



**International
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Philadelphia**

IWCP Newsletter

Member Welcome Clubs International

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Welcome Summer!



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Annual Business Dinner

June 10 (Monday), 6:30 PM

Garden Room at the Radnor Hotel, 591 East Lancaster Ave., St.Davids, PA 19087
www.radnorhotel.com

After another year of thoughtfully planned events, joyful gatherings in members' houses and cultural enrichment, the IWCP invites you to its **Annual Business DINNER**. To accommodate our working and younger members, this year we decided on an evening event. Come and join us to learn more about our wonderful club, meet some new members and simply have a good time with friends. Entrée choices are Tuscan Chicken, Grilled Salmon or Grilled Vegetable Napoleon.

Deadline: June 4th.

Cost: \$50/person, \$60 for non-members

RSVP with your choice of entrée and check to:

Annette Meertz, 638 Loves Lane,
Wynnewood, PA 19096.

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

Picnic at Chanticleer

July 19 (Friday), 4:30 pm (Rain date July 26)

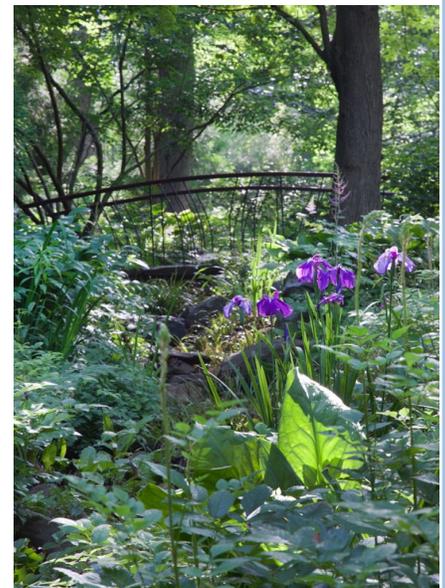
Within 30 minutes of Philadelphia, Chanticleer is one of the great gardens of the region. Once the Rosengarten estate, today's Chanticleer is a colorful, contemporary garden within a historic setting.

Chanticleer Gardens: 786 Church Road, Wayne,
www.chanticleergarden.org

Cost: \$10 entrance fee; \$5 for Radnor Library card holders
Bring your own dinner, drinks, folding chairs or blankets and enjoy a relaxed picnic in the beautiful surroundings of Chanticleer Gardens in Wayne. Feel free to ask friends to come along!

Please carpool! - they do not like big groups, so just check-in as regular visitors and look for Annette, who will try to reserve some tables for us.

RSVP to Annette Meertz no later than **July 15** via email Annette.meertz@gmail.com or 610-220-2663.



Calendar at a Glance:

• June

- 10 Annual Business Dinner
- 13 Happy Hour in the City
- 13 Book Club in the City
- 19 Museum of Art Exhibition
- 27 Happy Hour in the Burbs

• July

- 11 Happy Hour in the City
- 19 Picnic at Chanticleer
- 25 Happy Hour in the Burbs

• August

- 8 Happy Hour in the City
- 21 N.C. Wyeth - New Perspectives
- 29 Happy Hour in the Burbs

• September

- 24 Welcome Back Luncheon

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

Philadelphia Museum of Art – The Impressionist’s Eye

June 19 (Wednesday) at 10:45 am

Peer over the shoulder of Claude Monet, Mary Cassatt, Vincent van Gogh, and others as they make their indelible mark on canvas, paper, and bronze. Best known as oil painters, the artists in this tight-knit group actually moved fluidly from one medium to another, supporting and inspiring one another. Don't miss this rare opportunity to see a broad range of Impressionist sculpture, painting, and works on paper shown together.

Please arrive at 10:45 AM.

We meet in the Museum’s Lobby.

11 AM Public Tour of the Exhibition. Tour lasts approx. 1 hour.

Philadelphia Museum of Art

2600 Benjamin Franklin Parkway

Philadelphia, PA 19130 (www.penn.museum.org)

Cost: \$25 per person (or \$23 for seniors), or free with membership

12:30 PM Lunch at the Museum’s Restaurant “STIR”.

RSVP to Annette Meertz by June 14

to Annette.meertz@gmail.com, Tel. 610-220-2663



Happy Birthday!

June

- 01 Prudence Rawson
- 06 Carla Montanelli Nascari
- 07 Charlotte Andrews, Sara Nelson
- 08 Annegret Voparil
- 17 Sandra Alex Grossman
- 18 Ariadna Fink
- 29 Monique Faraq

July

- 02 Laura H. Paine
- 04 Sabine Cranmer, Anna Steininger
- 08 Hannelore Barbieri
- 10 Ann DiGiacomo
- 13 Heather Saunders
- 14 Renate Harshaw
- 15 Rebecca O. Earle
- 15 Limin Shen
- 18 Franziska Abersold

August

- 01 Aurora Lopez,
- 13 Ines Weggelaar
- 14 Cindy Impicciatore, Jacqueline Yates
- 17 Martha Stang
- 19 Christiane Fried
- 20 Eva Jackson
- 25 Maria Klein-Szanto
- 31 Luisa Proano

Welcome New Members

Membership Chair: Christine Calbry, 267-324-3304

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Erna Bjornsson	Iceland	erna.bjornsson@verizon.net

Happy Hours Will Continue

In the city:

Second Thursday of each month

5:00 - 7:00 pm

at the Sofitel Hotel, 120 S. 17th Street, Philadelphia, PA

Please contact Monika Panger

215-776-7655 or mmpanger@1919ic.com

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

610-213-2833 or

cspurdle@verizon.net

Dear Fellow Members,

It seems like just the other day that I was elected to serve in the office of President of the IWCP. Thank you for the honor and privilege to be your President. I am extremely grateful to have worked with many women of this organization and I enjoyed all the fun and laughter we had together. The last seven years have been full of great experiences. I have learned more than I would have ever imagined. The friendships I developed have enriched my life beyond words. I particularly want to thank all the wonderful women of “my” Executive Committee over the last seven years. They are a diverse, talented group of ladies; together we accomplished everything we set out to do. Coming to the end of my terms leaves me with two conflicting feelings. As I have devoted many hours of my life to the club over the past years, I am a bit sad because it is always hard to come to an end of what has been a wonderful time. However, it is also exciting and liberating. I firmly believe that organizations need leadership changes to keep them vibrant. So, it is with joy and eager anticipation that I turn over my position to our presumptive President Kathryn Bessemer whom we will be voting on at our Business Dinner. I wish Kathryn similar gratifying and rewarding experiences in her new role.

