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Dear ladies,

I love the Sister Club News . When I was the WCI Liaison for the International Women's Club of New England, I enjoyed putting our report together because I could look back over the previous six months and see the smiling faces of my club's members delighting in each other's company. It made me feel that I was part of something much bigger than myself.

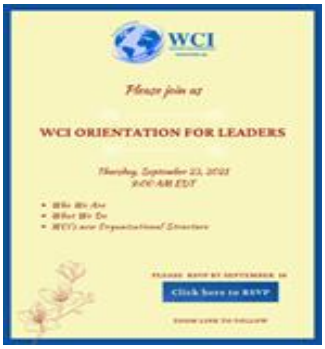
I still look forward to the Sister Club News and reading about our dynamic network of clubs around the world. The photos are different, but the message from each club is the same: our values of friendship and understanding are alive and well.

Now more than ever, the Sister Club News is playing a vital role in maintaining our sense of togetherness during a time when we aren't able to be together. How comforting it is to know that we are still here, in spite of a global health crisis, bans on travel, and quarantines. I believe our organization will emerge from this period stronger than ever, with a clearer perspective on our value to the world.

Thank you for taking the time to share your club's memories. It matters to us all.

Sending very best wishes to all of our clubs for a happy and healthy 2022.

Linda Anderson
WCI President
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Last year has been like no other . WCI needed to adapt , restructure and reorganize in order to continue moving forward . As Vice President of Programs , together with our President and Vice Presidents , our programming objectives are always focused in fulfilling WCI's mission and visions,especially during this unprecedented time.



Our first programming goal is to provide clearer and deeper understanding about WCI and its newly granted consultative status in the ECOSOC of the UN. Two virtual events for WCI Leaders were planned to achieve this. The first was the " Orientation for WCI Leaders " in September . On this day, I explained about the foundation of WCI , its past , present and future . Thereafter , in November , Maria Fernanda Arduino , head of the WCI UN Council delivered a highly informative presentation on "WCI's evolving relationship with the United Nations ". Pleased with high attendance in both of these events and the positive feedbacks we received , we hope to continue with similar programs in the coming years



This year , another programming goal is to introduce new sustainable programs and events . Thus , is my pleasure to announce our new REGIONAL PERSPECTIVES program , a series of webinars focusing on the different WCI regions around the world . Through these webinars , we can share information and deeper understanding of each other, explore topics and issues that are currently relevant in the different WCI regions , presented by expert guest speakers, and helped organized by our Regional Directors and Sister Clubs.

On February 14 , 2022 we will have the Regional Perspectives : MIDDLE EAST , our very first webinar of this series. Grateful for the assistance of our WCI Ambassador-at-Large, Aida Armaly, we are honored to have Dr . Lina AbiRafeh , a renowned specialist on women's rights in the Arab region . I hope many of you will take this great opportunity to hear directly from an accomplished expert on the current conditions of women in the Middle East.

Throughout the year, we will continue to bring you more programs and events that are not only interesting and relevant but can also help inspire each one of us to make positive impacts in the world!

In Friendship,

Vena Velarde Iverse VP Programs

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EDITOR 'S ZONE

SCN Editor

RIHAB OUR

Dear Honorable friends,
Happy New Year to you and your families. May the New Year 2022 bring you more happiness, success, love and blessings! Praying that you have a truly remarkable and blissful year ahead! I'm blessed to know that I have friends like you in my life .

The Sister Club Newsletter is still alive and kicking due to the full cooperation of a long list of individuals who have been committed and have contributed with great tenacity and resilience during the pandemic . In short, I couldn't have completed the Sister Club Newsletter had it not been for the help I received from many of you

Further, I am glad to express my gratitude to all the clubs and their respective presidents and liaisons who sent me their reports in a timely manner including memorable photos in spite of the difficult days the whole world has been enduring.

I hope you will enjoy this issue
Warm Regards,
Rihab Ouri

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Our Festive Christmas Luncheon



AGIWA's traditional Christmas luncheon was held once again at the elegant

Anglo German Club in Hamburg, this year under 2G Plus regulations Correspondingly , all the 22 ladies who attended were not only fully vaccinated but had also been tested and so, once the staff had checked our documents on our arrival, we were free to meet and chat without wearing masks. Raffle tickets for the children's charity "Hamburg macht Kinder gesund " and Christmas cards in aid of the English Church were on sale, and ladies contributeod generously . It was wonderful to see so many happy faces again and have the opportunity to catch up on each other's news while enjoying our welcome drinks.When we had taken our seats in the spacious dining room at one table for eight and two for seven , the lively talk continued until Jane Harding , our Chairwoman warmly welcomed us. She thanked all those who have contributed to the monthly circuutelars which have helped to keep our club going during the pandemic. On behalf of us all,

