



# News & Events

## January 2017

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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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## Word from the President



The New Year is upon us and after all the successes of 2016, we have great expectations for 2017. This year was likely the most active for the club with hugely successful events including an election night with over 1000 guests, nearly all the cultural events selling out and the celebration of our 95th Anniversary gala.

The New Year won't be disappointing with plans in the works for a bigger Super Bowl party, our second annual Education and Career Fair and an inaugural Columbus Day gala. These events are in addition to Dine-outs, Final Fridays, Bar nights, Sunday Fundays and all of the cultural tours. We (and hopefully you) can expect to be busy.

From the entire Board of Directors, we wish you a happy holiday season and look forward to seeing you in the New Year!

Brian Dunhill  
President



## Upcoming Events



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Saturday, January 28 – 7:00 p.m.

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Sunday, January 29 – 11:00 a.m. or 1:00 p.m.

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## Corporate Profile



### Macnash Real Estate



Anyone visiting or living in Brussels will remember having seen the distinguished advertisements of Macnash Real Estate, founded by ACB corporate member Patrick Menache in 1999 upon his return to Brussels from Washington, DC.

Patrick conceived the idea of [Macnash AssociateS](#) due to the lack of innovation and support he discovered in the Brussels real estate market as he attempted to relocate his family back to Brussels. There were no services available to help him navigate the search for a house, a school, shopping centers, and other necessities for himself and his family.

His previous experience of real estate, in Washington, DC, sparked the idea of establishing a prestigious real estate company for expats.

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Macnash AssociateS provides a full tour of the real estate market in Brussels with explicit details regarding living costs, different communities available and different ways to get around the city, such as the closest train stations and airports.

The idea is to rapidly ensure that the person or family moving to Brussels is made as familiar as possible with the area, alongside maximizing comfort within their new home and environment. Once they decide where they want to live, Macnash AssociateS will continue to provide services, including property management.

With these ideas at the forefront, Patrick opened four franchised offices around the city.

Macnash South: place Brugmann in Ixelles.  
 Macnash East: square Montgomery in Woluwe.  
 Macnash Brabant: place Winderickx in Alsemberg.  
 Macnash Property Management: place Brugmann in Ixelles.

Patrick has recently diversified his activities in the property market and launched a fund investing in Annuity Sales (viager): [ViagerFund.be](http://ViagerFund.be).

This personal touch is one of the hallmarks of Macnash AssociateS and Patrick is always directly available to give advice and assist anyone who needs help to find a property to live in or to purchase as an investment.

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The Canadian Club of Belgium,  
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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)  
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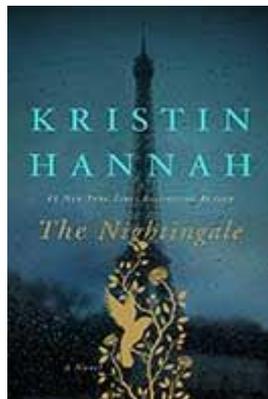
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## 2017 Reading Group

### Open for your suggestions:

- January 11 (We have a "possible"; we'll keep you posted.)
- ~~February 8~~ (see below)
- March 8
- April 12
- May 10
- June 14
- ~~July 12~~ (see below)
- August 9
- September 13
- October 11
- November 8
- December 13

On **February 8**, Sue Frick will present:



## ***The Nightingale***

by Kristin Hannah (USA)

Kristin Hannah is the New York Times bestselling author of twenty-one novels, including the blockbuster *Firefly Lane* and #1 bestsellers *Night Road* and *Home Front*. She is a former lawyer turned writer and is the mother of one son. She lives in the Pacific Northwest and Hawaii with her husband.

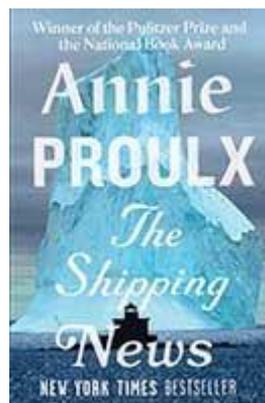
### Synopsis:

Despite their differences, sisters Vianne and Isabelle have always been close. Younger, bolder Isabelle lives in Paris while Vianne is content with life in the French countryside with her husband Antoine and their daughter. But when World War II strikes, Antoine is sent off to fight and Vianne finds herself isolated, so Isabelle is sent by their father to help her.

As the war progresses, the sisters' relationship and strength are tested. With life changing in unbelievably horrific ways, Vianne and Isabelle will find themselves facing frightening situations and responding in ways they never thought possible as bravery and resistance take different forms in each of their actions.

(from Goodreads)

**On July 12, Geneviève Bergiers will present:**



## ***The Shipping News***

by Annie Proulx (USA)

The American novelist Annie Proulx was a journalist before becoming a novelist. She lived in Vermont, then in Wyoming, spending part of the year in northern Newfoundland on a small cove. She now lives in Seattle, Washington.

*The Shipping News* won the Pulitzer and the U.S. National Book award.

