



President's Letter November 2014 SCN

Dear Sisters in the Sister Clubs,

We are delighted to share with you these events, projects, and programs from our clubs located around the world. You will find these articles, not only interesting to read, but full of ideas which will be helpful as you create your own activities.

A huge thank you goes to Rihab Ouri who compiled all this information which will be so helpful to our membership, and to all the sisters who took the time to write and send us these stories.

We recently completed a 5 day Executive Committee meeting in San Diego. We had a delightful time thanks to the efforts of

Welcome Club International California and Women's International Border Club. I only wish it could have been enjoyed by more sisters. One of the items on the agenda was the planning of our 2015 Board of Directors Meeting in London, England being done by President Dee Phillips Medawar and the Welcome to London International Club.

London is a fascinating city where many have visited and many more would love to visit. When the Registration Form comes out, we encourage you to make your reservation and send in your money as soon as possible. We need to reserve space for meetings and locations for dinner. We want to encourage all clubs to send representatives and guests. The program will begin with an evening reception on Monday, May 11th. This is a wonderful opportunity to make new international friends as well as renew old friendships. Remember that we all are the best ambassadors of friendship throughout the world.

I hope to see you all in London for a wonderful experience full of friendship and love.

Warmly,

Pam Bansbach

President Welcome Clubs International



The WCI Vision & Mission

It's purpose is to unite a Worldwide network of independent international women's clubs around the world that share a common goal of cross-cultural education and friendship

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WCI Executive Committee Meeting in San Diego Report

The 2014 fall meeting of the WCI Executive Committee was held from October 13 to 17 in San Diego. The Welcome Club International California (WCIC) was the hosting club, and the Women's International Border Club treated us to a most splendid dinner party at the Crosby Country Club. Both member Clubs from



Eshrat Demougeot, Elizabeth Miller, Ingrid Roth



Pam with Members of the host Club



Hula Dancer

California. She gracefully opened her beautiful home for the party that included a fun Hula Dance performance. The afternoon in the sun by the pool gave more opportunity to talk and connect with the members of the WCIC.

California granted us a warm welcome and a wonderful week in sunny Southern California. We also want to express our appreciation to Margaret Dudas, member of the W2W Club and native of La Jolla, who organized the outings of Thursday and Friday.

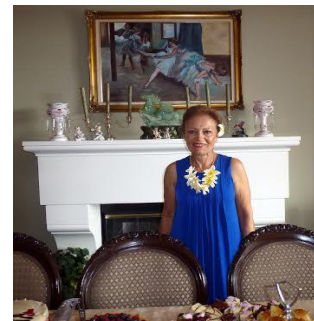
On Monday evening, the WCIC welcomed us with a party at the home of Ingrid Roth, whose home and garden

are a piece of art, elaborately decorated like a fantasy

wonderland. The buffet of international delicacies made by the members was sumptuous and delicious. The party was like a dream and filled us with surprise and awe. Tuesday was back to reality in the whole-day meeting, and dinner at the Chart House. On Wednesday we concluded the administrative meeting, and then continued partying at Zohreh Kazemzadeh's home. Zohreh is part of a large Iranian community in Southern



Pam and Ingrid



Zohreh



Thursday was a day of more serious endeavors. We visited the Scripps Institute of Oceanography and Birch Aquarium. The tour guides gave us great information on research activities and exhibits of these institutions.

Old Mission

The afternoon and evening was spent shopping and fine dining in La Jolla.

Friday was our last day. In the morning we visited the Old Mission San Luis Rey de Francia in Oceanside. The mission was one of 29 Spanish missions built with the intent to colonize



The old mission Guide

the area. In the 19th Century it was secularized and used as, among other things, a military base. In 1892 it was redesignated as a monastery and Franciscan college. Our guide was a Franciscan Friar, who is living at the mission. He explained the history and current life at the mission. This visit was an interesting and insightful ending of our meeting in San Diego. We thank all who made this week so wonderful for all.

