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**Friendship through Understanding... Understanding through Education and Friendship**



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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

*Dear Members,*

*Friendship is not simply an idea but a tangible component of the road to peace. A big part of friendship, education and understanding in action is the sharing of information and ideas between our members. It lies at the heart of what Welcome Clubs International encompasses and why publications like this are so important.*

*I warmly welcome you to this edition of Sister Club News, which is a glimpse into how our member clubs uniquely articulate our shared mission. It is a springboard from which we can learn about and with one another. Included in this edition is a celebration of Lois Fisher, a former Welcome Clubs International Treasurer. Her work, along with the work of many others, ensures that the linking of women from all over the globe towards peace, and the ending of discrimination and prejudice, continues on. We are grateful for her as well as the contribution of so many to WCI.*

*A very special thanks to the Sister Club News Editor, Rihab Ouri and Copy Editor, Lea Hesse, for producing this edition, and to all member clubs who submitted. Thank you for your work and your ideas to Welcome Clubs International. I wish everyone a safe, inspired and momentous beginning of the year, and look forward to seeing many of you in Jakarta.*

*I send my very best,*

*Kim*

*Kim Riedel*
*President 2019-2021*
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# WCI NEWS

Congratulations to *The Women's League*, our sister club in Lebanon, which turned 100 this year! What an accomplishment! Read more on page 10.

In May, *Welcome to Washington International Club*, WCI's charter club, celebrated its 60th anniversary with a Diamond Jubilee Luncheon. Past Presidents organized a special program, and Caroline Adair Dimmers, daughter of WTW and WCI Founder Marian Adair was the special guest.

Congratulations to the *Berkshire International Club* which celebrated its 25th anniversary this year! Read more on page 4.

WCI's 16th Biennial Conference will be held June 14-19, 2020 in Jakarta, Indonesia. Sister Club *Women's International Club – Jakarta* will host the event.

Members from all Sister Clubs are invited to this conference. Please spread the word. Our host, *WIC – Jakarta,* is working hard at planning a wonderful program for everyone. We are excited to meet new friends and catch up with old friends.

Registration and Post-Conference Trip forms are available on WCI's website www.wciclubs.org. Read more on page 21 for details.

## *Remembering Lois Fisher*



Lois Fisher, a long-time member of Welcome to Washington passed away earlier this year, on August 2, 2019 in Washington, DC. Her family and friends were very important to her and she was loved and respected by all those who got to know her.

Lois served as Treasurer on the Welcome Clubs International Executive Committee from 2000-2003. She was a committed, reliable, and dedicated member of the Committee.

She had a positive attitude towards life and made the most of every day.

She will be missed greatly by all of us who knew her.

*A Tribute by Eshrat Demougeot*

## EDITORS' ZONE

RIHAB OURI
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*Copy & Design Editor*

*Dear friends,*

*Welcome to our December issue. We hope you like our new "look." With the new format comes a new feature, WCI News, where we highlight special Sister Club and WCI events.*

*WISHING YOU ALL a MERRY CHRISTMAS, HAPPY NEW YEAR and MANY HAPPY RETURNS! May GOD bring LOVE, PEACE, and FORGIVENESS to earth!*

*Warm regards,*
*Rihab and Lea*

# ANGLO-GERMAN INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

The Hamburg club recently celebrated the 90th birthday of one of our club's Founding members, Antje Thietz-Bartram with a special reception to honour her. Special guests to the event included the club's Honorary Patron, Lady Sirinat Wood, wife of the British Ambassador to Berlin, who flew in for the event and presented Antje with a beautiful bouquet of flowers.

Also present was Catherine Farell, who also flew in from England for the special occasion. Catherine is the daughter of founding member, Jill Oakeshott, who helped Antje found the club in 1966. Champagne was served in the Jacob Hotel's garden, and cake and coffee were served in the hotel's dining room. The special event was featured in the Hamburg newspaper, 'Die Welt'.



