



IWCP Newsletter

Member, Welcome Clubs International

International
Women's Club of
Philadelphia

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Greetings from our President

Dear Fellow Members,

Once again, I am excited to look over all the upcoming events that Nathalie Verma, our Director of Programs, has organized for us this spring. Hopefully, many of you will be able to attend. We are particularly happy to be able to offer our first weekend outing, a tour of Strawberry Mansion on Sunday, March 10. Other interesting events this quarter will include a tour to the Historic Rittenhouse Village on Tuesday, April 16 and finally a visit to the beautiful DuPont Mansion at the Nemours Estate on Tuesday, May 7.

Merry Rothman, our Activities Coordinator is still looking for hosts for some of the language coffees, Potluck lunches and Expat dinners. Please contact her if you are able to host, and remember, it doesn't have to be at your home. Get-togethers can also be held at a restaurant or at a coffee shop. The following dates are open as of now:

French Bistro: March 7, April 4

Italian Conversation : March 21, April 18, May 16

We also have a need for Potluck hosts in June, July, August, September, October and November.

In early February, we sent out a survey to the whole membership to gather input from you about the IWCP. We will evaluate the responses and provide you with an update soon.

This June, at the end of our fiscal year, two of our long-time Board members, Cindy Hunt (Spurdle) who served as our Secretary and Giuliana Pierson, our Director of Hospitality, will be rotating off the Board. So, we are looking for volunteers to take on these roles. Please let me know if you are interested in working with our fabulous Board.

Wishing you a happy spring,

Monika Panger



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Calendar at a Glance:

March

07 French Speakers' Bistro
10 Strawberry Mansion, Fairmount Park
12 WCI CSW68 Forum Parallel Event
14 German Coffee & HH in the City
21 Italian Conversation
28 HH in the Burbs

April

04 French Speakers' Bistro
11 German Coffee & HH In the City
16 Rittenhouse Village Tour
14-18 WCI 16TH Biennial International Conference 2024
18 Italian Conversation
25 HH in the Burbs

May

02 French Speakers' Bistro
07 DuPont Mansion Nemours Estate Visit
09 German Coffee & HH in the City
16 Italian Conversation
23 HH in the Burbs

Historic Strawberry Mansion in Fairmount Park

March 10 (Sunday)

2450 Strawberry Mansion Dr.,
Philadelphia, PA 19132
(215) 228-8364

11 am - Meet at the Entrance for a private tour of this Historic Strawberry Mansion at Fairmount Park.

This is our first weekend event, so please bring a friend who might be interested in joining us but who is not available during the week. **Free Parking** available right at the Mansion.

<https://www.historicstrawberrymansion.org/>



The largest of the seven historic Fairmount Park Houses, it was built in 1789 by Judge William Lewis, a well-known abolitionist and lawyer, as a summer retreat called 'Summerville.' In 1825, its second owner, Judge Joseph Hemphill, added the first of two Greek-revival style wings to the home. In 1930, a group of public-spirited women decided to restore historic Strawberry Mansion, forming the Committee of 1926. They began restoring the mansion in 1930 and opened it to the public as an historic house museum the following year. Since its opening, Historic Strawberry Mansion has welcomed over 250,000 visitors through individual visits, park house tours, lectures, events, and community artist exhibitions.

Registration begins online when event invitation is emailed.

March

01 Lydia McAuliffe
03 Ursula Schauler
07 Maria Sturm
09 Tanja Praefcke
15 Nell Daniels
16 Reshma Munshi
21 Cornelia Vieira
22 Lucia Huegel
24 Andrea Biberger



April

04 Catia Nadalutti
09 Johanna Williams
11 Louise McCabe

May

08 Ingrid Brown
10 Jayne Hunt,
Wallis Urmenyhazi
13 Cindy Hunt (Spurdle)
22 Anette Friedeborn
23 Christine Calbry,
Giuliana Pierson
25 Mary Treisbach

French-Speakers Bistro

Thursday, 11:30 am

March 7

April 4

May 2 (maximum 20 guests)

German-Speakers' Coffee

2nd Thursday, 10:30 am

March 14

April 11

May 9

Italian Conversation

3rd Thursday, 10 am-noon

March 21

April 18

May 16

Spanish Conversation

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!

