



CENTER FOR BELGIAN CULTURE of Western Illinois, Inc.

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Calendar of Upcoming Events

August 2nd	Waffle Breakfast	7:30 to 11:00 a.m.
August 2nd	Belgian Lacemakers	1:00 to 4:00 p.m.
August 18th	Board Meeting	4:00 to 5:30 p.m.
August 29th-30th	Rummage Sale	8:00 a.m. to noon
Sept. 14th	Fall Flemish Fest	1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

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

Schedule for Volunteers

The August schedule is as follows:

<i>Date</i>	<i>Gift Counter</i>	<i>Host/Hostess</i>
Fri., Aug. 1st	Kevin DeRoo	Kevin DeRoo
Sat., Aug. 2nd	Celie Donohue (am)	
	Grace Fisher (pm)	Barb Michalek (pm)
Wed., Aug. 6th	Al Hoyt	Al Hoyt
Fri., Aug. 8th	Celie Donohue	Gene Donohue
Sat., Aug. 9th	Mary Gardner-Karcher	Mary Gardner-Karcher
Wed., Aug. 13th	Mary Lou Andrae	Bonnie Newman
Fri., Aug. 15th	Georgia Slininger	Bev Fulmer
Sat., Aug. 16th	Jan Irwin	Jan Irwin
Wed., Aug. 20th	Barb Coppens	Linda Polich
Fri., Aug. 22nd	Karen VandeKerckhove	Pat VandeKerckhove
Sat., Aug. 23rd	Celie Donohue	Gene Donohue
Wed., Aug. 27th	Margaret Wadsworth	Bill Wadsworth
Fri., Aug. 29th	Georgia Slininger	Bev Fulmer
Sat., Aug. 30th	Millie Kale	Millie Kale

*Contact Celie Donohue at (309) 792-8246
as soon as possible if there is a schedule conflict.*

A Lot of Bull . . . According to the Flemish center for manure processing (there is such a group?), Flemish farmers exported over 18 million pounds of raw manure in 2013.



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

Waffle Breakfast 1st Sat. of each month

News of the Membership

Congratulations to: Gary Francque for being named Moline Rotary's Rotarian of the Year and Rotarian of the Year for Rotary District 6420; Ted and Marilyn McAvoy on celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary; and Jim Hunter on his 80th birthday.

Thank You to: Pete and Mary Fecht for the medal of Our Lady of Beauraing; Robert and Mary Jo Francione for the framed picture of Cyriel VanDierendonck of the Belgian Army during WWI, a handwritten cookbook in Flemish, and other memorabilia; and to Ray Coppens for building shelves for our wardrobe cupboard.

Sympathy is offered to Joan DeCap and family and the VanHecke families on the death of Al DeCap, 87, of Hillsdale, who died July 10 at home.

CBC Rummage Sale

August 29th & 30th - 8:00 a.m. to noon
1628 - 22nd Street, Rock Island

You can bring items to donate to the next waffle breakfast on August 2nd. Bonnie and Jason Tanamor will be working and able to accept and transport your donations that day, or make arrangements to pick them up. You may call or text Bonnie (309-912-2692) or email (bonnie-tanamor@gmail.com), and she will arrange a time to pick up your items. Please, no items of clothing.

Time to Renew

It's time to renew your membership to the CBC, and we need your support now more than ever. This past winter's heating bills, the cost of our move to the new location, and our higher rent all mean that we need members more than ever if we are to continue for the long run. Please renew and encourage family members and friends to join us as well.

The CBC has an excellent archive of Belgian history, and we have some upcoming programs planned for the younger folks to foster their interest in the Belgian heritage. But we MUST continue to grow. Please renew now, while it is fresh on your mind.

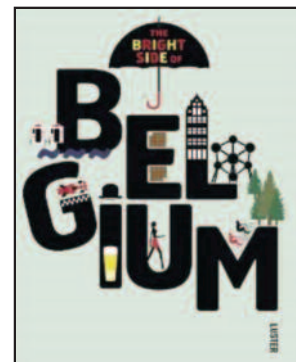
Please note . . . if you have joined the CBC since the first of this year, your membership is good until next year.

New Book about Belgium

A new book, The Bright Side of Belgium, was created by its authors and collaborators to prove Belgium IS worth it.

The 500-page coffee table volume focuses on ten of Belgium's most interesting and vibrant regions. Each chapter covers the same themes - architecture, parks and squares, art, culture, shopping, food, accommodations, and an "outside the city" section that highlights noteworthy spots of interest just "down the road." Areas covered include Brussels, Bruges, Antwerp, Namur, Mons, Charleroi, Ghent, the coast, and the Ardennes.

The book is published in English by Uitgeverij Luster, and can be ordered through Amazon.com or your favorite bookseller.



Costly Flight

The world of Belgium's racing pigeon fanciers is recovering from the "biggest disaster in 20 years," when thousands of birds failed to return home after being released in France last month for a race. The birds, some worth thousands of Euros, flew into severe weather soon after being loosed, and it is thought they lost their bearings and were unable to find their way home. Owners of the birds have criticized the sport's governing body for allowing the race to go forward in stormy weather.

