



News & Events

July-August 2016

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The American Club of Brussels is a social organization that will seek to represent the American spirit and culture, foster mutual understanding, respect and friendship between Belgium and the United States.

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Upcoming Events



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Friday, June 24 – 6:30-9:00 p.m.

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Annual General Meeting

Monday, June 27 – 7:00 p.m.

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Brussels American Community Independence Day Celebration

Saturday, July 2 – 4 p.m.

Registration is closed.



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Tuesday, July 12 – 7:00 p.m.

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CCB/ACB/AWCB Reading Group

Wednesday, July 13 – 7:00-9:00 p.m.

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Tuesday, August 9 – 7:00 p.m.

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CCB/ACB/AWCB Reading Group

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Introduction to the Jewish Quarter in Antwerp

Sunday, September 4 – 10:00 a.m.

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Other Dates To Remember



- **Tuesday, November 8**

Election Night event, which considering the candidates for the U.S. Presidency, promises to be a truly memorable evening and night!

- **Thursday, November 24**

Join us for our annual traditional **Thanksgiving Dinner** on the 30th floor of the Sheraton Hotel on Place Rogier.

- **Friday, December 9**

Our annual **Holiday Reception** will once again be held on the Grand-Place/Grote Markt in Brussels at Le Paon from 6 to 8 p.m.

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Member News



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

Do you have family or friends coming to town this summer? Looking for something unique to do with them? Or maybe you still feel like you don't know Brussels very well?

Join Wendy on **Sunday, July 26** or **Sunday, August 28** 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

It's like a 'show and tell' of the little-known nooks and crannies of Brussels, a quirky yet quietly beautiful city. Discover the city in a very personal and fun way, and mingle over a drink afterwards.

"All of us managed to feel the magnificent spirit of Brussels by seeing things differently." – Bilyana

Ana Maria found the stories added a unique touch: ***"It's the color you added, painting a picture for us, that made it special."***

All details and tickets are available here:

July 24:

<http://www.eventbrite.com/e/the-10-secrets-even-the-belgians-dont-know-about-brussels-wander-tickets-26146712521>

August 28:

<http://www.eventbrite.com/e/the-10-secrets-even-the-belgians-dont-know-about-brussels-wander-tickets-26170948010>







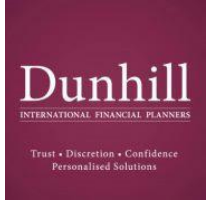
















"I rediscovered my own city by diving into its history. We may travel extensively but we don't know very much about the city we come from." – Danielle (Belgian Brussels resident).

Wendy is looking forward to seeing you this summer! Watch for weekday evening wanders too!

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The American Club of Brussels is supported by the following companies:
(Special ACB member benefits listed below company logo)

				
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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.

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.

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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;
 - Michael Dunhill;
 - Nancy Hilton.
- 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.

First Tuesday Lunch Social

5 July 2016



El Cafe

Avenue de la Couronne 463
1050 Brussels

The American Club of Brussels invites you for a lunch hour of good food, socializing and new memories and extending your 4th of July celebrations!

This month we feature a Mexican (not authentic) restaurant in the Ixelles area.

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

Event Details:

Date: Tuesday, July 5, 2016.

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

Place: El Cafe, Avenue de la Couronne 463, 1050 Brussels

Price: Dependent on your own consumption.

Please register by Monday, July 4, at:

<http://www.americanclubbrussels.org/event-2270341>

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.

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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Historic Beer Bar Tour

12 July 2016



Poechenellekelder

Rue du Chêne 5
1000 Brussels

www.poechenellekelder.be

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.

"Enter Poechenellekelder is to embrace the ancient history of Brussels ... To push the door of a real tavern, meet Manneken Pis, sit at the table of the heirs of the centenarian guilds and hear the murmurs of the Brussels citizens plotting against Philippe II, King of Spain ..."
(from the website).

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, July 12, 2016.

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Place: Poechenellekelder, Rue du Chêne 5, 1000 Brussels. Tel. 02/511.92.62.

Price: Dependent on your own consumption!

