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Calendar of Upcoming Events

May 1st	Waffle Breakfast	7:30 to 11:00 a.m.
May 1st	Belgian Lacemakers	1:00 to 4:00 p.m.
May 10th	Board Meeting	4:00 to 5:30 p.m.
May 22nd	Flemish Family Fun @ Moline Public Library	(see details in article)
May 31st	Memorial Day Waffles	7:30 to 11:00 a.m.
June 5th	Waffle Breakfast	7:30 to 11:00 a.m.
June 5th	Belgian Lacemakers	1:00 to 4:00 p.m.
June 14th	Board Meeting	4:00 to 5:30 p.m.
June 16th	Scholarship Dinner	details to follow

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

Schedule for Volunteers

The May schedule is as follows:

<i>Date</i>	<i>Gift Counter</i>	<i>Host/Hostess</i>
Sat., May 1st	Celie Donohue (AM) Barb Michalek (PM)	Maurine Schweitzer
Wed., May 5th	Evelyn VanPuyvelde	Al VanPuyvelde
Sat., May 8th	Mary Gardner-Karcher	Mary Gardner-Karcher
Wed., May 12th	Mary Lou Andrae	Clara Van DeVeire
Sat., May 15th	Al Hoyt	Al Hoyt
Wed., May 19th	Celie Donohue	Gene Donohue
Sat., May 22nd	Millie Kale	Millie Kale
Wed., May 26th	Georgia Slininger	Louis Slininger
Sat., May 29th	Margaret Wadsworth	Mary Rose DeCoster

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



Happy Mother's Day
Sunday, May 9th



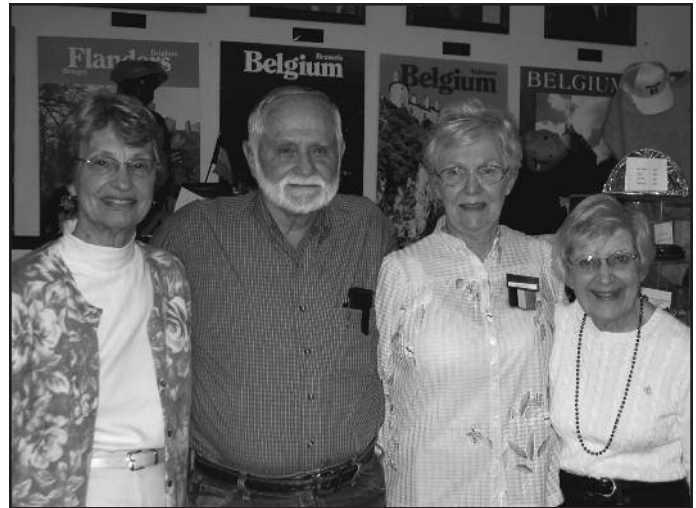
Center OPEN Wednesday & Saturday 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.
Waffle Breakfast 1st Sat. of each month

Raisin Bread Results

Another successful raisin bread and jam-jelly competition concluded last month with 38 people in attendance to “taste” the winners. Judges Lois Marsoun, Lori Wells, and Joe VanVooren had their work cut out for them in picking the winners.

In the raisin bread category, first place went to Art Holevoet; second place to Evelyn VanPuyvelde; and third place to Millie Kale. The jam-jelly category saw Art Holevoet take first place with his white peach jelly; Lucrese Hunter earned second place with her strawberry jam; and Evelyn VanPuyvelde took third place with a strawberry-pineapple combination.

Thanks to volunteers Millie Kale, Theresa Bailey, Margaret Wadsworth, Art Holevoet, Alan Hoyt, and Albert and Evelyn VanPuyvelde for their hard work with putting this competition and the tasting together!



Winners of the Raisin Bread Bakeoff (Jams and Jellies, Too) are from left; Lucrese Hunter, Art Holevoet, Millie Kale, and Evelyn VanPuyvelde.

Flemish Family Fun Festival

As noted in last month’s Newsletter, the CBC is helping the Moline Public Library celebrate Children’s Month. On Saturday, May 22nd from 1:00 - 3:00 p.m., the entire family is invited to the children’s department of the library for a program on Belgian customs. Dancing, rolle bolle, and lace making will be featured. You will also be able to sample Belgian cookies and dessert waffles. The program is free, but you will need to make reservations by May 19th. To make reservations, contact Christina Conklin at the Moline library at (309) 524-2480.

CBC on Display

The Moline Public Library has invited the Center to share some of its Belgian materials by displaying them in one of their large window display cases. Art Holevoet and Millie Kale will display “flax,” and Al and Evelyn VanPuyvelde and Catherine VanHecke will display Belgian cookie boards and waffle items. The display will be at the library all during the month of May. Stop in and take a look.

Do Our Children Know All the Words?

School children of Waregem, Belgium, spend the better part of each year learning to sing “The Star Spangled Banner” in English. It is an 85-year old tradition that reaches a crescendo every Memorial Day at Flanders Field American Cemetery, where 368 U.S. soldiers are buried. Last year, nearly 3,000 visitors attended the service and heard the children sing – a remarkable phenomenon, considering those laid to rest there fell in battle more than 90 years ago. The cemetery is located in Ieper (Ypres).



