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## Upcoming Events

[September 26 - 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala Celebration featuring the presentation of the AmCham Belgium US-Belgium Award](#)

[October 8 – US Investor in the Spotlight Conference Liege 4 Logistics Sponsored by](#)



[October 14 – Information Workshop with Charles Crouch on Marketing Your Business Online in collaboration with Boston](#)

## AmCham Belgium turns 60

To commemorate 60 years of acting as a gateway for business and investment opportunities for the international business community in Belgium, AmCham Belgium will inaugurate the first **AmCham US-Belgium Award** on September 26, at our 60th Anniversary Gala Celebration. The Award marks the importance of strong bilateral relations between the United States and Belgium by recognizing several Nominees – and particularly the Laureate – for their contribution toward this goal over many years.

## And the Award goes to . . .

The Selection Panel, headed by **Guy Verhofstadt**, has chosen four outstanding Nominees for the AmCham US-Belgium Award from a long list of candidates proposed by our members earlier this year:

- **Tom C. Korologos**, former US Ambassador to Belgium
- **Margaret G. Nicholson**, Executive Director of the Commission for Educational Exchange
- **Baron Jean Stéphenne**, President of GSK Biologicals
- **Toots Thielemans**, jazz musician

Find out more about the Nominees and why they have been nominated by visiting [our website](#).

## The Award's Artist

Belgian-American sculptor **Jackie van Aubel** has created an original sculpture symbolizing the dynamic harmony between the US and Belgium which will be presented to the Laureate of the **AmCham US-Belgium Award** on the night of the Gala. Each Nominee will also receive an original charcoal drawing of this unique symbol. To read more about Jackie van Aubel, [click here](#).

## Full House for Gala Celebration

**We have a full house for our 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala Celebration.** All 270 seats available at Euronext have been reserved. As a result, we have a waiting list for those reservation requests still coming in and we will do our best to accommodate as many as possible. AmCham Belgium thanks everyone who has expressed interest in attending the Gala.

## Communications Committee in the Spotlight

Members of AmCham Belgium's Communications Committee are professionals active in the wider communications field. Involved with all

## University



October 23 - US Investor in the Spotlight Luncheon  
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November 4 – Joint Election Event with American Club of Brussels and the US Embassy

November 13 – Privacy Rights for Employees, a Human Resources Committee Conference  
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Welcome to our new Members!

*Regular members:*

Aderly  
Global Broadband Solutions  
Katoen Natie

*Individual Members:*

Emilie Leibovitch

## Quote of the Month

"The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams."

of AmCham Belgium's communications, the Committee's overall goal is to raise AmCham's visibility and to strengthen awareness of the importance of excellent US-Belgium bilateral relations.

Recurring items on the Committee's agenda are behind the scenes work on AmCham Belgium's publications and communications including: the AmCham Business Journal (ABJ), the Chamber's quarterly publication; the annual US Direct Investment report; and most recently the new AmCham website to be launched shortly.

Other recent Committee activities include assisting with organizing AmCham Belgium's 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala celebration and the AmCham US-Belgium Award.

**Interested in joining?** To learn more, please contact [Jan Van Heuverswyn](#), Chair of the Communications Committee and Senior Partner at Interel, or [Sven Vercalsteren](#), Communications Coordinator of AmCham Belgium. To become a member of the Communications Committee you must be an employee of an AmCham Belgium member company.

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## Hot off the press: the 2008/2009 Annual Directory

**AmCham Belgium's Annual Directory is the business community's** single, most comprehensive resource for locating and gaining relevant information on AmCham Belgium members and US companies in Belgium.

Highlights of the 2008/2009 Annual Directory include a listing of: all AmCham Belgium members, all US companies in Belgium and all US companies with European headquarters in Belgium. Companies are identified by their type of product or business activity according to NAICS (North Atlantic Industry Coding System). Each company can be found according to their Belgian province as well as by US state, and US Parent companies are listed along with their Belgian entities.

**Copies can be ordered for €160 (shipping not included) or receive your free copy when joining the Chamber.** Don't miss this opportunity to have business at your fingertips.

**For more information:** Contact Simon Andrew, Membership Coordinator, at 02/513 67 70 or by email [sandrew@amcham.be](mailto:sandrew@amcham.be).

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## AmCham Activities

► **September ABJ now available [online](#).**



► **The Foreign Investors' Agenda (FIA) 2008-2009**, which forms

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First Lady of the United  
States of America  
1884-1962)

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the basis for AmCham Belgium's lobbying activities, is being updated! This year's FIA will put the spotlight on concerns raised by members of the business community who responded to our 2008 Business Confidence Survey. The results of this survey were included in our US Direct Investment (USDI) 2008 Report and widely reported in the media. Key recommendations in the FIA will propose ways to increase Belgium's attractiveness for investors with a special emphasis on the challenge posed by the current talent shortage. If your company has issues it feels attention should be drawn to please contact: [Marcel Claes](#) or [Sue Wheeler](#).

▶ **Nick Klenske has recently joined AmCham Belgium in the role of Assistant Editor.** He is originally from Dubuque, Iowa (USA). Before moving with his wife to Belgium, he practiced law in both Iowa and Illinois. As the owner of Klenske, Ink. Professional Writing Services, Nick spends his time doing business writing, travel journalism and magazine editing.

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## Events Just Passed. . .

**Member to Member Retirement Planning Workshop offered by Fulcra International, and held on September 10.** [Click here](#) to learn more.



**Business After Hours Cocktail Reception sponsored by Grand Casino Brussels, and held on September 4.** [Click here](#) to learn more.

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## Member Happenings

To read about what's new with **Acerta**, **PricewaterhouseCoopers**, **Baxter**, 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](mailto:external@amcham.be).

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