Please register by Monday, July 11, at:

<http://www.americanclubbrussels.org/event-2270342>

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.

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

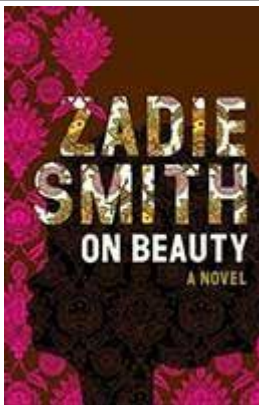
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More info about the Clubs:

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

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July 13 – Presented by Jean Minutello



On Beauty

by Zadie Smith (GB)

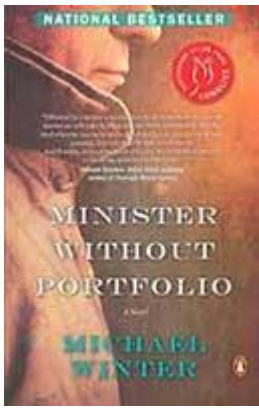
Shortlisted for the Man Booker Prize in 2005, the book unfolds in New England and London, and concerns a pair of feuding families –the Belseys and the Kippses– and a clutch of doomed affairs. It puts low morals among high ideals and asks some searching questions about what life does to love. For the Belseys and the Kippses, the confusions –both personal and political– of our uncertain age are about to be brought close to home: right to the heart of family.

The book was on *The Sunday Times* Top Ten Bestseller list.

Smith also wrote *White Teeth*, which won multiple awards.

Venue: Jean's place

August 10 – Presented by Kim Masiero



Minister Without Portfolio

by Michael Winter (Canada)

Short story writer and novelist Michael Winter was born in England and grew up in Corner Brook, Newfoundland. Bachelor of Arts from Memorial University of Newfoundland, he became a most appreciated founding member of, contributor to, co-editor of and judge of different publications and journals. His sister, Kathleen Winter has written *Annabel*, a book that was previously presented in our Reading Group.

This book is part of the Canada Reads series. It examines the lengths people will go to for a fresh start, and is an exploration of guilt, lost hope and struggle. Set in Newfoundland and Afghanistan, it is a masterful exploration of the very marrow of life.

Venue: Geneviève's place

September 14 – Still open for you!

Final Friday Drinks

Friday, July 29, 2016

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



**Metropole Hotel
Place De Brouckère 31
1000 Brussels**

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

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Sunday Brunch and Exploration of the Place Jourdan Market



Summer in Brussels is the perfect time to enjoy a great brunch at the Sofitel Hotel and the Sunday Market at Place Jourdan. Of course, it's all you can eat in the banquet hall!

MENU

Baker's basket
(pastries and a selection of breads and French toasts)

Jam, honey and *baratte* butter, natural or fruit yoghurt

Ham, cold cuts and a selection of cheeses

Cereals: cornflakes, muesli, Chocos, Fitness

Eggs: your choice of boiled, scrambled or hard-boiled

Norwegian salmon with trimmings
(mushrooms, sausages, cheese, confit of tomatoes)

Coffee, milk, hot chocolate and
a selection of teas or herbal teas

Fresh fruit juices:
apple, orange, grapefruit, & multi-vitamin

After Brunch we can enjoy all the offerings of the Sunday Market on Place Jourdan.



Event Details:

Date: Sunday, July 31st, 2016.

Time: 9:30 a.m.

Place: Place Jourdan 1, 1040 Brussels.

Price: €35. ACB/AWCB/CCB members receive a discounted price of €30.

Public Transportation: Metro lines 1 & 5: Schuman; buses 34, 60 and 80: Jourdan.

Reservations are due by Wednesday, July 20 at:

<http://www.americanclubbrussels.org/event-2270393>

Payment in advance to ACB account BE55427919588144 (KREDBEBB). Please mention "July Brunch" 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, July 22. 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

2 August 2016



Le Quartier Latin

Boulevard Général Jacques 212
1050 Brussels

www.quartierlatin-xl.be

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

The summer month of August we return to Le Quartier Latin to enjoy an outdoor lunch on the beautiful patio of the café.

