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Dear Sister Club Sisters,

Welcome to the July 2022 edition of the Sister Club News. I know you are going to enjoy the pictures and stories, and I hope you gain new ideas for great programs for your club.

We want to thank Linda Anderson, our WCI President, for her service during the past year. Linda had to resign for health reasons. We wish her a simpler life and a return to robust health.

Founder's Representatives Eshrat Demougeot and Caroline Adair Dimmers have assumed the Directors' role for WCI until our new president comes on board on July 1, 2023. Eshrat was a very good friend of founder Marian Adair, and Marian asked Eshrat to keep her eye on the well-being of WCI. Caroline Adair Dimmers is the daughter of Marian.

I remember Mom setting up WCI. She was passionate about Welcome Clubs and WCI. Eshrat and I are carrying her passion forward. During this interim year, you may contact Eshrat, Caroline, vice presidents Vena Iversen, Sunny Shin, or Reem Iversen with your questions or comments.

Enjoy a vital and enriching program year.

With sisterly love,
Caroline & Eshrat

WCI NEWS

Dear Ladies,



It is with great pleasure that I address you in this new edition of Sister Clubs News.
The UN Council is comprised of a panel of members representative of the Founder's Representatives, WCI President, the Executive Committee, the Board of Directors, and WCI Membership. In this way, the UN Council strives for a democratic and inclusive participation. The panel will serve for a period of two years.

WCI has special consultative status with the United Nations Economic and Social Council since 2020. This status means WCI has expertise in some of the fields that ECOSOC has an interest in. ECOSOC, as one of the six subsidiary bodies of the United Nations, works towards the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, a blueprint for peace and prosperity for people and the planet.

At the heart of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development are the 17 Sustainable Development Goals. The SDGs are a call for action to help the world grow in peace and in better living conditions for humankind.

Out of the 17 Sustainable Development Goals, WCI would like to contribute with SDG 4: Obtain quality education and improve people's lives, and SDG 5: Gender Equality. Both SDGs 4 and 5 are in sync with WCI's core values and with the Education Initiative.

WCI Sister Clubs are already doing wonderful projects in their hometowns-cultural, social, educational, and helping others in friendship and understanding. The UN Council would like to share their stories at the UN Meetings with other international organizations.

Feel free to write to us with your ideas and suggestions. Let us know if you would like to contribute with us.

Kind Regards,
Maria Fernanda Arduino
Director UN Council

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I would like to ask you all to join me in congratulating Director Caroline Adair and Co-Director Eshrat Demougeot, who will be working with the three Vice Presidents to lead the organization.

No other team possesses the skills and knowledge these women have collectively acquired over the years to lead us forward. Best of luck on your mission running the organization. You have all our support.

We wish everyone a wonderful vacation season with your families and loved ones, and we look forward to future meetings.

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AGIWA Celebrates The Queen's Platinum Jubilee

When June 2nd was set as the start of four days of celebrations in the UK to mark the 70th Anniversary of her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II's accession to the throne, it was clear that AGIWA (the Anglo-German International Women's Association) in Hamburg could not let this important date pass unnoticed, and the committee decided that AGIWA should hold a Jubilee Party.

All our members and their guests were invited to meet on the evening of June 2nd at the Anglo-German Club, an elegant villa beautifully situated on the bank of Hamburg's Outer Alster Lake. Unfortunately, our typical Hamburg weather did not permit an outdoor event, but the spacious banqueting room and adjacent bar more than compensated for this. Our Chairwoman, Jane Harding, welcomed us warmly and reminded us that, in the meantime, AGIWA had had its 55th birthday, so we had that to celebrate as well.

As this was only AGIWA's second major event since the start of the Corona pandemic, the first having been our Festive Christmas Lunch 2021, we were delighted to see each other again and take the opportunity to get to know new members. Delicious waiter-served finger food, drinks, and live music all added up to making this a joyous event. When it drew to a close with a rousing chorus of "God Save The Queen" and a toast to Her Majesty, we at AGIWA felt that in Hamburg, we too had played our part in celebrating this unique occasion.