AGIWA

## Ehrengäste zum 90. Geburtstag

Die Gemeinschaft steht bei der Anglo-German International Women's Association (AGIWA) im Mittelpunkt. So organisierten die Damen für ihr Ehrenmitglied **Antje Thietz-Bartram** zu ihrem 90. Geburtstag einen besonderen Nachmittag im „Louis C. Jacob". **Sirinat Wood**, Frau des britischen Botschafters, reiste extra aus Berlin an, um beim Empfang und an der Kaffeetafel teilzunehmen. Die weiteste Anreise hatte jedoch **Catherine Farell** aus Großbritannien. Sie ist die älteste Tochter von der inzwischen verstorbenen Jill Oakeshott, die 1966 unter anderem mit Antje Thietz-Bartram den Klub gegründet hatte. Die temperamentvolle Juristin und Literatin ist seit den 60er-Jahren in diversen Ämtern tätig und kontrolliert bis heute die Finanzen des Klubs. nh

*Sirinat Wood, Frau des englischen Botschafters in Berlin, und die Jubilarin Antje Thietz-Bartram*

AGIWA









*By Kim Riedel, WCI Liaison*

# BERKSHIRE INTERNATIONAL CLUB

On October 20, we celebrated our club's 25th anniversary. More than 80 of our about 150 members attended a well-thought-out brunch at the Berkshire Hills Country Club on a gorgeous day.

Jean Heuschen and Michelle Heuschen-Liegois, our club's founders, were able to attend as they divide their retirement between France and Florida.

Also attending was Linda Anderson, Liaison of the International Women's Club of New England, who had reached out to us as we are the closest WCI sister club. She presented a very informative talk of the most recent Board of Directors' meeting in Galway, Ireland and gave our members a better understanding of why we belong to WCI.













*By Vera Lecocq, WCI Liaison*

# BROWARD INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S CLUB

*Left to right: Aaliyah Rigby, Lulu Durojaiye, BIWC Student Liaison & VP Membership Chair Janet Brady, and Busayo Jegedi*



In September, we had the pleasure of meeting our newest scholarship recipients. They are Aaliyah Rigby (Bahamas), Olufunke "Lulu" Durojaiye (Nigeria), and Busayo Jegedi (Nigeria). Mai Kim Tran from Vietnam was unable to attend.

Oktoberfest Brunch was held at Checkers Old Munchen German Restaurant in Delray Beach with 43 members & guests attending and enjoying platters of wiener schnitzels, bratwurst, red cabbage & more, followed by apple strudel and whipped cream.

The owner gave an informative talk on the history of all the tall steins decorating the restaurant. Each was awarded to the person who completed the feat of ordering 30 different kinds of beer!




*Oktoberfest Chair Nina Britton with Ron Lambert*

We celebrated our biggest fundraising event of the year, "Night of All Nations" in November with a French theme, "Meet Me in Paris." A check for $20,000 was presented to Nova Southeastern University to enable 4 foreign-born students to continue their studies. The evening was outstanding in that we exceeded our goal of attendees as well as the funds raised.




*Chantal Valsecchi and Jacqueline Niehaus at the Night of All Nations*




*BIWC President Dr. Winnifred McPherson (left) with Rhonda Ritchie and Jeannie Jaworski from NSU*




*Dr. Winnifred McPherson, Chairperson Betty Amundson and Co-Chair Lisa Barone*

***B.I.W.C wishes all members of Welcome Clubs International a very Happy Holiday Season and a Healthy 2020!***

***By Janet Brady, WCI Co-Liaison***

## IWC Hamburg Celebrated Indonesia, WCI, and the upcoming Conference in Jakarta

On a sunny, autumn afternoon, our long-awaited joint event with our Hamburg Sister Club, Anglo-German International Women's Association (AGIWA), and the Indonesian Consulate finally came. With almost sixty Ladies in attendance, it was an auspicious event. This event was a Celebration! A celebration of the upcoming WCI Conference in Jakarta and a celebration of Indonesia, which just weeks before celebrated its Independence Day.

After a warm welcome speech by Consul General Dr. Bambang Susanto, WCI President Kim Riedel took the stage. She shed bright lights on WCI, its purposes and aims and ended her presentation with an uplifting encouragement for all to attend the WCI Conference in Jakarta next year.

Staying on the topic of women, we were very grateful to have Sri Dewi Kuntarti, Consul of Social and Cultural Affairs, speak about "The Development of Women's Role in Indonesian Society." It may not be widely known to many, but women play significant and decisive roles in the political, economic and social aspects of the Indonesian society. After her inspiring presentation, we had a deeper and more meaningful understanding about women in Indonesia.



