



The American Club of Brussels

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An International Club with an American Heart

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Marcia Doyle Elected American Club President

Marcia Doyle was recently elected president of the American Club of Brussels for the year 2013 at the Board of Directors' Annual Election Lunch Meeting held on December 17. Marcia has already served as president of the club from 2005 to 2007 and has been on the Board as treasurer since her tenure as president ended.

She moved to Belgium in February 1992 and is Partner in charge of the US tax group of Deloitte based in Belgium. Deloitte is a long time corporate member of the Club. Marcia is actively involved in the American/Belgian community through the ACB, the American Chamber and US Embassy activities. " I look forward to working with the Board this upcoming year in continuing to look at ways the Club can be the 'go to' Club for the international community in Belgium – this is a volunteer club and we need everyone to participate," she stated upon her election.

The Executive Committee will be as follows: Marcia Doyle, President and Treasurer; John Stuyck, 1st VP; Margaret Nicholson, VP; Jo Ann Broger, VP; Robert Rogers, VP; Katherine Woodcock, Secretary; Nick Klenske, VP; and Caroline Moens, VP.

At the meeting sincere thanks was voiced to Past President Margaret Nicholson for her successful three year term as president. Mieke Vispoel, the Club's Office Manager, was also cited for her ongoing support. The Board took leave from two departing members, Nancy Kapstein and William Strickland, and thanked them for their contributions. Nancy will continue to work with ACAB (American Clubs and Associations in Belgium) and we hope for her continued involvement in the Club. Inez Schreiden and Michael Dunhill have also reached the end of their tenure on the Board but have agreed to stay actively involved in Board matters.

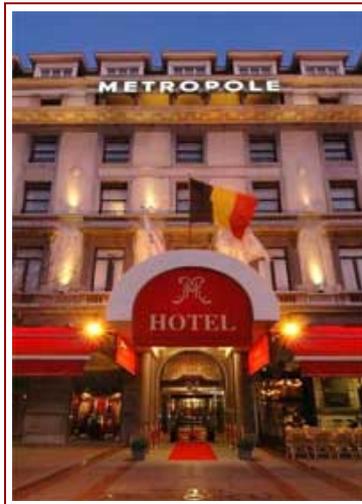
Dates to Remember

- Friday, January 25: Final Friday Cocktails
- Thursday, February 7: A Taste of Chinese Culture - Presentation Shen Yun Performing Arts
- February 10: Guided visit to the Dossin Barracks Memorial, Museum and Documentation Center on the Holocaust and Human Rights in Mechelen, followed by a no-host lunch
- February 20: Italian wine-tasting dinner
- February 22: Final Friday at the Renaissance Hotel
- February 24: Guided visit to Isabelle de Brochgrave's exhibit "Fortuny"
- Feb. 26: Dine-out at the Troisième Acte
- March 6: Tax Seminar organized by Deloitte
- March 16: St. Patrick's Day Ball, with the Irish Club
- March 21 or 22: Guided visit of the Brussels Parliament
- March 24: Skeet-shooting afternoon
- May 11: Guided visit to the art collections of Katoen-Natie in Antwerp
- July 2: Annual Ommegang dinner at La Maison du Cygne

Final Friday Cocktails

Friday, January 25, 2013

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



Metropole Hotel
(ground floor near the bar)
Place De Brouckère 31
1000 Brussels

Come join us for the first Final Friday to see old friends after the holidays and to meet up with newcomers.

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

No reservation is required. Bring a guest or two.

A Taste of Chinese Culture



On Thursday, February 7, a representative of the **Shen Yun Performing Arts** will give a presentation on this world famous dance company. Shen Yun revives 5,000 years of Chinese culture on stage. Traditional values like purity, beauty and virtue come back to life during a two-hour program of classical Chinese music and dance. Join us for an hour of fascinating entertainment.

Event Details

Date: Thursday, February 7

Time: 6:30 p.m.

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

Price: €20 for ACB and AWCB members; €25 for non-members.

