



# 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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## In Memoriam



The Board of Governors of the American Club of Brussels would like to extend their sincere sympathy to the family and friends of Stephanie and Justin Shults who perished at Zaventem Airport during the horrendous attacks Brussels suffered on March 22.

Stephanie and Justin were a lovely couple from Tennessee who took an active part in the Club's life for the past year. Many of our members will remember them from Final Fridays, Bowling and the Thanksgiving Dinner.

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### Final Friday Drinks

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Sunday, April 30 – 1:45 p.m.

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**Lunch at Manhattn's**

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Friday, May 27 – 6:30-9:00 p.m.

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## Member News



### Do you want to know a secret? Wendy has 10 of them for you!

Still feel like you don't know Brussels very well? Or maybe you've got family or friends coming to town and you're out of ideas for activities to do with them?

Join Wendy on **Sunday, May 29<sup>th</sup>** for a **Wondrous Wander** through the historic center of Brussels to discover hidden gems on a storytelling walk to unveil '**10 Secrets Even the Belgians Don't Know About Brussels!**'



©Wendy Deyell, Wondrous Wanders

***"I rediscovered my own city by diving into its history. We may travel extensively but we don't know very much about the city we come from."*** – Danielle (Belgian Brussels resident)

It's like a 'show and tell' of the highlights of Brussels, a quirky yet quietly beautiful city. Discover the city in a unique and fun way, and mingle over a drink afterwards.

***"This is more than a guided walk. This is a way to really experience the city."*** – Catherine

All details and tickets are available here:

<http://www.eventbrite.com/e/the-10-secrets-even-the-belgians-dont-know-about-brussels-wander-tickets-24866048019>

The last comment is from Ana Maria, who said:

***"It's the color you added, painting a picture for us, that made it special."***

Wendy is looking forward to seeing you on May 29<sup>th</sup>!

## Corporate Profile



### CHEZWaWa Restaurant



A real American has arrived on Rue Américaine! CHEZWaWa restaurant was born at the end of March in the heart of the Châtelain district of Ixelles with the mission to introduce Brussels to a new style of "farm-to-counter," California-style Mexican dining.

The owner, Palmer Colamarino, has spent many years in Brussels working in the international hotel industry. Like many fellow expats, he has long bemoaned the undeserved absence of quality Mexican food in an otherwise lovely city. Well, no longer! Now all Brussels residents have the opportunity to try some authentic "Cali-Mex" cuisine at CHEZWaWa. The restaurant specializes in fresh burritos, tacos, salads and more, all prepared daily from farm-fresh Belgian produce and Mexican spices. While CHEZWaWa is a "fast-casual" restaurant, they prove that 'food served fast' doesn't have to be a 'fast-food experience.' At the steam-table counter the CHEZWaWa crew quickly assembles high-quality and flavorful ingredients which are served in an open and sociable atmosphere. Their slogan is ROLL YOUR OWN WAY, which means freshly cooked, fast, and rolled-to-order right in front of you, just as you want it. Usually the simplest things in life are the best 😊.

CHEZWaWA is open for lunch and dinner, also on Sunday evenings. They offer take-out food, Margarita Nights on Thursday evenings and Taco Tuesdays. For the latter, one is offered the choice of complimentary tortilla chips or homemade agua fresca with any Roll Your Own Way Taco or Burrito. On Chihuahua Wednesdays bring a (real) Chihuahua dog and receive a 10% discount for the owner's meal and a treat for the four-legged friend. CHEZWaWa offers a Student Discount and is also privileged to have a lovely terrace in the back which guarantees for lovely afternoon or evening dining.











We invite you to experience the Mexican taste sensation which has *finally* arrived in Brussels!

**CHEZWaWa Restaurant**  
**Rue Américaine 91**  
**1050 Ixelles**  
**Tel. 02/534.63.30**  
[www.chezwawa.com](http://www.chezwawa.com)  
 @ # chezwawabxl

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	<p>10% discount for ACB members</p>			
				
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## Final Friday Drinks

**Friday, April 29, 2016**

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



**Dunhill Financial  
Avenue des Saisons 110  
1050 Brussels**

The American Club of Brussels invites you for an evening of fun, socializing and chatting! Everyone is welcome! Bring friends!

