

## Sick and Visiting Report

Brother members we are fortunate to have no--one in the hospital or ill at home.

Try to stay away from people that are coughing and keep your distance from the person near you.

Many of us living here now, survived during the war and we will beat this invisible enemy.

Sick & Visiting Chairman Etienne Elskens, 586-228-3923

## Scholarship Report

Well, with everything up in the air -- will the school year continue, finish or what-- the scholarship is also up in the air. We will proceed with the idea that the school year will end sometime, and we will be able to offer our scholarships. With that in mind, I will have applications at the May meeting (if held), or you can call me after April 20th and I will mail you one. 810-794-5145 Please note if you write me I have a new address 147 Cherry Lane Algonac MI 48001. Remember three scholarships are offered to children of men who have been members at least two years. I am sure everything will work out in the end.

Al VanDenBergh Jr., Scholarship Chairman

## Obituary Report

Remember in your prayers Anna Putrycus, wife of Bob Putrycus, who recently passed away. May she rest in peace.

Michael Gray, Obituary Chairman

## Recreation Report

March 2020

<b>BIEN</b>	
Bob Maes	60pts.
Paul Joye	51 pts.
<b>LEADERS</b>	
Roger Omeye	107 pts
Bob Maes	97 pts
<b>DARTS</b>	
Antoon Huyghe	564w/handicap
<b>DARTS TOTALS</b>	
Ken Allemon	10
Pat Rice	10
Zak Speck	10
<b>EUCHRE</b>	
John Vanek	40 pts
Julius Voet	39 pts.
<b>EUCHRE TOTALS</b>	
John Vanek	78 pts
Andre Reyntiens	77 pts
<b>PINOCHLE</b>	
Ray Huyghe	288 pts
Don O'Malley	267 pts.
<b>PINOCHLE TOTALS</b>	
Gary Huyghe	547 pts
Ray Huyghe	506 pts
<b>31</b>	
Bob Bonkowski	2
Don Vermeulen	2
John Roelandt	2
<b>LEADERS</b>	
Eight Players With	2

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# The Belgian American Association

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## President's Report

### APRIL 2020 BAA REPORT

As spring has begun and so has the outbreak of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) we want to take this opportunity to touch base with our members and their families. We are concerned and want you to keep knowledgeable on the latest information regarding this virus. Please follow the recommended good health habits of covering your cough or sneeze. Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth. Continue to wash your hands often and stay home if you are not feeling well. Doctors have indicated that seniors especially seniors with health issues are of the highest concerned. So please do as they have directed and keep safe.

The BAA Board reviewed the circumstances surrounding the Coronavirus and for the health and sake of our members we cancelled the March 17, 2020 General meeting. Even though we have a schedule for many events this year some maybe delayed or even cancelled. We will keep you posted through email, BAA website, Facebook or written communications.

The BAA General dinner meeting of the BAA and BAA Auxiliary is currently scheduled for April 21, 2020 at 7:30 pm which will be held at the Assumption Cultural Center on Marter Road in St. Clair Shores. If this changes we will advise you.

Our goal for 2020 will continue to be "Membership Matters". I encourage you to sponsor a new member. Our current membership is at 262.

If you have any questions, comments or suggestions, please contact me at [r.hison@att.net](mailto:r.hison@att.net) or (586)772-9027.

Bob Hison, President

## Band Report

The Belgian American Association Band will hold our 88th annual Spring Concert and Dance on the 26<sup>TH</sup> of April, the last Sunday of the month. Doors open at 4:00 PM. Concert at 4:30 PM, The location is:

Zuccaro Banquets & Catering

46601 Gratiot

Chesterfield, MI 48051

Tickets are 30.00 USD each and included after the concert is a buffet style dinner, with open bar and refreshments.

Then dancing afterward to many standards by the Eric Neubauer Ensemble.

A few advertising opportunities for the program are still available. Contact Antoon Huyghe

Putting the concert together is a year round effort. I would like to thank all of those who help make this annual event a success, including our advertisers, dedicated musicians, band committee, the BAA officers, board, and members, friends, and family, for your support. It is great that we can continue to have this annual concert for 88 years. There are truly a whole great group of people who step up every year to make this event a success. We look forward to presenting the membership with music for all club events throughout the year.

Larry Mahieu, Band Chairman

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## Entertainment Report

Sitting down to write this article has been a challenge. As I'm writing this, the news is on in the background and everything is changing by the hour due to the virus. It has been difficult to plan our activities with all that is going on and keeping our members and families safe. With all this said we are going to POSTPONE the Shipshwana trip in MAY and will look at possibly going in the fall. This is on top of the Gambling trip in April recently being postponed. Stay tuned for information on our Club Meetings and Dinner in April, information will be sent by email and on our Facebook page.

I want to finish on a positive note though, our February Feather Bowling outing was a huge success with over 88 people in attendance. We enjoyed Bowling, Cards, pizza, beer and wine. Thank you Suzy, Gary and Mike Huyghe also Ken Huyghe for taking care of the lanes and card games and everything else that needs to make it a successful outing.

**\*\*Start thinking about getting your GOLF teams together for our outing at Bello Woods on June 14th.\*\***

Any Questions or Concerns please Contact me @ 586-805-0065

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