



# The American Club of Brussels

# News & Events

An International Club with an American Heart

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## Guided Tour of the Hôtel Solvay



Back by popular demand, given the fact that the September visit sold out in 24 hours, we are again offering you the magnificent opportunity for a very special guided visit to the Hôtel Solvay on Avenue Louise on Saturday, May 17. 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 again be Mrs. Lieve Dejonghe, an art historian, who has been our guide for several exhibits this past year.

Please note that this visit is limited to 22 people and is a **Members Priority** visit. Non-members may only sign up as of May 5.

**Event Details:**

**Date:** Saturday, May 17, 2014

**Time:** 10:00 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, May 14 by email

([info@americanclubbrussels.org](mailto:info@americanclubbrussels.org)), online at [www.americanclubbrussels.org](http://www.americanclubbrussels.org), or by telephone to the ACB Office Manager (02/219.58.08). **Please note that non-members may only sign up as of May 5.** 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, May 14. Participants cancelling after this time, as well as no-shows, are charged the full cost of the event.

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## Dates to Remember

- April 25: Final Friday – Sheraton Brussels
  - April 27: American Football Event
  - May 3: Kentucky Derby Celebration
  - May 11: Cinco de Mayo Event
  - May 11: Opening of Brussels International Days, Concert at Bozar for Members
  - May 17: Hôtel Solvay Visit
  - May 23: Final Friday, moved up a week due to Ascension holiday
  - May 24/25: Memorial Day Services
  - May 26: ACB Annual General Meeting
  - June 10: Bowling
  - June 17: Joint ACB/AmCham Tax Seminar
  - July 3: Ommegang Dinner
  - July 5: Celebration of July 4 with Army Garrison
  - September 7: Antwerp Tasting Tour
  - September 18: Joint ACB/AmCham Ambassador's Dinner
  - December 12: "Nuts!" Night
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## Notice to All Members of The American Club of Brussels

All ACB members, in accordance with the Club's Statutes and By-Laws,  
are invited to attend the

### **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

on Monday, May 26, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.

at the

Renaissance Brussels Hotel  
Rue du Parnasse 19, 1050 Brussels (Ixelles)

#### **Agenda:**

- Approval of the financial accounts for the fiscal year 2013 and the budget for the fiscal year 2014.
- Voting/confirmation of members of the Executive Committee.
- Voting/confirmation of new Governors:
  - Patrick Menache (Belgian);
  - Andy Krenz (USA).
- Voting on amendment to Chapter III "Management", article 2 § 1 of the By-Laws:  
"Art. 2. The Board of Governors shall, at a June December meeting each year, elect, from among its members, the Officers to serve terms of one year and to take office at the start of the next fiscal year. The Officers' appointment shall be confirmed at the occasion of the annual General Meeting of the Association to be held in accordance with the Statutes."

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## Final Friday Cocktails

**Friday, April 25**

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



**Sheraton Brussels Hotel  
O-Bar  
Place Rogier 3  
1210 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...

Cash bar open to all. Newcomers to Belgium and prospective ACB members are especially welcome.

No reservation is required. Bring a guest or two.

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## 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](http://www.brusselstigers.be)) 2002, 2012 and 2013 Belgian Bowl Champions as they battle the Liège Monarchs. Our friends at Bookalokal ([www.bookalokal.com](http://www.bookalokal.com)) will take care of the food, and our friends from American Beers in Belgium ([www.americanbeers.be](http://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, by e-mail to [info@americanclubbrussels.org](mailto:info@americanclubbrussels.org), online at [www.americanclubbrussels.org](http://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 "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.

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## Kentucky Derby Party



The Most Exciting Two Minutes in Sports is coming to Brussels! The Metropole will be home to our own "Millionaire's Row" for the first leg of the Triple Crown. The theme song for our Derby party will be Stephen Foster's "My Old Kentucky Home," as we enjoy the "run for the roses" with mint juleps in hand. Large hats and seersucker strongly encouraged!

**Event Details:****Date:** Saturday, May 3, 2014**Time:** 7:00 p.m.**Place:** Metropole Hotel, Place de Brouckère 31, 1000 Brussels**Price:** €10 for ACB members, €15 for non-members.**Registration:** No later than April 30 with payment to hold your place. You may register online at [www.americanclubbrussels.org](http://www.americanclubbrussels.org), by e-mail to [info@americanclubbrussels.org](mailto: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 "Derby" in the communications section of the *virement*. Cancellations are possible until noon on April 30. 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 0483/392.695 so appropriate arrangements can be made.

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# Cinco de Mayo



Let's get together and celebrate the arrival of Spring with some margaritas!

## Menu for the day

Pico de Gallo, Guacamole, Sour Cream and Cheddar  
with Tortilla Chips  
Chocolate, Cinnamon Beef Chili  
Espresso Black Bean Chili  
Mango and Jalapeño Salsa  
Jalapeño and Blue Cheese Croquettes  
Cornbread

### Event Details:

**Date:** Saturday, May 10, 2014

**Time:** 3:00 p.m.

**Place:** Ruck 'n Maul, Boulevard du Triomphe 52, 1160 Brussels

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

**Registration:** No later than May 5 with payment to hold your place. You may register online at [www.americanclubbrussels.org](http://www.americanclubbrussels.org), by e-mail to [info@americanclubbrussels.org](mailto: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 "Cinco de Mayo" in the communications section of the *virement*. Cancellations are possible until noon on May 5. Participants canceling after this time, as well as no-shows, are charged the full cost of the event.

