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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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Editorial



Dear American Club Members and Friends,

Two thousand and sixteen will be a banner year for the American Club: we will be celebrating our 95th anniversary. To mark this special moment in the Club's history, we have planned two very special events.

On December 18 we are hosting a Holiday Reception at the magnificent KBC building on the Grand-Place. Join us for cava, wine, beer, and festive zakouskis at the most beautiful location on this historic site, complete with a fabulous view of the traditional giant Christmas tree and the sound and light show. This will be your opportunity to mix with fellow members while viewing the Grand-Place decked out for the holidays.

The celebration will continue on January 23 with a gala dinner dance at the magnificent BOZAR, designed by the famous Belgian architect Victor Horta, and centrally located near the Mont des Arts and the Central Station. At 7:00 p.m., we will welcome you in the beautiful Rotonde Bertouille with champagne and a wide selection of delicious zakouskis while you listen to fabulous music provided by the SHAPE band. At 8:00 p.m., we will move to the Horta Banquet Hall for a three-course dinner, including white and red wines and water.

Details on these events can be found in this month's articles.

We look forward to greeting you on these occasions, as well as at the other events sponsored by the club – be it viewing a film on a WW II heroine or toasting the festive season at the Holiday Reception.

Best wishes,
The Board of Governors
The American Club of Brussels

Upcoming Events – Details: p. 6 ff.



Final Friday at the American Women's Club of Brussels

Friday, November 27 – 6:30-9:00 p.m.

[Event details](#)



December Dine-Out: Fondue Bourguignonne

Thursday, December 3 – 7:00 p.m.

[Event details](#)



CCB/ACB Reading Group

Wednesday, December 9 – 7:00-9:00 p.m.

[Event details](#)



Comedy Night

Wednesday, December 9 – 8:00 p.m.

[Event details](#)



Linguistics Café Session

Sunday, December 13 – 3:00-4:00 p.m.

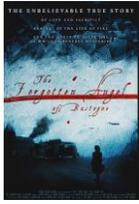
[Event details](#)



Holiday Reception at KBC's Grand-Place Offices

Friday, December 18 – 6:00-8:00 p.m.

[Event details](#)



Film "Searching for Augusta" and dinner at the Hard Rock Café

Thursday, January 21 – 5:00 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.

[Event details](#)



ACB 95th Anniversary Gala Dinner Dance

Saturday, January 23 – 7:00 p.m.-1:00 a.m.

[Event details](#)

Other Dates to Remember



- Thursday, January 14 – Dine-out at Le Chou de Bruxelles

Coporate Profile



Cabinet Dentaire Baljident

At Elena Baltcheva's dental clinic, the goal is to exceed expectations. Treatment is painless, using the best available technology, resulting in a positive patient experience.

Dr. Baltcheva graduated from the University of Montreal and works according to North American standards of care and hygiene. She is specialized in Esthetic Dentistry and Prosthodontics and provides any type of quality dental treatment.

The offices are located in a modern design clinic perfectly situated on Avenue de Tervuren, facing Woluwe Park. Dr. Baltcheva will be happy to find the best solution for your dental needs. If you are too busy to come during the week, the clinic is also open on Saturday.

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Member News



Exclusive Christmas Promotion from Belgibeer

Looking for a unique gift to send to beer lovers this Christmas? Belgibeer is offering ACB members a special price for their beautifully designed Christmas beer box which includes the following items:

- 4 craft Belgian beers
- 1 glass
- 1 beer magazine
- 1 Xmas card for you to personalize
- 6 artisanal Belgian chocolates

The price per gift box is €12.90 excluding VAT. And, if you're interested in an order of more than 50 boxes, a bigger discount to €11.90 per box is available.

If interested, please contact Dario Ceccarelli at 0489/78.58.55.
www.belgibeer.be



[Xmas box Belgium - full view](#)



[Xmas box U.S.A. - full view](#)

Our Corporate Sponsors

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

				
	Sponsor of major ACB events	Sponsor of major ACB events	One free initial consultation (1 hour)	
				
		Sponsor of major ACB events		
				
				One free initial consultation (½ hour)
				
Free account with no transaction charges		10% discount for ACB members		

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.

Although no reservation is required, you can register.
It will take less than a minute and
there are no strings attached.
We will then keep you informed about future ACB events.

December Dine-Out: Fondue Bourguignonne



Our dine-out in December will be fondue bourguignonne at the Henri 1er, an old favorite on Avenue Messidor. Join us at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 3, for pleasant company and delightful food.

The menu chosen will give you an aperitif maison, fondue bourguignonne "à volonté", a choice of water, soft drinks, beer, or red or white wine and coffee or tea. Reserve now to join fellow club members for a pre-holiday feast.

Event Details:

Date: Thursday, December 3, 2015

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Place: Restaurant Henri 1er, Avenue de Messidor 181, 1180 Brussels

Price: €40 for non-members. ACB/AWCB/CCB members receive a discounted price of €35.

