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Where art ArtWeShop delivers

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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 flavours 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.

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Pioneers' Dinner – Invitation



The Pioneers' Club was created in the 1970s by members of the American Club of Brussels who desired to have a special group within the American Club of Brussels for members having long-term interests in the ACB and in the Brussels community as a whole.

Cobb Rogers,
Chairman of the ACB Pioneers' Club
requests the pleasure of your company on
Thursday, June 2, 2016, starting at **7:30 p.m.** at the
Château Sainte-Anne
Rue du Vieux Moulin 103
1160 Auderghem

Our guest speaker will be
Vice Admiral John N. Christenson
U.S. Military Representative,
NATO Military Commission

MENU

Les Blanches de Malines à la Flamande

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*Le Magret de Canard Laqué & Son
Millefeuille de Betteraves Rouges &
Pommes Granny Smith*

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La Croûte Sablée au Citron Meringuée

R.S.V.P. by May 30, 2016

Spouses, partners, and guests are cordially invited to attend this dinner.

Dress code: formal, men are requested to wear black tie, dark suit acceptable as an alternative.

Event restricted to ACB and AmCham Members.

Event details:

Date: Thursday, June 2, 2016.

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Price: €75 pp.

Reservations are due by Monday, May 30, at:

<http://www.americanclubbrussels.org/event-2242262>.

Payment in advance to ACB account BE55427919588144 (KREDBEBB). Please mention "Pioneers" 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 Thursday, May 19. Participants canceling after this time, as well as no-shows, are charged the full cost of the event.

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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.

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First Tuesday Lunch Social



Poussières d'Étoiles
Chaussée de Boondael 437
1050 Brussels
Tel. 02/640.71.58

The American Club of Brussels invites you for a lunch hour of good food, socializing and new memories!

This month we feature a Vietnamese restaurant in the Ixelles area. Per the Poussières d'Étoiles' website: *"There are times in the day where you simply cannot ignore this purr somewhat embarrassing issued by intestinal depths: hunger"*.

Lunch Hour Social events are held the first Tuesday of each month and take place at different great locations throughout the city of Brussels. Everyone is welcome! Bring your friends!

Event Details:

Date: Tuesday, June 7, 2016.

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

Place: Poussières d'Étoiles, Chaussée de Boondael 437, 1050 Brussels.

Price: Dependent on your own consumption.

Important note: The restaurant will not accept cards for bills under €20.

Please register by Monday, June 6, at:

<http://ww.americanclubbrussels.org/event-2252660>

so that we know how many 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.

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)

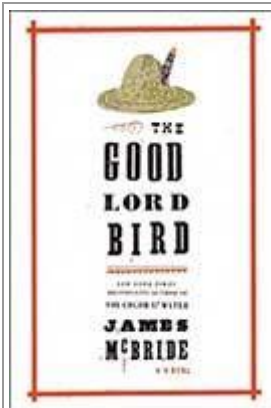
Geneviève Bergiers

Tel. 02/660.57.65

genevieve@chiropractorbergiers.be



June 8 – Presented by Geneviève Bergiers



The Good Lord Bird

by James McBride (USA)

James McBride was born in Brooklyn - U.S. He is an accomplished musician (saxophone) and a journalist.

He is a Distinguished Writer in Residence at New York University. His notable works are *The Color of Water* and *The Good Lord Bird*. Thanks to "The Grande Librairie", where he was a guest, I got to know this great personality!

The author treats the subject of slavery in the Kansas Territory in 1856, a battleground between anti- and pro-slavery forces, as a rousing adventure and a moving exploration of identity and survival. He transcends history and makes it come alive with a fabulous sense of humor!

Venue: Geneviève's place

More info about the Clubs:

- The Canadian Club of Belgium:
www.ccbcanada.be
- The American Women's Club of Brussels:
www.awcb.org
- The American Club of Brussels:
www.americanclubbrussels.org

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, June 12, 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.

Reservations are due by Friday, June 10 at:

<http://www.americanclubbrussels.org/event-2252680>.

Payment in advance to ACB account BE55427919588144 (KREDBEBB). Be sure to mention "Linguistics" 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 Friday, June 10. 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>

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Historic Beer Bar Tour



L'Archiduc

Rue Antoine Dansaert 6
1000 Brussels

<http://www.archiduc.net/en>

Come and join other beer and Brussels lovers at this historic bar as we embark on another **Second Tuesday Historic Bar Tour** social hour in central Brussels.

"Conveniently located in the fashionable Antoine Dansaert's Street, a stone's throw away from the Stock Exchange, the Beurschouwburg and the Ancienne Belgique, this art deco bar is home to several artists and hosts many concerts" on the weekends."

(<http://www.archiduc.net/en/history>)

L'Archiduc opened in 1937 and has a vivid history. It opened as "a classy and discreet art deco establishment used by brokers and their secretaries" but with new owners in 1953 managed to become one of Brussels' main jazz clubs. The bar has a varied selection of beers and spirits.

