Dear Fellow Members,

In the middle of winter, our board is busy planning new Spring and Summer events. As you might know, our potlucks, luncheons and dinners are very popular among our members. These are always wonderful occasions to mingle with fellow friends, meet new members and some of their partners. Thank you, Irene Boden, in doing such a wonderful job finding hosts for these events. It’s not easy though!

I also would like to welcome all our new members from all over the world to the Philadelphia area and to our club. We encourage friendship, cooperation and understanding and we all build new relationships. We foster cultural diversity and harmony. We are always happy to help new members to adjust to a new culture, so they can benefit from our knowledge and have a chance 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 enriches all our lives. We also learn from each other through conversations and exchanges that begin with subjects common to women of all cultures and end with friendships that demonstrate how alike we are, no matter how different our languages, skin colors, ages, religions, forms of government, or ways of dress are.

The experiences I personally most cherish are the small events, where we connect with one another, where we see that not only the common, ordinary, everyday things are special in our own lives, but in the lives of people in every region of the globe. Perhaps it is through these ongoing friendships and shared confidences, that we find out and realize just how wonderful our world really is. Let us reflect and think of this on March 8th, the International Women’s Day.

Have a wonderful spring and I hope I will see many of you at one or the other of our events planned for the months ahead.

Cheers,
Helga Ruus-Neubert
Ancient Egypt: From Discovery to Display

March 20, 2019 - Wednesday

Mummies and artifacts tell archaeologists about what life was like in ancient Egypt. But how do objects make their journey from excavation site to Museum display? Peel back the curtain and get a behind-the-scenes view of the Penn Museum’s famed Egyptian collection. This roughly 6,000-square-foot exhibition introduces visitors to the history of ancient Egypt and includes elements of open artifact storage as well as active object conservation, offering an inside look into where objects come from, how they are researched and cared for, and how they are prepared for display.

March
01 Lydia McAuliffe
03 Ursula Schaufler
07 Maria Sturm
09 Tanja Praefcke
15 Nell Daniels
16 Reshma Munshi
21 Cornelia Vieira
22 Andrea Castro, Lucia Huegel
24 Andrea Biberger, Patricia Fernandez
25 Carla Lombardi
26 Helen Philipps
28 Genevieve Biscardi

April
04 Catia Nadalutti
09 Johanna Williams
11 Louise McCabe
13 Helma Godell

Penn Museum
3260 South Street
Philadelphia, PA 19104
215-898-4000

Admission with tour: $20/$19 seniors
Meet at 11 am and pay at reception; tour starts at 11:30 am.

Lunch: 1 pm at the White Dog Café,
3420 Sansom Street, Philadelphia, PA 19104, 215-684-7990 (separate checks)

RSVP by March 13 to Cindy Spurdle,
610-688-5825 or cspurdle@verizon.net

Happy Birthday, beautiful ladies!

German-Speakers Coffee
2nd Thursday, 10:30 am

March 14
Eva Jackson
484-524-2701
NoelEvaJackson@comcast.net

April 11
Irene Boden
610-212-3414
iuboden@yahoo.com

May 9
Hannelore Barbieri
215-680-7691
f-h-barbieri@verizon.net

Maximum 20

Italian Conversation
3rd Thursday, 11:30 am

March 21
Antonella De Carlo-Aloi
202-253-1447, decarloantonella@aol.com

April 18
Giuliana Pierson
267-303-9121, giulianapierson@gmail.com

May 16
Anna Steininger
610-239-9097
jabluebellpa@gmail.com

French-Speakers Bistro:
1st Thursday, 11:30 am

March 7
Christine Calbry, 267-234-2681
calbry267@aol.com

April 4
Francesca Fox, 610-306-5291
debei21@aol.com

For any language coffee or Bistro - no need to be a native or fluent speaker, only interested in speaking the language!
Potluck Lunches

March 13 (Wednesday)
12 pm (noon) - max. 16
Lydia McAuliffe
215-499-4834
Lmcau@comcast.net

April 10 (Wednesday)
Kathryn Bessemer
610-457-3205
kathrynbessemer@comcast.net

May 21 (Tuesday)
Trudy von der Wense
484-433-1215
tvdwense@gmail.com

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.