A short slide presentation of beautiful Indonesia preceded the cultural part of our event. Next, we had a fashion show, which paid homage to the distinct and diverse regional costumes of Indonesia. Ladies from IWC Hamburg modeled the opulent gowns and intricately made dresses with beauty, grace and elegance, amidst the tunes of Indonesian folk music in the background.



During a short break, we were treated with refreshments, sweet and savory delicious Indonesian delicacies.

With renewed energy, the Ladies learned how to play *Angklung*, an instrument originally from West Java and Banten provinces, made out of bamboos, similar to handbells. After a short lesson and several attempts, the Ladies successfully played simple popular tunes, receiving loud applauses and cheers. Indeed, a joyful celebration overall!



After weeks and months of planning and preparations, we are proud and confident that we have achieved what we have set up to accomplish. We had a successful event which promoted Indonesia's fascinating culture, WCI's upcoming Conference in Jakarta as well as WCI's mission of Education through Friendship.

We are most thankful to the generosity and kindness of the Indonesian Consulate in Hamburg, most especially to Consul Sri Dewi Kuntarti for her guidance, openness and enthusiasm.

Last but not least, my gratitude to our IWC Hamburg WCI Team, Yanti, Kim and Liliana, for their endless hard work and dedication in promoting WCI. Without them, all of these would not have been possible. Thank you! *Terima kasih!*

***By Vena Velarde Iversen, WCI Liaison***

# INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S CLUB OF NEW ENGLAND

The second half of 2019 has kept our club busy with a stream of successful fundraising activities. Every year we choose several local charities benefiting women and children. We then focus many of our activities around raising funds for those charities throughout the year. This year we raised over $17,000 – a record for our club!



In June, a lovely fundraising tea party was held at board member Cindy Sayers' beautiful home in Kennebunk, Maine, complete with delicious food made by Cindy's husband (a gourmet cook) and a presentation on how to brew the perfect cup of tea. Participants wore fancy hats and enjoyed a perfect afternoon.



Another big summer fundraising event was an After-Beach Carnival, which offered families a chance to enjoy games, crafts, and summertime sweets at an historic hall in Cape Porpoise, Maine. Other summer programs were our monthly luncheons, language groups, book club, film club, and singing group – all of which run year-round.



On September 22, we held our annual fashion show fundraiser at Wentworth By the Sea Country Club, located right on the ocean. This year's theme was "Finding Your Diva." Club members were transformed into models as they strutted the runway wearing designs from a local women's boutique. Board member Ellen Farber, who managed the event through a team of club volunteers, sports a jaunty hat and elegant jacket to the applause of the crowd. Live piano music accompanied this merry event.



In October, WCI Liaison Linda Anderson represented our club at the Berkshire International Club jubilee celebration in Pittsfield, Massachusetts, the closest club geographically to ours. Their club Liaison, Vera Lecocq, attended our jubilee in 2017, so we were happy to celebrate this important milestone with them.

Next up was our annual Holiday Fair fundraiser, held in November and considered one of the best in the region. Attendees could purchase goods from local vendors, then enjoy a steaming cup of homemade soup or chili prepared by club members. Over 300 people attended, keeping club volunteers busy throughout the day. Board members Regina Godfrey, Charline Ludgate, and Pam Patton worked the ever-popular baked goods table.

It was a busy year for our club filled with commitment, fellowship and good cheer. We wish everyone in the WCI family a happy and healthy 2020!

***By Linda Anderson, WCI Liaison***

# INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S CLUB OF PHILADELPHIA

The objective of IWCP is to welcome women of all cultures to the Philadelphia area and to promote friendship, cooperation and understanding. In order to get to know each other and indeed foster international friendships, we encourage members to participate in a variety of monthly potluck luncheons, dinners, Book Clubs - both in the City and in the Burbs, monthly Happy Hours (city and burbs), Language Coffees and interesting tours.





This fall our very popular Annual Welcome Back Luncheon was held in September at *Branzino*, an Italian Ristorante in Philadelphia. We were happy to see so many of our newer members attend to meet those who have belonged for years.