By **Susan La**

Broward International Women's Club | Ft. Lauderdale, Florida

International Women's Day was celebrated at Jacaranda Country Club by 63 attending to honor three of our long-time members who have worked so diligently for years, and we remembered a past member who left a generous legacy and is greatly missed. The event was chaired by Gloria Lafont, Venezuela, who introduced our honorees, Angela Muvingi, Zimbabwe, Dr. Alejandra Parra, Argentina and Maria Salgado, Colombia. Batia Fox, Israel, was remembered with great affection. Our Member, Martha Gutierrez-Steinkamp, Cuba, spoke to us so eloquently on Women's Right to Vote as per our 19th Amendment. Our President, Winnifred McPherson, helped in presenting beautiful flowers and a crystal award to each of the celebrants. Our students were also in attendance.



BIWC Board of Directors



W. McPherson, President, our celebrants, Chair, Gloria Lafont

By **Winnifred McPherson, President** and **Janet Brady, WCI Co-Liaison**

Farewell Lunch for Board Members Savitry &Christie

On the 16th of June, around 20 members of IWC met at Hotel Four Seasons for lunch. The spouse of the Indian Ambassador also joined us. We all met, exchanged views, and discussed various issues regarding our Club and how to move ahead under these new post-COVID circumstances. All the ladies were happy to meet each other without masks which we didn't even dream about for the last two years - Covid times!

Two of our Board members, Ms. Savitry and Ms. Christie, were leaving Baku for good, so we also bid them farewell. After lunch, we all dispersed in the hope of having regular events in the future!












By **Rajani Chandra D'Mello**

A SUNNY BREAKFAST BY THE CANAL ON INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

Being curious about Welcome Clubs International – where IWC of Hamburg belong to, connecting us with other international women's clubs around the world, I registered myself for a breakfast event on a very special day – the Women's Day.

Arriving at the address on a fresh and sunny March morning, the venue was slightly hidden from the street, located right next to the canal. The ambience of the deck was peaceful and pleasant, I heard the birds chirping, the leaves rustling. Our tables were set in the conservatory of the restaurant where we could have a close canal view. I remember the sun was shining, the cheerful faces and warm greetings, some are familiar, some are fresh.

This year's WCI event is not merely in the recognition of the women who are leading the charge on different nations, and to honors their leadership and contribution towards a sustainable future but also in the acknowledgment of its newly granted status in the United Nations and WCI's vision on women empowerment and education.

Our special thanks to Vena, our Club Liaison and WCI Vice President Programs, following the International Women's Day Theme 2022 – Gender equality today for a sustainable tomorrow, she gave a well-prepared introduction to WCI and its main aims in connecting and educating women worldwide. WCI addresses the significance in achieving gender equality in the context of climate change, and environmental and disaster risk reduction, which are some of the greatest global challenges of the twenty-first century. Without gender equality today, a sustainable future, and unequal future, remains beyond our reach. We are sincerely grateful for Isabell and Elbe's enthusiastic engagement and entertaining hosting which made the event very enjoyable.









By **Vena Velarde Iversen, WCI Liaison**

Vibrant, Full of Energy, and Ready to Go and Do!

This is how I would like to describe the Members of The International Women's Club!

Our strength is fundraising and last year we gave $4,000 to 4 different organizations. Our scholarships go to organizations that support children and women.



Our biggest fundraisers through the years have been our fashion shows. Don't we all want to get dressed up, have a good meal, and see fun and stylish fashion!



The next largest event is our Holiday Fair that is usually held in November. Here is a list of some of our events:

- **Monthly luncheons at local restaurants**
- **Monthly Potlucks**
- **Ice Cream Social**
- **Potting Party**
- **French Club**
- **Strawberry picking**

We are glad we can have fun while accomplishing the important mission of supporting our charities and building friendships and understanding among people.