Final Friday events are held the last Friday of each month and take place at different and great locations throughout the city. So have a look at future events as well.

Due to the heightened security, **we will require pre-registration for Final Friday.**

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Check out the rest of the American Club of Brussels website for more details about the club and other great events.

## A Guided Visit to the van Doesburg Exhibition



Join us on Saturday, April 30, for a guided visit of the van Doesburg exhibition, one of this year's Europalia activities.

Travel back to the beginning of the twentieth century with Theo van Doesburg and inhale the revolutionary atmosphere of the avant-garde in the exhibition *Theo van Doesburg: A New Expression of Life, Art and Technology*. Having founded the art movement De Stijl in the Netherlands with Piet Mondrian in 1917, van Doesburg set off across Europe to promote their abstract visual language internationally. In Paris, he encountered the art of the Dadaists and began writing Dadaist poetry himself. In Weimar, he presented his new awareness of beauty to the Bauhaus architects. He travelled around Europe and made his pioneering visual language appear not only in paintings, but also in buildings, furniture and interiors.

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

Please note that this visit is limited to 15 people and is a members-priority event. Non-members may sign up as of April 15.

After the visit, those who wish to may join us for a drink or a coffee in the neighborhood.

### **Event Details:**

**Date:** Saturday, April 30, 2016.

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

**Place:** Bozar, rue Ravenstein 23, 1000 Brussels.

**Price:** €30. ACB/AWCB/CCB members receive a discounted price of €25.

**Public Transportation:** Metro: Gare Centrale/Centraal Station; buses 38 and 71: Bozar; trams 92, 93: Palais/Palaizen.

**Sign up:** Reservations are due by Wednesday, April 27 at:

<http://www.americanclubbrussels.org/event-2205199>.

Payment in advance to ACB account BE55427919588144 (KREDBEBB). Please mention "Europalia" in the reference section of the bank transfer. Online payment with a credit card is also possible (through PayPal, but no actual PayPal account is required); pay when registering or use the link provided in the invoice.

**Cancellations** are possible until noon on Wednesday, April 27. Participants canceling after this time, as well as no-shows, are charged the full cost of the event.



## Lunch Hour Social



### **Burger at Manhattn's Avenue Louise 164 - 1050 Brussels**

The American Club of Brussels invites you for a lunch hour of good food, socializing and new memories! Lunch Hour Social events are held the first Tuesday of each month and take place at different, great locations throughout the city of Brussels.

This month we feature an ACB corporate member who has two American burger restaurants in Brussels. We will travel to Avenue Louise for May. Come and get your burger fix before the summer with an authentic American burger! Please join us for a taste of New York made with grass-fed matured beef, Little Italy homemade buns, Belgian hand-cut fries and Brooklyn lager. In an informal setting, food ordering is at the counter before seating. Come and enjoy this restaurant with old or new friends of the ACB.

Everyone is welcome! Bring your friends!

#### **Event Details:**

**Date:** Tuesday, May 3, 2015.

**Time:** 12:30-2:00 p.m.

**Place:** Manhattn's, Avenue Louise 164, 1050 Brussels.

**Price:** Dependent on your own consumption.

**Public Transportation:** Tram lines 93, 94: Defacqz; Tram line 81: Bailli; Bus 54: Bailli.

**Please register** by Monday, May 2, so that we know how many of you to expect for the lunch reservation. Thank you.

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#### **To find the ACB group or for additional information:**

Text (or call) Carl Mir at 0494/27.97.63 and he will let you know where the group is sitting.

## Comedy Night: Joe Rooney & Sean McLoughlin



**Special ACB Ticket Price!  
Last Shows Sold Out!**

**Joe Rooney** is an actor and comedian with over twenty years experience in both fields. As an actor he has had major roles in "Father Ted" (Channel 4), five series of "Killinascully" (RTE), "Roy" (BBC), "RiRa" (TG4) and "Spookey Stakeout" (RTE). He has appeared in many short films including "Flying Saucers", "Rock n' Roll" (with Ardal O' Hanlon) and "Lean On Me" currently showing on Aer Lingus transatlantic flights. He also appeared in the stage version of "The Shawshank Redemption" at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival which garnered a 5-star review from "The Sunday Times" and had a sold out run in the Gaiety Theatre in Dublin.

