



The American Club of Brussels

News & Events

An International Club with an American Heart

May 2013

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Congratulations to the Winner of the First Annual ACB March Madness Pool - Tricia Score!

In addition to Tricia, we have several more winners.
The top three finishers were

1st place – Tricia Score
2nd place – Rob Law
3rd place - Marcia Doyle

In addition to the three cash award winners, we also have free drinks ready for our 4th, 5th and 6th place winners:

4th - Paul Hintz
5th - Lydia Strickland
6th - Jani McLean

Paul, Lydia and Jani will be enjoying a refreshing cocktail of their choice at a Final Friday of their choice!

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

Final Friday Cocktails

Friday, April 26
6:30 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)

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

No reservation is required. Bring a guest or two.

The American Club Wants You

Would you like to have fun, make new contacts and help the Club?

Then become a 'Meet and Greet' host at our monthly Final Friday Cocktails. No experience necessary. Your job definition is to greet attendees and ensure that people feel welcomed and meet other people.

Your club runs on volunteer power; become a volunteer for this essential task.

Contact Brian Dunhill at bdunhill@gmail.com for further information.

A Guided Visit to the Watteau Exhibition



Join us on Saturday, April 27, for a guided visit of the fabulous exhibit, *The Music Lesson*, with works by Antoine Watteau (1684-1721).

Nearly thirty years after the last Antoine Watteau retrospective, BOZAR, in collaboration with the Palais des Beaux-Arts de Lille, is organizing an exhibition of this great early eighteenth century French painter. This will be a unique opportunity to rediscover this master along with some of his contemporaries through a hundred or so works, including paintings, drawings, prints and musical instruments. Thanks to the exceptional curatorship of conductor and musician William Christie, and to contemporary artist Michaël Borremans, the exhibition will highlight the multiple and often timeless facets of Watteau's oeuvre. It will try to convey the echoes between painting and music. More than a monographic exhibition or a musical staging of his work, the Watteau exhibition aims to draw attention to the links connecting the various arts. There is music in Watteau and his contemporaries!

Please note that this visit is limited to 15 people.

Event Details:

Date: Saturday, April 27, 2013

Time: 2:00 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 Thursday, April 25, 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 "Watteau" in the communications section of the *virement*. Cancellations are possible until noon on Wednesday, April 24. Participants canceling after this time, as well as no-shows, are charged the full cost of the event.

Dates to Remember

- April 26: Final Friday, Renaissance Hotel
 - April 27: Watteau Exhibit
 - May 11: Guided visit to the art collections of Katoen-Natie in Antwerp
 - May 22: Lunch Conference on Expatriation and Dual Nationality, with the American Chamber
 - May 25/26: American Overseas Memorial Day Association ceremonies at three Belgian Cemeteries
 - May 31: Final Friday, Metropole Hotel
 - June 2: Kandinsky Exhibition
 - June 11: Bowling, Billiards and Beer
 - July 2: Annual Ommegang dinner at La Maison du Cygne
 - July 6: July 4 celebration with the US Army Garrison and the Embassy
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A Guided Visit to the Private Art Collection of Katoen Natie



Join us for a guided visit to the private art collection of Katoen Natie in Antwerp for an extremely fascinating experience. Here at the company's headquarters, where company strategy is defined and huge investments planned, you will find a breathtaking art collection. You will discover how entrepreneurship, corporate culture, art and architecture come together in an "art of living and being." The tour covers the various Katoen Natie collections: the Cobra movement; arts from Latin America; contemporary art; contemporary Flemish artists; Belgian modern art; and 3,500 years of textile art.

We will start our visit with lunch in the spectacular private restaurant of Katoen Natie.

MENU

Aperitif of Cava

Medallion of veal stuffed with bacon and nuts,
mashed potatoes and spinach

Red or white wine

Coffee and *mignardises*

This is a stunning visit that you won't want to miss!

Please note that this visit is limited to 20 people.

Event Details:

Date: Saturday, May 11, 2013

Time: Aperitif at 12:15 p.m.; lunch at 12:30 p.m.

Place: Katoen Natie, Van Aerdtstraat 33, 2060 Antwerpen

Price: €45 for members, €55 for non-members.

Sign up: Reservations are due by noon on Wednesday, May 8, 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 "Katoen Natie" in the communications section of the *virement*. Cancellations are possible until noon on Wednesday, May 8. Participants canceling after this time, as well as no-shows, are charged the full cost of the event.

