



# The American Club of Brussels

# News & Events

An International Club with an American Heart

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## 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**

(includes wine and water)

### ***Duo de Croquette aux Crevettes et Fondue au Fromage***

(Duo of Shrimp and Cheese Croquettes)

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### ***Dos de Cabillaud de la Mer du Nord sur Tombée de Witloofs et Beurre Blanc***

(North Sea Codfish  
with Belgian Endives and a White Butter Sauce)

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### ***Délice au Chocolat et Glace Vanille Bourbon***

(Chocolate Delicacy with  
Bourbon Vanilla Ice Cream)

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### ***Le Moka et ses Mignardises***

(coffee and sweets)

The Ommegang takes place on Tuesday, July 2. 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.

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.

#### **Event Details:**

**Date:** Tuesday, July 2

**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:** €75 for ACB and Irish Club of Belgium members; €85 for non-members

**Dress code:** Coat and tie requested

**Sign up:** Reservations are due by noon on Friday, June 28, 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 "ommegang" in the communications section of the *virement*. Cancellations are possible until noon on Friday, June 28. Participants canceling after this time, as well as no-shows, are charged the full cost of the event.

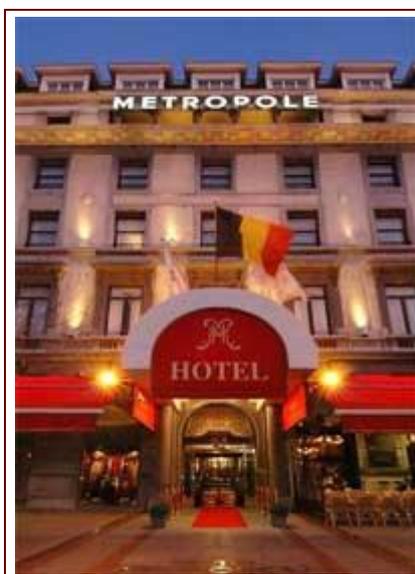
## Dates to Remember

- May 31: Final Friday, Metropole Hotel
  - June 2: Kandinsky Exhibition
  - June 11: Bowling, Billiards and Beer
  - June 19: Dine-Out
  - June 28: Final Friday
  - July 2: Annual Ommegang dinner at La Maison du Cygne
  - July 6: July 4 celebration with the US Army Garrison and the Embassy
  - July 13: Belgian Beer Tour of Brussels
  - July 26: Final Friday
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## Final Friday Cocktails

**Friday, May 31**

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



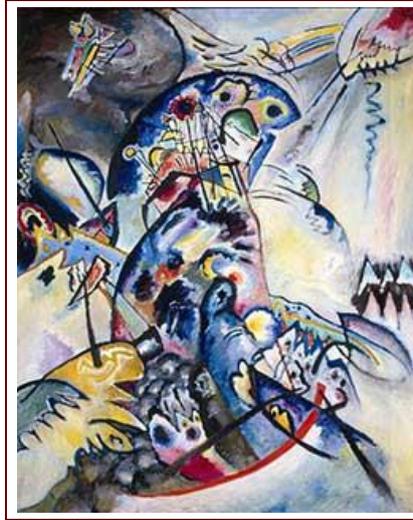
**Metropole Hotel**  
(ground floor near the bar)  
**Place De Brouckère 31**  
**1000 Brussels**

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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# A Guided Visit to the Kandinsky Exhibition

(fully booked - waiting list only)



## Event Details:

**Date:** Sunday, June 2, 2013

**Time:** 4:00 p.m.

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

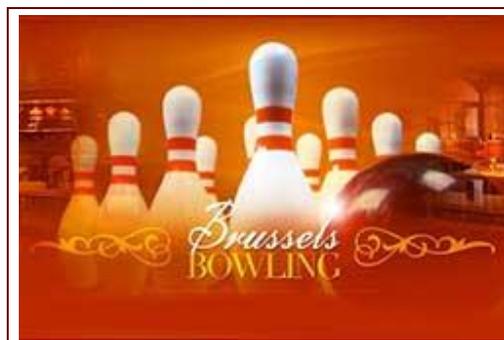
**Price:** €25 for members, €35 for non-members.

**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, May 29, 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 "Kandinsky" in the communications section of the virement. Cancellations are possible until noon on Wednesday, May 29. Participants canceling after this time, as well as no-shows, are charged the full cost of the event.