Our Garden lovers went on a Guided Tour at the Tyler Arboretum in September.







In October, members were offered a very interesting Guided Walking Tour: Underground Philadelphia - by the Preservation Alliance for Greater Philadelphia. It took us through the old railway and subway network under the city and ended at the old Reading Terminal. We always end up having a delightful lunch together.








In November we were offered a Guided Tour at the Rose Valley Museum - Thunderbird Lodge: Mildred Olmsted Exhibit - former Executive Secretary of the PA Branch of the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom. She attended Friends Central School in Philadelphia and graduated from Smith College in 1912 with a degree in history. In 1919 she went to France with the YMCA where she organized recreational activities for soldiers at the Sorbonne. In 1922 she became the Executive Secretary of the PA Branch of the Women's League for Peace and Freedom. After her marriage to Allen Olmsted they settled in 1924 in Rose Valley at Thunderbird Lodge.

We welcomed many new members this year and are happy to see so many young ladies among them. Our club is enjoying a growth spurt!

Important: Our new website is **iwcp.wildapricot.org**

***By Jacqueline Yates, WCI Liaison***

International Women's Club
Porto Alegre

Dear Friends!

The IWC of Porto Alegre had a very productive year in 2019. Besides several local meetings with our own members, and charity donation campaigns we normally conduct, we hosted the National Meeting of the Brazilian International Women's Clubs. Around 150 ladies from all over participated. Some of them came with husbands or other relatives. Fifteen Clubs participated in what was an amazing opportunity of congregation. Below are several photos taken during the national meeting.

We had many activities: study meetings, lectures, outings, dinner parties, etc.

We hope all world clubs have a very nice Christmas Season and wish to keep in tight touch in 2020.





***By Isaura Riedl, WCI Liaison***

# THE WOMEN'S LEAGUE - BEIRUT

**"The Women's League is Hundred Years Old and Still Going Strong"**

This is the motto of our Society for 2019. The Women's League was founded in 1919 by eight American ladies whose husbands were professors at the American University of Beirut at that time. Their aim was to form an organization of women from different nationalities. Its purpose was to promote a broad acquaintance, to socialize, learn and support one another, and establish social network.

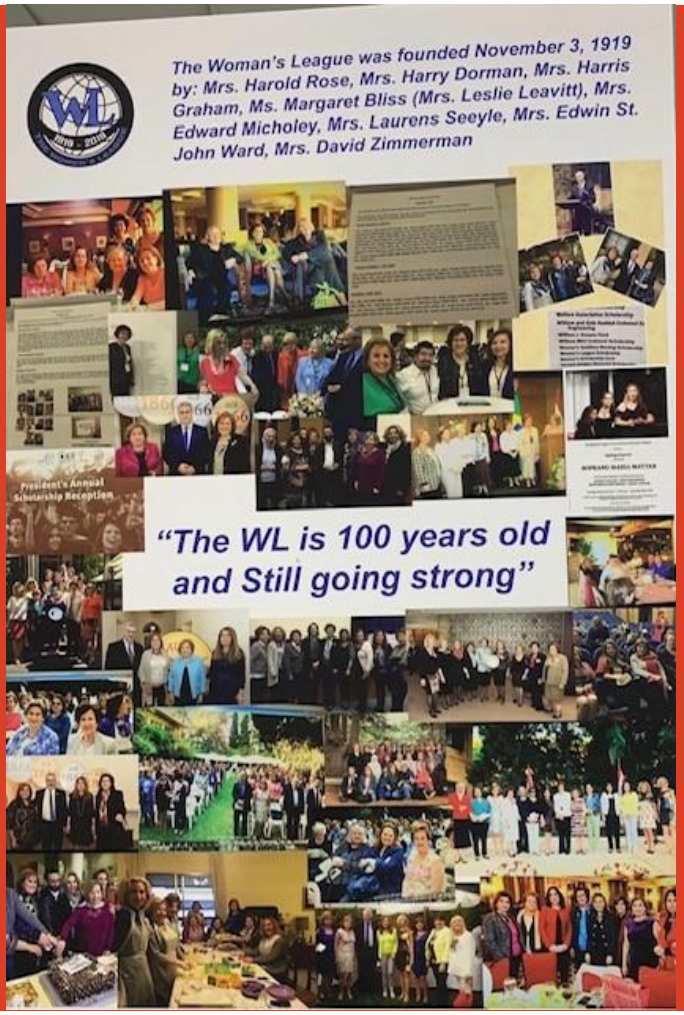
The Women's League is the oldest Women's Society in the area so 2019 is a very special year as we are celebrating its 100th Anniversary. We are moving on to a new century with the hope of planning to revive its mission and vision and think hard of what more we can do to grow our membership and serve our country even more. Our focus in the short term will be on the youth, particularly the young women who can be the leaders of the future. We will continue marching in the same direction of our founders and find more ways to translate our objectives into action that builds the next generation and members of The Women's League.

