



The American Club of Brussels

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An International Club with an American Heart

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Dine-Out at L'Huître

January 21, 2014



Dine-out hosts Inez Schreiden and Cobb Rogers propose to start the New Year off in style by returning to the site of one of our most popular dine-outs of recent years, the fabulous L'Huître in the heart of Place Ste. Catherine.

Whether you're a veteran of ACB dine-outs or a newcomer (and we'd especially like to see those who are experiencing a dine-out for the first time), join us for an evening of delightful cuisine and great company in one of Brussels' most famous fish restaurants.

We propose a three-course menu with a variety of choices for the very attractive price of €30 per person for ACB members (with supplements possible, as detailed below).

MENU

Soupe de Poissons & sa rouille, croutons

[fish soup]

or

6 Huîtres creuses de Zélande

[oysters]

(+€3 supplement)

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½ Homard à la crème de chicons

[lobster]

(+€3 supplement)

or

Pavé de bœuf, sauce poivre crème

[beef]

or

Cabillaud, beurre blanc ciboulette

[cod]

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Mousse au chocolat belge

[chocolate mousse]

or

Dame Blanche

[ice cream]

This is a members-preference dine-out, meaning that ACB members and their guests have first priority.

Until January 7, we will only register members and will place non-members on a waiting list.

Event Details:

Place: L'Huîtrière, Quai aux Briques 20, 1000 Brussels

Date and Time: 21 January 2014, 7:30 p.m.

Price: €30 to €36 for ACB members (depending on selection of supplementary dishes), €35 to €41 for non-members. As always, beverages are at the individual discretion of the diner.

Registration: No later than 17 January with payment to hold your place and with completed selection of all menu options (remember to adjust your payment if you choose either or both of the supplementary selections of oysters and lobster). You may register by e-mail to 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 "January Dine-Out" in the communications section of the virement. Cancellations are possible until noon on Friday, January 17. Participants canceling after this time, as well as no-shows, are charged the full cost of the event.

If you are late or cannot come at the last minute, please call Cobb Rogers at 0478/719.788 so appropriate arrangements can be made.

Dates to Remember

- January 3: First Friday at the Renaissance (Ring in 2014 with other ACB members!)
 - January 18: Belfius Art Gallery Visit
 - January 21: Dine-Out at L'Huître
 - January 28: Networking Event at Hard Rock Café
 - January 30: American Financial Forum
 - February 2: Super Bowl
 - February 14: Chocolate Workshop
 - February 23: Het Anker Brewery Visit
 - February 28: Final Friday at the Metropole
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2014 Individual Membership Dues

Just a gentle reminder that annual dues for 2014 for individual members are due in January. You have recently received an invoice and we would hope that you will pay your dues promptly.

First Friday Cocktails

January 3, 2014 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)**

The Party Is Not Over!
Extend the glow of holiday cheer and sharing with friends. Come to the American Club's First Friday on January 3. Ring in 2014 a second time with fellow club members and guests from other organizations. Cash bar open to all. Newcomers to Belgium and prospective ACB members are especially welcome. No reservation is required. Bring a guest or two.

The [American Club of Brussels](#) is happy to welcome our friends from:

[The Australia Society](#)
[The Canadian Club of Belgium](#)
[Brussels British Network](#)
[The Irish Club of Belgium](#)

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

Visit to Belfius Art Gallery

Sold Out - Waiting List Only

Join us on Saturday, January 18, 2014 and take the elevator up to a bank vault full of art (*Brisure*, Belfius).

It feels weird, all those security people. Even in the elevator: escorting you up and down again. As if you're allowed to visit the vault. And maybe it is, in these times of crisis. Anyway, the Belgian bank Belfius (formerly Dexia) has been collecting Belgian art since 1960 and its collection comprises more than 4,500 works. It is considered to be one of the largest private collections in Belgium. Due to the economic crisis, Belfius stopped buying art in 2008, but like other banks (ING, Cera) these days, it is trying to make its art collection more visible and accessible. Hence: *Brisure* (website: [Dutch](#) / [French](#)), which you can visit every third Saturday of the month (*till March 16, 2013*). Curator Stef Van Bellingen has come up with a nice way to get around the problem that Belfius has stopped buying art: he has asked 22 'young' Belgian artists to link one of their works to a work of art in the Belfius collection. The exhibition space might feel a bit strange, but *Brisure* does offer a nice overview of contemporary Belgian art, with works by Wim Delvoye, Jan Vercruyssen, Rinus Van de Velde, Nadia Naveau and Berlinde De Bruyckere. You'll be able to see some other works of the collection too (Luc Tuymans) before being escorted down again.