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

Event Details:

Date: Tuesday, August 2, 2016.

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

Place: Le Quartier Latin, Boulevard Général Jacques 212,
1050 Brussels.

Price: Dependent on your own consumption.

Please register by Monday, August 1, at:

<http://www.americanclubbrussels.org/event-2270348>

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:

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Historic Beer Bar Tour

9 August 2016



Moeder Lambic Fontainas

Place Fontainas 8
1000 Brussels

www.moederlambic.com

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.

The Moeder Lambic located at the Place Fontainas in central Brussels has "hundreds" of beers including non-Belgian ones. We hope to have a great summer evening so we can sit outside and greet all our friends.

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, August 9, 2016.

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Place: Moeder Lambic Fontainas, Place Fontainas 8, 1000 Brussels. Tel. 02/503.60.68.

Price: Dependent on your own consumption!

Please register by Monday, August 8, at:

<http://www.americanclubbrussels.org/event-2270367>

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 Le Crabe Fantôme



Please join us for our August Dine-Out on August 25 at Le Crabe Fantôme, which is a return engagement for the American Club. It is a highly rated French-Thai fusion restaurant that has gained a huge following. Le Crabe Fantôme, nestled in a quiet street in Boitsfort, offers delicious food in a very cozy atmosphere. We hope to be eating on the terrace, but have a nice room inside if not.

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

*Le vitello tonnato, fricassée de roquette
or
Le médaillon de saumon fumé au crabe,
jus de cresson*

Choice of Main Course

*Le dos de saumon grillé, mayonnaise
aux agrumes et herbes fraîches
or
L'entrecôte rôtie à la vigneronne,
pois au lard*

Choice of Dessert

*Le sabayon frais au thym et ananas
or
Le moelleux au chocolat et sa crème anglaise*

Café

Please indicate your menu choices when registering. Thank you.

Event Details:

Date: Thursday, August 25, 2016.

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Place: Le Crabe Fantôme, Av. Bois de la Cambre 17C, 1170 Brussels (Watermael-Boitsfort).

Public Transportation: Buses 95, N08.

Price: €50. ACB/AWCB/CCB members receive a discounted price of €45.

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

Reservations are due by Tuesday, August 23, at:

<http://www.americanclubbrussels.org/event-2272720>

Payment in advance to ACB account BE55427919588144 (KREDBEBB). Please mention "August 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, August 23. 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, August 26, 2016

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



Sofitel Brussels Le Louise

Avenue de la Toison d'Or 40
1050 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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Introduction to the Jewish Quarter in Antwerpen



Join us on Sunday, September 4 for a unique walking tour of the Jewish Quarter of Antwerp!

For centuries the history of the Jewish people has been intertwined with the history of Antwerp, but for many, the Jewish Quarter is still a completely unknown community. During our walk, we'll explore the culture and the way of life of the more than 15,000 people who live in the Orthodox Jewish community.

Our guide will walk with us through the Jewish Quarter and explain the history of the Jewish people in Antwerp, the Orthodox community and the influence of the religion on peoples' daily lives. The Orthodox community has a long tradition of handling diamonds, and our walk will take us past the famous Diamond District, where more than 70% of the world's rough diamonds are traded.

As part of the tour, we will visit a Jewish Synagogue where a special guide will greet us. She will show us the Synagogue, but more importantly, she will tell us her personal experience of what it means to be Jewish.

There is no lunch planned as part of this tour. Sunday is "Koop Zondag" and we want to give everyone ample time to shop in Antwerp!!

Please note that this visit is limited to 15 participants, so please sign up quickly!

Event Details:

Date: Sunday, September 4, 2016.

Time: 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Place: Antwerp - Meeting point to be determined.

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

Reservations are due by Wednesday, August 31 at:

<http://www.americanclubbrussels.org/event-2271585>

Payment in advance to ACB account BE55427919588144 (KREDBEBB). Please mention "Antwerp" 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, August 31. Participants canceling after this time, as well as no-shows, are charged the full cost of the event.

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