### Synopsis:

Quoye's life is collapsing after his parents' joint suicide and his unfaithful wife Petal being killed in a car accident.

His aunt Agnis Hamm convinces him to make a new beginning by returning to their ancestral home in Newfoundland. He learns deep and disturbing secrets about his ancestors that emerge in strange ways...

Nevertheless, as Quoye builds his new life, he is transformed...

**More info about the Clubs:**

[www.ccbcanada.be](http://www.ccbcanada.be) • [www.awcb.org](http://www.awcb.org) • [www.americanclubbrussels.org](http://www.americanclubbrussels.org)

## A Guided Visit to the Picasso Matisse Exhibition "21 rue la Boétie"



Join us on Saturday, January 14, 2017, for a guided visit of the exhibition, "21 rue de la Boétie" at the Museum La Boverie in Liège.

Based on the book "21 rue La Boétie", Tempora presents an art and culture exhibition in collaboration with Anne Sinclair. In her book, Anne Sinclair tells the story of her grandfather, Paul Rosenberg (1881-1959), one of the great art dealers of the first half of the last century.

The career of this exceptional human being, a successful businessman and knowledgeable art lover, the friend and agent of Picasso, Matisse, Braque, Léger, Marie Laurencin is only one part of the story. "21 rue La Boétie" looks into a crucial turning point in the history of art: the shift of the centre of artistic gravity from one side of the Atlantic to the other, due of course to the upheavals caused by the Second World War.

Please note that this visit is limited to 20 people.

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

### **Event Details:**

**Date:** Saturday, January 14, 2017.

**Time:** 2:45 p.m.

**Place:** Museum La Boverie, Parc de la Boverie, 4020 Liège (within walking distance of the Gare des Guillemins).

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

**Reservations** are due by Wednesday, January 11 at:

<http://www.americanclubbrussels.org/event-2394505>

**Payment** in advance to ACB account BE55427919588144 (KREDBEBB). Please mention "Picasso/Matisse" 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, January 11. Participants canceling after this time, as well as no-shows, are charged the full cost of the event.

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## Game Night



The American Club of Brussels and our friends at CHEZWaWa invite you to join us as we revive that greatest of traditional past times, 'The Game Night'! We're taking it back to the days before the internet and bringing the board games back. Chess, Monopoly, Scrabble...Snakes & Ladders! Hell, weather permitting, we could even try some Twister for the more flexible among us.

If you have any board games at home, please bring them along and join in the fun!

We look forward to see you there!

**Event details:**

**Date:** Monday, January 16, 2017.

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

**Place:** CHEZWaWa, Rue Américaine 91, 1050 Brussels (tel. 02/534.63.30).

**Public Transportation:** Bus 54 (Trinité), bus 60 (Washington), tram 81 (Trinité).

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

**Reservations** are due by Thursday, January 12, at:

<http://www.americanclubbrussels.org/event-2410386>

**Cancellations** are possible until noon on Thursday, January 12.

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## Go Kart Racing



Ready, set, go! Come join us for "Sunday Funday" for an afternoon of go kart racing at Brussels Kart. We will spend the first hour on the race track and then will enjoy lunch at the brasserie on site afterwards. Even if you're not interested in racing, come cheer on the other drivers and join us for lunch or a drink.

Your fee includes all required racing gear (helmet and racing suit), a brief introductory course, 15 minute practice race, and 15 minute final race. Lunch and drinks are at your own expense.

*Regretfully, you must be over 15 years old to race in this event.*

### **Event Details:**

**Date:** Sunday, January 22, 2017.

**Time:** 12:00 p.m. onwards. Exact timing will be communicated in mid-December. However, please sign-up now to reserve your spot!

**Place:** Brussels Kart, Alfons Gossetlaan 11, 1702 Dilbeek.

**Price:** €42 for ACB/AWCB/CCB members, €52 for non-members, €5 for non-drivers.

**Registration:** Until Friday, January 20, with payment to hold your place. Please register online at:

<http://www.americanclubbrussels.org/event-2385820>

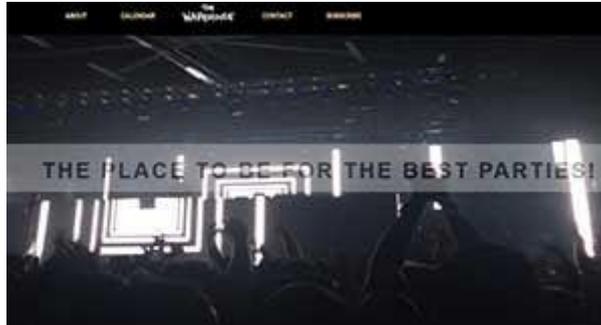
**Payment** in advance to ACB at BE55427919588144 (KREDBEBB) will confirm your reservation. Be sure to mention "Karting" in the reference section of the bank transfer. Online payment with a credit card is also possible (through PayPal, but no actual PayPal account is required); pay when registering or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

**Cancellations** are possible until noon on Thursday, January 19. Participants canceling after this time, as well as no-shows, are charged the full cost of the event.

