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The American Club of Brussels is one of the oldest American clubs in Europe. An international club with an American heart, it was founded in 1921 to foster Belgian-American relations.

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Editorial



Dear American Club Members and Friends,

Thank you for your input on the new version of *News & Events*. The vast majority of the comments we received were very positive about the revamping. Several members mentioned they enjoyed learning about the member benefits offered by our corporate members: information now found below the respective corporate logo.

Two thousand and sixteen will be a banner year for the American Club: we will be celebrating our 95th anniversary. To mark this special moment in the Club's history, we have planned a series of three events. The first of these will be a "Grease" Party - based on the 1978 movie, "Grease," one of the most successful movie musicals of all time. Our second event will be a Holiday Reception on December 18 at KBC on the Grand Place. This will be your opportunity to mix with fellow members while viewing this historical site decked out for the holidays - including the traditional giant Christmas tree. The celebrations will culminate with a gala dinner dance on January 23, details of which will appear in the next newsletter.

We look forward to greeting you on these occasions, as well as at the other events sponsored by the club – be it sharing a drink on a Final Friday or dressing up as a witch for Halloween!!

Best wishes,

The Board of Governors
The American Club of Brussels

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An American Thanksgiving Celebration
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Other Dates to Remember





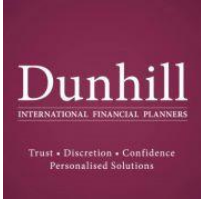
















- November 27 – Final Friday with the American Women's Club of Brussels
- December 18 – Christmas Cocktail at KBC's Grand-Place Offices
- January 23, 2016 – ACB 95th Anniversary Gala Dinner

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(Special ACB member benefits listed below company logo)

				
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Free account with no transaction charges		10% discount for ACB members		

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Final Friday Cocktails

Friday, September 25, 2015

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



**Sofitel Brussels Le Louise & Sofitel Brussels Europe
Avenue de la Toison d'Or, 40
1050 Brussels**

The American Club of Brussels is happy to welcome friends from other American clubs and associations. 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

Although no reservation is required, you can register.
It will take less than a minute and
there are no strings attached.
We will then keep you informed about future ACB events.

Spend an Evening with John Travolta



[movie trailer](#)

Calling all greasers and paper shakers! Don't be a wet rag. Join us at the Sofitel Le Louise for our "Grease Kickoff" event!

To get ready for [the big ACB "Grease" event](#) on October 17, we'll be screening the classic movie "Grease" in the Sofitel Le Louise's intimate Crystal Lounge Theatre on October 7.

The Crystal Lounge is truly an institution in Brussels. The decor marries minimalist design and contemporary furniture with hand-cut crystal decanters by glassmaker Val Saint Lambert.

Brush up on the "Grease" soundtrack while enjoying dinner by the award-winning chef Adwin Fontein and relaxing in the lounge's comfy leather seats. What better location for a private movie screening?

Space is extremely limited so sign up now!

Event Details:

Date: Wednesday, October 7, 2015

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Place: Sofitel Brussels Le Louise, Avenue de la Toison d'Or 40, 1050 Brussels

Price: €45 – includes a hamburger, fries, a beer or wine or soft drink, a brownie, and a private screening of "Grease" in the Crystal Lounge Theatre

Public Transportation: Tram lines 92, 93, 94, 97: Louise; Bus 54, 71: Matongé; Metro 2, 6: Louise

Sign up: Reservations are due by noon on Monday, October 5, online at www.americanclubbrussels.org, by email (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 "Sofitel" in the communications section of the *virement*.

Cancellations are possible until noon on Monday, October 5. Participants canceling after this time, as well as no-shows, are charged the full cost of the event.

"Grease" Party



[movie trailer](#)

The American Club of Brussels invites you to come celebrate the 1950's at our "Grease" Party - based on the 1978 movie, "Grease," one of the most successful movie musicals of all time! This is the first of three events marking the ACB's 95 anniversary and will be followed by a Christmas Cocktail on December 18 at KBC on the Grand Place and a gala dinner dance on January 23.

On Saturday, October 17, the ballroom of the Renaissance Hotel will be transformed into Rydell High School. The doors open at 7:00 p.m. and there will be entertainment during the aperitif. From 8:00 to 9:30 p.m., there will be food stands serving hamburgers, hotdogs, pizza, and french fries. From 9:30 p.m. onwards, popcorn, nachos with melted cheese, brownies and cookies will be served. Guests will receive two tokens for beer or wine. Additional beer or wine can be purchased at the cash bar at Final Friday prices. Soft drinks, water and fruit juices will be available free of charge all evening.

A DJ will provide music from the period (and, of course, the film), so get out your dancing shoes and be ready to rock 'n roll! We will have the Pink Ladies and cheerleaders as well.

Period dress is encouraged, so get creative! There will be a prize awarded at 8:30 p.m. for the best female and best male outfit. And, if you haven't seen or don't remember "Grease," there's still time to see it again for inspiration.

With lots of young professionals present thanks to our collaboration with other international clubs here in Brussels, this will be an ideal opportunity to meet new people in a fun way!