Jane congratulated Marie-Claude Seiller on her special birthday with a bouquet of flowers . In keeping with our club tradition , Antje Thietz -Bartram recited her poem "Weihnachtsgedanken 2021 " (Christmas Thoughts), which Susan Lau read in the English translation. Antje then expressed her thanks to Jane for all the hard work she has done for AGIWA in this difficult time, a sentiment which was clearly shared by all the ladies present. Whilst we were enjoying a lovely meal with wine, chatter and laughter could be heard from all the tables , so everyone seemed to truly appreciate this chance to meet up after such a long , enforced separation . After the main course , the raffle was drawn and a host of attractive prizes (champagne , a Thalia book voucher , a Douglas cosmetics voucher, boxes of chocolates , two books by Antje and six leather flowers created by Margot Jansen) were handed over to the lucky winners . A big thank -you went to Margot and Antje for their donations . Over dessert followed by coffee or tea, the afternoon slowly drew to a close and it was dark outside when the last guests took their leave . Everyone was happy that , despite the unpredictability of the pandemic , we had seized this opportunity to come together again and to show that our club is still alive and strong.



By Susan Lau
Member of Anglo -German International Women's Association Hamburg, Germany

BROWARD INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S CLUB

SCHOLARSHIPS

Dear Sister Clubs, Welcome Clubs International, Greetings from Broward International Women's Club (BIWC) of Fort Lauderdale.
First of all, we wish all of you a very Happy, Safe and Healthy New Year. Our thoughts once again are with those of you who may have suffered or lost loved ones during this terrible Covid Pandemic. Unlike last year, we are able to start face to face events and enjoyed our biggest fundraising event, Night of All Nations in November where we presented Nova Southeastern University with a check for $ 20,000 which enabled 4 students to continue their education . We also gave a 5th student a scholarship from the Carmen Stride scholarship fund, donated by the family in memory of their mother who had been a devoted member of BIWC.

We have just enjoyed a fabulous Holiday Lunch event with fashion show and raffles which everyone enjoyed immensely . Isabel Etkin, a member of Welcome to Florida International Club on the West Coast of Florida attended our Holiday Lunch and we hope to do a combined event in the future. We are an active vibrant group of ladies representing 40 countries and 126 members. In spite of Covid 19, our membership has survived and we will shortly be holding our January Membership Meeting held in a private home with a wonderful international buffet, provided by our members.
The Board of Directors of the Broward International Women's Club wishes all of our Sister Clubs a Healthy and Happy New Year.



By Dr. Winnifred McPherson, BIWC President and Janet Brady, WCI Co-Liaison





Ulrike Westermann

Necrology

In silent sadness we say goodbye to who passed away at the age of 73 years after a long illness on December 27th, 2021. Ulrike was a remarkable person and a very much appreciated member of our International Women's Club, Hamburg.

In the noughties as Vice President , later as a passionate and enthusiastic coordinator of our prestigious club activity , the art group , and from 2018 until 2020 as President of our club. She touched the lives of many other members with her kind spirit, her dedication to the club and her integrity. We will always remember her for being such a distinguished lady , who wore silk scarves and who listened to everyone with an open mind.

She will not only be dearly missed in the WCI family but in ours as well.

May she rest in peace.

By Monique Beermann
President-International Women's Club,Hamburg Germany

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S CLUB OF NEW ENGLAND

Award of Lucille Gentch with the Marian Adair Spirit Award

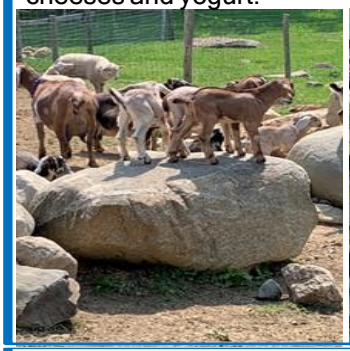
It has been a year full of activities IWCNE. We have all been so very anxious to get out and get together and see each other.The executive board held its first in person board meeting in June and its first in person luncheon at the end of July. It was by the commitment of many members that in so many creative ways kept us going through Newsletters , monthly meetings on zoom , picnics with social distancing and successful raffles that we could support our charities.

In May we celebrated the WCI 35th anniversary . We also did some other outdoor activities in May such as a potting event at a garden center and we also visited a goat and sheep farm where we could pet and hold the animals plus taste their cheeses and yogurt . **We nominated and awarded Lucille Gentch with the Marian Adair Spirit Award** to represent our club for outstanding contributions to keep our club together by creating inspiring and fun Newsletters.

In ~~June~~ we went strawberry picking at another farm in southern Maine and we also had our first outdoor picnic this month followed by several others throughout the season . We also had a few Beach Zumba events with get togethers afterwards at a members' home.

In July we went to a German Beer Garden in the Foothills of the White Mountains that not only served wonderful beer but also German inspired dishes .**Second largest fundraiser and fun fashion**

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In August we hosted a Craft Fair. We wanted to replace our indoor Christmas Fair with an outdoor Craft Fair since we were uncertain if a Christmas Fair even could take place in November. We had several vendors selling clothing , jewelry , photography , skin care products , woodworking and more. We also sold raffle tickets for restaurant meals , Playhouse theater tickets , and vendor donations . In addition we had a bake table and also served sandwiches, donuts, scones and coffee.