By **Margareta Claesson, WCI Liaison**

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S CLUB OF PHILADELPHIA

With Omicron still raging in the early spring days members of the International Women's Club of Philadelphia were undeterred and met at the Historic Valley Forge National Park for a good hike and a picnic. Other outside tours were scheduled, such as The Washington Square walking tour with a guide from the Philadelphia Preservation Alliance. We walked around one of William Penn's original planned public parks and learned how this square served as a burial ground for over 1200 Revolutionary War soldiers, before receiving its present name and how the square became home tithe publishing industry in the early 20th Century. Today, many of the former office buildings are being transformed into residences. We have some lucky members who live on this square but were surprised to learn about its long and interesting history. Our different language groups have resumed their indoor gatherings. Our very popular pot luck lunches have resumed as well. This is a great opportunity for all members of different nationalities to mix.

And the after 5 Happy Hours both in the city and the suburbs have been well attended. Our club is continuing to grow and attract amazing women from all over the globe. We now have over 125 members.

Our Latin American members are planning an exciting Garden day with a cultural presentation, a traditional dress exhibition from Peru, Mexico and Cuba as well as music and dancing at a new member's spectacular garden late this June. And our end of year business luncheon is coming up soon at one of our beautiful local golf clubs.

During the summer months our events are fewer but there are still opportunities to get together at picnics in local botanical gardens.







By **Jacqueline Yates, WCI Liaison**

IWC Porto Alegre / RS / Brazil – International Report

The Porto Alegre IWC returned to its regular activities at the end of our summer vacation (March 2022). We had our traditional beginning of season luncheon mid March. In this meeting, we usually greet new members (we had 3) and announce our plans for the rest of the year.





As we have done for more than a year, we continue to help an institution that hands out a warm meal to around 200 homeless people every Saturday. Furthermore, our members have "adopted" a school in a very underprivileged area of our city. The school provides the children with a meal and after-school tutoring, and we have collected school materials to give the kids the necessary items to improve their academic performance. A week ago, we organized an event to celebrate one of our most traditional celebrations, the day of St. John.









By **Lucia Prosdócimi, President** and **Isaura Vani Riedl, WCI Liaison**

THE WOMEN'S LEAGUE OF BEIRUT

The Women's League was founded on November 3, 1919 – so on November 3, 2019, when it reached its 100's year without stopping all these years despite the several wars beginning with the First World War and the many wars that followed, yet it stayed and kept going strong.

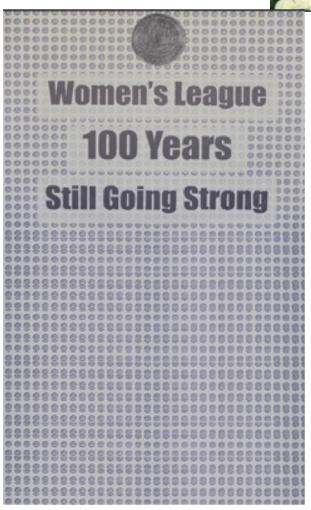
In 2019, it was decided to celebrate its Centennial then but due to the Uprising in the country followed by the two years of the Covid-19, everything was stopped due to the several lockdowns.

Now on May 30th, 2022, we found out that the bid day has finally come, and a big Centennial Celebration took place, which was attended by guests and members. This celebration became the talk of the town as it was very well organized with speeches, honoring previous presidents, a musical show by a well-known Soprano lady, and a reception. The most outstanding was a thank you speech from a physically disabled student who benefited from the Scholarship Fund of the League as the goal of the League is to help such people facing challenges.









DONATIONS

We would like to take the opportunity and say a big thank you for Dee Phillips Medawar from London for her kind Medication donation towards the Cancer Support Fund American University of Beirut Medical Center.

