



**International
Women's Club of
Philadelphia**

IWCP Newsletter

Member Welcome Clubs International

June-July-August 2023 Issue 4

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June

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07 Annual Meeting and Luncheon
08 Happy Hour in the City
13 Potluck Lunch
15 German Coffee
21 American Swedish Museum
22 Happy Hour in the Burbs

July

08 German Coffee
12 Potluck Lunch
13 Happy Hour in the City
27 Happy Hour in the Burbs

August

10 Happy Hour in the City
24 Happy Hour in the Burbs

Welcome Summer!



A letter from our President

Dear members,

We are fast approaching the half-way point of the year. So far, we have had a wonderful year in terms of new members. In just this quarter, eight additional members have joined us, the highest number ever and we are looking forward to getting to know you all. Thank you all who have sponsored these new members.

Hopefully, many of you can join us at our annual business luncheon on Tuesday, June 7 at the Inn at Swarthmore. This venue is easily accessible by Septa train or car. Thank you to Helga Neubert for arranging this event.

The transition from Annette Meertz to Natalie Verma, as Director of Programs, has been seamless. In fact, before you leave for extended summer vacations, be sure to check out the exciting programs still remaining on the IWCP calendar. In addition, please save the date for our Welcome Back Luncheon on Wednesday, September 20.

Have a happy summer and safe travels to all.

All my best wishes,
Monika Panger

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Annual Meeting and Luncheon



International Women's Club of Philadelphia

Invites all Members to its
Annual Meeting and Luncheon

June 07, 2023

at 12:00 PM

The Inn at Swarthmore

10 South Chester Rd, Swarthmore PA 19081

MENU

First Course

Served with Artisanal Rolls and Sweet Crème Butter

Spinach and Strawberry Salad with Walnuts, Red Onion, Goat Cheese, Balsamic Vinaigrette

Second Course: choice of

Grilled Shrimp Kabobs, Charred Plum Tomatoes

Moroccan Spiced Chicken, White Wine Reduction

Stuffed Pepper with Impossible "Meat" (Plant Based), Rice, Tomato Sugo (GF, Vegan)

Dessert

Summer Fruit Tart

Coffee, Tea, Iced Tea are served with Lunch

Cost: \$ 45, includes One Glass of Wine or Prosecco
(\$50 for Non-Members)

Reservation Deadline: June 1st, 2023

R.S.V.P. with your choice of entrée and your payment on
IWCP.org by June 1st, 2023

- If you would like to pay by check, please mail your check for \$45,
payable to IWCP, to:

Trudy v d Wense, 812 Caldwell Rd., Wayne, PA 19087

Please let Annette Meertz annette.meertz@gmail.com know if you have
any dietary restrictions when you register.





Directions to the Swarthmore Inn

Coming from the Blue Route either from Philadelphia or the western/northern suburbs (476):

- ② Take exit 3 (Media/Swarthmore)
- ② Turn right onto E Baltimore Pike. (0.5 mi) if you come from the South,
- ② Turn left onto E. Baltimore Pike if you come from the North.
- ② Turn right onto N. Swarthmore Ave (0.2 mi)
- ② Turn right onto N. Chester Road. (0.7 mi)
- ② At the traffic circle take the 1st exit onto Fieldhouse Lane. Hotel entrance is on the right.

Or you can take:

SEPTA from downtown Philadelphia:

Take the Media/Elwyn Line from 30th Street Station to the Swarthmore stop.
28 minutes/11 stops.

The Inn is right next to the station.

American-Swedish Museum



June 21 (Wednesday), 11 AM

1900 Pattison Ave, Philadelphia, PA 19145
(215) 389-1776

11 AM - Meet at Entrance

Laura, the Assistant Director and Christopher their Curator will give us a private tour through the beautiful Marimekko exhibit.

Admission (to be paid upon arrival): Adults - \$10.00, Seniors - \$7.00
Parking : free

Lunch at : Popi's Restaurant, 3120 S 20th St, Philadelphia, PA 19145

For over 70 years, Marimekko has infused art into the clothes and interiors of our everyday lives. Rising from the ashes of WWII, Marimekko's colorful fabrics and openness to experimentation brought together the textile traditions of Finland with innovative and bold designs based on the changing tastes and aesthetics of the contemporary art world.