Expat Potluck Dinner with or without a Friend

March 24 (Sunday)
Hostess: Wallis Urmenyhazi
215-833-5571
wallisu@msn.com

April 7 (Sunday)
Hostess: Sabine Cranmer
610-349-6968
sabinecranmer@gmail.com

May 19 (Sunday)
Hostess: Renate Harshaw
484-368-4950
renatehot@aol.com

Remember to also bring a bottle of wine!

Mural Arts Tour - Mural Mile Walking Tour

April 23 (Tuesday)

Time: 10:30 am - 12:30 am
Meet at the Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts, 128 N. Broad Street, Philadelphia, PA 19102

Cost: $20 (max. 20, so sign up early!)

Please send check for $20 (payable to IWCP) to Jacqueline Yates, 317 Wayne Ave., Lansdowne, PA 19050. Call Jacqueline (610-623-0395) or email (jacquelinecyates@gmail.com) to let her know you are sending your check!

RSVP: April 16

Tour is followed by lunch at Tredici Enoteca, 114 S. 13th Street, Philadelphia, PA, 267-928-2092 (separate checks).

Explore the world’s largest art gallery on foot with two Mural Mile routes, offered north and south of Market Street. A professionally trained guide will share the stories of the people, places and themes of each mural. Along the way, participants will also learn about the culture of the neighborhoods, how the murals complement their environment and the 30-year history of Mural Arts in Philadelphia.
The Woodlands in Philadelphia

May 14 (Tuesday)

Time: 10:30 am  Meet in the foyer of the Mansion, 4000 Woodland Ave., Philadelphia, PA 19104, 215-386-2181

Cost: $20

RSVP by Monday, April 29. Please send check for $20 (payable to IWCP) to Cindy Spurdle at 106 Valley Forge Terrace, Wayne, PA 19087. Contact Cindy at cspurdle@verizon.net or 610-688-5825 to let her know you are sending your check.

Followed by lunch at 1:00 pm at the Vietnam Café, 816 S. 47th St., Philadelphia, PA 19143 (separate checks).

The Woodlands is a Philadelphia treasure, a must-see historic site and communal backyard for a vibrant neighborhood and city. This is where Elizabeth Gilbert was inspired to write her novel “The Signature of All Things”, which is about a botanist whose hunger for explanations carries her through the better part of Darwin's century.

Members could read this book before visiting the Woodlands.

Book Clubs

In the Burbs:

Monday, March 11, 12 pm (noon)
Le Pain Quotidien, Lancaster Ave, Wayne
The Little Paris Book Shop, by Nina George
RSVP to Kathryn at 610-457-3205, kathrynbessemer@comcast.net

In the City:

Thursday, March 28, 12 pm (noon)
Hostess: Monica Vachher, 437 West Chestnut Hill Ave., Philadelphia, PA 19118 (Chestnut Hill - close to Highland Station) 312-961-1320, monicavachher@gmail.com
The Signature of All Things, by Elizabeth Gilbert
Lunch will be offered - participants will be kindly asked to donate $5 each to one of our IWCP charities.

Welcome New Members

Ariadna Fink, from Mexico, ariadnafink4@gmail.com
Sandra (Alex) Grossman, from Kazakhstan, grossmansandra@outlook.com
Zoray Spielvogel, from Iran, flower32041@aol.com

Save the Date:

Annual Business Dinner
Monday, June 10
Radnor Hotel
more info soon

Happy Hour

IN THE CITY:

IN THE BURBS:

IN THE CITY:
2nd Thursday
5-7 pm
Liberte Lounge, Sofitel Hotel, 120 S. 17th Street, Philadelphia
Please contact Monika Panger 215-755-7655 mmpanger@1919ic.com

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