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## Bowling, Billiards and Beer



Come join us on Tuesday, June 11, for a night of bowling and billiards in our favorite American themed hall. Even if you won't be joining the activities, come enjoy a drink with us. For €20, you will receive shoes, two games of bowling and nibbling food. If you just want to come enjoy the food and the ambiance the cost will be €10. (Please note that billiards and beer are at your own expense.)

**Event Details:****Date:** Tuesday, June 11**Time:** 7:00 p.m.**Place:** Brussels Bowling, Avenue des Saisons 92C, 1050 Brussels**Price:** for bowling, €20 for members: without bowling, €10 for members**Public Transportation:** Bus 95: Etterbeek; Bus 71: Jeanne; Tram 94: Jeanne; Tram 7: Etterbeek; Tram 25: Etterbeek; Metro 5: Delta**Sign up:** Reservations are due by noon on Friday, June 7, 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 "Bowling" in the communications section of the virement. Cancellations are possible until noon on Friday, June 7. Participants canceling after this time, as well as no-shows, are charged the full cost of the event.

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## Dine-Out at Le Grain de Sel

Join your fellow ACB members on June 18 at Le Grain de Sel for an authentic dining experience. Located at Chaussée de Vleurgat 9, just off Place Flagey, this restaurant offers a special menu every day using fresh and simple food. The menu will be a surprise and will depend on the offering of the day at the market.



The owner, Grégory Yarm, states, "After catering school (C.E.R.I.A. in Brussels) and three years of working with fellow chefs, I decided to have my own place and to work alone, free and true to my convictions. I like simple, timeless cooking without unnecessary sophistication. Excellence lies in simplicity."

**Event Details:****Place:** Le Grain de Sel, Chaussée de Vleurgat 9, 1050 Brussels**Date & Time:** Tuesday, June 18, at 7:30 p.m.**Price:** €31 for members, €41 for non-members; water is also included in the price of the meal, while all other drinks are discretionary.**Sign up:** Reservations are due by noon on Friday, June 14, 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 "Le Grain de Sel" in the communications section of the virement. Cancellations are possible until noon on Friday, June 14. Participants canceling after this time, as well as no-shows, are charged the full cost of the event.

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# Brussels American Community Independence Day Celebration



Members of the American Club of Brussels and their family members and friends are invited to attend the Brussels American Community Independence Day Celebration on Saturday, July 6, from 3:00 p.m. to midnight. Admission is free and the only cost is for food and drink. This fabulous event, the best Independence Day commemoration in the Benelux, will be held at the Brussels American School, Kennedylaan 12, 1933 Sterrebeek. It is being organized by the U.S. Army Garrison Benelux with the support of several American clubs and associations in Belgium.

The day's events begin at 3:00 p.m. with an exhibit of World War II vehicles and classic cars. There will be lots of family-oriented activities, entertainment galore and concession stands for purchase of food and beverages. Musical entertainment for young and old alike will be offered in the evening by the SHAPE band and a DJ. The finale will be a fabulous and dazzling fireworks display at 11 pm. Not to be missed!

A day to enjoy with your family, friends, and even your houseguests! If you would like to attend, please provide the Club office with the following information for each person attending:

- Last name, first name
- Nationality
- U.S. Passport Number or Belgian National ID Number or Passport Number/Country for third country nationals

Please note that **each person** will need to show the piece of identification cited in his/her sign-up sheet in order to obtain access on the day of the event. In addition, you must be registered through the ACB and on our access list in order to be admitted. Please note that pets are not allowed.

Please register with the Club office by noon on Wednesday, June 26, by e-mail to [info@americanclubbrussels.org](mailto:info@americanclubbrussels.org).

Lastly, we will be asking for volunteers (one hour for each volunteer) so if you are interested in helping out during the day/evening, please let us know.

It will be a great day for all with something for everyone!

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## Belgian Beer Tour of Brussels



Discover historic, quirky and hidden bars in Brussels and sample some of the world's best beer on a 4-hour walking tour in the historic city center. Along the way, you'll see the main city highlights and get insights into Belgian history and culture. Starting with a special tasting at Délices & Caprices followed by a tour of some special Brussels beer cafés, you'll learn about the many different kinds of beer brewed in Belgium. But be forewarned: Belgian beer has a higher alcohol content than you may be used to!

Please note that the initial beer tasting is included. However any food or drinks at the café visits are at your own expense.

This tour is limited to 15 people, so be sure to book early!