Registration begins online when event invitation is emailed



June

06 Carla Montanelli
Nascari
08 Annegret Voparil
18 Ariadna Fink,
Gisela Kaufmann
19 Marianne Oekter
25 Jutta Roth
29 Monique Faraq

July

02 Laura Paine
04 Sabine Cranmer,
Anna Steininger
08 Hannelore Barbieri,
Ilse Farrell
13 Heather Saunders
14 Renate Harshaw

August

01 Aurora Lopez
06 Linda Polgar
13 Ines Weggelaar
14 Jacqueline Yates
17 Martha Stang
20 Eva Jackson
29 Nathalie Verma
31 Luisa Proano

French-Speakers' Bistro

1st Thursday, 12:30 pm

June 1 Bistro (Max. 10 people)

July - TBD

August - TBD

German-Speakers' Coffee

2nd Thursday, 10:30 am

June 15

July 8

August - TBD

Spanish Conversation

3rd Thursday, 12 pm

June - TBD

July - TBD

August - TBD

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



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

Potluck Lunches

June 13 (Tuesday)

Noon

July 12 (Wednesday)

Noon

Maximum 12 persons

August - 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

June - TBD

July - TBD

August - TBD

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.

Save the Date: Annual Picnic

August 18 (Friday)

At

Chanticleer, A Pleasure Garden

Join us for a picnic at this colorful, serene and contemporary garden to enjoy some time with your IWCP friends and guests.

One of the great gardens of the region within 30 minutes of Philadelphia, this was once the Rosengarten home, which celebrates thirty years as a public garden this year.

Details to follow.



Happy Hour After 5

IN THE CITY:

Second Thursday of each month

5:00 -7:00 pm

Liberté Lounge, Sofitel Hotel

120 S. 17th Street, Philadelphia

6/8, 7/13, 8/10

Please contact Monika Panger

215-755-7655 /mmpanger@1919ic.com

IN THE BURBS:

Fourth Thursday of each month

5:00 -6:30 pm

Azie on Main

789 E Lancaster Ave., Villanova, PA

6/22, 7/27, 8/24

Please contact Cindy Spurdle

610-213-2833 /cspurdle@verizon.net

WCI News

Dear fellow members,

These two clubs had their membership reinstated with the WCI:

1. International Women's Club of Israel IWC
2. Welcome Clubs International California WCIC

The President of the WCI, Vivienne Shen, from Taiwan, was installed at our Board of Directors Meeting on May 15 for a term of two years. Here is her interesting biography:

Vivienne Shen holds a master's degree in law and taught law at the university level in Taiwan for five years. She gave up her teaching career to accompany her husband's appointment as a career diplomat and has lived in many countries worldwide. She resided twice in South Africa, once in Johannesburg, the other in Pretoria, Manila, the Philippines, Helsinki, Finland and Chicago, USA. Almost every three years, Vivienne packs and unpacks for a new journey.

In 2003, on her return from Pretoria, Vivienne joined the Welcome to Taipei International Club (WTIC). She immediately became the club's General Secretary and the Club Liaison to Welcome International Club (WCI) where she served for three years. She organized a delegation of eight WTIC members, herself included, to attend the 2004 WCI Biennial Conference in London.

In 2012, when moving back from Chicago, Vivienne was re-appointed as the WTIC General Secretary and Liaison to WCI until the end of 2016. In 2017, she was elected WTIC Vice-President. During this period, she attended the WCI Board of Directors' meeting three times; in Istanbul in 2013, London in 2015 and in Cyprus in 2017. From 2016-2018, Vivienne served on the WCI's Executive Committee and was appointed Regional Membership Chair for Asia. During her term, she accompanied the then-WCI President, Maria Fernanda, to Indonesia and visited the Women's International Club Jakarta (WICJ). The WICJ club received a formal invitation to join the WCI, with WICJ becoming a WCI Member.

From 2018-2020, Vivienne served as the WTIC President. In 2018, she travelled to Manila to attend the Federation of Asia-Pacific Women's Association (FAWA) Convention and was elected Board member. She serves on the Board of the National Council of Women, Taiwan (NCW) in her third term as the Board's Director.

Since WCI's granting to the UNNGO with Special Consultative status in ECOSOC, Vivienne is one of the eight WCI UN Council members working to achieve UNNGO's mission, including hosting a UN CSW67 Parallel Event. She has hosted four CSW parallel events during her 2020-2022 term as Zonta International District 31 (Taiwan and Mongolia) Governor and is the District's Head Officer. She has been a Zonta member for 30 years and has served as Chair of the International Bylaws and Resolutions Committee for the past four years. She is organizing a Zonta Asian Inter-District Meeting in Taiwan in April 2023, with more than 700 members from Asian countries scheduled to attend meetings.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

In friendship,
Jacqueline Yates
WCI Liaison





Thank you to all who attended our numerous recent events like the Stoneleigh Garden Visit, Chestnut Hill Walking Tour, as well as our monthly Coffees, luncheons and Potlucks!



