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July-August 2017

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- October 19-22:
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Final Friday Drinks

Friday, June 30

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



BrewDog

Putterie 20
1000 Brussels

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The cash bar is open to all and we are excited to have our friends from the Expat Club and People to People there as well.

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Please pre-register. Thank you.

Event url:

<http://www.americanclubbrussels.org/event-2553691>

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This year's joint ACB/AWCB Independence Day celebration takes place on Sunday, July 2 at the American Women's Club of Brussels' clubhouse at Avenue des Erables 1, 1640 Rhode St.-Genèse from noon to 5 p.m. The doors open at noon with a patriotic ceremony at 12:30, food is available from 1 to 3 p.m., and games for children will be at the top of the hour starting at 2 p.m. It will be a family-style picnic with hamburgers, hotdogs, and drinks for purchase, potluck salads, assorted side dishes, and desserts. All net proceeds will be donated to the American Overseas Memorial Day Association (www.aomda.org).

Volunteers are needed to help with the picnic: organizing the children's games, working at the barbecue and behind the bar, as well as helping with the set-up and clean-up, and by bringing a side dish. Please note that the ACB is responsible for bringing the side dishes and salads and the AWCB is in charge of desserts. So, please help us out by bringing a side dish or salad. Please let Maggie Nicholson know by email if you can lend a hand during the day and what side dish you will be bringing: margaret.nicholson@telenet.be

Reserve online at www.americanclubbrussels.org. There is no entry fee, but please reserve with the ACB by noon on Friday, June 23.

Event Details:

Date: Sunday, July 2, 2017.

Time: 12:00 noon – 5 p.m.

Place: Avenue des Erables 1, B-1640 Rhode-St.-Genèse.

Sign up: Reservations are due by Friday, June 23 at:

<http://www.americanclubbrussels.org/event-2566996>

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)

Turnover filled with Bernister Cheese,
Smoked Ham, Little Salad

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Coucou de Malines

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Tatin Tartlet with Speculoos Ice Cream

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Coffee and Biscuits

The Ommegang takes place on Friday, 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.

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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 the 2015 trailer on YouTube](#)

Event Details:

Date: Friday, July 7, 2017.

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 3 at:

<http://www.americanclubbrussels.org/event-2529822>.

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 3. Participants canceling after this time, as well as no-shows, are charged the full cost of the event.

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Game Night at CHEZWaWa

Monday, July 10, 2017



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

We look forward to seeing you there!

Event details:

Date: Monday, July 10, 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, July 6, at:

<http://www.americanclubbrussels.org/event-2580153> **Cancellations:** If you signed up but cannot attend, please let us know. Thank you.

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Second Tuesday Historic Bar Tour

July 11, 2017



Bar du Marché

Place Flagey 12
1050 Brussels

Join other beer and Brussels lovers as we embark on another Second Tuesday Historic Bar Tour social hour.

Relax on Place Flagey with a cold beer on the terrace on a summer evening. *Bar du Marché* also has some board games for a calm evening. "The friendly atmosphere and good service make the experience complete. So get settled in one of the comfy chairs and get lost in the multiculturalism" and meet new friends: that is Ixelles.

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.

Event Details:

Date: Tuesday, July 11.

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Place: Bar du Marché, Place Flagey 12, 1050 Brussels (Ixelles). Tel. 02/648.31.05.

Price: Dependent on your own consumption.

Sign up: Please register by Monday, July 10, at
<http://www.americanclubbrussels.org/event-2585314>

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

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Further information or to find the ACB group:

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

2017 dates open for your suggestions:

August 9 • September 13 • October 11 • November 8 • December 13

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:

Quoyle'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 Quoyle builds his new life, he is transformed...

More info about the Clubs:

www.ccbcanada.be • www.awcb.org • www.americanclubbrussels.org

FORE!

For the July edition of Sunday Funday, join us for a round of mini golf. Price includes 18 holes of golf and a post round drinks on site.



Event details:

Date: Sunday, July 16.

Time: 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Location: Wolu Mini Golf, Avenue J.F. Debecker 54, 1200 Woluwe-Saint-Lambert.

Price: €10 for ACB/AWCB/CCB members and €12 for non-members.

Reservations are due by Thursday, July 13 at:

<http://www.americanclubbrussels.org/event-2579145>

Payment in advance to ACB account BE55427919588144 (KREDBEBB). Please mention "Mini Golf" 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, July 13. 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, July 28

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



BrewDog

Putterie 20
1000 Brussels

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Please pre-register. Thank you.

Event url:

<http://www.americanclubbrussels.org/event-2534988>

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Second Tuesday Historic Bar Tour

August 8, 2017



Bar at La Maison de Toone

Rue du Marché-aux-Herbes 66
1000 Brussels

Entrance: Impasse Sainte-Pétronille.

Join other beer and Brussels lovers as we embark on another Second Tuesday Historic Bar Tour social hour.

We visit the *Théâtre Royal de Toone* in August to enjoy a summer evening in the courtyard of the old *Théâtre* which features puppet theatre. The cafe, or "*estaminet*", is a typical cafe with brick walls, blackened beams and tiled floors but the pebble-covered patio is where we will meet for our social hour.

