



CENTER FOR BELGIAN CULTURE of Western Illinois, Inc.

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Calendar of Upcoming Events

May 25th	Memorial Day Waffles	7:00 to 11:30 a.m.
June 6th	Waffle Breakfast	7:30 to 11:00 a.m.
June 6th	Belgian Lacemakers	1:00 to 4:00 p.m.
June 8th	Board Meeting	4:00 to 5:30 p.m.
June 17th	Scholarship Reception	6:00 to 8:00 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 3rd	Alan Hoyt	Alan Hoyt
Fri., June 5th	Rose VanAcker	Joan DeClerck
Sat., June 6th	Grace Fisher (am)	Barb Michalek (pm)
Wed., June 10th	Mary Lou Andrae	Bonnie Newman
Fri., June 12th	Millie Kale	Millie Kale
Sat., June 13th	Mary Gardner-Karcher	Mary Gardner-Karcher
Wed., June 17th	Barb Coppens	Linda Polich
Fri., June 19th	Georgia Slininger	Bev Fullmer
Sat., June 20th	Jan Irwin	Jan Irwin
Wed., June 24th	Margaret Wadsworth	Bill Wadsworth
Fri., June 26th	Bob Francione	Bob Francione
Sat., June 27th	Millie Kale	Millie Kale

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



Flag Day June 14th

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

**Waffle Breakfast 1st Sat. of each month @
Friends Circle, 701 - 18th Avenue, Moline**

Learn About Your Family

If you are interested in learning more about your family history, Linda Polich (the Center's volunteer genealogy researcher) invites you to attend "Climb Your Family Tree" – a three-part series of Saturday classes sponsored by the Rock Island County Genealogical Society. The classes will be held on July 25th, August 29th, and September 26th.

Topics covered will include: Vital Records, Immigration, Naturalization, Federal Census, Military Records, Online Genealogy, and Writing/Publishing Your Family History. All classes will be held at the Butterworth Educational Center, 701-12th Avenue, Moline, from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. each session. There is no cost to genealogical society members, but for non-members, a \$30.00 fee is charged. A registration form can be printed at:

www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~ilbgsrim/summer_classes.pdf or you can contact Linda Polich at 309-236-1985 or Lorraine Hathaway at 309-787-1826.

Happy Father's Day

JUNE 21ST

News of the Membership

Congratulations to **Bea and Leroy DeBrabander** on celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary.

Get Well wishes are extended to **Kevin DeRoo** and **Celie Donohue**.

Sympathy is extended to **Celie and Gene Donohue** on the death of Celie's cousin, longtime volunteer **Marian Knock**, 84, of Moline, who died April 28th.

JUNE WAFFLE VOLUNTEERS



The volunteers for the June waffle breakfast will be Bonnie and Joel Newman, Margaret Wadsworth, Barb Coppens, and Jan Irwin. Mike Kerckhove will make the mix and start the coffee, Angie Jennes will supervise the kitchen, Joan DeCap will cashier, and Catherine VanHecke will make sure all runs smoothly.

Wow, Look at This!

Several months ago, Betty Freeman brought in several of her lacemaking patters to share with the CBC lace makers. One was a truly challenging pattern that Betty wanted someone to take on. Sandy DeSchinckel took the challenge, and the photo illustrates the result. It was a very intricate piece of work, and Sandy did an amazing job. Congratulations, Sandy, on your superb craftsmanship.



Sandy DeSchinckel (left) and Betty Freeman with Sandy's answer to Betty's challenge.

Special Thanks

The CBC archives received a donation through the genealogical efforts of Linda Polich. For her help with research, on May 2nd, Luc Vanden Hauwe of Antwerp personally delivered the following: the DVD *An Artist of the People, Eugeen Van Mieghem*; a paperback *The Missing Eugeen Van Mieghem Images and the Jewish Emigrants of the Red Star Line* by Erwin Joos; the hard cover book, *Eugeen Van Mieghem, 1875-1930 Antwerp* by Erwin Joos; and two Van Mieghem prints. Luc visited the waffle breakfast and also passed out some delicious Cote d' Or Chokotoff caramels covered in dark chocolate. Our sincere thanks go to Luc for visiting and adding to our archives.

Time to Renew

It's membership renewal time. Why not take care of your renewal right away by filling out the form on page 4 and sending it in. NOTE: if you joined the CBC since the beginning of 2015, you need not renew until July 2016.

Honors for the Poet

Loen Verlaeckt, secretary-general of the Flanders Dep't. of Foreign Affairs, traveled to Ottawa, Canada, for the May 3rd unveiling of a statue in honor of the Canadian doctor and soldier John McCrae.

McCrae served in the trenches near Ypres during the First World War and composed the famous poem "In Flanders Fields" while tending soldiers at Essex Farm in May 1915. McCrae dedicated the poem to his friend Alex Helmer, who was killed by an exploding grenade during a German gas attack. The poem refers to poppies, which led to the red flower being adopted worldwide as a symbol of remembrance.

"The horrors of the First World War on the western front are forever linked to the landscape of Flanders Fields because of the poem by John McCrae," said Verlaeckt. "It is our duty to keep this memory alive and pass it on to future generations."

The larger-than-life bronze memorial, which shows a sitting McCrae, notebook in hand, is supported by the government of Flanders. It sits in front of the National Artillery Memorial, just east of downtown Ottawa. A duplicate of the statue is being unveiled later this year in McCrae's hometown of Guelph, Ontario, about 300 miles southwest of Ottawa.

(Thanks to *Flanders Today*)



Biscuits for Cigars

The West Flanders bakery company Jules Destrooper, famous for its butter waffles, has been taken over by GT&CO, a holding company of the Vandermarliere family, best known as a cigar manufacturer.

Jules Destrooper first brought his waffles to market in 1890 and has since grown into one of the country's most recognizable brands, with sales in 75 countries. Last year, the company had total sales of \$40.3 million.

Scholar Reception

Join us on June 17th when the CBC and Ruth Lambrick VanTieghem scholars are announced. Light refreshment will be served beginning at 6:00 p.m. and the introduction and presentation of the scholarships will begin at 7:00 p.m. Each CBC Scholar will receive \$750 towards the cost of their college education, and the VanTieghem Scholar will receive \$1200 towards continuing with his/her college education.

Belgian Beer Conglomerate?

Leuven-based InBev, the world's largest brewing group, is reported by the Wall Street Journal to be in talks with its banks with a view to preparing a takeover bid for SABMiller, its largest London-based competitor. The bid is said to be worth approximately \$105 billion, the largest the beer industry has seen since the takeover of Anheuser-Busch by InBev in 2008.

SABMiller – which stands for South African Breweries – was established to meet the beer needs of South African miners at the end of the 19th century, and moved its bases to London in 1999, before taking over Miller Brewing of Milwaukee in 2002. It has operations worldwide and owns several brands including Fosters, Grolsch, and Carling Black Label. It is also a major bottler of Coca-Cola.

A takeover by InBev would make its position as the world's largest brewery unassailable and give it new market possibilities in Africa, China, and Australia. InBev brands include Jupiler, Stella Artois, and Hoegaarden in Belgium, and Budweiser and Corona in the US.

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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: ____/____/2015

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.