In the event you would like to spend the night in Brussels, the Renaissance is offering a special rate that includes a full American breakfast buffet. The price for a single room is €109 and a double is €129. The city tax of €7.58 is not included in the above prices.

This is a great way to kick off the ACB's 95 anniversary in style. Everyone is welcome; feel free to bring a friend or two.

Event Details:

Date: Saturday, October 17, 2015

Time: 7:00 p.m. to midnight.

Place: Renaissance Hotel, rue du Parnasse 19, 1050 Brussels

Price: €45 for members, €50 for non-members. This is a members-priority event and non-members may sign up as of October 1.

Public Transportation: Buses 12, 21 22, 27, 34, 38, 64, 80 and 95: Luxembourg

Sign up: Reservations are due by noon on Wednesday, October 14, online at www.americanclubbrussels.org, by email (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 "Grease" in the communications section of the *virement*. Cancellations are possible until noon on Wednesday, October 14. Participants canceling after this time, as well as no-shows, are charged the full cost of the event.

A Guided Visit to *Anatolia: Home of Eternity*



Join us on Saturday, October 24 for a guided visit of Anatolia, one of this year's Europalia exhibitions.

Two hundred works of art from thirty Turkish museums are on display for the first time ever in Brussels. Archaeological treasures, sculptures, miniatures, textiles, porcelain and gold and silver objects give us a fascinating insight into Turkey's rich heritage. The works were loaned from prestigious institutions such as the Topkapı collection, national and regional archaeological museums and private collections in Istanbul and Europe. Since the earliest prehistory, cultures have come together on the peninsula of Anatolia. The exhibition *Anatolia: Home of Eternity* delves into the shared roots of Europe and Asia and shows us the result of an age-old, cultural cross-pollination. Emphasis is placed on rituals in Turkish society, from the first settlements to the Ottoman Empire.

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

Please note that this visit is limited to 15 people and is a members-priority event. Non-members may sign up as of October 13.

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

Event Details:

Date: Saturday, October 24, 2015

Time: 1:45 p.m.

Place: Bozar, rue Ravenstein 23, 1000 Brussels

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

Public Transportation: Metro: Gare Centrale/Centraal Station; buses 38 and 71: Bozar; trams 92, 93: Palais/Palaizen.

Sign up: Reservations are due by noon on Wednesday, October 21, online at www.americanclubbrussels.org, by e-mail (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 "Europalia" in the communications section of the *virement*.

Cancellations are possible until noon on Wednesday, October 21. Participants canceling after this time, as well as no-shows, are charged the full cost of the event.

Halloween Party



The American Club of Brussels and AmCham Belgium invite you to come celebrate Halloween at the Renaissance Hotel! There will be a cash bar and free nibbles.

Costumes are encouraged; so get creative! There will be a prize awarded at 8:30 p.m. for the best female and best male costumes.

With lots of young professionals present, thanks to our collaboration with other international clubs here in Brussels, this will be an ideal opportunity to meet new people in a fun way!

This event will be a great way to celebrate Halloween in style. Everyone is welcome; feel free to bring a friend or two.

Event Details:

Date: Friday, October 30, 2015

Time: 6:30 - 9 p.m.

Place: Renaissance Hotel, rue du Parnasse 19, 1050 Brussels

Price: €10 in advance; € 15 at the door

Public Transportation: Buses 12, 21 22, 27, 34, 38, 64, 80 and 95: Luxembourg

Sign up: Reservations are due by noon on Wednesday, October 28, by e-mail (info@americanclubbrussels.org), online at www.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 "Halloween" in the communications section of the *virement*.

Cancellations are possible until noon on Wednesday, October 28. Participants canceling after this time, as well as no-shows, are charged the full cost of the event.

An American Thanksgiving Celebration



Come join us for one of the American Club's most popular events: a traditional Thanksgiving dinner, consisting of roast turkey with all the trimmings, followed by an assortment of real American pies. This very American event will be held on Thanksgiving itself, i.e. on Thursday, November 26 at 7:00 p.m. at the Sheraton Hotel in Brussels. Whole turkeys are carved and served family style at tables for eight. It's just like home, only better, because someone else does the cooking! The menu will be

Apéritif

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New England Clam Chowder

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Turkey with stuffing
Mashed potatoes & gravy
Sweet potatoes
Green beans with mushrooms
Corn pudding
Beets
Cranberry Jelly

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Pecan pie
Mince pie
Apple pie
Pumpkin pie

We look forward to seeing you at one of the Club's very best annual events!

Event Details:

Date: Thursday, November 26, 2015

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Place: Sheraton Brussels Hotel, Horizon Room (30th floor), Place Rogier 3, 1210 Brussels (St.-Josse-ten-Noode)

Price: €80 (includes aperitif, one-half bottle of house wine, soft drinks and mineral water); €38 for children under 12. ACB/AWCB members receive a discounted price of €70 for adults and €38 for children under 12.

Public Transportation: Metro lines 2, 6, 3, 4: Rogier

Sign up: Reservations are due by noon on Friday, November 20 by email (info@americanclubbrussels.org), online at www.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 "Thanksgiving" in the communications section of the *virement*.

Cancellations are possible until noon on Friday, November 20. Participants canceling after this time, as well as no-shows, are charged the full cost of the event.