(Thanks to Flanders Today)

August Waffle Volunteers



The volunteers for August's waffle breakfast will be Bonnie and Jason Tanamor, Jan Irwin, Pam Black, Barb and Ray Coppens, and Angie DePaepe. Mike Kerckhove will make the mix and start the coffee, Joan DeCap will cashier, and Catherine VanHecke will make sure all runs well and everyone has a good time.

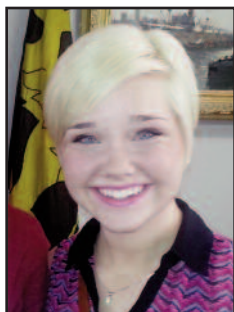
Scholarship Winners

The winners of the CBC and VanTieghem scholarships were announced on June 25th. The CBC awards went to Marisa Coene, Sam Olson, and Laura VanSpeybroeck. The Ruth Lambrick VanTieghem scholarship was awarded to Gabrielle VanSpeybroeck. Due to schedules, travels, and activities, a group picture could not be taken, so we'll have individual photos of the winners with each essay.

Our first essay presentation was written by Laura VanSpeybroeck. Laura graduated from Alleman High School with a GPA of 3.78 out of 4.0. She was active in the National Honor Society and Key Club, and was the editor of the school newspaper. She was active in drama presentations at Alleman, as well as current Music Guild and Circa '21 Playhouse productions. Lauren was one of only 12 girls across the state to attend Broadway in Chicago's IL High School Musical Theater Awards Program.

My Belgian Heritage by Lauren VanSpeybroeck

Eating my Grandma Rosalie's delicious Lukken cookies, performing with "The Happy Belgians" family band, singing at the recent Flemish Fest – all special experiences that make me think of my heritage. I know, however, that my family's Belgian roots go much deeper. I am often reminded of the sacrifices and struggles of my relatives who immigrated to the United States when I look on my living room wall. Hanging there is a framed copy of the Ellis Island manifests and photograph of the ship on which my great-great grandfather travelled to the United States. There I can see the handwritten document with the name, Rene VanSpeybroeck, dated 1902. It states that he arrived in America with only \$25 in his pocket. Rene travelled alone ahead of his family to prepare their way. He later returned to Belgium to bring back his wife and children to America and then started a business in downtown East Moline- "Speybroeck's" Clothing Store.



Five years ago, I visited Ellis Island. It was so surreal to enter the same room, stand in the exact spot Rene stepped off the S.S. Haverford. I couldn't even imagine landing in a foreign country alone, not knowing the language, nor how I would survive – but I am so happy that my great-great grandpa took that leap of faith. Because he came here to America, I exist, and can help out others just like Rene who came here to start anew.

The past two years, I volunteered for Casa Guanajuato's programs, "Hola, Que Tal?" and "Si, Podemos." Female immigrants from Spanish-speaking countries attended "Si, Podemos" to make friends, acquire job skills, obtain health insurance, and learn to succeed here in the U.S. While the women were

involved in this program, I engaged their children in educational activities to keep them in touch with their heritage even while not in their native country. It was not only a learning experience for them but for me as well.

This fall I will attend University of Northern Iowa to major in TESOL (Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages) and Spanish Teaching with a Theatre minor. My dream job is to combine my enthusiasm for languages and my love of theatre to teach in a high school and direct the school productions.

I am continually seeking to learn more about my career path, so I recently attended an ESL (English as a Second Language) Conference at Western Illinois University. The sessions were led by ESL and ELL (English Language Learners) teachers who shared their knowledge and experiences. I learned about other cultures, how they're different from my own, how to be sensitive to those with different customs, how best to teach English to new learners, and what to expect in my future career. When I graduate, I will assist immigrants in learning English so they can thrive in this country just as much as could any native speaker. A beacon of hope for immigrants all over the globe, we, as Americans, are expected to be welcoming to those in need of a new place to call home. That's why I want to be there for any immigrant, like my great-great grandfather, who wants to come here to the United States for a fresh start.

Rather than a "melting pot," I prefer the analogy which compares America to a beautiful mosaic – separate and unique, like the tiles, but one masterpiece. We retain our cultural identities but are a unified people. As a Belgian American, I am proud to be a part of that colorful work of art that is the United States of America.



No doubt you've seen the ads on television for Stella Artois beer. It's distributed in more than 80 countries and is the best-selling Belgian beer in the world.

Stella Artois' origins can be traced to 1366 when the Den Hoorn brewery was established in Leuven. Local brewer Sebastian Artois bought the brewery in 1708 and renamed it after himself. The word Stella, meaning "star" in Latin, was added in 1926 when the company released its first seasonal beer.

Despite numerous changes in management over hundreds of years, the original horn logo has not changed. The same horn that once beckoned travelers in Belgium is still featured in the current Stella Artois brand.

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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: ____/____/2014

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.