SALOME OTT Pictures by Isabel Etkin

Editor’s Letter

Dear Fellow Ladies

I am truly honored to start my journey again with you this year as the Editor of SCN for 2015.

It is with your trust and support that our Association excels in all aspects, and for that, I am sincerely grateful.

I would like to thank the Presidents Julia Banks, Pam Banschach, Judi Landon, and Isabel Etkin for their valuable support and cooperation. I am certain that we together can best serve our WCI.



**Sincerely,
Rihab Ouri
SCN Editor**

Welcome to Colorado International Club

"COLORADO'S "OKTOBERFEST"

WTC Current and Past Presidents



WELCOME TO COLORADO'S SUCCESS IS ATTRIBUTABLE TO ITS PAST PRESIDENTS WHO ARE CURRENTLY ACTIVELY INVOLVED;

Rosalie Nemeth, Kathy Swanson, Julia Banks, Aida Souviron, Lucile Trueblood, Gay Johnson Farideh Lutz, Ursula Kafadar, Ruth Work, Pam Bansbach , Gulsan Shariff (from left to right)

A sunny September morning greeted the Welcome to Colorado International Club's "Fall Coffee - Oktoberfest". We were welcomed by members wearing a



Dirndl and a handsome man playing German folk songs on an accordion! Over 140 members enjoyed renewing friendships and an "Oktoberfest" menu complete with apple strudel, cheese and pretzels.

PAM BANSBACH GAVE

A power point presentation of photographs, and a report of the WCI HAMBURG CONFERENCE.



Accordianist welcoming members

Pam Bansbach sharing THE Hamburg conference

Julia Banks WTC Past President & Liaison

International Women's Club, Ankara A trip to Spain.



Barcelona

OUR CLUB VISITED SPAIN BETWEEN 28 APRIL AND 2 MAY 2014.

First MADRID visit:

Second BARCELONA visit:

Plaza De Catalunya Square, La Rambla Avenue, Christofer Columbus Statue, Sagrada Family Church, Mont Juic Hill where Olympic facilities are present and Plaza de Espanya structures, Guell Park & Barcelona Espanyol & Gotic village visit and visit to ANDORRA It was a wonderful visit.



Toledo

We are planning a concert on 4 November 2014 In Cilay Kaftanoglu



Dali Museum



Andora



Gaudi Park

Incilay Kaftanoglu, Liaison

Berkshire International Club

"Degustation" September 21, 2014

For our first event of the new membership year, our hostess, Benigna Chilla, welcomed us on an unexpectedly beautiful afternoon for our annual "degustation". It is a "potluck" meal where guests prepare a dish from their country of origin. Being from Hamburg, Germany, I brought a Helgoland shrimp salad.

It is an opportunity to meet new members as well as refreshing existing



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Vera Lecocq Liaison



International Women's Club of Porto Alegre, Brazil

The 29th. Meeting of Confederation of Women's Clubs of Brazil in Belo Horizontes, Minas Gerais September 19 to 23, 2014



The INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S CLUB OF BELO HORIZONTES hosted the meeting of 190 women and 10 husbands. Their theme is "Women Managers of a New World". We heard the speech from Dr. Patrícia Quaresma Ragone, Educator and Psychologist who gave us the real profile of the modern women.

The second speech was by Mrs. Silvane Rizzoli, of Italian origin and honorary Brazilian Citizen, manager of Human Resources of FIAT – auto industry in Minas showed the real number of working women.

The meetings were held at the Industrial Park FIEMG where we had also the opening ceremony and the reception dinner. Besides our group from Porto Alegre, we had also

Maria Neighbor, our non-resident member with husband Fred from Naples, Florida.

At the business meeting, Mrs. Orchidéia was re-elected as President of the Confederation for 2015-2016. Her new Board will be responsible for the next meeting planned to happen on a Cruise ship.