Save the Date: Annual Welcome-Back Business Luncheon

September 20, 2023

At 12:00 pm

Talula's Garden

210 W Washington Square, Philadelphia, PA 19106

Mark your calendars for our Annual Welcome-Back Business Luncheon in September! Join us for an elegant afternoon to connect with old friends, meet new members or to learn more about our vibrant and ever-growing club. **Details to follow.**



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Welcome New Members



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|-------------------|---|-----------|
| Marina K Morari | <u>MKMorari@mac.com</u> | USA |
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| Norma Gracia | <u>negracia@yahoo.com</u> | Argentina |
| Gudrun Dauner | <u>Gudrun.Dauner@t-online.de</u> | Germany |
| Julia Calhoun | <u>juliacalhoun@hotmail.com</u> | USA |
| Evelyn Costa | <u>dcosta3@gmail.com</u> | USA |
| Jennifer Nakahara | <u>jenniferandjamie@yahoo.com</u> | USA |

Gudrun Dauner



I was born and raised in Augsburg, in southern Germany. My parents were both teachers and one of their subjects was teaching German as a foreign language. Growing up, our house was always filled with people from all over the world and we had especially close connections to a nearby US military base. On our summer vacations we often visited Italy and I developed a deep affection for everything Italian: art, culture, food, and language. I decided I wanted to live there one day, so I studied art history and Italian, first in Augsburg, then in Siena and later worked as an intern at the Pinacoteca Comunale in Ravenna. I focused on Italian Renaissance art in both my Master's and Ph.D. thesis and spent extended periods of time doing my research in Italy.


In Germany, I frequently traveled to the nearby city of Munich to study at the Central Institute of Art History, a library that was created after WWII for the Central Collecting Point, helping an international team of art historians to identify and repatriate looted artworks. One day, I met a newly arrived American fellow there and a couple of years later Derick became my husband. After the fellowship ended, he got a job in his hometown Philadelphia, while I got a job at the State Graphic Arts Collection in Munich, working on early Italian drawings. It took us 8 years to figure out how we can be closer and start a family. I moved to Philadelphia in 2005, but kept my place in Munich and to this day we travel back and forth often.

I work as a translator now, translating from English or Italian into German and from German into English, focusing on my favorite topics, art, culture, food and wine. I can also decipher almost any form of old German handwriting and offer transcription services for museums or manuscript dealers. Our son William is bilingual and he spends every summer with me in our Munich home. From there we travel to neighboring European countries, or just the nearby Alps, hiking and swimming in the beautiful Bavarian lakes. Another favorite pastime of mine is knitting. When I moved to Philadelphia, knitting and chatting with the women in a local knitting club created lasting bonds. I am happy to be part of IWCP and am looking forward to making new friends and learning about your stories.

Jennifer Nakahara



Hello, I'm Jennifer Nakahara. I grew up in Malvern, PA and now live in Chester Springs. I studied abroad in London my junior year of high school and fell in love with the international lifestyle. Because I was a teacher, I was able to spend whole summers living in different places during my 20's. One of my favorites was Australia, where I spent a summer crewing on a sailboat. At age 30, I took a year long sabbatical and backpacked around the world by myself. Truly one of the best experiences of my life!

A portrait of Jennifer Nakahara, a woman with long brown hair, smiling. She is wearing a patterned top and has sunglasses perched on her head. The background shows wooden bleachers, suggesting an outdoor setting like a sports field.

My husband is a 1st generation Japanese-American and we have 19-year-old boy/girl twins. We have continued a similar style of immersive travel with our children, spending several summers home swapping in other countries. I love to get to know people of all different cultures. Being part of the IWCP is a way to connect with the world while I'm still in Pennsylvania. My interests include organic plant-based nutrition, climate conservation, and problem solving. In addition to traveling, I enjoy hiking with my dog, crafting, playing games, needlepointing, helping others, doing yoga, walking and being on the water.

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www.wciclubs.org

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**Help fellow members learn more about you -
Add your member profile to our IWCP website
using a few easy steps!**

- log into iwcp.wildapricot.org/ using your log in and password. Alternatively, log in using your google or Facebook account
- -click on this  icon on the upper right hand side of the screen
- -click on 'my profile', then on 'edit profile'
- -click 'save'
- You are all set!



Membership renewal starts July 1st !

You will receive an email reminder a few days prior to the renewal.

-Remember to renew online on :

iwcp.wildapricot.org/



As a non-profit organization, the IWCP relies heavily on member donations in order to support not-for-profit organizations serving women and families. The IWCP uses membership donations to support organizations like Musicopia, Sunday Suppers and Mother's Home. The IWCP is grateful for any amount you can donate. Please type the following link into your browser in order to learn more about the non-profit organizations we support and to donate:

<https://iwcp.wildapricot.org/Donations>.

We encourage you to make a donation online at the time of your membership renewal or any other convenient time. You can also contact Laura Hernandez-Paine, IWCP Director of Charity, at lhernandezpaine@hotmail.com to make a donation.

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