



The American Club of Brussels  
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## A Guided Visit to the Chagall Retrospective



Join us on Saturday, April 18, for a guided visit of the Marc Chagall Retrospective. Over 200 works of Marc Chagall have been gathered worldwide for this major retrospective exhibition. From early paintings of 1908 to his final, monumental works of the 1980s, the show offers a rich overview of the painter's artistic career.

The exhibition presents the main themes of his work, in particular his connection with Jewish culture, the iconography of the Jewish village, and folk traditions. It also covers his discovery of 17th century literature –such as La Fontaine– the revelation of light, and the particular use of color.

Special attention is given to his Russian period at a time his personal style stands out in an avant-garde art scene featured by the cubist revolution. The original poetic language of

Chagall is faithfully revived and visitors are immersed in his amazing artistic world influenced by different cultures and traditions.

This show brings together artworks from over twenty international institutions: Tate, MoMA New York, Centre Pompidou, Musée d'Art Moderne de la Ville de Paris, Museo Thyssen-Bornemisza, Beyeler Foundation, Maeght Foundation, Nagoya City Art Museum Japan, the State Russian Museum in St. Petersburg, etc.

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

Please note that this visit is limited to 20 people.

**Event Details:**

**Date:** Saturday, April 18, 2015

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

**Place:** Royal Museum of Fine Arts, Place Royale 3, 1000 Brussels (Gresham entrance)

**Price:** €20 for ACB and AWCB members, €25 for non-members.

**Public Transportation:** Metro: Gare Centrale/Centraal Station or Parc/Park; buses 27, 38 and 71: Royale; Trams: 92 or 94: Royale

**Sign up:** Reservations are due by noon on Wednesday, April 15, online at [www.americanclubbrussels.org](http://www.americanclubbrussels.org), by email ([info@americanclubbrussels.org](mailto:info@americanclubbrussels.org)), or by telephone to the ACB Office Manager (0476/996,870). Payment to ACB at BE55427919588144 (KREDBEBB) will confirm your reservation. Be sure to mention "Chagall" in the communications section of the *virement*.

Cancellations are possible until noon on Wednesday, April 15. Participants canceling after this time, as well as no-shows, are charged the full cost of the event.

## Dates to Remember

- March 27: Final Friday at the Sheraton
- April 11: Bookalokal – Gourmet Italian Dinner (details to follow soon)
- April 18: Guided visit to the Chagall retrospective
- April 22: Pioneers' Dinner (members only event)
- April 24: Final Friday at Serendip Spa
- April 30: Wine-tasting seminar, organized by the ACB and the AWCB
- May 9: Expat Club excursion to Bastogne
- May 10: American football event with the Brussels Tigers
- May 23-24: Memorial Day ceremonies in the Ardennes and Waregem
- May 31: Guided walking tour of cartoon murals in downtown Brussels
- June 23: Joint ACB/AmCham Ambassador's Dinner
- June 30: Ommegang Dinner at La Maison du Cygne

## Final Friday Cocktails

**Friday, March 27  
6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.**



**Sheraton Brussels Hotel – O-Bar  
Place Rogier 3 – 1210 Brussels**

The American Club of Brussels is happy to welcome our friends from [ACAB](#) (American Clubs and Associations in Belgium). And anyone else that would like to join us...

Cash bar open to all.

Newcomers to Belgium and prospective ACB members are especially welcome.

No reservation is required. Bring a guest or two.

## Pioneers' Dinner



Cobb Rogers, Chairman of the Pioneers' Club of the American Club of Brussels is pleased to invite all ACB members and their guests to its next traditional dinner at the Château Sainte-Anne on the evening of April 22.

As is customary, the dinner will feature a prominent guest speaker, who in this case will be

**The Honorable Anthony L. Gardner**  
Ambassador of the United States of America  
to the European Union

**Please note that this is a members only event.**

**Event Details:****Date:** Wednesday, April 22, 2015**Time:** 7:30 p.m.**Place:** Château Sainte-Anne, Rue du Vieux Moulin 103, 1160 Auderghem**Dress code:** Black tie**Price:** €75**Sign up:** Reservations are due by noon on Wednesday, April 8, 2015, by email ([info@americanclubbrussels.org](mailto:info@americanclubbrussels.org)) or by telephone to the ACB Office Manager (0476/996.870).

Payment to ACB at BE55427919588144 (KREDBEBB) will confirm your reservation. Be sure to mention "Pioneers" in the communications section of the *virement*. Cancellations are possible until noon on Wednesday, April 8. Participants canceling after this time, as well as no-shows, are charged the full cost of the event.