### **Event Details:**

**Date:** Saturday, July 13

**Time:** 3:00 p.m.

**Place:** Tour starts at Délices & Caprices, Rue Des Bouchers / Beenhouwersstraat 68, 1000 Brussels

**Price:** €15 for members, €25 for non-members

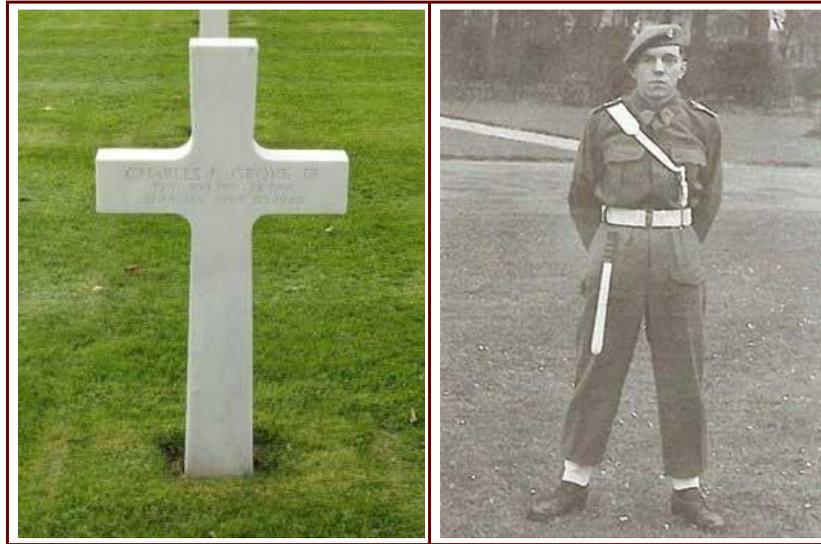
**Public Transportation:** Metro: Gare Centrale/Centraal Station or De Brouckère; Buses 29, 38, 63, 66, 71: Arenberg; Trams 92 or 94: Parc/Park

**Sign up:** Reservations are due by noon on Monday, July 8, 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 "Beer Tour" in the communications section of the virement. Cancellations are possible until noon on Wednesday, July 10. Participants canceling after this time, as well as no-shows, are charged the full cost of the event.

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## ACB Adopts the Grave of a WWII American Soldier

For many years the American Club of Brussels has taken an active part in commemorating the brave men of the American armed forces who gave their lives while fighting in Europe in two world wars. We have now taken a new step in our efforts to continue the memory of these soldiers by officially adopting the grave of an American soldier whose final resting place is at Henri-Chapelle American Cemetery in eastern Belgium.



Private Charles F. Grove, Jr., from Mobile, Alabama, enlisted in the U.S. Army on June 17, 1943, and became a member of the 109th Infantry Regiment, 28th Infantry Division. During the heavy fighting in and around Aachen, Germany, he was killed in action on September 20, 1944. He was laid to rest in Plot G, Row 9, Grave 12, along with almost 8000 other Americans who died in Belgium and Germany.

Pvt. Grove's wife was employed by the draft board in Mobile through which he entered the military. A brother served in the U.S. Navy during the war. In addition to his wife and brother, Pvt. Grove left his parents and two sisters. He was the co-captain of his high school football team and the captain of the basketball team.

The American Club of Brussels is proud to continue its tradition of remembering the sacrifices of the American military in fighting tyranny, especially in Belgium, and we hope that many of you will take the opportunity to visit the grave of this simple soldier, unremarkable in many ways and yet very remarkable in one truly important way.

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## Recent Events: This is what you missed!



May 8 - Chairman of the ACB Pioneers' Club, Robert Rogers, flanked by Ambassador Howard Gutman and his wife, Dr. Michelle Loewinger, at the recent dinner at Chateau Ste-Anne.



May 11 - Attendees at the private art collection of Katoen Natie.

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## Brussels Metropolitan meets Business International

Brussels Metropolitan is looking forward to welcoming you on **Thursday, June 13**, at the first ever expat event, Brussels Metropolitan meets Business International. The goal of this gathering is to bring the local business community and the international community together through a highly personal networking event. And what better way than with a walking dinner that offers a variety of gastronomic tastings with Belgian delicacies.

Are you looking to get your business noticed by the expat community in Brussels Metropolitan? Do you want to meet up with fellow expats in Brussels? Are you interested in networking with the local business community?

Attendance is free of charge but you must register in advance to secure your place. For full details, visit [http://www.brusselismetropolitan.eu/EN/events/event\\_2013\\_06\\_13.php](http://www.brusselismetropolitan.eu/EN/events/event_2013_06_13.php).



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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.

