25th Anniversary Luncheon

March 8th, 2014
12 Noon to 2 PM

at the Hotel Le Meridien Philadelphia, 1421 Arch Street.

The club is organizing a Trolley Tour through Philadelphia scheduled right before the luncheon, leaving from Le Meridien at 10:30 am and returning there by noon. This tour is free for members who will attend the luncheon. The tour, without the lunch, depending on availability, is $15 for members and $20 for guests (who are welcome for the tour). If you have not already signed up, please let Ilse know when you sign up for the luncheon.

Cost: $50/person, including Champagne Toast, Wine and Entertainment


Reservations: Please send a check with your choice of entrée (see invitation) to: Ilse Farrell, Tel. 215-885-2373, ilsefarrell@verizon.net

Parking: Valet Parking at the Meridien for $18. Public Parking: 1324 Arch Street, with 2 entrance ramps, one is located on Juniper past Cuthbert St. and the other is at the corner of Arch and Juniper. Or: 1500 Arch Street, underneath the JFK Plaza, both about $16-18.

Calendar at a Glance:

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  08 Anniversary Lunch
  13 German Coffee
  19 Potluck Luncheon
  20 Italian Coffee
  20 Happy Hour After 5
  30 Expat Potluck Dinner

- April
  French Bistro
  10 German Coffee
  17 Italian Coffee
  15 Kimmel Center Tour
  17 Happy Hour After 5
  26 Expat Potluck Dinner
  30 Potluck Luncheon

- May
  01 French Bistro
  08 German Coffee
  14 Potluck Luncheon
  15 Italian Coffee
  15 Happy Hour After 5
  20 Artist Garden Tour
  June 1 Expat Potluck Dinner

Why March 8th

by Helga Ruus-Neubert

March 8th is celebrated around the world as International Women’s Day. It is a day when women are recognized for their achievements without regard to national, ethnic, linguistic, cultural, economic or political divisions.

International Women’s Day first emerged from the activities of labor movements at the turn of the 20th century in America and Europe. It was first observed as a popular event after 1977, when the UN declared March 8th as International Women’s Day. The goal was to achieve the legal, political and social equality for women. This day is also a chance to reflect on progress made, to call for change and to celebrate acts of courage and determination by ordinary women who have played an extraordinary role in the history of women’s rights. Much progress has been made to protect and promote women’s rights in recent times. However, according to the UN, still nowhere in the world can women claim to have all the same rights and opportunities as men.

So, what better day is there to celebrate our Anniversary, then on this very same day?

Currently, our Club consists of women from 27 countries. We welcome women from all countries and all cultures to the Philadelphia area and encourage friendship, cooperation and understanding and to build new friendships. We foster cultural diversity and harmony; we are here to help newcomers adjust to a new culture, benefiting from our knowledge and to meet other women of similar backgrounds and interests. We find many new friends, encompassing the immense variety of cultural and social differences that in the end enriched all of our lives.

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Behind the Scenes Tour of the Kimmel Center

April 15 (Tuesday), 11:00 AM

KIMMEL CENTER 1500 Walnut Street, Philadelphia, PA 19102 215-790-5800 www.kimmelcenter.org

Organized by Ilse Farrell

The Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts is a world-class performing arts destination in the heart of Philadelphia. The centerpiece of the city’s Avenue of the Arts, the Kimmel Center, consists of two freestanding performance halls enclosed beneath a spectacular 150-foot vaulted glass ceiling: Verizon Hall, a 2,500-seat cello-shaped concert hall with state-of-the-art acoustics designed specifically for The Philadelphia Orchestra; and Perelman Theater, a versatile 650-seat theater with a rotating stage to accommodate dance, chamber music and full-scale theatrical productions. The Center is the home of the Philadelphia Orchestra, one of America’s Big Five symphony orchestras and regarded as one of the best in the world. Kimmel Center is also the home venue of the Chamber Orchestra of Philadelphia, Philadanco, the Philadelphia Chamber Music Society, and a performance series known as Kimmel Center Presents, which hosts a variety of jazz, classical, and world pop performers.

After the tour, enjoy a nice lunch at Estia, paid individually.

Deadline: April 13 (Sunday)

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

Parking: Kimmel Center and several facilities close by. Carpooling is recommended.

Happy Birthday!

