



IWCP Newsletter

Member, Welcome Clubs International

International
Women's Club of
Philadelphia

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December, January, February 2023/2024 Issue 2

Greetings from our President

Dear Fellow Members,

It is hard to believe that we are already closing in on year-end. 2023 went by in a blur with wonderful events and outings for our members. Thank you all who have acted as hosts, made suggestions, or contributed in other ways. We will finish off the year with our Holiday Dinner Party on December 15, 2023 at the St. Davids Golf Club, courtesy of Lynne Brown, a member of St. Davids and Cindy Spurdle our Secretary. (For those of you who have not heard yet, big congratulations are in order as Cindy recently got married to her significant other, Dick Hunt.) As every year, this event is our biggest fund raiser and we are looking for raffle items. If you have something you would like to donate, please contact Laura Paine.

Looking into 2024, please save the date for a fabulous Chinese New Year's luncheon on February 13, arranged by Limin Shen. As always, I would like to encourage every member to think about what you can do to make our club better. We are looking for hosts for lunches or dinners. This can include organizing lunches or dinners at a restaurant rather than at your home, for example. Please contact Merry Rothman if you have any new ideas or suggestions.

In our most recent meetings, the Board discussed how to prepare our Club for the future. We will shortly mail out a questionnaire to all members. Please take the time to respond, so we can carefully analyze your input. We will also place Board members at each table at the Holiday Party to give you a chance to get to know us. We hope to see many of you there.

Best wishes for the Holiday Season,
Monika Panger

The International Women's Club of Philadelphia

Cordially invites you to our

ANNUAL HOLIDAY DINNER PARTY

Friday, December 15th

6:00 PM

at

St. Davids Golf Club

845 Radnor Street Road

Wayne, PA 19087

www.stdavidsgc.com

\$60 p/p for members and their partner, Incl. a complimentary drink

Hors d'Oeuvres

Mediterranean Savoury Nibbles

First Course

ICEBERG WEDGE SALAD with diced plum tomatoes, crumbled bacon, gorgonzola cheese, housemade bleu cheese dressing

Second Course - Choice of Entrée

PARMESAN CRUSTED MAHI MAHI pan seared with local tomato salad, drizzled with aged balsamic reduction

or

N.Y. STRIP 12 oz. Choice center cut with jack daniels wild mushroom demi glaze

or

WILD MUSHROOM RAVIOLI – truffled brown butter and toasted sage

Third Course

BROWNIE A LA MODE – warm brownie topped with bassett's vanilla ice cream & drizzled with chocolate sauce

Rolls, Coffee, Tea and Iced Tea are served with Dinner; Cash Bar available

Once you receive the invitation please sign-up for this event, make your entrée selection and pay online at www.IWCP.org

Please let Cindy Hunt (cspurdle@verizon.net) know of any dietary restrictions.

Registration begins online when event invitation is emailed. We will place Board members at each table to give new members a chance to get to know us.

We will be holding our very popular Charity Fundraiser Raffle this evening.

If you wish to donate an item, please contact our Charity Director, Laura Paine at lhernandezpaine@hotmail.com

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German Christmas Market - Weihnachtsmarkt





We are excited to see you!

Experience the magic of a German Christmas Market on Saturday, December 16th from 12:00pm to 6:00pm in our venue, the unique and beautifully decorated Franklin Commons.

Soothing traditional Christmas music and the smell of mouth-watering treats will help you forget the pace of modern, hectic life and help you remember what this festive time of year should really be all about.

Enjoy delicacies and a cup of mulled wine („Glühwein“) or hot apple cider while looking for that unique hand-crafted gift from one of our artisan local vendors.

This is also very much a family event with entertainment for children.

Please follow us on Facebook for updates.

The German Christmas Market is a fundraiser.
Admission: Age 21 and over \$5, under 21 free - free parking



Saturday, December 16

12:00 pm - 6:00 pm
Franklin Commons,
400 Franklin Avenue, Phoenixville, PA 19460
-rain or shine-





September Trip to the Frances M Maguire Art Museum, PAFA *Rising Sun* exhibit in October and November
Diwali Potluck

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Museum for Art in Wood

Wednesday, January 17

12 PM : meet at - 141 N 3rd St, Philadelphia, PA 19106

- for a guided tour of the exhibit: *Floe, A Climate of Risk, The Fictional Archeology of Stephen Talasnik*

12:30 PM: Lunch at Café Tolia - to be paid on your own.

