



# CENTER FOR BELGIAN CULTURE of Western Illinois, Inc.

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## Calendar of Upcoming Events

July 4th	Waffle Breakfast	7:30 to 11:00 a.m.
July 4th	Center CLOSED in the	AFTERNOON
July 13th	Board Meeting	4:00 to 5:30 p.m.
August 1st	Waffle Breakfast	7:30 to 11:00 a.m.
August 1st	Belgian Lacemakers	1:00 to 4:00 p.m.
August 10th	Board Meeting	4:00 to 5:30 p.m.
October 11th	Belgian Dinner	details tba

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

## Schedule for Volunteers

The July schedule is as follows:

<i>Date</i>	<i>Gift Counter</i>	<i>Host/Hostess</i>
Wed., July 1st	Evelyn VanPuyvelde	Al VanPuyvelde
Sat., July 4th	Celie Donohue	
Wed., July 8th	Mary Lou Andrae	Clara Van DeVeire
Sat., July 11th	Margaret Wadsworth	Bill Wadsworth
Wed., July 15th	Celie Donohue	Gene Donohue
Sat., July 18th	Barb Michalek	Mary Gardner
Wed., July 22nd	Georgia Slininger	Louis Slininger
Sat., July 25th	Millie Kale	Millie Kale
Wed., July 29th	Mary Rose DeCoster	Mary Rose DeCoster

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



*Please note . . .*

The Center will be closed on the afternoon of July 4th.

We will be open for waffles that morning from 7:30 – 11:00 a.m. and hope to see you all there!

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

## The President's Corner

On the last Sunday in May, Sacred Heart Parish honored Msgr. Dale Wellman on the 45th Anniversary of his being ordained to the priesthood. It was a glorious sunny day. Sacred Heart Church is such an awesome house of God – what a setting! Beautiful flowers, beautiful music... there is nothing like the choir and organ music of Sacred Heart. Add in a clarinet, flute, and a brass quartet and I had goose bumps, as I'm sure everyone else did as well. All of the clergy was in red: very fitting and very regal in every way.

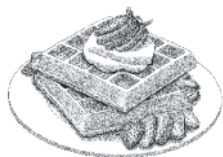
I was asked to say a short prayer, an intercession, in Flemish. A wee bit of panic and then the thought "brush up on your Shakespeare," only as "brush up on your Flemish!" With the help of a good Belgian friend and a user-friendly dictionary, the translation was made. Other intercessions were made in German, Spanish, Serbo-Croatian, and French. There was yet another "light lunch" after Mass. Hats off to all who planned and made the day special for the Monsignor!

I wished my mother could have witnessed the day – maybe she did. I'm sure if grandpa VandenBossche were there, he would have said, "That's Rosie's kid." Maybe it was another God moment.

God love ya,

CELIE DONOHUE

PS: 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. I wish all of the CBC members a happy and safe summer. We'll catch up in the fall. Don't forget the CBC Belgian Dinner at Oakwood Country Club on October 11th. Watch for details coming soon.



## July Waffle Volunteers

The volunteers for July's waffle breakfast are Millie Kale, Karen and Pat VandeKerckhove, Georgia and Louie Slininger, and Diana and Tom Slininger. Evelyn VanPuyvelde and Marian Knock will be the cashiers, Gene Donohue will man the kitchen, and Catherine VanHecke will oversee everyone's efforts to help ensure a good time.

## News of the Membership

*Congratulations* go to **Margaret Hugart** on her 100th birthday; **Bob and Betty Van De Voorde** on their 50th Wedding Anniversary; **Mary Kate Fowler**, granddaughter of Gene Fowler, who received the Mount Notre Dame Scholarship and the Presidential Award at St. Mary's School in Cincinnati, Ohio; and **Nicole Marie Donohue**, granddaughter of Gene and Celie Donohue, who received the Presidential Award from Cherry Hill Christian School in Littleton, Colorado.

*Thank You* to **Leo Hugaert** for the hand-carved rolle bolle figure, made by Bill Fisher, and to **Bill Fisher** for the 1950s rolle bolle program; **Theresa Bailey** for copies of "DeVlaamse Leeuw," the Belgian National Anthem; **Dr. Tim Ducey** for donating the original winner slates from the 7th Street Bike Races; and **Irene Hellman** for the donation of a lace making cushion, bobbins, patterns and book.

*Get Well* wishes go to **Dan Verkinderen, Al VanPuyvelde, Mary Lorensen, Al Dussliere, and Al Hoyt.**

## Birdies for Charity

For those that haven't made a pledge to the Birdies program, there is still time to get those pledges in and maybe win a new car or other fine prizes. And remember, all monies pledged to the CBC through the Birdies program go to the Center's scholarship fund.