We are thankful to the American University of Beirut for allowing us to use its facilities. For this purpose, we established a scholarship fund called "The Disabled Students Fund" to help physically disabled students at AUB with tuition fees. The money used for this purpose is derived from membership fees from our 150 plus members and funds earned from various activities.

To celebrate TWL's 100th Anniversary, we planted a Cedar Tree in the Artists Garden in the town of Kferzbian.

I end by saying that I am very proud to be the 49th President of The Women's League during its Centennial year.

*~ Lamia Kawar*






***By Lamia Kawar, WL President***

# VIA LEBANON INTERNATIONAL CLUB





This year our Via Lebanon Club became a Registered NGO! This is something we all wanted as part of our club's mission. We will help charities and organizations that support underprivileged Lebanese women and children.

To celebrate, we created an award for "The Most Admired Women in Lebanon." The award winner chooses her favorite charity and we make a donation on the winner's behalf. There are many women, foreign and Lebanese, who are doing amazing things in this country. This award will recognize the women who help their communities across the country and to encourage others to follow their examples.

This year, we chose our very own honorary advisor, Mrs. Alice Edde as the first awardee. She has dedicated herself through the years to highlight the city of Byblos by enhancing the beauty of this town and by encouraging its people to become self-reliant. She is called by many, and it is a befitting title, "The Lady of Byblos." We are sure you will all agree with our choice! During our visit to Byblos, we will present her with this award and learn about the charity she chose to support, the Nader School for Juvenile Delinquents run by Ramzi Nader in Berbara. The school tries to take the children off the streets and give them a chance for a better life through education.

We welcome all our members back, and hope to embark on a new year filled with programs that will help them fall in love with this beautiful country.











*VIA (Vision of International Awareness) Lebanon International Club members at a brunch outing*

***By Rihab Ouri, WCI Liaison***

# WELCOME TO COLORADO INTERNATIONAL CLUB

On the 10th of September, Welcome to Colorado International Club, hosted the 2019 Fall Coffee, chaired by our President-Elect Diane Lenfest. As every year, the membership was invited to celebrate with a well-appointed breakfast, the beginning of a new year of Interest Group Programs, and the release of the September 2019 - January 2020 Calendar of Events. For many of our members, the highlight of the event is the opportunity to reconnect with dear friends after long summer vacations and the excitement of receiving the new Calendar of Events.

This year's event was extraordinary, as Diane Lenfest selected speakers from a group of new members who spoke of their unique life experiences. The audience was captivated by these remarkable women, their life stories, and we all walked away feeling fortunate to have them among us, as new members of WTC.

*Diane Lenfest*
*WTC President-Elect*





*Members picking up Calendar of Events*



*Guest pianist at the Fall Coffee event*

***By Jeanette Malek, WTC President***

# WELCOME TO FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL CLUB

The Welcome to Florida International Club had a great start of the season with 147 ladies attending the November luncheon. In the spirit of raising awareness about the upcoming WCI Biennial Conference in Jakarta in June 2020, the after-meal presentation featured "An Insider's Perspective on Indonesia" by our member Evelyne Brown Rappo.

Many members arrived early for the first luncheon of the season, as this is a new opportunity to sign up for participation in one or more of the 21 different interest groups offered by WFLIC. Our members are eager to partake in the diverse educational and social activities and special events offered by our Club. We are off to another strong start of the season here in southwest Florida.