As a comedian he has performed throughout the US, Oman, Bahrain, China, Canada, Europe and the UK. He has performed in festivals in Edinburgh, Moscow, Kansas City, Kilkenny and is looking forward to performing at the Leicester Comedy Festival and the Alcheringa Festival in India.

**Sean McLoughlin** has performed gigs of all sizes across the U.K. and internationally, from big weekend clubs to smaller independent locations, universities and "crack dens." He's also supported Doc Brown and Katherine Ryan on tour and made an appearance on Russell Howard's "Stand-Up Central" on "Comedy Central".

Edinburgh Fringe 2014 – I Will Prevail:

★★★★ "At once hilarious and painfully revelatory" — Chortle

★★★★ "It's a tour-de-force of a performance. One-line gag merchants would struggle to match his laugh count." — Gigglebeats

"What a genuinely fresh and powerful voice...it is wonderful" — The Scotsman

"On the cusp of far greater recognition on the back of a strong comic voice very competently delivered." — The List Nominated by fellow comedians for the UK Barry Award for 'Best Performer'

**Website:** <http://englishcomedybrussels.com>

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### **Event Details:**

**Date:** Tuesday, May 3, 2016.

**Time:** 8:00 p.m.

**Place:** The Black Sheep, Chaussée de Boondael 8, 1050 Brussels.

**Price:** €15 for ACB, AWCB and CCB members; €20 for non-members.

**Sign up:** Reservations are due by Monday, May 2, at:

<http://www.americanclubbrussels.org/event-2221136>.

**Payments** in advance to ACB account BE55427919588144 (KREDBEBB). Please mention "Comedy May 3" in the reference section of the bank transfer. Online payment with a credit card is also possible (through PayPal, but no actual PayPal account is required); pay when registering or use the link provided in the invoice.

**Cancellations** are possible until noon on Monday, May 2. Participants canceling after this time, as well as no-shows, are charged the full cost of the event.

**To find the ACB group or for additional information:**

Text (or call) Carl Mir at 0494.27.97.63 and he will let you know where the group is sitting.

## Linguistic Café Session



The purpose of this gathering is for those learning **Français** or **Español** or **English** to get a chance to practice their conversational French or Spanish or English in two different groups. Conversely, French or Spanish speakers seeking to practice conversational English are also welcome. Please RSVP and join us as we practice our French or Spanish during 15 minute interval chats!

This event is *free* for ACB, AWCB and CCB members; non-members pay a €5 fee. Coffee and drinks will be available for purchase at the bar.

**Event details:**

**Date:** Sunday, May 8, 2016

**Time:** 3:00-4:00 p.m.

**Venue:** Hotel Métropole (Bar "Le 31"), Place de Brouckèreplein 31, 1000 Brussels

**Price:** €5. Free for ACB, AWCB and CCB members. €10 no-show fee to ACB.

**Sign up:** Reservations are due by Friday, May 6 at:

<http://www.americanclubbrussels.org/event-2221112>.

Payment in advance to ACB account BE55427919588144 (KREDBEBB). Be sure to mention "Linguistics" in the reference section of of the bank transfer. Online payment with a credit card is also possible (through PayPal, but no actual PayPal account is required); pay when registering or use the link provided in the invoice. Cancellations are possible until noon on Friday, May 6. Participants canceling after this time, as well as no-shows, are charged the full cost of the event.

**Directions:** The closest metro stop to Hotel Métropole is De Brouckère. There is no street parking available for this location. Please see maps of hotel location in relation to the metro stop here: <http://www.metropolehotel.com/files/maps/map-en.pdf>

## Historic Beer Bar Tour



**Café Bizon**  
**Karperbrug 7 Rue du Pont de la Carpe**  
**1000 Brussels**  
[www.cafebizon.com](http://www.cafebizon.com)

The American Club of Brussels invites you to join us for a Historic Beer Bar Tour hour of fun, socializing and chatting! The Beer Bar Tour events are held the second Tuesday of each month and take place at different, great locations throughout the city.