Sign up: Reservations are due by noon on Wednesday, December 2 online at www.americanclubbrussels.org, by email (info@americanclubbrussels.org), or by telephone to the ACB Office Manager (0476/996.870). Cancellations are possible until noon on Wednesday, December 2. Payment to ACB at BE55427919588144 (KREDBEBB) will confirm your reservation. Be sure to mention "December Dine-Out" in the communications section of the *virement*.

Cancellations are possible until noon on Wednesday, December 2. 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.

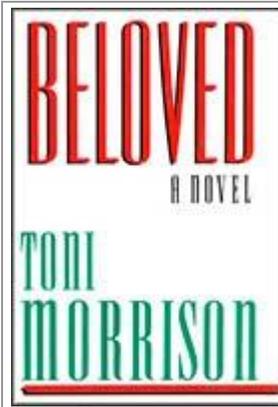
Reading Group Contact

(also for venue details)

Geneviève Bergiers – Tel. 02/660.57.65 – genevieve@chiropractorbergiers.be

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



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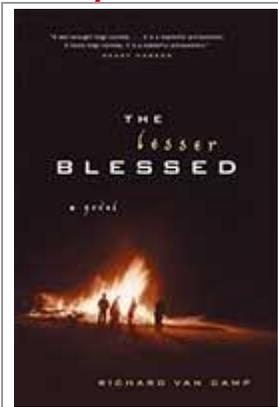
by Toni Morrison (USA)

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.

Venue: Geneviève's place

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.

Venue: Laura's place

More info about the Clubs:

- The Canadian Club of Belgium:
www.ccbcanada.be
- The American Club of Brussels:
www.americanclubbrussels.org

Comedy Night: Nigel Williams & Marcel Lucont



An incredible lineup for the second pre-Christmas show:

Nigel Williams

Nigel Williams has been performing stand-up comedy since 1998. British born but now residing in Antwerp, Nigel performs in both Dutch and English. In Belgium, his one-man shows in the large theaters are regularly sold out and he is a regular guest on TV and radio. Nigel has performed in English in Belgium, Holland, Denmark, Finland, Scotland, England, Germany and Estonia. His stand-up is very energetic and full of banter with the audience.

Marcel Lucont

www.youtube.com/watch?v=MkkkzxwxjIw

Winner: FringeWorld Award - Best Comedy Show - FringeWorld Perth 2013

Winner: Amused Moose Award - Best Comedy Show - Edinburgh Fringe 2012

Nominee: Best International Show Award - New Zealand Comedy Festival 2012

Flâneur, raconteur, bon-vivant, Marcel Lucont is easily the best French comedian on the UK circuit today. If you don't believe this, just ask him yourself.

Marcel has entertained the world with his wry observations, bawdy chansons and top-class sex poetry, and is the author of the superb book "What We French Think Of You British... And Where You Are Going Wrong" (New Holland Publishers)

Event Details:

Date: Wednesday, December 9, 2015

Time: 8:00 p.m.

Place: The Black Sheep, Chaussée de Boondael 8, 1050 Brussels

Price: €20. ACB/AWCB/CCB members receive a discounted price of €17.

Sign up: Reservations are due by noon on Monday, December 7, 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 "Comedy" in the communications section of the *virement*.

Cancellations are possible until noon on Friday, December 4. Participants canceling after this time, as well as no-shows, are charged the full cost of the event.

«Parlez-vous français?» Linguistics Café Session



The purpose of this gathering is for those learning French to get a chance to practice their conversational French basics. Conversely, French speakers seeking to practice conversational English are also welcome. Please RSVP and join us as we practice our French during 15 minute interval chats! This event is free for ACB, AWCB and CCB members; non-members pay a €5 fee. Coffee and drinks will be available for purchase at the bar beforehand.

Event details:

Date: Sunday, December 13, 2015

Time: 3:00-4:00 p.m.

Venue: Hotel Métropole, Place de Brouckèreplein 31, 1000 Brussels

Directions: The closest metro stop to Hotel Métropole is De Brouckère. There is no street parking available for this location. Please see maps of hotel location in relation to the metro stop here: <http://www.metropolehotel.com/files/maps/map-en.pdf>

Price: €5. Free for ACB, AWCB and CCB members.

Sign up: Reservations are due by Saturday, December 12, 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 "French" in the communications section of the *virement*. Cancellations are possible until noon on Saturday, December 12. Participants canceling after this time, as well as no-shows, are charged the full cost of the event.

Holiday Reception on the Grand-Place



Join us on the evening of Friday, December 18 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 95th anniversary celebrations, the reception will be held at the magnificent KBC building on the Grand-Place/Grote Markt. Join us for cava, wine, beer, and festive zakouskis at the most beautiful location on the Grand-Place, complete with a fabulous view of the Christmas tree and the sound and light show.

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.

