



The American Club of Brussels  
**News & Events**  
An International Club with an American Heart

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## Give Thanks with ACB



Come join us for one of the American Club's most popular events: a traditional Thanksgiving dinner, consisting of roast turkey with all the trimmings, followed by an assortment of real American pies. This very American event will be held on Thanksgiving itself, i.e., on Thursday, November 27th at 7:00 p.m. at the Sheraton Hotel in Brussels. Whole turkeys are carved and served family style at tables for eight. It's just like home, only better, because someone else does the cooking!

The menu will be

*Apéritif*  
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New England Clam Chowder  
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Turkey with stuffing  
Mashed potatoes & gravy  
Sweet potatoes  
Green beans with mushrooms  
Corn pudding  
Beets  
Cranberry Jelly  
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Pecan pie  
Mince pie  
Apple pie  
Pumpkin pie

We look forward to seeing you at one of the Club's very best annual events!

**Event Details:**

**Date:** Thursday, November 27, 2014

**Time:** 7 p.m.

**Place:** Sheraton Brussels Hotel, Horizon Room (30th floor), Place Rogier 3, 1210 Brussels (St.-Josse-ten-Noode)

**Price:** €70 for members (includes aperitif, one-half bottle of house wine, soft drinks and mineral water); €80 for non-members. €38 for children under 12.

**Public Transportation:** Metro lines 2, 6, 3, 4: Rogier

**Sign up:** Reservations are due by noon on Friday, November 21, online at [www.americanclubbrussels.org](http://www.americanclubbrussels.org), by email ([info@americanclubbrussels.org](mailto: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 "Thanksgiving" in the communications section of the *virement*. Cancellations are possible until noon on Friday, November 22. Participants canceling after this time, as well as no-shows, are charged the full cost of the event.

## Dates to Remember

- October 31: Joint ACB/AmCham Halloween Party
- November 16: Brunch with the Canadian Club of Belgium – more information to follow by e-mail
- November 22: Guided tour of the exhibition "Paintings from Siena"
- November 27: Traditional ACB Thanksgiving Dinner
- November 28: Final Friday
- December 11: "Nuts!" Night

**New Telephone Number  
0476/996.870**

## Halloween Party



The American Club of Brussels and AmCham Belgium invite you to come celebrate Halloween at the Renaissance Brussels Hotel! There will be a cash bar, and free nibbles.

Costumes are encouraged, so get creative! There will be a prize awarded at 8:30 p.m. for the best female and best male costume.

With lots of young professionals present thanks to our collaboration with the Canadian Club of Belgium and the Irish Club of Belgium, this will be an ideal opportunity to meet new people in a fun way! And, if you didn't know this, Halloween originated in Ireland!

A great way to network and celebrate Halloween in style. Everyone is welcome and feel free to bring a friend or two.

### **Event Details:**

**Date:** Friday, October 31, 2013

**Time:** 6:30-9:00 p.m.

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

### **Price:**

- €10 in advance
- €15 at the door

**Public Transportation:** Buses 12, 21, 22 27, 34, 38, 64, 80 and 95: Luxembourg

**Sign up:** Reservations are due by noon on Thursday, October 30, online at [www.americanclubbrussels.org](http://www.americanclubbrussels.org), by e-mail ([info@americanclubbrussels.org](mailto: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 "Halloween" in the communications section of the *virement*. Online payments are also possible. Cancellations are accepted until noon on Thursday, October 30. Participants canceling after this time, as well as no-shows, are charged the full cost of the event.

A Guided Visit to the Exhibition  
*Paintings from Siena*  
*Ars Narrandi in Europe's Gothic Age*



Join us on Saturday, November 22 for a guided visit of the marvelous exhibition, *Paintings from Siena: Ars Narrandi in Europe's Gothic Age*.

BOZAR pays tribute to Siena and its magnificent pictorial tradition in collaboration with the prestigious Pinacoteca Nazionale di Siena and the Musée des Beaux-Arts de Rouen. Siennese artists developed their own style over time, evolving from the rigid patterns of late-Byzantine iconography to more narrative works of art. The exhibition showcases sixty masterpieces which bear testimony to a revolutionary form of art which, from the thirteenth century until the fifteenth century, took an increasing interest in space and in the exploration of human emotions using brilliant, unusual colors. The Siennese school inspired other arts centers in Italy and finally left its mark all over Europe. A unique opportunity to see these masterpieces in Brussels!

