



The American Club of Brussels

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An International Club with an American Heart

February 2015

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Private Screening of the Major Film *The Forgotten Angel of Bastogne*



Join us on Tuesday, February 10, for a private pre-screening of Martin King's new film *The Forgotten Angel of Bastogne*, which will be released to the general public in August. This prestigious event will be held at 6 pm at the Hard Rock Café and will be followed by an optional three-course dinner. Martin King, author, historian and producer of the film, will give a brief introduction before the screening.

The film tells the real story of Augusta Chiwy, a young black woman born in the Congo who left her home in Louvain, Belgium on a journey that would affect the rest of her life. She was going home for Christmas to visit her family in Bastogne, a city that within a week would become the center of the largest land battle in U S Army history: the Battle of the Bulge. Bastogne was destined to become a place of terror and destruction; where no one was safe and where anyone could be killed at any time.

In mid-January the war moved on to Germany. Augusta returned home, married and raised a family. She never talked about the horror she had experienced. Augusta disappeared into history until a comment made to historian and author Martin King in 2008 sparked a quest to find this heroic woman who saved so many American lives. After months of searching he found her living alone in Brussels. Conversation after conversation brought to light events that had been hidden for 65 years. King began a campaign to gain her the international recognition that she so deserved. In 2011, Augusta was knighted by the King of Belgium, and received the United States Army "Humanitarian Civilian Award" for her extraordinary bravery in World War Two.

The Forgotten Angel of Bastogne, a documentary film about Augusta Chiwy, was screened on March 21, 2014 in Bastogne, Belgium. This isn't a film for military audiences alone. It is the story of a woman who demonstrated unselfish service and great heroism. It is a story within a story, as the film answers the question "was she a myth?" It is a story of the relationship between two very different people, Jack Prior a white, 10th Armored Division medic and Augusta Chiwy, a black Belgian nurse who volunteered for what meant certain death if she was captured by the advancing German Army.

It is a story that completes one that began in the Band of Brothers HBO Series, where two nurses, Renée Lemaire, and "Anna from the Congo" are depicted treating patients in the Bastogne aid station. Renée was killed in a bomb blast on Christmas Eve and became famous as "the Angel of Bastogne". Anna was lost to history until Martin King found Augusta Chiwy living in Brussels sixty-five years later. Augusta has become the "Forgotten Angel of Bastogne".

After the screening, the Hard Rock is proposing an optional three-course dinner:

Jumbo Combo

A delectable array of their most popular starters that is big enough to share:
spinach artichoke dip, hickory-smoked chicken wings, onion rings, potato skins and Tupelo chicken tenders, all served with three different sauces for mixing and matching

Choice of Main Courses

Grilled salmon topped with Maitre d'Hôtel butter and served with mashed potatoes and fresh vegetables
or
Hard Rock's legendary burger topped with seasoned bacon, two slices of Cheddar cheese, a crisp fried onion ring lettuce, tomato, and pickles

Dessert

Hard Rock Café Brownie

Please note that due to limited seating for the screening, this event is limited to 40 people.

Event Details:

Date: Tuesday, February 10, 2015

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Place: The Hard Rock Café, Grand-Place 12a, 1000 Brussels

Price for Only the Screening: €5 for members, €10 for non-members.

Price for the Screening and Dinner: €30 for members and €40 for non-members. Please indicate your choice of main course when registering.

Public Transportation: Metro: Gare Centrale/Centraal Station; buses 29, 38, 65, 66 and 71: Gare Centrale/Centraal Station; trams 3 and 4 (Bourse/Beurs).

Sign up: Reservations are due by noon on Friday, February 6, online at www.americanclubbrussels.org, by email (info@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 "Angel" in the communications section of the *virement*. Cancellations are possible until noon on Friday, February 6. Participants canceling after this time, as well as no-shows, are charged the full cost of the event.

Dates to Remember

- January 30 – Final Friday at the Renaissance
- February 1 – Super Bowl
- February 10 – Angel of Bastogne at Hard Rock
- February 19 – Bowling
- February 24 – Dine-Out
- February 27 – Final Friday at the Metropole
- February 28 – Coudenberg Visit
- March 14 – Irish Club's St Patrick's Day Ball

2015 Individual Membership Dues Reminder

A gentle reminder that the annual dues for 2015 were due in January. If you have overlooked our invoice, please pay your dues now. Call or e-mail the office if you need another copy of the invoice.

Final Friday Cocktails

Friday, January 30
6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.



