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Calendar of Upcoming Events

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 14th	St. Patrick's Day	
March 19th	Raisin Bread Bakeoff	5:30 to 7:30 p.m.
April 4th	Waffle Breakfast	8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon
April 4th	Belgian Lacemakers	1:00 to 4:00 p.m.
April 13th	Board Meeting	4:00 to 5:30 p.m.
April 15th	Volunteer Dinner	details tba
June 17th	Scholarship Dinner	details tba
October 11th	Belgian Dinner	details tba

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

Schedule for Volunteers

The March schedule is as follows:

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

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

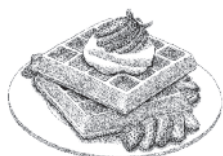
The President's Corner

Due to the great response the CBC had from all who attended the 45th Anniversary Dinner, it seems a repeat is being requested. I inquired at Oakwood Country Club to see if another "great Belgian meal" could be prepared. The manager, hostess, and chef were more than eager. Quote: "They love working with the Belgians, one of their more fun functions!" Soooo.... plans are underway. More information will follow, but mark your calendar and save the date Sunday, October 11th.

This year we will pay tribute to Sacred Heart School, the "Belgian School" of yesteryear, with special recognition given to the eighth grade Class of 1949, its 60th Anniversary year. This is open to all CBC members, the public, and all students of Sacred Heart. Invitations will be sent to the Class of '49, and more details will follow.

God love ya,

CELIE DONOHUE



March Waffle Volunteers

Waffle workers for March are, first shift: Ralph and Ron Vroman, and Barb and Ray Coppens; and second shift: Bonnie and Jason Tanamor, David and Denise Martin, and Millie Kale. Mike Kerchove will take care of the batter, Gene Donohue will man the kitchen, Evelyn VanPuyvelde and Marian Knock will oversee the cashbox, and Theresa Bailey will oversee everyone.

The Kleine Winkel



A featured article in the Winkel this month is the Belgian chef's apron. It makes a great gift and lets your cookout guests know what a great chef you are. The cost is \$19.95/ea. and for the out-of-town buyers, add \$5.00 for handling and shipping.

Thank You & Get Well

A special thank you goes to **JoAnn DeTaeye Greko**, our secretary for the past three-plus years. JoAnn has done a fantastic job for the CBC, but unfortunately she is experiencing some health problems. We wish JoAnn all the best and pray for her return to good health. Stepping up to the plate to serve as our new secretary is **Karen VandeKerckhove**.

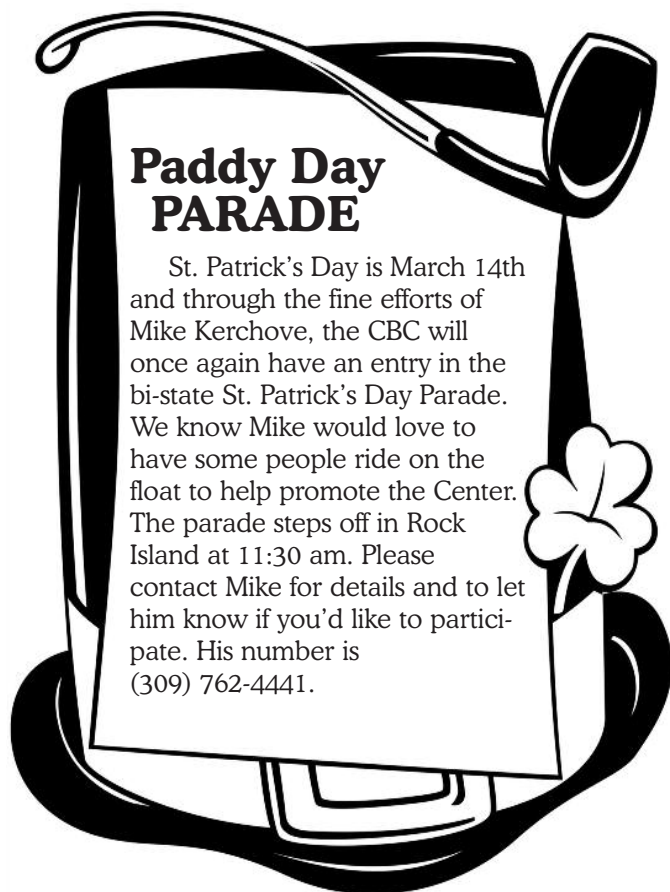
Another new volunteer is **Pat DePorter** of Indiana. Pat will be calling the waffle workers. We welcome Pat and know the wafflers will be more than happy to hear from her and give her a big "yes" when she calls.

The Center offers speedy recovery wishes to **Mary Rose De Coster**.

With Deepest Sympathies . . .

August V. "Augie" De Coster, 56, of Rock Island, died January 24, 2009, at St. Anthony's Continuing Care Center, Rock Island. Burial was at Calvary Cemetery, Rock Island. Augie was born August 5, 1952, in Rock Island, the son of Cyriel and Mary Rose De Coster. He married Joline VandeMoortel in December 1972 in Moline. Survivors include his sons and daughter-in-law, Nathan and Tonya De Coster, Galesburg, and Shane De Coster, Rock Island; two grandchildren; his mother, Mary Rose De Coster, Rock Island; brothers and sister-in-law, Joseph and Deb De Coster, Milford, Illinois, Tom De Coster, Milan, and Edward De Coster, Rock Island; and sister, Laura De Coster, Milan. His father, Cyriel, preceded him in death.

