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November 2015

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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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## Coporate Profile



### Renaissance Brussels Hotel



In a city known for its unique blend of eclectic architecture, trendy cafes and historic sites, the Renaissance Brussels hotel boasts a superb central location within the European Quarter, near Avenue Louise and its designer label boutiques. In addition the European Parliament and the Grand Place are within easy reach; in short, the Renaissance is the perfect choice for both business and leisure travelers.

The two hundred and sixty two guest rooms are designed to inspire and provoke guests to discover something different - each and every time they stay - so that no trip ever feels routine. It is comfortably

cool and just the right mix of refined sophistication and exuberant fun, combining the quietly playful and the subtly surprising. Find the hidden gems in the hotel, in the immediate surroundings and further afield. No matter where or why you travel—there’s always something wonderfully new to be found.

With its 6,824 square feet of event space (including a ballroom that can host up to 450 guests) whether you’re about to tie the knot in style or organize a conference for movers and shakers, the hotel offers groups an experience beyond the traditional.

Our World Class Fitness Center boasts state-of-the-art facilities including modern equipment, complimentary classes, a dedicated personal trainer, an indoor heated swimming pool and a relaxing sauna.

Deliciously divine dining options include traditional, seasonal Belgian bar snacks and beverages in the Schengen bar and Mediterranean delights in the Parnasse Bistro.

We’re a hotel for the curious, the adventurous, for those who see every journey as a chance to be inspired by the unexpected or the intriguing. Don’t wait, book your next stay at the Renaissance Brussels Hotel now.

**Renaissance Brussels Hotel**

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## Member News






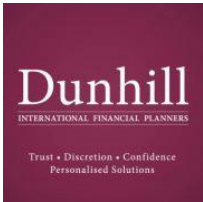












**Manhattan's Burgers** will be opening the Manhattan's Burgers Bourse this November. Located at Rue Henri Maus 39, 1000 Bruxelles, the restaurant will feature outside seating for 80 guests, flame-grilled, grass-fed, matured Irish Beef and a building which replicates an industrial meatpacking structure.



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## Our Corporate Sponsors

The American Club of Brussels is supported by the following companies:  
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	Sponsor of major ACB events	Sponsor of major ACB events	One free initial consultation (1 hour)	
				
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## 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](mailto:info@americanclubbrussels.org)), online at [www.americanclubbrussels.org](http://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.

The Canadian Club of Belgium & The American Club of Brussels  
welcome you to our **Reading Group**  
on the second Wednesday of the month  
(CCB and ACB members only)

We ask you to present a book of your choice (American or Canadian authors preferred) that you have read and really enjoyed. This will give all members, passionate about reading, a chance to read and discuss different literary genres.

Even if you have not read the selected book and if you do not have a book you wish to present, please feel free to join us anyway – even at the last minute.

### **Reading Group Contact**

(also for venue details)

**Geneviève Bergiers** • Tel. 02/660.57.65 • [genevieve@chiropractorbergiers.be](mailto:genevieve@chiropractorbergiers.be)

**November 18 (!) – 7:00-9:00 p.m.**  
**Presented by Ene Kannel**

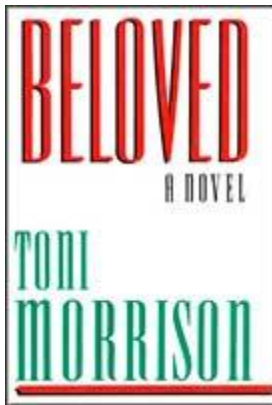


***In the Skin of a Lion***

by Michael Ondaatje (Canada / Sri Lanka)

Nominated for the Governor General's Award for English Language Fiction in 1987, the novel depicts the lives of the immigrants whose contributions to building Toronto in the early 1900s never became part of the city's official history. Ondaatje illuminates the investment of these settlers in Canada, through their labor, while remaining "outsiders" to mainstream society. Ondaatje's later and more famous novel *The English Patient* is, in part, a sequel to *In the Skin of a Lion*, continuing the lives of some of the characters.

**December 9– 7:00-9:00 p.m.**  
**Presented by Geneviève Bergiers**



***Beloved***

by Toni Morrison (USA)

Written by the first Afro-American who has been awarded the Nobel Prize in Literature, this novel was a finalist for the 1987 National Book Award and won the Pulitzer Prize for Fiction in 1988. It was adapted during 1998 into a movie of the same name starring Oprah Winfrey.

Set after the American Civil War (1861-1865), this novel was inspired by the story of an African-American slave, Margaret Garner, who escaped slavery in Kentucky in late January 1856 by fleeing to Ohio, a free state.

**January 13 – 7:00-9:00 p.m.**  
**Presented by Laura Richard**



***The Lesser Blessed***

by Richard van Camp (Canada)

Set in Canada's desolate Northwest Territories, the home province of the author, this critically acclaimed novel tells the coming of age of Larry, a Native Canadian teenager. On the surface he is a typical teenage boy, who loves music and has a crush on a local girl. But Larry is also haunted by a dark and abusive past he must learn to come to terms with. Van Camp has written several short stories and children's fiction, but *The Lesser Blessed*, which has also been turned into a film, remains his best known work.

