



# CENTER FOR BELGIAN CULTURE of Western Illinois, Inc.

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## Calendar of Upcoming Events

July 3rd	Waffle Breakfast	7:30 to 11:00 a.m.
July 3rd	Belgian Lacemakers	1:00 to 4:00 p.m.
July 7th	Board Meeting	7:00 p.m.
August 7th	Waffle Breakfast	7:30 to 11:00 a.m.
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August 9th	Board Meeting	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>
Sat., July 3rd	Celie Donohue (AM) Joan DeClerck (PM)	Maurine Schweitzer
Wed., July 7th	Celie Donohue	Gene Donohue
Sat., July 10th	Mary Gardner-Karcher	Mary Gardner-Karcher
Wed., July 14th	Mary Lou Andrae	Clara Van DeVeire
Sat., July 17th	Al Hoyt	Al Hoyt
Wed., July 21st	Evelyn VanPuyvelde	Al VanPuyvelde
Sat., July 24th	Millie Kale	Millie Kale
Wed., July 28th	Georgia Slininger	Louie Slininger
Sat., July 31st	Margaret Wadsworth	Bill Wadsworth

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

**RENEWAL TIME . . .** Memberships are one of the main income producers for the Center. They are also the vehicle by which our mission of preserving and forwarding the Belgian heritage is accomplished. In addition to renewing your membership, why not ask someone else to join? If you do, and they join, you will receive a certificate for a one-waffle full breakfast, good anytime. Recruit two new members and you will receive two certificates. *The renewal form is provided on page four of this newsletter, for your convenience.* Why not renew today!

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

## The President's Corner

Very soon my term of office as president will come to an end. As with anything that comes to an end, it is bitter-sweet. The office has a lot of responsibility and mostly a lot of questions that need answers. I hope I have been a responsible president, and, hopefully, answered your questions. Maybe the word "bitter" is a bit bitter, as nothing seemed that harsh over the past four years. Bitter to me would be that our facility is way too small, and we have many more artifacts to display. Hanging items from the ceiling seems the only way we can go. I've tried winning the lottery for "us," as has Mike Kerckhove. Not in the cards! We appeal to our "rich Belgian uncle" . . . please help!

There have been many sweet moments – *God moments*. I love to share the many facets of Belgium with displays and at festivals. I love the fact that our waffle breakfast has grown, thanks to Catherine VanHecke. I love the fact that we have more young "Belgians" joining and carrying on tradition. The two secretaries I've worked with brought in great new ideas. JoAnn Greko suggested we have special Belgian greeting cards made for all occasions, and Karen VandeKerckhove is contacting all the churches in the area to inform them of the waffle breakfasts; hence we see many new waffle eaters.

The Center has a great, strong board. Most will stay on with three open positions being voted on at the July 7th board meeting. Nominees for those positions are Kevin DeRoo for president, Tom Slininger for vice-president, and Pat VandeKerckhove for treasurer. Alan Hoyt has been treasurer for many years and will be a hard act to follow. He has always had his ducks (and pennies) in a row, month after month. Reports in order, money for the waffle breakfasts, inventory taken, etc. I'm sure Pat will have no problem, as he was treasurer for the Moline Post Office for 12 years. I will remain on the board as past president and also oversee the Kleine Winkel.

Continuing on will be Margaret Wadsworth, who coordinates our host/hostess and RSVP volunteers. She has done an excellent job and makes it all seem so easy. Membership chairman Bill Coopman does a spiffy job of keeping that list current. Newsletter editor Dave Coopman does a great job, month after month, putting together the Center's publication. Millie Kale is our archivist and not only does a great job of handling this task, but gives of herself for many other activities. Our rolle bolle chairman, Bill Fisher, keeps the sport alive and well. Chris Vershaw, grant chairman, keeps his eyes open for grants that we can apply for. Flemings in the World representative Marlene Shattuck is also one of the Center's lace makers. Bev Francque, genealogy, is a busy bee from her home, finding "your long, lost Belgian relatives." She never gives up the hunt! Bob VandeWiele, our scholarship chairman, plays a vary vital

part in securing judges, getting paper work completed, and calling the special three who are awarded with the CBC Scholarships. And although not board members, Mary and Larry Lorensen put a lot of time and effort in securing Birdies for Charity pledges to fund our scholarship program.

Two people who have been board members since "time began" are Evelyn VanPuyvelde and Art Holevoet. Evelyn, with the help of her other half, Albert, has served in about every office, occasion, meeting, and organization connected with the Center, as has Art. Art has been responsible for many of the designs in the Center's windows, as well as windows throughout the Atkinson/Annawan area and beyond. He is always willing to share his knowledge of "St. Anthony and the Pig." Evelyn and Albert initiated the idea of serving Belgian waffles many years ago. Evelyn will not be leaving the board; just changing hats, as she will fill Art's position as member-at-large.

And of course, we have a wonderful chaplain in Rev. Jim DeBisschop. When I contacted him, I said, "All you have to do is pray and eat," and he handles both quite well. We even get a little of his fun Belgian-Irish humor tossed in.

