



# CENTER FOR BELGIAN CULTURE of Western Illinois, Inc.

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## Calendar of Upcoming Events

February 6th	Waffle Breakfast	7:30 to 11:00 a.m.
February 6th	Belgian Lacemakers	1:00 to 4:00 p.m.
February 8th	Board Meeting	4:00 to 5:30 p.m.
March 6th	Waffle Breakfast	7:30 to 11:00 a.m.
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March 8th	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 February schedule is as follows:

<b>Date</b>	<b>Gift Counter</b>	<b>Host/Hostess</b>
Wed., February 3rd	Evelyn VanPuyvelde	Al VanPuyvelde
Sat., February 6th	Celie Donohue (AM) Joan DeClerck (PM)	Maurine Schweitzer
Wed., February 10th	Mary Lou Andrae	Clara Van DeVeire
Sat., February 13th	Margaret Wadsworth	Bill Wadsworth
Wed., February 17th	Celie Donohue	Gene Donohue
Sat., February 20th	Al Hoyt	Al Hoyt
Wed., February 24th	Millie Kale	Millie Kale
Sat., February 27th	Elaine Hendrickx	Bob Hendrickx

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

Before venturing out in bad weather this winter, give the Center a call to see if our doors are open. Sometimes our volunteers are not able to get to the Center.



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

## The President's Corner

Now and then, bits and pieces are noted in your newsletter regarding the Kleine Winkel, our "Little Gift Shop." I thought you would like to learn a little more. First, I would like to say Thank You to all that have supported the shop. It has grown and taken many turns. In the 60s, Val St. Lambert Crystal was very prominent in the display case, along with the mini Sand statues and the precious lace from Belgium. The Val St. Lambert Company has merged with International Sterling, and we can no longer afford to buy in the quantity demanded. The Sand Company has gone out of businesses, but we are still able to buy the lace, thanks to lace "angels" both in Belgium and travelers from this area.

One of the big sale items, especially around Christmas, is the Lukken irons. For many years we had only the "traditional" irons. Then in the 90s, along came the electric iron. I was reluctant to sell the electric model, as I wanted a true tradition to be passed along, and feared we would lose a bit of our heritage. But stock them we did. For over 10 years, it has been a neck and neck race. The purchasing has been nearly even, and most families have both types of irons. When in a hurry or the need to bake four cookies at a time, the electric iron comes in handy. A benefit of the electric model is that it comes with two additional plates; one for waffles and one for grilled sandwiches, etc. The traditional iron is special for family baking – it becomes a party!

For my family, I make the dough a day ahead. When we gather for the Great Lukken Bake-Off, the little ones roll the dough to the size of marbles and the adults bake, taking turns at the one-at-a-time precious treat. We have also been known to make a cocktail party out of it. A little whiskey for the cookies, and, well...!

I remember one year when all three of our children were still home, I baked the Lukken in November and put

them in the freezer. When Christmas rolled around, there was not one cookie left. The elves helped themselves during the night! I'm sure Santa was encouraging them.

Please take note of this . . . I have heard many times that a baker cannot bake the cookies with the traditional iron on an electric stove. FALSE . . . I have been baking both ways for years. You just have to count the seconds differently or say a slow Hail Mary to regulate the timing.

At the moment, we are sold out of the electric irons, but not to worry. An order has been placed with St. Nicholas' sidekick, St. Daniel, and our gift counter will be replenished. BUT . . . I will remind you, if you think you would like to purchase one, do it as soon as possible. I have found out the hard way with other items, if you think about it too long, it may be gone. This was so true at the Flemish Lion (where I worked for many years); customers would come in, go home to think, and come back to an empty spot where the desired item once sat. So get ready for next Christmas, or birthday, or any other time you desire the best of treats – buy the iron "while it's hot." And in a true Belgian home, it IS the hot item, electric or traditional.



The Kleine Winkel features a Valentine special for the month of February: the red, yellow, and black Belgian tote bags. The regular price is \$20.00, but during the special, they are \$15.00 each. They are very sharp-looking and make the perfect way to bring the groceries home, especially if you are trying to cut back on the plastic bag collection. Help

our environment and help the CBC!

And . . . remember, you too can have a God moment . . . bake those Lukken with your family!!

God love ya, CELIE DONOHUE



### February Waffle Volunteers

Your waffle volunteers for February will be cooks/servers Theresa and Bob Bailey, Art VanHecke, Joan DeCap, and Linda VanHecke. Mike Kerckhove will have mixed the batter, Gene Donohue will work the kitchen, Evelyn VanPuyvelde and Marian Knock will take the money, and while Catherine suns herself in Hawaii, the VanHecke family will watch over everything. See you at Waffle Saturday, February 6th.

### CBC Scholarships

Scholarship Chairman Bob VandeWiele has the new 2010 scholarship applications ready and waiting to be picked up and filled out. They're located on the desk as you enter the door at the Center. If you would like one mailed, please call (309) 792-8246. Applications will also be available at the area high schools.

## News of the Membership

*Congratulations* go to: **Hope Cornelis** for being named to the fall quarter Dean's List at DePaul University; **Rose Pancrazio** on her 90th birthday; to **Ron and Marilyn Sergeant** on their 50th wedding anniversary, and to Moline police chief Gary Francque, son of **Bev Francque**, on his retirement from the police force after nearly 36 years of service.

*Sympathy* is extended to the family of **Eleanor DeBuysere**, 88, of Port Byron, who died December 10, 2009, at Genesis Medical Center, Silvis, Illinois. Entombment was at St. Mary's Cemetery, East Moline, Illinois.