By **Lamia Kawar, President**

Last week some of the VIA Lebanon board members and members who were interested in working on our charity committee were invited to the Makhzoumi Foundation by its founder, Mrs. May Makhzoumi. "The Makhzoumi Foundation is a private Lebanese non-profit organization, established in 1997 by Dr. Fouad Makhzoumi and chaired by Mrs. May Naamani Makhzoumi, out of a strong desire to help empower fellow citizens to achieve self-dependence and improved career prospects. Makhzoumi Foundation developed departments, programs, and units to address the needs of the community."

We had no idea of the immense work this foundation accomplishes for the needy peoples in Lebanon: from medical services free of charge to micro-loans to empower the financial independence of families, to workshops and training for youth, support education for programs for those who cannot afford to go to school and protect families from domestic violence. It is a well-rounded organization that aims to improve the living conditions of displaced people and poverty-stricken Lebanese.

As you know we are an NGO and our interest is to help empower Lebanese women and children who are victims of domestic abuse. With the dire situation Lebanon is going through these days, any help we can provide will be helpful. After meeting the Makhzoumi Foundation, its works, staff, and more importantly for us, their commitment to helping all Lebanese, displaced peoples, and refugees in the country, regardless of their religious background, nationality, and solid reputation, we feel strongly that this is the NGO we need to collaborate with starting in the VIA Charity committee attending. We will plan this summer the ways we will be able to work together. We hope more members and friends will join us in this endeavor.



Left: **VIA Charity Committee attending the workshop by May Makhzoumi**

Below: **Board Members with VIA President Celina Rahal**





By **Rihab Ouri, WCI Liaison**

WELCOME TO COLORADO INTERNATIONAL CLUB

Our club is one of the oldest within WCI. Currently, it has around 250 members and is just recovering from the restrictions and changes imposed by Covid.

Our Board was installed on May 4, 2022. We have received numerous suggestions from members, and most are interested in keeping the club simple and friendly as it has always been from the beginning.

Our emphasis in the next two years will be on getting together more often to share a cup of coffee or tea, and to get to know each other better. We also plan to increase the number of events while enjoying games and lectures and adding fun programs.

In the past six months, we had several events, some on Zoom and two large meetings where the entire membership was invited.

The first large meeting was held on March 16 to observe International Women's Day, and the 2nd one was a Spring Brunch on May 4 to celebrate the installation of the new Board.

At International Women's Day, we had a fantastic speaker/actress who brought to life one of the most admired and controversial women in Colorado History, Margaret Brown, best known as Molly Brown. The event was well attended, and everyone was mesmerized by anecdotes and photos of the period.

The 2nd Event in May was also well attended, and one of our top Tv reporters was the keynote speaker. He entertained the membership with tales of the life of a foreign correspondent.

I have been fortunate to have so many very talented members volunteer for the different positions on my Board. I feel confident that now that Covid is more under control, we will be able to simplify and organize more fun activities for our members, and we will be able to focus more on friendship and less on instituting new rules.



By **Anne Cucchi, President**

WELCOME TO FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL CLUB

We started 2022 with an exciting program featuring a guest speaker from the Blue Zones Project. Deb Logan, a registered and licensed dietitian, shared with us easy and practical steps to healthy living. This event was a great segue to February's member Luncheon theme, where we hosted guest speaker Annabelle Tometich, an award-winning journalist, food writer, and restaurant critic. Annabelle's presentation that focused on her restaurant reviewer experience confirmed our understanding of the importance of food as a great unifier of cultures. Food has played many roles in history, cultures, and our daily lives. What we eat and how we prepare our meals are reflections of who we are, where we come from, and our experiences along the way. Annabelle spent 15 years pretending to be a French man by writing restaurant reviews as “Jean Le Boeuf” at our local papers. She is now working on a memoir about her Filipina mother and her life growing up in Southwest Florida.

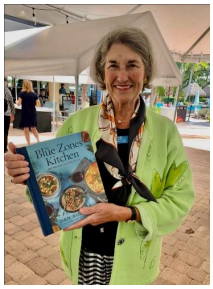
We welcomed spring with another delightful luncheon event where we invited Sheriff Kevin Rambosk to talk about security and safety matters in our city and its surroundings. The Sheriff and his law enforcement team are involved in every aspect of our county's life, from crime to community engagement to mental health issues. His presentation was thought-provoking, compelling, and eye-opening.

