
NEWSLETTER

Red Star Line Museum - - Antwerp, Belgium



Opening 2012

In 2010 the foundation of the new Red Star Line museum was started. The building will be ready for the official opening in 2012.

Between 1873 and 1934 the legendary shipping company Red Star Line transported more than two million passengers

from the Scheldt city to America. Poor European emigrants in search of the “American Dream,” but also affluent passengers traveling for business or pleasure left for New York.

On the Rijnkaai on Antwerp's Eilandje stand three historic port warehouses which were owned or used by the Red Star Line. For many passengers they represented the last stop on the European mainland. It was here that, just before their departure, the emigrants traveling in third class underwent a medical examination and were disinfected, while clerks scrutinized their documents.

The Red Star Line buildings are protected monuments. They had long been standing empty and were pleading for a new purpose. In April 2005 they were purchased by the city of Antwerp. In 2012 Red Star Line / People on the Move will open its doors at this historic location. It will be a place of remembrance, experience, debate and research into international mobility, both past and present. The story of Red Star Line and its passengers will be brought to life once again.

Red Star Line donations and memorabilia: <http://www.redstarline.be>

Is it Jut or Ratatouille?

There are many variations depending on which part of Belgium the recipe originated from and more specifically, which village. However, no matter where the recipe is from the base (cabbage or spinach) is always the same for JUT.

"**JUT**" is made only with cabbage or spinach then mixed with mashed potatoes. Fry small pieces of bacon (not too crisp) , drain, and pour over the potatoes and vegetables. Some people add a little cream or vinegar to the frying pan with the bacon to make a sauce.

"**RATATOUILLE**" is a little different from the jut. You can make it with a variety of vegetables such as carrots or leeks, then mix it the same way as the Jut. It's typically served with sausage or pork chops.

RECIPES FROM THE "OLD DAYS"

Jut Au O' Rose

In a 2 quart sauce pan, fill 3/4 full with peeled and quartered potatoes. Add 1-1/2 T. salt and enough water to not quite cover the potatoes. On top of this add a chopped onion, a T. of pork drippings and 2 or 3 handfuls of washed and cleaned o'rose or enough to fill the pan, cover. Cook over medium heat until well done. Mash potatoes, without draining.

Belgium Red Raw Cabbage Jut

Cut red cabbage fine in a jar of vinegar and press overnight. Boil potatoes and drain. Cook little pieces of bacon or side pork with onion, drain off most of the fat. Pour the rest over the hot potatoes. Drain the cabbage and pour over the hot potatoes and mix.

Jut

Savory works the best for this. Boil a head of cabbage until tender, drain, allow to cool so you can handle it with your hands. Squeeze dry, reheat and cup up in a pan with 2 or 3 tablespoons of side pork drippings and maybe a little butter. Add salt, pepper and nutmeg to taste.

Ratatouille au Poireau

Cut up the white part of leek in boiling water, and cook. When tender add potatoes, cook then mash. Mix in the sauce.

Sauce; fry a few strips of bacon, break into bits. Melt a hunk of butter. Add a little water and vinegar and pepper and salt. Thicken with a little flour. Mix into mashed vegetables. Slice boiled eggs over the whole thing.

"Meet Our Youngest Member"

Cora Jean Underwood

Cora was born on September 8, 2008. Her parents are Janel Alberts Underwood and Kerry Wilson Underwood. Cora also has a brother, Benjamin Morris. The Underwood family lives in Mission Viejo, California.

Cora is the grand-daughter of Jean Alberts, Brussels, Wisconsin.



Articles From The Door County Democrat 1909

BRUSSELS, January 23, 1909:

-- Last Sunday, January 17, a collection was taken in our Catholic churches for the sufferers of the Italian earthquake. The respective contributions were: St. Mary's Union \$13.80; St. Francis Brussels, \$6.63; St. Joseph's Gardner, \$4.50. Total: \$24.99

-- Plans and specifications for the new St. Francis church are now completed and soon the bids will be let. Thanks to favorable weather and good roads, a considerable amount of brick stones and sand has already been hauled for our new church. A very nice and accurate perspective drawing of the proposed church building may be seen at the entrance of the present church. Plans and specifications have been made by architect Gerald M Gloudemans of Green Bay, Wis. Who is the brother of our pastor Rev. Jerome J. Gloudemans. St. Francis congregation has collected \$800 for the new church.

BRUSSELS, January 30, 1909:

-- Julius VanDycke of Green Bay, spent Friday in Misere in the interests of his liquor business.

-- Alex Flemal is engaged in remodeling the interior of his cheese factory so as to make room for his store. He contemplates building a new factory.

