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Calendar of Upcoming Events

April 2nd	Waffle Breakfast	7:30 to 11:00 a.m.
April 2nd	Belgian Lacemakers	1:00 to 4:00 p.m.
April 11th	Board Meeting	4:00 to 5:30 p.m.
April 27th	Volunteers' Dinner	5:30 to 7:00 p.m.
May 7th	Waffle Breakfast	7:30 to 11:00 a.m.
May 7th	Belgian Lacemakers	1:00 to 4:00 p.m.
May 9th	Board Meeting	4:00 to 5:30 p.m.
May 29th	Rolle Bolle Kick-off	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>
Sat., April 2nd	Celie Donohue (a.m.) Barb Michalek (p.m.)	Maureen Schweitzer Al VanPuyvelde
Wed., April 6th	Evelyn VanPuyvelde	Mary Gardner-Karcher
Sat., April 9th	Mary Gardner-Karcher	Clara Van DeVeire
Wed., April 13th	Mary Lou Andrae	Al Hoyt
Sat., April 16th	Al Hoyt	Gene Donohue
Wed., April 20th	Celie Donohue	Bill Wadsworth
Sat., April 23rd	Margaret Wadsworth	Louis Slininger
Wed., April 27th	Georgia Slininger	Millie Kale
Sat., April 30th	Millie Kale	

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

A Happy & Blessed Easter to All

Center OPEN Wednesday & Saturday 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Waffle Breakfast 1st Sat. of each month



**Volunteer Dinner
Wednesday, April 27th**

Without our loyal volunteers, the CBC would not exist. As a small token of “thanks,” the Center will again present a Volunteer Dinner at the CBC from 5:30 - 7:00 p.m. Menu will include turkey, tuna, and Vanderueben sandwiches from the Belgian Village, beer, soda, coffee, and dessert. There is no cost to the volunteers. A donation box for those who attend as a guest will be available, so if a friend or spouse drives you, don't let that stop you from enjoying the evening. Please sign the sheet at the Center by April 22nd to make a reservation, or call Celie Donohue at (309) 792-8246.

Scholarship Applications

Application packets for both the CBC Scholarship and the Ruth Lambrick VanTieghem Scholarship have been sent to area high schools and colleges. Packets are also available on the front table at the Center.

April Waffle Volunteers

Volunteer cooks and servers for the April waffle breakfast will be Joe DeMeyer, Millie Kale, Margaret and Bill Wadsworth, and Charlie VanOoteghem. Mike Kerckhove will prepare the batter, Gene Donohue will work the kitchen, Evelyn VanPuyvelde and Marian Knock will take your money, and Theresa Bailey will fill in for Catherine VanHecke to make sure everyone has a good time.

News of the Membership

Congratulations to: Alleman student Carolyn Maynard, niece of **Everett and Norma Manning**, for being awarded the Good Citizen Award by the Mary Little Deere Chapter of DAR.

Get Well wishes for a speedy recovery are sent to **Mary Wells and Judy DePorter**.

Sympathy is offered to **Mary and Joe DeMeyer**, on the death of Mary's brother, Richard “Rick” Lootens, who passed away March 2, 2011.

Gazette Van Detroit Update

In last month's CBC Newsletter, we ran an item encouraging you to subscribe to the *Gazette van Detroit*. It was our effort to expose those of you who are not already subscribers, to create further interest in Belgian heritage and information on other American/Belgian organizations and news from the “old country.”

Up until March, the *Gazette* has always published two issues per month. That has changed to one per month due mainly to financial considerations. Its income is not ahead of expenses. Its reserves are dwindling quickly. By reducing the number of issues, it is hoped that the *Gazette's* resources can be stretched until new revenue streams can be obtained.

The paper has applied for IRS not-for-profit status, but income from paid advertising would have to be replaced with individual and/or corporate sponsorship, which would then be tax write-offs for the donors. Regardless of receiving favorable tax status, the *Gazette* aims to strengthen its ties to Belgian organizations and business owners in the U.S. and Canada.