**More info about the Clubs:**

- The Canadian Club of Belgium: [www.cbcCanada.be](http://www.cbcCanada.be)
- The American Club of Brussels: [www.americanclubbrussels.org](http://www.americanclubbrussels.org)



# Fundraising Gala

The AWCB Black Tie Gala is back with a creative, fundraising twist and you are invited...

CREATE a difference NOW! Gala  
Saturday, November 21, 2015  
7:30 p.m. – Midnight  
American Women's Club of Brussels Villa

Visit <http://awcb.org/gala> to register and/or to donate to the CREATE a difference NOW! Campaign (three worthy causes in one fundraiser)

We cannot wait to *CREATE a difference NOW!* with you and your friends! Please know that space is extremely limited.

RSVP before October 30, 2015.

## A Guided Visit to Nervia/Sint-Martens-Latem



Join us on Sunday, November 22, for a guided visit of the exhibition *Nervia/ Sint Martens-Latem: Traits d'union* and (re)discover two Belgian art groups from the interwar period.

This exhibition invites you to (re)discover two Belgian arts groups that played an important role on the Belgian artistic scene during the interwar period. They were the Laethem group in the north which included amongst others, Gustave Van de Woestyne and Valerius de Saedeleer and, in the south, towards the Hainaut axis, Nervia, with Anto Carte and Léon Navez. These artists favored a serene atmosphere and a warm palette. Their works are brought together for the first time and reveal the numerous areas of convergence as well as the differences between the two groups.

We will also have the opportunity to see parts of the museum's permanent collection which includes major collections of belle époque posters and 19th-20th century European art.

Our guide will once again be the excellent Lieve De Jonghe. Please note that this visit is limited to 20 people and is a members-priority event. Non-members may sign up as of November 10.

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

**Event Details:**

**Date:** Sunday, November 22, 2015

**Time:** 1:45 p.m.

**Place:** Musée d'Ixelles, rue Jean Van Volsem 71, 1050 Brussels

**Price:** €20. ACB/AWCB/CCB members receive a discounted price of €15.

**Public Transportation:** Buses: 54: Fernand Cocq; 71: Van Volsem; 38 & 60: Malibrant; 95: Blyckaerts; Trams 81 & 83: Flagey.

**Sign up:** Reservations are due by noon on Wednesday, November 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 (0476/996.870). Payment to ACB at BE55427919588144 (KREDBEBB) will confirm your reservation. Be sure to mention "Nervia" in the communications section of the *virement*.

Cancellations are possible until noon on Wednesday, November 18. Participants canceling after this time, as well as no-shows, are charged the full cost of the event.

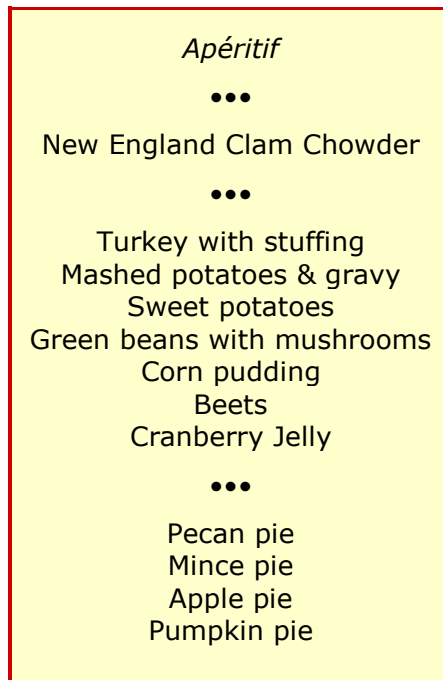
## An American Thanksgiving Celebration



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



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 (30<sup>th</sup> 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/CCB 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](mailto:info@americanclubbrussels.org)), online at [www.americanclubbrussels.org](http://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.

## Final Friday Cocktails

**Friday, November 27, 2015**

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



**AWCB Clubhouse  
Sint-Genesius-Rode 1640 Rhode-Saint-Genèse**

(Register to receive full address)

The American Club of Brussels and the American Women's Club are 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 and AWCB members are especially welcome. No reservation is required. Bring a guest or two.

## Holiday Reception

**SAVE THE DATE: December 18, 2015**



Save the date of the evening of Friday, December 18<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. for the ACB's holiday reception! One of the Club's prestigious events organized within the framework of the Club's 95<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations, the reception will be held at the magnificent KBC building on the Grand-Place/Grote Markt. Join us for drinks and canapés and a fabulous view of the Christmas tree and the sound and light show.

Complete details will be published in the December *News & Events* and on the website in November when registration opens. But mark your agendas now! We look forward to seeing many of you for what promises to be a magical evening and a marvelous way to kick off the holiday season.