May Waffle Volunteers

Your waffle volunteers for the May 1st waffle breakfast will be Art and Paul Holevoet, Helen Foote, Jesse Shattuck, May Fiers, Mary Lou Robinson and Rose Mary Croegaert. Memorial Day waffle volunteers will be Art and Linda VanHecke, Bob and Theresa Bailey, and Joan DeCap. Mike Kerckhove will mix the batter, Gene Donohue will work the kitchen, Evelyn VanPuyvelde and Marian Knock will take the money, and Catherine VanHecke will supervise.

Catherine also wishes to thank Theresa Bailey for supervising the waffle breakfasts while she was wintering in Hawaii.



Birdies for Charity



CBC's Birdies chairpersons Larry and Mary Lorensen say "Thanks" to all who supported the Center last year with a pledge to the John Deere Classic's Birdies for Charity program. By doing so, \$2,514 was raised for the Center's Scholarship

Fund. The Lorensens and the Center again ask for your support during this year's event.

Birdies for Charity raises money for non-profit organizations through pledging one cent or more per birdie made by the golfing professionals during July's John Deere Classic golf tournament. Those who pledge can also win prizes by guessing the exact number of birdies. Top prize this year is a 2010 Chevy Camaro.

All proceeds the Center receives from the program go to sponsoring scholarships for graduating high school seniors. The amount of each scholarship depends on how much money is raised, and every cent pledged goes to the educational awards.

Pledge forms have already been sent out, and there will be forms available at the Center. Please make a pledge. It's a fun and easy way to help the CBC and our high school scholars. And you might win a car, a riding mower, AirTran gift certificate, or one of many other prizes.

News of the Membership

Congratulations to Mitch Heiar for being named an All-Olympic basketball player for the Quad City area; Nick Heiar and Katrina Repass for being named to the Dean's List at the University of Illinois and Parkland College, respectively. All are grandchildren of **Judy and Al DePorter**. Congratulations are also in order for Jon Fowler, a senior at St. Xavier HS in Cincinnati, Ohio, for being inducted into the National Honor Society and the National Foreign Language Honor Society. He is the grandson of **Gene Fowler**.

Thank You to **JoAnn Greko** for her donation of a Belgian cookbook; the City of Moline for having the rolle bolle signs at Stephens Park printed in both English and Flemish; and to **Mike Kerckhove** for his Belgian entry in the St. Patrick's Day parade. Mike's entry again earned the Center the 1st Place trophy in the International Division of the parade – our third! Way to go, Mike!!

Get Well wishes are sent to **Diane DeBord** for a speedy recovery.

Bel-Gem Waffles

Are you aware that the U.S. recently underwent a waffle crisis? Due to a flooded production plant in Georgia and bakery problems in Tennessee, the Kellogg Company was forced to ration their Eggo waffle supply. Eggo waffles account for nearly 70% of the frozen waffles sold and consumed in the United States, according to *Time* magazine. Seventy percent is certainly a crisis! Unless you are a self-respecting Belgian-American! You Belgian roots should cause your taste buds to reject any frozen, sorry-excuse-for-a-waffle that they might encounter.

How about a little waffle history. In the 13 Century A.D., ancient Greeks cooked flat cakes between two metal plates and called them obleios. In 1620, the pilgrims brought Dutch "wafles" to America. The word "waffle" appears in print for the first time in 1735. Cornelius Swarthout patents the first U.S. waffle iron in 1869. During 1953, Eggo Frozen Waffles arrive in supermarkets. For the World's Fair in 1964, Maurice Vermeersch brings his wife's Brussels Waffle recipe to New York; they become a huge hit and are now known as the Belgian waffle.

The Belgian waffle is thicker, fluffier, and crispier than traditional American waffles due to the yeast added for leavening the batter. Vermeersch markets them as "Bel-Gems" at the fair, and they gain critical acclaim and popularity.



There is a lesser-known variety of waffle called the Liege-style. This waffle is denser and has pearls of sugar in the batter that melt and caramelize when cooked, so they can be eaten "as is" out of the waffle iron without topping. Of course the Brussels style waffles are usually always served with decadent toppings like whipped cream and fruit.

Leggo the Eggo . . . we Belgians have this waffle thing mastered! And thanks to Chris DeBrauwere and the Belgian-American Historical Society of Chicago for providing this.

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A Great Day Tour!

Join the CBC and Blue Horizon Travel for an excursion to Fulton, Illinois, on Wednesday, June 9th. We'll depart Moline at 9:00 a.m., tour the Fulton Windmill and new Welcome Center, enjoy free time for browsing and shopping, have a nice lunch, and tour the Fulton Museum (Martin House) before returning to Moline at 4:00 p.m.

The fare is \$60.00/person for CBC members and \$70.00/person for non-members. The rate includes round trip transportation, entrance fees or recommended donations to the sights, lunch, taxes, and gratuities. Your reservation will be confirmed once payment has been received. Space is limited.

For more information, contact Center member Bonnie Newman at (309) 521-8604, (309) 737-0059, or bonnie.newman@frontiernet.net. Please fill out the form and mail with payment to address noted below. Check should be made out to Blue Horizon Travel.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Emergency contact and number: _____

Number of CBC members attending: _____ Number of Guests (non-CBC member) attending: _____

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