



News & Events

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The American Club of Brussels is one of the oldest American clubs in Europe. An international club with an American heart, it was founded in 1921 to foster Belgian-American relations.

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Editorial



Dear American Club Members and Friends,

Your *News and Events* this month has been revamped to provide you with the news you want and need in the most convenient way possible.

By including only the basic information and a photo for the various events in our e-mail to you, we have cut down on the space we take in your mail box. You will no longer need to scroll through all the articles to find information that interests you.

If you want to read one of the articles in its entirety, just click on the link and you will be taken to the ACB website where you can read the full article at your leisure.








Please note that we have included in this e-mail the member benefits offered by our corporate members; you will find this information below the respective corporate logo.

We hope this step into the digital future will meet with your full approval. Please give us your feed-back on this new format at info@americanclubbrussels.org. We are eager to find out how the new configuration works for you.

Best wishes for a successful rentrée,

The Board of Governors
The American Club of Brussels

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	<p>Antwerp Expat Night</p> <p>Tuesday, September 15 – 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>Event details</p>
	<p>Dine-Out at Le Santouri</p> <p>Thursday, September 17 – 7:30 p.m.</p> <p>Event details</p>
	<p>Final Friday Cocktails</p> <p>Friday, September 25 – 6:30 to 9:00 p.m.</p> <p>Event details</p>
	<p>Visit to van Buuren Museum</p> <p>Sunday, September 27 – 2:00 p.m.</p> <p>Event details</p>
	<p>"Grease" Kickoff</p> <p>Wednesday, October 7 – 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>Event Details</p>
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Halloween Party

Friday, October 30 – 6:30 to 9:00 p.m.

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Other Dates to Remember



- November 26 – Annual Thanksgiving Dinner
- December 18 – Christmas Cocktail at KBC’s Grand-Place Offices
- January 23, 2016 – ACB 95th Anniversary Gala Dinner

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Corporate Profile



Mir Taxes

Mir Taxes is a financial services firm dedicating to assisting expats from the USA and led by a professional and career accountant with numerous years of experience and education. The firm is ready to assist you in remaining compliant with the US government while living abroad. In other words, Mir Taxes will help you achieve ease of mind and avoid problems while you enjoy living in a different culture.

Mir Taxes will provide consultations on any US-related tax questions concerning declaration reporting, forms, and where your income may be taxable. Every case is different so every question is welcomed as another opportunity to assist the US expat community. The fees are competitive and reasonable and offer flat fees depending on your filing requirements. You can also receive consultations on other accounting concerns and financial services. Financial services recommendations will be provided by partnered firms on retirement planning, monetary foreign exchange needs, and smart investments.

Mir Taxes is a global firm with an outreach to all of Europe and throughout globally. Inquiries are welcomed through questions and concerns via email or telephone.

Visit their website <http://mirtaxes.com/contact.html>.




Mission Statement

The mission of Mir Taxes is to ensure that the clients accomplish their financial goals of tax and financial planning with peace of mind. The objectives are to provide the clients professional services in completing their tax preparation reporting requirements and ensuring compliance with US laws and regulations. We also strive to ensure our clients are aware of financial tools that will lead them to meeting their other future economic goals.

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Special ACB member benefits are listed below each company logo.

				
		Sponsor of major ACB events	Sponsor of major ACB events	One free initial consultation (1 hour)
				
		Sponsor of major ACB events		
				
				One free initial consultation (½ hour)
				
Free account with no transaction charges		10% discount for ACB members		

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Final Friday Cocktails

Friday, 28 August, 2015

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



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

The American Club of Brussels is happy to welcome friends from other American clubs and associations. 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

Although no reservation is required, you can register.
It will take less than a minute and
there are no strings attached.
We will then keep you informed about future ACB events.

The Antwerp Expat Welcome Party September 15, 2015 – 6:30 pm



Click [here](#) for full-size view

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 10, 2015.

**Voka – Chamber of Commerce
and Industry Antwerp-Waasland
Markgravestraat 12, 2000 Antwerp**

(Public Parking: Van Dijck, Eikenstraat 9, 2000 Antwerp)

Exclusively for CEOs, HRD & HRM, Corporate Mobility Managers and newly-arrived and resident expatriates.
(Others wanting to attend will be charged €50/p.p.)