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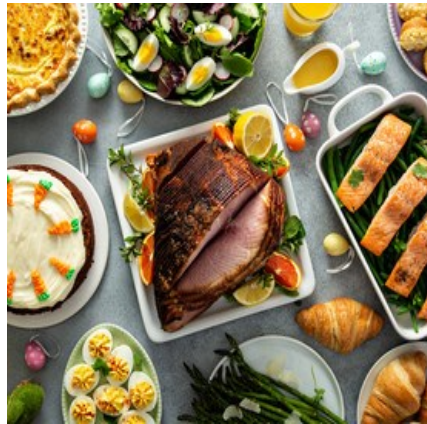
Potluck Lunches

March - TBD

April - TBD

May - Chinese Crafts

Details will follow



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

Please consider hosting a potluck lunch for 2024. 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

March - TBD

Remember also to bring a bottle of wine!

April - TBD

Remember also to bring a bottle of wine!



May - TBD

Remember also to bring a bottle of wine!

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.



Thank you to all those who attended our recent events!

Clockwise from top : Luna Chinese New Year Luncheon, German Coffee, Wood Museum Tour.



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Historic Rittenhouse Village Private Tour

April 16 (Tuesday)

208 Lincoln Dr, Philadelphia, PA
19144
(215) 438-5711

10 am - Meet at the visitor center for a private tour of the Historic Village.

The Rittenhouse Homestead is the heart of Rittenhouse Town and birthplace of David Rittenhouse, a premier Eighteenth Century Scientist. This is the site where the first paper mill in America was built. For 40 years the Rittenhouse family were the only paper makers in America.



Come see our historic buildings, including a visit to the 1707 Rittenhouse Homestead, ca. 1725 Bake House and the ca. 1845 Enoch Rittenhouse Home to get a sense of the rich history of this pioneering village.

<https://rittenhousetown.org/about/>

Registration begins online when event invitation is emailed.

Visit to DuPont Mansion, Nemours Estate

May 7 (Tuesday)

1600 Rockland Rd, Wilmington, DE 19803
(302) 651-6912

11 am - Meet at entrance



Registration begins online when event invitation is emailed.

Discover all that Nemours Estate has to offer, from the Mansion to the Gardens and the Chauffeur's Garage.

Explore the elegance of a 77 Room Mansion, a Chauffeur's Garage with rare vintage cars, 200 acres of French-inspired formal gardens complete with fountains, mazes, towers, monuments, nature trails; as well as grounds and woodlands built in 1910 by the duPont family.

<https://www.nemoursestate.org/>



WCI News : CSW68 Forum Parallel Event

Welcoming Address by:



MARIA FERNANDA ARDUINO
Director
WCI UN Council

Maria holds Bachelor's degrees in English Language and Literature and in Family Science, as well as a Teaching degree. She completed a Master's degree in Human Development and a Doctorate in Education. In Organizational Leadership and Human Services Administration. Maria has been a Lecturer in Linguistics at several teacher training colleges in Argentina; she has served as a Board member at International Schools and as the chair of Education Committees. In 2003, Maria was President of the International Women's Club of Porto Alegre, Brazil. Since 2010, she has served on the Welcome Club International Executive Committee. She was Regional Director for the Region of the Caribbean and South America until 2016. She served as President of WCI from 2016 to 2019. She is the current WCI UN Council Director. She is honored to be working with an outstanding group of women to promote WCI's values of friendship, understanding, and education.

Closing Address by:



CAROLINE ADAIR DIMMERS
Founder's Daughter,
Founder's Representative, Past President
Welcome Clubs International

Caroline taught in elementary schools for nine years, where she tried to instill in her students curiosity about the world around them and an eagerness to be informed citizens. She then owned and ran a General Store for ten years. The store showcased 1800's decorative advertising and sold antiques and gifts. The store's motto was "If we weren't a store, we'd be a museum." Now retired from those occupations, she devotes her time to supporting her family, children and grandchildren. She was President of Welcome Clubs International (WCI) from 2012 to 2014.



