



The American Club of Brussels

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An International Club with an American Heart

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Antwerp's Amazing Plantin-Moretus Museum



Join us for a very special guided tour of this book-lover's paradise on **Saturday, March 22**. The tour will be preceded by an optional, delicious lunch at La Porte, a delightfully cosy restaurant located 300 meters from the museum in a neighborhood famous for its antique shops and brocantes. Please indicate your choice of main course when registering.

The lunch menu will be:

MENU

Glass of cava for the *apéritif*

Choice of *vol au vent* or *carbonnades à la flamande*

Crème brûlée

One glass of red or white wine,
water, coffee or tea

After lunch we will walk to the Plantin-Moretus Museum, which is unique. The oldest printing presses in the world are there, intact and ready to roll. The offices and shop echo with conversations between Christoffel Plantijn and his aristocratic and scholarly clients from all over the world.

You will be able to feast your eyes on the home of the Plantin and Moretus families! As you stroll through the drawing rooms, you will soak up the atmosphere of life in Antwerp in the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries and be able to admire the impressive art collection which includes portraits by Peter Paul Rubens.

Continuing on your way through the libraries lined with the breathtaking 30,000 old editions **that make up the Moretusses' collection**, you will marvel at the magnificent manuscripts and some of the finest examples of European typography.

Please note that this visit is limited to 25 people.

Kindly indicate your menu choice(s) when booking.

Event Details:

Date: Saturday, March 22, 2014

Time: 12:15 p.m. for the lunch; 2:00 p.m. for the guided tour

Place: La Porte, Oever 21, 2000 Antwerpen; Plantin-Moretus Museum, Vrijdagmarkt 22-23, 2000 Antwerpen

Price: for lunch and the museum: €45 for members, €50 for non-members; museum only: €20 for members, €25 for non-members.

Public Transportation: Tram 3 from the Centraal Station to the stop "Groenplaats"

Sign up: Reservations are due by noon on Wednesday, March 19, online at www.americanclubbrussels.org, by e-mail (info@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 "Plantin" in the communications section of the *virement*.** Please indicate your choice of main course when registering. Cancellations are possible until noon on Wednesday, March 19. Participants cancelling after this time, as well as no-shows, are charged the full cost of the event.

Dates to Remember

- February 28: Final Friday at the Metropole
 - March 15: **Irish Club St. Patrick's Day Ball**
 - March 19: Deloitte U.S. Tax Seminar
 - March 22: Plantin-Moretus Museum Visit
 - March 28: Final Friday at Viage – Grand Casino Brussels
 - April 5: Musée du Fin de Siècle Visit
 - April 27: American Football
 - May 17: Hôtel Solvay Visit
 - May 23: Final Friday, moved up a week due to Ascension holiday
 - July 3: Ommegang Dinner
 - July 5: Brussels American Community July Fourth Celebrations
 - **December 12: "Nuts!" Night**
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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**

The [American Club of Brussels](#) is happy to welcome our friends from [ACAB](#) (American Clubs and Associations in Belgium) and anyone else that would like to join us...

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 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 brian@dunhillfinancial.be for further information

St. Patrick's Day Ball



The Irish Club of Belgium's annual St.Patrick's Day Ball will take place on March 15 at the Steigenberger Grand Hotel (formerly The Conrad) on Ave. Louise 71, 1050 Brussels. Again this year, **the American Club will host a table and members may attend for the Irish Club member price.**

This charity event commences at 7:00 p.m. with a champagne reception and is followed by a five-star meal. **After dinner there will be entertainment by "Damhsa" and D.J. Clutz. This year** proceeds will support The Childhood Leukemia Unit in St.Luc University Hospital, Brussels.

Ticket prices are €80 for members of the Irish Club of Belgium and €95 for non-members. The event is strictly black-tie and only open to adults (minimum age of 18).

Sign-up: Before noon on Friday, March 7, at the ACB office, by email to info@americanclubbrussels.org or by telephone to the ACB Office Manager (02/219.58.08).

Payment: Irish Club of Belgium, account number ING BE62310148650061. Please mention "ACB ball" in the communications section of the *virement*.

March Madness



The American Club of Brussels is hosting its second annual NCAA Basketball March Madness pool and it is open to all!

Contact us directly at info@americanclubbrussels.org and let us know you'll be joining in on the fun and how many brackets you would like to participate with and we will send you an email with the invitation to the league and all of the details. Reservations and payments can be made now through Friday, March 15th.

Each bracket submitted (you can submit more than just one if you're feeling lucky!) is €10. Payment can be made directly to the American Club of Brussels at ACB at BE55 4279 1958 8144 (BIC/SWIFT: KREDBEBB). Please note that we must receive payment prior to the start of the tournament.