We celebrated the Thanksgiving Mass at the Neo-Gothic style Church of our Lady of Safe Journey, the Patron Saint of the city of Belo Horizonte Belo Horizontes is a city totally planned in the 19th century when there was no car. It has wide streets with three lanes and big blocks almost like that of Washington DC. The outside ring is the street called "Contorno" that preserved this plan. With passing of time, the additions to the city outside of the "Contorno" are all unplanned.

It is a cultural city with many Museums. One of those is the Art and Work Museum where we saw everyday objects used by the people carved out of wood that resist age, usage and bugs.

Another Museum is the INSTITUTE INHOTIM a nature preservation museum where trails lead to native trees and plants. All the wood sculptures and benches are placed outside in the open air. This is the MUST place for tourists. It is rather hilly but there are golf carts available to help the less sportive ones. Nobody goes to the State of Minas Gerais without tasting the farm cooking of the Mineiros (people of Minas). It is done in the big farmland way, in big copper pots to make delicious jams of Guava fruits.

The cooking stove is made of bricks and they use wood to cook and to keep food warm.

The farewell dinner and Ball was at the hotel. Here are the members that went to the meeting finally all together. At each meeting we participate, we always came back with more energy and more will power to try to make this world a better world to everyone.



Suzy Tse Lee, Liaison

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION OF PRAGUE



Every September the **International Women's Association of Prague** has a special General Meeting.

It takes place at Zofin, a neorenaissance palace, on an island in the heart of the city of Prague.

<http://www.zofin.cz/en/palac-zofin>

This meeting is always very well attended, as, firstly ladies have not seen each other during the summer break and secondly they are keen to see what is in store for them for the coming year.

The palace of Zofin has a beautiful conservatory on the ground floor, where we set up our tables and await the crowds. Most interest groups are represented – with the leader at the table to explain what her group will do this year.



Examples of Interest Groups available to Prague ladies are:

- Afternoon Films
- Bakif
- Bridge
- Crafts
- Friendly Czech
- English Chat
- Book Club
- German Language

- German speaking get-togethers
- Health Enhancement
- Lunch Bunch
- Meditation
- Photography
- Tennis

- * American Women's group
- * Knitting
- * Classical Music Concerts
- * Crochet
- * Czech for beginners
- * English Intermediate
- * French / English conversation
- * German speaking Culinary world tours cooking group
- * Golf
- * Italian
- * Mah Jong
- * Painting
- * Spanish
- * Walking group

as well as many others. Sandwiches, cakes, tea, coffee and juices are available – and the IWAP ladies enjoy a thoroughly pleasant morning.

This and all our General Meetings are free to members and it makes a superb morning for all our ladies.

Everyone is welcome and new members are introduced to everyone, so as to make them feel at home.

A great way to start our IWAP year!

Lucie Poole

Broward International Women's Club

Begins Season with Scholarship Presentation at International Dinner

Kicking off their 39th season, members of the Broward International Women's Club (BIWC) attended a lavish "International Dinner" at the Social Hall of the Beach Club on Fort Lauderdale Beach. After being greeted and given their name tags, guests were dazzled by several tables laden with an eclectic array of food prepared by the women and representing their home country. Beach Club resident, Maria Salgado co-chaired the event with Miriam Bedells.

"In addition to socializing, our members had the opportunity to meet our very special guests, the four young women who were the recipients of BIWC's scholarships, which totaled \$10,000 this year," enthused President Janet Brady. "We were so pleased that Nova Southeastern University Provost, Dr. Ralph Rogers was able to join us along with Dr. Alejandra Para, Nova's Associate Director of International Affairs and Diane Schachtman, Director of Development, Office of Advancement and Community



Relations.

As everyone was enjoying dinner, Janet Brady welcomed them and introduced the new members. Then Deirdre R. Sours shared some of the plans for the upcoming "Night of all Nations Dinner and Dance," planned for November 15th at the GALLERY one Doubletree Hotel in Fort Lauderdale. Deirdre, who is Chairing the fundraiser, introduced her committee: Nina Britton, Helena Caplan, Mona DeWeever, Pat Friedman, Marjorie Gaffney, Gloria Lafont, Maria Emilia Salgado, and Chantal Valsecchi.