Another noteworthy spring event that we hold yearly and cherish is the New Member Tea. We had a fabulous outdoor tea party where we welcomed a group of future friends. We are excited to become better acquainted with these accomplished women in the upcoming season!

We ended the season with a remarkable presentation about all matters related to airports and travel. The presentation by Ben Siegel, the Executive Director of Southwest Florida International Airport (RSW), revealed to us the colossal work that goes into running an airport, from TSA checkpoints to concessions to dealing with airlines and passengers. December 2021 was the busiest in the 39-year history of the airport, reaching a new annual traffic record of more than 10.3 million passengers!

Our members thoroughly enjoyed other special events this season that included tours of art exhibits at Naples Art and the Baker Museum. We had the pleasure of attending private tours of two world-renowned exhibitions at Naples Art. The first, held in January, included the works of graffiti artist Keith Haring, whose aim was to make art accessible to all, from ordinary people on the street to visitors of posh galleries. The second tour occurred in March and featured the works of the iconic French artist Henri Toulouse-Lautrec.

We are delighted that 2021-2022 was yet another very successful season. We are grateful to all the remarkable volunteers and members who, year after year, have supported our organization and enabled WFLIC to thrive, engage, and continue to build relationships and bridges of friendship.



Registration Chair, Isabel Cutler, displaying Dan Buettner’s debut cookbook with recipes from around the world



WFLIC’s President, Maria Dines, with February’s speaker, Annabelle Tometich



A delightful get-together by members of the Spanish Conversation (Tertulia) group



Afternoon tea hosted by the German Conversation group



This season’s new members were welcomed with roses



A gathering of friends



Last luncheon of the season. From left, members Judy Korstad, Doni Shehadeh, Luba Rotsztain, Board Officers Reem Iversen, Susan Sarcevic, Donna Suddeth, and WFLIC’s President Maria Dines

By **Maria Dines, WFLIC President** and **Reem Iversen, WCI Liaison**

WELCOME TO KOREA INTERNATIONAL CLUB

2022 GENERAL ASSEMBLY

On February 22nd, 2022, 30 members got together at the Girl Scout Auditorium to hold 2022 General Meeting and a special lecture. President Jungsook Kim had an opening remark and Co-chair Minji Lee made a welcoming remark as well. The 2021 General meeting minutes got passed unanimously and members approved the 2022 plan of operation and the budget without dissent. Three new Board members were also appointed and approved by the members. President Kim also mentioned having WKIC apply and register as an NGO under the Ministry of Gender Equality and Family and the members welcomed the idea.

After the meeting, there was a special lecture by one of the Board members of WKIC, Dr. Kyungjoo Kim, the head of the Center for children's meal service management of Gurogu. She basically talked about the importance of diet and the eating habit, and the changes made after Covid 19. Such an educational and innovative lecture it was!





TRIP TO MULTICULTURAL MUSEUM

On the last day of March at 3pm, members of Welcome to Korea International Club went on a trip to Multicultural Museum located in Eunpyeong gu. Seventeen people got together and went on a tour from the 1st floor to the fifth under the guidance of the director Mr. Geert Willem. We're all very much surprised to see the collection from so many countries like Nicaragua, Kenya, Tunisia, Greece, Italy, Russia, Tajikistan, Mongolia, Indonesia, and Thailand. There were currencies from all over the world, and the traditional costumes as well. Geert told us one episode related to the Indonesian marriage costume. Indonesian Ambassador had given it to the center, but there was a specific way to dress it, so they had to wait for several months, ended up getting the instruction through the internet and finally got it done. Due to Covid19, people weren't able to go abroad. By looking at those souvenirs, some felt nostalgic and others had some hopes to visit the places and take a trip soon. After 2 hours of excursion, members went to the nearby restaurant and had some delicious dinner together.