America: Love It, Leave It or Share your Loyalty: US Expatriation Law and Dual Nationality



Are you a part of the growing number of American citizens or dual nationals considering expatriation?

If so, don't miss this lunch conference featuring US immigration and nationality lawyer Richard S. Goldstein, Senior Partner, Law Offices of Richard S. Goldstein. Mr. Goldstein will draw on his more than 30 years of experience in dealing with expatriation and US visa and consular issues to explain the policies and procedures associated with renouncing your American passport.

Mr. Goldstein will discuss the following issues: US expatriation policy and procedures with an emphasis on current adjudication standards and issues related to expatriates; the various reasons people choose to expatriate; differences in scheduling expatriation interviews and general adjudication issues at different US Embassies and Consulates; the right to counsel during the expatriation process; and the consequences of expatriation in terms of future travel to the United States.

This is a joint event with the American Chamber of Commerce in Belgium.

Event Details:

Date: Thursday, May 22, 2013; 12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Program: 12:00 p.m. – 12:15 p.m.: Welcome cocktail and registration; 12:15 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.: Lunch; 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.: Presentation and Q and A

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

Price: €50 for members, €100 for non-members.

Public Transportation: Metro: Trone; buses 27, 34, 38, 80 and 92: Luxembourg.

Sign up: Reservations are due by noon on Friday, May 17, with AmCham Belgium: either by [e-mail](#) or [online](#) (AmCham website: www.amcham.be). Cancellations are possible until close of business on Monday, May 20. Participants canceling after this time, as well as no-shows, will be charged the full cost of the event.

Memorial Day... Why Should We Remember Them?



American Memorial Day is here again, with events planned for the weekend of May 25 and 26. For Americans living in the United States, Memorial Day is a day off from work, with family picnics, and unbeatable sales. However, when you reside in Belgium, it is the once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for your family to experience what Memorial Day is all about.

Commemorations of America's commitment to guarantee freedom for the U.S., her friends and allies have been held each Memorial Day weekend in Belgium since 1923. One meaningful role Americans play during their years here is taking part in these ceremonies. If you haven't done so already, don't miss this opportunity. Attending a Memorial Day ceremony is a chance to reflect upon the freedom we enjoy today, paid for in the 20th century by over 345,000 brave American men and women who died during World Wars I and II. Over 14,000 American servicemen are buried in Belgium in three American military cemeteries.

United States Military Representatives and senior Belgian politicians offer their tributes. The U.S. Air Force performs a fly-by tribute to the fallen. Belgian schoolchildren sing both The Star Spangled Banner and the Belgian national anthem, and deliver special poetic tributes at some cemeteries. The uplifting and dignified ceremonies help us to recall the self-evident truths that are the foundation of America itself, "...that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness."

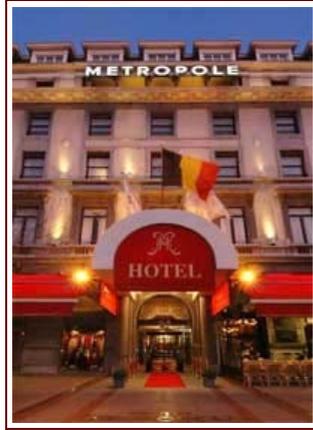
Everyone is invited to attend the Memorial Day ceremonies in grateful remembrance. You can also help to honor these brave soldiers and airmen by making a contribution to the AOMDA Foundation [ING account 310-1202144-12]. A volunteer, non-profit organization supported solely by private donations, all money is used to ensure that the sacrifices of yesterday will never be forgotten, with special emphasis paid to youth outreach programs that perpetuate remembrance and understanding among future generations.

For directions and additional information: www.aomda.org.

Final Friday Cocktails

Friday, May 31, 2013

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



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

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 Guided Visit to the Kandinsky Exhibition



Join us on Sunday, June 2, for a guided visit to the marvelous exhibit "Kandinsky and Russia." You will discover a large exhibition showcasing the work of Vassily Kandinsky, regarded as being the father of abstract art. One hundred and thirty art pieces from several major Russian museums, such as the State Museum in Saint Petersburg, will plunge visitors back to the most crucial period of Kandinsky's career: 1901-1922.