Dine-Out at Le Santouri



Join us on Thursday, September 17, for a scrumptious Greek dinner at the Restaurant Le Santouri, just off of the Grand Sablon. The menu will include the following.

Apéritif

A *mezze* for two persons

An assortment of grilled meats

An assortment of pastries

½ bottle of wine,
coffee or tea and water

Please note that this event is limited to a maximum of 30 people.

Event Details:

Place: Restaurant Le Santouri, rue de Rollebeek 30, 1000 Brussels. Tel.: 02/512.65.00

Public Transportation: Trams 92 and 93, Buses 27, 48, 95 (Grand Sablon)

Date: Thursday, September 17, 2015

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Price:

- Members: €43 per person.
- Non-Members: €48 per person.

Sign up: Reservations are due by noon on Monday, September 14, 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 "Greek Dine-Out" in the communications section of the *virement*.

Cancellations are possible until noon on Monday, September 14. Participants canceling after this time, as well as no-shows, are charged the full cost of the event.

Final Friday Cocktails

Friday, September 25, 2015

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



**Sofitel Brussels Le Louise & Sofitel Brussels Europe
Avenue de la Toison d'Or, 40
1050 Brussels**

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A Guided Visit to the van Buuren Museum



Join us on Sunday, September 27, for a guided visit of the van Buuren Museum in Uccle.

The **Museum David and Alice van Buuren** is a private house built from 1924 to 1928 for banker and art collector David van Buuren and his wife Alice. The house was decorated by David and Alice as a total work of art to present their art collection in a rich Art Deco interior. The house is surrounded by gardens designed by [Jules Buysens](#) in 1925 and [René Pechère](#) in 1968 and 1970. The house was declared a National Heritage site in 2001. The private house became a museum in 1975 according to the testament of Alice van Buuren.

David van Buuren (1886-1955) was born into a Jewish family in Gouda, The Netherlands. He settled in Brussels in 1909 to become an important private banker. He married the Belgian Alice Piette (1890-1973) in 1922. David van Buuren asked his nephew Johan Franco, an architect, to start working on the plan of his future house in Brussels. From 1924-1928 the van Buurens commissioned the Belgian architects [Léon Govaerts](#) and [Alexis Van Vaerenbergh](#) to build their house on Avenue Léo Errera following Franco's sketches. The outdoor architecture is typical of the Amsterdam School, while its Art Deco interior was decorated by Belgian, French and Dutch designers with rare furniture, carpets and stained-glass windows.

David van Buuren decorated his house with paintings from [James Ensor](#), [Joachim Patinir](#), [Pieter Bruegel the Elder](#), [Hercules Seghers](#), [Pieter Jansz Saenredam](#), [Tsuguharu Foujita](#), [Kees van Dongen](#), [Vincent van Gogh](#), [Henri Fantin-Latour](#), [Rik Wouters](#), [Gustave De Smet](#), [Xavier Mellery](#) and [Constant Permeke](#). David was the patron of Belgian expressionist painter [Gustave van de Woestijne](#). Van Buuren's collections consists of 32 paintings by Van de Woestijne.

The gardens are an extension of the house. They are divided in three parts: the first one is "*Picturesque Garden*" designed by the landscape architect [Jules Buysens](#) in 1924 that recalls the spirit of the "roaring twenties" and represents the geometrical ideas of the Art Deco. The second one, the "*Labyrinth*", is inspired by the Song of Salomon and decorated with seven sculptures by the Belgian sculptor [André Willequet](#) in 1968. The third one, "*Garden of the Hearts*" was designed by Belgian landscape designer [René Pechère](#) in 1970 and brings a touch of romanticism to the park.

Our guide will once again be the excellent Lieve De Jonghe.

Please note that this visit is limited to 20 people.

Event Details:

Date: Sunday, September 27, 2015

Time: 2:00 p.m.

Place: Van Buuren Museum, Avenue Léo Errera 41, 1180 Brussels

Price: €15 for members, €20 for non-members.

Public Transportation: Buses 38, 60: Cavell; Trams 3, 4, and 7: Churchill

Sign up: Reservations are due by noon on Wednesday, September 23, 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 "van Buuren" in the communications section of the *virement*.

