



# News & Events

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The American Club of Brussels is the pre-eminent international social club in Belgium with an American heart.

Its mission is to cultivate social and business friendships, open to everyone, by providing unique opportunities for networking in the cultural, social, business and professional arenas.

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## Editorial



Andrew Parker  
Vice-President ACB

### Meet the Exco Members – Andrew Parker

Next up in our series on the new Exco members is **Andrew Parker**, **Vice President of our Club**.

Like many expats living in Brussels, Andrew arrived in Brussels two years ago on a work assignment with a large multi-national organization. Moving here with his wife, Kathleen, they quickly realized the need to make friends and new connections in an environment that was foreign to them.

Insert Final Friday, ACB's monthly social gathering for non-members and members alike. Andrew and Kathleen ventured out where they met, among many others, now ex-President Brian Dunhill ... you could say it was all Dunhill after that. Andrew joined the board as a regular member and recently joined the Executive Committee, overseeing Social Branches and Under 35 Membership.

Andrew is a U.S. and U.K. citizen, born and raised in Massachusetts, and moved to Brussels from San Jose, CA. He is a Santa Clara University alumnus with a degree in Operations Management & Information Systems from the Leavey School of Business. Outside of work, expect to find Andrew on a plane somewhere, or maybe to nowhere, mostly to check another plane off his list.

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## U.S. overseas citizens - Right to vote

In view of the upcoming U.S. midterm elections taking place on November 6, 2018, the Consul of the Embassy of the United States to the Kingdom of Belgium recently organized a voting assistance workshop at the official residence of the U.S. Ambassador to Belgium.

Meghan Kelly, a representative from the U.S. Federal Voting Assistance Program, lead that workshop which was intended to train a variety of U.S. government and private U.S. citizen volunteers to better assist Americans in Belgium to register to vote and to request absentee ballot(s) during federal election years.

The Federal Voting Assistance Program (FVAP) works to ensure Service members, their eligible family members and overseas citizens are aware of their right to vote and have the tools and resources to successfully do so – from anywhere in the world.



FVAP encourages the use of the Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) to start the absentee voting process as it is standardized for use across all States and will extend U.S. citizens' eligibility to receive a ballot for all federal elections for at least one calendar year. The FPCA acts as both a registration and absentee ballot request form. Overseas citizen voters are encouraged to submit a new FPCA every year and when they move.

All the necessary information is available on the FVAP web site (<https://www.fvap.gov>) and particularly in the section Voting Assistance Guide (<https://www.fvap.gov/guide>). This is the reference guide for everything overseas' citizens need to know about absentee voting in all 55 States, territories and the District of Columbia. In this guide you'll find information on how to register to vote absentee in the State you vote in, how to return your ballot, and what information has to be included on each form.

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## Upcoming Events



### Linguistic Café Session

Sunday, April 8 – 2:00 p.m.

[Event details](#)



### Second Tuesday Historic Bar at Le Falstaff

Tuesday, April 10 – 6:30-8:30 p.m.

[Event details](#)



### Reading Group

Second Tuesday of the month - April - December 2018

[Event details](#)



### Game Night April - CHEZWaWa

Tuesday, April 17 – 7:00 p.m.

[Event details](#)



### Dine-Out April – Gou Restaurant

Thursday, April 19 – 7:30 p.m.

[Event details](#)



### Linguistic Café

Sunday, April 22 – 2:00 p.m.

[Event details](#)



**Final Friday Drinks – Michael Collins**

Friday, April 27 – 6:00-9:00 p.m.

[Event details](#)



**Guided tour of the Royal Greenhouses of Laeken**

Monday, April 30 – 7:30 p.m.

[Event details](#)



**Guided tour of the Wiertz Museum**

Saturday, May 5 – 10:45 a.m.

[Event details](#)



**Guided visit of the Queen Elisabeth Music Chapel and concert  
Trio Sora**

Sunday, May 27 – 10:15 a.m.

[Event details](#)



**Guided tour of the Hotel Solvay**

Saturday, June 16 – 10:15 a.m.

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## Corporate Profile



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### Expat Club



Expat Club is Brussels' most diverse international community. We welcome people from all around the world, also many Belgians. Our participants work in a wide variety of fields and include singles, couples, retirees, groups of friends and families. We organize many different events and trips.

Our local events introduce you to the best Brussels has to offer, including bars, restaurants, museums and other places, and enable you to participate in a variety of workshops, trainings, movie screenings and lectures. Our trips go to well over 100 domestic and foreign destinations. You will meet with many like-minded international people during these trips and you can see them again in Brussels. That's how Expat Club wants to contribute to beating "expat loneliness" and help you to make your expat time here more interesting, meaningful and fun.

By expanding your social circle and widening your horizon you will feel at home more quickly. If you have just arrived, or if you have been here already for some time, we will help you to rediscover Brussels, Belgium and surrounding countries. You can find all events at [www.expatsclub.org/events](http://www.expatsclub.org/events).

You are invited to join as a member for free at [www.expatsclub.org/register](http://www.expatsclub.org/register). Membership is not required to join our events and trips, but it will provide you with some benefits, including a €10 welcome bonus!

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