Dear Members,

We are off to a very good start into the new club year. We started the season with our Annual Welcome Back Luncheon on September 15, followed by two wonderful tours in Philadelphia, a backstage tour of the Walnut Street Theater and an architectural tour in Center City. Both tours received high marks from the participants. Many thanks to Annette Meertz for organizing these fantastic events.

Preparing these lines for the newsletter also reminded me that the year 2015 is rapidly coming to an end. This year, the club will hold our annual Holiday Celebration in a private home. Susan Mattioni-Hill was very gracious (and brave) to open her home for our festivity. We again will have a Raffle with wonderful donations from generous members and businesses. Hope many of you will be able to come and have a good time with your fellow club members and their partners.

As you will read in the newsletter, the New Year will have many new and exciting activities. Please be enthusiastic and attend as many activities as possible to make them successful. I also would like to strongly encourage you to share new ideas, extra curricular activities and information with any of the board members. Spontaneous ideas are always very well come and they were very successful in the past.

Let’s celebrate the Tradition of Friendship, the Beauty of the Season, and a New Year of Peace and Happiness.

Helga Ruus-Neubert
Potluck Luncheons

January 12 (Tuesday), 12 noon
The Rosenbach of the Free Library of Philadelphia
2008 Delancey Place, Philadelphia PA 19103
215-732-1600, ext. 135 (Alexandra Wilder)
www.rosenbach.org
Organized by Annette Meertz

Join us for a self-guided tour of the current exhibition at the Rosenbach, celebrating 150 years of “Alice in Wonderland”. Follow us down the rabbit hole as we bring Wonderland to the heart of Philadelphia with a captivating exhibition and an exciting schedule of public programming exploring the many facets of this literary classic, including a pop-up display of the incredible original manuscript. Revisit the fun and fanciful characters you know and love, and learn the fascinating stories behind the story.

After our visit to the exhibit, at 1:30pm there is the option to enjoy lunch together at Marathon (paid individually), which is within walking distance from the Rosenbach at 1839 Spruce Street, Philadelphia PA 19103, 215-731-0800.

RSVP: Please send an email to Annette Meertz, Annette.meertz@gmail.com (At this time, please also advise whether you will be joining us for lunch)

Happy Birthday!

December
03 Luciana Aspesi
18 Judith Benner
23 Christel Badey

January
08 Gilberte Burrow
11 Atsuko Keller
15 Gilda Schwalb
22 Peggy Goutmann
27 Nena Coletti
28 Janet Theophano
31 Annette Meertz

February
05 Ann Moss
18 Yolanda Wallace
19 G. Jean Kowalski
21 Rosalia Weibel
22 Susan Gatzert-Snyder
22 Marie T. Harris
26 Johanne Lamarche
27 Shirley Hallam
28 Brigitte Rutenberg
28 Antonella De Carlo-Aloi

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.

January 27 (Wednesday) at 12 noon
Hostess: Helena Malarkey
5malarkeys@gmail.com
484-318-8334

Hostess: Ines Weggelaar
113 Waterford Circle
610-554-7535

February 23 (Tuesday) at 12 noon

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.
Discover Your Inner Artist!

February 9 (Tuesday), 10 AM—12:30 PM

Where: Pinot’s Palette, 20 Greenfield Ave, Ardmore PA 19001, 610-642-3718
lowermerion@pinotspalette.com

Cost: $30 (all materials included)
Organized by Annette Meertz
Deadline: As we will need a minimum of 10 people, please RSVP no later than January 15, 2016.

For this event, you need absolutely no experience wielding a paintbrush, but you are guaranteed to leave the workshop with a wonderful painting in hand! At this new studio, anyone can be an artist and have fun being creative. Within minutes, our entertaining workshop leaders will have you painting your way step-by-step to a beautiful finished piece of art that is uniquely yours. We can either bring our own lunch, including alcoholic beverages, or we can decide to have lunch at one of the many restaurants nearby. Please state your preference when you send in your check.

Reservations: Please send your check for $30 payable to IWCP to Annette Meertz , Annette.meertz@gmail.com
Transportation: Pinot’s Palette is within walking distance from the Ardmore train station, and there is free unlimited parking available across the street.

Foreign-Language Speakers Morning Coffees/Lunch

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<td>2nd Thursday of the month at 10.30 am</td>
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<td>Besito Mexican Restaurant</td>
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<td>610-566-9421</td>
<td>105 Couter Ave.</td>
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<td>February 11</td>
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<td>Charlotte Andrews</td>
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Expat. Potluck Dinners (with or without a friend or partner)

Organized by Cindy Spurdle

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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 Cindy to sign up anytime.
Welcome to our Newest Members

Membership Chair:
Christine Calbry, 267-324-3304

Karin Steinbrenner (Germany)
ksteinbr@gmail.com

Antonella De Carlo-Alloi (Italy)
decarloantonella@aol.com

Newsletter: Please send information to Maria Sturm, who writes the newsletter and edits the information:
610-642-2781, msturm@earthlink.net

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

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

Visit us on the web at www.iwcp.org

Raffle Gifts Display

Architectural Tour of Philadelphia

Welcome Club International (WCI)
www.wcilclubs.org

International Women's Club of Philadelphia

CZECH REPUBLIC
"GOLDEN PRAGUE"

Upcoming Biennial Conference May 15-21, and Post Trip May 21-26, 2016

If you would be interested in this event, please contact Jacqueline Yates (jacquelinecyates@gmail.com) for more information.