



# News & Events

April 2017

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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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## Corporate Profile



As an introduction to our newest Corporate Member, American Citizens Abroad (ACA), we are publishing their latest news release which gives a good introduction to the work of this organization. Look for Michael Larsen, ACA representative here in Belgium, at our events. Welcome him to the club and ask for more details on ACA.



### **ACA Global Foundation (ACAGF) Launches Fundraising Campaign to Support Tax Reform for Americans Living Overseas**

March 21, 2017  
Washington, DC

Congress is slated after the summer recess to take up the issue of comprehensive tax reform. The upcoming tax-reform process is focusing on residence-based taxation changes for US foreign businesses, and American Citizens Abroad (ACA) advocates working to persuade Congress that the tax law should include residence-based taxation for individuals as well. Currently, Americans living overseas are taxed in the US based on citizenship.

"Residency-based taxation for individuals is a relatively straightforward exercise and does not risk 'muddying the water' for changes regarding corporate international taxation. There are no obvious roadblocks to undertaking this step," said ACAGF Chairman Charles Bruce.

ACA's ongoing advocacy efforts have raised awareness of the problems facing Americans living overseas and have provided proposals for treatment to alleviate tax compliancy problems. Now ACAGF is raising funds to commission a professional "scoring" or revenue estimates required to persuade Congress that tax reforms that would benefit individual American expatriate taxpayers are feasible and cost-neutral.

"The tax-writing and other committees and Member offices that ACA has met with are all familiar with ACA's approach to residency-based taxation of Americans overseas, and meetings in these offices lead us to believe that legislation making this change is eminently doable," said ACA Executive Director Marylouise Serrato. "The House Republican 'Blueprint' for tax reform states that the Ways and Means Committee intends to address the treatment of individuals living and working abroad, opening the door for this important change."

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This urgent "specified-need" fundraising campaign is being conducted by American Citizens Abroad, Inc.'s sister organization, American Citizens Abroad Global Foundation, which is a section 501(c)(3) tax-exempt publicly-supported charity (<http://acaglobalfoundation.org/donate>). Donations to ACAGF are tax-deductible. Details about the work are found here on ACA's website at: <https://www.americansabroad.org/news-the-time-for-rbt-donate-today/>
















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		<p>10% discount for ACB member</p>		



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## Final Friday Drinks

**Friday, March 31**  
6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.



**Renaissance Brussels Hotel**  
Rue du Parnasse 19  
1050 Brussels

The American Club of Brussels invites you for an evening of fun, socializing and chatting!  
Everyone is welcome! Bring friends!

We've arranged special deals on beer and wine and the cash bar is open to all.

Final Friday events are held the last Friday of each month and take place at different, great locations throughout the city. So plan to attend future Final Fridays as well.

**Please pre-register. Thank you.**

Event url:

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

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## Second Tuesday Historic Bar Tour

**April 11, 2017**



### **Le Roi des Belges**

Rue Jules Van Praet 35  
1000 Brussels

Join other beer and Brussels lovers as we embark on another Second Tuesday Historic Bar Tour social hour. This month we return to the historic center city within the Place Saint-Géry area to another interesting pub. Le Roi des Belges is a “relaxed 2-story cafe-bar on a corner with outdoor seating, a spiral staircase & DJs playing music.” Since the weather may still be cool, we will meet upstairs... possibly by the swings! Yes, there are swings!

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, April 11.

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

**Place:** Rue Jules Van Praet 35 (across from the Place Saint-Géry), 1000 Brussels. Tel. 02/513.51.16.

**Price:** Dependent on your own consumption.

**Sign up:** Please register by Monday, April 10, at <http://www.americanclubbrussels.org/event-2492308> so that we know how many to expect. Thank you.

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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**

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**2017 dates open for your suggestions:**

- August 9
- September 13
- October 11
- November 8
- December 13

**On April 12, Ana Ooms will present:**



***The Swans of Fifth Avenue***  
by **Melanie Benjamin** (USA)

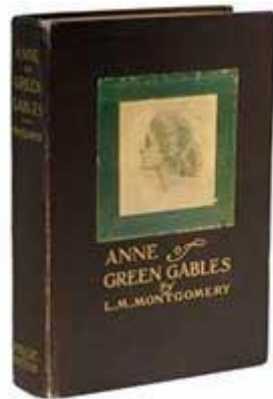
Melanie Benjamin is an American author, native of the Midwest and living in Chicago, known for writing historical novels. Her bibliography includes *The Aviator's Wife* (about Ann Morrow Lindbergh), *Alice I Have Been* (Alice Liddell, the inspiration for Alice in Wonderland) and *The Autobiography of Mrs. Tom Thumb* (the story of 32-inch-tall Lavinia Warren Stratton).



