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## Calendar of Upcoming Events

February 7th	Waffle Breakfast	8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon
February 7th	Belgian Lacemakers	1:00 to 4:00 p.m.
February 9th	Board Meeting	4:00 to 5:30 p.m.
March 7th	Waffle Breakfast	8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon
March 7th	Belgian Lacemakers	1:00 to 4:00 p.m.
March 9th	Board Meeting	4:00 to 5:30 p.m.
March 9th	"Help Millie Day"	9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
March 19th	Raisin Bread Bakeoff	5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

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

## Schedule for Volunteers

The February schedule is as follows:

<i>Date</i>	<i>Gift Counter</i>	<i>Host/Hostess</i>
Wed., February 4th	Evelyn VanPuyvelde	Al VanPuyvelde
Sat., February 7th	Celie Donohue (AM)	
	Martha Vroman (PM)	Ralph Vroman
Wed., February 11th	Mary Lou Andrae	Clara Van De Veire
Sat., February 14th	Margaret Wadsworth	Bill Wadsworth
Wed., February 18th	Celie Donohue	Gene Donohue
Sat., February 21st	Elaine Hendrickx	Bob Hendrickx
Wed., February 25th	Millie Kale	Millie Kale
Sat., February 28th	Al Hoyt	Al Hoyt

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

## Get Well Wishes

*We offer get well and speedy recovery wishes to Emil Dupont, Don DeBo, Al DePorter and Art Holevoet.*

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

**Waffle Breakfast 1st Sat. of each month**

## The President's Corner

I hope all of you had a very nice Christmas and kept warm and dry. We were nice and warm in Colorado with our son and grandkids, but arrived home to a very wet lower level. The "unusual" weather here – snow, cold, rain, warming then freezing – caused our sump pump hose to pack with ice; hence the water was forced to go backward. We are dealing with the problems of the situation and hope our "Christmas Room" will be back in order by early this month.

I have a goal to organize and reorganize the Center's archive materials that have been patiently waiting for helping hands. Our energetic and enthusiastic archivist, Millie Lievens Kale, is ready and willing to plunge into the task. For this, we are going to have a "Help Millie Day" at the Center. We need a few hours of your time. We need people to help sort material by year, month, etc. This is not a difficult task, but it is time consuming. Many hands will help us get through the material that much faster. If you could, please be at the Center between 9:30-10:00 a.m. to start, then break for a Belgian Village sandwich and beverage, and continue working into the early afternoon. If you can only give a few hours, you will still be much appreciated. The date for the "**Help Millie Day**" is **Monday, March 9th**. Mark this on your calendars NOW.

I am still waiting for my phone to ring with a volunteer to call the waffle workers. Please help the CBC with this all-important function! Call me at 792-8246, and I'll explain everything. And remember, **the waffle breakfasts pay our rent!**

God love you!

CELIE DONOHUE

## The Kleine Winkel

We're having a blowout on our Belgian clocks. They make a fine gift or a "timely" decoration. The clocks were \$35.00 and are now priced at \$20.00/each with the members-only coupon.

*Belgian Clocks*  
 Regular Price - \$35.00  
**NOW \$20.00 with this Coupon**  
 CBC Members-Only

## Smaken Goed

It's time for another Raisin Bread Bakeoff (and jams and jellies, too)! March 19th has been chosen as the date for judging your best culinary efforts with raisin bread. Jams and jellies



only will also be judged. Prizes provided by Mike Cornelis of Chicago Metallic will be awarded. To enter the competition, please contact Evelyn VanPuyvelde at 764-8042,

so we know who will be baking and how many entries to expect.

For those who don't bake, but like to eat, come and "taste" the winners beginning at 5:30 p.m. that day. A relish tray w/dip, crackers, ham, turkey, and beverages will be available, as you build a sandwich with the winning and runner-up efforts. The cost for the tasting is \$5.00/ea. for members and \$7.00/ea. for non-members. Please sign the sheet at the Center if you plan to dine.

Nothing beats homemade, so try your hand at baking or come and enjoy the results!

### Please Check Ahead

With all the bad weather we're having and will probably continue to have during the winter months, please check ahead before visiting the CBC. We want everyone – visitors and volunteers – to be safe.

## Flanders from the Air

A new book has been published that could no doubt be a hit with anyone interested in Belgium, especially Flanders. It's titled *Flanders from the Air* and was authored by photographer Marc Soubbron and journalist Rik Neven. Landscapes, festivals, picturesque villages, historical castles, businesses, and city centers were all photographed from the air, showing how expansive certain places and events are compared with just how little everything is in relation to the landscape. Flanders seems big, yet small at the same time.

The book, published by Palindroom, contains 252 pages. Any bookseller should be able to give you information regarding its price. The book's ISBN is 9789078699002 and your bookseller will need this number to perform a search for you.