*WFLIC Luncheon on November 13, 2019*



*Presentation on Indonesia*

***By Maria Winkler, WCI Liaison***

# WELCOME TO KOREA INTERNATIONAL CLUB




Welcome to Korea International Club had such productive and marvelous activities during the second half of 2019. On April 30th, 23 members went to the 2019 1st historical excursion to Hahoe Folk Village, a UNESCO Heritage listed place located in Andong, Kyungsangdo province.

President Jungsook Kim, VP Youngsoon Lee and Secretary Sunny Shin went to Galway, Ireland for a WCI Board Meeting from the 12th to 19th of May. After that, there was a semiannual briefing on its international activities during the first half of 2019 which was held at Seoul Club on June 4th, 2019.






With two new Board members on board, WKIC decided to have a workshop to enhance cooperation and friendship and headed to Gangneung in Gangwondo province. Song Sung Mok Film Museum, Old Huh family houses, Ojuk Hanok house and Jungdongin beach combing places were the stops. As a cultural exchange program, 35 members went to visit Canadian Embassy on September 10 and met HE Michael Danagher and his wife Stephanie.










On October 15th, we went to the 2nd historical excursion to Magoksa temple in Chungcheongdo province and enjoyed the beauty of the season and learned more about Baikjae dynasty history. There's a saying "You see as much as you know." By building up the knowledge about the Korean history and by cherishing and preserving whatever we have, we take one more step to the 'empowerment'. Since August, there has been a new activity called 'Gallery Promenade'. The 1st one was the trip to the gallery holding Matisse and Picasso's work and the 2nd one was to Gana Art Center.

*By Sunny Shin, WCI Liaison*

# WELCOME TO LONDON INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S CLUB



Welcome to London members went to Florence, Italy for their annual trip

The club's new logo



At WTL's Christmas Luncheon

*By Dee Phillips Medawar, WCI Liaison*

# WELCOME TO TAIPEI INTERNATIONAL CLUB

Welcome to Taipei International Club
台北市迎新會

Thanks to all the chairpersons who devoted themselves to organize wonderful programs for WTIC!

## EXPLORATION GROUP



*Hydrangea Flower Field*



*Experience at Cloud Gate Theatre*



*National Theatre & Concert Hall*



*Historic Town - Beipu*

## ART and CULTURE GROUP



*Taiyuan Asian Puppet Museum*



*The Her-story of Abstraction in East Asia*



*A Retrospective of Chang Dai-Chien's Art*



*Mexico Music Night*



Body & Soul Lecture and Tea Party

Cooking Demo at Chez Yeh









Autumn Excursion to AIDC & CCK Air

*By Olivia Jen, Deputy Executive Secretary*

# WELCOME TO TURKISH CYPRUS CLUB

Welcome to Turkish Cyprus Club held its General Assembly on May 8th to install new committee members. The new committee members took over their duties on May 21st.





On October 9, Hifziye Zincir, WCI Regional Membership Chair for Turkey/Cyprus, visited our Club and briefed us about the recent developments in WCI, and asked some questions to our club members in order to report back upon her return to Washington DC.



*Hifziye (at far right), with members of the Welcome to Turkish Cyprus Club*

On October 16, we visited a middle school "Demokrasi Ortaokulu" and made a donation towards the missing equipment that they were in dire need of. It was a school where many underprivileged children attend.





On November 22, we had a meeting at Hotel Colony to celebrate Teacher's Day. This is celebrated in Turkey to commemorate the day that Mustafa Kemal Ataturk was given the title of "Head Master" in 1928. Thanks to Ataturk's Alphabet Reform, literacy jumped from 5% to more than 60% within a few years.

We invited retired teachers for this occasion. The main speakers were two teachers Yildan Birand and Gulgun Serdaroglu, who gave us the historical background on the development of schools in Cyprus. All the teachers said a few words then refreshments were served. After refreshments we gave each teacher a rose to celebrate the occasion.

***We, the ladies of Welcome to Turkish Cyprus, would like to take this opportunity to wish all the members a good holiday season!***

*By Zeynep Akgunay, WTTC President*

# WELCOME TO WASHINGTON INTERNATIONAL CLUB

Welcome to Washington partnered with the Associates of the American Foreign Service Worldwide (AAFSW) for a Special Event on November 4th. AAFSW is an organization that represents Foreign Service spouses, employees and retirees of the US State Department.

