



The American Club of Brussels
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"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.

[Google Maps](#)

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** by email to info@americanclubbrussels.org, online at www.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.

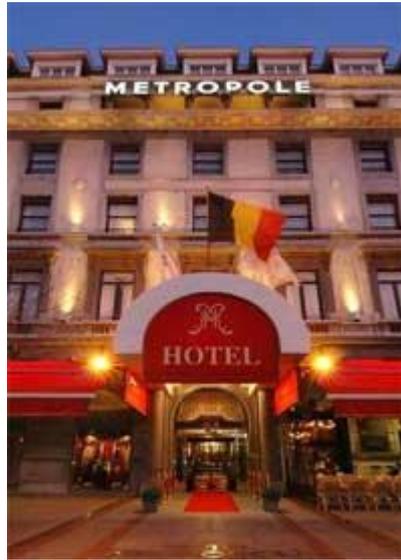
Dates to Remember

- November 28: Final Friday
- December 9: Estate Planning Seminar
- December 10: Book Club Meeting
- December 11: "Nuts!" Night
- December 16: Dine-Out
- December 20: Delvaux Visit
- January 10: Trip to Maasmechelen
- January 16: New Year Cocktail with the Mayor of Brussels
- January 17: Music Exhibition
- January 30: Final Friday
- February 1: Super Bowl

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.

Estate Planning in Belgium

December 9, 2014

The Bulletin and ING Belgium invite you to a seminar on

ESTATE PLANNING IN BELGIUM

- **Marc Quaghebeur**,
partner, De Broek, Van Laere & Partners
*"Estate Planning, a legal minefield
for expats"*
- **Tim Carnewal**,
notary, Berquin,
"An update of the recent legal changes"
- **Dave Deruytter**,
Head of Expatriates and Non-residents,
ING Bank-Belgium
*"Estate Planning, keep it simple as
bank secrecy doesn't exist"*

December 9, 2014

ING Bank, Cours Saint Michel, 60
1040 Brussels, Orange Room
Metra: Merode

- Registration at 17:30
- Presentations at 18:00 sharp
- End by 21:00



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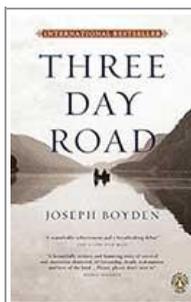
The Canadian Club of Belgium & The American Club of Brussels
welcome you to our **Reading Group**
on the second Wednesday of the month, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.
(CCB and ACB members only)

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 have not read the book, if do not have a book you wish to present, but you are able to come just at the last minute, please join us anyway.

Here is our agenda for the coming months.

December 10 – presented by Laura Richard



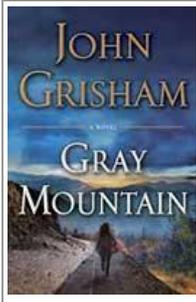
Three-Day Road

by Joseph Boyden

This novel follows the story of two 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 reading group will be hosted at Laura's place in 1030 Brussels, Place Dailly 5 – tel. 0478/920.965.

January 14 – presented by Geneviève Bergiers



Gray Mountain
by John Grisham

When Lehman Brothers collapsed, Samantha Kofer lost her job, her security, her future. She is now an unpaid intern in a legal aid clinic deep in small-town Appalachia. This is coal country. Meth country. The law is different here. And standing up for the truth means putting your life on the line.

The reading group will be hosted at Cook & Book, Place du Temps Libre 1 (Woluwe Shopping Center), 1200 Woluwe-St-Lambert. WiFi free of charge!

Contact: Geneviève Bergiers, tel. 02/660.57.65, genevieve@chiropractorbergiers.be

February 11 – your suggestions for a book still possible

More info about the Clubs:

- The Canadian Club of Belgium
www.ccbcanada.be
- The American Club of Brussels
www.americanclubbrussels.org

A Guided Visit to the Exhibition *Paul Delvaux Unveiled*



Join us on Saturday, December 20, for a guided visit of the marvelous exhibition, *Paul Delvaux Unveiled*.

