



# News & Events

September 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



### Final Friday Drinks August

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**Film "Speed Sisters" and dinner at the Hard Rock Café**

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**Dine-Out at Le Bugatti**

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**Guided Visit to the Folon Foundation**

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Wednesday, September 28 – 7:00 p.m.

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**Final Friday Drinks September**

Friday, September 30 – 6:30-9:00 p.m.

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**AAC 14th Annual Conference in Monaco**

Thursday, October 20 – Sunday October 23

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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 30<sup>th</sup> 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 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

## Community News



### Brussels International Singers

Every Wednesday, starting September 7  
Rehearsals for Christmas Concert (Dec. 10, 2016)

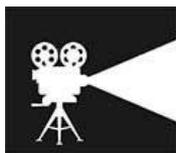
See blog: <http://www.americanclubbrussels.org/ACB-Beat/4186105>



### United Music of Brussels

Saturday, September 10

See blog: <http://www.americanclubbrussels.org/ACB-Beat/4200448>



### Cinemathek Films on the U.S.

- Sept. 19–Oct. 25: Producer/director Judd Apatow & "This is Comedy"
- Sept. 1–Nov. 30: "Stars, Stripes & Politics"

See blog: <http://www.americanclubbrussels.org/ACB-Beat/4203782>

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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.

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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## 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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## First Tuesday Lunch Social 6 September 2016



### Les Foudres

Rue Eugène Cattoir 14  
1050 Brussels (Ixelles)  
[www.lesfoudres.be](http://www.lesfoudres.be)

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

This September we are trying Les Foudres restaurant for a memorable lunch in the beautiful and atmospheric setting of a repurposed antique wine cellar. Join us for a gourmet meal accompanied with fine wines!

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, September 6, 2016.

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

**Place:** Les Foudres, Rue Eugène Cattoir 14, 1050 Brussels (Ixelles).

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

**Please register by Monday, September 5,** at:

<http://www.americanclubbrussels.org/event-2309990>

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.

## Historic Beer Bar Tour 13 September 2016



**The Black Sheep**  
**Chaussée de Boondael 8**  
**1050 Brussels (Ixelles)**  
<https://www.facebook.com/TheBlackSheepBrussels>

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 Black Sheep, located just outside Place Flagey in Brussels, boasts an impressive selection of Belgian and international craft beers. The gastro-pub also offers a menu full of delicious dishes including their famous fish and chips, and promises to be a great experience!

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, September 13, 2016.

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

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

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

**Please register by Monday, September 12, at:**

<http://www.americanclubbrussels.org/event-2311739>

so that we know how many to expect. Thank you.

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## A New Education & Career Fair Arrives in Brussels!



ACB is proud to launch a new event for our members and the Brussels community. Brussels is full of learning and job opportunities – so let's put them all together in an evening so we can explore what may be interesting and available to all of us. Whether you are a seasoned executive, just starting out in the job market, seeking your next university degree or just love learning, come to our ACB Education and Career Fair on Friday, September 16, anytime from 5pm to 9pm.

Thanks to our partner & host, Solvay Brussels School for Economics & Management, we are proud to hold this event in the beautiful Solvay Atrium. Register your place now – and invite your friends & colleagues to join you.

If you are an educational organization or have job opportunities to share, please do let us know and register your interest to exhibit. Exhibitors to date include Solvay, Vesalius, Parsons, The New School and many others!

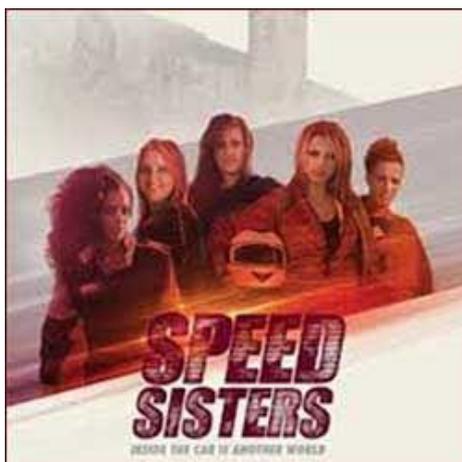


Click [here](#) for full-size view of invitation.

This event is limited to 20 exhibiting organizations and to 200 participants.

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## Film and Dinner at the Hard Rock Café



Please join us as the American Club of Brussels welcomes producer and newest member of the American Club of Brussels Avi Goldstein as he introduces and we watch the exciting new film ***Speed Sisters***.

The Speed Sisters are the first all-woman race car driving team in the Middle East. Grabbing headlines and turning heads at improvised tracks across the West Bank, these five women have sped their way into the heart of the gritty, male-dominated Palestinian street car-racing scene. Weaving together their lives on and off the track, *Speed Sisters* takes you on a surprising journey into the drive to go further and faster than anyone thought you could.

Viewing and dinner at the Hard Rock Café. Dinner will follow the film.

The menu is as follows:

### **Jumbo Combo**

A delectable array of their most popular starters that is big enough to share:  
spinach artichoke dip, hickory-smoked chicken wings,  
onion rings, potato skins and Tupelo chicken tenders,  
all served with three different sauces for mixing and matching

### **Choice of Main Courses**

Grilled salmon topped with maître d'hôtel butter and served with mashed potatoes and fresh vegetables  
or  
Hard Rock's legendary burger topped with seasoned bacon, two slices of Cheddar cheese, a crisp fried onion ring, lettuce, tomato, and pickles

### **Dessert**

Hard Rock Café Brownie

The viewing of the film is €5 for ACB, AWCB, BBN and CCB members and €10 for non-members.