Sign up: Reservations are due by noon on Friday, February 1 by email

(info@americanclubbrussels.org), online at 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 "Shen Yun" in the communications section of the *virement*. Cancellations are possible until noon on Friday, February 1. Participants canceling after this time, as well as no-shows, are charged the full cost of the event.

A Guided Visit to Dossin Barracks



Join us on Sunday, February 10th , for a guided visit to the Dossin Barracks Memorial and Museum in Mechelen. The Dossin Barracks is a unique place for remembrance in Belgium. As an “SS Sammellager Mechelen” it was literally the antechamber of death for more than 25,000 Jews and gypsies during World War II. This brand-new museum was built in order to explain the historic significance of this location to current and future generations and to visualize themes such as racism, exclusion and human rights. This combination of human rights and the history of the Holocaust in Belgium makes the Dossin Barracks Memorial and Museum an unparalleled monument.

The guided tour will be followed by an optional no-host lunch at the Atrium restaurant (Onder den Toren 9 in Mechelen, near the Grote Markt).

MENU

Witlof-asperagusvélouté
Mechelse koekoekfilet (special chicken from Mechelen)
with a Carolus sauce (made with Carolus beer from Mechelen),
and served with potatoes (dauphine)
Chocolate dessert

The price of this typical Mechelen menu is €16. Drinks extra.

Please note that this visit is limited to 25 people.

When registering, please mention “Barracks” or “Barracks and Lunch” on the *virement*.

Event Details

Date: Sunday, February 10, 2013

Time: 10 a.m. to noon with the optional lunch at 12:30

Place: Dossin Barracks, Goswin de Stassartstraat 153, 2800 Mechelen

Price:

Visit: €20 for ACB and AWCB members, €25 for non-members

Lunch will be paid by participants at the restaurant.

Sign up: Reservations are due by noon on Wednesday, February 6 by email

(info@americanclubbrussels.org), online at 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 “Barracks” in the communications section of the *virement*. Cancellations are possible until noon on Wednesday, February 6. Participants canceling after this time, as well as no-shows, are charged the full cost of the event.

An Italian Wine-Tasting Dinner



Join us for an outstanding wine-tasting dinner, organized by ACB member Pinto Billen, a specialist in Italian and Spanish wines. The event will be held on Wednesday, February 20, at 7:30 p.m. at the restaurant Britxos, one of Brussels' newest and hottest restos, which we will have all to ourselves. Alessandro Gricciolli de la Tenuta de Montechiaro from Siena will present a series of wines from Tuscany. Four wines will be presented as follows:

- A white wine, *Arteliquida 2010*, accompanied by a grilled polenta cake with pecorino, salsa di tartufo and porcini mushrooms
- A red wine, *Saltimbanco 2011*, accompanied by an antipasto of grilled vegetables served with Buffalo mozzarella
- A red wine, *Primium 2009*, served with a special pasta with wild boar (a Tuscan speciality)
- A red wine, *Arteliquida 2010*, accompanied by Tuscan bread and selected cured meats and followed by a Tuscan cake

For those interested in purchasing wines, there will be a 15% discount for ACB members, as follows:

Saltimbanco: €12 -15% =	€10.20
Primium: €25 -15% =	€21.25
Arteliquida white: €25 -15% =	€21.25
Arteliquida red: €33 -15% =	€28.05

Event Details

Date: Wednesday, February 20

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Place: Britxos, rue de Savoie 13, 1060 Brussels

Price: €35 for ACB and AWCB members; €40 for non-members. Note that additional wine and drinks are extra

Sign up: Reservations are due by noon on Friday, February 15 by email (info@americanclubbrussels.org), online at 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 "wine-tasting" in the communications section of the *virement*. Cancellations are possible until noon on Friday, February 15. Participants canceling after this time, as well as no-shows, are charged the full cost of the event.

Final Friday Cocktails

Friday, February 22

6:30 to 9:00 PM

Renaissance Brussels Hotel

(ground floor near the bar)

Rue du Parnasse 19

1050 Brussels (Ixelles)

(walking distance from Place du Luxembourg)

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

No reservation is required. Bring a guest or two.

