



Sister Club News

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Letter from the President

Dear Sisters in the Sister Clubs,

With joy the clubs around the world share some of their stories with all of us. You will find articles about wonderful parties, stories of very interesting speakers and a story about a group of club women who take care of each other in emergency situations. What a loving way to show our sisterhood.

Rihab Ouri is the extraordinarily talented woman who collects the club news and puts the Sister Club News together. She has produced a beautiful communication. I am very grateful to her.

Ladies, we want you to send the Sister Club News to all your membership. Our goal is to keep the worldwide membership informed. Let us know how the system worked. We will be in touch soon to ask for an evaluation and for suggestions for improvement!

In 2014 Welcome Clubs International will hold our biannual Conference in the grand old German city of Hamburg. The women there are very busy making arrangements for us. They have reserved rooms in a beautiful hotel, the women are considering interesting speakers to invite to talk to us, and they have identified places they wish to take us for sightseeing. In each issue of the Sister Club Newsletter, we will give you a little update on how the plans are developing. You should keep your club informed. All women are invited and welcome. We know you will want to take advantage of this opportunity to renew friendships and to make new ones!

In Sisterly love,
Caroline Adair Dimmers
Welcome Clubs International, President



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Welcome to Washington International Club

The October 5th tea, organized by Betty Farrell and Leilane Mehler officially opened The Welcome to Washington fall season. Diana Bohn served as the Master of Ceremonies of The Parade of Nations, the afternoon's highlight. Over thirty international members modeled their beautiful and interesting national costumes. Members from the WCI Board joined us at the Fall Tea. Caroline Dimmers, Welcome Clubs International President, introduced the out of town WCHI members in her remarks to our members.



WCI Members who attended our Fall Tea



In a joint effort *Fashion and Beauty* and *Gourmet* celebrated the Queen's Diamond Jubilee by enjoying a typical English Afternoon Tea. Welcome to Washington members assumed the role of models at a fashion show at Bloomingdales organized by the *Fashion and Beauty* committee. A big thank you goes to our two Ambassadors Ambassador Prince from St. Vincent, Ambassador Henry-Martin of St. Kitts and Liela Beale, Honorary Chair.



Welcome to Colorado International Club

Welcome to Colorado Year End Event

The International Cooking Interest Group offered a German Advent program. Advent is the 4 week season before Christmas, a period of preparation and contemplation. From the north to the south in Germany, candles are lit on an Advent wreath. Children open 24 windows on calendars. Families shop in charming Christ kindle Markets that are in every city, town and hamlet. Mothers bake traditional cookies and breads with recipes that date back to the 15th century. Members were treated to Stollen, Lebkuchen, Linzer Torte and a variety of other specialty cookies. The big surprise was a visit from St. Nickolaus who brought along 2 dancing snowflakes from the Nutcracker ballet.



Enjoying a variety of home-made cookies. made from old German recipes introduced



Old St. Nick paid the group a visit and these two lovely sugar plums who danced to music from The Nutcracker



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WCI Regional USA & Canada

A very Happy Holiday and Merry Christmas to all

H.E. with Anna Kristina Sawtelle



Last night's yearly celebration was as always very special to be invited to, not only because H. E. Ambassador Houda Ezra Noonoo, (seen here in the red dress) had been WCI (Welcome clubs International) Keynote Speaker at our International Conference in Porto Alegre, Brazil 2010 but also to experience the people, the aroma from all the delicacies blending in the air with the music, languages spoken and the many military uniforms with decorations from around the world. All this reminding me of my many years in the Middle East.

Welcome to Florida International Club



Barbara Roy the program chairman and Dr. Jay Wolf, the speaker and his wife.

So far this year we have had two wonderful programs at our monthly luncheons. The one in November, we hosted Dr. Jay Wolf who gave a talk about "Piracy on the High Seas".



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The Women's International Club du Languedoc 'Roussillon

The Languedoc Roussillon International Club offers members a support service. A team is there to offer assistance when and where needed. Members of the club who need assistance may contact a member of the team at any time. The reason for the contact will be kept in strictest confidence.



Another service the team can offer is as a point of contact for absent/distant family. The team will keep a record of email addresses/telephone numbers for next of kin, together with details of key holders and any pets needing care, should a crisis arise. An important note is that no information will be passed on without the express permission of the women seeking assistance.

