



News & Events

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The American Club of Brussels is a social organization that will seek to represent the American spirit and culture, foster mutual understanding, respect and friendship between Belgium and the United States.

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Editorial



We are happy to report that the holiday giving tree at the Thanksgiving dinner was a huge success.

With the proceeds, the ACB, together with HOPE, the AWCB's charitable group, provided presents from St. Nicolas to children in a refugee shelter.



After the purchase of the toys, there remained a balance of €490 which was transferred to the orphanage, La Cité Joyeuse. Please see next page for their letter of thanks for this donation.

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Bruxelles, le 4 janvier 2017

The American Club Of Brussels
ASBL
Rue du parnasse 19
1050 Bruxelles

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Madame, Monsieur,

La Cité Joyeuse tient à vous informer qu'elle a bien reçu votre don d'un montant de 490 euros. Ce geste généreux nous permettra d'aider au mieux les enfants de notre institution.

Par la présente, nous vous remercions chaleureusement pour votre don et l'intérêt que vous nous portez. Sachez que votre soutien nous est très précieux et contribue à notre mission en faveur des enfants en difficulté.

Recevez, Madame, Monsieur, l'expression de nos sentiments distingués.

N. MOHIDAD
Directrice Générale

L. DE BOUVÈRE
Président

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N° d'entreprise 0462 063 003 Banque: N°14 1100 6015 2104 Agréée par la Communauté Française et la C.O.C.O.B.

Thanks also to Board member Erin Richmond for spearheading this excellent initiative.

Upcoming Events



Final Friday February

Friday, February 24 – 6:30-09:00 p.m.

[Event details](#)



Guided Visit to the BELvue Museum

Saturday, March 4 – 2:45 p.m.

[Event details](#)



Reading Group

Wednesday, March 8 – 7:00-9:00 p.m.

[Event details](#)



The Irish Ball 2017

Saturday, March 11

[Event details](#)



Second Tuesday Bar Tour

Tuesday, March 14 – 7:00 p.m.

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Dine-Out at La Table du Domaine

Thursday, March 16 - 7:30 p.m.

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Game Night at CHEZWaWa

Monday, March 20 – 7:00 p.m.

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American Financial Forum

Wednesday, March 22 - 6:00 p.m.

[Event details](#)



Final Friday March

Friday, March 31 – 6:30-09:00 p.m.

[Event details](#)

Corporate Profile



Mir Taxes



Mir Taxes has been a staunch supporter of the American Club of Brussels for the last couple of years. They are a tax services firm dedicated to assisting US expats and led by a professional and career accountant with numerous years of experience and education. Carl Mir is ready to assist you in being compliant with the US government while living abroad. In other words, Mir Taxes will help you establish some peace of mind and keep you out of trouble while you enjoy living in a different culture.

Mir Taxes will provide consultations on any US-related tax questions concerning declaration reporting, forms and how your income may be taxable. Every case is different so every question is welcomed as another opportunity to assist the US expat community. The fees are competitive and reasonable offering flat fees depending on your filing requirements. You can also receive consultations on other accounting concerns and financial services. Financial services recommendations will be provided by partnered firms on retirement planning, monetary foreign exchange needs, and smart investments.

Mir Taxes is a global firm with an outreach to all of Europe and worldwide. Inquiries are welcomed through the Contact Us form on the website (www.mirtaxes.com). Check out the website for current news on tax issues. Free half-hour consultation for all American Club of Brussels members.

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Mission of Mir Taxes

We will ensure that our clients accomplish their financial goals of tax and financial planning with peace of mind. The objectives are to provide the clients professional services in completing their tax preparation reporting requirements and ensuring compliance with US laws and regulations. We also strive to ensure our clients are aware of financial tools that will lead them to meeting their other future economic goals. Whether you are looking for answers or simply want more information, we believe that good communication is vital to provide a good service.

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Corporate Members

The American Club of Brussels is supported by the following companies:
(Special ACB member benefits listed below company logo)

				
<p>One free initial consultation (1 hour)</p>		<p>Sponsor of major ACB events</p>		<p>Sponsor of major ACB events</p>
				
<p>One free initial consultation (1 hour)</p>		<p>Sponsor of major ACB events</p>		
				
		<p>One free initial consultation (1/2 hour)</p>	<p>Free account with no transaction charges</p>	

	 <p>Serendip Spa</p>	 <p>tecnibo working space factory</p>		
	<p>10% discount for ACB member</p>			



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Final Friday Drinks

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Please pre-register. Thank you.