"Fortuny" by Isabelle de Borchgrave: A World of Paper



After already having been seen by over 300,000 visitors in Venice, Lyon, and San Francisco, the exhibition "Mariano Fortuny" is finally on display in Brussels. For this exhibition, Isabelle de Borchgrave has fashioned over eighty paper creations entirely by hand: clothes, accessories, and trompe l'oeil, creating an intriguing journey into the world of Mariano Fortuny. The exhibition is playful, dreamlike and colorful. Children are welcome and will receive special treatment, including a travel log to complete during their excursion through the exhibit.

Please note that this visit is limited to 20 people.

Event Details

Date: Sunday, February 24

Time: 3 p.m.

Place: Atelier Isabelle de Borchgrave, 73A Chaussée de Vleurgat, 1050 Brussels

Price: €15 for ACB and AWCB members; €20 for non-members. Children aged 1-5 are free, children 6-14: €12.

Sign up: Reservations are due by noon on Wednesday, February 20 by email (info@americanclubbrussels.org), online at 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 "Fortuny" in the communications section of the *virement*. Cancellations are possible until noon on Wednesday, February 20. Participants canceling after this time, as well as no-shows, are charged the full cost of the event.

Dine-Out at Le Troisième Acte



Join us for an evening of fine fellowship and great food on Tuesday, February 26 at 7:30 p.m. at Le Troisième Acte, a sophisticated restaurant in the Sablon area.

The design of the restaurant is a classic mix of relaxed and smart, with exposed red brick walls, wooden floors, authentic railway carriage benches, tables from another century, and original art in old gilt frames. The owners-chefs and their culinary team concoct some truly creative gastronomic delights, many with a Mediterranean touch, but also with excursions and explorations into other continents.

The atmosphere is superb, the food delicious – a great way to start off the ACB's Dine-Outs for 2013.

MENU

Apéritif offered by the restaurant

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Starters

*Les ravioles de homard en soupière bisquée
et petits légumes*

or

*La trilogie de croquettes Maison
"crevettes grises, parmesan et truffe noire"*

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Main dishes

*Le Coeur de cabillaud à l'Ostendaise, sauce vin blanc,
fondue de poireaux et purée de pommes de terre*

or

*La tagliatta de boeuf à l'italienne "filet mignon grillé",
roquette, parmesan, sauce périgourdine, pommes diamant*

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Desserts

Le fondant au chocolat, crème anglaise

or

La crème brûlée à la vanille de Madagascar

**Le Troisième Acte
Rue Charles Hanssens 6
1000 Brussels**

The price for the dine-out is €35 for ACB and AWCB members and €45 for non-members, not including beverages. **Please indicate your choice of dishes when you reserve.**

Reservations are due by noon on Friday, February 22, online at www.americanclubbrussels.org, by email (info@americanclubbrussels.org), or by telephone to the ACB Office Manager (02.219.58.08). Payment to ACB at BE55427919588144 will confirm your reservation. Be sure to mention "dine-out" in the communications section of the *virement*. Note that cancellations are possible until noon on Friday, February 22. Participants canceling after this time, as well as no-shows, are charged the full cost of the event.



Deloitte U.S. Tax Seminar

As a U.S. citizen or Green Card holder, you have a U.S. tax filing obligation to declare your worldwide income each year. However, the U.S. Tax Code can be difficult to navigate – even more so now with the newly enacted tax legislation. We can help. Join us at Deloitte's tax seminar and get the answers to all of your U.S. tax questions. A team of Deloitte experts will provide an update on the latest U.S. tax changes, discuss the international tax implications while overseas and tax planning strategies, and set you on the right path to U.S. tax compliance.

Topics to be covered during the seminar include:

- Income tax updates;
- Estate tax;
- New reporting requirements for foreign financial assets;
- Increased focus on Passive Foreign Investment Companies and Foreign Trusts.