HISTORICAL EXCURSION: SEOOREUNG ROYAL TOMBS

WKIC held the tour on Seooreung (Royal Family's Tomb during Joseon Dynasty) on April 29th. Seooreung is a name of five tombs of Joseon King's era such as Gyeongneung, Changneung, Ingneung, Myeongneung, and Hongneung. There is also Daebinmyo of Huibin Jang who left many historical anecdotes through pursuing questions from King Sukjong.

Seooreung is recognized as the world's cultural heritage based on its Confucian and geomantic tradition of unique structure and landscape architect style. It was registered as UNESCO's World Cultural Heritage on June 26, 2009.





By **Sunny Shin, WCI Liaison**

WELCOME TO LONDON INTERNATIONAL CLUB

How lovely it is to have the warmer weather as we come out of the pandemic. We are all excited to get back to some kind of normality, but now we are facing absolute chaos with the soaring cost of living and so many strikes.

However, as we come to the end of our club season, recently, we held two very lovely events. One was Ladies Day at the derby. A group of us met up at the Royal Automobile Club in Epsom just before noon and had a wonderful, fun day along with copious amounts of food and drinks. Some of us were even lucky enough to win money at the races.

The other event was a picnic to celebrate three members' birthdays at the same venue. Again, it was a glorious day and great fun.

We also savored this year's special limited edition of Baileys Eton Mess Strawberry Liqueur with strawberries which was truly yummy.

As these events signal the end of our season, may I take this opportunity and wish all our members a happy and enjoyable Summer. I look forward to the new season in September. All good wishes.

In "Friendship and understanding and understanding through education and friendship."



Picnic and celebrating three birthdays









How NOT to get into a Royal Carriage!

By **Dee Phillips Medawar, WCI Liaison**

WELCOME TO TAIPEI INTERNATIONAL CLUB

On February 15th, the 2022 Annual Registration Luncheon was held, where President Jeannie Tien gave a welcome speech and amendment of bylaws was approved; and it was also a joyous occasion to celebrate the Chinese Year of the Tiger together and we are anxious to turn a new page to execute fun and meaningful activities for our members.







On April 14th, we invited Mrs. Xiang Jen Yao as our keynote speaker for the Annual Lecture; she elaborated thoroughly on her 4-volume hefty masterpiece "the Art of Chinese Living."





Coming to the month of May, most of the Interest Groups' scheduled indoors programs were postponed due to the sharp rise of the confirmed Omicron cases. Here are some activities photos (in alphabetic order).

ART & CULTURE GROUP: (1) on March 1st: Mucha & Dali Exhibit, (2) on March 3rd: YSL Museum's Doll Festival exhibit and lunch, (3) on April 7th: "Alive Art in the Renaissance" Exhibit, and dine at Gaucho Restaurant.







EXPLORATION GROUP: (1) on February 23rd: Martin's Strawberry Farm and lunch, (2) on March 23rd: National Taiwan Museum at Railway Department Park and dine at Astoria Café, (3) on April 27th: Ching-Kuo Chi Hai Cultural Park.







GOURMET FOOD CLUB: (1) welcoming new Chair Xu Jing, (2) on February 25th lunch at Domani Italian Restaurant, (3) on March 31st : dine at Village/Private Kitchen.








By **Jessica Liu Chia, Deputy Executive Secretary**

WELCOME TO TURKISH CYPRUS CLUB

We hope you are all in good spirits. We have been more active in the last year, trying to get back to our pre-Covid activities level.

We are proud that two sportswomen, who our Club financially supported, Buse Savaskan in Athletics and Azra Yalkic in Tennis, won championships.



President Servet Erkmen receiving a Thank You placard from the elementary school we financially supported to renovate the school building.





Two sportswomen our Club financially supported, Buse Savaskan in Athletics and Azra Yalkic in Tennis, became champions.









Board Members lined up after a productive meeting.



We had lunch when our compatriot and friend Hifziye Zincir came to Cyprus.