This month we visit a historical bar in central Brussels. From the Café's website: "The Bizon is one of the most amazing bars in the Western hemisphere. From the moment you enter the bar your breath will be taken away when you get absorbed in an amazing atmosphere of blues, booze and entertainment."

Everyone is welcome and feel free to bring friends!

### **Event Details**

**Date:** Tuesday, May 10, 2016.

**Time:** 7:00 p.m. until ?

**Place:** Café Bizon, Karperbrug 7 Rue du Pont de la Carpe, 1000 Brussels.

**Price:** Dependent on your own consumption.

**Please register** by Monday, May 9, so that we know how many of you to expect for the reservation.

**SIGN UP HERE**

### **To find the ACB group or for additional information:**

Text (or call) Carl Mir at 0494/27.97.63 and he will let you know where the group is sitting.

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

We ask you to present a book of your choice (American or Canadian authors preferred) that you have read and really enjoyed. This will give all members, passionate about reading, a chance to read and discuss different literary genres.

Even if you have not read the selected book and if you do not have a book you wish to present, please feel free to join us anyway – even at the last minute.

**Reading Group Contact**

(also for venue details)

**Geneviève Bergiers**

Tel. 02/660.57.65

[genevieve@chiropractorbergiers.be](mailto:genevieve@chiropractorbergiers.be)

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**May 11 – Presented by Jean Minutello**



***The Dice Man***

by Luke Rhinehart (U.S.A.)

*The Dice Man* captures the "Wheel of Fortune" for real. He embarks on a personal journey of self-discovery by taking chances and dancing with fate/the devil. Rhinehart, being a psychiatrist, as well as a family man, decides to "pick up the dice", in an effort to steer his ship into the unknown. We will discover why, how and where throughout his journey. The author sets out to challenge the "controlled aspects" of life and states, in no uncertain terms, that "life is an adventure or nothing at all"!

**Venue:**

Cité du Dragon (Asian cuisine)  
Chaussée de Waterloo 1024  
1180 Brussels (Uccle)  
Tel. 02/375.80.80

**More info about the Clubs:**

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

## Dine-Out at Le Bugatti



Please join us for our May Dine-Out on May 12 in a return engagement to the popular Bugatti restaurant, opened in 1988, and specializing in Brussels and Belgian cuisine. The building had been the garage annex to an Avenue Louise mansion dating from 1885. The family took the name Bugatti inspired by the famous car created by Ettore Bugatti in 1909. The stained glass window is original (1885) and served as a skylight to the workshop. Even though it has since been back-filled, it retains its beautiful illumination. Over the years, the garage has housed carriages, and other horse-drawn vehicles, through to motor vehicles. At the time the drivers and their families lived upstairs. The tiles on the walls are from the period and the frescos are exact reproductions of the originals. The building is full of history, which the owners are committed to preserve in order to impart the atmosphere in which to enjoy the flavors of their "terroir", entirely developed in their home.

Dine-outs are a great opportunity to meet old friends and make some new ones. If you have not yet been to a Dine-Out, or are looking to discover new restaurants in Brussels, this is the event for you.

### **MENU**

*Kir vin blanc*

#### **Choice of starters**

*Duo de fondues parmesan maison, crudités*

or

*Petits gris de Namur (escargots) façon du chef*

or

*Ballekes Soup (potage aux tomates avec boulettes de viande)*

#### **Choice of Main Courses**

*Waterzooï de volaille à la Gantoise, pommes croquettes*

or

*Filets de sole à l'Ostendaise, pommes vapeur*

or

*Carbonnades flamandes à la Trappiste de Chimay, pommes frites fraîches*

#### **Choice of Desserts**

*Dame blanche*

or

*Gaufre de Bruxelles maison au sucre*

or

*Fondant maison tout chocolat belge, crème anglaise*

**Please indicate your menu choices when registering. Thank you.**

**Event Details:**

**Date:** Thursday, May 12, 2016.

**Time:** 7:30 p.m.

**Place:** Le Bugatti, 4 rue Jacques Jordaens, 1000 Brussels.

**Public Transportation:** Buses 60, 38; Trams 93, 94:Vleurgat.

**Price:** €46. ACB/AWCB/CCB members receive a discounted price of €41.

Price includes an aperitif, water, and half a bottle of red or white wine per person.

