



The American Club of Brussels

News & Events

An International Club with an American Heart

July-August 2014

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Ommegang Dinner



Once again, the ACB offers members and guests a unique opportunity to view the Ommegang procession on the Grand'Place while dining in one of the most elegant restaurants in Brussels.

La Maison du Cygne is housed in a former 17th century guild house that overlooks the Grand'Place. From the balcony and windows of a large private dining room, we will have an unparalleled view of the Ommegang as the pageant unfolds on one of the most beautiful squares in the world.

Menu "Made in Belgium"

(includes wine and water)

Kadaïf de Petites Grises, Œuf Poché et Sauce Mousseline
(Kadaïf of Shrimps, Poached Egg and Mousseline Sauce)

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Poitrine de "Coucou de Malines" aux Morilles
(Breast of "Coucou de Malines" with Morels)

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Crème Brûlée au Spéculoos
(Crème Brûlée of Belgian Spiced Biscuit)

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Moka et Mignardises
(Coffee and Sweets)

The Ommegang takes place on Thursday, July 3. Ommegang (literally "walk-around") is a faithful recreation of a splendid pageant that was first performed in 1549 for Emperor Charles V, his son Philip II, and the knights of the Order of the Golden Fleece.

Staged at night on the illuminated Grand'Place, the two-hour extravaganza includes flag-throwers, folk dancers, archers, acrobats, jesters, jugglers, fire-eaters, falcon-trainers, folkloric giants, stilt-walkers, and the famous Gilles of Binche. Descendants of the nobility of the time play the roles and wear the coats of arms and sumptuous costumes of their ancestors.

This is a spectacular affair, and one of the biggest festivals in the country. Our dinner evening at La Maison du Cygne offers, literally and figuratively, a window on this amazing event. Bring your camera.

Please note that this is a **Members Priority** event (ACB and Irish Club). Non-members may only sign up as of Monday, June 23.

Event Details

Date: Thursday, July 3, 2014

Time:

- Open cash bar: 7:00 p.m.
- Dinner: 8:00 p.m.

Place: Salon Louis XIV, La Maison du Cygne, Grand'Place (entrance: Rue Charles Buls 2), 1000 Brussels

Price: €75 for ACB and Irish Club of Belgium members; €85 for non-members

Dress code: Coat and tie requested

Sign up: Reservations are due by noon on Monday, June 30, online at www.americanclubbrussels.org, by email (info@americanclubbrussels.org), or by telephone to the ACB Office Manager (0476/996.870). Payment to ACB at BE55427919588144 (KREDBEBB) will confirm your reservation. Be sure to mention "Ommegang" in the communications section of the *virement*. Cancellations are possible until noon on Monday, June 30. Participants canceling after this time, as well as no-shows, are charged the full cost of the event.

Dates to Remember

- June 25: Meet the Author
- June 27: Final Friday at the Stanhope Hotel
- July 3: Ommegang Dinner
- July 5: Brussels American Community July 4th Celebration
- July 15: Dine-Out
- July 26: Final Friday at Serendip Spa
- August 29: Final Friday
- September 7: Antwerp Tasting Tour
- September 13-14: Two day event in Ieper
- September 18: Joint ACB/AmCham Ambassador's Dinner
- September 18: Antwerp ExPat Welcome Party
- September 30: Meet the Board
- November 27: Thanksgiving
- December 12: "Nuts!" Night

Attention! New telephone number:

0476/996.870

Please change your records as the current landline will be cancelled in the coming months.

Meet the Author: *The Good Beer Guide Belgium*



Join author Tim Webb and discover the best Belgian beers.

ABOUT THE BOOK:

"The completely independent guide to Belgian brewing, over 900 Belgian beers plus 500 great places to try them!"

The Good Beer Guide Belgium is an iconic guide to the world-renowned home of serious beers. An indispensable work for all Belgian beer lovers. Even in Belgium itself, this guide is already in its 7th edition.

From beer festivals to cozy cafés, upmarket restaurants to brewery tours, this guide is an essential companion for any visit to Belgium or for seeking out Belgian beer round the world.

- Over 900 beers from more than 200 breweries
- 530 hand-picked cafés, beers, beer shops and bistros
- The best festivals and brewery tours

Event Details

Date: Wednesday, June 25

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Place: Four Points by Sheraton, Rue Paul Spaak 15, 1000 Brussels

Price: Free

Sign up: Reservations are due by noon on June 25, online at www.americanclubbrussels.org, by email (info@americanclubbrussels.org), or by telephone to the ACB Office Manager (0476/996.870).

Final Friday Cocktails

Friday, June 27

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



**Stanhope Hotel
Square de Meeûs 4
1050 Brussels**

The [American Club of Brussels](http://www.americanclubbrussels.org) is happy to welcome our friends from [The Brussels British Network](http://www.brusselsbritishnetwork.com) 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.

Brussels American Community 4th of July Celebration



Invitation

Members of the American Club of Brussels and their family members and friends are invited to attend the Brussels American Community Independence Day Celebration on Saturday, July 5 from 3 p.m. to midnight. Admission is free, and the only cost is for your food and drink. This fabulous event, the best Independence Day commemoration in the Benelux, will be held at the Brussels American School, Kennedylaan 12, 1933 Sterrebeek, and is being organized by the U.S. Army Garrison Benelux with the support of several American clubs and associations in Belgium.

The day's events begin at 3 p.m. with an exhibit of World War II vehicles and classic cars. There will be lots of family-oriented activities, entertainment galore and concession stands for purchase of food and beverages. Musical entertainment for young and old alike will be offered in the evening by the SHAPE band and a DJ. The finale will be a fabulous and dazzling fireworks display at 11 p.m. Not to be missed!