Event Details

Date: Wednesday, March 6

Time: 5:30 p.m. registration, Seminar - 6:00 to 7:30 p.m., followed by Q&A and cocktails

Place: Deloitte, Berkenlaan 8A (Grand Place Room), 1831 Diegem

Price: €10 for ACB and AWCB members; €15 for non-members

Sign up: Reservations are due by end of business day on Friday, March 1 by email (info@americanclubbrussels.org), online at www.americanclubbrussels.org, or by telephone to the ACB Office Manager (02/219.58.08). Payment to ACB at BE55 4279 1958 8144 (BIC/SWIFT: KREDBEBB) will confirm your reservation. Be sure to mention "Tax Seminar" in the communications section of the *virement*. Note that cancellations are possible until noon on Monday, March 4. Participants canceling after this time, as well as no-shows, are charged the full cost of the event.

St. Patrick's Day Ball

Fancy a five-star dinner, a spectacular Riverdance-style performance, and a whirl around the dance floor? Join the Irish Club of Belgium at their annual St.-Patrick's Day Ball, this year to be held at the Concert Noble on Saturday, March 16.

Members of the American Club of Brussels are welcome to attend this elegant, black-tie event for the advantageous members' price of only €80. To get the reduced price, you must be a fully paid-up member of the ACB and register with our offices, by email (info@americanclubbrussels.org) or by telephone to the ACB Office Manager (02/219.58.08). This offer is not extended to our associate organizations; i.e., alumni groups or the American Women's Club.

This popular event has sold out in previous years, so book early. A table will be reserved for the American Club of Brussels. Join your fellow ACB members for a delightful evening of fun and frolic.

Remember, on St.-Patrick's Day, everyone is Irish!

S^t Patrick's Day Ball

with
DAMHSA

and

D.J. Clutz
16th March 2013
Concert Noble

Online Booking: www.irishclub.be • info@irishclub.be • GSM 0476 71 33 29

ICB Members € 80 • Non-Members € 95
Dress Code is strictly black-tie • Over 18's
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The Irish Club Of Belgium

Event Details

Date: Saturday, March 16

Time: 7:00 p.m. to 4:00 a.m.

Place: Concert Noble, Rue d'Arlon 82, 1000 Brussels

Price: €80 for fully paid-up ACB members; associate organizations do not qualify.

Dress: Black-tie for men (a dark business suit is also acceptable). Formal evening gowns for women.

Sign-up: Before noon on Friday, March 8, at the **ACB office**, by email (info@americanclubbrussels.org) or by telephone to the ACB Office Manager (02/219.58.08).

Payment: **Irish Club of Belgium**, account number ING 310-1486500-61 (IBAN BE62310148650061). Please mention "**ACB ball**" in the communications section of the *virement*.

American Football in the Capital of Europe

When the Brussels Tigers club was founded in 1998, it only counted twenty senior players. Over the past fifteen years, our football team has significantly developed: there are now about two hundred and fifty members from various cultural backgrounds and countries, including the United States. The current structure of the club has little to do with what it used to be: not only do we now train teenagers in a junior section, but also younger players in a cadet and a children section. A mixed flag football section for members of all ages has also been created and our team has the privilege to be encouraged by its own group of cheerleaders.



The Brussels Tigers club won several championships under the supervision of its two head coaches, Alexandre De Coninck and Pascal DeCoo: the last three LFFAB (Ligue Francophone de Football Américain) senior championships, the fifteenth and the twenty-fifth senior editions of the Belgian Bowl (respectively in 2002 and 2012). More recently, the efforts of our juniors have been rewarded with the title of vice-champions of Belgium. To achieve this, the Brussels Tigers have observed the key principles of this sport: discipline, respect and camaraderie.

Our team warmly invites anyone who is interested in American football to join us and participate either as a member or as a spectator. In season, our team practices two times a week, every Wednesday and Friday from 07:30 to 10:00 PM. For more details, please contact Pascal DeCoo (president@brusselstigers.be), visit our website www.brusselstigers.be or feel free to pay us a visit at the following address: Avenue des Anciens Combattants 300, 1140 Evere.

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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 20 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.