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Calendar of Upcoming Events

June 4th	Waffle Breakfast	7:30 to 11:00 a.m.
June 4th	Belgian Lacemakers	1:00 to 4:00 p.m.
June 12th	Rolle Bolle (at Stephens Park)	1:00 to finish
June 13th	Board Meeting	4:00 to 5:30 p.m.
June 15th	Scholarship Dinner	5:30 to 7:30 p.m.
June 26th	Rolle Bolle (at Annawan)	1:00 to finish
July 2nd	Waffle Breakfast	7:30 to 11:00 a.m.
July 2nd	Belgian Lacemakers	1:00 to 4:00 p.m.
July 11th	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 June schedule is as follows:

<i>Date</i>	<i>Gift Counter</i>	<i>Host/Hostess</i>
Wed., June 1st	Evelyn VanPuyvelde	Al VanPuyvelde
Sat., June 4th	Celie Donohue (a.m.) Barb Michalek (p.m.)	Maureen Schweitzer
Wed., June 8th	Mary Lou Andrae	Clara Van DeVeire
Sat., June 11th	Mary Gardner-Karcher	Mary Gardner-Karcher
Wed., June 15th	Celie Donohue	Gene Donohue
Sat., June 18th	Al Hoyt	Al Hoyt
Wed., June 22nd	Georgia Slininger	Louis Slininger
Sat., June 25th	Margaret Wadsworth	Bill Wadsworth
Wed., June 29th	Millie Kale	Millie Kale

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

Happy Father's Day – Sunday, June 19th

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

Our Special Volunteers

April was National Volunteer Month and volunteers at the CBC were honored on April 27th, with president Kevin DeRoo presiding. Thirty attendees enjoyed VandeRuben sandwiches and Belgian beer. A drawing was held for a gift card from the Olde Town Bakery and was won by Charlie VanOoteghem.

Thank you to all the volunteers who baked desserts, to the Belgian Village Inn for giving the CBC a special menu price, and to the bakery for the gift card.

On April 28th, RSVP held its annual luncheon at the Milan Community Center. Sixteen were in attendance from the CBC. Three of the Center's members had over 4,000 volunteer hours documented, with time given to more than one organization. Marian Knock had 7,321 hours, Margaret Wadsworth had 6,938, and Bill Wadsworth had 5,965 total hours.

"Magnificent" Margaret Wadsworth is our RSVP representative and keeps track of all our volunteer hours for this state-wide organization. If you haven't yet signed up for RSVP, give Margaret a call at (309) 786-5791.



CBC volunteers with the highest man-hours of volunteer time were (l-r) Catherine VanHecke, Al Hoyt, Millie Kale, Celie Donohue and Gene Donohue.

The Kleine Winkel

Don't forget Dad or Gramps on Father's Day. The Winkel has aprons for the backyard cookout chef, klakkes in black or tan, and rolle bolles. For Dads with a sweet tooth, there are cookies, speculaas, honey cakes and Joe's raisin bread. You can also treat him with a certificate to a waffle breakfast!

News of the Membership

Congratulations to Margaret Roets, business manager of the *Gazette van Detroit* on her 90th birthday.

Sympathy is offered to **Jim and Lucrese Hunter** on the death of Jim's brother.

Scholarship Dinner

The dinner honoring the CBC and Ruth Lambrick VanTieghem scholars will be held June 15th, beginning at 5:30 p.m. at the Center. The cost is \$10.00/person. Reservations are needed by June 12th. There is a sign-up sheet on the counter at the Center. You can send your check to: Scholarship Dinner, c/o Center for Belgian Culture, 712 - 18th Avenue, Moline, IL 61265. You may also call Karen VandeKerckhove at (309) 762-6725 to place a reservation. Come salute this year's recipients.

Birdies for Charity

Pledge forms were mailed out for the Deere Classic Birdies for Charity program. If you haven't already made a pledge, please consider doing so and mailing it back to the Center. Money raised from Birdies for Charity continues to support our scholarship program. Your pledge may qualify you for some neat prizes offered by the golf tournament, and even a chance at winning a 2011 Chevy Camaro. Please return your pledge today.