Event url:

<http://www.americanclubbrussels.org/event-2444478>

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A Guided Visit to the BELvue Museum



Join us on Saturday, March 4 for a guided visit of the recently renovated Bellevue Museum. Chips, beer and chocolates... surely there is more to Belgium than that? Democracy, prosperity, solidarity, pluralism, migration, languages and Europe: these are the themes used by the BELvue Museum to help you to discover Belgium. Each one is developed through present-day testimonials and then traced right through history. This is a modern, original way of gaining a fuller understanding of modern-day Belgium.

Have a look at the gallery too: there are more than 200 objects to view, each one forming a tangible memory of Belgium. Here are just a few examples: a lithograph by Magritte, a motorcycle, crystal vases by Val Saint-Lambert, and a football signed by the Red Devils. The very essence of Belgian-ness!

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

Please note that this event is limited to 20 participants.

Event Details:

Date: Saturday, March 4, 2017.

Time: 2:45 p.m.

Place: BELvue Museum, Place des Palais 7, 1000 Brussels.

Public Transportation: buses 27, 38, 71, 95 and trams 92 and 93: Royale/Koning; buses 22 and 54: Trône/Troon.

Price: €25. ACB/AWCB/CCB members receive a discounted price of €20.

Reservations are due by Wednesday, March 1 at <http://www.americanclubbrussels.org/event-2459288>

Payment in advance to ACB account BE55427919588144 (KREDBEBB). Please mention "Belvue" in the reference section of the bank transfer. Online payment with a credit card is also possible (through PayPal, but no actual PayPal account is required); pay when registering or use the link provided in the invoice.

Cancellations are possible until noon on Wednesday, March 1. Participants canceling after this time, as well as no-shows, are charged the full cost of the event.

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The Canadian Club of Belgium, The American Club of Brussels &
The American Women's Club of Brussels
welcome you to our **Reading Group**
on the **second Wednesday** of the month
[7:00–9:00 p.m.]
(CCB, ACB and AWCB 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

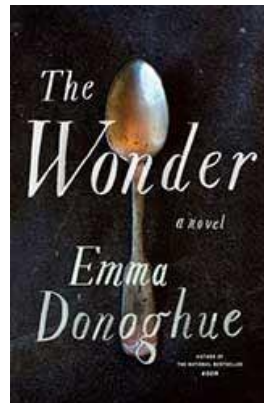
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2017 dates open for your suggestions:

May 10 • June 14 • August 9 • September 13 • October 11 • November 8 • December 13

On March 8, Kim Masiero will present:



The Wonder

by **Emma Donoghue** (Ireland/Canada)

The Irish Midlands, 1859. An English nurse, Lib Wright, is summoned to a tiny village to observe what some are claiming as a medical anomaly or a miracle - a girl said to have survived without food for months. Tourists have flocked to the cabin of eleven-year-old Anna O'Donnell, and a journalist has come down to cover the sensation.

The Wonder is a tale of two strangers who transform each other's lives, a psychological thriller, and a story of love pitted against evil.

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The Irish Ball 2017



It's that time of the year again!

Join the members of the [Irish Club of Belgium](#) for its annual Irish Ball, which has been proven to be an outstanding annual event. Lots of great food, great people and fabulous entertainment. The Irish Club of Belgium would like to let you know they'd be honoured if you would consider joining them again in 2017. Perhaps you might even be good enough to put together a table of your friends.

The Irish Club of Belgium's annual Irish Ball will take place on **March 11th** at the Steigenberger Wiltcher's Hotel, Avenue Louise 71, 1050 Brussels (Ixelles).
Dress code: black tie/evening wear.

Ticket prices are **€89** for members of the Irish Club of Belgium and for members of the American Club of Brussels, and **€99** for non-members. The Irish Club of Belgium will be very happy to welcome anyone who wishes to attend.

Booking for the Irish Ball is now open.

Book early to avoid disappointment. Over 18's only.

Info & reservations:

ann.douglas@yahoo.ie or irishball2017@gmail.com
or GSM 0476/71.33.29

Second Tuesday Historic Bar Tour

March 14, 2017



The Old Oak

Rue Franklin 26
1000 Brussels

Join other beer and Brussels lovers for a pre-St. Patrick's Day celebration as we embark on another Second Tuesday Historic Bar Tour social hour. This month we leave the center of the city and travel to the Quartier Européen for an Irish pub. The pub not only has a selection of Belgian beers but Irish beers to get you ready for St. Patrick's Day.

Review from the website laymanslondon.com:

"A full-on Irish pub in Brussels' European Quarter, the Old Oak is awash with old-world paraphernalia, Celtic charm and television screens showing whatever football game is on in Europe. It draws in lively young Eurocrats and has a bit of atmosphere. The pub is housed in a deep, slim nineteenth century building, but a massive stain glass roof in the back room prevents the place getting too dingy."