*The Swans of Fifth Avenue*, her latest novel, is the story of how Truman Capote gains an unlikely entrée into the lives of Manhattan's elite through his friendships with the socialites he called his swans. He was particularly favored by Babe Paley and, through her, he was given unparalleled access to the scandal and gossip of her powerful friends. But a story teller cannot keep a secret, and Truman Capote least of all, even if it leads to his downfall after parts of his unfinished novel *Answered Prayers* are published in Esquire magazine.

Readers who would like to become more familiar with the topic of the book can read up on it following this link: <http://www.vanityfair.com/culture/2012/12/truman-capote-answered-prayers>

**On May 10, Geneviève Bergiers will present:**



First edition (1908)

***Anne of Green Gables*** (1 & 2)  
by L.M. Montgomery (Canada)

*Anne of Green Gables* was an immediate success. The central character, Anne Shirley, an orphaned, once awkward, freckled-faced little girl and now a mature and responsible young woman, made Montgomery famous in her lifetime and gave her an international following. This book is the first one of a series of eight.

Lucy Maud Montgomery was a Canadian author (1874-1942): a fiction writer, specialized in Canadian literature, children's novels, short fiction and poetry. Her notable works are: *Anne of Green Gables*, *Rilla of Ingleside* and *Emily of New Moon*. She was decorated by Britain's King George V as an Officer of the Order of the British Empire (OBE) and was named a National Historic Person by the Canadian Federal Government.

## Dine-Out at La Porteuse d'Eau



A must in Saint-Gilles, la Porteuse d'Eau is located in a splendid Art Nouveau building designed by the architect Ernest Blerot. It is a jewel of Art Nouveau design with a colorful stained glass window that explains the name of the building, a superb monumental staircase lit by a bay window beautifully chiseled, and comfortably furnished character rooms spread over two levels.

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**

*Kir, Porto rouge or  
Pineau des Charentes*

#### **Starter**

*Tartare de saumon frais  
or  
Carpaccio de boeuf  
aux cropeaux de parmesan  
or  
Potage du jour (vegetarian)*

#### **Main Course**

*Waterzooi de volaille à la Gantoise  
or  
Américain, frites et salade  
or  
Filet de saumon sauce béarnaise  
or  
Tagliatelle végétarienne*

#### **Dessert**

*Mousse au chocolat  
or  
La tarte aux pommes*

**Please indicate your menu choices when registering. Thank you.**

**Event Details:**

**Date:** Thursday, April 10, 2017.

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

**Place:** La Porteuse d' Eau, Avenue Jean Volders 48,  
1060 Brussels (Saint-Gilles).

**Public Transportation:** Metro lines 2 and 6; trams 3, 4, and 51; buses 27 and 48: Porte de Hal.

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

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

**Reservations** are due by Tuesday, April 18 at:

<http://www.americanclubbrussels.org/event-2492309>

**Payment** in advance to ACB account BE55427919588144 (KREDBEBB). Please mention "April 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, April 18. Participants canceling after this time, as well as no-shows, are charged the full cost of the event.

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## Sunday Brunch at La Fabrique En Ville



Please join us for a Sunday Brunch on April 23 at La Fabrique En Ville, located in the beautiful Parc d'Egmont. We will enjoy a brunch buffet that includes breads and pastries, muesli, granola, fruit, scrambled eggs, omelettes made to order, cheese and meat trays, salad selections, hot dishes, dessert, and more!

We look forward to seeing you!

### **Event Details:**

**Date:** Sunday, April 23, 2017.

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

**Place:** La Fabrique en Ville, Boulevard de Waterloo 44, 1000 Brussels. The restaurant is accessible from Boulevard de Waterloo through the park entrance to the left of The Hotel Brussels, or through the park entrance on Rue aux Laines.

**Price:** €35. ACB/AWCB/CCB members receive a discounted price of €30.

**Reservations** are due by Friday, April 14 at:

<http://www.americanclubbrussels.org/event-2502364>

**Payment** in advance to ACB account BE55427919588144 (KREDBEBB). Please mention "Brunch" 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 Friday, April 14. Participants canceling after this time, as well as no-shows, are charged the full cost of the event.

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## Dianne Reeves & The Luxembourg Philharmonic Orchestra



Dianne Reeves © Jerris Madison

**Orchestre Philharmonique du Luxembourg – Wayne Marshall** conductor – **Dianne Reeves** vocals – **Peter Martin** piano – **Romero Lubambo** guitar – **Reginald Veal** bass – **Terreon Gully** drums

BOZAR, one of our corporate members, is proud to announce a fantastic evening of American jazz and blues with Dianne Reeves.

“She has one of the most powerful, pure and intense voices of our time and in fact of all time”, said Wynton Marsalis, when describing the American jazz diva Dianne Reeves. Her unique blend of R&B, jazz, virtuoso improvisations and expressive vibratos has earned her the status of an inimitable legendary artist. Her career has been honored by five Grammy Awards for best ‘Jazz Vocal Album’ and an honorary doctorate in music from the Juilliard School in New York. At the invitation of the Luxembourg Philharmonic Orchestra, she and her regular band will be performing a splendid gala concert that varies between jazz and pop.