## Final Friday Cocktails

**Friday, April 24**  
**6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.**



**Serendip Spa**  
**Place Stéphanie 18 – 1050 Brussels**

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## A Wine-Tasting Seminar



Join us on Thursday, April 30, for a very special event: a wine-tasting seminar given by Mr. & Mrs. Daniel Lidby. Both of the Lidbys are trained enologists with degrees from Bordeaux and Toulouse and have twenty years of experience in the field. This is a joint event with the American Women's Club of Brussels and it will be held in their beautiful club-house in Rhode-St-Genèse.

During the course of the 3-hour seminar, you will learn how to taste wine and to appreciate it at its best. This seminar is open to anyone interested in wine – no previous knowledge is necessary. During the seminar, the Lidbys will discuss various attributes of wine, such as the color, aromas, and the taste.

Over the course of the evening, you will have the opportunity to taste 6-8 different wines and to nibble on cheese and/or ham depending on the wines to be tasted, and bread. The Lidbys do not sell any wines, but can, if you like, provide advice.

Please note that this seminar is limited to 24 people.

We look forward to seeing you at this unique event!

### **Event Details:**

**Date:** Thursday, April 30, 2015

**Time:** 6:30-9:30 p.m.

**Place:** The American Women's Club of Brussels, Avenue des Erables 1, 1640 Rhode-St-Genèse

**Price:** €30 for ACB and AWCB members, €35 for non-members.

**Public Transportation:** Buses De Lijn 136 or 137: Ahornlaan; buses TEC W or 365: Erables

**Sign up:** Reservations are due by noon on Wednesday, April 15, online at [www.americanclubbrussels.org](http://www.americanclubbrussels.org), by email ([info@americanclubbrussels.org](mailto:info@americanclubbrussels.org)), or by telephone to the ACB Office Manager (0476/996,870). Payment to ACB at BE55427919588144 (KREDBEBB) will confirm your reservation. Be sure to mention "Wine-Tasting" in the communications section of the *virement*.

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# Bastogne WWII Battlefields

## Expat Club Event



Learn about the Battle of the Bulge and the battle for Bastogne during a one day trip, with visits to the War Museum and a guided bus tour.

### Info and reservations:

<https://expatclub.org/event/bastogne-wwii-battlefields/>

ACB members use should use code Bastogne05ACB for a €10 discount.

# This is What You Missed

February 28, 2015 – Coudenberg Palace



One of the attendees commented on the **March 14 guided visit to the Magritte Museum**: "Wonderful guided visit to the Magritte Museum this morning. Pity so many members missed out on this... Thanks to the organisers and to Lieve for educating us on this special artist."

## Corporate Profile: Manhattn's

*We are pleased to introduce to you this month Manhattn's, our newest corporate member.*



Manhattn's is a premium burger restaurant born in the revolutionary spirit of giving people the opportunity to be a part of the entertaining and enchanting New York experience. There is a New Yorker in every city.

