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Calendar of Upcoming Events

July 5th	Waffle Breakfast	8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon
July 5th	Belgian Lacemakers	1:00 to 4:00 p.m.
July 14th	Annual Meeting	watch for details
August 2nd	Waffle Breakfast	8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon
August 2nd	Belgian Lacemakers	1:00 to 4:00 p.m.
August 11th	Board Meeting	4:00 to 5:30 p.m.
October 11th	45th Anniversary Dinner @ Oakwood C.C.	watch for details

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>
Wed., July 2nd	Evelyn VanPuyvelde	Al VanPuyvelde
Sat., July 5th	Celie Donohue (AM) Martha Vroman (PM)	Ralph Vroman (PM)
Wed., July 9th	Mary Lou Andrae	Norma Manning
Sat., July 12th	Margaret Wadsworth	Bill Wadsworth
Wed., July 16th	Celie Donohue	Gene Donohue
Sat., July 19th	Al Hoyt	Al Hoyt
Wed., July 23rd	Georgia Slininger	Louie Slininger
Sat., July 26th	Elaine Hendrickx	Bob Hendrickx
Wed., July 30th	Mary Rose DeCoster	Mary Rose DeCoster

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

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

The President's Corner

In lieu of this column for the next few months, the Newsletter will print the essays of the CBC and Ruth Lambrick VanTieghem Scholarship winners. Hardy congratulations to all of you and your families. We hope to hear from you from time to time to print what is transpiring in your college life.

I wish all CBC members a happy and safe summer wherever you go and in whatever you do. We'll catch up in the fall.

God love you,

CELIE DONOHUE

ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting of the CBC will be held on Monday, July 14th, beginning at 7:00 p.m. This meeting, like all board meetings, is open to all members. Light refreshments will be served following the meeting.

July Waffle Volunteers

First shift waffle volunteers for July are Karen and Pat VandeKerkove, Bonnie and Joel Newman, and Millie Kale. Second shift volunteers are Georgia, Tom, and Louie Slininger, and Nora and Ev Manning. They join Mike Kerchove and Catherine VanHecke who get everything ready for the monthly Waffle Saturday.

Calling All Veterans



Archivist Millie Kale and Art Holevoet are looking for help for the CBC's Veterans Day window display, from anyone who has served in or for the military. They are looking for service medals, photos, and memorabilia of veterans' time in service. Anything used will be returned. You may leave items at the Center marked to Millie or Art's attention. Contact Millie Kale for more information at 786-7827.

Our Scholars

On June 7th, a fine dinner was held at the Center to announce the winners of the CBC and Ruth Lambrick VanTieghem Scholarships. CBC scholarships are awarded to three deserving high school graduates who are just entering college, and the VanTieghem scholarship is awarded to a student who has completed two years of college and is continuing with his/her education.

Winners of this year's CBC scholarships are: Callahan DePorter from Orion, Illinois; Kristen Schweppe from Aledo, Illinois; and Elizabeth Watkins of Taylor Ridge, Illinois. The VanTieghem scholarship winner is Katie Sleaford from Annawan, Illinois.

Following the dinner and presentations, the DeCap Auctioneers led a fun auction, which netted \$240.00 for the Center's treasury.

Thanks go to Diane DeBord Catering for the delicious meal; Bob and Ann VandeWiele for their diligent efforts in distributing the applications and assembling the judges to review and award the scholarships; Mary and Larry Lorensen for their efforts in raising money for the CBC scholarships; the family of Ruth Lambrick VanTieghem for recognizing the importance of higher education and providing their scholarship fund; Virginia VandeWiele who provided additional monies for this years CBC scholarships in honor of her husband Albert; DeCap Auctioneers for providing their auctioneering services; all who brought delicious desserts; and everyone who contributed items for the auction. It was a truly fun evening and a great way to salute our honor students. Congratulations to you all!



(l-r) Kristen Schweppe, Callahan DePorter and Elizabeth Watkins

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, Katie Sleaford.

Katie will be a senior at St. Ambrose University in Davenport, Iowa, where she is in the top 10% of her class. She graduated from Annawan High School with a 4.0 out of 4 grade point average and is working towards a Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing, with a minor in biology. Katie was unable to attend the award dinner, as she is serving an internship at the Mayo Clinic.