A day to enjoy with your family, friends, and even your houseguests! If you would like to attend, **please provide the Club office with the following information** for each person attending:

Last name, first name

Date of birth

Nationality

U.S. Passport Number or Belgian ID Card Number or Passport Number/Country for third country nationals

Please note that **each person** will need to show the same piece of identification in order to obtain access on the day of the event. In addition, you must be registered through the ACB and on our access list in order to be admitted.

Please register with the Club office by noon on Monday, June 30 (**e-mail info@americanclubbrussels.org**).

Call for volunteers

Lastly, we will be asking for **volunteers (one hour for each volunteer) to work at the bar**, so if you are interested in helping out during the day/evening, please let us know and give us your preferred time slot, i.e. 5-6, 7-8, 10-11, etc.
Please send an e-mail to info@americanclubbrussels.org or call 0476/996.870 (ACB office).

It will be a great day for all with something for everyone!

Final Friday Cocktails

Friday, July 26

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



**Serendip Spa
Place Stéphanie 18
1050 Brussels**

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Antwerp Tasting Tour



Antwerp! Beautiful city, international port, diamond capital of the world, Europe's most avant-garde fashion center and food lovers paradise.

This city has it all. Sixteenth to 21st century art, historical buildings, modern architecture, magnificent Concept Stores, and an intriguing history with many tales and legends.




Would you like to get an insider's tour of this marvelous city? Join us for an entertaining excursion.

On this tour, you will get a taste of this wonderful city and some of its local specialties.

Let's meet on the Grote Markt (Grand Place) for an appetizing walk.

Your guide will share some of Antwerp's most famous anecdotes, linked to a couple of unique, local delicacies.

For example:

	<p>The famous 'Antwerpse Handjes' (Antwerp hands). They are a must have souvenir, and after tasting them, you will never forget how the city got its name.</p>
	<p>Elixir d'Anvers: the expensive and delicious golden liquor in its beautiful bottle is not only served after a lavish meal, it has also saved the life of many a horse over the centuries.</p>
	<p>Mokatine: the oldest local little candy looks quite exotic. When it was first introduced to the people of Antwerp, not only the looks, but also the taste was revolutionary.</p>

Thanks to the port this city offers an interesting mix in population, culture, and flavors.

We end our tour about 2 hours later in a local pub for a fresh Antwerp “Bolleke van 't vat”, amber colored draft beer.



Event Details

Date: Sunday, September 7

Time: 2:30 p.m.

Place: Grote Markt, 2000 Antwerpen

Price: € 20 for ACB members; €25 for non-members (includes the tour and tastings)

Sign up: Reservations are due by noon on Wednesday, September 3, online at www.americanclubbrussels.org, by email (info@americanclubbrussels.org), or by telephone to the ACB Office Manager (0476/996.870). Payment to ACB at BE55427919588144 (KREDBEBB) will confirm your reservation. Be sure to mention “A taste of Antwerp” in the communications section of the *virement*. Cancellations are possible until noon on Wednesday, September 3. Participants canceling after this time, as well as no-shows, are charged the full cost of the event.

Joint ACB/AmCham Gala Dinner for Ambassador Bauer September 18, 2014

Save the date for the prestigious Joint Dinner in honor of the US Ambassador to Belgium, Denise Campbell Bauer. The Joint Gala Dinner has a long and prestigious history: we have had the honor and privilege of welcoming the Ambassador in office for many years, and we are delighted that Ambassador Bauer is continuing this tradition.

Denise Bauer was nominated by President Barack Obama to be US Ambassador to Belgium and previously had a remarkable career as Vice President of the Board of Directors for the Belvedere Community Foundation in Belvedere, California. Ms. Bauer was also Finance Chair for Women for Obama and served on the Obama for America National Finance Committee and the Democratic National Committee. Prior to this, Ms. Bauer worked in television news and public affairs.

Spouses and partners are welcome to attend.

Complete details on this prestigious event will be in the September issue of *News & Events*.

The Antwerp Expat Welcome Party

September 18, 2014

Thursday, September 18 at 18.30

The Antwerp Expat Welcome Party 2014

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

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

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 12

Voka - Chamber of Commerce and Industry Antwerp-Waasland
Markgravesstraat 12, 2000 Antwerp

PUBLIC PARKING
Van Dijck, Eikenstraat 9, 2000 Antwerp

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Looking for a new home, living tips, expat clubs and associations, contacts in Antwerp's community, news and information, ideas on what to do? Then be sure to sign up for this annual event organized by the Chamber of Commerce and Industry Antwerp-Waasland. You can enjoy a welcome buffet party, practical information, a tombola, and the opportunity to meet expats and locals. The event is free for CEOs, HRD & HRM Corporate Mobility Managers and newly-arrived resident expatriates. Others wishing to attend will be charged € 50 per person.

You may register by September 12 online at: www.xpats.com/AntwerpWelcomeParty

Congratulations to the Winner of the Annual ACB March Madness Pool – Charles Gautier!



In addition to Charles, Frank (and Jordan) had great results!

The top three finishers were:

1st place – Charles Gautier

2nd place – Frank Morgese

3rd place - Frank Morgese

In addition to the cash award winners, we also have free drinks ready for our 4th, 5th and 6th place winners at the next Final Friday. Just let us know you're coming in advance so you are sure to enjoy a cocktail on us.

4th - Frank Morgese

5th – Jordan West

6th - Frank Morgese

Congratulations to our winners and a big thank you to all of the participants!



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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.

