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Calendar of Upcoming Events

June 4th	Waffle Breakfast	8:00 to 11:00 a.m.
June 4th	Belgian Lacemakers	1:00 to 4:00 p.m.
June 13th	Board Meeting	5:30 to 7:00 p.m.
June 22nd	Scholarship Reception	6:00 to 7:30 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	Alan Hoyt	Alan Hoyt
Fri., June 3rd	Rosemarie VanAcker	Joan DeClerk
Sat., June 4th	Barb Michalek (am)	Grace Fisher (pm)
Wed., June 8th	Mary Lou Andrae	Bonnie Newman
Fri., June 10th	Millie Kale	Millie Kale
Sat., June 11th	Mary Gardner-Karcher	Mary Gardner-Karcher
Wed., June 15th	Barb Coppens	Linda Polich
Fri., June 17th	Bev Fullmer	Georgia Slininger
Sat., June 18th	tbd	tbd
Wed., June 22nd	tbd	tbd
Fri., June 24th	Bob Francione	Bob Francione
Sat., June 25th	Diana Slininger	Diana Slininger
Wed., June 29th	Margaret Wadsworth	Margaret Wadsworth

Contact Diana Slininger at (309) 792-2790
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

Scholarship Reception

Winners of the CBC Scholarships and the Ruth Lambrick VanTieghem Scholarship will be announced on Wednesday, June 22nd, at the Center. Light refreshments will be served at 6:00 p.m., with the presentation of the scholarships at 7:00 p.m. We invite you to stop by, meet, and salute this year's scholarship recipients.

News of the Membership

As part of Pope Francis' Jubilee Year of Mercy, the Holy Father invited Rotarians from around the world to join him for the Jubilee of Rotarians this past April 30th. It recognized the values and humanitarian work of Rotary International's worldwide programs.

Joining in the celebration were Rotarians **Gary Francque** and Jim Barnett, pals from Alleman High School. They heard his address and joined thousands to witness the Pope's parade through St. Peter's Square. But there was more to come.

Monsignor Richard Soseman, a 1981 graduate of Alleman and a priest of the Peoria Diocese, has been working at the Vatican for nine years with the Congregation of the Clergy, a Vatican regulatory organization. Thanks to Jerry Patrick and **Kevin Rafferty**, Gary and Jim met up with the Monsignor. The two attended Mass at a St. Peter's Basilica side altar celebrated by the Monsignor. They also received a personal tour of St. Peter's and the Vatican grounds, guided by Monsignor Soseman.

Two Alleman graduates, meeting up at the Vatican with a third Alleman graduate and seeing some of the places normal tourists don't see. It doesn't get any better than that!

Birdies for Charity

Thank you to everyone who has returned a pledge for the Birdies for Charity program of the John Deere Classic golf tournament on behalf of the CBC. For those who haven't yet made a pledge, please consider making one. Pledges can be as small as one cent/per birdie made by the golf professionals during this year's tournament.

All monies raised by the program are used for the CBC's scholarship program. Additional pledge forms can be found at the Center.

Election of Officers

At the June board meeting, a slate of officers for the next two years will be drawn up. All offices are up for election. We are especially in need of people interested in the secretary and the treasurer positions. Voting for the five executive positions (president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer, and member-at-large) will take place at the July board meeting.

If you are at all interested in filling any of the above-noted positions, please send an email to dtcoopman@gmail.com, and let us know. We would love to have your expertise.

We are also looking for volunteers for the open houses and waffle breakfasts. We cannot keep asking the same people over and over. Any organization is only as good as its volunteers and we need more volunteers to step up and help. Please consider giving a little time to the Center for Belgian Culture! You can send an email to dtcoopman@gmail.com or call Diana Slinger at (309) 792-2790.

A Quick Reminder

Please note the new start time for the monthly Saturday waffle breakfasts: **8:00 a.m.** Sleep a little later, and then join us for our usual tasty treats. The new start time begins June 4th.

JUNE WAFFLE VOLUNTEERS



At press time, the volunteers for June's waffle breakfast will be Bonnie and Jason Tanamor, Angie Martin, Cathy Pavacik and Millie Kale. Mike Kerckhove will make the mix and start the coffee, and Joan DeCap will cashier. Catherine VanHecke will make sure everyone enjoys their breakfast.