Katie Sleaford Belgian Heritage Essay

From the day I was born, my life experiences have evolved around my Belgium heritage. Growing up in a strong Belgian home, I was influenced by many of the traditions passed from generation to generation. Some of those included songs, tales, foods, and activities. These traditions and culture are always present and shared.



There are many factors that go into determining the path we take; the most significant of these is the heritage we are born into. I was born into a very strong Catholic Belgian family. In order to understand your heritage, you must know your family tree. The following is a brief explanation of my ancestors: My mother, Carolyn (Van De Voorde) Sleaford is the daughter of Howard Van De Voorde and Roberta Mae (DeFauw) Van De Voorde, my grandparents. Howard's parents were Henry Seraphin and Augusta (VanVooren) Van De Voorde, my great-grandparents. Henry's parents were Philemon and Mathilda Van De Voorde, my great-great grandparents. Roberta's parents were Cyriel and Kathryn (Van De Voorde) DeFauw, my great grandparents. Cyriel's parents were Richard and Maria Louisa (DePoortere) DeFauw, my great-great grandparents.

Philemon Van De Voorde and Cyriel DeFauw were very brave and young, independent men who immigrated to the United States and settled in Henry County. They were farmers who worked very hard to make a better life for their

children. The land that was settled and farmed by my family has been passed down from generation to generation and is a huge part of my heritage. It is very important to my family to continue to see this happen. Currently, my mom and I live on a piece of this land. The land signifies the pride and accomplishments our family has achieved. It has provided income and security for our family for many years and will continue to do so in the future.

As a small girl, my parents divorced and my mother and I lived with my grandparents, Howard and Roberta Van De Voorde. My mother worked and I spent many hours with my grandmother, Roberta, who always included me when she was cooking or making raisin bread. She would spend her spare time making doilies and I would sit by her side watching. I remember her telling me stories about her parents and making sure I have pictures of my family members and understood who they were. My grandfather would take me for truck rides out to the field and to Dairy Queen for ice cream. He would always tell me it was our secret.

I also remember our wonderful family parties and reunions. The women would always fix homemade food to enjoy all day long. I remember the women playing cards and the men playing rolle bolle and drinking beer. The more beer they would drink, the more stories they would tell about their history, characters, personal struggles and accomplishments, and the hope for the future. There was always so much laughter and love.

As a young lady, I grew to understand my family's rich Catholic faith. I watched and learned from their practice of Christianity through their actions. They were always ready to help one another and the strength of prayer. My mom always would say, "Many hands make light work." This is what her parents told her and their parents told them, and they definitely practiced this theory.

As a woman, I understand that all of us share the values of heritage and culture. It is sometimes easy to focus on small individual differences and overlook the much greater similarities. In many ways, our heritage brings us closer to one another. This is a very powerful network. The past is our inheritance to our heritage. Heritage is such a strong term that suggests history itself. It suggests obligation on the part of the present and also on behalf of the future.

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Our home is filled with reminders of our heritage. My mom displays lace doilies and quilts made by her mother and grandmother. She shares with me the sentimental history behind many of the antique pieces she values because they are constant reminders of our heritage and the people who influenced our lives.

My Belgian heritage has been my grounding, and it has brought me identity and peace. I have been truly blessed to have a large family that found it important and valuable to share my heritage with me. It helps me understand them and their faith, beliefs, customs, and culture. I feel much of the knowledge I have acquired from my family about my heritage has influenced who I am and my career choices. I know my determination to fulfill my career goals and aspirations are from my motivated family heritage. As the world continues to change, it is reassuring to know that some things will remain the same.

Hooppole Celebrates

On August 10th, St. Mary's Church in Hooppole will celebrate the 125th year of its founding with a Mass led by Bishop Daniel Jenky of the Peoria Diocese. From 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. that afternoon, lacemakers will give a demonstration.

DANK U THANK YOU

Thank you to **Joan DeTaeye Greko** for the Belgian white chocolate tin and Kriek beer bottle for use in our displays. Also, thanks to the person who donated the large lion planter, which will be used for our 45th anniversary dinner.



Happy 4th of July! God Bless America & its Soldiers! Happy Birthday America!