**Reservations** are due by Monday, May 9 at:

<http://www.americanclubbrussels.org/event-2228664>

**Payment** in advance to ACB account BE55427919588144 (KREDBEBB). Please mention "May Dine-Out" in the reference section of the bank transfer. Online payment with a credit card is also possible (through PayPal, but no actual PayPal account is required); pay when registering or use the link provided in the invoice.

**Cancellations** are possible until noon on Monday, May 9. 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 1950s at our "Grease" Party based on the 1978 movie, "Grease," one of the most successful movie musicals of all time! This is the third event marking the ACB's 95th anniversary after the Holiday Reception in December and the gala dinner dance in January.

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 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., there will be all-you-can eat food stands serving hamburgers, hotdogs, pizza, and frites. From 9:30 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 ready to rock 'n roll! (Or just dance any way that moves you!)

Dress code is casual and period dress is a great plus, but not a requirement. 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 celebrate the ACB's 95<sup>th</sup> anniversary in a relaxed, fun environment. Everyone is welcome; feel free to bring a friend or two.

### **Event Details:**

**Date:** Friday, May 20, 2016.

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

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

**Price:** €50. ACB, AWCB, CCB and Irish Club members receive a discounted price of €45.

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

**Reservations** are due by Tuesday, May 17 at:

<http://www.americanclubbrussels.org/event-2149577>.

Payment in advance to ACB account BE55427919588144 (KREDBEBB). Please mention "Grease" in the reference section of the bank transfer. Online payment with a credit card is also possible (through PayPal, but no actual PayPal account is required); pay when registering or use the link provided in the invoice.

**Cancellations** are possible until noon on Tuesday, May 17. Participants canceling after this time, as well as no-shows, are charged the full cost of the event.



## Final Friday Drinks

**Friday, May 27, 2016**

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



**Hotel Sofitel Brussels Europe  
Place Jourdan 1  
1040 Brussels**

The American Club of Brussels invites you for an evening of fun, socializing and chatting! Everyone is welcome! Bring friends!

We've arranged special deals on beer and wine and the cash bar is open to all.

Final Friday events are held the last Friday of each month and take place at different, great locations throughout the city. So plan to attend future Final Fridays as well.

Due to the heightened security **we will require pre-registration for Final Friday.**

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## Brewery Tour & Tastings Brussels Beer Project



The Brussels Beer Project: "The idea is to tap into co-creation and forget about the copy-pasting of the past. We're proud to be born in 2013 and not in 1492! We breathe the contemporary Brussels, a cosmopolitan town that lives and evolves. The strength of Belgium has always been its wanderlust for flavors and taste – it would be a pity to rest on our laurels now. For a few years, a new wave has come up – bold, creative, collaborative - that challenges the idea of flavors and taste." – <http://www.beerproject.be/en/sections/1-the-project>

Join the American Club of Brussels on a special presentation of a unique brewery that brews what the public has voted. The Project brewery tour includes a tour, presentation and tastings of their beers, with a selection of cheeses and breads to accompany the brews.

### **Event Details:**

**Date:** Saturday, May 28, 2016.

**Time:** 3:30-5:00 p.m.

**Place:** Brussels Beer Project, 188 rue Antoine Dansaert, 1000 Brussels.

**Price:** €30. ACB/AWCB/CCB members receive a discounted price of €25.

**Sign up:** Reservations are due by Monday, May 23, at:

<http://www.americanclubbrussels.org/event-2228619>

**Payments** in advance to ACB account BE55427919588144 (KREDBEBB). Please mention "Beer Project" in the reference section of the bank transfer. Online payment with a credit card is also possible (through PayPal, but no actual PayPal account is required); pay when registering or use the link provided in the invoice.

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

## Tour of Saint Jacques de Compostelle Route



Join us on Sunday, June 5, for a guided visit of the Saint Jacques de Compostelle route in the center of Brussels. Not to worry – we’re not taking you all the way to Spain!