The Museum of Ixelles presents the carefree and sensitive world of the famous Belgian master, Paul Delvaux. A non-conformist and original exhibition, *Paul Delvaux Unveiled* revisits the work of the artist by highlighting six omnipresent pictorial themes of femininity, mystery, dreams, escapism, loneliness and theatricality.

Under close scrutiny from the keen eyes of curators, art historians, art critics and collectors, the unique approach of such themes reveals a richness, depth and poetic force in the work of Paul Delvaux.

Please note that this visit is limited to 15 people and is a Members Priority Event.

Event Details:

Date: Saturday, December 20, 2014

Time: 2:45 p.m.

Place: Musée d'Ixelles, rue Jean Van Volsem 71, 1050 Brussels

Price: €15 for members, €25 for non-members.

Public Transportation: Bus 54: Fernand Cocq; Bus 71: Van Volsem; Buses 38 & 60: Malibrán; Bus 95: Blyckaerts; Trams 81 & 83: Flagey.

Sign up: Reservations are due by noon on Wednesday, December 17, online at www.americanclubbrussels.org, by email (info@americanclubbrussels.org), or by telephone to the ACB Office Manager (0476/996.870). Non-members will be accepted after December 10 on a "space available" basis. Payment to ACB at BE55427919588144 (KREDBEBB) will confirm your reservation. Be sure to mention "Delvaux" in the communications section of the *virement*. Cancellations are possible until noon on Wednesday, December 17. Participants canceling after this time, as well as no-shows, are charged the full cost of the event.

Santa Claus at the Hard Rock Café



**SANTA CLAUS IS COMING TO TOWN
FOR YOUR LIL' ROCKERS!**
Sunday 21st December • 9am until 11:00am
Come with your family and enjoy a full breakfast buffet
Storytime with Santa • Presents from Santa
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A Unique Visit to Maasmechelen Village



Are you a shopaholic? Looking for outstanding items at discount prices? If so, then do join us on Saturday, January 10, for a very special event at Maasmechelen Village.

Discerning shoppers have discovered that this is the place to find leading designer labels at exceptional prices. Maasmechelen Village is home to more than 100 luxurious boutiques offering leading local and international brands at reduced prices all year round. Shopping is a real pleasure here thanks to the spacious 21st-century village-style setting that lends itself to a relaxed and stress-free atmosphere.

Maasmechelen Village is one of the ACB's most recent corporate members and is offering an outstanding event for our members. Chauffeured transportation to and from Maasmechelen Village will be provided. Upon arrival, we will be met by a hostess who will accompany us to a private VIP lounge, where welcome drinks, champagne and lunch will be waiting for us. We will receive a short explanation about the January sales and a Boutique Directory. After a day of shopping, the chauffeur will drive us back to Brussels at 5:30 p.m.

Please note that this visit is limited to 30 people and is a Members Priority Event.

Event Details:

Date: Saturday, January 10, 2015

Time: 10:00 a.m.

Place: Renaissance Brussels Hotel, rue du Parnasse 19, 1050 Brussels

Price: free for members. €10 for non-members.

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

Sign up: Reservations are due by noon on Friday, January 2, online at www.americanclubbrussels.org, by email (info@americanclubbrussels.org), or by telephone to the ACB Office Manager (0476/996.870). Non-members will be accepted after December 15 on a "space available" basis. Payment to ACB at BE55427919588144 (KREDBEBB) will confirm your reservation. Be sure to mention "Maasmechelen" in the communications section of the *virement*. Cancellations are possible until noon on Friday, January 2. Participants canceling after this time, as well as no-shows, are charged the full cost of the event.

Final Friday Cocktails

Friday, January 30

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)**

Extend the glow of holiday cheer and sharing with friends. Come to the American Club's January Final Friday on January 30. Ring in 2015 a second time with fellow club members and guests from other organizations: [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.

Super Bowl XLIX 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 or any other reason that you watch this game.

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 1, 2015

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 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 (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 30. Participants canceling after this time, as well as no-shows, are charged the full cost of the event.

This is What You Missed!

Halloween Party (with AmCham Belgium) – October 31, 2014



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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.

