



Rotary Club Brussels Cantersteen

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ROTARY CLUB BRUSSELS CANTERSTEEN GOES INTERNATIONAL

English-speaking professionals in Brussels are offered the opportunity to become a member of a local Rotary Club

Of the estimated twenty Rotary clubs in Brussels, only two are Dutch-speaking and non are English-speaking. Chartered in 2001, Rotary Club Brussels Cantersteen has decided to evolve into a Dutch/English-speaking club and serve the international community of Brussels. Expatriates interested in enlarging their business circle and enjoying camaraderie with Brussels-based professionals (Belgians and other nationalities) are now welcome to join Rotary Club Brussels Cantersteen.

Why an international Rotary Club in Brussels?

While living and working in Brussels, the members of the local RC Brussels Cantersteen want to open their club to the large English-speaking international community present in the capital of Europe. "In a world where tolerance and respect for other views and cultures is more at risk than ever, RC Brussel Cantersteen has decided, with enormous enthusiasm, to welcome members of the international and expat community", says Alain Verbeke, President of Rotary Club Brussels Cantersteen and professionally active as a Full Professor of Law at the Universities of Leuven and Tilburg and partner with Greenille Estate & Trust Attorneys in Brussels.

"We firmly believe that with our local Flemish culture, combined with an open mind and positive attitude, opening membership to the international community of Brussels will strengthen and enrich our club. We want to be the first in offering English-speaking professionals the opportunities offered by a membership in a Rotary Club", adds Alain Verbeke.

Why join Rotary?

Rotary Club Brussels Cantersteen is a young (average age 42 years), dynamic, open-minded club consisting of professional and business leaders of the wider Brussels community. "We strive for a high standard of quality and integrity, while possessing a flexibility of attitude and mind. We enjoy a good ambiance, in all respects", says Leo Verbruggen, Chairman of the Club Affairs Committee and Former Executive Secretary NATO.



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“We are a group of friends ready to share our ideas, goals and way of life with members of the international community who share those same principles. We offer them and their family an integration platform in Brussels and Belgium and a link to the Dutch-speaking community”.

Brussels Cantersteen in practice

The weekly, statutory meetings of RC Brussels Cantersteen take place on Tuesday evening, at 19.00 hours in the Royal Windsor Hotel Grand Place, rue Dusquesnoy 5, 1000 Brussels, approximately 200 m from the Grand Place.

Men and women interested in getting to know the club, and/or for further information, can contact:

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About Rotary

Rotary is a world-wide organization of 1.2 million business and professional leaders, founded in 1905 by a Chicago attorney, Paul Harris. Each club is both connected with the world through Rotary International and embedded in the local community.

Each Rotary Club (RC) has a membership of high quality professionals with a strong commitment to charitable works, both local and global. Rotary Clubs are active in more than 165 countries. As its motto, “Service Above Self,” indicates, some 30.000 clubs provide humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards and build goodwill and peace in the world.

More information: www.rotary.belux.org and www.rotary.org