Our guide will once again be Lieve De Jonghe. Please note that this visit is limited to 15 people and is a Members Priority Event. Non-members may sign up after November 12 on a space-available basis.

**Event Details:**

**Date:** Saturday, November 22, 2014

**Time:** 1:45 p.m.

**Place:** BOZAR, rue Ravenstein 23, 1000 Brussels

**Price:** €20 for members, €30 for non-members.

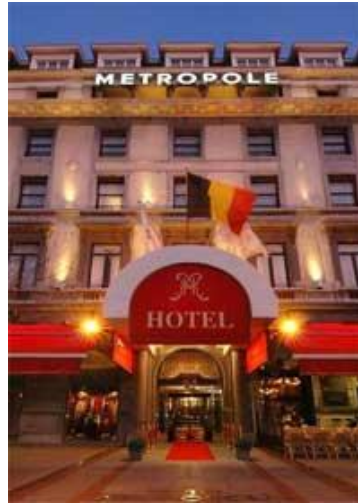
**Public Transportation:** Metro: Gare Centrale/Centraal Station; buses 38 and 71: Bozar

**Sign up:** Reservations are due by noon on Wednesday, November 19, online at [www.americanclubbrussels.org](http://www.americanclubbrussels.org), by email ([info@americanclubbrussels.org](mailto: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 "Sienna" in the communications section of the *virement*. Cancellations are possible until noon on Wednesday, November 19. Participants canceling after this time, as well as no-shows, are charged the full cost of the event.

# Final Friday Cocktails

**Friday, November 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.

# "Nuts!" Night

## In Commemoration of the 70th Anniversary of the Battle of the Bulge

**December 11, 2014**



On December 16, 1944, the Battle of the Bulge began on the Western Front of World War II, and lasted until January 25, 1945, inflicting heavy casualties. During the Siege of Bastogne, despite overwhelming odds, U.S. Brigadier General Anthony McAuliffe responded to a request to surrender the town with the one word answer, "Nuts!" This marked the turning point of the Battle of the Bulge for the American troops and on December 30, 1944, General McAuliffe was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross by General Patton for his actions at Bastogne.

On the occasion of the 70th anniversary of the Battle of the Bulge, the American Club of Brussels invites you to "Nuts!" Night to remember the courage and indomitable spirit of those who sacrificed so much during the Battle of the Bulge. The event features a commemoration ceremony honoring all those who served and made the ultimate sacrifice in order to lay the groundwork for the peace, freedom and friendship we now enjoy.

In the spirit of reconciliation and friendship, the ceremony will include U.S. Ambassador to Belgium Denise Campbell Bauer and representatives of all those affected by the Battle of the Bulge – the Germans, the city of Bastogne, and veterans – friends, allies and former foes who now all stand united as we build on the lessons of the past and address the challenges of the future together.

### Event Details

**Date:** Thursday, December 11, 2014.

**Time:** Registration and drinks at 7 p.m. Ceremony begins at 7:45 p.m., followed by a three-course dinner including wine and water. Cash bar available after dinner. The SHAPE International Band will provide period music throughout the evening.

**Place:** Brussels Marriott Hotel, Rue Auguste Orts 3-7, 1000 Brussels. Public parking is available in the area.

**Dress:** Black tie or dress uniform preferred.

**Price:** €80. For active military personnel: the € equivalent of \$80 (€62) and a one-year free membership in the ACB (value: €140).

**Sign up:** Reservations should be made **by Monday, December 1**, online at [www.americanclubbrussels.org](http://www.americanclubbrussels.org), by email to [info@americanclubbrussels.org](mailto: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 "Nuts!" in the communications section of the *virement*. Cancellations are possible until noon on Monday, December 1. Cancellations after this time, as well as no-shows, are charged the full cost of the event.