Address: 26 N 3rd St, Philadelphia, PA 19106. At walking distance from the museum, this is a lovely new place in Old City owned by a Turkish couple who moved here from Germany.

The closest Septa Station is Jefferson Station and you can find paid Street Parking in Old City.

Talasnik presents a fictional account of a Philadelphia whose civilization was buried by a natural disaster brought on by climate change; the only evidence of this society is through the 'archaeological collection' presented in the exhibition. Climate change is a problem that exposes the vulnerability of the world's most defenseless populations, including the impoverished, house-less, and state-less, while the macro-financial stability of the region is threatened by shifts in global temperatures. While data facilitates understanding of this impact in terms of numbers, the potential loss to humanity is far more difficult to quantify. Through this exhibition, Talasnik's account—illustrated in wood, bamboo, and composite materials—will help us understand this loss on the scale of the viewer.



Registration begins online when event invitation is emailed.



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03 Luciana Aspesi,
03 Amy Delfs
17 Linda Borish
20 Lilly Pheasey
23 Christel Badey

January

04 Yanlin Ding
08 Patricia Monti Calanchini
11 Atsuko Keller, Erica Plotegher
15 Gilda Schwalb
17 Katharina Earle
21 Francesca Fox
21 Kate Wunner
24 Valerie Smith
27 Nena Colletti
28 Luz Dias
30 Josiane Dunn
31 Annette Meertz

February

04 Linda Friedlander
10 Merry Rothman
20 Sarah Turker
26 Johanne Lamarche
28 Antonella De Carlo-Aloi

French-Speakers Bistro

1st Thursday, 11:30 am

December 7
January — TBD
February 1

Details to follow.

Details regarding the host and location of the events will be available once online registration opens.

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



Registration begins online when event invitation is emailed.

German-Speakers Coffee

2nd Thursday, 10:30 am

December 14
January 11
February 8
Details to follow.

Italian Speakers Bistro

3rd Thursday, 10 am - noon

December 21
January 18
February 15
Details to follow.

Spanish Luncheon

4th Thursday, 11.30 am

December — TBD
January 19
February 22

White Dog Café, 379 Lancaster Ave, Haverford Square PA

Details to follow.

Potluck Luncheons

December - TBD

January 21 - Winter Afternoon Tea, 2 pm
Taste of Britain, 503 Lancaster Ave, Wayne PA

February - TBD

Since these events are very popular, attendance is limited to 25 unless specified otherwise.

Please consider hosting a potluck lunch for 2023/24. We are looking to encourage participation from our members to host a lunch (all members bring a dish) and enjoying time together with friends. Please contact Merry Rothman - merryrothman@gmail.com / 610-804-0637.



Registration begins online when event invitation is emailed.

Expat Potluck Dinner with or without a Friend



December
TBD

Remember to also bring a bottle of wine!

January
TBD

Remember to also bring a bottle of wine!

February
TBD

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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 also only a guideline. Please consider hosting an Expat Potluck Dinner for 2024. Please contact Merry Rothman at merryrothman@gmail.com / 610-804-0637

Registration begins online when event invitation is emailed. As soon as you receive the Potluck Luncheon/ Expat Potluck Dinner email invitation, contact your hostess to find out what kind of dish to bring, i.e. appetizer, salad, entrée or dessert.



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Chinese New Year Luncheon

For the first time, the IWCP is organizing a Chinese New Year luncheon to celebrate the year of the Dragon - Please join us !

Since this venue can only accommodate maximum 50 people, please register ASAP for this exciting event.

The price will change if there are less than 30 attendees. Registration email coming soon.



HAPPY LUNAR NEW YEAR!!!



Celebrate the Chinese Lunar New Year with us on
Feb. 13th 2024 at 12pm at Sangkee Asian Bistro!
(Address: 330 Lancaster Ave #6, Wynnewood, PA
19096)

Price: \$40/person with one glass of wine or
TsingTao beer(Incl.tax & tip)

Menu(served in family style):

Starter:

- Steamed Sui Mai (pork)
- Steamed Crystal Shrimp dumpling
- Vegetable Spring Roll (vegan)
- Steamed Chicken Dumpling

Entrée:

- Sauteed Snow Peas Leaves w.Roasted Garlic (vegan)
- Crispy Spicy Chicken
- Walnut Beef
- Oriental Eggplant in Garlic Sauce (vegan)
- Mango Shrimp
- Shanghai Noodle (Udon noodle with pork)
- House Fried Rice (chicken, shrimp, pork)

Dessert:

- Assortment of Ice Cream

SEE YOU THERE!