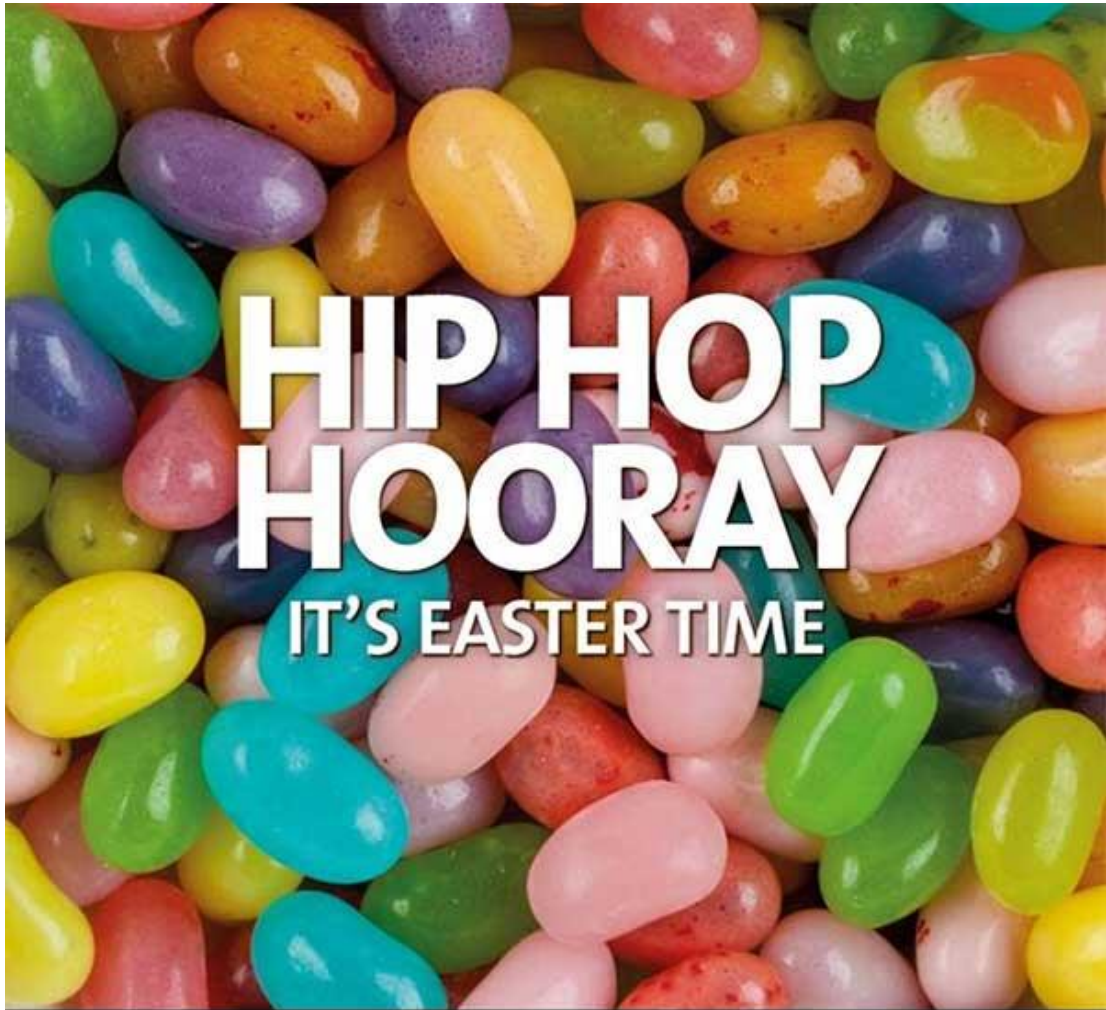
The story of our new corporate member begins on May 24, 1626, when the Belgian Director of the Dutch colony Nova Belgica, Peter Minuit, purchased the island of Mannahatta from the Native American Lenape people. Peter Minuit convened chiefs from nearby tribes, broke open sea chests, and gave them 60 Dutch guilders – US \$24 worth of cloth, beads, hatchets, and other goods.

In 2011, a Belgian New Yorker, Jerry Vandermeulen, started selling Belgian waffles in the streets of Manhattan. In 2014, Jerry decided to bring the entertaining and enchanting New York experience to the world, starting in his country of origin: Belgium.

Run by Jerry and his brother Phil, this restaurant features burgers from grass-fed mature beef, Little Italy home-made buns and Belgian hand-cut fries.



**Manhattn's**  
**Avenue Louise 164 – 1000 Brussels**  
<http://manhattns.com>



# HIP HOP HOORAY IT'S EASTER TIME

**HOP ON OVER... IT'S BREAKFAST WITH THE BUNNY**  
SUNDAY 5th of APRIL • 9.30am til 11.30am

American breakfast buffet, egg hunt, kids entertainment and lots of fun for the whole family!  
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## Community News

# Mindfulness Course in English

The first English-language Mindfulness course in Belgium will be offered in April by **Sandrine Rauter**, a certified MBSR (mindfulness based stress reduction) teacher and yoga teacher.

This **8-week course** corresponds to the program developed and taught by Jon Kabat-Zinn in the Center for Mindfulness at the University of Massachusetts Medical School for more than 30 years.

The program consists of a **practical training** to mindfulness with a progressive, structured and participative approach.

There will be a (free) **information session** on **Wednesday, April 22 at 7:00 p.m.** Your participation in this session is mandatory to be able to enroll in the program.

**Information/Registration:** [sandrine\\_rauter@hotmail.com](mailto:sandrine_rauter@hotmail.com) or 0476/298.224

Download [flyer](#).

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**The American Club of Brussels** is one of the oldest American clubs in Europe, founded in 1921 to foster Belgian-American relations. Although our members comprise more than twenty other nationalities from all walks of life, the ACB retains its American flavor. Some of us are long-time residents in Belgium. Many of us are newcomers. We all enjoy ourselves and the club's wide variety of social and cultural activities.

The ACB is a great way to expand your circle of friends and to discover more of the delights of Belgium. Try us.

