



CENTER FOR BELGIAN CULTURE of Western Illinois, Inc.

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Calendar of Upcoming Events

July 6th	Waffle Breakfast	7:30 to 11:00 a.m.
July 6th	Belgian Lacemakers	1:00 to 4:00 p.m.
July 8th	Board Meeting	4:00 to 5:30 p.m.
August 3rd	Waffle Breakfast	7:30 to 11:00 a.m.
August 3rd	Belgian Lacemakers	1:00 to 4:00 p.m.
August 12th	Board Meeting	4:00 to 5:30 p.m.
August 29th-31st	Rummage Sale	8:00 a.m. to noon

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

Schedule for Volunteers

The July schedule is as follows:

Date	Gift Counter	Host/Hostess
Wed., July 3rd	No Volunteer	No Volunteer
Sat., July 6th	Celie Donohue (a.m.) Barb Michalek (p.m.)	Kevin DeRoo (a.m.) Barb Michalek (p.m.)
Wed., July 10th	Mary Lou Andrae	Bonnie Newman
Sat., July 13th	Mary Gardner-Karcher	Kate Gardner
Wed., July 17th	Celie Donohue	Gene Donohue
Sat., July 20th	Jan Irwin	Jan Irwin
Wed., July 24th	Margaret Wadsworth	Bill Wadsworth
Sat., July 27th	Millie Kale	Millie Kale
Wed., July 31st	Kate Gardner	Kate Gardner

Contact Mary Gardner-Karcher at (563) 508-0886 or
mcgkarcher@mchsi.com as soon as possible
if there is a conflict with your scheduled time.



A Fun, Joyous & Safe
4th of July to all!

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

News of the Membership

Thank you to: **Mike Kerckhove** for planting the beautiful red/yellow/black flower arrangements in the pots in front of the Center; and to all who made a donation to the CBC in memory of **Louis Slininger**.

Congratulations to: **Jan (DeRoo) Hufford** and sister Kathy (DeRoo) Peterson, both 5th Grade teachers who retired this year from Seton Catholic School, after a combined 65 years of teaching; and to **Fr. Jim DeBisschop** on celebrating 25 years in the priesthood.

Sympathy is extended to **Irene Carton** on the death of her brother, Paul Kuberski, 92, of Henderson, Nevada, and to the family of longtime member **Flora Cook** of Perrysburg, Ohio, on her recent passing.

Prayers would be appreciated for **Mary Jo (Van Dierendonck) Francione** who is now in Clarissa Cook Hospice House.

July Waffle Volunteers



Volunteer cooks and servers for the July waffle breakfast will be Millie Kale, Jane Vershaw, Gene Donohue, Karen and Pat VandeKerckhove, and Margaret and Bill Wadsworth. Mike Kerckhove will prepare the batter and start the coffee, and Joan DeCap will cashier. Catherine VanHecke will make sure everyone has a good time.

Glad They Didn't Try Brain Surgery

You no doubt read about it in the newspapers . . . a huge diamond robbery at Brussels Airport earlier this year. According to investigators, the masterminds behind that robbery made a colossal blunder! Thirty-one men were recently detained after search operations involving 250 policemen, and seven are still in custody.

The blunder? The robbers, armed and dressed as police officers and who drove onto the tarmac and held up a Swiss Airlines flight, were not out for diamonds, but money. It was revealed that one week prior to the heist, the same aircraft had carried a large sum of cash on board. Police assume the robbers were expecting the same to happen again.

According to detectives, if the crooks had found cash, police would still be looking for them. But what the robbers got, they didn't know what to do with. Their attempt to find buyers for such a large quantity of diamonds made a lot of waves in criminal circles and that's what did them in.

(Thanks to *Flanders Today*)

Belgium on a Plate



When it comes to food, Belgians tend to take certain things for granted: fresh bread is always just around the corner; the meats and cheeses are good enough to eat raw; and for \$4 or less, one can enjoy a sampling of the world's finest beers in any café. Many people of Belgium never thought their food as special.

In the world outside Belgium, that modesty often results in Belgian cuisine being reduced to chocolate, beer, and Brussels sprouts. A new English-language book, *What's Cooking in Belgium: Recipes and Stories from a Food-Loving Nation* attempts to remedy this situation by painting a portrait of the history and culture of Belgium through its food. The book was written by Anna Jenkinson and Neil Evans, British expatriates living in Brussels.

What's Cooking is not an exhaustive anthology, but rather, a carefully assembled collection of common Belgian delights. "It could be a cookbook and live in the kitchen," author Jenkinson says, "but it could be a coffee table book and live in the living room."

Accompanying the recipes are well-researched vignettes that place the dishes in their modern and historical context. Whether it's a description of the annual Golden Throwing of the Chicken Leg from the windows of Londerzeel's town hall or the fact that the average Belgian consumes 14 pounds of Belgian endive (chicory) each year, the book is filled with fascinating facts that round out the story of local food.

The authors went to some lengths to make sure the recipes are feasible for those not living in Belgium. When potentially hard-to-find ingredients are used, they provide suggestions for suitable alternatives.

The book is available from its publisher at www.lusterweb.com.

(Thanks to *Flanders Today*)

Cost of Ageing

Researchers at Leuven note that an average Belgian child born in 2010 will face \$237,110 in added costs over his/her lifetime, due to the result of an ageing population. No doubt those costs will continue to rise.

Waffles for St. Anthony

CBC member, St. Anthony's parishioner, and Atkinson resident Art Holevoet sent a note about the following . . .

On June 9th, St. Anthony's Catholic Church in Atkinson, Illinois, served the traditional CBC waffle breakfast. We had planned for about 200 people, but wound up serving many more. The patrons all raved about how great everything tasted, especially the sausages.

We are very grateful for all the good help we received from our parishioners and the wonderful guidance from CBC waffle chairperson Catherine VanHecke. We never dreamed that this breakfast would be such a success!

*THANK YOU to St. Anthony's
for their monetary donation to the Center!!!!*



Trying to keep up with supplying the waffles.



These smiling ladies provided the toppings for waffles.

Mark your calendar to attend . . .

Center for Belgian Culture's 50th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Saturday, October 26, 2013

Oakwood Country Club

More details to follow.

RUMMAGE SALE

Have you procrastinated your Spring Cleaning? Well, that's perfect, because Bonnie Tanamor will be hosting a Rummage Sale, August 29th, 30th, and 31st to benefit the CBC. We will be collecting donations from now until Saturday, August 24TH. Due to limited space, we ask that donations NOT be brought to the Center.

Volunteers are also needed for the event. Hours will be 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon each day, unless we get plenty of volunteers who don't mind working until 2:00 p.m. You may contact Bonnie to arrange a pickup, drop off of donations, or to volunteer at bonnietanamor@gmail.com, or by calling 309-912-2692.

The location for the sale has yet to be determined, but it will be announced in the August newsletter. Proceeds will be reinvested in the Center. Items that do not sell will be donated to the local DAV Store.

**Sunday,
September 15, 2013**

**Stephens' Park
Moline, IL**

Celebrate the history of the Olde Towne neighborhood with an afternoon of Belgian tradition, culture, food, and sport!

100-400 pm • FREE ADMISSION

Volunteers are needed to make this a success!
Contact Mark Bray @ the City (309) 524-2053

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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: ____/____/2013

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

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.