(This venue can only accommodate a maximum of 50 people, please register ASAP)

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Note: The restaurant has ample free parking space. For those who wish to use public transportation, the Wynnewood train station is only few minutes away.

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Philadelphia Ballet

Tuesday, February 27 |

The Philadelphia Ballet graciously invites us to attend a Rehearsal of their performance of *Giselle*.

Details to follow.

Perhaps the most beloved early Romantic ballet, *Giselle* returns to Philadelphia Ballet. Set in the forests of the Rhineland, it is the story of true love, real heartbreak and the awesome power of forgiveness. Artistic Director Angel Corella's elegant choreography breathes new life into a timeless tale told on both sides of the grave.

Regarded as one of the finest dancers of his generation, Corella's talent, passion and technique have brought him worldwide acclaim, establishing him as one of the most recognizable names in dance.

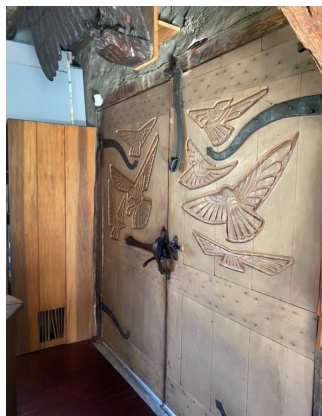
<https://philadelphiaballet.org/23-24-season/giselle/>



Registration begins online when event invitation is emailed.



Thank you to those
who attended our re-
cently organized trip
to the Wharton
Esherick Museum in
November



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WCI Updates

Dear IWCP Members,

I am excited to share with you the invitation below to the Bi-annual Conference in Taipei next April. All our members are invited to take advantage of this wonderful opportunity to connect with the representatives of all our sister clubs around the world and experience the rich cultural setting the Taipei international Club has provided.

Please feel free to contact me if you are interested in attending. In the attachments below you will find all necessary information.

Warmly,
Jacqueline Yates, Liaison between IWCP and WCI

Dear WCI members,

Welcome to Taipei International Club (WTIC), is hosting the WCI 16th Bi-annual International Conference in Taipei April next year (Apr. 14-18, 2024). Please go to <https://www.members.wciclubs.org/conferences> to find five essential documents related to the conference:

1. A heartfelt welcome letter from President Vivienne Shen
2. The comprehensive conference program
3. & 4. Information about the highly anticipated post-conference trip to Taiwan's east coast by 'The Future Express (鳴日號)' train
5. The registration link and form to facilitate your seamless participation.

Registration is now open. Registering via Google Form (at <https://forms.gle/ZuguYwK3Ragxh5t37>) and group payment are most recommended. We eagerly anticipate your presence, along with your members, in Taipei for this significant conference in April next year. Your active participation will undoubtedly contribute to the success of this event.

Once again, welcome to Welcome Clubs International, and we look forward to forging meaningful connections and achieving shared goals with you.

Warm regards,

Jye Lee, WCI Secretary





Thank you to all those who made our recent Welcome Back Luncheon in September a great success!



Welcome New Members



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NEWSLETTER

Please send information to Reshma Munshi, who writes and edit the newsletter and its contents: Reshma.munshi@gmail.com

Newsletters for 3-month periods are published Sept. 1, Dec. 1, March 1, & June 1. To be included, information must be received 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

Happy Hour After 5

IN THE CITY:

Second Thursday of each month

5:00 - 7:00 pm
At the Liberté Lounge, Sofitel Hotel
120 S. 17th Street, Philadelphia
12/14, 1/11, 2/08

Please contact Monika Panger
215-584-7266
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IN THE BURBS:

Fourth Thursday of each month

5:00 - 6:30 pm
Azie on Main
789 E Lancaster Ave., Villanova, PA
12/28, 1/25, 2/29

Please contact Cindy Hunt
610-213-2833
cspurple@verizon.net

Registration begins online when event invitation is emailed.



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