Some Belgian Numbers

There were 156,336 dogs registered in 2010, with the Chihuahua being the most popular breed. Belgians swallowed 8.4 billion pills (legal) last year. The most popular were anti-depressants, cholesterol reducers, and medication for osteoporosis. Over 270,000 Belgians requested to keep their phone numbers out of directories. The main reason given was to avoid telemarketers.

June Waffle Volunteers



Volunteer cooks and servers for the June 4th waffle breakfast will be Karen and Pat VandeKerckhove, Joe DeMeyer, and Mary Ann Zimmerman. Mike Kerckhove will prepare the batter, Gene Donohue will work the kitchen, Evelyn VanPuyvelde and Marian Knock will take your money, and Catherine VanHecke will make sure everyone has a good time.

Coralie and Fabric Go Sew Well Together

(Editor's note: Coralie embroiders some items for the Kleine Winkel and is the sister of Joe VanVooren, baker of fine raisin breads. Much of this article, written by Denise Baran-Unland, appeared in the Joliet Herald-News.)

Coralie Olszta owns a home-based embroidery business, creates cloth products for harps, and has been a doll maker for many years. She even transforms wedding dresses into christening gowns.

"I first started making dolls in high school to express myself," Coralie stated. "The embroidery work is nice, but it's not very inspiring. So I also like to do other projects that are more creative."

For many years, she regularly supplied 15-18-inch dolls for craft shows, but found it difficult to keep pace with the demand, especially since each doll can take her four hours to several days to make. She accessorizes her dolls with trinkets to further personalize them. One doll Coralie recently made has a wine-bottle theme, so she added bottles popping from her head.

Many of Coralie's dolls have themes, such as nurses, teachers, spirits, and fairies. Each is unique, as she uses no templates. The hair might be a yarn wig or individually sewn strands. The hardest part is adding the eyes, since they convey emotion.

Most of Coralie's formal embroidery works consists of stitching team logos on athletic apparel. She sews for two stores that service high schools in the Joliet area. For the 1994 Winter Olympics in Norway, Coralie created the lettering for 12 polar fleece ponchos worn by the members of the U.S. Virgin Islands bobsled team during opening ceremonies.

For more information, visit styleandstitches.com



Coralie Olszta with some of her creations.

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movement and call for support before an expected enemy counterattack. The American presence on top of the hill so disrupted the German lines of communications that in the next 24 hours up to 1,600 German soldiers were captured as they moved through the area thought to be behind their own lines. Private VanOoteghem's bold and courageous action reflect great credit upon himself and the United States Army.



Flanders has Budget Windfall

The regional government has announced that Flanders has \$970 million more to spend this year than expected, thanks to the last two years of budgetary discipline.

The money will not lead to an immediate spending spree. Part of it will go towards paying the index-linked increases in the pay of civil servants. Some will go to a reserve to guarantee a balanced budget. And some will be set aside to tackle the problem of the government not paying its bills on time, which became a big issue with private sector suppliers.

But amid all the budgetary caution, there is good news. There will be increased spending for schools, roads, scientific research/development, and protection from coastal erosion.

If Flanders can have budgetary restraint, can't our state or federal governments do the same?

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PVT. VAN OOTEGHEM'S CITATION

The President of the United States takes pleasure in presenting the Silver Star Medal to Camiel VanOoteghem, Private, United States Army, for conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action against the enemy while serving with Company I, 54th Pioneer Infantry Regiment during combat operations in support of the Meuse-Argonne Campaign, World War I on 5 and 6 October 1918 near Arietal Farm, Exermont, France. On 5 October 1918 Private VanOoteghem was on patrol in the 32d Infantry Division sector with elements of the 23rd Engineer Regiment and the 1st infantry Division in search of a lateral road for resupply. The patrol discovered that Hill 269, a prominent land mass that provided observation and fire to the entire area, to be unoccupied.

Under the cover of darkness and rain, Private VanOoteghem surprised a German machine gun nest and guard dog. He fearlessly attacked through the guard dog and took control of the machine gun. This action allowed the patrol to occupy Hill 269. From the top of Hill 269 the patrol was able to observe enemy



Rep. Bobby Schilling presents Charley VanOoteghem with the citation for PVT. Camiel VanOoteghem's Silver Star, at the Memorial Day ceremony at National Cemetery, Rock Island Arsenal.

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