The event featured a presentation by Patrick Jephson, former Chief of Staff to Diana, Princess of Wales. He is also a consultant, journalist, broadcaster, and a New York Times bestselling author. He spoke to the combined group about his work, Princess Diana, and what he sees as next in the life of the Windsors. He also commented on Harry, Meghan, and the future of the British Crown.

Over 90 WTW and AAFSW members and guests attended the event, which provided an opportunity for me to speak and introduce WTW to the other attendees and recruit prospective members. We hope to partner again with AAFSW and other like-minded organizations.

We are embarking on the holiday season with a variety of exciting programs, and our Nominating Committee will be meeting soon to put together the next slate of officers to be voted on this spring. I will pass the gavel at next year's Spring Annual Meeting on May 22nd.

~ Susan Hayes Long



*Sheila Switzer, AAFSW and WTW Board member, Patrick Jephson, and Susan Hayes Long, WTW President*



*Guest speaker Patrick Jephson*



*Eshrat Demougeot (left), WCI Founder's Representative and WTW member, at the WTW/AAFSW joint event*



*Current and past Presidents in attendance at WTW's 60th Anniversary celebration in May. Faye Wickersham (WTW President 1992-94 and current WCI Founder's Representative) is standing 3rd from right. Susan Hayes Long, current President is standing at far right.*



*Aida Armaly, WCI Regional Membership Chair for Middle East and WTW member, modeled her national dress at WTW's Annual Fall Tea in September.*



*Caroline Adair Dimmers (WCI Founder's Representative and WTW member) is holding a photo of her mother Marian Adair, founder of WTW and WCI, at the 60th Anniversary celebration in May.*

*The quilt in the background was made by members in 1976 and represented the national flags of the members that year.*

***By Susan Hayes Long, WTW President***

# WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL BORDER CLUB




San Diego, California

Our logo stands for all women from all paths of life as embodied in the goals our club pursues. The black circle symbolizes strength and presence of all cultures. It is modulated to represent freedom and respect, and the interrelation of those values in all cultures. The rectangles and their color combinations stand for effective leadership, hope and happiness. The hands holding the circle generate tenderness and compassion with a firmness necessary to resolve the issues facing women today and tomorrow.

The symbol was created by Andrea Kroneberg, a Costa Rican architect, granddaughter of the late renowned artist Magda Santonastasio, one of the club's founding members.

W.I.B.C. was formed with the intention to function as a bi-national club, U.S.A. – Mexico. However, due to border crossing complexities this idea did not materialize but evolved into the creation of a second club in the San Diego area. Each year we have tried to have a joint meeting involving both clubs. Last August, the gathering took place as a garden dancing party including husbands, partners and significant ones. *Fun was had by all.*☺ The next one will be the Christmas Party at the beginning of December.





Our main cultural event took place at the San Diego Museum of Art's "The Golden Age of Spain" exhibition.







***By Maria D. Walker, WCI Liaison***

# WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL CLUB - JAKARTA

Members of the Women's International Club - Jakarta were busy with preparations for WIC's 52nd Annual Charity Bazaar held on December 11-12, 2019. Proceeds from this yearly Bazaar are used to help the less fortunate members of the community. Currently, WIC funds 53 scholarships, 14 social welfare organizations, and 13 special projects chosen by the Bazaar Proceeds Committee.

Bazaar participants are a mixture of Embassies and Business stalls. It is one of the biggest bazaars of its kind in Jakarta and has always attracted a large crowd of visitors.



*The 2019 Bazaar was opened by the First Lady Mrs. Iriana Jokowi and Elmyra Bambang, President of WIC Jakarta*



*The WIC Jakarta Executive Committee at the 2019 Charity Bazaar*



*At the club's Annual Christmas Party celebration*



*President Elmyra Bambang (right) at the Christmas Party*




*WIC Jakarta celebrating Children's Day with Social Welfare organizations it supports*



*Celebrating Indonesia's Independence Day in August*



*Korean Cultural Event*



*Fun walk at the Gelora Bung Karno stadium in October*

*Photos courtesy of Karin Sukarya*

***By Karin Sukarya & Moskwita Darmawan, WCI Co-Liaisons***

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