Josephine Lievens Rettig, 92, formerly of Moline, died February 5, 2009, at the Kahl Home for the Aged, Davenport, Iowa. Entombment was at St. Mary's Mausoleum, East Moline. Josephine was born August 30, 1916, in Moline, the daughter of Rene and Selma (DeWitte) Lievens. She married Ralph Rettig in Corpus Christi, Texas, on December 19, 1942. Survivors include her daughter (spouse) Mary Jo (Larry) Ohrberg, Memphis, Tennessee; sons (spouse) Rick (Barb) Rettig, Davenport, and Jon (Emilie) Rettig, Prague, Czech Republic, 14 grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; and a daughter-in-law, Sue Rettig, Moline. Her husband and son Robert preceded her in death.



Paddy Day PARADE

St. Patrick's Day is March 14th and through the fine efforts of Mike Kerchove, the CBC will once again have an entry in the bi-state St. Patrick's Day Parade. We know Mike would love to have some people ride on the float to help promote the Center. The parade steps off in Rock Island at 11:30 am. Please contact Mike for details and to let him know if you'd like to participate. His number is (309) 762-4441.

Remember . . .

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!

Full Tielt

In the middle of a triangle formed by Bruges, Ghent, and Kortrijk, lies the town of Tielt. Tourists usually bypass this town of nearly 20,000, but should re-think their itinerary and spend a day visiting this quiet but surprising market town.

The origins of its name can't be pinned down with any certainty. The oldest spelling, Tiletum, might refer to the presence of lime trees (Tilia). Another possibility is that it's named after the Latin word for a tile, tigellum, as remains of third century Roman tiled floors have been found in the area.

The first major settlement probably occurred in the ninth century, but another 400 years passed until any significant building started. The credit for putting Tielt on the map goes to two women. In 1245, Margaret of Constantinople, Countess of Flanders, built a hospital there. Thirty years later, Beatrix of Brabant authorized the construction of a cloth hall in the market square, to make the most of the burgeoning flax industry. The town was up and running, but to make further progress, it had to leap several hurdles in the form of a series of natural disasters.

In 1579, a large number of the population succumbed to an epidemic. Six years later, a fire destroyed the town center. An outbreak of pestilence occurred in 1631, followed by yet another fire in 1645, which reduced the church and 60 houses to ashes.

Just when the inhabitants were beginning to think their town was cursed, a group of Franciscan friars arrived, and opened a Latin school in 1686. It was a new beginning, as Tielt became an important trade center.

In the First World War, the German army chose Tielt as its Belgian headquarters, which offered some degree of protection. However, no such safety was provided during WWII, as the town was heavily bombarded. A key date in Tielt's history is September 8, 1944, when the 1st Polish Armored Division liberated it from the Germans.

The centerpiece of Tielt's market square is the belfry, which is the only remnant of the cloth hall. Its carillon was built by the du Mery brothers from Bruges in 1773. The 36 bells make up the only complete du Mery carillon in Flanders.

A short walk from the market square is St. Peter's Church, the history of which parallels that of the town. Repeatedly destroyed and rebuilt, the current building is mainly from the 17th and 18th centuries. The showplace is its huge pulpit, carved out of Danish oak.

Numerous walking and cycling maps make the town an excellent base from which to explore the region. There are plenty of cafes, restaurants, and several hotels, all offering friendly atmospheres and good value. Tielt is definitely worth a visit. (And as long as you're there, take a drive a couple miles west and visit the little town of Wingene. You might even run into a few Coopmans or Verkests there. – editor)

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Scholarship Applications

Application forms for the CBC Scholarships are now available on the front table at the Center. Three scholarships will again be awarded this year, and the Board has approved an increase in the dollar amount of the award. In the past, the scholarship had a value of \$500. This year's scholarships are \$750 each.

Applications for the Ruth Lambrick VanTieghem Scholarship are also available at the Center. This scholarship has a value of \$1,000 and is awarded to a deserving student who has completed at least two years of college and plans to continue his/her education.

You are cordially invited to celebrate the
60th Anniversary of Ordination
honoring Father Gerard A. Verhove
on Saturday, March 14th
6:00 p.m. Celebration Mass
followed by Reception and Supper
St. Anthony's Church & Parish Hall
204 West Main Street, Atkinson, Illinois

Brilliance

Antwerp diamond cutters Bernard Van Pul and Koen Van Ishoven have created the Blue Flame diamond. What makes this special is that the Blue Flame has 89 facets, causing it to sparkle more than the traditional brilliant cut, which has only 57 facets. The number 89 was chosen because those numbers stand for good luck and eternity in Chinese numerology. Take a big sigh of relief guys; the diamond will be marketed mainly in China!

Join the Crowd

Six out of ten people in Flanders find work pressure "high" or "very high," according to the results of a poll by employment agency Jobat. Two-thirds of those polled worked an average of six hours per week overtime. Pressure is greatest among top managers, followed by financial managers (really?), healthcare workers and sales and marketing staff, in that order. Reasons given were: too many different duties; too little time; lack of communication; lack of cooperation; and too many interruptions. Sounds very familiar, doesn't it?