



# CENTER FOR BELGIAN CULTURE of Western Illinois, Inc.

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## Calendar of Upcoming Events

August 4th	Waffle Breakfast	8:00 to 11:00 a.m.
August 4th	Belgian Lacemakers	1:00 to 4:00 p.m.
August 13th	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 August schedule is as follows:

<b>Date</b>	<b>Gift Counter</b>	<b>Host/Hostess</b>
Wed., August 1st	Steve Slininger	Steve Slininger
Sat., August 4th	Diana Slininger (a.m.)	tbd (p.m.)
Wed., August 8th	Bonnie Newman	Mary Lou Andrae
Sat., August 11th	Mary Gardner-Karcher	Mary Gardner-Karcher
Wed., August 15th	Barb Coppens	Linda Polich
Sat., August 18th	Millie Kale	Millie Kale
Wed., August 22nd	Bob Francione	Bob Francione
Sat., August 25th	Diana Slininger	Diana Slininger
Wed., August 29th	Steve Slininger	Steve Slininger

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

## Birdies Say "Thanks"

Mary Lorensen thanks everyone who pledged to the Birdies for Charity program on behalf of the Center. Once again, pledges have met our goal for providing funds for our scholarship program.

## A Note of Passing

Virginia Lievens, 89, of Rockledge, Florida, has passed away. She was the wife of the Center's first president, Wilbur Lievens. He died in 1968. Our condolences to the family.

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

**Waffle Breakfast 1st Sat. of each month**

## Scholarships

On June 27th, recipients of the CBC and Ruth Lambrick VanTieghem Scholarships were honored at a reception in the Center. The Center awarded Mya Coene and Sydney Sümer each with a \$1,000 scholarship and the VanTieghem family awarded a \$1,250 scholarship to Lauren VanSpeybroek. The essays written by the scholars will appear in upcoming issues of the newsletter and congratulations to this year's recipients.



(l-r) Mary Kay Lorensen, co-chair of scholarship funding; Mya Coene and Steve Slininger, scholar program chair



Sydney Sümer, who was unable to be present at the reception.



(l-r) Carolyn VanTieghem Haines and Lauren VanSpeybroek

## Belgium Takes Third

Just in case you hadn't heard, Belgium took third place honors in this year's FIFA World Cup finals. The Red Devils beat England 2-0. Added to that, team goalkeeper Thibaut Courtois was awarded the Golden Glove Award as best goalkeeper at this year's World Cup. For many of us, this was the first year we followed the World Cup from start to finish. And what a finish the Belgian National Team gave us. Congratulations!



Millie Kale and Marlene Shattuck cheer on Belgium in the Belgium-France World Cup game. (Photo courtesy of the *Dispatch-Argus*)



The Red Devils greet 8,000 fans in Brussels' Grand Place after winning third place in the World Cup.

Hill 80

An archaeological project in Flanders' Westhoek area has delivered more than expected. Excavations on a ridge known as Hill 80 started last March. A mill was originally on the site, but was occupied by Germans and turned into a fortification in 1914. It proved to be an effective defense; it wasn't breached until 1917 in the Battle of Messines.

The site, which has remained untouched since the First World War, is being turned into a new residential project. But Simon Verdegem, an archaeologist, didn't like the idea of the area's development before being excavated. He began a crowd-funding campaign, which brought in over \$208 million, providing enough for a 60-day dig.

So far, archaeologists and volunteer amateurs have found an estimated 128 bodies of soldiers and more than 1,500 objects. There are also fully intact cellars that were part of the original mill. Items found were things associated with the mill from before the war, and items that date from the beginning of the war.



Bayonets, helmets, and uniform buttons provide clues to many of the dead being French, English, and German soldiers. Discovery of several trenches and the items found there indicated a German mass grave. Fully intact cellars that were part of the original mill were also discovered.

(Thanks to *Flanders Today*)

Beer

Did you know that Belgium has 261 breweries and that 60% of the beer Belgium produces is exported? The biggest drinkers of Belgian beer are France, the U.S., and the Netherlands. The main styles of Belgian beer are lambics, white beers, fruit beers, Trappist and abbey beers. Let's look at the Trappist beers.

Trappist monks have been making beer since monasteries began, but the Trappist beer tradition only dates back to 1997, when eight abbeys – six from Belgium, one from the Netherlands, and one from Germany – formed the International Trappist Association. There are three rules for being recognized as a Trappist beer, and they are strictly enforced: the beer must be brewed within the confines of a Trappist monastery under the supervision of monks; the brewery must fit into the order's philosophy of combining the life of prayer with a life of work; and income must be re-invested in the monastery and the monk's charitable/pastoral work.

The two best-known Trappist beers of Flanders are Westvleteren and Westmalle. Westvleteren is brewed by 12 monks of the Sint-Sixtus abbey and is regularly voted the best beer in the world. They don't make a lot and it's not easy to get. You have to order ahead and pay a deposit on every bottle and the crate.

Westmalle is brewed at Our Lady of the Sacred Heart abbey. It is more commercial minded, and their lightly hoppy, fruity tripel is a staple in most bars. One also worth enjoying is their dubbel. It's dark, warm, and slightly spicy. It's one of Belgium's most popular beers.



(Thanks to *flandersnews.be*)

**AUGUST  
WAFFLE VOLUNTEERS**

Volunteers at press time for the waffle breakfast in August will be Kim Kochuyt, Michael DeBisschop, Karen VandeKerckhove and Daniel Smith. Mike Kerckhove will mix the mix and start the coffee, Joan DeCap will cashier, and Catherine VanHecke will ensure everyone has a great time.



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Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/2018

Would you like to volunteer? If yes, please let us know how below:

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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.*