March
03 Ursula Schaufler
12 Gaby Leber
15 Nell Daniels
22 Lucia Huegel
25 Carla Lombardi
26 Helen Phillips

April
09 Johanna Williams
11 Louise McCabe

May
08 Ingrid Brown
13 Cindy Spurdle
16 Bodil Tuma
23 Christine Calbry

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.

March 19 (Wednesday) at 12 noon
Hostess: Irene Boden
iuboden@yahoo.com
610-525-0424

April 30 (Wednesday) at 12 noon
Hostess: Nell Daniels
nelldanielsk@verizon.net
610-565-4856

May 14 (Wednesday) at 12 noon
Hostess: Johanne Lamarche
frenchgardener@comcast.net
610-407-9733

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.
Art Studio and Garden Tour

Tuesday May 20th starting at 11 AM

Location: 302 Highway Ave., Riverton NJ 08077, Tel. 1-609-784-3171
(20 min. from Philly across the bridges. Carpooling is recommended. Street parking is available).
Organized by Joanna Elfering
This trip is limited to 15 people
Myra Ryan has been an artist for more than 30 years. She works with watercolors and soft/oil pastels, acrylics and mixed media.
Myra lives in a 110 year old house with an extraordinary garden. Her garden will be featured in the Riverton Garden Tour May 2014. If you would like to learn more about Myra Ryan please visit her website www.artistmyraryan.com

Program: At 11 AM enjoy refreshments and meet the artist Myra Ryan. Explore with her the wonderful garden. A light lunch will be served on the porch or in the garden (weather permitting).
After lunch we will have a guided tour to see Myra’s artwork throughout her amazing old house, followed by a brief presentation from Myra in her art studio. We will learn and hear about her techniques and various types of art she does. Wrapping up this exciting tour, having dessert & coffee in the garden, we can linger and discuss art with Myra.

Cost: $12.00
Reservations: Please contact Joanna Elfering at joanna@elfering.com, 610-220-6880, and send a check made out to IWCP to Joanna Elfering.
Deadline May 6th!

Foreign-Language Speakers Morning Coffees/Bistro

German-Speakers Coffees
2nd Thursday of the month at 10.30 am
March 13th, Ursula Maul
610-649-3205
ursulamaul@gmail.com
April 10th, Lydia McAuliffe
215-242-8291
Lmcau@comcast.net
May 8th, Ingrid Brown
215-233-5511
ingridbrown58@gmail.com

French-Speakers Bistro
at 11:30 am
March 6th, Jacqueline Yates
610-623-0395
jacquelinycates@gmail.com
April
May 1st, Nicole Lewis
215-232-9408

Italian-Speakers Coffees
last Thursday of the month at 11.30 am
March 20th, Lucia Huegel
856-779-1366
luchita39@aol.com
April 17th, Anna Steininger
610-239-0907
buttafava@aol.com
May 15th, Luciana Aspesi,
610-525-3067
Aspesi@verizon.net

Happiness resides not in possessions, and not in gold, happiness dwells in the soul.
Democritus

Expatriate Potluck Dinners

with or without a Friend or Partner
Organized by Irene Boden

March 30 (Sunday) 6 pm
Hostess: Joanna Elfering
610 220-6880, joanna@elfering.com

June 1 (Sunday), 6 pm
Hostess: Sabine Cranmer
610-891-8020
sabinecranmer@gmail.com

The club is always looking for hostesses for this often very popular event. It is a Potluck dinner, where everybody brings a dish and a bottle of wine. You, as the host, can determine when and how many people you can accommodate and just coordinate this evening. The last Sunday of the month is only a guideline, it also can be a Saturday or Friday or… Please call Irene to sign up anytime.
Welcome to our Newest Members

Membership Chair: Christine Calbry, 267-324-3304
Kate Hayes (US) katehayes@comcast.net
Stasia Morone (Poland) smorone@aol.com
Carla Montanelli Nascari (Italy) carlamontanelli@yahoo.com

Happy Hour After 5

Join us for Happy Hour. We would like to give those members who are unable to make it to the daytime events a chance to connect with other IWCP members each month. Spouses and significant others are welcome as well.

Location: 30 Main
660 E. Lancaster Ave., Berwyn, PA 19312
Date: March 20 and every 3rd Thursday thereafter.
Please contact Cindy Spurgle for more information and to sign up. 610-688-5825

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