Annual Holiday Celebration

December 10 (Saturday), 6:30 pm

At the lovely home of Renate Harshaw and Michael Gerhardt

3402 Horton Road, Newtown Square, PA 19073

We will share traditions from our native countries and a silent auction with donations from some of the club’s artists will be held at the party. All profits benefit the Home of the Sparrow.

Please bring a generous plate of appetizers, main dish, or a dessert AND one bottle of wine, champagne, or other favorites per person and if you wish also a CD with holiday music from your country. Friends and spouses are invited as well!

Deadline and limitations: December 3rd

Letter from the President

Dear Ladies,

Holiday Season is upon us, again. This year, Renate Harshaw and Michael Gerhardt generously offered to host our annual Holiday Celebration in their lovely house.

It will be a great party. Please come!

Two other pieces of good news: Talented artists, members of our club agreed to donate a few works for a silent auction to be held at the Holiday Party. All benefits will go to our charity, the Home of the Sparrow. Many thanks to the artists and to the organizers of the event.

Next year, we'll start a new activity, a coffee group for our English speaking members. Why only German, French and Italian speaking coffees? Let's have an UNCOFFEE Coffee!

A little change in the setup of the French Coffee is the new starting time; it will be held at 11:30 AM instead of 10:30 AM starting now in December.

Best wishes for the coming Holidays, Merry Christmas and a very healthy, happy and prosperous New Year!

Anca M. Constantinescu

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**National Museum of American Jewish History Tour**

**January 15 (Sunday), 3 pm**

101 South Independence Mall East, Philadelphia

Organized by Nathalie Verma

This new museum is the only museum in America dedicated solely to telling the story of Jews in America. We will do a guided tour and afterwards enjoy a delicious and special four course dinner at the modern Israeli restaurant Zahav, which is located at 237 Saint James Place, Philadelphia.

Spouses and friends are welcome!

**Deadline:** January 1

**Reservations:** Irmgard Reinhart,
215-331-5003, irmireinhart@comcast.net

**Cost:** $16 per person for the tour, includes admission; $57.60 for dinner including tax and gratuity.

Please send your check for $73.60, payable to IWCP directly to:

Ilse Farrell
317 Fisher Road
Jenkintown, Pa 19046

**Parking:** Across the street at the Visitor Center on the corner of 5th and Market Street

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**Happy Birthday!**

**December:**
Luciana Aspesi, 3
Johanna Jacobs, 6

**January:**
Atsuko Keller, 11
Gilda Schwab, 15
Francesca Fox, 21
Peggy Goutmann, 22
Annette Meertz, 31

**February:**
Ann Moss 5
Anita Gratwick, 16
Yolanda Wallace, 18
Shirley Hallam, 27

Organized by Brigitte Rutenberg.

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**Potluck Luncheons**

Since very popular, attendance is limited to 25, unless specified otherwise. Please call hostess well in advance or as specified, and decide what kind of dish to bring: appetizer, salad, entrée, or dessert.

**February 15 (Wednesday)** Valentine’s Potluck Luncheon, 12 noon

After lunch the guests will watch a romantic movie together.

Hostess: Ester Gerhard, 17 W. Sunset Avenue, Philadelphia, PA,
215-248-1038, estherger@gmail.com

Note: Please bring new, unused, unopened, clean hotel toiletry articles collected on trips, to be used for gifts to the Home of the Sparrow shelter sponsored by the club.

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**Expat. Potluck Dinner**

**January 29 (Sunday), 6 pm**

Hostess: Ilse Farrell,
317 Fisher Road,
Jenkintown, PA 19046,
215-885-2373, ilsefarrell@verizon.net

Brigitte Rutenberg is the organizer for all Luncheons, expat Dinners and German Coffees. For questions contact her at:
brigitte.rutenberg@yahoo.com
Van Gogh Up Close - Exhibit of the Year

February 21 (Tuesday), 10 am
Philadelphia Museum of Art, 26th Street and Benjamin Franklin Parkway
Organized by Nathalie Verma

Join us for a guided tour of the most talked about event in Philadelphia this winter: Van Gogh up Close. This exhibit focuses on the artist’s tumultuous years, when Van Gogh left Antwerp for Paris. A period of feverish artistic experimentation. After the tour, we will have lunch on the East Balcony of the Philadelphia Museum of Art. Spouses and friends are welcome!

Deadline and limitations: February 7

Reservations: Irene Boden, 610-525-0424 iuboden@yahoo.com

Cost: $34 per person for the tour, includes admission; $25 for lunch, tax and gratuity not included.
Please send your check for $59, payable to IWCP, directly to Irene Boden, 1341 Colton Road, Gladwyne, PA 19035

Parking: At the museum

Foreign-Language Speakers Morning Coffees @ 10:30 AM or 11:30 AM

German-Speakers Coffees
2nd Thursday of the month
December 1 Natalie Verma
215-546-5546
ngranitzki@yahoo.com
January 12 Irmgard Reinhart
267-331-5003
irmireinhart@comcast.net
February 09 Charlotte Andrews
610-649-2169
andrewsc.edu@earthlink.net

French Speakers Coffees
1st Thursday of the month at 11:30 am
December 8 Jacqueline Yates
610-623-0395
jacquelinecates@gmail.com
February 2 Anca Constantinescu
215-222-0603
anccamconstantinescu@gmail.com

Italian-Speakers Coffees
last Thursday of the month
December 1 Francesca Fox
610-306-5291
debei21@aol.com
January 26 Lynne Brown
610-651-7750
lynnelbrown@gmail.com
February 24 Meltem Gonella
610-566-5774
meltempusat@hotmail.com

Uncoffeed Coffees
3rd Thursday of the month
January 19 to be announced
February 16 to be announced

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For any language coffee, you need not be a native or fluent speaker, only interested in speaking the language.

As a courtesy to the hostess, please call or email at least 2 days in advance.

Coming up in April / May

Share your Love of Food and Drink at COOK

At the Audrey Claire’s COOK Cooking school, 253 S. 20th Street, Philadelphia, PA

In a collaborative cooking class with celebrity chefs as teachers we will learn special ways of mixology, knife skills, or the art of creating a sauce. The intimate setting of COOK is an ideal laboratory for learning. We will explore and taste. Details to this event will be published in a separate email soon. This is a unique opportunity.

So, book as soon as the announcement via email comes out!
Welcome to our

Newest Member

(Membership Chair: Ingrid Brown, 215-233-5511)

Maria Sturm
266 Hathaway Lane
Wynnewood, PA 19096-1924
(610) 642-2781

From the Editor

We hope you enjoy the revised newsletter style. We decided to put the event of the season as a lead on the front page together with a message from the president. On the second and third page you will find the regular event schedules. The last page contains important addresses, numbers, and editorial.

A huge thank you goes to Daniel Neubert who helped us create the new template.

Happy Holidays!!!

Ursula Hoika and
Helga Neubert

The objective of IWCP is to welcome women of all cultures to the Philadelphia area and to promote friendship, cooperation and understanding.