-- On Wednesday evening Mr. And Mrs. Louis Vandertie prepared a bounteous supper for the men and their wives also, who had assisted him in filling his ice house. The guests numbered about forty-five and a very good time was enjoyed by all.

February, 13, 1909:

-- Louis Vandertie is on the sick list and has been laid up for a week or more.

-- Louis Flemal, who has been taking a short course in agriculture at the state university returned home for Saturday.

Preparing For the New Church-Large New Church to be Erected in the Town of Brussels:

The people of St. Francis' congregation in the town of Brussels are at present engaged preparing for the new church which is to be erected during the coming spring. Excavations have been completed and stone and other building material is being hauled at the present time. The new church is to be a brick structure and promises to be a very handsome one, judging from the plans prepared by Architect Gloudemans. The location of the new edifice is to be on the property adjacent to the present frame building and in the laying out of the grounds provision has been made for a residence for the Rev. Pastor. The members of the congregation are looking forward to the day when they will have a priest residing in their midst. St. Francis' mission is located exactly midway between the Gardner and Union churches and would seem the natural location for the residence of the priest in charge of the three missions. Besides, the present parsonage in the town of Union having become practically uninhabitable in winter, this change would seem the most economical solution of the difficulty. It is understood that he people of Brussels are contributing very generously to the building fund, and from present indications if is almost certain the church will be free from debt when completed. Which speaks well for the prosperous financial conditions as well as the religious spirit of that congregation.

Submitted by Barb Chisholm

MEMBERSHIP DUES PAYABLE BY MAY 31, 2010

Thank You

To everyone who helped with **Belgian Days** - - Decorating the Float: Ken and Kim Davis, Al Alexander, Sam & Joe Alexander, Cletus Bellin, Randi Tassoul, Hillard DeKeyser, Jim Lampereur; Riding on Float - Carol Felhofer (w/daughter & grand-daughter); Transporting Float: Bob Alexander, Adam DeKeyser; Music and Songs on Float by Cletus Bellin. All the people who provided photos for the booth; Bill Johnson, Mike Hallet for helping put up the tent; and all the volunteers who helped at the booth on Saturday and Sunday: Bertha Villers, Ken & Kim Davis, Barb Chisholm, Ken Guilette (deceased), Merle & Colleen Jeanquart, Hillard & Donna DeKeyser, Jim and Joyce Lampereur, Al & Theresa Alexander, Sue Havel, Randy Bouche.

Maintenance at the Schoolhouse - - Jim Dickelman for painting the porch steps and picnic table; Bernie Moore for keeping John's John clean; Al Moore for the yard work, keeping lags flying on the monument, and taking care of the shrubs. Thank you to Merle Jeanquart for donating the wall and trim paint; Eric Rivas (Sherwin-Williams) for donating 5 gallons of floor paint.

The upstairs is completely painted!!!!

Meeting News - - September 16, 2010

OLD BUSINESS: The painter will finish painting the schoolhouse on September 17th. Al Alexander reported that there would be a Kermis on September 26, 2010, sponsored by the Namur Belgian Heritage Foundation. This will be held by St. Mary of the Snows church. There will be a Belgian Pie making contest, Gary Chaudoir demonstrating glass making, genealogy help station, food and music.

Mary Ann Defnet stated that attendance at the Ethnic Celebration at Heritage Hill was down due to the weather. They had approximately 358 people.

NEW BUSINESS: Al provided an update on the Namur Belgian Heritage Foundation latest news.

Prior to the speaker of the evening Barb Lardinois spoke on the process of making galettes as taught to her by her Grandmother. She had the cast iron galette maker and stated that the dough that was used was a raised dough. Some of the necessary ingredients were mashed potatoes, water from the mashed potatoes and yeast. The iron was brushed with lard, dough put in and the galette was flipped from one side to the other. Mary Ann Defnet stated that she was always told you said the Our Father on one side and the Hail Mary on the other.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:45pm so we could enjoy our speaker Joe Knaapen, a Civil War re enactor and historian. Joe related that the war was terrible in the respect that you fought eye-to-eye with your enemy. The Belgians in this area did fight but many protested and were known to sometimes disappear when they knew they were going to be conscripted. Bill Albert, stated that his relative Jean Baptiste Nellis was in the Northern Army for four years and fought at the Battle of Vicksburg. His pay was \$11.00/month.