**Event Details:**

**Date:** Tuesday September 20, 2016.

**Time:** 6:30 p.m. Dinner to follow immediately after the showing.

**Place:** Hard Rock Café, Grand-Place 12, 1000 Brussels.

**Price:**

- Film: €10. ACB/AWCB/BBN/CCB members receive a discounted price of €5.
- Dinner: €35.

**Reservations** are due by Monday, September 19, at:

<http://www.americanclubbrussels.org/event-2304200>

**Payment** in advance to ACB account BE55427919588144 (KREDBEBB). Please mention "Speed Sisters" 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, September 16. Participants canceling after this time, as well as no-shows, are charged the full cost of the event.

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## Dine-Out at Le Bugatti



Please join us for our September Dine-Out on September 22 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 for 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**

#### **Aperitif**

*Kir vin blanc*

#### **Starter**

*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)*

#### **Main Course**

*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*

#### **Dessert**

*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, September 22, 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, September 19 at:

<http://www.americanclubbrussels.org/event-2311264>

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

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## A Guided Visit to the Folon Foundation



Join us on Saturday, September 24 for a guided visit of the Fondation Folon.

Belgian artist Jean-Michel Folon installed over 500 art works in the Ferme du Château de La Hulpe, just 20 minutes outside Brussels. This charming building, full of character and set in the midst of the wonderful Parc Solvay, contains pieces spanning more than 40 years.

The novel, vivid design exhibiting watercolors, engravings, posters and sculptures generates a real dialogue between these pieces and their poetic setting. Music, film and optical illusions bring the tour to life, resulting in an exhibition that is powerful, magical and surprising.

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

Please note that this visit is limited to 25 people and is a members-priority event. Non-members may sign up as of September 15.

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

### **Event Details:**

**Date:** Saturday, Sept. 24, 2016.

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

**Place:** Fondation Folon, Drève de la Ramée 1, 1310 La Hulpe.

**Price:** €20. ACB/AWCB/CCB members receive a discounted price of €15.

**Transportation:** Complete driving directions will be supplied upon registration.

**Reservations** are due by Wednesday, September 21 at:

<http://www.americanclubbrussels.org/event-2315912>.

Payment in advance to ACB account BE55427919588144 (KREDBEBB). Please mention "Folon" 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, September 21. Participants canceling after this time, as well as no-shows, are charged the full cost of the event.

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## Joint ACB/AmCham Ambassador's Dinner

AmCham Belgium and the American Club of Brussels are delighted to invite you to their renowned Joint Gala Dinner, this year taking place at The Hotel Brussels. We are pleased to have, once again, as our guest of honor, the US Ambassador to Belgium, Denise Campbell Bauer.

This event is an excellent opportunity to hear Ambassador Campbell Bauer speak on the most relevant topics for the U.S.-Belgian business community. The Joint Gala Dinner has a long and prestigious history, and served as the occasion for Ambassador Campbell Bauer's first public address in 2013. Spouses and partners are welcome to attend.

**Event Details:**

**Date:** Wednesday, September 28, 2016.

**Time:** 7:00 p.m. to 11:15 p.m.

**Place:** The Hotel Brussels, Boulevard de Waterlooaan, 1000 Brussels.

**Dress Code:** Black Tie preferred.

**Price:** €145 for ACB and AmCham members; €290 for non-members.

**Sign up:** Reservations must be made by close of business on September 20 via the AmCham website: [www.amcham.be](http://www.amcham.be) using the coupon code **GALA082016ACB**. Any dietary restrictions should be sent by email to Dawn Smith at [dsmith@amcham.be](mailto:dsmith@amcham.be). Cancellations are possible until close of business on Thursday, September 22. Participants cancelling after this time, as well as no-shows, will be billed the full cost of the event.

## Final Friday Drinks

**Friday, September 30, 2016**

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



### **Coworking Les Galeries**

Galerie du Roi 30  
1000 Brussels

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**14th Annual Conference of**  
**The Association of**  
**American Clubs** 

**French Riviera & Monaco**  
**October 20-23, 2016**

We can now confirm details of the actual conference to be held on Friday, October 21, with events and activities on the preceding evening and over the weekend - all being planned by our hosts: The American Club of the Riviera ("ACR"). These should delight your members who have never been to the French Riviera & Monaco, as well as those who have.

**[Program & registration form](#)**

Registrations are due before September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016.

Please note the reasonably priced hotel accommodations, and encourage those of your members planning attendance to book now, using the registration form. Those wishing to remain a little longer in this magical region might consider extending their stay at the hotel, and joining with ACR members to share further cultural / gastronomic / touristic experiences of the Riviera. You and your members should feel free to contact Burton Gintell for further information (contact information: see below).

Through 2013, these annual meetings were historically only for the Presidents of each Club (there are some 50 throughout the world), where they shared ideas, best practices, and future plans. But the meetings of 2014 in Paris and 2015 in Geneva were open to any member of any American Club who wished to attend, and many did!

We will be actively coordinating with the ACR to ensure that a great time is had by all, and that we also spend some enjoyable times with its members. The actual Conference on Friday is informal, thus permitting the sharing of experiences from all the nationalities who are members from around the world. These interactive discussions have often been illuminating, and have helped AAC clubs to better serve their members.

We look forward to welcoming you and your members to the French Riviera & Monaco in October.

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