"While the "Night of All Nations Dinner and Dance" provides the BIWC with a wonderful platform to raise funds for scholarships for deserving female students at Nova Southeastern University, we will celebrate the international heritages, histories, customs, languages, and cultural differences of all our club members, as well as honor and cherish the common threads that bind us as American citizens," Deirdre noted.

After dinner, Alejandra Parra introduced the four recipients of BIWC's scholarships. Each spoke briefly about their course of study and what they planned to do after graduating. Recipients were Teddesiab Brown and Niesha Jones, both born in Jamaica and studying Conflict Analysis and Resolution; Greta Gubasci who is from Hungary is studying Law and Kristel N. Tiwari from Antigua & Barbuda is studying Finance. Following their comments, a giant check was presented by Janet Brady, to Provost Dr. Ralph Rogers and Dr. Parra.

The BIWC has provided more than \$300,000 in scholarships, including the \$10,000 they presented at the dinner. "The women who have been awarded scholarships in the past, predominantly chose to return to their own country to use the skills they achieved at Nova," said Gloria LaFont, a long-time member of the club, past President and current PR Chair.

The purpose of the BIWC is to raise funds for scholarships, and to further understanding between the different cultures of the world. The various smaller events throughout the year offer our members a chance to socialize with other foreign born women, who now call South Florida their home. "The organization has been succeeding on their several objectives for almost 40 years," Janet Brady said. Currently, the BIWC has close to 100 members from 42 different countries.

Each year, the BIWC Board selects a number of deserving students for the scholarships, presenting a check to the President of Nova Southeastern University to be distributed to the chosen students.

Between September and May, members meet monthly for fun and varied social programs. New members are always welcome. For information, please e-mail info@biwc.org or visit www.BIWC.org.

Janet Brady
President
Broward International Women's Club
Ft. Lauderdale, Florida

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S Club of Hamburg 2014



Fourth of July Celebration – Picnic We celebrated 4th of July by having a picnic near to the lake Alster and close to the American Consulate. We had American food to eat being prepared by the American ladies.

September 23rd International Food Festival Potluck Lunch

Members were asked to bring their country's specialties in terms of food and drinks. This event was a way to celebrate of our club's motto: diversity, through food and beverages.

30th August: The White dinner

In summer 1988 in Paris, Bois de Boulogne, started the White Dinner. Now it becomes a tradition that in the summer in some famous streets around the world including Hamburg, are having this White Dinner. It is a huge party, from the city government organized. People and friends meet all in white for a picnic!!! It is always great fun!

Our Club also did it! See above some pictures from the Event this year that unfortunately took place in a Restaurant due to the bad weather.

30th of September: Visiting a Hat Atelier

We visited the Hat Atelier, the largest variety of hats in Germany. It is located in Hamburg! In a very relaxed atmosphere we meet for coffee and cake. After that we tried all kind of hats, and realize how difficult it is to find the right one!!!

For 30 to 40 years ago the women in Hamburg especially the elder generation

used hats. The so called Panama hat for men is named after President Roosevelt who wore a Panama hat during the inauguration of the Panama Canal. The hats are actually made in Venezuela not in Panama.



Geysa Wiemann International Women's Club of Hamburg

International Women's Club of Philadelphia

October 20th (Monday), 11AM—1:30 PM rain or shine

Meeting point: 30th Street Station inside by the World War II Memorial (large statue of angel)

www.philadelphiaurbanadventures.com

Organized by Annette Meertz

Feed your mind as well as your body on this Philadelphia city tour that bypasses the usual Philadelphia tourist spots and sends you back to school on the university campuses of West Philly. Don't worry, there won't be an exam at the end - there'll be food trucks instead!

Your Philadelphia tour begins at Philadelphia's largest transportation hub, 30th Street Station.

You'll get a glimpse of the fine architecture inside the grand terminal. We leave the station on foot and begin the journey down Market Street and through the neighborhood's research core.

