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Calendar of Upcoming Events

July 2nd	Waffle Breakfast	8:00 to 11:00 a.m.
July 2nd	Belgian Lacemakers	1:00 to 4:00 p.m.
July 11th	Board Meeting	5:30 to 7:00 p.m.

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>
Fri., July 1st	Rosemarie VanAcker	Joan DeClerck
Sat., July 2nd	Barb Michalek (am)	Grace Fisher (pm)
Wed., July 6th	Alan Hoyt	Alan Hoyt
Fri., July 8th	Millie Kale	Millie Kale
Sat., July 9th	Mary Gardner-Karcher	Mary Gardner-Karcher
Wed., July 13th	Bonnie Newman	Mary Lou Andrae
Fri., July 15th	Bev Fullmer	Georgia Slininger
Sat., July 16th	tbd	tbd
Wed., July 20th	Linda Polich	Barb Coppens
Fri., July 22nd	tbd	tbd
Sat., July 23rd	tbd	tbd
Wed., July 27th	Margaret Wadsworth	Margaret Wadsworth
Fri., July 29th	Bob Francione	Bob Francione
Sat., July 30th	tbd	tbd

Contact Diana Slininger at (309) 792-2790
as soon as possible if there is a schedule conflict.



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

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

It's Renewal Time Again

July starts the new “fiscal” year for the CBC, and with it comes membership renewal time. We hope you will renew early, so reminders won't have to be mailed. Your renewal is important to us, as money from memberships helps pay our rent and utilities. Patronage at the monthly waffle breakfasts is also used for rent and operating expenses. When we had to move to our new location, our rent more than doubled, and that has definitely put a strain on our finances.

Over the last ten years, membership has fallen by nearly 100, due to attrition and non-renewing members. To stay viable, we need our current and NEW members. We challenge each of you to encourage another friend, relative, or child to join the Center and discover the many treasures and the history contained at the CBC. Renewal form is on page 4.

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.

JULY WAFFLE VOLUNTEERS



Volunteers for July's waffle breakfast include Kim Kochuyt, Jan Irwin, Barb and Jim Kauh, Calista DeCoster, and Karen VandeKerckhove. Mike Kerckhove will make the mix and start the coffee, and Joan DeCap will cashier. Catherine VanHecke will make sure everyone enjoys their breakfast.

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.

Pipe Dream Becomes Reality

Xavier Vanneste had a problem. His centuries-old brewery, De Halve Maan (The Half Moon) was the last brewery remaining in the center of Bruges. His bottling plant had been moved to an industrial park about two miles away, and the brewery truck fleet had been tying up the city's narrow, cobblestone streets on the way to the bottling plant.

The city of Bruges, which draws over six million visitors a year, has for years been looking for ways to reduce traffic in its historic center – a Unesco World Heritage site known for its canals and medieval architecture.

While watching workers laying underground cables in front of his house, Vanneste suddenly discovered a solution: pipe the brew to the bottling plant. And now, four years after that epiphany, the pipeline is nearly complete. It will be able to carry 1,500 gallons of beer an hour at 12 miles per hour. Hundreds of truck trips a year will no longer be necessary.

Shortly after the pipeline was announced, many locals dreamed of siphoning off personal supplies of the beer. Vanneste stated that it would be impossible to illegally tap into the polyethylene tubes, as they are stronger than steel.

The investment by De Halve Maan is \$4.5 million, but \$325,000 was raised by private individuals. Those individuals received lifetime supplies of beer. There were even investors in the U.S., as the beer has a following here. Last year, the brewery exported nearly 5,250 gallons of its most popular brews, Bruges Zot and Straffe Hendrik, to the States.

According to Vanneste, the new pipeline won't affect the taste of his award-winning beers. Most of the pipe runs about six feet underground, but in some spots, it's nearly 100 feet under.

(Thanks to the *Wall Street Journal*)



A Great Market

Brussels' Grote Market has been voted the 13th world site worth seeing by TripAdvisor. The square is featured in the Travelers' Choice Awards for sightseeing, ahead of the Eiffel Tower, The Great Wall of China, and the Acropolis. The list is topped by Machu Picchu in Peru and the Sheikh Zayed mosque in Abu Dhabi.



Over 600,000 begonias are assembled by 100+ volunteers in just four hours for the Grote Market flower carpet. The plaza has been adorned every two years since 1986.

Rewriting History?

The "right to be forgotten," which allows members of the public to have references to their private life removed from internet searches, also extends to newspaper archives, the Belgian Cassation Court has ruled.

The court was ruling on an appeal by Rossel, the publishers of *Le Soir* newspaper. Rossel had been sued by a member of the public who had been involved in a traffic accident in the past, and who demanded that all reference to the matter be expunged from the paper's archives.

He won his case in the lower court, and Rossel appealed and lost. The last-resort appeal to the Cassation Court also failed, as the court ruled that the right to be digitally forgotten formed part of the constitutionally guaranteed right to be left in peace in one's private life.

By basing its arguments on an interpretation of the Belgian constitution, the court avoids reference to the European law that extends the right to be forgotten to the whole EU. The Rossel group said it regretted the ruling, which it said "opens the door to the rewriting of history."

As the author of four local-history books, your newsletter editor feels the same; it could lead to rewriting or eliminating history all together.

(Thanks to *Flanders Today*)

Insuring Good Chocolate

Researchers at the University of Leuven have developed a new technique that makes it possible to check the quality of chocolate via ultrasound imaging technology, and was developed to assist companies in the chocolate sector.

The project can determine if the cacao butter in the chocolate is properly crystallized through the reflection of ultrasonic waves. Five sorts of crystals can be formed during this process, but only one of them leads to quality chocolate. The number, size and shape of the crystals, and the way they stick together are also important.

Currently, checking the quality of chocolate is a time-consuming process involving samples from the production lines being analyzed in a lab. Quick adjustments are impossible, which can lead to a large quantity of chocolate being destroyed or re-processed. The new technique checks the chocolate during production.

Researchers are now working to turn the lab prototype into commercial equipment available to the chocolate manufacturing world.

(From *Flanders Today*)

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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: ___/___/2016

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.