Renaissance Brussels Hotel
(ground floor near the bar)
Rue du Parnasse 19 – 1050 Brussels (Ixelles)
(walking distance from Place du Luxembourg)

Extend the glow of holiday cheer and sharing with friends. Come to the American Club's January Final Friday on January 30. Ring in 2015 a second time with fellow club members and guests from other organizations: [ACAB](#) (American Clubs and Associations in Belgium). And anyone else that would like to join us...

Cash bar open to all.

Newcomers to Belgium and prospective ACB members are especially welcome.
No reservation is required. Bring a guest or two.

Super Bowl XLIX Tailgate, Viewing and All Around Party



Super Bowl Sunday, one of the quintessential non-holiday feasts, is something to be experienced with friends! Join the American Club of Brussels as we enjoy the Game, Commercials, Half Time show, Food or any other reason that you watch this game.

7:00-9:00 p.m.	Tailgating games, food (if we can get a permit to bbq out on the street), pre-game on TV
9:00 p.m.	Video of past commercial favorites
10:00 p.m.	Football simulation game on wii or x-box
11:00 p.m.	Introduction of Brussels Tigers (our local American football team)
12:00 a.m.	Last chance for boxes
Rest of night	Coverage of the game

Event Details:

Date: Sunday, February 1, 2015

Time: 7 p.m. until the game is over...

Place: The Big Game, Rue Henri Maus 5, 1000 Brussels

Price: €10 for ACB members, Brussels Tigers and DAB members; €15 for non-members

Sign up: Reservations are due by noon on Friday, January 30, online at www.americanclubbrussels.org, by email (info@americanclubbrussels.org), or by telephone to the ACB Office Manager (0476/996.870). Payment to ACB at BE55427919588144 (BIC/SWIFT: KREDBEBB) will confirm your reservation. Be sure to mention "Superbowl" in the communications section of the *virement*.

Note that cancellations are possible until noon on Friday, January 30. Participants canceling after this time, as well as no-shows, are charged the full cost of the event.

Second Annual Bowling, Billiards & Beer Tournament



Come join us for a night of bowling and billiards in our favorite American-themed hall. Even if you won't be joining the activities, come enjoy a drink with us.

Your fee of €20/€25 will include shoes, two games of bowling and nibbling food from Roland. You will pay €10 if you just want to come enjoy the food and ambiance. Billiards and beer are at your own expense.

Event Details:

Date: Thursday, February 19, 2015

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Place: Brussels Bowling, Av. des Saisons 92c, 1050 Brussels

Price: €20 for ACB members, €25 for non-members.

Registration: No later than noon on February 18 with payment to hold your place. You may register online at www.americanclubbrussels.org, by e-mail (info@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 "Bowling" in the communications section of the *virement*. Cancellations are possible until noon on February 18th. Participants canceling after this time, as well as no-shows, are charged the full cost of the event.

If you are late or cannot come at the last minute, please call Brian Dunhill at 0483/392.695 so appropriate arrangements can be made.

All You Can Eat – Indo-Pakistani Style



Please join us for our February Dine-Out on Tuesday, February 24, at Anarkali. This month we are sampling the flavors of the east – Anarkali is an Indo-Pakistani restaurant located near the Place Boniface. The experience will be a bit of a departure from the Club's traditional dine-outs, as there will be a buffet à volonté, including dessert, water, soda and coffee. You may also elect to have wine for an additional cost.

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.

The price for this unusual feast will be €25 for members (€30 with wine) and €30 for non-members (€35 with wine).

Event Details:

Place: Restaurant Anarkali, Rue Longue-Vie 33 - 1050 Brussels

Public Transportation: Buses 54, 71 (Quartier St-Boniface), Metros 2, 6 (Porte de Namur)

Date: Tuesday, February 24, 2015

Time: 7:30 p.m.

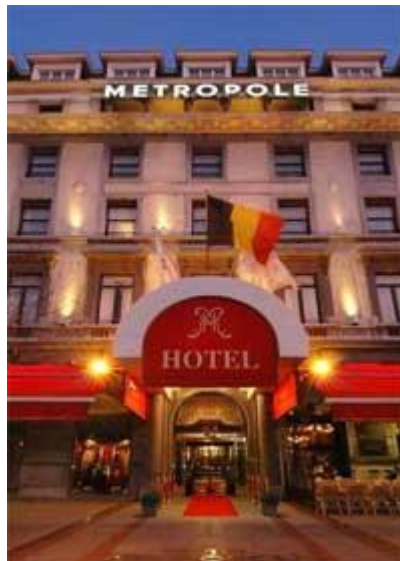
Price: Members: €25 (€30 including wine). Non-Members: €30 (€35 including wine).