**Hotel Reservations:** For attendees who wish to spend the night in Brussels, the Brussels Marriott Hotel is offering a special room rate of €89 per night per single room and €109 for a double room including a full American breakfast buffet and Internet. City tax is not included in the above room rate. Please register directly with the hotel **by November 20** via [Book your group rate: American Club of Brussels](#)



The Canadian Club of Belgium and  
The American Club of Brussels  
welcome YOU to our **Reading Group**  
on the second Wednesday of the month  
from 7 to 9 p.m.

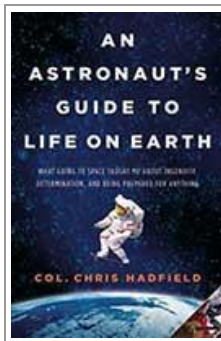
**(CCB and ACB members only)**

We are taking a different approach this time. We are asking YOU to present us, a book of YOUR choice (American or Canadian authors preferred) that YOU have read and that YOU have really enjoyed. This gives all members who are passionate about reading a chance to read and discuss different genres of literature.

If you do not have a book you wish to present or if you find a way to come just at the last minute, please join us anyway.

Here is our agenda for the coming months.

**November 12** – presented by Kim Masiero:



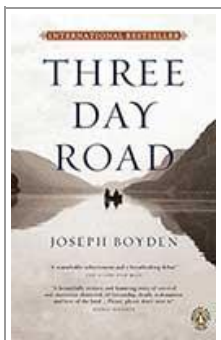
***An Astronaut's Guide to Life on Earth***  
by Chris Hadfield

What does it take to get “things” done the best possible way, even in our own daily routine, to eventually and to hopefully reach top results and top satisfaction?

A fabulous book written by a Canadian “icon”!

The Book Club is being hosted at Geneviève’s place in 1160 Brussels (Auderghem), Avenue des Nénuphars 11 (ground floor) – phone 02/660.57.65.

**December 10** – presented by Laura Richard



***Three-Day Road***  
by Joseph Boyden

This novel follows the story of two young Native Canadian men who fight in France and in Belgium in World War I. The author explores how their friendship changes during the struggle, and how their spirituality guides them through the conflict.

The Book Club is being hosted at Laura’s place in 1030 Brussels, Place Dailly 5 – phone 0478/920.965.

**January 14** – your suggestions for a book still possible

**February 11** – your suggestions for a book still possible

**More info about the Clubs:**

- The Canadian Club of Belgium: [www.ccbcanada.be](http://www.ccbcanada.be)
- The American Club of Brussels: [www.americanclubbrussels.org](http://www.americanclubbrussels.org)

## Are You Taking Full Advantage of Your ACB Membership?



As part of your membership in the American Club of Brussels, you are entitled to have an ISB (International School of Brussels) Advantage Card. This card can be used at various businesses in the Brussels area for discounts or special offers.

All of the details of the ISB Advantage Card Program, the participating retailers and their offers are located and regularly updated on the ISB website at [www.isb.be/advantage](http://www.isb.be/advantage). While ISB will make every effort to ensure that the site is up to date, they are not responsible for any incorrect information on the retailers' offers. You should verify offers with the retailers before your purchase.

If you are an ACB member and do not have an Advantage Card, please contact the ACB office at the following email address: [info@americanclubbrussels.org](mailto:info@americanclubbrussels.org). Please provide the office with a postal address since the card can only be sent by regular mail.

## This is What You Missed!

**Pioneers' Dinner – October 22, 2014**





# Halloween Breakfast for our Lil' Monsters



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On Sunday, October 26, the Hard Rock Café is holding a Halloween breakfast for children. There will be an American breakfast buffet, kids entertainment, face painting... and lots of fun!

**Event Details:**

**Date:** Sunday, October 26, 2014

**Time:** 9:30 – 11:30 a.m.

**Place:** Hard Rock Café, Grand-Place 12, 1000 Brussels

**Price:** € 15 (children under 2 eat for free)

**Sign up:** Reservations can be made via [Brussels\\_sales@hardrock.com](mailto:Brussels_sales@hardrock.com)

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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.