The permanent collection includes works from many Belgian artists of the 19th and 20th centuries (James Ensor, Rik Wouters, René Magritte, Paul Delvaux...) and contemporary art (Luc Tuymans, Wim Delvoye, Berlinde De Bruyckere, Hans Op de Beek...).



The temporary exhibit, Masters of Expressionism, will allow you to discover expressionism through the works of some of the best Belgian artists. The first half of the 20th century saw the birth of painting where the canvas became much more than a simple reflection of reality. Constant Permeke, Frits Van den Berghe, Gust De Smet, Jean Brusselmans, Edgard Tytgat, and Auguste Mambour.

Our guide will be Mrs. Lieve Dejonghe, who has so beautifully shown us the Watteau exhibit and the Hôtel Solvay. The guided tour will last approximately 1½ hours.

Event Details:

Date: Saturday, January 18, 2014

Time: 2:15 p.m.

Place: Belfius Bank, Bd. Pacheco 44, 1000 Brussels

Price: €10 for members, €20 for non-members.

Public Transportation: Metro: Gare Centrale/Centraal Station or Botanique/Kruidtuin; buses 29, 38, 65, 66 and 71: Gare Centrale/Centraal Station; trams 92 and 94 (Botanique or Gare Centrale).

Sign up: Reservations are due by noon on Wednesday, January 15 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 "Belfius" in the communications section of the virement. Cancellations are possible until noon on Wednesday, January 15. Participants cancelling after this time, as well as no-shows, are charged the full cost of the event.

New Year's Networking in the Center of Brussels



The American Club of Brussels invites you to kick off 2014 with a networking event at the Hard Rock Café, located at the Grand' Place.

On Tuesday, January 28, at 6:00 p.m. you can join fellow members for a networking event. There will be drinks and finger food, as well as a memorabilia tour for the first 10 people to sign up. Whether you have just moved to Brussels or are looking to expand your connections, this event should not be missed. Don't forget to bring your business cards!

Exact details will be sent shortly.

American Financial Forum



This complimentary seminar, to be held on January 30, will feature speakers who will address topics relating to the personal financial situation of Americans who reside in Belgium.

The featured speakers will be

- Deloitte – Carolina Anon – Senior Manager of American Tax – Personal Taxes
- Dunhill Financial – Brian Dunhill – Managing Director – Investments
- De Broeck Van Laere & Partners – Mark Quaghebeur – Partner - Estate Planning

This event is supported by AmCham, the American Club of Brussels and the Association of Americans Resident Overseas (AARO). It will include information tables from many other financial organizations including but not limited to Franklin Templeton, Blackrock, The BRATS (authors of the book Retiring in Belgium), and Start-in-Brussels.

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| 6:00 p.m. | Doors will open at 6:00 p.m. |
| 6:30 p.m. | Deloitte |
| 6:50 p.m. | Dunhill Financial |
| 7:10 p.m. | De Broeck Van Laere & Partners |
| 7:30 p.m. | Q & A |
| 8:00 p.m. | Complimentary drinks |

Event Details:

Date: Thursday, January 30, 2014

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Place: Renaissance Brussels Hotel, Rue du Parnasse 19, 1050 Bruxelles

Price: No Charge

Sign up: Reservations to be made at <http://www.dunhillfinancial.be/events.html>

Super Bowl XLVIII Tailgate, Viewing and All Around Party



Super Bowl Sunday, one of the quintessential non-holiday feasts, is something to be experienced with friends! Join the American Club of Brussels as we enjoy the Game, Commercials, Half Time show, Food and Good Fellowship!

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| 7:00-9:00 p.m. | Tailgating games, food (if we can get a permit to bbq out on the street), pre-game on TV |
| 9:00 p.m. | Video of past commercial favorites |
| 10:00 p.m. | Football simulation game on wii or x-box |
| 11:00 p.m. | Introduction of Brussels Tigers (Our local American football team) |
| 12:00 a.m. | Last chance for boxes |
| Rest of night | Coverage of the game |

Event Details:

Date: Sunday, February 2, 2014

Time: 7 p.m. until the game is over...

Place: The Big Game, Rue Henri Maus 5, 1000 Brussels

Price: €10 for ACB members and Brussels Tigers; €15 for non-members

Sign up: Reservations are due by noon on Friday, January 31 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 (BIC/SWIFT: KREDBEBB) will confirm your reservation. Be sure to mention "Superbowl" in the communications section of the virement. Note that cancellations are possible until noon on Friday, January 31. Participants canceling after this time, as well as no-shows, are charged the full cost of the event.

