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**Welcome Fall**

**Annual Welcome Back Luncheon**

**September 20 (Thursday), 12 Noon**

Philadelphia Cricket Club, 415 W. Willow Grove Ave., Philadelphia, PA 19118

Please join us at this lovely venue to catch up with your IWCP friends after your summer travels and vacations and to meet all the new members who have joined us this summer.

You should have received an invitation in the mail, if not please let us know. If you have not done so yet, be sure to send in your reservation as soon as possible with your entrée choice.

**Deadline: September 13**

**Cost:** $45/person, $50 for non-members

**RSVP** with your choice of entrée and check to: Annette Meertz,

Tel. 610-220-2663
or annette.meertz@gmail.com.

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**A Letter from our President**

Dear Fellow Members,

As we embark on our 29th year and what will be my 7th and last year as President of IWCP, I would like to take this opportunity to share some thoughts with you. At our Annual Luncheon in June, I announced that this will be my final year as your President. Kathryn Bessemer, who kindly agreed to continue in my footsteps, will “shadow” the board this coming year and will take over the presidency next year. This comes with a heavy heart as it will be hard to come to an end of what has been an enriching and wonderful experience for me. But…I am also firmly of the belief that organizations need changes of leadership to keep them vibrant.

In addition, I would like to welcome Andrea Biberger to the board, who is joining the newsletter team. And a very big “thank you” to Irene Boden, who is graciously continuing her wonderful role as Activity Coordinator.

Our club continues to thrive and grow through the incredible talents of our board and members, who volunteer their time and effort to provide us with a variety of activities. This year they encouraged 20 ladies from around the world to join our club. What an achievement! Thank you, Lydia McAuliffe and Irene Boden for organizing our upcoming Welcome-Back Luncheon at the Philadelphia Cricket Club. I am very much looking forward to seeing many of you there.

Warm Regards

Helga Ruus-Neubert
William Birch: Ingenious Artist. His Life, His Philadelphia Views and His Legacy

Tuesday, October 9
10:00 am-11:30am
Location: Library Company of Philadelphia
1314 Locust Street, Philadelphia, PA 19107
Group size: 15

Cost: Free

Lunch at 12:00 pm at Oloroso at 1121 Walnut Street: a new Spanish tapas restaurant (there will be one check for the food to be shared).

RSVP: Please email Jacqueline Yates by Monday, October 1 if you would like to reserve one of the 15 spots on this tour. First come first serve!
jacquelinecyates@gmail.com

Through watercolors, enamels, manuscripts, books, and prints, some of which have never before been exhibited, we will explore the life and work of one of the most important artists of the Federal period, William Birch (1755–1834). Birch established himself in London as a miniaturist and a graphic artist before immigrating to Philadelphia, where he published the first two American books of engraved views. The City of Philadelphia in the Year 1800 captures the spirit of the cultural and political capital of the new nation and remains a cornerstone of Philadelphia iconography. His second book, The Country Seats of the United States (1808), brought to America the ideal of the countryside house in a picturesque landscape, a vision that persists to this day. Join us as we explore Birch’s transatlantic career as an enamellist, landscape architect, and artist of the British and American scene. Guests will also be seeing the Logan Room. The tour of the Logan Room will be given by the Curator of Arts & Artifacts, Linda August. Items on display include paintings by James Peale and Benjamin West, William Penn’s desk, and an electrostatic machine used by Benjamin Franklin.

Letter from our Charity Director

Dear IWCP Members,

The supports that you have given for Charity projects along the years have been continuous and very generous and this year the amount of money raised and distributed has totaled a sum never reached before: $3,000.00!

On behalf of the Charity Committee, I would like to thank you very much for being such an amazing and loving group of women. The organizations that were chosen this year are:

Musicopia (https://musicopia.net/): an institution that supports music education for deserving children across the Philadelphia region. Our donation will go to the Musicopia String Orchestra. Musicopia accepts donations of instruments, so if you have one, which has been sitting at the bottom of a trunk for a while, why not consider donating it?

Mother’s Home (mothershome.org): a non-denominational residential shelter in Darby, PA that provides a safe haven for vulnerable pregnant women in crisis. “We encourage our mothers to celebrate the joy of new life and help them to prepare for their future and the future of their child. We focus on physical, emotional and developmental needs including positive life skills, parenting and job preparation. We strive to assist our mothers to reach their goal of independence and self-sufficiency.” Laura Paine and I have visited their premises, spoken to the director and seen their need for making these mothers’ stay more comfortable.

Sunday Suppers (http://sundaysuppersphilly.org) whose goal “is for families to incorporate shared healthy meals into their lifestyles enhancing communications, embracing healthy eating and reducing physical symptoms including obesity.” The organization is in Huntington Park, a distressed neighborhood, and serves the very low-income and at-risk kids and their families. Laura and I met with some of the people that have “graduated’ from the program and now help to guide other families acquire better nutrition’s skills.

The Home of the Sparrow, whose mission is to help women to start a new life with a job and a safe place to stay for them and for their children. This organization has been IWCP’s charity of choice from many years and the committee has decided to continue supporting its “Back to School” and “Christmas” projects.

I should also mention that another way to help is to collect hotel samples that are needed for the homeless. Please pick them up during your traveling, bring them at our events, or contact me. Thank you,

Luciana Aspesi
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Hamilton Fever at the National Constitution Center

November 28 (Wednesday)
10:30 am Meet at Admissions of the National Constitution Center, 525 Arch Street, Philadelphia

Cost: $14.50/$13 Seniors.
If we get a group of 15 together, the charge for admission and guided tour would be $14.00 per person.