## Your Attention Please

In the May issue of this newsletter, we noted that we will be dropping our bulk mail permit at the end of this year. By sending the newsletter via the Internet to our "on-line" members and mailing the newsletter to only those who do not use a computer, the CBC should actually save money. This is all due to changes in the postal service's rules regarding postage due on undeliverable mail.

On Page Four, you'll find the form for renewing your CBC membership. There is a space for on-line members to enter their email address. Please do so, as this will be the address we use for your copy of the newsletter. For those who are not connected via the Internet, you will still receive your copy via the mail. And thank you for your cooperation with this situation.

## An Editor's Special Salute

As editor of the CBC Newsletter, I'm using my authority to offer a personal salute. I'm sure that anyone who attended Catholic school had a nun who was special to them in some way. I have two: my aunt, Sister Mary Ruth Coopman, and my kindergarten teacher, Sister Esther Pavich. Both of these wonderful nuns celebrate 70 years as Sisters of St. Francis of the Immaculate Conception this year.



Sister Mary Ruth Coopman

Sister Ruth spent many years in religious education assignments, worked in the Peoria Diocese Office of Education, was president of her community, and administered to the elderly at St. Joseph's Home in Springfield.

She also played a mean piano rendition of "Frosty the Snowman," accompanied by the Coopman and Witte niece and nephew choir. She is a favorite with the Coopman clan in Belgium, as she was the only member of that large, extended family to enter religious life.

Sister Mary Esther Pavich was a cook and teacher throughout her ministry. She served assignments at 15 different locations, including two assignments to Sacred Heart School in Moline from 1949-56 and 1960-61.



Sister Mary Esther Pavich

On the first day of kindergarten, this editor did NOT want to go to school. I cried all the way there - much to the embarrassment of my mom, I'm sure. But Sister Esther knew how to handle situations such as mine. She introduced me to some of the other kids - Mike Loftus, Steve Malone, Joe DeGreve, Chuck DeWitte and others. The tears went away and new friends were made. She soothed our "owies," managed our temper tantrums, and even played a highly competitive game of kickball.

Congratulations and best wishes to both, and thank you for your devotion to the education of children and to the vows you both took 70 years ago to do God's work!

## Scholarship Winners



(l-r) Rachel Segal, Anna Letendre, Gabrielle VanSpeybroeck, and Bonnie Tanamore

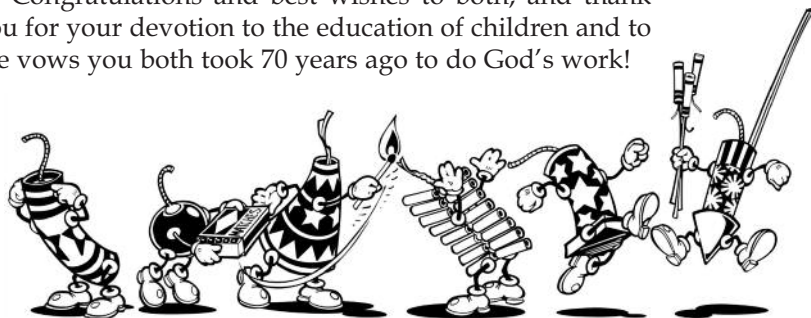
Recipients of this year's CBC Scholarship Program and the Ruth Lambrick VanTieghem Scholarship were announced at the June Scholarship Dinner and Fun Auction.

CBC Scholarship winners are chosen from high school applicants who have been accepted at a college or trade school. The VanTieghem Scholarship is awarded to a student who has completed two years of college, and is continuing to further his/her education.

This year's CBC scholars are Anna Letendre, Rachel Segal, and Gabrielle VanSpeybroeck. Each will receive \$750 to use for any cost associated with their schooling. The VanTieghem Scholarship award of \$1000 was made to Bonnie Tanamor to use toward her continued education.

Thanks go to Bob VandeWiele, committee chairman, for his and the committee's work in reviewing the applications, and to the VanTieghem family for their generosity and the desire to aid deserving college students.

Thanks also go everyone who helped put the fine dinner and evening together, and to Jim and Al DeCap for lending their auctioneering skills to help raise \$140 for the CBC.



Happy 4th of July  
God Bless America

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Annual Fees Enclosed (check appropriately):

Single/Family (one per household)                      \$25.00 \_\_\_\_\_

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*Please note that complimentary memberships are automatically renewed.*