



# The American Club of Brussels

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An International Club with an American Heart

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## *Falafel* and Belly Dancing



Or belly dancing and *falafel*, whatever is your pleasure! Join hosts Lydia and Bill Strickland, and Lana and Cobb Rogers for a sure cure for the end-of-summer blues on Friday, September 21 at the O-Liban restaurant in the Bascule area of Ixelles.

This very special evening is limited to 20 persons, so make your reservations now. We've booked space to enjoy not only an authentic Lebanese dinner, but front-row seats for the *danseuse orientale* as well. Come along and have a fun evening at this members-only event. As always with the ACB's Dine-Outs, drinks are on your own. O-Liban proposes a bottle of Spanish red wine for €13.

## MENU

An assortment of fresh and spicy Lebanese appetizers  
(*hommus, tabouleh, baba ghanouch, falafel, etc.*)

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Mixed skewered meat dishes  
grilled over an open fire

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The chef's own selection of Middle Eastern desserts

### Event Details

**Date:** Friday, September 21

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

**Place:** O-Liban (upstairs dining room), Chaussée de Vleurgat 324, 1050 Brussels (Ixelles)

**Price:** ACB members-only (no guests) €29, includes meal and entertainment

**Sign up:** Reservations are due by noon on Tuesday, September 18 by email ([info@americanclubbrussels.org](mailto:info@americanclubbrussels.org)), online at [www.americanclubbrussels.org](http://www.americanclubbrussels.org), or by telephone to the ACB Office Manager (02/219.58.08). Payment to ACB at BE55427919588144 (KREDBEBB) will confirm your reservation. Be sure to mention "dine-out" in the communications section of the *virement*. Cancellations are possible until noon on Tuesday, September 18. Participants canceling after this time, as well as no-shows, are charged the full cost of the event.

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## Final Friday Cocktails

Friday, September 28  
6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

**Renaissance Brussels Hotel**  
**(ground floor near the bar)**  
**Rue du Parnasse 19, 1050 Brussels (Ixelles)**  
**(walking distance from Place du Luxembourg)**

Cash bar open to all. Newcomers to Belgium and prospective ACB members are especially welcome. No reservation is required. Bring a guest or two.

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## Dates to Remember

- Friday, August 31: Final Friday Cocktails at the Renaissance Brussels Hotel
  - Monday, September 10: Joint Gala Dinner with AmCham Belgium with U.S. Ambassador Howard W. Gutman
  - Thursday, September 13: Antwerp Expat Welcome Party in Antwerp
  - Friday, September 21: Members-only Dine-Out at O-Liban
  - Friday, September 28: Final Friday Cocktails
  - Wednesday, October 17: Pioneers' Dinner
  - Friday, October 26: Final Friday Cocktails
  - Tuesday, November 6: U. S. Election Night party
  - Thursday, November 22: Thanksgiving Dinner at the Sheraton Hotel, Brussels
  - Friday, November 30: Final Friday Cocktails
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# Joint Gala Dinner for Ambassador Gutman with AmCham Belgium



The American Club of Brussels and AmCham Belgium invite you to attend their annual Joint Gala Dinner in honor of U.S. Ambassador Howard W. Gutman. This event is a wonderful opportunity to get together with the Belgian-American business community and its friends and associates in a luxurious setting.

United Airlines is offering two roundtrip tickets in economy class from Brussels to any continental U.S. destination to be drawn at the dinner. To enter the draw, guests will be invited to provide their business cards when they arrive at the welcome desk. United Airlines operates nonstop flights from Brussels to Chicago, New York, and Washington D.C., with connections to more than 300 destinations across the Americas.

## Event Details

**Date:** Monday, September 10

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

**Place:** Hôtel Métropole, Place De Brouckère 31, 1000 Brussels

**Dress Code:** Formal / black tie preferred

**Price:** Members €120; non-members €240

**Sign up:** Register at [AmCham's website](#) or [dssmith@amcham.be](mailto:dssmith@amcham.be) before Monday, September 3. Cancellation deadline is Wednesday, September 5

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## Antwerp Expat Welcome Party

Looking for a new home, tips on living in Belgium, information about expat clubs and associations, international schools, ideas on what to do? Come along to the 6th annual Antwerp Expat Welcome Party on Thursday, September 13 to meet newly arrived and resident expatriates, local representatives of international associations, and key service providers in the Antwerp region.