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# Brussels International Days – May 11-22, 2014



*The Bulletin* invites you to 10 days of concerts, events, seminars and activities that symbolize the ever-growing presence of the international community in Brussels. Organized by the Brussels Region and *The Bulletin*, you have the opportunity to participate in a wide range of events.

The Opening Event will be held on May 11 and is entitled “**The Welcome Festival.**” Participate in one of the key moments of the Brussels International Days with a day-long **free of charge** program of information, discovery, entertainment and culture in Bozar, the Art Nouveau jewel in the heart of the city. Celebrate also with the Brussels Capital Region Iris Day, the annual feast of visits, leisure and partying.

In Bozar, taken over for the day by *The Bulletin*, we invite you to learn everything you need to know about Brussels and the services you may need as an international resident in a foreign environment. At the same time you can discover one of the “temples” of European culture and meet the many clubs and associations that cater to the international community.

You can also enjoy a unique and **free** concert with the orchestra and choirs of the International School of Brussels (ISB) and the Brussels International Choir, view the paintings and sculptures of the Visual Arts section of ISB and discover everything you need to know to better understand the city and make your life here a new experience.

## Program

### May 11

Doors open at 11:00 a.m.

Inauguration by Jonathan Brenton, British Ambassador to Belgium.

Art exhibition opens.

2:30 p.m. – Concert by the International School of Brussels. Free of charge.

4:00 p.m. – Concert by the Brussels International Choir. Free of charge.

Doors close at 6:30 p.m.

Entrance: Rue Royale/Koningsstraat or Rue Ravenstein/Ravensteinstraat.

### Other events during Brussels International Days include:

May 13 – “How to start your own business” seminar

May 14-15 – European Business Summit

May 14-15 – European Associations Summit

May 15 – Association of Belgian Relocation Agencies meeting

May 17 – Walks in Brussels – “The best kept secrets of the city”

May 19 – “Brussels meets Europe” lunch organized by the British Chamber of Commerce

May 19 – The Vlerick School course on “How to be a winner in your market”

May 20 – Closing Event – The Brussels Night

May 22 – @seven – Let’s Party with the Greek Presidency

**Pre-registration is required for all events. Complete information and the registration form can be found at: [www.thebulletin.be/bbid](http://www.thebulletin.be/bbid).**

## Memorial Day... Why Should We Remember Them?



American Memorial Day is here again, with events planned for the weekend of May 24 and 25. For Americans living in the United States, Memorial Day is a day off from work, with family picnics, and unbeatable sales. However, when you reside in Belgium, it is the once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for your family to experience what Memorial Day is all about.

Commemorations of America's commitment to guarantee freedom for the U.S., her friends and allies have been held each Memorial Day weekend in Belgium since 1923. One meaningful role Americans play during their years here is taking part in these ceremonies. If you haven't done so already, don't miss this opportunity. Attending a Memorial Day ceremony is a chance to reflect upon the freedom we enjoy today, paid for in the 20th century by over 345,000 brave American men and women who died during World Wars I and II. Over 14,000 American servicemen are buried in Belgium in three American military cemeteries.

United States Military Representatives and senior Belgian politicians offer their tributes. Belgian schoolchildren sing both The Star Spangled Banner and the Belgian national anthem, and deliver special poetic tributes at some cemeteries. The uplifting and dignified ceremonies help us to recall the self-evident truths that are the foundation of America itself, "...that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness."

Everyone is invited to attend the Memorial Day ceremonies in grateful remembrance. You can also help to honor these brave soldiers and airmen by making a contribution to the AOMDA Foundation [ING account BE19310120214412 – BBRUBEBB]. A volunteer, non-profit organization supported solely by private donations, all money is used to ensure that the sacrifices of yesterday will never be forgotten, with special emphasis paid to youth outreach programs that perpetuate remembrance and understanding among future generations.

For directions and additional information: [www.aomda.org](http://www.aomda.org).



# Introducing book@lokal

***We are pleased to introduce to you this month the twelfth corporate member to be profiled in News & Events. You can meet the owners and taste their gourmet food at the American Football Event on April 27.***

Bookalokal ([www.bookalokal.com](http://www.bookalokal.com)) is a social dining network for curated gourmet food events around the world. Whether traveling to a new city or just exploring locally, guests can choose from group dinners, food tours, cooking classes, cheese workshops and beer tastings. Events are hosted by all sorts of food lovers excited to share their unique culinary background with neighbors and foreigners alike.



Bookalokal started in Brussels in 2012 and added Washington, DC as their second major location this February. With hosts now in over 20 countries, the site continues to foster a global network of people who share a love for authentic, home cooked food. “More and more, people look for authentic experiences when they land in a new city. They don’t only want to visit restaurants out of a guidebook. They want to connect with locals and find out what it’s really like to live somewhere,” says Bookalokal founder and CEO, Evelyne White. “Now there’s an easy way to make those connections.”

Meals generally cost the same or less than they would in a restaurant, and often include multiple courses along with wine, beer or other beverages. Guests range from travelers passing through town to expats and local residents who share a passion for food. Hosts include food bloggers, retired food professionals, aspiring chefs looking to experiment and people who simply love to cook. While hosts primarily provide meals, some offer additional services such as lodging, guided tours and even comedy shows and yoga classes - all accompanied by food of course!

To book a local food experience or become a host, simply visit the site ([bookalokal.com](http://bookalokal.com)) and create a profile.



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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 twenty 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.

