? Your Newsletter Editor certainly didn't. But the Door County Library is looking forward to taking our collection of old books, written in Flemish, that we have pulled from our library. The only problem is they have no money to pay for shipping. If there is any member who will be visiting Door County this summer who might be willing to take a box or two of books, please contact Celie Donohue at 792-8246.