Visit an Architectural Jewel: The Masonic Temple

January 20 (Tuesday), 11 am

1 North Broad Street, Philadelphia PA 19107, www.pagrandlodge.org

Organized by Annette Meertz

The bold and elaborate elevations on Broad and Filbert Streets - especially the beautiful portico of Quincy granite - make the Masonic Temple one of the most spectacular buildings in Philadelphia. The ornate structure includes seven rooms, where today a number of Philadelphia Lodges and the Grand Lodge conduct their meetings. The temple was designed in the medieval Norman style by James H. Windrim, who was 27 years old at the time he won the design competition. Now the building is listed as a National Historic Landmark. After the guided tour club members can eat lunch at one of the nearby restaurants (which will be determined soon). Please indicate if you are interested in lunch when you make your reservation. Friends are welcome to join.

Deadline: January 10

Reservation for tour and lunch: Contact Annette Meertz, 610-658-0204, annette.meertz@gmail.com

Cost: $5 for admission and guided tour to be paid at the door. Lunch also paid individually.

Parking: Several parking garages nearby, for example at 1500 Arch Street.

A Few Words From the Director of Charity

Dear IWCP Ladies,

I confess that one of the highlights of my Christmas mornings is when as a family we open our presents. I am sure you have the same joyful experience. So imagine if you should be in a situation such as that you could not give even a small present to your children. Well, this is what might happen to quite a few of the ladies the Home of the Sparrow cares for, above all the ones who after graduating from their program, try to make a living for themselves and for their children. Thanks to the donations the members have made during the 2014 enrollment, once more IWCP is able to sponsor two families so that their Christmas will be a brighter one. This year we have the wish lists of two young families, a mother with two daughters and one with a daughter and a small boy. They have prepared a list of three things that they would love to have and we have committed to fulfill at least two of their wishes. I can imagine their joy when they will receive the packages.

But as you know, for every two families where we can help, many others remain in need of our attention. IWCP has chosen the Home of the Sparrow as a charity project for many years, and I am thankful for all the support that you as Members have given to this project. At our annual Holiday Party on December 6th, we’ll have a lottery again with great prizes, and all the money we collect will increase the amount that we can use toward this deserving cause.

In thanking you once more for your amazing good heart, I wish to you and your families peace, joy and good health during the coming holiday season and in the new year.

Kind Regards,

Luciana Aspesi
Discover How to Sample Olive Oils in Ardmore

February 18 (Wednesday), 12 noon
A Taste of Olive,
22 West Lancaster Ave, Ardmore PA 19003
www.atasteofolive.com

Organized by Annette Meertz

Everybody knows about the benefits of olive oil: As an essential part of a healthy diet it is good for the heart, skin and hair. And of course cooks enjoy using this oil because of the unique flavor it brings to food. A chance to learn more about the best of all oils will be given to club members during this visit to the “A Taste of Olive” shop. Participants in the event will find out how to savor each and every flavor until they find their favorite. The shop offers extra virgin olive oils and balsamic vinegars from all over the world. Fabio, the owner, will host the tasting and will prepare a light menu for lunch. Bring your own wine, if you like! In addition there will be a 10% discount on all purchases made by us this day. Friends are welcome!

Deadline: February 9
Reservations:
Send a check payable to IWCP to Annette Meertz,
610-658-0204,
annette.meertz@gmail.com
Cost: $28
Parking: Meter parking behind the shop or on Anderson Ave between Montgomery Ave and Lancaster Ave (free).

Happy Birthday!