The Historic Bar Tour events are held the second Tuesday of each month and take place at different and great locations throughout the city of Brussels.

Event Details:

Date: Tuesday, March 14.

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Place: Rue Franklin 26, 1000 Brussels; tel. 0489/73.76.57.

Public transport: Metros #1 & #5, Train S8, Bus #60: Schuman.

Price: Dependent on your own consumption.

Sign up: Please register by Monday, March 13, at <http://www.americanclubbrussels.org/event-2462023>

so that we know how many to expect. Thank you.

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Further information or to find the ACB group:

Text or call Carl Mir at 0494/27.97.63.

Dine-Out at La Table du Domaine

March 16, 2017



Please join us for our March Dine-Out on March 16 at La Table du Domaine, an excellent restaurant in an unusual venue: a tennis club. Located near Altitude Cent in Forest, the club and restaurant have a beautiful view of most of Brussels. Serving traditional Belgian/French cuisine, the restaurant has a huge following among inhabitants of Forest and nearby communes. It offers delicious food in a very cozy atmosphere.

Dine-outs are a great opportunity to meet old friends and make some new ones. If you have not yet been to a Dine-Out, or are looking to discover new restaurants in Brussels, this is the event for you.

MENU

Apéritif

Starter

Duo de croquettes aux crevettes grises

or

Carpaccio de boeuf aux cropeaux de parmesan et sa salade de roquette

Main Course

Saumon grille, sauce Choron, pommes grenailles

or

Steak aux deux sauces, pommes frites et ananas

Dessert

Soufflé glacé au Grand Marnier

or

La dame blanche

Café

Please indicate your menu choices when registering. Thank you.

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Event Details:

Date: Thursday, March 16, 2017.

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Place: Forest Domaine, Avenue du Domaine 150, 1190 Forest.

Public Transportation: Bus 48: Domaine.

Parking: Generally, there is plenty of free parking on Avenue Minerve, directly across from Forest Domaine.

Price: €50. ACB/AWCB/CCB members receive a discounted price of €45.

Price includes an apéritif, water, a half bottle of red or white wine, and coffee per person.

Reservations are due by Tuesday, March 14 at:

<http://www.americanclubbrussels.org/event-2472128>

Payment in advance to ACB account BE55427919588144 (KREDBEBB). Please mention "March Dine-out" in the reference section of the bank transfer. Online payment with a credit card is also possible (through PayPal, but no actual PayPal account is required); pay when registering or use the link provided in the invoice.

Cancellations are possible until noon on Tuesday, March 14. Participants canceling after this time, as well as no-shows, are charged the full cost of the event.

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Game Night at CHEZWaWa

Monday, March 20, 2017



The American Club of Brussels and our friends at CHEZWaWa invite you to join us as we revive that greatest of traditional past times, 'The Game Night'! We're taking it back to the days before the internet and bringing the board games back. Chess, Monopoly, Scrabble...Snakes & Ladders! Hell, weather permitting, we could even try some Twister for the more flexible among us.

If you have any board games at home, please bring them along and join in the fun!

We look forward to seeing you there!

Event details:

Date: Monday, March 20, 2017.

Time: 7:00 p.m. until ?

Place: CHEZWaWa, Rue Américaine 91, 1050 Brussels (tel. 02/534.63.30).

Public Transportation: Bus 54 (Trinité), bus 60 (Washington), tram 81 (Trinité).

Price: depending on your own consumption.

Reservations are due by Thursday, March 16, at:

<http://www.americanclubbrussels.org/event-2466744>

Cancellations: If you signed up but cannot attend, please let us know. Thank you.

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American Financial Forum

Interested in planning for your financial future? Join the American Club for the 4th Annual American Financial Forum where we will have several speakers address various topics relating to the personal financial situation of Americans residing in Belgium.

Doors will open at 5:30 p.m. with presentations, a keynote speaker and panel discussions. The program will end at 8:15 p.m. A full list of presenters and topics will be published shortly.



Event details:

Date: Wednesday, March 22, 2017.

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

Place: ING, Cours Saint Michel/Sint-Michielswarande 60, 1040 Brussels.

Price: €10. Free entry for ACB/AWCB/CCB members and speakers' guests.

Sign up: Please register by Monday, March 20 so that we know how many to expect. Event url:

<http://www.americanclubbrussels.org/event-2472138> **Payment** in advance to ACB account BE55427919588144 (KREDBEBB). Please mention "Financial Forum" in the reference section of the bank transfer. Online payment with a credit card is also possible (through PayPal, but no actual PayPal account is required); pay when registering or use the link provided in the invoice.

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Event url:

<http://www.americanclubbrussels.org/event-2472104>

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