Cancellations are possible until noon on Wednesday, September 23. Participants canceling after this time, as well as no-shows, are charged the full cost of the event.

Spend an Evening with John Travolta



Calling all greasers and paper shakers! Don't be a wet rag. Join us at the Sofitel Le Louise for our "Grease Kickoff" event!

To get ready for [the big ACB "Grease" event](#) on October 17, we'll be screening the classic movie "Grease" in the Sofitel Le Louise's intimate Crystal Lounge Theatre on October 7.

The Crystal Lounge is truly an institution in Brussels. The decor marries minimalist design and contemporary furniture with hand-cut crystal decanters by glassmaker Val Saint Lambert.

Brush up on the "Grease" soundtrack while enjoying dinner by the award-winning chef Adwin Fontein and relaxing in the lounge's comfy leather seats. What better location for a private movie screening?

Space is extremely limited so sign up now!

Event Details:

Date: Wednesday, October 7, 2015

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Place: Sofitel Brussels Le Louise, Avenue de la Toison d'Or 40, 1050 Brussels

Price: €45 – includes a hamburger, fries, a beer or wine or soft drink, a brownie, and a private screening of "Grease" in the Crystal Lounge Theatre

Public Transportation: Tram lines 92, 93, 94, 97: Louise; Bus 54, 71: Matongé; Metro 2, 6: Louise

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Cancellations are possible until noon on Monday, October 5. Participants canceling after this time, as well as no-shows, are charged the full cost of the event.

"Grease" Party



The American Club of Brussels invites you to come celebrate the 1950's at our "Grease" Party - based on the 1978 movie, "Grease," one of the most successful movie musicals of all time! This is the first of three events marking the ACB's 95 anniversary and will be followed by a Christmas Cocktail on December 18 at KBC on the Grand Place and a gala dinner dance on January 23.

On Saturday, October 17, the ballroom of the Renaissance Hotel will be transformed into Rydell High School. The doors open at 7:00 p.m. and there will be entertainment during the aperitif. From 8:00 to 9:30 p.m., there will be food stands serving hamburgers, hotdogs, pizza, and french fries. From 9:30 p.m. onwards, popcorn, nachos with melted cheese, brownies and cookies will be served. Guests will receive two tokens for beer or wine. Additional beer or wine can be purchased at the cash bar at Final Friday prices. Soft drinks, water and fruit juices will be available free of charge all evening.

A DJ will provide music from the period (and, of course, the film), so get out your dancing shoes and be ready to rock 'n roll! We will have the Pink Ladies and cheerleaders as well.

Period dress is encouraged, so get creative! There will be a prize awarded at 8:30 p.m. for the best female and best male outfit. And, if you haven't seen or don't remember "Grease," there's still time to see it again for inspiration.

With lots of young professionals present thanks to our collaboration with other international clubs here in Brussels, this will be an ideal opportunity to meet new people in a fun way!

In the event you would like to spend the night in Brussels, the Renaissance is offering a special rate that includes a full American breakfast buffet. The price for a single room is €109 and a double is €129. The city tax of €7.58 is not included in the above prices.

This is a great way to kick off the ACB's 95 anniversary in style. Everyone is welcome; feel free to bring a friend or two.

Event Details:

Date: Saturday, October 17, 2015

Time: 7:00 p.m. to midnight.

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

Price: €45 for members, €50 for non-members. This is a members-priority event and non-members may sign up as of October 1.

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

Sign up: Reservations are due by noon on Wednesday, October 14, 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 "Grease" in the communications section of the *virement*.

Cancellations are possible until noon on Wednesday, October 14. Participants canceling after this time, as well as no-shows, are charged the full cost of the event.

Halloween Party



The American Club of Brussels and AmCham Belgium invite you to come celebrate Halloween at the Renaissance 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 costumes.

With lots of young professionals present, thanks to our collaboration with other international clubs here in Brussels, this will be an ideal opportunity to meet new people in a fun way!

This event will be a great way to celebrate Halloween in style. Everyone is welcome; feel free to bring a friend or two.

Event Details:

Date: Friday, October 30, 2015

Time: 6:30 - 9 p.m.

Place: Renaissance 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

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