The National Constitution Center’s compelling new exhibit highlights the competing ideas of Alexander Hamilton and his legendary rivals. Created by the National Constitution Center, Hamilton: The Constitutional Clashes That Shaped a Nation explores Hamilton’s fraught relationships with James Madison, Thomas Jefferson, John Adams, and Aaron Burr. Examining the personalities and constitutional debates that shaped America — including the scope of the national government, the establishment of a standing army, the creation of a federal banking system, and more — the exhibit provides an intimate look into Alexander Hamilton’s enduring role in the constitutional and political arguments that continue to create sparks to this day.

12:30 pm Lunch at “Frieda”, 320 Walnut Street, Philadelphia, PA 19106
Please RSVP to Annette 610-220-2663 or Annette.meertz@gmail.com by Nov. 20.

Welcome to our New Members!

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Book Clubs

Please join us for a lively discussion

**Book Club in the Burbs**
At the Radnor Hotel

October 25 at 4:00 PM
Trick by Domenico Starnone

November 29 at 4:00 PM
Book to be determined

RSVP to Kathryn Bessemer 610-457-3205 or Gilda Schwalb
kathrynbessemere@comcast.net, gildaschwalb@comcast.net

**Book Club in the City**
Parc Rittenhouse #1206

September 6 at 1:00 pm
Song of a Captive Bird by Jasmin Darznik

Please note there is a change of location

RSVP to Susan Gatzert-Snyder: 610-731-1760; sgatzertsnyder@gmail.com

Did you know?
The United States ten-dollar bill ($10) features the portrait of Alexander Hamilton, who served as the first U.S. Secretary of the Treasury.

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Potluck Luncheons & Dinners

Luncheons: 12 pm - Noon

October 16
Annegret Voparil
215-233-1808
annegretv@hotmail.com

November 14
Aurora Lopez
484-238-7436
auroralope@verizon.net
Atsuko Keller will give an origami presentation.
15 people max.

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

German Speakers Coffee:
at 10:30 AM

September 5  -  Special Potluck Brunch/Coffee - bring any dish
Lucia Menz, 484-474-7518, lucia-menz@lucia-menz.de

October 11
Trudy von der Wense, 610-293-6994,
tvdwense@gmail.com

November 8
Annette Meertz, 610-658-0204,
anette.meertz@gmail.com

Italian Conversation: 11:30 AM

French Bistros: 11:30 AM

October 4
Nicole Lewis  215-232-9408
gnicole1934@yahoo.com

November 1
Jacqueline Yates  610-623-0395
Jacquelineyates@gmail.com

Dinners: 6 PM

September 9
Johanne Lamarche
610-220-2086
frenchgardener@comcast.net

October 28
Jaqueline Yates
610-623-0395
Jacquelineyates@gmail.com
12 people max.

November 18
Christiane Fried
610-687-8854
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October 19
Francesca Fox, 610-306-5291,
debei21@aol.com

November 15
Luciana Aspesi, 484-716-2673.
luciasp312@gmail.com
Dear Members,

Our club has been affiliated with the umbrella organization Welcome Clubs International (WCI) for many years and I have been the liaison to WCI since I became President in 2003. WCI links independent women’s organizations around the world who share a common goal of cross-cultural interaction and education, promoting understanding and friendship among women of all nations.

I have enjoyed my contacts with the executive committee for years. After attending the bi-annual conference in Denver in 2012, I arranged their interim meeting in Philadelphia twice, the most recent one last September. Many of you will remember hearing president Maria Fernanda Arduino speak at our September luncheon last year, encouraging our members to attend the bi-annual conference to be held in Washington DC last May. I was delighted so many took her up on this offer. Kathryn Bessemer, Gilda Schwab, Sabine Cramer, Lucia Huegel and I took part in many of the interesting sessions, highlighting the conference theme "Educating Women: Changing The World". It was a beautiful way to connect with representatives from international women’s clubs around the globe in a very meaningful way. As I was not able to attend the End of Year Luncheon, I was very glad Gilda gave such a wonderful report.

Through the WCI website, which I encourage you all to click on below, you will be able to read both the report on the September meeting and the Conference in May. As you will have to log in as a member of our club I will provide you here with our user name and password. This information is only to be shared with members and will not be published on our website. If you lose it, you can contact me anytime and I will gladly provide it again. The WCI website has many interesting articles from our sister clubs.

One of the great benefits of being a member of WCI is that our members can contact any of the other clubs if they would like to visit in their travels. This way many wonderful friendships have developed.

If you ever need contact information for any of the other clubs and cannot find it on their website, please contact me and I will provide it to you.

Here is the link to the WCI website: http://www.wciclubs.org

In Friendship,
Jacqueline Yates
Happy Hours

**In the City:**
Second Thursday of each month 5:00 - 7:00 pm
at the Liberté Lounge at the Sofitel Philadelphia
120 S. 17th Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103
Please contact Monika Panger
215-584-7266 or

**In the Burbs:**
Last Thursday of each month 5:30-7:00 pm
at the Glenmorgan Bar & Grill in the Radnor Hotel
593 East Lancaster Avenue, Wayne, PA 19087
Please contact Cindy Spurdle
610-688-5825 or cspurdle@verizon.net
mmpanger@1919ic.com

Visit us on the web at www.iwcp.org

Save the Date
Holiday Party
Dec 14, 2018
At the Farmhouse at People’s Light in Malvern
More details of this event will follow

Newsletter: Please send information to Helena Malarkey or Andrea Biberger, who write and edit the newsletter: 5malarkeys@gmail.com or andreabiberger@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.

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