You'll be amazed at the quantity and quality of food being produced here. We'll find hidden gems, experience the hallowed halls of academia, the worship of college sports and the fun of food trucking.



Happy Hour after 5 at a New Location Thursday, October 30, 5 pm

Join us for Happy Hour. We would like to give those members who are unable to make it to the daytime events a chance to connect. Spouses and significant others are welcome as well. New Location: Avenue Kitchen (located just off Route 476), 789 Lancaster Ave., Villano

Helga

Helga Ruus-Neubert

President IWC Philadelphia

International Women of Istanbul (IWI)

To all WCI Members Clubs

International Women of Istanbul (IWI), WCI's new member Club from Istanbul Turkey. We are happy to be part of WCI. We like to take this opportunity to tell our sister clubs who we are and what we do in the Metropolitan city of Istanbul.

IWI is a registered non-profit, non-political and self-supporting social organization that brings together international women of all ages and cultures in Istanbul. There are currently over 500 IWI members from over 50 different countries. We range in age from early 20s to over 80. Some of us work, some have children, some are moving to Istanbul to live here for the rest of their lives and some are fulfilling a lifelong dream to live in Istanbul for a year. We welcome all international women who are living in Istanbul, we have a diverse, engaged and interesting membership base, we have a group of members that helps make life in Istanbul that much more interesting for all of us. It is hard to pinpoint the exact age of the IWI but we have minutes from the coffee morning held at the house of the American Ambassador and hosted by his wife approximately 40 years ago. The group has always been a social organization bringing together international women. As an International Club in Istanbul our priority also is promoting charity and making donations to local charities.

The IWI board is elected each year and meets monthly. Everyone is a volunteer.



**Best Regards,
Nilgün Çoruk
IWI Chairwoman**

The International Women's Club of New England

The International Women's Club of New England celebrated Bastille Day at a luncheon on July 14th. Twenty-four ladies lunched at tables decorated like the French flag.

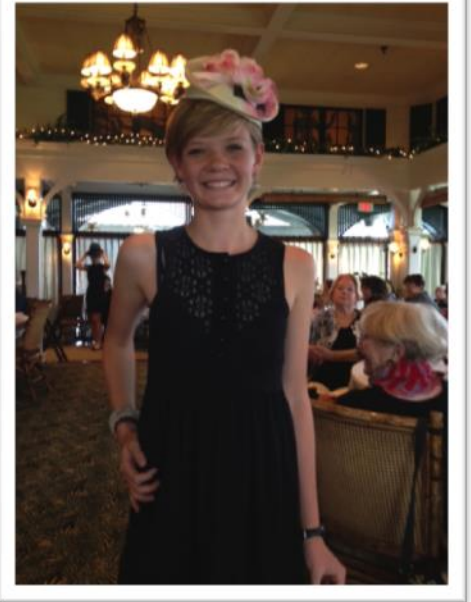
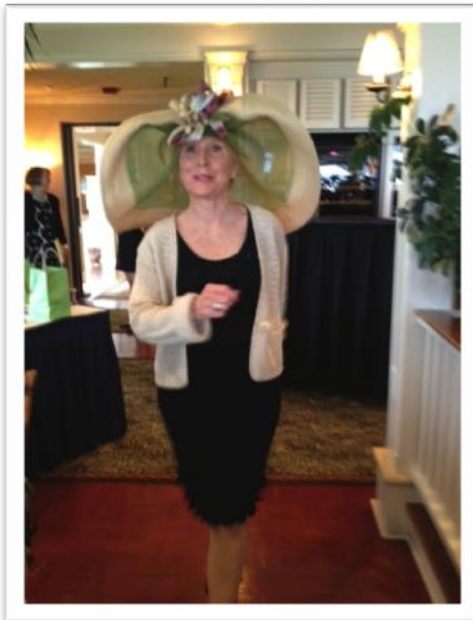


Celebrating Bastille Day



"Grand Finale" models Maureen Clayton in black & White

The International Women's Club of New England held their annual fund raiser with a Fashion Show featuring lovely outfits and hats from two trendy shops in Maine, USA. Models included some of our club members.