I say "thanks" to all those board members for making my job much easier. I would be remiss if I didn't mention my sweet "Irish" husband for **ALL** his support over the years. How many times did he run back to the CBC to see if the door was locked? How many times did he pick something up for the CBC? How many times did he...? And how long will he be able to stay in the kitchen? He works every waffle breakfast, filling the juice containers, taking sausage from the oven to the serving table, and washing dishes. He tells me washing dishes keeps his nails clean! Behind every great (you be the judge of that) president is a great spouse, and I know I couldn't do or be without Gene. And the frosting on the cake . . . he loves visiting Belgium as much as I.

Thank you one and all. Please give your new officers three cheers and *much* help!

God love ya, CELIE DONOHUE

## A Special Thank You

The Center would like to thank ALL who turned out for our Memorial Day waffle breakfast. The line was out the door at times and the VanHecke family waffle volunteers served 273 people that day. If you had to make a brief wait, we apologize, but we think our waffles are well worth it! Thanks again to *everyone!*

*News of the Membership*

Congratulations to **Merlyn and Irene Boostrom** on their 72nd(!) wedding anniversary May 30th. Also, to **Judy DePorter**, winner of the \$25.00 gift certificate to the Belgian Village Inn, contained in one of the Scholarship Dinner "Grab Bags."

Thank You go to: **Dolores Bultinck** and **Carine Serck** for two Belgian costumes; **Nick Huyten** for three boxes of books in Dutch; **Robert and Doris Libey** for the antique Belgian canister set; to all who participated in the Flemish Family Fun Fest at the Moline library including **Millie Kale, Art Holevoet, Catherine VanHecke, Karen VandeKerckhove, Kathy Bustos, Bill Fisher, and Celie Donohue**; to **Lois DeCoster, Lorraine Krause, Judy DePorter, Catherine VanHecke, Karen VandeKerckhove, Evelyn VanPuyvelde, Dolores Bultinck, Joe VanVooren, Celie Donohue, and Shawn Manning** of the Belgian Village for their donations for the Scholarship "Grab Bags;" and to all who brought desserts for the scholarship dinner

Sympathy is extended to the family of **John Carton**, 85, of Moline, who died June 4, 2010, at Clarrisa Cook Hospice House, Bettendorf. Entombment was at St. Mary's Cemetery, East Moline. John was born January 18, 1925, in Moline, to Adiel and Augusta Carton. He married Irene Kuberski on September 11, 1948.

He is survived by his wife, Irene; children, Teresa (Bryan) Hawkins, Moline, Pat (Bob) Retzi, Bettendorf, Mary (Mike) Bureau, Perrysburg, Ohio, Paul (Anne) Carton, Moline, Joan (Dave) Heaton, Moline, and Bill (Tracy) Carton, Kansas City, Missouri; 14 grandchildren; two step-grandchildren; three step-grandchildren; brother, Robert Carton, Rock Island; and sister, Ann Brodell, Moline. He was preceded in death by his parents; sisters, Hilda and Sister Mary Antonia; and brothers, Rt. Rev. Msgr. George Carton and Joseph Carton.



Happy 4th of July  
God Bless America

Congratulations Scholars!



This year's CBC scholars are (l-r) Alexandria Wendell, Patrick Rafferty, and Annie Faust. VanTieghem scholar Wolf Repass was unable to attend.

This year's CBC Scholarship winners are Alexandria Wendell, Patrick Rafferty, and Annie Faust. The Ruth Lambrick VanTieghem Scholar is Wolf Repass. Awards were presented at the Scholarship Dinner held June 16th. Wolf Repass was unable to attend, as he is interning in Arizona. You will learn more about these scholars and read their heritage essays in upcoming newsletters.



July  
Waffle Volunteers

July's volunteer cooks and servers will be Millie Kale, Lois and Fred DeCoster, Judy DePorter, Joanne Jennings, and Joe DeMeyer. Mike Kerckhove will mix the batter, Gene Donohue will work the kitchen, Evelyn VanPuyvelde and Marian Knock will take your money, and Catherine VanHecke will supervise and ensure that everyone has a good time at Waffle Saturday.

More Research for Red Star

It seems that immigration from Belgium via Antwerp is still a very hot project. Researcher Bram Beelaert will be in Moline on July 10th and would like to meet with some Belgian immigrants or descendants of immigrants that still hold family archive material. He is looking for stories, material he can copy, and artifacts for possible inclusion in the Red Star Museum.

If you would like to meet with Bram, please contact Dave Coopman at (309) 762-6227 or by email at d.coopman@mchsi.com so a list can be created. Once plans are finalized, Dave will contact interested parties and let them know Bram's schedule.

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**Membership Renewal** (Please detach and return)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: (    ) \_\_\_\_\_ **Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

Recruiting Member's Name (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_/\_\_\_/2010

Would you like to volunteer? If yes, please let us know how below:

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Annual Fees Enclosed (check appropriately):

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

Senior (70+) Single/Family (one per household)      \$15.00 \_\_\_\_\_

*Please note that complimentary memberships are automatically renewed.*