10 - 22 MARCH 2024
NGO CSW68 FORUM



We cordially invite you to

CSW68 Forum Parallel Event

**Empowerment through service and education
to build a better life for women and for girls**

Tuesday, 12 March 2024
8:30-10:00 a.m. EST

Please click the link below to join the webinar:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81824328053?pwd=NlplSWJoZDcxL2FjdU2OWZpV2xNUT09>
Meeting ID: 81824328053
Passcode: 2024



Moderated by:



WINNIFRED G. MCPHERSON
Broward International Women's Club
Florida

Winnifred is a business owner and founder of Virtue Medical Staffing Services, LLC and Virtue Technical Institute, LLC in Florida. She is the current Vice President for Welcome Clubs International, served three terms as President of Broward International Women's Club (BIWC), and is a Past President of the Lauderdale Chamber of Commerce (LCC). She serves on the Executive Board of BIWC, LCC, and the Broward Coalition on Aging. Her academic assignments included Chief Academic Officer and Professor at the University of Fort Lauderdale, and Adjunct Professor at Broward College and Union Institute. She was honored as one of South Florida's Top Healthcare Professionals and Educators, and was recognized by various organizations and publications in Florida. She is a member of several professional and alumni organizations, including the Goldman Sachs 10K Small Business Program, and is also a member of the NAACP. Winnifred holds a Bachelor's degree in Public Administration, a Master's Degree in Management, and a Doctorate in Education in Organizational Leadership. She also served in Law Enforcement for 30 years, retiring with the rank of Major.

"Migrant Care Workers' Social Inclusion and their Undocumented Kids"



LILLIAN (LIH RONG) WANG
Zonta International District 31
Taiwan

Lillian earned her Bachelor's and Master's degrees in Social Work at National Taiwan University, and was awarded a Professor Emerita status by her alma mater. She received her Doctorate degree in Social Welfare from the University of California - Los Angeles (UCLA). She was a Visiting Scholar at Kyoto University and Chiba University in Japan, at UCLA, and at the University of Oxford, England. Her lifelong work and passion to help and empower women are embodied in the three books that she co-authored and the numerous research work that she has done. Lillian has actively worked with NGOs and with governmental agencies to advocate for gender equality and women's rights. On behalf of Taiwan, she organized and participated in the UN NGO CSW Forums for many years. She also provided guidance on navigating and hosting NGO CSW Parallel Events to women's groups. Today, she continues her advisory work on Gender Equality Policy and Program Development.

"Who is responsible for providing the elderly with proper care?"



EMINE DIZDARLI
Welcome to Turkish Cyprus Club
North Cyprus

Emine graduated from the Faculty of Law of London Guildhall University in 1982 and joined the Bar Association of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC) on November 1986. She was appointed to the bench as District Court Judge in 1992, was promoted to Senior District Court Judge in 2002, then as President of District Court in 2006. After her term as District Court President, she was appointed Justice of the Supreme Court. In 2015, Emine's appointment as Ombudsman (Supreme State Inspector) by the TRNC President was approved by the TRNC Assembly. She served the mandated six-year term until 2021. Now retired, she is presently a member of the Human Rights Foundation - a nonpartisan, nonprofit organization that works to promote and protect human rights internationally. She is a founder member of The Welcome Club of Turkish Cyprus. She is the newly elected president of The Human Rights Foundation.

"Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion. Cross-Cultural Service to Taiwan's New Immigrants"



KATHY MA
Zonta International District 31
Taiwan

Kathy shares Zonta International's goal of making the world a better place by empowering women and girls. Since joining Zonta in 2009, she has been actively involved and has shown her dedication to Zonta's causes by serving in various capacities. In particular, she took on positions consecutively as Club Secretary, Club President, District Webmaster, and Chair of three committees - the Jane M. Klausman Women in Business Scholarships, Leadership Development, and Service Committee. She is once again serving as Chair for the Leadership Development Committee for the 2022-2024 term. Kathy graduated from the Wenzao Ursuline University of Languages in Taiwan. She worked for the Kaohsiung Rapid Transit Corporation as Manager of the Public Affairs Department and for the China Steel Corporation as Administrator and Manager of the Human Resources Department.

"Community Engagement For Improving Quality of Education"



DINAR ARI WUAYANTI
Women's International Club
Jakarta

Ari is an Architect with specialities in Sustainable Heritage Management and Architecture for Liturgy. She is a Principal Architect in her own firm and is also active as a lecturer. Her passions for education and architecture have led to her participation in non-profit organizations focused on the arts, education, and design. She is an active member of The Indonesian Institute of Architects Jakarta Chapter and a member of its Board since 2015. In 2005, she became a member of Women's International Club (WIC) Jakarta. She was President of WIC Jakarta from 2020 to 2022 and is currently the chair of the Supervisory Committee. She is also on the Executive Committee of Welcome Clubs International as the Program Director. Ari is honored to be working with the outstanding women of WCI who promote education and friendship through understanding, and to be included in this Parallel Event.