There will be a welcome buffet, drinks, live entertainment, stands with practical information, a tombola with special prizes, and many opportunities to meet and greet old friends and make new ones – and all for free! This year's honorary guest is Philippe Heylen, Deputy Mayor of Culture and Tourism in Antwerp.

## Event Details

**Date:** Thursday, September 13

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

**Place:** Radisson Blu Park Lane Hotel (Belvedere Ballroom), Van Eycklei 34, 2018 Antwerp

**Price:** Free

**Sign up:** Register at [www.antwerpexpatparty.eu](http://www.antwerpexpatparty.eu) before Saturday, September 8

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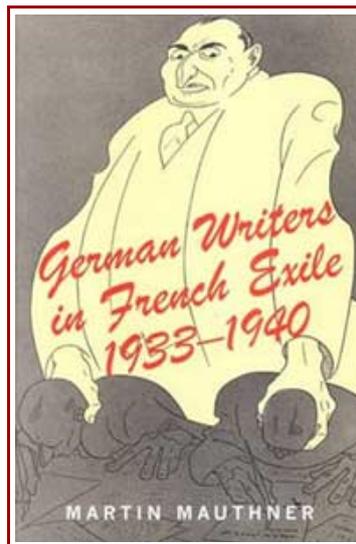
# Community News

## Canadian Pub Night / Soirée au Pub



Join members of the Canadian Club of Belgium on Friday, September 7, from 7:00 p.m. at de Valera's Irish Pub [Place Flagey 17, 1050 Brussels (Ixelles)] for friendly conversation and a few beers. No reservation is required. This is an open event and everyone is welcome.

## Lecture on *German Writers in French Exile 1933-1940*



Martin Mauthner's *German Writers in French Exile 1933-1940* (Valentine Mitchell, 2007) is an account of what happened to some of the best German writers and journalists after they fled the Nazi terror to find shelter in France. It is a tragic intellectual drama that unfolds over seven years, and features German writers such as Lion Feuchtwanger, Thomas Mann, Joseph Roth, and Stefan Zweig, as well as non-German writers André Gide, Aldous Huxley, André Malraux, and H. G. Wells. It recounts how persecuted writers settled in a colony in the south of France, how they tried to counter-attack, aided by British and French writers, how they quarreled among themselves, and how they sought to alert the West to Nazi plans for military conquest and warn the German people that Hitler was plunging the nation into ruin.

Martin Mauthner was born in Russia of Austrian parents. After graduating from Wadham College, Oxford, he worked as a journalist in South Africa before returning to Britain to help Randolph Churchill research a biography of his father, former British Prime Minister Winston Churchill. Mauthner later served as a senior information official for the European Union in Brussels.

He will have a few copies of his book available for purchase on the evening of the lecture. Otherwise, *German Writers in French Exile 1933-1940* can be ordered online via Amazon.

## Event Details

**Date:** Saturday, September 8

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

**Place:** International Jewish Center

**Price:** Free to IJC members, €5 for non-members (includes refreshments)

**Sign up:** Email Ann at [annenglander@fastmail.fm](mailto:annenglander@fastmail.fm) to RSVP and for the address of the IJC

## Brussels American Community Chorus



The Brussels American Community Chorus is a small group which welcomes adults and teens from all countries. Beginning in late September, the chorus will rehearse every Monday from 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. in Kraainem. The fall music includes traditional Christmas carols and Broadway-style holiday music. The group performs in several venues in December and in the spring. For details, contact [Lamdm@attglobal.net](mailto:Lamdm@attglobal.net).

## Brussels Bookswappers Club

One Wednesday evening a month, booklovers get together to swap books that are gathering dust on their shelves. Come along with any number of books you wish to exchange for other titles left at the club by its members. Fiction as well as non-fiction is welcome, and there is a special section for children's books. You are encouraged to bring books in English as well as in other major languages.

A team of Meeters & Greeters will welcome you and explain how the system works. There is no membership fee. The venue is Le Chapelier Fou, Chaussée de la Hulpe 190, 1170 Brussels (Watermael-Boitsfort), near the International School of Brussels. The next meeting is on Wednesday, August 29 starting at 7:00 p.m. at the bar on the first floor. If you wish to receive further information or to be put on the club's mailing list, contact Karen at [abkginfo@skynet.be](mailto:abkginfo@skynet.be).

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## Out & About in Belgium with Nancy Kapstein

A link to the September issue will be sent to you soon.

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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 20 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.