Maria Twomy models a luxurious hat, perfect for the horse races!
Zoi Diamond Liaison, IWCNE

Sister Club News from Welcome to Taipei

There have been numerous exciting events and activities in the past few months. Our Arts and Culture group organized a visit to one of Taiwan's most famous private art collections. The Chairman of the Industrial Bank of Taiwan shared his collection and organized a concert showcasing young musicians.

Above: Mrs. Christine Lo, the wife of the chairman of the Bank, introduced the collected items to our members.

The International cooking demonstrations group hosted three fabulous programs. They were a great opportunity to exchange international understanding and friendship! The excitement of Indonesian Cooking Demo reached its high when a lucky draw prize of two round-trip business class tickets to Jakarta was drawn.

Left: Chef Rudy, popular host of Indonesian TV cooking show, with the help from Mme. Charlene Yang the spouse of the Secretary General to the President, and H.E. Ambassador Marta Chang de Tsien from El Salvador demonstrated how to cook grouper fish.

Right: Chef Ola, the owner of the Swedish restaurant selected as worth to visit in Taipei both by CNN and the Michelin's Green Guide, showcased crepe Prins Bertil and smoked salmon snapas with assistance from Co-chair Louise Bystrom. The club's annual tea at the Palais de Chine Hotel and the lecture at the National Museum of History were well received by our members.

The highlight of the Annual Tea Party, "Taiwanese Tea in Moscow", was the spectacular tea show by Mr. Sergey Khorolskiy, a connoisseur and great enthusiast of Taiwanese tea.

During the Annual Lecture – The Pure Beauty of Chinese Floral Arts, members learned about how the art dated back 3000 years. The once flourishing flower arranging culture disappeared for nearly a century till it was revived

in Taiwan over three decades ago. Members also had an opportunity to admire, through a guided tour, selected master pieces of Chang Dai Chien (張大千), one of the greatest Chinese painters of the twentieth century.

The Exploration group took their members to the Mayor Salon for a lesson of native Indigo tie dye. The members eagerly and proudly showed their creativity and talent.

By Vivienne Shen, Welcome to Taipei



The Women's League of Lebanon

November 2014 Monthly Trip

The Women's League starts its activities at the beginning of October of each year to be ended in May or June of the following year with its Annual Garden Party in the Gardens of the Residence of the President



of the American University of Beirut. This activity is attended usually by the president of AUB along with a number of distinguished guests and the members of the League with their friends.

WL activities include educational and cultural lectures, trips



to various parts of Lebanon, luncheons etc. The proceeds of the trips and luncheons along with the membership fees are donated to the disabled students at the University.



Last week, we had our first trip, which was to the Batroun District in the North of Lebanon. Eighty ladies from the members and their friends were accompanied by four gentlemen who started the trip to Batroun with a breakfast in a place called "Batrouniat" where we had our breakfast and bought from the goods they produce like

jams, rose and orange water, and stuff like that. Then we headed to a Winery called IXIR where they showed us around the factory showing us their different kinds of wine versus the dates of productions. After tasting the different kinds of the wine they offered us, we went outside roaming around their spacious gardens enjoying the lovely scenery and taking lots of pictures.

Our second stop was in another town in the district to visit a duck farm where they explained to us how they import the ducks from France to raise them here and produce "Foie Gras" and "Pate de Canard. There also we enjoyed the lovely scenery of the mountains and the greenery all around.

Then it was time for lunch where we had delicious Lebanese starters called "Mezze" along with barbecue which included duck meat.

It was late in the afternoon when we arrived home after enjoying a lovely day.