The future of IWCP cannot be measured in time or numbers, the opportunities are limitless and the friendships we find are priceless. Thank you all for giving me this wonderful opportunity to serve the International Women’s Club of Philadelphia. Hopefully, my sincere efforts have helped make a difference. I am grateful for your support and friendship. I ask you to extend the same to our presumptive incoming chair, Kathryn Bessemer. I am confident she will continue to ensure the fine tradition of this wonderful organization.

In Friendship

Helga Ruus-Neubert

N.C. Wyeth – New Perspectives

August 21 (Wednesday) 10:45 AM
Brandywine Conservancy & Museum
 1 Hofmans Mill Road
 Chadds Ford, PA 19317
 610-388-8333

This exhibition examines the entirety of Wyeth’s career, repositioning him within the greater context of early 20th century American art.

Admission \$16** per person – 10 persons or more.
 Tour lasts approximately 1 hour

12:15 PM Lunch at “Millstone Café” overlooking the river
RSVP by August 16th to Annette Meertz – 610-220-2663 or
Annette.meertz@gmail.com

**If we do not get 10 people to sign up, the price will be slightly higher.



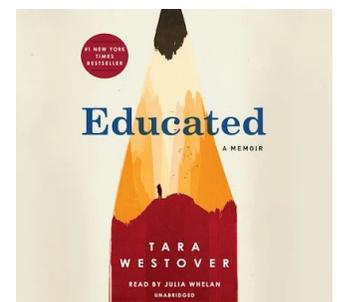
Book Club

Book Club in the City

June 13 (Thursday) at 1:00 pm

You are invited to discuss the book *Educated*. Please bring a brown bag lunch. Weather permitting we can sit by the pool, however please no glass! Parc Rittenhouse, 7th floor for the lounge and pool.

Location: Parc Rittenhouse, 7th Floor Lounge, Philadelphia
 Please RSVP to Susan Gatzert-Snyder, 610-731-1760 or sgatzertsnyder@gmail.com



Book: Educated
 by Tara Westover

IWCP Goes Online!



IWCP has grown to more than 150 members over the last years. Women who were born or lived all over the world are attracted to IWCP because it offers multiple avenues for socializing, sharing and learning. Many events are offered each month like Potluck Dinners, “After five” gatherings, Ethnic coffee and cultural events like museum visits, book clubs or architectural tours. The club has become a hallmark for international exchange, socializing, and friendship.

The management of memberships, organization of events and collection of fees is mostly carried out by IWCP’s board. Today, members depend on email communications or regular mail from the board to obtain information about upcoming events. They receive a hardcopy membership booklet at IWCP’s Annual Meeting in September. Payments for events or membership renewal are still relying on submitting a check in the post.

In today’s online environment, the roles of provider: “board member” and recipient: “member” are rapidly changing. Members prefer to be more involved in maintaining their own data, don’t see the need for mailing a check when they can pay online everywhere else, demand better information about what is going on or who they can expect to see at an upcoming event. They also want to share their own thoughts and/or business expertise with other IWCP members.

While IWCP has maintained a web site for many years, its capabilities are limited to posting static, after the fact information. A new system was called for that not only better engages IWCP members but also reduces the workload of the IWCP board such as maintaining member profiles, sending out notices about events, collecting money and keeping track of event participation.

The board is happy to inform you that a new system has been implemented and is partially functioning. Its main features are:

- A new IWCP web site,
- Online application and payment,
- Automatic renewal with online renewal payment,
- Events calendar and posting featuring online registrations and fee payment where called for,
- Online, secured member directory,
- Detailed profile for each member that is maintained by the member herself,
- A blog to post recent news and much more

The new website can be accessed at <https://iwcp.wildapricot.org/>

While the system is still a work in progress, you can try it out immediately. To log in, enter your email address as your user-id. Your initial password is: IWCP123. Please change your password right away after your first login (click once on the log-in icon in the upper right hand corner of the screen and then click on ‘Change Password’). You can explore and add to your own profile or look up other members’ profiles. This functionality is limited to IWCP members only.

To enhance your web presence, try to add a picture of yourself (Avatar) or add a link to your personal website. Event listings and registrations will not be completely available right away, please wait until you receive an email announcement for an event asking you to register online. Also online payments still require some testing and the board will let you know when you can pay online.

The IWCP board hopes you will like the new capabilities and we are anxious to hear your opinion and what we can do to improve your online IWCP experience

Karin Steinbrenner (Director of Communications)

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www.wciclubs.org



Please let us know if you are interested in serving on the Board! We are currently looking to fill the second position as *Newsletter Editor*. Contact Andrea Biberger for more info at 484-238-8075 or andreabiberger@hotmail.com

Welcome Back Luncheon
Save the Date: SEP 24
Details to be announced.



Potluck Luncheons

Newsletter: Please send information to Andrea Biberger who writes and edits the newsletter: andreabiberger@hotmail.com

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

Email us : iwcpphiladelphia@yahoo.com