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**Second Tuesday  
(on a Fourth Tuesday)  
Historic Bar Tour**

**January 24, 2017**



**Cebudeco**

Rue Dieudonné Lefèvre 2  
1020 Brussels

<http://warehouse.brussels>

Come and join other beer and Brussels lovers as we embark on another Historic Bar Tour social hour in an exciting warehouse bar with a variety of Belgian craft beers from the smaller and exquisite breweries of Belgium!

We bring in the New Year on the fourth Tuesday of January at a more unusual but intriguing location. The Historic Bar Tour events are usually held the second Tuesday of each month and take place at different and great locations throughout the city of Brussels. Everyone is welcome and feel free to bring friends!

**Event Details:**

**Date:** Tuesday, January 24, 2017.

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

**Place:** Cebudeco, Rue Dieudonné Lefèvre 2, 1020 Brussels.

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

**Please register by Monday, January 23,** at:

<http://www.americanclubbrussels.org/event-2398298>

so that we know how many to expect for the 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.

## Dine-Out at Le Relais St. Job



Please join us for our January Dine-Out on Thursday, January 26 at the Relais St. Job, which is a brasserie located on the Place de Saint-Job in Uccle, a busy square whose roots go back to the days of the former 16<sup>th</sup> century castle of the Lords of Carloo. Part of the restaurant was once the local post staging house, hence the name. This has long been a favorite of your Dine-Out committee members, and we are pleased to announce the first ACB Dine-Out at this restaurant.

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 Starters**

*Fondus au fromage*

or

*Carpaccio de boeuf*

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

*Coquelet sauce estragon,  
pommes croquettes*

or

*Filet de dorade farcie aux herbes*

#### **Choice of Desserts**

*Crème brûlée*

or

*Glace au spéculoos*

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

#### **Event Details:**

**Date:** Thursday, January 26, 2017.

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

**Place:** Relais St. Job, Place de Saint-Job 1, 1080 Brussels (tel. 02/375.57.24).

**Public Transportation:** Bus 60 (Gare St. Job) Tram 92 (Place St. Job).

**Price:** €50. ACB/AWCB/CCB members receive a discounted price of €45.  
Price includes an apéritif, water, and half a bottle of red or white wine per person.

**Reservations** are due by Tuesday, January 24 at:

<http://www.americanclubbrussels.org/event-2409895>

**Payment** in advance to ACB account BE55427919588144 (KREDBEBB). Please mention "January 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, January 24. 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, January 27, 2017**

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



### **Renaissance Brussels Hotel**

Rue du Parnasse 19  
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.

**Please pre-register. Thank you.**

Event url:

<http://www.americanclubbrussels.org/event-2410373>

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## Champagne & Jazz Night



Join us for a magical evening combining a perfect combination of bubbles and beats as the ACB will pair up a Champagne tasting with a wonderful night of jazz. Thanks to Patrick Menache for hosting the event and for providing and paying for the band!

**Event details:**

**Date:** Saturday, January 28th, 2017.

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

**Place:** Menache Residence. Details will be provided to those that register.

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

**Reservations** are due by Thursday, January 26, at:

<http://www.americanclubbrussels.org/event-2410377>

**Payment** in advance to ACB account BE55427919588144 (KREDBEBB). Please mention "Champagne and Jazz" 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, January 26. Participants canceling after this time, as well as no-shows, are charged the full cost of the event.

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## Sneak-Peek Sunday Brunch at CHEZWaWa



Hungry for breakfast burritos, sweet or savory quesadillas & enchiladas? If so, you are not the only one who has been missing this type of Mexican-morning-melted goodness...☺

Earlier this year CHEZWaWa Restaurant opened in the Châtelain district serving fresh and flavorful California-style Mexican food in an informal 'modern taqueria' setting. The American owner will now be launching a new CALI-MEX SUNDAY BRUNCH service from mid-February, and the ACB has been invited to organize an exclusive "Sneak-Peek Brunch" a few weeks prior to launch. Bring your taste-buds and opinions along!

The price includes one breakfast burrito and an unlimited Cali-Mex buffet with an assortment of sweet and savory items, and standard filter-coffee or tea. Participants in this Sneak-Peek event will also receive one complimentary drink (a mimosa or a glass of organic orange juice or organic spumante).

### **Event Details:**

**Date:** Sunday, January 29, 2017.

**Time:** 11:00 a.m. (A second seating may be organized at 1 p.m. depending on the number of individuals registered. Please indicate your preferred time when registering.)

**Place:** CHEZWaWa, rue Américaine 91, 1050 Brussels (tel. 02/534.63.30).

**Public Transportation:** Bus 54 (Trinité), bus 60 (Washington), tram 81 (Trinité).

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

Children 10 years old or younger receive a 50% discount (€15).

**Reservations** are due by Thursday, January 26, at:

<http://www.americanclubbrussels.org/event-2410395>

**Payment** in advance to ACB account BE55427919588144 (KREDBEBB). Please mention "CHEZWaWa 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 Thursday, January 26. Participants canceling after this time, as well as no-shows, are charged the full cost of the event.

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