The former Eleanor Wahlgren was born January 1, 1921, in Moline, the daughter of Charles and Minnie Craft Wahlgren. She married Cyril DeBuysere, October 12, 1940, in Davenport, Iowa. He died June 15, 2001.

Survivors include sons and daughters-in-law, Gary and Charlotte DeBuysere, Hillsdale, Illinois, and Ronald and Susie DeBuysere, Erie, Illinois; three grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents; a grandson; a great-grandson; three brothers; and five sisters.

*Sympathy* is also extended to the family of **Margaret "Peg" Horton**, 95, of St. Cloud, Minnesota, formerly of Milan, Illinois, who died January 2, 2010, at St. Benedict's Senior Community, St. Cloud.

Burial took place at Calvary Cemetery Mausoleum, Rock Island.

Peg was born on January 26, 1914, in Moline, the daughter of Ivo and Louise DeGreve VanOteghahn. She married Eugene Horton on October 19, 1935 in St. Mary's Catholic Church, Moline.

She is survived by daughter, Kay (Bob) McMickell; 12 grandchildren; 35 great-grandchildren; four great-great-grandchildren; sister Yvonne Zimmer, and brother Frank Schelstrate, both of Milan, Illinois. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband Eugene in 2007; and daughter Patricia, in 2008.

*Sympathy* is also offered to the family of **Norma L. Zelnio**, 84, of Moline, who died January 17, 2010, at Genesis Medical Center in Silvis, Illinois. Burial was at National Cemetery, Arsenal Island, Rock Island, Illinois.

The former Norma Dendooven was born April 4, 1925, in Moline, the daughter of Alphonse and Mary Callewaert Dendooven. She married Anthony "Tony" Zelnio on July 3, 1945, in Moline.

Norma's survivors include her husband, Tony; sons and daughters-in-law, Thomas and Sharon Zelnio, Hampton, Robert and Joanie Zelnio, Unionville, Pa., and William and Laurie Zelnio, Moline; eight grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and a sister, Agnes Molinelli, Rock Island.

## Can You Help?

Immigration seems to be a hot topic lately. The Center received a request from the regional historical society that encompasses the towns of Assenede, Bassevelde, Boekhoute, and Oosteeklo seeking help. The society is working on a broad publication about immigration to the U.S., and they are looking for descendants of immigrants from those four towns. They would like to publish their stories in their newsletter. They are looking for pictures, documents, letters, etc.

If you have relatives who came to this country from those towns and would be willing to copy, fax, scan, or send stories and material about them or their journey, the historical society promises to return any originals. If you have material or would like more information, you can contact Jackie Claeys via email at [claeysraepsaet@telenet.be](mailto:claeysraepsaet@telenet.be) or by regular mail at Lederstraat 38, Oosteeklo 9968 Belgium.

## Clean Brussels is Happy Brussels

Brussels has been named to a list of the Top Ten Green European Capital Cities, drawn up by the Economist Intelligence Unit on environmental criteria. Copenhagen had the highest overall score, but Brussels scored highest on environmental policy. Low points for Brussels were a high per capita energy use and poor air quality. The top 10 cities in order are: Copenhagen, Stockholm, Oslo, Vienna, Amsterdam, Zurich, Helsinki, Berlin, Brussels, and Paris.

From *Flanders Today*

## Be Aware

If you are traveling to Belgium in the next few months and will be returning to the U.S. from Belgium, you should be aware of the extra security measures that have been put in place at Brussels Airport. Thanks to the moron who wanted to blow up a Delta flight from Amsterdam to Detroit on Christmas Day, these security measures will be in place for an extended period. The EU Commission will make a decision on airport security this month, which will cover the whole of the European Union. Additional measures include: hand luggage restricted to one piece; check-in at least three hours before departure to a U.S. destination; and extra searches at checkpoints. No doubt all of this will cause additional delays on all routes.

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## Belgian Beer Supplies Threatened

If you are like your newsletter editor, you enjoy a good Belgian beer. They make most American beers lacking for taste. You may want to stock up on your supply of Stella right now.

Industrial action by workers at the AB InBev brewery headquarters in Leuven, as well as breweries in Jupille and Hoegaarden, was expected to make itself sorely felt across Belgium (and possibly the U.S.), as stocks of two of the nation's most popular brews, Jupiler and Stella Artois, ran down in delivery depots and super-markets.

The workers are protesting at plans by the company to cut 263 jobs. They have been blockading the Leuven plant since January 7th. Such a lengthy stoppage is unusual in recent Belgian industrial history, and lay-offs equal to or greater than those announced by InBev have not led to the same result when announced elsewhere. But InBev is profitable: the latest results showed profits of \$3 billion



Euros, on sales of \$27 billion. Against that background, unions said, the cutting of so many jobs is "decadent."

InBev did little to calm matters when it took its case to the courts, hoping to force unions to pay fines for continuing the blockade. It was seen as an escalation of the dispute, and the manoeuvre blew up in the brewer's face when the court in Liège, where the Jupille brewery is located, refused to accept the company's demands. Then, at the end of last week, management announced that picketers would no longer be allowed to use wooden pallets to stoke their fires or to enter the factory for drinks.

Other brewers, meanwhile, were ready to take advantage of the gap left by the InBev action. But many smaller brewers face a problem; time. It takes about a month for a newly-brewed pils to reach drinking quality, making unforeseen production increases impossible.

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