Event Details:

Date: Friday, December 18, 2015

Time: 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Place: KBC, Grand-Place 17, 1000 Brussels

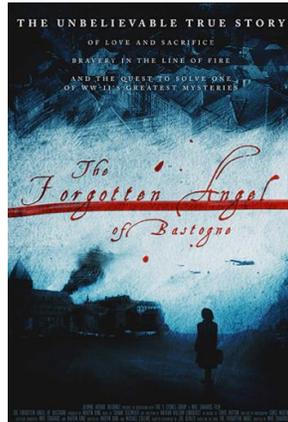
Price: €35. ACB/AWCB/CCB members receive a discounted price of € 30.

Public Transportation: Buses: 38, 63, 65, 71, 86: Gare Centrale/Centraal Station; Buses 48 & 95: Brussels Parliament; Metro lines 1 & 5: Gare Centrale/Centraal Station.

Sign up: Reservations are due by noon on Wednesday, December 16, 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 "Holiday Reception" in the communications section of the *virement*.

Cancellations are possible until noon on Wednesday, December 16. Participants canceling after this time, as well as no-shows, are charged the full cost of the event.

Film and Dinner at the Hard Rock Café



Please join us as the American Club of Brussels welcomes producer Martin King for an exclusive viewing of his film ***Searching for Augusta, the Forgotten Angel of Bastogne***.

The documentary, winner of a historical Emmy Award, features the story of Renée Lemaire, known as Anna. Anna, 'the Forgotten Angel of Bastogne' was born in the Belgian Congo and trained as a nurse in Leuven. The film honors her heroism for risking her life to treat injured soldiers during the Battle of the Bulge.

There will be two showings of the film at the Huis van het Nederlands with brief introductions from producer Martin King.

Dinner at the Hard Rock Café will follow each of the showings. The menu is as follows:

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

The viewing of the film is €10 for ACB, AWCB and CCB members and €20 for non-members. All proceeds from the documentary viewing will go to the Augusta Chiwy Foundation or the Community Help Service (CHS). Guests will be able to choose which charity they would like their proceeds to go to upon registration.

Learn more about each charity here:

<http://augustachiwy.org>

<http://www.chs-belgium.org/home/>

Event Details:

Date: Thursday, January 21, 2016

Time: 5:00 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Dinner to follow immediately after each showing.

Place:

– Film: Huis van het Nederlands, Rue Philippe de Champagnestraat 23, 1000 Brussels

– Dinner: Hard Rock Café, Grand-Place 12, 1000 Brussels

Price:

– Film: €20. ACB/AWCB/CCB members receive a discounted price of €10.

– Dinner: €35

Sign up: Reservations are due by noon on Monday, January 18, online at www.americanclubbrussels.org, by e-mail (info@americanclubbrussels.org), or by telephone to the ACB Office Manager (0476/996.870).

Payment in advance to ACB account BE55427919588144 (KREDBEBB). Please mention "Augusta" in the reference section of the bank transfer.

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



Join us on Saturday, January 23, 2016, to celebrate the Club's 95th anniversary!

We cordially invite you to a gala dinner dance at the magnificent BOZAR, designed by the famous Belgian architect Victor Horta, and centrally located near the Mont des Arts and the Central Station.

At 7:00 p.m., we will welcome you in the beautiful Rotonde Bertouille with champagne and a wide selection of delicious zakouskis while you listen to fabulous music provided by the SHAPE band.

At 8:00 p.m., we will move to the Horta Banquet Hall for a three-course dinner, including white and red wines and water. The menu will be:

Spighe filled with ricotta,
pumpkin cream with spinach,
shavings of
Tuscany truffles and Pecorino cheese

Supreme of farm chicken,
morels infusion,
Gratin of chard with bone marrow,
biscuit of parsnip and celeriac
with aged Parmigiana cheese

Birthday cake

After dinner, a cash bar will be available. Throughout the evening, we will enjoy fabulous music provided by the SHAPE band so you can dance the night away or just enjoy drinks from the cash bar.

The all-inclusive price for this memorable event is €95 for ACB/AWCB/CCB members and €115 for non-members.

We hope to see many of you present for what promises to be a very memorable evening in a very prestigious setting!

Event Details:

Date: Saturday, January 23, 2016

Time: 7:00 p.m. until 1:00 a.m.

Place: BOZAR, Rue Baron Horta 11, 1000 Brussels.
(On the left hand side of Bozar and up the stairs)

Dress Code: Black tie.

Price: €115. ACB/AWCB/CCB members receive a discounted price of €95.

Public Transportation: Metro: Gare Centrale/Centraal Station; buses 38 and 71: Bozar; trams 92, 93: Palais/Paleizen.

Sign up: Reservations are due by noon on Tuesday, January 19, 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 "95th Anniversary" in the communications section of the *virement*.

Cancellations are possible until noon on Tuesday, January 19. Participants canceling after this time, as well as no-shows, are charged the full cost of the event