How can we help the *Gazette van Detroit* reach its 100th Anniversary and get back to publishing twice a month? Consider introducing the younger generation to the *Gazette*. Send them stories and photos as a one-time or regular contributor. If you are not already a subscriber, do so. Become a business sponsor or donate.

We would hate to see the *Gazette* go out of business, especially with its historical ties to the Moline area. Please consider a subscription or donation. For more information, you can visit the paper online at www.gazettevandetroit.com. You can also subscribe by mail by sending a check for \$25.00 to: Belgian Publishing, 18740 13 Mile Road, Roseville, MI 48066.

Music was Her Ministry



Marian DeMay

(photo credit: Stephanie Makosky, Dispatch/Argus)

She's 89 years old. She's been playing the organ for 40 years. She may have played for 3200 funerals. Now she's stepping down into retirement.

After playing for nearly every funeral, Remembrance Mass, and Anointing Mass at Moline's Sacred Heart Church since 1971, organist Marian DeMay called it quits. She was honored for her years of service at a Mass and reception on March 6th.

She seldom missed a service with the Resurrection Choir. Since Sacred Heart averages 50 to 80 funerals a year, Mrs. DeMay played for 2000 to 3200 funerals. And since the organ is in the choir loft, she has climbed its winding, narrow staircase thousands of times. Always following her was her husband, Henry, toting her music for her.

A trained pianist, Mrs. DeMay taught herself the organ when the church formed its Resurrection Choir. She also enjoyed singing in the choir and playing for the youth choir.

Music was her ministry. Mrs. DeMay stated, "We were occasionally asked if it was hard to attend the many funerals each week. Sometimes it was, but it was gratifying knowing we ministered to family members and loved ones through our music."

Thank you, Marian, for your 40 years of music ministry!

Attention Bolders

The rolle bolle season for the Western League Games kicks off on May 29th at Stephens Park in Moline. Men and women bolders who join the CBC rolle bolle team can receive a greatly reduced membership in the CBC at only \$5.00. What a deal! Support the CBC and the bolders. For more information, contact Bill Fisher at (309) 764-8068.

Bet You Didn't Know

We all know that Belgium is famous for its beers and its chocolate. But we bet you didn't know that, according to the Belgian Tourist Office, Belgium produces more than 172,000 tons of chocolate and has more than 2,000 chocolate shops throughout the country.

And according to figures from the Union of Belgian Brewers, Belgians consumed 844 million liters of beer in 2010. That's an average of 84 liters, or 332 pints, for every man, woman, and child in the country.

The Kleine Winkel



New items at the Winkel are hand towels w/Belgian lion logo (\$8.00) and large golf towels with the Belgian lion logo (\$15.00). Belgian baseball caps are on Easter Special. Normally \$15.00, this month they're only \$12.00.

Well, Duhhhh

Belgian police arrest two men after a botched revenge attack on the lover of one of the men's girlfriends. The two set out to attack the man, who lives on the Lichterveldestraat in Koolskamp, but instead kicked down the door of a house on the Koolskampstraat in Lichtersvelde. The two later paid the innocent homeowner compensation for the damage, but were arrested anyway on suspicion of attempted murder.

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Belgians Help Build Bowl



Originally referred to as the Butterworth Park Athletic Bowl, Soule Bowl in East Moline was a Depression-era Civil Works Administration (CWA) project that provided jobs for over 150 East Moline residents, including members of the city's large Belgian population. The workers were under the direction of Dr. A.E. Soule, the first East Moline Park Board chairman, and the facility was later named for him.

The bowl was created in a natural amphitheater by cutting away a small hill and filling in several surrounding hollows. The amazing thing was that this was all done by hand and at no cost to the city. This photo, provided by Mike Kerckhove, shows some of those workers posing with their shovels. The first game played there was on October 17, 1936.