*With Deepest Sympathies . . .*

**Irma Lena Baldwin**, 83, of Moline, died Saturday, January 3, 2009, at Genesis Medical Center Illini Campus, Silvis, Illinois. Entombment was at St. Mary's Cemetery, East Moline, Illinois. Irma was born March 28, 1925, in Moline, the daughter of Armand and Eliza Loontjens Van de Moortel. She married Glendon Baldwin on January 11, 1947, at St. Anne's Church, East Moline. He preceded her in death on March 21, 2007. Survivors are daughters (spouses), Linda (Rich) Barber, Taylor Ridge, Teresa (Dennis) Lynch, Geneseo; sons (spouses), Bruce (Linda) Baldwin, Coal Valley, Duane (Michelle) Baldwin, Hoffman Estates, Illinois, Jim (Diana) Baldwin, Redwood City, California; 14 grandchildren; 11 great grandchildren; and one niece. Her parents, a sister, Alice Clark and two infant brothers preceded her in death.

**Euphrasia Van Steenhuyze**, 91, formerly of East Moline and Silvis, Illinois, died January 16, 2009, at St. Anthony's Hospital, St. Louis, Missouri. Entombment was at St. Mary's Mausoleum, East Moline, Illinois. Euphrasia was born March 2, 1917, in East Moline, the daughter of Octave and Elizabeth Callewaert VanSteenhuyze. Survivors include a niece and nephew, Marcia (Duane) Otto of Fenton, Missouri, and Jim (Angela) Amos, Murfreesboro, Tennessee; and great-nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents; sister, Juliette; and nephew Scott Amos.

**Queen has Interesting Surgery**

Early in January, Queen Fabiola underwent thyroid surgery at the university hospital in Liege. What was interesting about this procedure was that she did not have general anesthesia. Instead, she was completely sedated under hypnosis.

The technique used by the Queen's doctors is called hypnoseda-tion. It is used mostly used on elderly patients because general sedation can have difficult side effects. General anesthesia can also be dangerous for older people.

The university hospital is well known for using hypnosis. More than 4000 operations have been done using this technique and the Queen probably chose the hospital for this reason. Queen Fabiola, the widow of King Baudouin, is 80 years old.

*Thanks to Flanders Today*

**Booze Nooze**

Belgium brewer AB InBev, now the world's largest brewer, will open a New York office to handle some management of its global operations now handled by its Leuven headquarters. St. Louis will remain the head office of North American operations as part of Inbev's deal in acquiring Anheuser-Busch.

Belgium will still remain the location of InBev's global head-quarters and the center of the company's strategic decisions. This includes the shareholders' meetings and the regular board of directors' meetings. The head office for Belgium and Western Europe will remain in Leuven.

AB InBev employs over 2900 people in Belgium.

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**February  
Waffle Volunteers**

February's waffle workers for first shift are Lois and Fred DeCoster, Mary and Joe DeMeyer, and Gene Fowler. Second shifters are Bonnie and Jason Tanamor, Millie Kale, and Bill Fisher. Evelyn VanPuyvelde will collect the money on first shift, Marian Knock will do likewise on second shift, and Theresa Bailey will again supervise them all.

**Gazette Van Detroit**

Want to learn a little about other Belgian social and cultural organizations? Are you interested in the historical link between the US, Canada, and Belgium? Want to learn a little Flemish? Why not subscribe to the *Gazette van Detroit*. For over 94 years, the *Gazette* has been publishing news of interest to the Belgian communities around the world. One-year subscriptions (26 issues) are \$25.00 and you'll find the paper very interesting. You can view some back copies at the CBC to see what the *Gazette Van Detroit* is all about.

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### **She's at it Again!**

You might remember our coverage of Rachel Horn, CBC member Charlie VandeWiele's granddaughter, who was the youngest winner of the \$75,000 "Jeopardy!" television program teen tournament. Well, she's at it again!

What viewers to the program already knew, a college entrance exam confirmed. Rachel, a junior in high school, received the highest possible score – a 36 – on her ACT test last December.

"It was definitely a surprise. The science section, I thought was really hard," Rachel stated, along with others who took the same test. "I figured there was no way."

Even though she is a junior, Rachel is contemplating her college choices and considers Harvard and Northwestern her two top picks. She is less certain of her career goals, but is weighing becoming a professor and enjoys foreign languages and religious studies.

Only about 1 out of every 3,300 test takers achieves the top score, including two other Cincinnati-area students.



*Rachel Horn*

She said she didn't do any formal preparations for the test. "That may be true," stated history teacher Scott Grunder, "but Horn does a remarkable amount of preparation and studying as part of her normal academic routine. She's taking very challenging courses here, and I know she works beyond what she's required to do. That's just a personality trait of hers."

Rachel's father, David Horn, credited her teachers, guidance counselors, and peers at Walnut Hills High School for creating a recipe for success.

"Obviously, we're thrilled about her results, but we've come to expect great things from her. If you know this kid, that's what you expect," he stated.

We here at the CBC expect we'll hear more about Rachel in the coming years. Congratulations!

*Thanks to Ben Fischer  
and the Cincinnati Enquirer*