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Calendar at a Glance:

- **March**
  - 07 French Coffee
  - 12 Academy Tour
  - 14 German Coffee
  - 19 Potluck Luncheon
  - 28 Italian Coffee

- **April**
  - 03 Baltimore Tour
  - 04 French Coffee
  - 11 German Coffee
  - 17 Potluck Luncheon
  - 25 Italian Coffee

- **May**
  - 01 Potluck Luncheon
  - 02 French Coffee
  - 09 German Coffee
  - 22 GARDEN TOUR
  - 23 Italian Coffee

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**Opulent Design With a Rich History**

March 12 (Tuesday), 11:15 AM
1420 Locust St. Philadelphia, Pa 19104

Organized by Ilse Farrell

Opened in 1857, the Academy is the oldest Opera House in the United States still used for its original purpose. It is a focus of cultural life in the city and one of the busiest halls in the world. Highlights of the tour include a behind-the-scenes look at the Green Room, a walk through the Grand Lobby and the Ballroom which was inspired by the design of the Hall of Mirrors at Versailles, and the Auditorium with its dazzling chandelier recently restored to its original glory. After the tour we will enjoy lunch in one of the restaurants nearby. Friends are welcome to join.

**Deadline:** March 8 (Friday)

**Reservations:** Ilse Farrell, 215-885-2373, ilsefarrell@verizon.net.

**Parking:** several facilities close by. Carpooling is recommended

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**Notes from the President** Helga Ruus-Neubert

Dear Fellow Members,

What a great success our Christmas Party at Renate Harshaw and Michael Gerhard was! Thank you both again for having us. Furthermore, a big hug and tremendous thanks to ALL volunteers (Ilse, Cindy, Irene) who organized this event. Go to the website and look for yourself what a joyful event it was.

The board put together different activities for the next months again. One event I would like to single out is the luncheon at Renate Harshaw in May. She will host this luncheon with the emphasis of inviting our younger members and prospective members to become more active.

IWCP is also teaming up with the Wilmington Club (IWC). They are offering to join special events (mostly) trips with our members. This will be SPECIAL EVENTS in addition to our regular events and you will be notified separately.

Don’t forget, if you have a spontaneous idea for an event, a get-together or a special dinner, please make the board or me aware of this.

Warm Regards

Helga
Newly Renovated Galleries for Crown Jewel of Baltimore Art Museum

April 3 (Wednesday), 8:15 AM—6:00 PM
Baltimore Art Museum
www.artbma.org
Meeting point for the bus tour: 591 East Lancaster Avenue, St. Davids, PA (Parking Lot behind Wells Fargo Bank and the Radnor Hotel Complex)
Organized by Esther Gerhard

In the early 20th century, Baltimore sisters Claribel and Etta Cone visited the Paris studios of Henri Matisse and Pablo Picasso and began assembling one of the world’s most important art collections. They acquired approximately 3,000 objects, which were displayed in their Baltimore apartments. The sisters also acquired masterpieces by Paul Cezanne, Paul Gaugin, Vincent van Gogh, as well as a variety of textiles, jewelry, furniture, and African, Asian, and Near Eastern art. The collection is now visible in newly renovated galleries.

The bus tour (Perkiomen Tours) leaves in the morning and returns at 6:00 PM. Included in the price are transportation, admission, docent led tour, lunch and tips, plus snacks on the bus. Friends and spouses are welcome to join.

Deadline: March 21.
Cost: $95
Reservations: Please send your check for $95 payable to IWCP directly to Esther Gerhard, 215-248-1038 estherger@gmail.com
Parking: available at the underground lots below the National Constitution Center, (enter

March
Lydia McAuliffe 1
Ursula Schaufler 3
Mary Berman 8
Maria Traub 13
Nell Daniels 15
Frieda Lefeber 21
Lucia Heugel 22

Carla Lombardi 25
Genevieve Biscardi 28
Lia Colarusso 31
April
Pamela Medina 2
April
Johanna Williams 9
Louise McCabe 11

May
Anna Maria Montferrato
Ingrid Brown 8
Bodil Tuma 16
Christine Calbry 23

Italian-Speakers Coffees
Last Thursday of the month at 11:30 AM

March 21
Francesca Fox
610-306-5291
debei21@aol.com

April 25
Anna Steininger
610-239-9097
buttafava@aol.com

May 30
Luciana Aspesi
610-525-3067
aspesi@verizon.net

“\textbf{In the spring, I have counted 136 different kinds of weather inside of 24 hours.}”
\textit{Marc Twain}

For any language coffees, you do not need to be a native or fluent speaker, only interested in speaking the language.
### Art, Nature and Fine Food near Princeton

**May 22 (Wednesday), 11 AM (Rain or Shine)**

Grounds for Sculpture, 18 Fairgrounds Road, Hamilton Township, NJ 08619

www.groundsforsculpture.com

Organized by Luisa Proano

Over 270 sculptures surrounded by beautiful gardens are waiting to be discovered at Grounds for Sculpture. The park exhibits works by well known artists and contemporary sculptors in the museum buildings and their landscaped surroundings. A trained tour guide will help the participating Club members explore the grounds and the exhibition. The tour is followed by another highlight: A delightful luncheon in the award winning Rat’s Restaurant famous for its outstanding food and ambiance. Friends are welcome to join us for this event.

**Deadline:** May 11

**Cost:** $15 / $13 (Seniors) includes tour guide

**Reservations:** Send your check payable to IWCP to Luisa Proano, 215-321-2180, proarc_17@comcast.net

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### Potluck Luncheons

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

**March 19, 12 noon**

Hostess: Irene Boden

610-525-0424

iuboden@yahoo.com

Special event with guest speaker from the Volunteer English Program West Chester

**April 17, 12 noon**

Hostess: Nell Daniels

610-565-4856

nelldanielsk@verizon.net

**May 1, 12 noon**

Hostess: Renate Harshaw

610-353-0496

renatehot@aol.com

Note: Please bring new, unopened 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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### From The Director of Charity Luciana Aspesi

On March 8th, when women around the world celebrate Women’s Day, my thoughts always go in particular to those less fortunate of us that have, for different reasons, been unable to manage their own life and that of their children but deserve to be helped to a new beginning.

For the past 17 years, the Home of the Sparrow has provided temporary housing and support to homeless women and their children, enrolling them in a program that enables them to become self sufficient. IWCP has been impressed with this good work and once again chosen to make the Home of the Sparrow the recipient of an annual donation. However, in lieu of giving them a monetary contribution, the Board has opted to satisfy more tangible requests. This year we helped with the “Back to School” program, buying school supplies for the children, and last month it was the usual shopping trip when we went out buying pillows and baby’s and toddler’s linens. Thanks to the amazing response by our members, both in giving extra money when signing up for their membership and participating in the raffle at the Christmas party, we have been able to collect more then $2000! And with the toiletries collected during our travels, we have been able to fill two big baskets of little packages. THANK YOU dear IWCP members. Your generosity and participation never fail to amaze me.

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