



The American Club of Brussels

News & Events

An International Club with an American Heart

September 2013

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September Dine-Out at Nakama



Join your fellow ACB members on Monday, September 16, for a Japanese dining experience at Nakama. The owner of this restaurant, located at Rue Jourdan 7, in the Louise area, is making a special effort to offer our guests a sample of different types of Japanese food. The restaurant's elegant interior in shades of gray and rose will provide an excellent backdrop to our unique outing.

MENU

Typical Japanese seaweed salad, to awaken your appetite
Japanese dumplings
Sushi and sashimi mix
Grilled beef or grilled chicken (choice of sauces)
Lychees

Event Details:**Place:** Nakama, Rue Jourdan 7, 1060 Brussels (Saint-Gilles)**Date & Time:** Monday, September 16 at 7:30 p.m.**Price:** €35 for members, €45 for non-members; Japanese tea is included in the price of the meal, while all other drinks are discretionary.**Sign up:** Reservations are due by noon on Thursday, September 12, by email

(info@americanclubbrussels.org), online at www.americanclubbrussels.org, or by telephone to the ACB Office Manager (02/219.58.08). Payment to ACB at BE55427919588144 (KREDBEBB) will confirm your reservation. Be sure to mention "Nakama" in the communications section of the virement. Cancellations are possible until noon on Thursday, September 12. Participants canceling after this time, as well as no-shows, are charged the full cost of the event.

Dates to Remember

- August 30: Final Friday at the Metropole
 - September 12: Antwerp Expat Welcome Party
 - September 16: Dine-Out
 - September 26: Joint Ambassador's Dinner with AmCham (Save the date; details to follow.)
 - September 27: Final Friday at the Renaissance
 - September 28 and 29: Opening of the Red Star Line Museum
 - October 10: Dunhill Financial Services Seminar
 - October 16: Dine-Out
 - October 30: Halloween Party with AmCham
 - November 28: Thanksgiving Dinner at the Sheraton
 - December 16: ACB black-tie dinner-dance; save the date
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Final Friday Cocktails

Friday, August 30
6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.



Metropole Hotel
(ground floor near the bar)
Place De Brouckère 31
1000 Brussels

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And anyone else that would like to join us...

Cash bar open to all. No reservation is required.

The American Club of Brussels Wants You

Would you like to have fun, make new contacts and help the Club? Then become a "Meet and Greet" host at our monthly Final Friday Cocktails.

No experience necessary. Your job definition is to greet attendees and ensure that people feel welcome and meet other people.

Your Club runs on volunteer power, so please volunteer for this essential task. Contact Brian Dunhill at bdunhill@gmail.com for further information.

The Antwerp Expat Welcome Party

Thursday, September 12 at 6:30 p.m.

Thursday September 12 at 18.30

The Antwerp Expat Welcome Party 2013

Exclusively for CEOs, HRD & HRM, Corporate Mobility Managers and newly-arrived and resident expatriates.*

Honorary Guest:
Prof. Pol Cuvelier
University of Antwerp

Looking for: a new home, living tips, expat clubs and associations, contacts in Antwerp's community, international schooling, news and information, ideas on what to do.

Enjoy: a welcome buffet party, practical information, tombola, meeting expats and locals / all for free.

Register on
www.xpats.com/AntwerpWelcomeParty
before September 7, 2013

Voka - Chamber of Commerce and Industry Antwerp-Waasland

PUBLIC PARKING
Van Dijck, Eikenstraat 9, 2000 Antwerp

* Others wanting to attend will be charged €50/p.p.*

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Public parking: Van Dijck, Eikenstraat 9, 2000 Antwerp

Guided Tour of the Hôtel Solvay

Fully Booked - Waiting List Only



Join us for a very special guided visit to the Hôtel Solvay on Avenue Louise on Saturday, September 21. Listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Monument, the Solvay House is one of the major town houses of the architect Victor Horta. In 1894, the chemical magnate, Armand Solvay, hired Horta to build a home for his bride. Solvay gave Horta unlimited freedom of creation and unrestricted funding for the project.

The Solvay House greatly contributed to Horta's rising reputation as a world-class architect. His new focus on the innate vitality of people led him to change many accepted practices. He adapted and altered metal frames used in industrial structures to bring radically new qualities to the inner space of a home.

These innovations are all directed towards enhancing the life of those who live in the house. What strikes the visitor to this wonderful building is its luminous space, in which light filters through from everywhere, softened by the carefully arranged coloration of the walls, the floor coverings, and the glasswork.