Please register using this registration form : <https://forms.gle/nbyb1snV4dq28j8K6>

Please click the link below to join the webinar: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81824328053?pwd=NlplSWJoZDcxL2FjdU2OWZpV2xNUT09>

Meeting ID: 818 2432 8053

Passcode: 2024

For More information, please check WCI Website, the link is <https://www.wciclubs.org/what-s-new>.

Note from WCI : Please bear in mind that daylight-saving time starts on Sunday, March 10th, 2024, at 2 AM EST, when clocks are set forward one hour.

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WCI News: Sixteenth Biennial International Conference



WELCOME TO TAIPEI INTERNATIONAL CLUB

Host to the Biennial Conference

*Embrace Taiwan's beauty
Dive into its culture*

We look forward to seeing you

-Vivienne Shen WCI President

-Joan Fuh WTIC President

The Early Bird registration has been Extended
To February 15th, 2024

Registration Google Form link : <https://forms.gle/6TYXNPUCaAR8x>

Howard Plaza Hotel Booking Link:

<https://onlinebooking.howard-hotels.com.tw//Event?activityNo=92&hotel=TP&lang=2>

Promocode: 2024WCI

For further information or assistance, contact:

wticwci.conf2024@gmail.com

Post-Conference Trip



POST CONFERENCE TRIP-- Taiwan East Coast National Scenic Area by TRA luxury "The Future Express", April 18-20, 2024



The Future Express won Japan "Good Design Award" in 2020 & won German "iF Gold Award" & "Service Experience Design Award" in 2023

Itinerary

Day 1 (April 18):

-Depart from The Howard Plaza Hotel Taipei at 7:30 am to take "The Future Express" luxury train to Hualien (upper East Coast of Taiwan).



-The train trail overlooks the coast and Guishan (Turtle) Island.



-A short walk, enjoying the most enchanting views of the TAROKO National Park and Yanzikou Gorge (Canyon).

Breakfast : The Howard Plaza Hotel breakfast or take breakfast on the train (The FUTURE Special - Gonna Breakfast-in-a Box)
Lunch : Master Ming Restaurant- Chef's Tasting Menu
Dinner: Silks Place Taroko buffet
Hotel : 5-Star Silks Place Taroko



Day 2 (April 19) :



-Take train "The Future Express" luxury train to Taitung to visit Amis Folklore Center with fabulous Kakeng Performance.



-After dinner, stroll down to Taitung Tourist Night Market & Artists' Haven- "Tiehua Music Village" nearby the Sheraton hotel.

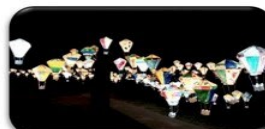


Breakfast : at Silks Place Taroko breakfast buffet

Lunch : ITA TAIWAN INDIGENOUS CULTURAL (Aboriginal Creative Cuisine)

Dinner : Sheraton Taitung buffet

Hotel : 5-Star Sheraton Taitung



Day 3 (April 20):



-Visit Taitung's most popular cultural attraction-"Paul Chiang Art Center", surrounded by mountains and seas.
-An unique architectural designed compound.



-Tune in to the history of Japanese and Fujian Architecture at GUOBEN FARM. The building is a snapshot of life during the Japanese colonial period.

-Experience the historical space of Taitung's local culture-taste Taitung's hand brewed tea.



-Head back to Taipei

Breakfast : Sheraton Taitung breakfast buffet
Lunch : W.G.cafe (Aboriginal specialties)
Dinner: The FUTURE Express's Special Meal Box served on the train





Welcome New Members



Jill Herriot herriottjill@gmail.com United Kingdom

A portrait of Dr. Yanyan Chen, a woman with long dark hair, wearing a white lab coat, standing in front of a scenic view of a river and hills.

My name is **Jill Herriot**, I recently 'retired' after 37 years in corporate roles. Originally from the UK, I lived and worked in USA, Europe & Singapore. I've always felt like a global citizen and so am keen to meet people from diverse backgrounds and expand my community in Philadelphia. I also love the arts, food and more so the activities felt like a great match. Lastly, having moved many times with my family, I feel I can help others settle into this great city: I'm a big fan of Philadelphia.

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Happy Hour After 5

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