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.

Event Details:

Date: Tuesday, August 8.

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Place: Bar at La Maison de Toone, Rue du Marché-aux-Herbes 66, 1000 Brussels. Entrance: Impasse Sainte-Pétronille. Tel. 02/513.54.86.

Price: Dependent on your own consumption.

Sign up: Please register by Monday, August 7, at <http://www.americanclubbrussels.org/event-2585320> so that we know how many to expect. Thank you.

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Further information or to find the ACB group:

Text or call Carl Mir at 0494/27.97.63.

Dine-Out at Callens Café



Our August Dine-Out will take place at Callens Café, a brasserie-restaurant on Avenue Louise, which is classy and cool at the same time. Above all, it serves excellent cuisine and has a comfortable and trendy terrace where we will be seated, weather permitting.

Those of you who have been around for some time might remember the Chez Callens restaurant on rue du Commerce, a renowned address for business people, diplomats, politicians, and everyone who liked good cuisine and delightful wines. The Callens Café where we will be dining on August 24 is owned by Olivier and Jean Callens, the fourth generation of the Callens family.

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

*Kir vin blanc
White or red wine*

Starter

*Carpaccio de boeuf, salade de roquette et copeaux de parmesan
or
Tartare de saumon, crème de raifort
or
Spirelli de boeuf et d'aubergine*

Main Course

*Pavé de boeuf, frites maison, salade (sauce au choix)
or
Filet de dorade grillée, garniture Argenteuil
or
Salade César*

Dessert

*Moelleux au chocolat rafraîchi d'une boule de glace vanille
or
Crème brûlée
or
Carpaccio d'ananas, boule de glace vanille*

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*½ bottle of wine per person
1 bottle (25cl) of mineral water per person*

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Please indicate your menu choices when registering. Thank you.

Event Details:

Date: Thursday, August 24, 2017.

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Place: Callens Café, Avenue Emile De Mot 1, 1050 Brussels (just around the corner from the ITT Tower)

Public Transportation: Trams 93 & 94: Abbaye; Tram 7:Legrand.

Price: €55. ACB/AWCB/CCB members receive a discounted price of €50.

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

Reservations are due by Tuesday, August 22nd at:

<http://www.americanclubbrussels.org/event-2555865>

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 22. Participants cancelling 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 25

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



CHEZWaWa

Rue Américaine 91
1050Brussels

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Event url:

<http://www.americanclubbrussels.org/event-2580213>

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Game Night at CHEZWaWa

Monday, August 28, 2017



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 going back in time 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 seeing you there!

Event details:

Date: Monday, August 28, 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, August 24, at:

<http://www.americanclubbrussels.org/event-2580213> **Cancellations:** If you signed up but cannot attend, please let us know. Thank you.

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Introduction to the Jewish Quarter in Antwerpen



Back by popular demand! Join us on Sunday, September 3rd 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 20 participants, so please sign up quickly!

Event Details:

Date: Sunday, September 3, 2017.

Time: 10:00 am to 12:30 pm

Meeting point: To be determined.

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

Reservations are due by Wednesday, August 30 at:

<http://www.americanclubbrussels.org/event-2548683>

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 30. Participants canceling after this time, as well as no-shows, are charged the full cost of the event.

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SAVE THE DATE

The Hoover Belgium Relief Commemoration (HBRC) Gala



C.R.B. –Children redeem coupons to obtain their meal.

During World War I, 90% of Belgium was occupied by the German Army after a campaign that left many towns in ruin and thousands of civilians executed.

The country's population was starving after a systematic pillage of its resources and foodstuff. The American financier and then head of the U.S. Food Administration, [Herbert Hoover](#) (later President of the USA), was asked to find a safe way to help the Belgian population survive by sending food and necessities without risking them being confiscated by the German occupiers.

He created the Commission for Relief in Belgium which called on donations from wealthy Americans to purchase the needed items. The food was distributed in Belgium through an organization directed by the Belgian financier Emile Francqui, and of which businessmen Ernest Solvay and Emmanuel Janssen were members.

Thanks to the excellent cooperation between Hoover and Francqui, some 6 million tons of food were shipped to Belgium from 1914 till the end of the war in 1918, feeding some 9.5 million citizens.

After the war, remaining funds were used to create the Belgian American Educational Foundation that organizes student exchange programs and fosters friendship and mutual understanding between Belgium and the U.S.

The Hoover Belgium Relief Commemoration Gala will keep the memory of this generous undertaking alive. It is part of the American Club of Brussels' mission to encourage initiatives that bring both communities together and remember mutual endeavors. It also follows up the major exhibition held several years ago in Brussels and the one organized last year in the 'In Flanders Fields Museum' in Ypres.

The HBRC Gala will also be a symbol of continuing Belgo-American friendship in promoting education as a path to peace and democracy.

HBRC Gala

Friday, October 13, 2017 – 7:00 p.m.

Renaissance Brussels Hotel • Rue du Parnasse 19 • 1050 Brussels • Belgium

Read about [the Hoover tapestry](#).