December
Luciana Aspesi 3
Irmgard Reinhart 10
Judith Benner 18
Christel Badey 23

January
Atsuko Keller 11
Gilda Schwab 15
Francesca Fox 21
Nena Colletti 27
Janet Theopano 28
Joanna Elfering 30
Annette Meertz 31

February
Ann Moss 5
Anita Gratwick 16
Yolanda Wallace 18
G. Jean Kowalski 19
Nora O’Neill, 21
Rosalia Weibel 21
Johanne Lamarche 26
Shirley Hallam 27
Brigitte Rutenberg 28

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

German-Speakers Coffees
2nd Thursday of the month at 10:30 am

December 11 Ingrid Brown
215-233-5511
ingridbrown58@gmail.com

January 8 Charlotte Andrews
610-649-2169
Andrewsc7@verizon.net

February 12 Annette Meertz
610-658-0204
annette.meertz@gmail.com

French Speakers Bistro
1st Thursday of the month at 11:30 am

December 4 Jacqueline Yates
610-623-0395
jacquelinecyates@gmail.com

January 15 Anca Constantinescu
215-222-0603
ancamconstantinescu@gmail.com

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

December 4 Jacqueline Yates
610-623-0395
jacquelinecyates@gmail.com

January 15 Anca Constantinescu
215-222-0603
ancamconstantinescu@gmail.com

For any language coffee, you need not be a native or fluent speaker, only interested in speaking the language.
The Halls are Decked and the Trees are Trimmed for the Annual Holiday Party!

December 6 (Saturday)
6.30 pm at the

Waynesborough Country Club,
440 Darby-Paoli Road,
Paoli PA 19301

Organized by Dr. Johanne Lamarche

Club Members, their significant others and their friends are welcome to celebrate the season with the IWCP at Waynesborough Country Club again. There will be an appetizer station and a cash bar where every guest can enjoy one complimentary alcoholic drink. Dinner will be served at the table, consisting of sweet potato ravioli with gorgonzola sauce as a first course, beef or salmon as a main course and a delicious dessert with coffee and tea. There will be a raffle with wonderful prizes to benefit the Home of the Sparrow.

Cost: $50 members and partners, $60 non-members. Cash bar.
Deadline: December 1st

Reservations: Please send a check payable to IWCP and your reservation slip to:
Dr. Johanne Lamarche,
610-407-9733, frenchgardener@comcast.net

Parking: Complimentary valet parking and coat check.

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.

January 28 Luncheon, 12 noon
Hostess: Esther Gerhard
215-248-1038
estherger@gmail.com

February 25 Luncheon, 12 noon
Hostess: Ilse Farrell
215-885-2373
ilsefarrell@verizon.net

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.

Expat Potluck Dinners with or without a Friend

Organized by Cindy Spurdle
February 8, 6 pm
Anca Constantinescu
215-222-0603,
ancamconstantinescu@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. The last Sunday of the month is also only a guideline. Please experience one evening with our fellow members in the near future and call Cindy to sign up as a hostess anytime.

Happy Hour After 5

Thursday, January 29, 5-7 pm
Thursday February 26, 5-7 pm

Join us for happy hour! You are welcome to bring your partner or a friend.

Location:
Glenmorgan Bar & Grill
Radnor Hotel
593 East Lancaster Ave, Wayne PA 19087
Welcome to our Newest Members

Membership Chair:

Christine Calbry, 267-324-3304
G. Jean Kowalski (USA)
201-675-3554

Ingeborg Knopp (Germany)
484-412-8215

Marie T. Harris (USA)
610-519-9297

Nora O’Neill (Ireland)
215-886-6114

Gila Mohadjer (Iran)
1-989-430-3457

Adele Mecerino (USA)
610-853-1775

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

Member WELCOME CLUBS INTERNATIONAL (WCI)

Newsletter: Please send information to Ursula Hoika, who writes the newsletter and edits the information:

610-594-1735, ursulahoika@hotmail.com.

Newsletters for 3-month periods are published Sept. 1, Dec. 1, March 1, June 1. To be included, information must be received at least 10 days earlier, i.e., by the 20th of the month preceding the month of publication.

Website Info: For your convenience, you also can find the most recent newsletter on our website: www.iwcp.org/newsletter

Coming up

Guided Tour of Philadelphia City Hall

Wednesday, March 18, 2015

More details of this event will be published later