



# CENTER FOR BELGIAN CULTURE of Western Illinois, Inc.

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## Calendar of Upcoming Events

July 2nd	Waffle Breakfast	7:30 to 11:00 a.m.
July 4th	Rolle Bolle (@ Annawan)	1:00 to finish
July 9th	Belgian Lacemakers	1:00 to 4:00 p.m.
July 10th	Rolle Bolle (@ Atkinson)	1:00 to finish
July 11th	Board Meeting	4:00 to 5:30 p.m.
July 24th	Rolle Bolle (@ Manlius)	1:00 to finish
July 31st	Rolle Bolle (@ East End)	1:00 to finish
August 6th	Waffle Breakfast	7:30 to 11:00 a.m.
August 6th	Belgian Lacemakers	1:00 to 4:00 p.m.
August 8th	Board Meeting	4:00 to 5:30 p.m.
August 20th	Flax-Linen-Lace	(see article pg. 3)

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 2nd	Celie Donohue (a.m.)	
	Barb Michalek (p.m.)	Maureen Schweitzer
Wed., July 6th	Evelyn VanPuyvelde	Al VanPuyvelde
Sat., July 9th	Mary Gardner-Karcher	Mary Gardner-Karcher
Wed., July 13th	Mary Lou Andrae	Clara Van DeVeire
Sat., July 16th	Al Hoyt	Al Hoyt
Wed., July 20th	Celie Donohue	Gene Donohue
Sat., July 23rd	Millie Kale	Millie Kale
Wed., July 27th	Georgia Slininger	Louis Slininger
Sat., July 30th	Margaret Wadsworth	Bill Wadsworth

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

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



## Time to Renew

It's time to renew your membership to the CBC. On page 4, you'll find a handy renewal form. And why not get a friend, neighbor, or another relative to join the Center, too. As in the past, we'll provide you with a free waffle breakfast for every new member you bring into the CBC.

Remember to provide us with your e-mail address so you can receive your newsletter and special announcements faster than by postal mail. It also saves the Center money on postage. Members should send their e-mail address to: [belgium032@gmail.com](mailto:belgium032@gmail.com).

## News of the Membership

Thank You to **Evelyn and Al VanPuyvelde** for the Belgian beer posters.

Get Well wishes are offered to **Jim Doering**.

Sympathy is offered to: the family of member **Paul Allaert**, 80, of Moline, who died May 10; the family of **Art Holevoet** on the death of cousin Margaret Sherbeyn of Geneseo; and **Jim and Lucrese Hunter** on the death of Jim's brother, Bob, of Chicago.

## July Waffle Volunteers



Volunteer cooks and servers for our July 2nd waffle breakfast will be Joe DeMeyer, Mary Ann Zimmerman, Judy Hardesty, and Lois and Fred DeCoster. 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 help everyone have a good time.

## Scholarship Dinner

A dinner honoring the CBC and VanTieghem scholars was held on June 15th. Recipients of the Center's scholarship each received \$750 towards their college education. They were Kaylynn Barker, Tim Cornelis, and Carissa Dewaele. Michelle Eberhart received the Ruth Lambrick VanTieghem Scholarship of \$1000, which is awarded to a student who has completed two years of college and is continuing his/her education.

A nice crowd enjoyed the dinner catered by Mulkey's Restaurant and the "grab bag" raffle. Winner of a \$25 gift certificate to the Belgian Village Inn was Barb Michalek. Thanks to everyone who brought desserts, donated grab bag items, and to the Belgian Village Inn for the gift certificate.

Over the next four months, information on each scholarship recipient and their heritage essays will be featured in the newsletter. Congratulations to all four winners and we hope you have great success in your college careers!



(l-r) CBC Scholars Carissa Dewaele, Kaylynn Barker, Tim Cornelis and VanTieghem Scholar Michelle Eberhart



Barb Michalek displays her "grab bag" prize . . . a certificate for good eats at the Belgian Village Inn.

## Flax to Linen to Lace

On August 20th, a lace display will be held at the Atkinson Historical Museum in honor of Maria Josee Vacolen-Serruys. It is presented by the CBC and the CBC Lacemakers and will be hosted by Art Holevoet. The exhibit will run from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Examples of bobbin, needle, and ribbon lace will be on display, as well as lace makers demonstrating their craft. You will also be able to view 60 photographs pertaining to lace making and a 9-foot display case of cushions and bobbins. If you are interested in the fine art of lace making, this would be an excellent day trip.



## Solar-Powered Train

Europe's first-ever solar-powered train debuted last week in Flanders, with a train from Antwerp Central riding the rails in a solar tunnel alongside the E-19 motorway, on its way to Brecht. The 3.4-kilometer tunnel that goes through Schoten and Brasschaat is covered in solar panels – 16,000 in total, presenting an energy-producing surface of 50,000 square meters, or the equivalent of eight football fields.

The tunnel was originally built for the highspeed rail link between Antwerp and Amsterdam, to protect the nearby Peerds woodland from the damaging effects of rail traffic. Along the way, the two municipalities of Schoten and Brasschaat decided to team up with Solar Power Systems, a company based in Schoten, to use the tunnel for the production of solar energy as well. The project also included solar power experts Enfinity, and the rail infrastructure agency Infrabel. The project costs 15.7 million Euros (approx. 22.4 million US dollars.)

(Courtesy of Flanders Today)



## Traveling to Belgium Next Year?

Celebrating the ingenuity and creativity of Belgian cuisine and *art de vivre*, the Belgian Tourist Office announced today the 2012 Year of Gastronomy campaign, showcasing Brussels and French-speaking Belgium, Wallonia, as a gastronomic destination featuring *Brusselicious 2012–A Gourmet Odyssey* and much, much more.

This gourmet celebration will reinforce Belgium as a gastronomic destination and highlight its quality and creativity, promote Belgium's delicious specialties and feature the entire food sector. The calendar will be brimming with food fairs, chocolate tastings, and beer drinking. You are invited to stay, eat and come back for seconds!

If you are thinking of traveling to Brussels next year, you may want to consult an event calendar to help plan your trip. For a calendar, visit [www.brusselicious.be](http://www.brusselicious.be) or [www.visitbelgium.com](http://www.visitbelgium.com).



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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: \_\_\_/\_\_\_/2011

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.*