Welcome to Taipei International Club

The Annual Registration Luncheon of Welcome to Taipei International Club held on the 4th of December, 2012 was a great success as always. The event started with singing and dancing the exciting high spirit of the members and the lovely union of our sisterhood and friendship.





American Women's Club of Lebanon



The ladies finishing the quilt



The Finished Quilt

Last summer the American Women's Club of Lebanon formed a quilting group that is very proud of its accomplishments starting with a discussion of quilting terms and necessary supplies. The group made five-nine-patch squares for the FAWCO (umbrella group of AWC) quilt that's raffled off annually. But, the group wanted to make its own group project.

The group chose a simple scarp quilt using pieces 2" x 3 1/2" that were ideal for beginners. We gathered up some small dark and light scraps and didn't have to worry about points meeting exactly. We finished this quilt and raffled it off at our Christmas Party and will donate the proceeds to Syrian refugees.

The group's final project is a lap or a baby quilt, using mainly shirting fabric, a soft cotton readily available in Lebanon. We will raffle it off at our Founder's Day dinner in February.

With newly acquired skills, the group will now begin working on individual projects.



International Women's Club of Porto Alegre

Monthly Club Confaternization at the beautiful duplex of Eva Montoliu. She showed her artistic talent by making cakes and cookies in honor of IWCPOA. Look at the pictures below



International Women's Club of Philadelphia

Impressions from Visit to Wood Art Center



This exhibit was beautiful and exciting. It is wonderful to realize that the artists recycled old wood to make the most exquisite pieces, some just fun, some fun and functional. We had a lovely tour of the exhibit and the permanent galleries and after-wards ate a delicious lunch at the tiny cheese Bistro across the street. We would recommend it to all to stop by this wonderful Art in Wood Gallery when they happen to be in Old City!



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Kensington Chelsea Women's Club London

The KCWC - international women in London, is a 1,000 member club open to women of all nationalities. Its members can participate in small social groups in many diverse interest areas, to longer study series in the Arts and History. There are also monthly General Meetings with prominent speakers and major social calendar events. The club, celebrating its 30th Anniversary year, is an Amenity organization governed by its members who volunteer their time and talents. More information, including information on how to join can be found on our website, www.kcwc.org.uk



kcwc group photo in front of Althorp



kcwc Board members



Women's League of Lebanon

Palliative Care, a new Medical concept in Lebanon

During their monthly general meeting the Women's League hosted a talk about Palliative Care entitled "Helping people live well despite their illness". Dr. Hibah Osman was the guest speaker at the meeting. Dr. Osman is the Executive and Medical Director at Balsam-Lebanese Center for Palliative Care and is an Assistant Professor of Public Health at the Faculty of Health Sciences at the American University of Beirut. Dr. Hibah Osman explained Palliative Care to the attendees; a relatively new medical concept in Lebanon. Palliative care is a medical approach that focuses on relieving suffering and maintaining quality of life in patients with serious illness. Professionals



working in this domain assess and treat all problems related to the illness and its effects on the patient, including the physical, psychological, social and spiritual. The patient and the family are part of the discussion. The goal is to provide the best quality of life as long as life lasts.

WL members monthly meeting at AUB (American University of Beirut)



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Berkshire International Club

Doll Dress Competition

As we end our work with the doll recuperation project, we decided to have the children do a competition to show the best clothing they made in these three months. We had eleven participants chosen for their responsibility and for making themselves the clothing. Six of them received special prizes. The teacher and students were the judges.



The winners holding their dolls and the prize



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Association of Turkish Women in Britain

Atwib Bayram dinner at Kilis Kitchen Restaurant



The Dinner Party presents a **ceremonial banquet** for Club members celebrating the club accomplishment

International Women's Club of New England

In New Hampshire, our Swedish Barbro Bohl hosted a Santa Lucia party, a Swedish tradition. Pictured is Sheelah Pearson's granddaughter, Clare, who played Santa Lucia in the procession. She wore an authentic headdress with candles lit during the procession

Dear Presidents and Liaisons

I would like to thank you for your cooperation and support in sending me the articles which are necessary for me to meet my commitment towards the SCN and the Link. To share the news of your club, please send me short articles about your Club's events with photographs to:

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