

On Friday evening May 24th 2019, the Multinational group hosted *Femmes d'Europe*, as well as their husbands & friends at the American Women's Club of Brussels for their *Buffet sans Frontières*.

The AWCB clubhouse is a large beautiful villa located on the outskirts of Brussels, next to the Sonian Forest in green Rhode Saint Genèse. It was a nice, sunny Friday evening. We entered the country house through the back via the wide garden doors. After receiving our table seating, we were welcomed up the stairs with a nice glass of Bubbles in the library bar and on the veranda overlooking the garden. Smooth live piano music was playing in the background. Refined self made appetizers were being served and our Champaign flutes abundantly refilled. It was a nice, cosy start to meet and mingle with the more than 80 attendees belonging to various Femmes d'Europe groups.

Around 20h30 we were kindly invited to the so called Café des Amis, the large dining room across the hallway. Bright spring evening light was still peeping through the many windows. Various round tables allowing for 6 person seating each were elegantly dressed. Every table was marked by a sign representing a country which was not necessarily ours. We realized during the welcome word by the Multinational group chairwoman Monique Seber that these actually represented all countries outside Europe that *Femmes d'Europe* had sponsored via humanitarian projects in Africa, Asia and Latin America, such as Lebanon, Chili, Bolivia etc. At our tables we found ample bottles of wine and water suiting everyone's preference.

The multi country buffet of delights started with a large selection of cold hors d'oeuvres, followed by another wide variety of warm main dishes. Our palates were teased to embark on a culinary journey all the way from Norway through France to the distinct cuisines of the Mediterranean Basin, Russia and the Far East. Our Multinational lady hosts were gently clearing cutlery and plates, which added to the already royal treat we were getting. Cherry on the cake was the buffet of desserts, centred around a beautiful three layered *Buffet sans Frontières* cake, decorated with sugar iced flags from all group member countries.

Our grateful thanks go to the Multinational group for organizing such a pleasant and delicious dinner party for the 3rd time. We had a wonderful evening thanks to all your hard work to prepare and serve such an exquisite banquet. Very much looking forward to attending again next year!

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