This tour will take us on the footsteps of the pilgrims of Santiago de Compostela across the center of Brussels. About 50 bronze shells will show us the itinerary. Starting in the 10th century, pilgrims from all over Europe went to Santiago de Compostela in Spain to see the alleged tomb of the apostle Saint James. It was one of the most important Christian pilgrimages after Jerusalem and Rome. The pilgrims, coming from the north, stopped in Brussels and entered the city through the Louvain gate. We are going to discover together this route and the meaning of the shells’ locations in the city center.

Please note that this event is limited to a maximum of 20 participants and is a members-priority event. Non-members may sign up as of May 17.

After the visit, those who wish to may join us for a drink or a coffee in the neighborhood.

### **Event Details:**

**Date:** Sunday, June 5, 2016.

**Time:** 3:00 p.m.

**Place:** In front of the St. Michael & St. Gudula Cathedral, Place Sainte-Gudule, 1000 Brussels.

**Price:** €25. ACB/AWCB/CCB members receive a discounted price of €20.

**Public Transportation:** Gare Centrale/Centraal Station: metro lines 1 and 5; buses 29, 38, 63, 65, 66, 71, and 86.

**Reservations** are due by Wednesday, June 1 at:

<http://www.americanclubbrussels.org/event-2228711>.

**Payment** in advance to ACB account BE55427919588144 (KREDBEBB). Please mention “Compostela” in the reference section of the bank transfer. Online payment with a credit card is also possible (through PayPal, but no actual PayPal account is required); pay when registering or use the link provided in the invoice.

**Cancellations** are possible until noon on Wednesday, June 1. Participants canceling after this time, as well as no-shows, are charged the full cost of the event.

## Ommegang Dinner



Once again, the ACB offers members and guests a unique opportunity to view the Ommegang procession on the Grand-Place while dining in one of the most elegant restaurants in Brussels.

La Maison du Cygne is housed in a former 17th century guild house that overlooks the Grand-Place. From the balcony and windows of a large private dining room, we will have an unparalleled view of the Ommegang as the pageant unfolds on one of the most beautiful squares in the world.

### **Menu "Made in Belgium"**

(wine, water and coffee included)

Spiced and Marinated Beef Sirloin,  
Green Asparagus and Red Beet

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Supreme of Coucou de Malines

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Chocolate and Cuberdon Cake

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Coffee and Biscuits

The Ommegang takes place on Thursday, July 7. Ommegang (literally "walk-around") is a faithful recreation of a splendid pageant that was first performed in 1549 for Emperor Charles V, his son Philip II, and the knights of the Order of the Golden Fleece.

Staged at night on the illuminated Grand-Place, the two-hour extravaganza includes flag-throwers, folk dancers, archers, acrobats, jesters, jugglers, fire-eaters, falcon-trainers, folkloric giants, stilt-walkers, and the famous Gilles of Binche. Descendants of the nobility of the time play the roles and wear the coats of arms and sumptuous costumes of their ancestors.

This is a spectacular affair, and one of the biggest festivals in the country. Our dinner evening at La Maison du Cygne offers, literally and figuratively, a window on this amazing event. Bring your camera.

Please note that this is a **Members Priority** event (ACB, AWCB, CCB and Irish Club of Belgium). Non-members may sign up as of June 23.

[Watch last year's trailer on YouTube](#)

**Event Details:**

**Date:** Thursday, July 7, 2016.

**Time:**

- Open cash bar: 7:00 p.m.
- Dinner: 8:00 p.m.

**Place:** Salon Louis XIV, La Maison du Cygne, Grand-Place (entrance: Rue Charles Buls 2), 1000 Brussels.

**Price:** €85. ACB, AWCB, CCB and Irish Club members receive a discounted price of €75.

**Dress code:** Coat and tie requested.

**Reservations** are due by Monday, July 4 at:

<http://www.americanclubbrussels.org/event-2228700>.

**Payment** in advance to ACB account BE55427919588144 (KREDBEBB). Please mention "Ommegang" in the reference section of the bank transfer. Online payment with a credit card is also possible (through PayPal, but no actual PayPal account is required); pay when registering or use the link provided in the invoice.

**Cancellations** are possible until noon on Monday, July 4. Participants canceling after this time, as well as no-shows, are charged the full cost of the event.