The Historic Bar Tour events are held the second Tuesday of each month and take place at different great locations throughout the city of Brussels.

Everyone is welcome; feel free to bring friends!

Event Details:

Date: Tuesday, June 14, 2016.

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Place: L'Archiduc, Rue Antoine Dansaert 6, 1000 Brussels, tel. 02/512.06.52.

Price: Dependent on your own consumption!

Please register by Monday, June 13, at:

<http://www.americanclubbrussels.org/event-2252716>

so that we know how many to expect. 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.

Dine-Out at Brasserie de la Patinoire



Please join us for our June Dine-Out on Thursday, June 16 at La Brasserie de la Patinoire , so named after the old roller skating rink nearby. Located in the Bois de la Cambre, near the Théâtre de Poche, the restaurant has a warm and elegant hunting lodge ambiance, fine food, and a spacious terrace with great views of the Bois. Weather permitting, we shall be dining together on the terrace.

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

Apéritif

Choice of Starter

Carpaccio de boeuf

or

Fondus fromage

or

Salade frisée aux lardons

Choice of Main Course

Aiguillette de volaille grand-mère, pommes cocotte

or

Linguines aux légumes

or

Waterzooi de poisson sauce vin blanc, pommes nature

Choice of Dessert

Mousse au chocolat

or

Trio de sorbets

Please indicate your menu choices when registering. Thank you.

Event Details:

Date: Thursday, June 16, 2016.

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Place: Brasserie de la Patinoire, Chemin du Gymnase 1, 1000 Brussels. Tel. 02/649.70.02.

Driving: GPS address is Chemin du Croquet, 1000 Bruxelles, large parking lot.

Public Transportation: Bus 38 (Longchamp); Trams 7, 93, 94 (Longchamp) (End of Avenue Winston Churchill).

Price: €45. ACB/AWCB/CCB members receive a discounted price of €40.

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

Reservations are due by Tuesday, June 14 at:

<http://www.americanclubbrussels.org/event-2252758>

Payment in advance to ACB account BE55427919588144 (KREDBEBB). Please mention "June 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 Tuesday, June 14. Participants canceling after this time, as well as no-shows, are charged the full cost of the event.

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Final Friday Drinks

Friday, June 24, 2016

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



**Stanhope Hotel
Rue du Commerce 9
1000 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.

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

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Notice to All Members of The American Club of Brussels

All ACB members, in accordance with the Club's Statutes and By-Laws, are invited to attend the

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

on Monday, June 27, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

at the

Renaissance Brussels Hotel
Rue du Parnasse 19, 1050 Brussels (Ixelles)

Agenda:

- Approval of the financial accounts for the fiscal year 2015 and the budget for the fiscal year 2016.
- Voting/confirmation of new Governors:
 - Wendy Deyell;
 - Esther Lemmens;
 - Peter Forrest;
 - Christiane Forrest.
- Accepting resignations from the Board of Governors:
 - Aurelia Takacs;
 - Inez Schreiden.
- Voting/confirmation of members of the Executive Committee:
 - Brian Dunhill, President;
 - Melissa Rancourt, First Vice-President;
 - Margaret Nicholson, Vice-President/Secretary;
 - Jean Stuyck, Vice-President;
 - Jo Ann Broger, Vice-President;
 - Richard Sheridan, Treasurer.

Brussels American Community Independence Day Celebration

Saturday, July 2, 2016

Members of the American Club of Brussels and their family members and friends are invited to attend the Brussels American Community Independence Day Celebration on Saturday, July 2, from 4 to 11 p.m. Admission is free, and the only cost is for your food and drink. This fabulous event, the best Independence Day commemoration in the Benelux, will be held at the Brussels American School in Sterrebeek and is being organized by the U.S. Army Garrison Benelux with the support of several American clubs and associations in Belgium.

The day's events begin at 4 p.m. with an exhibit of World War II vehicles and classic cars. There will be lots of family-orientated activities, entertainment galore and concession stands for purchase of food and beverages. Musical entertainment for young and old alike will be offered in the evening by the SHAPE band and a DJ. The finale will be a fabulous and dazzling fireworks display at 11 p.m. Not to be missed!

A day to enjoy with your family, friends, and even your houseguests! If you would like to attend, please provide the Club office with the following **information for each person attending**:

- Last name, first name
- Date of birth
- Nationality
- U.S. Passport Number or Belgian National ID Number or Passport Number/Country for third country nationals

Please note that **each person** will need to show the same piece of identification in order to obtain access on the day of the event. In addition, you must be registered through the ACB and on our access list in order to be admitted.

Please register online by Wednesday, June 15, at:
<http://www.americanclubbrussels.org/event-2253522>

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Lastly, we will be asking for **volunteers** (two hours for each volunteer) **to work at the bar**, so if you are interested in helping out during the day/evening, please let us know and give us your preferred time slot, i.e., 3-5, 5-7, 7-9 or 9-11 (info@americanclubbrussels.org).

It will be a great day for all with something for everyone!

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.

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