Kandinsky, one of the most important artists of the 20th century, owes his fame to his first abstract piece Picture with a Circle, painted in 1911, which sent shockwaves through the world

of art and changed it forever. The Russian artist had created a style of painting in which colorful gestures transform the artwork into a narrative which combines myth and fantasy, sensations and observation, literature and music.

A century later, the Russian maestro's paintings remain modern and relevant. The exhibition aims to show the significance of this staggering upheaval in its Russian context.

Please note that this visit is limited to 15 people.

Event Details:

Date: Sunday, June 2, 2013

Time: 4:00 p.m.

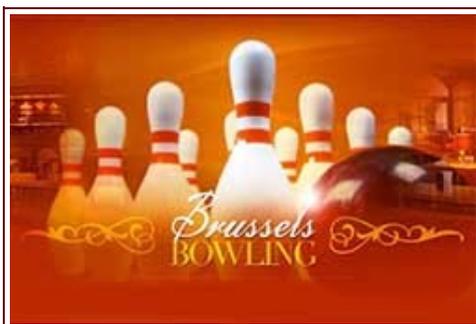
Place: Royal Museum of Fine Arts, Place Royale 3, 1000 Brussels (Gresham entrance)

Price: €25 for members, €35 for non-members.

Public Transportation: Metro: Gare Centrale/Centraal Station or Parc/Park; buses 27, 38 and 71: Royale; Trams: 92 or 94: Royale

Sign up: Reservations are due by noon on Wednesday, May 29, 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 "Kandinsky" in the communications section of the virement. Cancellations are possible until noon on Wednesday, May 29. Participants canceling after this time, as well as no-shows, are charged the full cost of the event.

Bowling, Billiards and Beer



Come join us on Tuesday, June 11, for a night of bowling and billiards in our favorite American themed hall. Even if you won't be joining the activities, come enjoy a drink with us. For €20, you will receive shoes, two games of bowling and nibbling food. If you just want to come enjoy the food and the ambiance the cost will be €10. (Please note that billiards and beer are at your own expense).

Event Details:

Date: Tuesday, June 11, 2013

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Place: Brussels Bowling, Avenue des Saisons 92C, 1050 Brussels

Price: for bowling, €20 for members: without bowling, €10 for members

Public Transportation: Bus 95: Etterbeek; Bus 71: Jeanne Tram 94: Jeanne; Tram 7: Etterbeek Tram 25: Etterbeek: Metro 5: Delta

Sign up: Reservations are due by noon on Friday, June 7, 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 "Bowling" in the communications section of the virement. Cancellations are possible until noon on Friday, June 7. Participants canceling after this time, as well as no-shows, are charged the full cost of the event.

Introducing McGUIREWOODS Brussels

This is the sixth in a series of articles highlighting the ACB's corporate members. McGuireWoods, a corporate member for many years, is a faithful supporter of the Club's events and its lawyers have served on the ACB's board of directors for over 10 years. The current board member is Timothy Speelman.

McGuireWoods LLP has more than 900 lawyers in 19 strategically located offices, including London and Brussels. In Brussels, it has over 10 lawyers fluent in two or more languages, including English, French, and Dutch. McGuireWoods Brussels has been serving clients in Belgium and internationally for more than 20 years. Their lawyers deal with all aspects of EU competition/antitrust law, as well as internal market law, including free movement of goods, personal data protection, environmental regulation, and public procurement law. The Brussels office is committed to McGuireWoods' core value of service and the lawyers and staff provide pro bono services for many who would otherwise be unable to afford legal representation.

The office has specific depth of experience in a range of practice areas for corporate clients in Belgium and beyond, including mergers and acquisitions, general corporate services, commercial and supply-chain contracts, dispute resolution, corporate finance, private equity and venture capital, intellectual property, real estate, construction and real estate finance. It has a significant reputation in mining, in particular from their work with metal mining companies in francophone Central and Western Africa. The office's clients come from a range of sectors, in particular, high-tech, real estate, mining, various manufacturing industries, distribution, banking, media and entertainment, gaming and gambling, information and communications technology, aviation services and sports.

In recent years, McGuireWoods' Brussels office has increased its visibility and activities in the Belgian and European markets. The firm serves Belgian-owned and foreign-owned Belgian companies, as well as foreign companies active in Belgium, Western Europe and Africa. Outside of Belgium and Western Europe, it also has clients in North America (Canada and the United States), Eastern Europe (primarily Bulgaria, Poland and Romania), and Asia (Japan and Kazakhstan).

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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.