Registration: No later than noon on Friday, February 20. You may register online at www.americanclubbrussels.org, by e-mail (info@americanclubbrussels.org), or by telephone to the ACB Office Manager (0476/996.870). Payment to the ACB at BE55427919588144 (KREDBEBB) will confirm your reservation. Be sure to mention "February Dine-Out" in the communications section of the *virement*.

Cancellations are possible until noon on Friday, February 20. Participants canceling after this time, as well as no-shows, are charged the full cost of the event.

Final Friday Cocktails

**Friday, February 27
6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.**



**Metropole Hotel
(ground floor near the bar)
Place De Brouckère 31 – 1000 Brussels**

The American Club of Brussels is happy to welcome our friends from [ACAB](#) (American Clubs and Associations in Belgium). And anyone else that would like to join us...

Cash bar open to all.

Newcomers to Belgium and prospective ACB members are especially welcome.

No reservation is required. Bring a guest or two.

A Guided Tour of the Coudenberg Palace



Join us on Saturday, February 28, for a fascinating guided tour of the Coudenberg Palace where we will discover the remnants of the palace of Charles V.

Since the middle ages, a castle has overlooked Brussels from Coudenberg hill. As of the 12th century, the successive monarchs and their representatives transformed a small fortified castle into a sumptuous residential palace, one of the most beautiful palaces of Europe and one of Charles V's main residences.

This prestigious building was severely damaged by fire in 1731. Some forty years later, the ruins of the palace were pulled down and the ground flattened out for the construction of the new royal district. The remains of this palace make up the Coudenberg archaeological site.

During our visit we will discover the Rue Isabelle and the old structures of the main buildings of the former palace of Brussels, which are now the foundations for today's royal district and the Hoogstraeten House where the most interesting discoveries made during the various archaeological excavations conducted on the Coudenberg are displayed.

This guided tour is limited to a maximum of 20 people.

Event Details:

Date: Saturday, February 28, 2015

Time: 2:45 p.m.

Place: Place des Palais 7, 1000 Brussels (entry through the BELvue Museum)

Price: €20 for members, €25 for non-members.

Public Transportation: Metro: Parc/Park or Trone/Troon; buses 38, 71 and 95: Ducale; bus 54: Trone/Troon; trams 92 and 93: Royale/Koning.

Sign up: Reservations are due by noon on Wednesday, February 25 by email

(info@americanclubbrussels.org), online at 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 "Coudenberg" in the communications section of the virement. Cancellations are possible until noon on Wednesday, February 25. Participants canceling after this time, as well as no-shows, are charged the full cost of the event.

Irish Club's St. Patrick's Day Ball



St. Patrick's Day Ball
14th March 2015
Steigenberger Grand Hotel.
Avenue Louise 71. Brussels

Champagne reception 19.00
5-star dinner with Irish beef

Entertainment by "Damhsa"
After-dinner dancing until late.

80€ for Irish Club of Belgium members
95€ for non-members
All over 18's welcome.
Reservation necessary
Contact ann.douglas@yahoo.ie to book.
Tables of 8, 10 and 12 also available for groups

Strictly black-tie



IRISH CLUB
OF BELGIUM

The Irish Club of Belgium's annual St. Patrick's Day Ball will take place on March 14 at the Steigenberger Grand Hotel on Ave. Louise 71, 1050 Brussels. Again this year, the American Club will host a table and members may attend for the Irish Club member price.

The evening will commence at 7:00 p.m. with a champagne reception and will be followed by a five-star meal. After dinner there will be entertainment by "Damhsa" and dancing to music from the 60's and 70's and more.

Ticket prices are €80 for members of the Irish Club of Belgium and the American Club of Brussels and €95 for non-members.

The event is strictly black-tie and only open to adults (minimum age of 18). Please sign up, mentioning any dietary needs, before noon on Friday, March 6, at the ACB office, by e-mail (info@americanclubbrussels.org) or by telephone to the ACB Office Manager (0476/996.870). Payment should be made to The Irish Club of Belgium, account number BE76001719741995. Please mention "ACB ball" in the communications section of the *virement*.

Here is What You Missed!

"Nuts!" Night - December 11, 2014



Community News

International Chorale Seeks Members

The International Chorale of Brussels is a multinational choir of approximately 65 singers. The working language is English. It rehearses Mondays from 19:45 - 21:30 in the Tintin Hall at the British School of Brussels, Tervuren. More information at www.internationalchorale.com.

New members are always welcome and currently the group is particularly looking to recruit additional tenors and basses. While some previous experience is helpful, no auditions are held. For more information, please email Anna, anna.matthiessen@spray.se.

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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 twenty 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.

