



CENTER FOR BELGIAN CULTURE of Western Illinois, Inc.

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Calendar of Upcoming Events

August 6th	Waffle Breakfast	8:00 to 11:00 a.m.
August 6th	Belgian Lacemakers	1:00 to 4:00 p.m.
August 8th	Board Meeting	5:30 to 7:00 p.m.
August 26th-27th	Yard Sale (see article)	8:00 a.m. to Noon

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>
Wed., August 3rd	Alan Hoyt	Alan Hoyt
Fri., August 5th	Rosemarie VanAcker	Joan DeClerck
Sat., August 6th	Barb Michalek (am)	Grace Fisher (pm)
Wed., August 10th	Mary Lou Andrae	Bonnie Newman
Fri., August 12th	Millie Kale	Millie Kale
Sat., August 13th	Mary Gardner-Karcher	Mary Gardner-Karcher
Wed., August 17th	Barb Coppens	Linda Polich
Fri., August 19th	Bev Fullmer	Georgia Slininger
Sat., August 20th	tbd	tbd
Wed., August 24th	tbd	tbd
Fri., August 26th	Bob Francione	Bob Francione
Sat., August 26th	tbd	tbd
Wed., August 31st	Margaret Wadsworth	Margaret Wadsworth

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

It's Renewal Time Again

Your membership renewal is important to us, as the money pays our rent, utilities, and your newsletter. Patronage at the monthly waffle breakfasts is also used for rent and operating expenses. 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.

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

Election of Officers

At the July board meeting, a duly held election of officers was held. Executive Officers are: president, Kevin DeRoo; vice-president, Bill Cornelis; secretary, Angie Jennes; treasurer, Steve Slininger; and member-at-large, Bonnie Tanamor. For other board members, please refer to the list on the left of page one of this newsletter.

News of the Membership

Sympathy is offered to: **Margaret and Bill Wadsworth** on the death of Margaret's nephew John VanOoteghem of Sherrard, who died on June 17th. John was the son of long-time member Charley VanOoteghem; to the families of **Bob and Mark VandeWiele** on the death of Bob's wife and Mark's mother Ruth "Anne," 77, of Silvis, who died July 8th; and to **Dolores Bultinck**, on the death of brother-in-law James Hunter, 81, of East Moline, who died July 4th.

What's That Smell?

A PhD student and a team of researchers at the University of Leuven have developed an electronic nose capable of detecting low concentrations of gases imperceptible even to dogs. The breakthrough may lead to tests that uncover signs of diseases, like lung cancer, in our breath.

The most familiar kind of electronic nose is the breathalyzer, used by the police to measure a driver's blood alcohol level. The more sensitive new tool can detect gases that consist of much more complex mixtures of molecules in very low concentrations. The researchers specifically tested their invention on chemical compounds found in pesticides and nerve agents. The concentrations they were dealing with were extremely low, comparable to a drop of water in an Olympic-size swimming pool.

The technology could be used to detect traces of chemical weapons or to identify pesticide residue on foods. Potential applications are much wider, like detecting signs of lung cancer or multiple sclerosis in a person's breath.

Once a best option for use is determined, a prototype can be available within six months and a device that is ready for the market in five years. (Thanks to *Flanders Today*)

Waffle volunteers for August's breakfast include: Yvette VanDriessche, Jan Vershaw, Margaret Wadsworth, Ray and Barb Coppens, and Chad Coene. Mike Kerckhove will expertly mix the batter and start the coffee, and Joan DeCap will cashier. Catherine VanHecke will make sure everyone enjoys their breakfast.

A Very Special "Thank You"



The Center for Belgian Culture expresses a heart-felt THANK YOU to Betty Freeman, longtime expert lace maker. Betty relocated and needed to down-size. She has donated many lace making articles, boards, and patterns to the CBC lace makers.

Betty is known throughout the U.S. for her teaching and demonstrations of lace making. She even has a lace making club named after her in South America. Did you know she made and presented a lace handkerchief to singer Pearl Bailey?

The Center cannot thank Betty enough for her donation to the lace makers and her devotion to the lace art.

Got Stuff? Want Stuff?

The Center's annual fund-raising **Yard Sale** will be held **August 26th and 27th** at the Tanamor residence, 1626 - 22nd Street in Rock Island. If you have any items (except clothing) you would like to contribute, you can drop them off at the Center or call (309) 912-2692. Have something you might be looking for? Stop by either day from 8:00 a.m. to Noon.

Last Birdies for Charity Reminder

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, time is running out; the tournament starts August 8th. 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.

Scholarship Awards



Aaron Deneckere is with Carol Haines, who presented the VanTieghem Scholarship. Carol is the daughter of Ruth Lambrick VanTieghem.

On June 22nd, a nice crowd was on hand to honor the CBC Scholars and the Ruth Lambrick VanTieghem Scholarship recipient. Awarded the CBC Scholarships were Gabrielle Lenger of Moline, Hannah Stigner of South Bend, Indiana, and Zachary Vincent of East Moline. Recipient of the VanTieghem Scholarship was Aaron Deneckere. Next month, the first of the scholarship heritage essays will be published in the newsletter.



(l-r) CBC president Kevin DeRoo, fundraising chair Mary Lorenzen, VanTieghem scholar Aaron Deneckere, CBC scholars Gabrielle Lenger and Zachary Vincent, and CBC scholarship chairman Steve Slininger. CBC scholar Hannah Stigner of South Bend was not present and was accepted by her uncle, Mike Kerckhove.

Something Strange Happening Due to Brexit

The voting is over and Britain will no longer be part of the European Union. There may have been some good reasons for the withdrawal, but there are already some unheard of consequences: British residents in Brussels are wasting no time in looking into the possibility of becoming Belgian citizens in order to remain within the EU.

Elsene is the Brussels municipality with the most British residents (1,535). Delphine Bourgeois, city councilor in charge of European affairs, said that Brexit was “a sorry affair” and that the council was very sensitive to the disappointment of British residents. “Some people have the feeling that they have lost a family member.”

Elsene has received a dozen requests for naturalization and some 30 requests for information. Sint-Pieters-Woluwe, a municipality with 800 UK residents, has reported 14 requests for citizenship. Ukkel, with 802 British in residence, has received 11 requests. Schaarbeek has received 10 requests, and Etterbeek, nearly 80 requests.

Many of those who request it are likely to obtain Belgian nationality. Conditions include residence for five years, financial independence, social integration, and knowledge of one of the three national languages of Belgium.

(From *Flanders Today*)

Not Funny . . . Well, Sort Of

It seems a local farmer was transporting pig manure to a nearby biogas power station and forgot to close the shut-off valve. You can guess what happened next . . . the manure spreader did what manure spreaders are designed for, and in a wide arc, too.

Along a five kilometer route, everything on one side of the street was buried under a thick layer of dung – a bread dispensing machine, parked cars, and even a churchyard with a monument to the dead of WWII.

The mayor of Gabbeek couldn’t believe his eyes or nose. The stench was unbearable, not to mention the damage. How could this happen? It is hard to believe the farmer didn’t notice that he was spreading manure in the center of the village. But the farmer swore he didn’t have the slightest clue that he was spreading the pig excrement.

“Something mechanical must have gone wrong during the journey,” the farmer stated. “I couldn’t see a thing from where I sat on my tractor.”

The village had to spend several days cleaning up. Even the fire brigade did what it could. The village of Glabbeek may never recover from the day it was crapped on. (Sorry, I couldn’t resist.)

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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.