



The American Club of Brussels

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An International Club with an American Heart

July-August 2013

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Ommegang Dinner

(fully booked - waiting list only)



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), online at 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

- June 28: Final Friday at Kameleon Sky
 - July 2: Annual Ommegang dinner at La Maison du Cygne
 - July 4: Independence Day Party at the Renaissance Brussels Hotel
 - July 13: Belgian Beer Tour of Brussels
 - July 26: Final Friday at Le Méridien
 - August 30: Final Friday
 - September 21: Guided tour of the Hôtel Solvay
 - December 16: ACB black-tie dinner-dance; save the date
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Final Friday Cocktails

Friday, June 28

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



**Kameleon Sky
Viage – 7th floor
Boulevard Anspach 30
1000 Brussels**

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And anyone else that would like to join us...

Cash bar open to all. No reservation is required. Cash bar open to all. No reservation is required.

The American Club of Brussels Wants You

Would you like to have fun, make new contacts and help the Club? Then become a "Meet and Greet" host at our monthly Final Friday Cocktails.

No experience necessary. Your job definition is to greet attendees and ensure that people feel welcome and meet other people.

Your Club runs on volunteer power, so please volunteer for this essential task. Contact Brian Dunhill at bdunhill@gmail.com for further information.

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), online at 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.

Final Friday Cocktails

Friday, July 26

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



**Le Méridien
Carrefour de l'Europe 3
1000 Brussels**

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Guided Tour of the Hôtel Solvay



Join us for a very special guided visit to the Hotel Solvay on Avenue Louise on Saturday, September 21. Listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Monument, the Solvay House is one of the major town houses of the architect Victor Horta. In 1894, the chemical magnate, Armand

Solvay, hired Horta to build a home for his bride. Solvay gave Horta unlimited freedom of creation and unrestricted funding for the project.

The Solvay House greatly contributed to Horta's rising reputation as a world-class architect. His new focus on the innate vitality of people led him to change many accepted practices. He adapted and altered metal frames used in industrial structures to bring radically new qualities to the inner space of a home.

These innovations are all directed towards enhancing the life of those who live in the house. What strikes the visitor to this wonderful building is its luminous space, in which light filters through from everywhere, softened by the carefully arranged coloration of the walls, the floor coverings, and the glasswork.

Our guide will be Mrs. Lieve Dejonghe, an art historian, who was our guide at the Watteau exhibit in late April.

Please note that this visit is limited to 22 people. Those who indicated an interest in attending this visit will be given priority in terms of registering for the event. So, do sign up quickly for this spectacular visit!

Event Details:

Date: Saturday, September 21, 2013

Time: 10:30 a.m.

Place: Hôtel Solvay, Avenue Louise 224, 1050 Brussels

Price: €40 for members, €50 for non-members.

Public Transportation: Trams 81 and 94: Bailli; bus 54: Bailli; bus 38: Vleurgat.

Sign up: Reservations are due by noon on Wednesday, September 18 by email (info@americanclubbrussels.org), online at 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 "Solvay" in the communications section of the *virement*. Cancellations are possible until noon on Wednesday, September 18. Participants cancelling after this time, as well as no-shows, are charged the full cost of the event.

This is what you missed!



June 11 - Bowling

ACB to Celebrate Belgo-American Friendship

Save the Date



On December 16, the American Club will hold an inaugural black-tie dinner-dance to celebrate the indomitable American spirit as personified by General McAuliffe in the face of overwhelming adversity during the Battle of the Bulge in 1944. The event, which took place in the vicinity of Bastogne, is NOT a celebration of a battle in World War II, but rather a tribute to the general's one-word reply to a call by the Germans for the surrender of the American troops.

General McAuliffe is without any doubt the only individual in the world who became famous by uttering one single word: "Nuts!" This is a typically American interjection meaning basically: go to Hell – we won't give up. McAuliffe's defiant reply was an energizer and morale booster that filled the troops with extraordinary fighting spirit. McAuliffe's response gave them that little extra courage needed to win the battle – and the war, resulting in decades of peace and prosperity in Europe.

Join us for a wonderful event that will be repeated every year on December 16. More details will be published in the September Newsletter. Mark your calendars now!

Introducing



This is the seventh of a series of articles highlighting the ACB's corporate members. Both Michael and Brian Dunhill have been active members of the board of directors of the American Club of Brussels. Brian has been especially active recently in organizing one of our signature activities – Final Fridays.

Dunhill Financial SPRL is an international firm offering fee-based planning and wealth management solutions to primarily (but not exclusively) English-speaking expatriates residing in Belgium. Our advisors have a wide breadth of experience working in large multi-national firms and enjoy working with individual clients.

Our aim is to create an environment of trust, discretion and confidence through offering personalized solutions. Through aggregated planning and collaborating (where appropriate with your accountant and attorney) we will be in a position to help with every aspect of your financial planning.

Through different vehicles we can help you in all of your retirement, estate and education needs. Rather than promoting packages of our own, we will select a diverse group of carefully chosen, vigorously monitored investment managers to manage your assets.

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Independence Day Party



**4th OF JULY
CELEBRATIONS**

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CLASSIC ROCK & POP BAND: BLUEWINE

RENAISSANCE BRUSSELS HOTEL
THURSDAY JULY 4, 2013
18h30 – 21h30

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Come celebrate the 4th of July at the Renaissance Hotel! There will be live music, a cash bar, and free nibbles. A great way to enjoy Independence Day. Everyone is welcome and feel free to bring a friend or two.

Event Details:

Date: Thursday, July 4, 2013

Time: 6:30 – 9:30 p.m.

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

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

For more information: Call 0494 515 727



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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.