Lamia Kawa

President

WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL BORDER CLUB

Changes – During 2013/2014 there were various wonderful changes in our organization, the most important one being the reorganization and modification of our ten year old communication system. AMAZING! As you know, everything is electronic. No more mailing, telephone messages (use "WhatsApp" or "Text Message" for immediate contact). We will be able to have monthly electronic meetings, too. As far as our archive system for future

boards is concerned, a "drop box archive" is on its way where all important correspondence, such as by-laws, rosters, activity reports for WCI, (the organization to which we are affiliated) election process rules, Sister Clubs news and others will be sent to the drop box with the intention of having an official reference guide for future Executive Boards.

The Club's email address has also been improved. We are now using "wiborderclub@gmail.com", so that the whole Executive Board can be aware of everything about Welcome Clubs International and Sister Clubs around the world.

Among the changes was the change of the Board. Vilma Boettcher became President of WIBC having in mind to rebuild the principles of the organization, to promote the club more effectively, to raise the number of the current membership and to motivate members to invite their friends to join our group through the various programs of activity (lunches, high tea and other evening programs) prepared by the Board.

Women's International Border Club attended the Biennial Conference in Hamburg, and came away with lasting memories and excellent impressions. The entertainment program and the cities we visited, the food and the wonderful people we met, made our trip an unforgettable one.

I would like to close this Sister Clubs News with mention of the Gala Dinner offered to the Officers of Welcome Clubs International at visiting San Diego in October and to honor WCI new President, Pam Bansbach. We believe that the affair was a huge success, and 38 of us attended the special dinner at the CROSBY private club in Rancho Santa Fe. The dinner was accompanied by wonderful wine and champagne, great people and beautiful live music to entertain our guest to dance.





Vilma Boettcher

WELCOME TO TURKISH CYPRUS Club

ACTIVITIES REPORT

Cyprus Turkish Club started their first meeting of the 2014-15 season by getting together with Cyprus Club Member and Co-founder Hifziye Zincir on the occasion of her visit to Kyrenia on 13th September 2014 where we had a chance to socialize as well as discuss our activities, aims, hopes and how to increase the number of our members in order to enrich our club programs.

* Approximate # of members 15

The most significant event held in the last twelve months:

* OUR BOOK CLUB IS GOING STRONG.

* OUR MONTHLY MEETINGS ARE STIMULATING.

*WE ACTIVELY PARTICIPATED IN THE 2014 NORTH-CYPRUS –LET’S DO IT-

*CLEANING UP OUR ENVIRONMENT CAMPAIGN.

*HELPED PROMOTE “JAZZ DAYS” ORGANIZED BY THE NACI TALAT FOUNDATION

* SPONSORED THE BUILDING OF A TOY’S ROOM AT SOS VILLAGE

*FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS MADE TO THE KYRENIA REHABILITATION CENTRE,

*THE TURKISH CYPRIOT EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION AND THE TURKISH CYPRIOT ASSOCIATION FOR THE BLIND.

*Special events or projects are planned for the next 12 months:

*HOPE TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE BUILDING OF AN INTERVENTIONAL RADIOLOGY THEATRE IN THE GENERAL HOSPITAL IN LEFKOŞA.



N.Sefik and Işın Ramadan Cemil

International Women's Club Israel

We opened our year on September 8 with a festive reception in the new Ritz Carlton Hotel in Herzliya Pituach. Our guest speaker was acclaimed author Lihi Lapid. A good time was had by all. It was wonderful to see everybody again after our long and difficult summer.

Our first activity of the year was "Meet My Country". This time Nigeria was the host country and treated us to a wonderful morning in the garden of the Residence of the Nigerian Ambassador. Not only did we learn interesting facts about this amazing country, we were also offered delicious Nigerian specialties and everybody received a colorful headdress.



Early October the club was invited to the Residence of the American Ambassador, as part of our Culture and Traditions Series, to celebrate the Sukkot holiday. It was a splendid morning with a lecture about the history of the Pomegranate (the fruit associated with the Jewish New Year and also Sukkot) followed by a garden party in the Sukkat! A highlight of the year so far!



Yvette Trubowitch
President – International Women's Club Israel