The madness officially begins on Sunday, March 16 –Selection Sunday– when the final brackets are released. Final submissions of your brackets are made before the games begin on March 18.

We will update Facebook with dates and times for viewing parties which are open to all regardless of pool participation.

It's easy and fun! And there are prizes!

1st Place – 40%

2nd Place – 20%

3rd Place – 10%

4th, 5th, and 6th Places – Two free drinks at an American Club Final Friday

The more who participate the bigger the prizes, so spread the word!

Deloitte.

U.S. Tax Seminar



With increasing U.S. tax legislation and scrutiny on foreign assets and related disclosures to the IRS, the annual tax filing obligations for U.S. citizens and Green Card holders have become even more complex and difficult to navigate. How will the new tax rules and filing requirements affect you?

Please join us at Deloitte's annual tax seminar where U.S. Individual and Corporate tax specialists will provide an update to assist you in tax planning strategies and clarifying the 2013 tax filing requirements which may impact you.

Topics to be covered during the seminar include:

- New U.S. tax legislation impacting 2013;
- Tax rules effective in 2013 impacting Passive Foreign Investment Companies and Foreign Trusts;
- FATCA legislation and the impact on tax residents living outside the U.S.;
- Overseas Voluntary Disclosure Program for individuals who are not current with U.S. annual filing requirements;
- Updates to the Foreign Bank Account Reporting requirements;
- Corporate filing requirements impacting individuals.

Event Details:

Date: Wednesday, March 19

Time: 5:30 p.m., Registration; Seminar, 6:00-7:30 p.m.; followed by Q&A and cocktails

Place: Deloitte, Berkenlaan 8A (Grand Place room), 1831 Diegem

Price: €10 for ACB members, €15 for non-members

Sign up: Reservations are due by end of the business day on Friday, March 14, online at www.americanclubbrussels.org, by email (info@americanclubbrussels.org) or by telephone to the ACB Office Manager (02/219.58.08). Payment to ACB at BE55 4279 1958 8144 (BIC/SWIFT: KREDBEBB) will confirm your reservation. Be sure to mention "Tax Seminar" in the communications section of the *virement*. Note that cancellations are possible until noon on Monday, March 17. Participants cancelling after this time, as well as no-shows, are charged the full cost of the event.

Final Friday Cocktails

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



**Grand Casino Brussels Viage
Kameleon Sky
Boulevard Anspach 30
1000 Brussels**

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

[The Australia Society Belgium](#)

[The Brussels British Network](#)

[The Canadian Club of Belgium](#)

[The Irish Club of Belgium](#)

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

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A Guided Visit to the Musée Fin-de-Siècle



Join us on Saturday, April 5, for a guided visit of the new Musée Fin-de-Siècle which presents Brussels as the cultural crossroads of Europe at the turn of the century, from 1868 to 1914. This exceptional collection of works by Belgian artists such as James Ensor, Fernand Khnopff, Léon Spilliaert, Victor Horta, Henry Van de Velde or Philippe Wolfers, and by foreign artists such as Paul Gauguin, Auguste Rodin, Pierre Bonnard, Emile Gallé, Louis Majorelle and Alphonse Mucha,... places the art scene at the heart of international creativity.

With the organization of the salons of *Les XX* (1883-1894) and *La Libre Esthétique* (1894-1914), in the very rooms of this museum, Brussels became a unique hub for creative work. It didn't identify itself with the Impressionist wave but found in the conjunction of **Symbolism**, the **Wagnerian movement** and **Art Nouveau** the emblems of an identity that did, to a great extent, shape the face of the city. "Brussels, capital of Art Nouveau" is not just a matter of architecture. The term refers in the first place to the dynamism of a society. And this society made its mark in every art discipline: literature, painting, opera, music, architecture, photography, and poetry; and through the works of Maurice Maeterlinck, Emile Verhaeren, Jean Delville, Henri Evenepoel, Constantin Meunier, Maurice Kufferath, and Guillaume Lekeu, to name a few.

This is a tremendous opportunity for you to delve into the splendor of the late 1800's and early 1900's!

Our guide will once again be the excellent Lieve De Jonghe. Please note that this visit is limited to 20 people.

Event Details:

Date: Saturday, April 5, 2014

Time: 3:00 p.m.

Place: Royal Museum of Fine Arts, Place Royale 3, 1000 Brussels (Gresham entrance)

Price: €25 for members, €35 for non-members.

Public Transportation: Metro: Gare Centrale/Centraal Station or Parc/Park; buses 27, 38 and 71: Royale; Trams: 92 or 94: Royale

Sign up: Reservations are due by noon on Wednesday, April 2 by e-mail

(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 "fin-de-siècle" in the communications section of the *virement*. Cancellations are possible until noon on Wednesday, April 2. Participants canceling after this time, as well as no-shows, are charged the full cost of the event.