By **Inci Musannif, Past President**

WELCOME TO WASHINGTON INTERNATIONAL CLUB

Dear Ladies,

Spring/Summer of 2022 was so eventful, averaging a remarkable 2 events per week! In fact, our calendar is still full through June.







We had red "Queen of Hearts" parties, and Citrus yellow ones. We held indoor and outdoor events. We were cerebral and celebratory.















This period was such a show of resilience in our club . We welcomed 37 new members, half of them international, into WTW this past year. Membership engagement throughout is vibrant!



Our Board also came together for several days of intense Strategic Planning to map out our future over the next 5 years.



Finally, I was so touched by the WTW surprise cake at our Spring Luncheon, featuring a Zoom meeting! This camaraderie and friendship is *priceless*!



WTW welcomes our new President, Lea Hesse, and her administration this June!

JENNY SICAT CRABBE
PRESIDENT, 2020-2022
WCI LIAISON, 2022-2024
WCI EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

By **Jenny Sicat Crabbe, WCI Liaison**

Always with great enthusiasm and happy to see each other, our monthly gatherings have been well attended, considering that we are a small club.

From the most Southern-Western corner of the USA, we send WCI members our warm regards.

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By **Maria Walker, WCI Liaison**

WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL CLUB - JAKARTA

This year 2022 has been a year of transition. In March, we have a change of WIC Executive Committee 2020-2022 to WIC Executive Committee 2022-2024. Thank you to the past WIC Executive Committee lead by Dinar Ari Wijayanti and Kremena Angelova, we have braved throught the Covid 19 Pandemic times. Our new WIC Executive Committee 2022-2024 is lead by Nina Handoko and Fay Kadaroesman Adhiwiyogo for the next two years.



WIC Jakarta Executive Committee 2020-2022



WIC Jakarta Executive Committee 2022-2024

KARTINI DAY: Our first event by the new WIC Executive Committee was "Kartini Day" at the Textile Museum. It is a talk show event with the theme "Kartini's Smile" with three speakers from the Milennials Generation. The topics are Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment. Our speakers are Sastia Prama Putri, who is a researcher at the Biotechnology in Osaka University; Adelita, who is the 1st female pilot of Boeing 777 in Indonesia; Dr. Ardita Widianti, a veternarian who shares her passion in caring for the animals in the zoo; and Denica Riadini-Flesh, an entrepreneur who believes in women empowerment, trains women in creating ecologically friendly batiks with natural dyes, and equips women with skills. It is wonderful to see the accomplishments of women today; fulfilling their dreams, educated and excel in their different professions.





LEBARAN DAY: Our second event was at Gran Melia Hotel to celebrate "Lebaran Day" which is the Muslim new year. We are very thankful, in this event, as Indonesia open up again after the pandemic, we had over 100 members with Honorary members from 21 countries participating with us. It was festive. We were so happy meeting and greeting as many of us have not met for two years.



WIC SOCIAL WELFARE: The WIC Jakarta Social Welfare Committee is the team who works to support institutions or orphanages as Foster Aunts, who take care of the institutions by providing their essential needs and visiting them once a month. Before the pandemic situation, we have 15 institutions to be supported, but currently, we only could support 8 institutions, which 5 are children orphanages and 3 are for seniors. We also have several main activities, there are Children's Day, Senior's Day, Caretaker's/Teacher's Training, and White Elephant.









We are grateful that our members and honorary members are active and supportive with our club. As our WIC President Nina and Vice president Fay mentioned, Michelle Obama once said that "there is no limit to what we, as women, can accomplish." Our members are of different nationalities, different ages, different backgrounds, and different fields of expertise. But, we are all united in our common motto of "friendship through understanding" that despite our differences, there is not limit to what we as women of the Women's International Club can accomplish together. We are glad to present to our E-WIC Jakarta Journal 2022. Please enjoy the articles and readings: https://anyflip.com/eguqa/eqqh

By **See Mun Leong, WCI Liaison**