### **Event Details:**

**Date:** Sunday, April 23, 2017.

**Time:** 8:30 p.m.

**Place:** BOZAR, Salle Henri Le Bœuf, Rue Ravenstein 23, 1000 Brussels.

**Tickets:** €46, €38, €26, €12 from BOZAR.

**Public Transportation:** Metro lines 1 & 5 : Gare Centrale/Centraal Station or Parc; buses 38 and 71: Bozar; trams 92, 93: Palais/Paleizen.

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## Game Night at CHEZWaWa

**Monday, April 24, 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, April 24, 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, April 20, at:

<http://www.americanclubbrussels.org/event-2492299>

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

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## Final Friday Drinks

**Friday, April 28**

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



### **Martin's Hotel**

Karel de Grotelaan 80 Boulevard Charlemagne  
1000 Brussels

The American Club of Brussels invites you for an evening of fun, socializing and chatting! Everyone is welcome! Bring friends!

We've arranged special deals on beer and wine and the cash bar is open to all.

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**Please pre-register. Thank you.**

Event url:

<http://www.americanclubbrussels.org/event-2496935>

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## A Guided Visit to the Rik Wouters Retrospective



Join us on Saturday, May 6 for a guided visit of the Rik Wouters Retrospective. A prominent figure in Brabant's Fauvism, Rik Wouters brought us brilliant and colorful art, far from the dramas that marked his existence until his early death in 1916 at the age of 33. Rik Wouters equally mastered painting, sculpting and drawing: his extraordinary career has made him an essential representative of Modern Art in Belgium.

The retrospective exhibition organized by the Royal Museums of Fine Arts of Belgium, in partnership with the Royal Museum of Fine Arts Antwerp, is exceptional. For the first time, the two museums bring together in one exhibition the most important collection of works by the illustrious Belgian artist of the early 20<sup>th</sup> century. Rare loans from private collections and major international museums complete the ensemble. This major exhibition closes the series of tributes linked to the centenary of the artist's death.

The art of Rik Wouters is above all an abundance of colors and authentic, simple, touching subjects. Through his visual language, the construction of his subjects and the luminous richness of his palette, he developed an avant-garde style, while also being associated with artists like Ensor, then Cézanne and even Renoir. Rik Wouters was quickly appreciated by his contemporaries; his dazzling talent, although obstructed early on by the Great War and his illness, bequeaths to us a fascinating and masterful artistic legacy.

Our guide will once again be the excellent Lieve De Jonghe.

Please note that this visit is limited to 15 people.

### **Event Details:**

**Date:** Saturday, May 6, 2017

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

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

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

**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 Wednesday, May 3 at:

<http://www.americanclubbrussels.org/event-2492323>

**Payment** in advance to ACB account BE55427919588144 (KREDBEBB). Please mention "Wouters" 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, May 3. Participants canceling after this time, as well as no-shows, are charged the full cost of the event.

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## Reception to Welcome New American Conductor of the National Orchestra of Belgium



Join AmCham Belgium, the American Club of Brussels and the local American community in welcoming the incoming musical director of the [National Orchestra of Belgium](#), the American conductor **Hugh Wolff**, on May 10. This is an exclusive opportunity for our members and partners to greet Mr. Wolff, before he officially takes up the baton with the Belgian National Orchestra, as Chief Conductor, in September 2017.

Please note this is a Members Only Event.



### About Hugh Wolff

Born in Paris to American parents and raised between London and Washington DC, [Hugh Wolff](#)'s international career has led him from the helm of the Saint Paul Chamber Orchestra in Minnesota to the Frankfurt Radio Symphony Orchestra in Germany, with guest conducting appearances around the world. He studied musical composition at Harvard University and piano with Leon Fleisher. Mr. Wolff currently serves as the Director of Orchestras at the New England Conservatory of Music in Boston, a role which he will combine with his new appointment as Chief Conductor of the National Orchestra of Belgium, starting in the 2017-2018 season.

### Program:

6:30 p.m.: Registration and Welcome Drink  
7:00 p.m.: Welcome Remarks and Introduction  
7:20 p.m.: Musical Interlude (program to be confirmed)  
7:45 p.m.: Prize Draw\*  
Networking Drinks and Canapés  
8:30 p.m. End of Evening

\* The Belgian National Orchestra is kindly donating three pairs of concert tickets for a prize draw. Don't forget to bring your business cards!



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**Event Details:**

**Date:** Wednesday, May 10, 2017.

**Time:** 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

**Place:** Residence of the US Ambassador to Belgium, Zinnerstraat 2 Rue Zinner, 1000 Brussels.

**Dress code:** Business attire.

**Price:** €40.

**Reservation & payment** through AmCham Belgium:

<http://landing.amcham.be/welcome-hugh-wofff-may-2017>

Registration and cancellation deadline: May 3, 2017.

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