American Football, Tailgate and Brews



The Super Bowl may be over, but you can still get your American football fix! Join the American Club of Brussels as we cheer on our official team, the Brussels Tigers, (www.brusselstigers.be) 2002, 2012 and 2013 Belgian Bowl Champions as they battle the Liège Monarchs. Our friends at Bookalokal (www.bookalokal.com) will take care of the food, and our friends from American Beers in Belgium (www.americanbeers.be) will bring our favorite American Microbrews. The price includes food.

Menu for the day

Nachos with Green Chili Queso

Guacamole and Pico de Gallo

Spinach and Artichoke dip
with Pita Chips and Fresh Veggies

Sausage Skewers
Garlic Roasted Cherry Tomatoes, Thyme Roasted Mushrooms,
Beer Marinated Pearl Onions, and a Dry Smoked Sausage

Turkey Wraps
Peppered Turkey Breast with a Fig Jam,
Romaine Greens, Gruyère, Cucumber and Red Onion,
Roasted Garlic Lemon, and Cayenne Aioli

Event Details:

Date: Sunday, April 27, 2014

Time: 2:00 p.m.

Place: Evere Sports Complex, Av. des Anciens Combattants 300, 1140 Evere

Price: €10 for ACB members, €15 for non-members. The price includes food.

Sign Up: No later than noon on April 25, online at www.americanclubbrussels.org, by e-mail (info@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 "Brussels Tigers" in the communications section of the *virement*. Cancellations are possible until noon on April 25. 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 Brian Dunhill at 0477/201.363 so appropriate arrangements can be made.

Recent Events –This is What You Missed!

February 23 – Het Anker Brewery Visit



2 February 2014 - Super Bowl



30 January 2014 - American Financial Forum



Broadway comes to Brussels
Annie



GREEN PARROT PRODUCTIONS is proud to present the **hit musical Annie** from March 20 to 23, 2014, at the AUDERGHEM CULTURAL CENTRE, Boulevard du Souverain 183, 1160 Brussels.

Annie is a story of rags to riches, set against the backdrop of the Great Depression. It is based on a very popular newspaper comic strip of the time.

It is 1932 and ten-year-old Annie is an orphan in the Hudson Street Home for Girls in New York City. Annie's seemingly hopeless situation changes dramatically when she is selected to spend a week with the billionaire Oliver Warbucks in order to improve his image. Annie quickly claims the hearts of his household staff and eventually, the seemingly cold-hearted Warbucks, too.

The show is full of memorable songs and characters you will love. This is really a show for the whole family, young and old.

Shows

- Thursday, March 20 – 8:00 p.m.
- Friday, March 21 – 8:00 p.m.
- Saturday, March 22 – 3:00 and 8:00 p.m.
- Sunday, March 23 – 3:00 p.m.

Tickets

- Adults €25
- Children €15

The Box Office is now open and tickets are sure to go fast. Order online now at www.greenparrot.eu

About Annie

The famous American comic strip, *Little Orphan Annie*, took its name from the 1885 poem "Little Orphan Annie", written by James Whitcomb Riley and published by the Bowen-Merrill Company.

The comic strip *Little Orphan Annie* made its debut on August 5, 1924 in the New York Daily News. It ranked number one in popularity in a Fortune poll in 1937. The comic strip's popularity declined over the years; it was running in only 20 newspapers when it was cancelled on June 13, 2010.

Little Orphan Annie inspired a radio show in 1930, a film adaptation by RKO in 1932, starring Mitzi Green as Annie and another film by Paramount in 1938, starring Ann Gillis.

The Broadway musical *Annie* with music by Charles Strouse, lyrics by Martin Charnin, and the book by Thomas Meehan. The show hit the stage in 1977 and was a huge success. The original Broadway production ran for nearly six years, setting a record for the Alvin Theatre (now the Neil Simon Theatre). It spawned numerous productions in many countries, as well as national tours, and won the Tony Award for Best Musical. The musical's songs "Tomorrow" and "Hard-Knock Life" are among its most popular musical numbers.

Perhaps the best loved and most well known version of *Annie* (which is our personal favorite!) is the Columbia Pictures 1982 film adaptation. Another film adaptation was made by Disney in 1999.

About Green Parrot Productions ASBL

Green Parrot Productions ASBL was set up in 2007 by experienced players on the Brussels amateur theatre scene to bring adults and children of all ages to the world of theatre in particular, to the magic of musicals.

The Directors Kathy Lemerle & Jenny Clarkson have a long history of involvement in musical shows in the Brussels area including Kismet, Oliver & most recently Joseph & the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat in 2008.

Green Parrot Productions is registered in Belgium as a 'not for profit' organisation (ASBL/VZW).



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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.