1878 Ahnapee Daily News

September 25, 1878

“One quarter of the county business comes from the Belgian towns of Casco, Luxemburg and Red River. The residents of those towns, Belgian mostly, are utterly ignored by “party of the people and for the people.” As a class, Belgians are little versed in English language, and it would seem a matter of justice and propriety that one of their own nation should be an official at the county building, whereas, under the prospective Democratic regime, the average Belgium who goes to the county seat to transact business, will be compelled to employ an interpreter or submit to imposition and mistakes.

November 1, 1878

“Remember, Belgians, the Kewaunee ticket will ignore you entirely.”

Submitted by Gary VandenHouten.

St. Mary of the Snows

The Namur Belgian Heritage Foundation succeeded in acquiring the St. Mary of the Snows Church and celebrated with a Kermis this Fall

The historic church, founded in 1860, was saved from demolition by an affiliation of private citizens that joined together to form the foundation to save the church and promote the area's Belgian Heritage. The purchase was just \$1.00, but the parish and Catholic Diocese of Green Bay required the foundation also provide fundraising and use plans as part of their offer to purchase to assure the parish that the fledgling organization had a plan and the means to take care of the building. The foundation set a goal of raising \$20,000 by the offer deadline of August 17. In a matter of a few weeks the community stepped forward with donations and pledges that more than doubled the group's goal, including an international donation from a Belgian organization. heritage.

To celebrate the event, a Kermis was held on Sunday, September 26 on the church grounds in Namur. Professor Bill Laatsch provided a presentation on the Belgian community; traditional Belgian fare of trippe, booyah and Belgian pie were offered, a cooyah card tournament was organized, and a pie-baking contest was held with cash prizes. Local high school student Brittany Hallet, and local DJ "The Milkman" provided music.

Proceeds from the event will help support plans to stabilize the building and establish a new use for the church as the Wisconsin Belgian Heritage Center. The concept for the center is still in its formative stage, but some of the possibilities include a visitor and information center, a home base for tours of the area's unique historical uses and architecture, displays of cultural exhibits and artifacts, resources for genealogical research, the sale of traditional Belgian products, and a heritage preservation education and resource center.

Fundraising continues as the preliminary estimates to stabilize the building, prepare plans and reuse exceeds \$160,000.

BELGIAN HERITAGE FOUNDATION UPDATE

We were able to raise the needed money to purchase the St. Mary of the Snows building and save it from threatened demolition but much work is ahead of us to realize our goal of preserving Belgian-American history and culture. In the next few months the foundation will define the specific uses to be included and building changes required to serve the new use. A meeting is being planned to get input from the people. More news will be coming!

We have applied for tax exempt status as a charitable organization. This designation will qualify all past and future donations to the foundations as a charitable expense and therefore deductible for income tax purposes. We are seeking financial support through Federal and State grants programs for planning and building rehabilitation.

Your donation, or volunteer time, for this project will be most appreciated.

Please feel free to contact Bill Chaudoir 920-559-3113, George Evenson 743-4945, Al Alexander 920-825-1328, or Dave Englebert 825-7864, with any comments or questions. Thank you.

Enclosed you will find a donation/pledge card.

Thank you,

Namur Belgian Heritage Foundation

2010 Donations ***(July - September)***

Donations.....\$380.89

Brussels Kermis	
Barb Chisholm	In Memory of Ken Guilette
Barb Chisholm	In Memory of Clyde Delforge
Theresa Alexander/Bernie Moore (Lunch Committee)	
Thomas Balza	
Wayne & Lynda Baudhuin	
Cletus & Shirley Fontaine	
Michelle Schieber	
Norb Tlachac	In Memory of Math S. Tlachac and his mother, Mary Andre Tlachac
Emily Ann Prece	
Dawn Shaw	
Jeanne Koller	In Memory of Clyde Delforge
Barb Goral Lardinois/Mary Ann Moder (Lunch Committee)	

New Members

Jacobs, Jane	Madison, WI
Preece, Emily Ann	Kerrville, TX
D'Aoust, Eugene	Milwaukee, WI
Eichinger, Susan	Littleton, CO
Laduron Bochnia, Jeanne	Plainfield, IL
Thiry, Jackie	Kiel, WI
Alexander, Jack	DePere, WI



“Peninsula Belgian American Club”

In Memory of

Milton "Clyde" DELFORGE
April 22, 1928 - Sept 3, 2010



<http://www.wichmannfuneralhomes.com>

Kenneth GUILLETTE
December 4, 1940 - August 28, 2010



<http://www.illinoisfuneralservice.com>

Madame Francine BERO,
wife of Marcel Vanderbeck

Pietrebais, Belgium

April 24, 1944 - June 15, 2010

Leonard LAMPEREUR
April 14, 1937 - June 3, 2010



[http://www.forbesfuneralhome.com/
LeonardLampereur.html](http://www.forbesfuneralhome.com/LeonardLampereur.html)

PENINSULA BELGIAN AMERICAN CLUB
1255 N 12TH PL
STURGEON BAY,WI 54235

MEMBERSHIP FORM

The PBAC is a non-profit organization that depends upon
your support to help keep our Belgian Heritage Alive - - THANK YOU!