Our guide will be Mrs. Lieve Dejonghe, an art historian, who was our guide at the Watteau exhibit in late April.

Please note that this visit is limited to 22 people. Those who indicated an interest in attending this visit will be given priority in terms of registering for the event. So, do sign up quickly for this spectacular visit!

Event Details:

Date: Saturday, September 21, 2013

Time: 10:30 a.m.

Place: Hôtel Solvay, Avenue Louise 224, 1050 Brussels

Price: €40 for members, €50 for non-members.

Public Transportation: Trams 81 and 94: Bailli; bus 54: Bailli; bus 38: Vleurgat.

Sign up: Reservations are due by noon on Wednesday, September 18 by email (info@americanclubbrussels.org), online at www.americanclubbrussels.org, or by telephone to the ACB Office Manager (02/219.58.08). Payment to ACB at BE55427919588144 (KREDBEBB) will confirm your reservation. Be sure to mention "Solvay" in the communications section of the *virement*. Cancellations are possible until noon on Wednesday, September 18. Participants cancelling after this time, as well as no-shows, are charged the full cost of the event.

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Friday, September 27

6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.



Renaissance Brussels Hotel

(ground floor near the bar)

Rue du Parnasse 19

1050 Brussels (Ixelles)

(walking distance from Place du Luxembourg)

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Red Star Line Museum

Millions of People with One Dream



A new adventure starts in Antwerp on September 28: the Red Star Line Museum!

For millions of people from all over Europe the sheds of the Red Star Line on the Rijnkaai in Antwerp's Eilandje neighbourhood were the start of a new life in the United States and Canada. The New World was the Promised Land for those seeking good fortune. More than two million emigrants sailed from Antwerp to America between 1873 and 1934. The new Red Star Line Museum, located in the shipping company's old sheds, brings that almost forgotten history back to life via countless stories and lively testimonies from Red Star Line passengers.

You can be one of the first to visit the new museum on September 28 and 29. The museum will be open longer than usual on these two days. Reservations are not required but we recommend that you reserve a time slot. You can order tickets as of August 25 via www.redstarline.be.

De Loods will open together with the museum. De Loods is the name of the old baggage shed that now serves as the reception area for the Red Star Line Museum. During the museum's opening hours you can visit De Loods for its attractive museum café, museum shop and the photography exhibition 'Tranzyt Antwerpia' by Herman Selleslags.

We conclude Saturday evening, September 28, with a proper tribute to the more than two million Red Star Line passengers and emigrants. In the bend of the Scheldt River, where the Red Star Line ships departed, we will launch a fireworks display with millions of red stars!

As if that is not enough, the entire Eilandje neighbourhood will be celebrating. Follow the Red Star Walk of Fame between the FelixPakhuis and the Red Star Line Museum on Saturday and Sunday and experience music, literature and gastronomy in a Red Star Line, New York and 'Pursuit of Happiness' setting. The festival square at the Red Star Line Museum will be transformed into a cosy place with a nice festival atmosphere. The entire festival programme is listed on www.eilandfestival.be.

American Expat Finances



This complimentary seminar will focus on how American citizens can deal with the ever changing regulatory environment and financial challenges. Dunhill Financial will explain these changes and offer the best solutions to tackle these new regulations. Deloitte will assist to give their perspective. In addition, the BRATS group (authors of *Retiring in Belgium: A Guide For Expats*) will present some of the other aspects of planning for retirement.

For more information on the presenters:

www.dunhillfinancial.be

http://www.deloitte.com/view/en_BE/be/index.htm

<http://www.bcfund.be/retiring-in-belgium-a-guide-for-expats>

Registration: <http://www.dunhillfinancial.be/events.html>

Halloween Party



The American Club of Brussels and AmCham Belgium invite you to celebrate Halloween a tad early this year - on Wednesday, October 30! Costumes are encouraged and there will be prizes awarded for the best female and best male costume.

There will be lots of young professionals present, thanks to our collaboration with InterNations, the Australia Society and the Irish Club. An ideal opportunity to meet new people in a fun way.

More details to follow.

This is What You Missed!



July 2 - Ommegang Dinner



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The American Club of Brussels is one of the oldest American clubs in Europe, founded in 1921 to foster Belgian-American relations. Although our members comprise more than 20 other nationalities from all walks of life, the ACB retains its American flavor. Some of us are long-time residents in Belgium. Many of us are newcomers. We all enjoy ourselves and the club's wide variety of social and cultural activities.

The ACB is a great way to expand your circle of friends and to discover more of the delights of Belgium. Try us.