Het Anker Brewery Tour



Join the American Club of Brussels for a tour of one of the oldest breweries in Belgium - the Het Anker Brewery in Mechelen. Founded in 1471 by a community of Beguines, Het Anker is an internationally noted brewery. It uses traditional recipes as the foundation of its brewing process and a variety of hops and herbs give their beers that characteristic taste and aroma. The brewery's Gouden Carolus Tripel and Gouden Carolus Classic have won the World Beer Awards Best Belgian Style Tripel Pale Beer and Best Dark Beer in 2012. Come and see how these beers are made and taste for yourself!

The visit begins at 10:00 a.m. with a one and half hour tour of the brewery combined with a tasting. The tour is followed by a three course lunch in the brasserie. Beverages are not included in the price as they are at the discretion of the diner and there is a special kids menu available as well. Children and families are welcome. The visit is a great way to spend a Sunday for fans of history and/or beer!

Please note that the tour is limited to 25 people.

MENU

Soup of the season

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"Cuckoo" from Mechelen (chicken) with market vegetables,
natural sauce with Gouden Carolus Ambrio

or

Grilled butterfish with a potato-vegetable cassoulet
and a vine tomato gravy

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Duo of javanais and bavarois

KIDS MENU

Chicken breast with apple sauce

or

Fish steak with tartar sauce

or

Hamburger with ketchup

or

Mini Steak with lettuce

Main dishes are served with fries or croquettes

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Children's ice cream

Event Details:

Date: Sunday, February 23, 2014

Time: 10:00 a.m.

Place: Het Anker Brewery, Guido Gezellelaan 49, B-2800 Mechelen. We will meet at the Beguines gate.

Price: €35 for member adults, €13 for member kids (under 12 years of age); €45 for non-member adults and €20 for non-member kids (under 12 years of age)

Menu: Please indicate your menu choice when signing up.

Sign up: Reservations are due by noon on Wednesday, February 19 by email (info@americanclubbrussels.org), by telephone to the ACB Office Manager (02/219.58.08) or online via www.americanclubbrussels.org. Payment to ACB at BE55427919588144 (KREDBEBB) will confirm your reservation. Be sure to mention "Brewery Tour" and menu choice in the communications section of the virement. Cancellations are possible until noon on Wednesday, February 19. Participants cancelling after this time, as well as no-shows, are charged the full cost of the event.

Final Friday Cocktails

Friday, February 28

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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Introducing – IMMOVOX.be

We are pleased to introduce to you this month the tenth corporate member to be profiled in News & Events. Patrick Menache, founder and CEO of Immovox, attends ACB events frequently and would be pleased to answer any questions you might have.



Macnash AssociateS Franchise Network was created in 1999. Today, we have merged with Cap Sud to create a new group: Immovox.be, comprising 15 real estate agencies located all over Belgium.

Our primary activity at Immovox.be is to act as a residential real estate intermediary.

We have several specific departments specialized in offices and commercial spaces, new constructions, furnished apartments and property management. Overseas we have correspondents in the U.S. (Detroit, Atlanta and Florida) and Spain.

Our real estate team is a group of dynamic, motivated, and creative agents ready to help you with all of your real estate needs. We work with many expats as well as with different embassies and foreign liaison offices.

Our website, immovox.be, offers a database proposing thousands of properties to potential buyers and renters. We will guide you from the process of searching for the perfect property until you sign the buyer's or renter's act.

As real estate experts we have been called upon to give advice for the following media outlets: TF1, RTBF, RTL, BEL RTL, Télé Bruxelles, Trends-Tendances, PME-KMO, Le Soir, L'Echo, La Libre Belgique, Entreprendre-BECI, and Energie Pro-Electrabel.

The founder and CEO of Macnash and Immovox.be, Patrick Menache, remains at your disposition for all of your real estate needs. Your new house is just one call away: Patrick Menache 0475/266.777



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Past Events – This is What You Missed!

On **December 16** the American Club held its inaugural annual **“Nuts” Night**, commemorating the anniversary of the Battle of the Bulge. Attended by over one hundred people, the highly successful evening began with speeches by Eric Poncin, Vice President of the Bastogne War Museum, Ambassador Eckart Cuntz, Federal Republic of Germany, and Ambassador Denise Campbell Bauer, United States of America. The evening continued with dinner and dancing.





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November 28 - Thanksgiving 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.