PLEASE CIRCLE ONE: NEW MEMBER RENEWAL

MS/MRS/MR/DR _____

ADDRESS _____ ZIP _____

PHONE (HOME) _____ (MOBILE) _____

MEMBERSHIP RATE: \$15 Per Person - - DUE MAY 31st Each Year

PAYABLE TO: PBAC

MAIL TO: PENINSULA BELGIAN AMERICAN CLUB, 1255 N 12TH PL, STURGEON BAY,WI 54235

Include Self Addressed Stamped Envelope (SASE) if you would like a Membership Card

I would like to receive club updates and quarterly newsletters by email!

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

DONATION \$ _____ IN MEMORY OF _____

Kim Potier Davis
Peninsula Belgian American Club
1255 N 12th Pl
Sturgeon Bay WI 54235

Annual Christmas Party

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2010

Eddie Whipp's Dining Hall - 5073 Hwy 29 - Green Bay, WI

Social Hour: 11:00 am Dinner: 12:00 pm

Guest speaker will be Mary Jane Herber, who is in charge of Local History and Genealogy at the Brown County Library



FROM STURGEON BAY

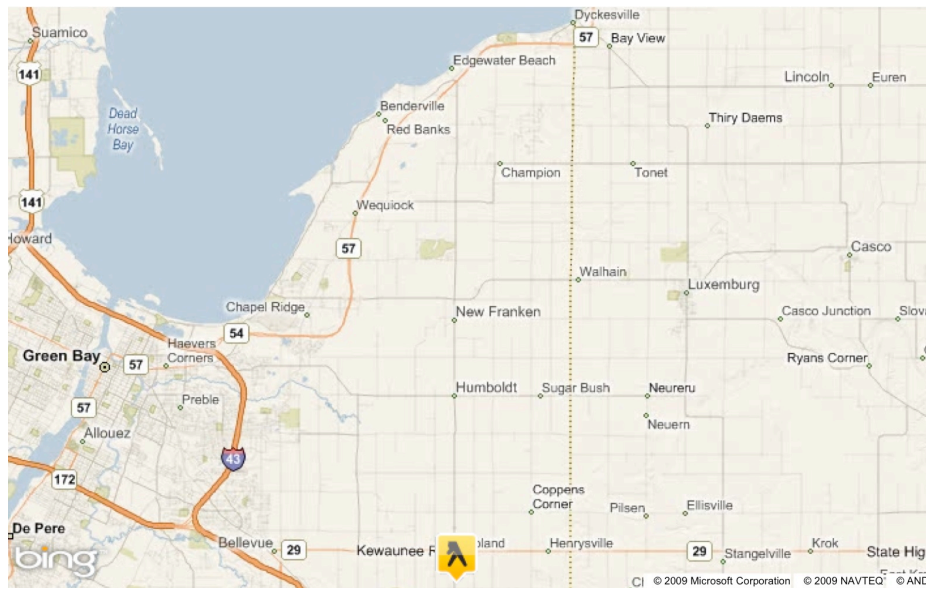
From Hwy. 57, turn left onto New Franken Rd/"T" after Dyckesville. Continue on Cty Rd T to Hwy. 29. Turn right on Hwy. 29/Kewaunee Rd.

FROM GREEN BAY

Take US-141 S/WI-29 E. Turn left onto Kewaunee Rd/Hwy 29.

FROM MILWAUKEE

Take I43 N toward Green Bay. Turn on Exit 171/WI-96 towards Denmark. Turn right onto WI-96 East. Continue to follow Cty Road KB East. Turn left onto Cty Rd T. Turn slight right onto Langes Corner/CR-T. Turn Slight Left on CR-T. Turn left onto Hwy. 29.



Annual Christmas Party

Please make checks payable to "**PBAC**" and mail to
Kim Potier Davis, 1255 N 12th Pl, Sturgeon Bay, WI 54235

Dinner (Chicken & Ribs, Dessert, Beverage, Tax, Tip)
\$13.50 for Current Paid Members and \$16.00 for Non-Members

Tickets will be issued at the door for payments received by **Monday, November 22**

List Attendees: _____