The Kleine Winkel

Father's Day is June 19th, and what a great time to shop at the Winkel. **All caps, t-shirts, and the CBC mugs are 20% off.** Any of these items will make great gifts for dad, so stop in and take advantage of the discount. And don't forget our other Belgian-related gifts, too!

The Impact of Robots

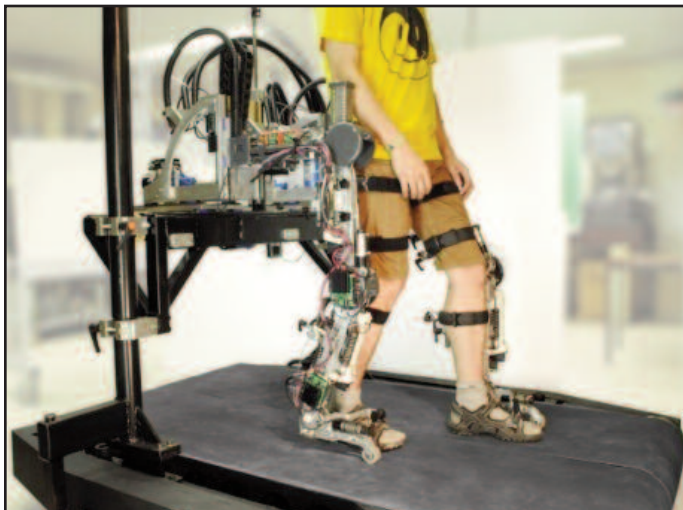
The Free University of Brussels (VUB) has launched a research group focusing on the impact of robots in our lives.

The Brussels Human Robotic Research Center (BruBotics) is an initiative of eight research groups and more than 70 VUB researchers. They have joined forces to carry out interdisciplinary research on human-centered robot technology and the ways it can improve quality of life and society. BruBotics wants to be a European frontrunner in robotics by combining the expertise of research groups in life, computer, and social sciences.

Current projects involve the use of exoskeletons for neurological rehab and bionic prostheses that replace an amputated leg. A guest speaker at the launch was Patrick Danau, general direct of Audi Brussels, who explained that his factory already uses more than 500 robots in automobile assembly.

The VUB was established as a spin-off of the French-speaking Université Libre de Bruxelles in the 1960s. It is an internationally oriented institution, and is the only Dutch-speaking university in Brussels. It offers 68 Master's programs and had 12,000 students in the 2011-12 academic year.

(From *Flanders Today*)



Strange Street Names

Oude Zak (Old Sack) has been chosen by Belgian Radio 2 listeners as the strangest street name in Flanders. The street, located in Bruges, gets its name from the French term *cul-de-sac*. Other nominees were Vorte Koestraat (Stinking Cow Street) in Waasmunster, Kromme Elleboogstraat (Curved Elbow Street) in Antwerp, and Boterham (Sandwich) in Halle.

(From *Flanders Today*)

Find of an Unusual Size

We've written before about World War I ammunition still being found in the Ypres area. In mid-May, workers on a construction site near Ypres uncovered a cache of nearly 500 mortar rounds from the First World War. The mortar rounds had never been used, thus there was a danger that they might explode.

Work was suspended and the Belgian army's bomb disposal unit was called in to take charge of the munitions. Such finds are commonplace in the area of West Flanders, known as the Westhoek, where – often uncovered by farmers plowing fields – they are referred to as the "iron harvest." The size of this latest find is unusual, as it was nearly 500 rounds in one place, at one time.

The most recent find of similar size was in February of last year, where a farmer had collected thousands of unexploded shells in his barn after turning them up one-by-one.



Happy
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JUNE 19TH

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Rolle Bolle Redux

The Center's first Dinner and Discover event was held May 20th at the Friends Circle Club, with 40 people in attendance. The "dinner" consisted of a delicious Flemish pork stew prepared by Bonnie Tanamor, and the "discover" was an enthusiastic program about rolle bolle, presented by Roy DePauw of Geneseo. The program also included the opportunity to try one's skills at the game on the Friends Circle's indoor courts.

Thank You to Bonnie Tanamor for putting the fine evening together, to Catherine VanHecke and Angie Jennes for the fantastic desserts, and to Diana Slininger and Millie Hall for the display.



A dinner participant looks over part of the rolle bolle display. The photos and booklets date back to the early 1930s.