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Upcoming Events

[October 23 - US Investor in the Spotlight Luncheon Sponsored by](#)



[November 4 – Joint Election Event with American Club of Brussels and Ackroyd Publications](#)

[November 5 – US Elections breakfast organised by the US Embassy to Belgium, the US Embassy to NATO and the US Representation to the EU](#)

[November 13 – Privacy Rights for Employees, a](#)

AmCham Belgium 60th Anniversary Gala Celebration

AmCham Belgium celebrated its 60th Anniversary on Friday, September 26, at a Gala Celebration held at the NYSE Euronext Stock Exchange Brussels. Over 270 guests, including high profile personalities such as Former Prime Minister **Guy Verhofstadt** and the US Ambassador to Belgium **Sam Fox**, attended the event. For full coverage and photos of the event, please visit [our website](#).

Toots Thielemans honored with AmCham US-Belgium Award

The AmCham Belgium honored **Toots Thielemans**, Belgian jazz musician, as the Laureate of the **first AmCham US-Belgium Award** at its 60th Anniversary Gala Celebration. He was selected for his **major achievements** in fostering understanding between the United States and Belgium. For more information, please follow this [link](#).

Membership Committee in the Spotlight

This Committee deals with all issues relating to the membership of AmCham Belgium. It works to understand the needs and requirements of the Chamber's total membership, to constantly review and update services and benefits and to recruit and retain members.

Interested in joining? To learn more, please contact [Dave Deruytter](#), Chair of the Committee and Manager Expatriates and Non-Residents, ING Belgium or [Simon Andrew](#), Membership Coordinator of AmCham Belgium. To become part of the Membership Committee you must be an employee of an AmCham Belgium member company.

Lobbying with AmCham Belgium

Acting as **the voice of American businesses**, AmCham Belgium aims to influence both Belgian and US policies with the ultimate goal of improved business activity and investment in Belgium. To make their voice heard, AmCham Belgium committees draft various position papers and contribute to publications such as the Foreign Investors' Agenda (FIA) and the US Direct Investment Report (USDI). Our future new website will offer an opportunity for all our members to share their publications on lobbying issues and other topics which are of broad appeal to the business community. The more input we get from

**Human Resources
Committee Conference
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**November 20 – Business
After Hours Reception**

**December 2 – Doing
Business in the US, a CASE
and US Embassy Seminar**

**December 4 – US Investor
in the Spotlight Luncheon
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For all AmCham Belgium events, you may register [online](#), by [email](#) or send us a fax at 02/ 513 35 90.

**Welcome to our new
Members!**

Patron Member:

Telenet

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**Lazy Horses
Yahmenow**

Individual Member:

**Eric Van Der Stichelen
Rogier**

Quote of the Month

“But the fact that some geniuses were laughed at does not imply that all who are laughed at are geniuses.

They laughed at Columbus, they laughed at Fulton, they laughed at the Wright brothers. But they also laughed at Bozo the Clown.”

you, the more informative our website will be. At the same time, you will increase your visibility. Please send your input for our new website to [Sue Wheeler](#) or [Sven Vercalsteren](#) or contact them for further information on this new initiative.

AmCham Activities

- ▶ **Welcome to the new members on our Board of Directors:** **Koenraad BOSTOEN**, Managing Director of **Pfizer Belgium**, **Tod CARPENTER**, Vice President and Managing Director of **Donaldson Europe, Middle East and North Africa**, and **Marc TOLEDO**, Managing Director of **Toledo Telecom**.
- ▶ **AmCham Belgium also welcomes Flora Dewar as External Relations Intern.** British, she recently graduated with a master in European Project management at the University of Western Brittany in Brest, France.
- ▶ **Annemieke Biesma and Agnes King**, former Issues and Projects Intern and External Relations Intern, **are moving on** from AmCham Belgium. All the staff wishes them the best of luck for their future.
- ▶ **Coming Soon**, the launch of **AmCham Belgium’s new website !** More information in the next eNews or online at www.amcham.be.

Events Just Passed. . .

Online Marketing – Your Business, Yourself – Information Workshop in Collaboration with Boston University and held on October 14. [Click here](#) to learn more.



Liège 4 Logistics - US Investor in the Spotlight Luncheon - Sponsored by Liège Airport and held on October 8. [Click here](#) to learn more.



AmCham Belgium 60th Anniversary Gala and held on September 26. [Click here](#) for full coverage and photos of the event.

Partner News and Member Happenings

- ▶ **NATO** has launched a **bid** for building their new headquarters in Brussels. The total amount of all contracts under this bid is estimated at **€640,000,000**. For more information, please [click here](#).

(Carl Sagan, US astronomer & popularizer of astronomy 1934 - 1996)

▶ If you are interested in **investing in Wallonia**, read the new [newsletter](#) from **AWEX, the Walloon Export and Foreign Investment Agency**.

▶ To read about what's new with **3M, Base, Capgemini, Dolce la Hulpe Brussels, Microsoft, Nuance Communications**, and other AmCham Belgium members, [click here](#). Does your company want to inform fellow members of their latest happenings? Please send you information to: external@amcham.be.

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