In August our luncheon was also well attended . The craft fair became the second largest fundraiser this year and fun fashion . The models were all members of our club . This year we raised $16 ,000 for 4 charities for women and children , which we will divide evenly between the charities . Our donations were $14,700in 2019 and $15, 000in 2020
.Our membership also increased from 100 at the beginning of the year to 110 at the end of the year

.It has taken leadership from our President Mariene Benoit for the last two years and dedication from our Board of Directors and members to achieve our mission to foster friendship and understanding among people of different nations and to support charities that assist women and children.

By Margareta Claesson , IWCNE Liaison to WCI

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S CLUB OF PHILADELPHIA



Members of the IWCP were very happy to get together again at The Radnor Hotel to celebrate our-in person start of a new season with a celebratory dinner. Our energetic newly elected president Monika Panger welcomed all and offered a peek into our exciting Fall programs.

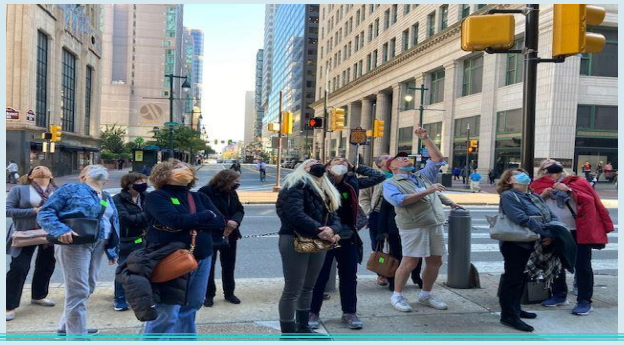
Welcome Back Dinner September 21

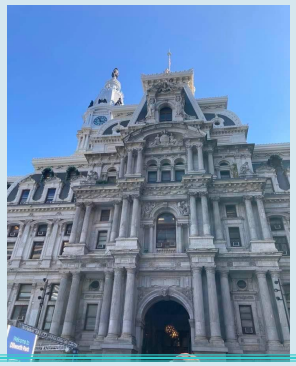






On October 13 about twelve IWCP members enjoyed a guided tour through Philadelphia to learn about the city's many buildings that feature Art Deco, Art Modern and/or Art Nouveau architecture:





On a beautiful Fall day some IWCP members enjoyed a guided tour of Philadelphia's City Hall:



We were again able to meet for our monthly Happy Hours in the city and suburbs, and both French and Italian groups held pot-luck lunches.The Book Club met again in person, and our monthlpot-luck lunches and expat dinners with spouses resume as well.Our December Holiday dinner was held at the beautiful Merion Cricket Club, designed by architect Frank Furness.



If the weather cooperates we hope to enjoy more outdoor outings in the Spring.We are all proud of the IWCP Board for arranging so many opportunities for our members to meet and engage in spite of Covid restrictions.

German Breakfast was held on a balmy Fall day on October 14 at a member's house:

By Jacqueline Yates, WCI Liaison

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S CLUB - PORTO ALEGRE





Even though 2021 was a year of many difficulties, IWC Porto Alegre managed to "keep alive". Since sectors of our community had been hit hard by consequences of Covid, the Club organized several campaigns . We donated school material to 60 children who are in an afterschool Project . We distributed 100 kits ,each containing basic food items to feed a family for a month . Throughout the year we have had involvement with a project that hands out to 200 homeless citizens ; once a week they are given food , drinks , clothing , higiene products and so on. We purchased kitchen devices for an institution that cares for handicap children All that came from our annual fees and extra contribution by our members put Donate at the top.

Once vaccination had reached a third dosage for our members and families , we started to get together . In October we had a spring luncheon at a member´s residence and, finally , two weeks ago, we reunited members and spouses for a celebration of the companionship that kept us together during 2021 and , several times , was an instrument of comfort for many of us.
On behalf of IWC Porto Alegre I would like to send you all our warm wishes of a very happy Christmas Season. Stay safe. We hope that 2022 is filled with lots of good health, happiness and prosperity.

















By Isaura Riedl, WCI Liaison

THE WOMEN'S LEAGUE OF BEIRUT



The Women's League decided to move on and restart its activities after the lapse of the two last years due to Covid-19 and its derivatives and the difficult situation in Lebanon.
What a better time to resume our activities than this holy Christmas Season . So on December 6, 2021 , we prepared a presentation related to Christmas about love, joy and giving which was given by a Priest named Father Nicolas Smaira and which was liked by all the members attending . Also we were happy to have with us our friend , Tenor Maria Matar , who enchanted us by her lovely voice and accompanied on the Piano by one of our members with their Christmas Carols . Everybody was happy to go back to the Campus of the American University of Beirut , where we used to meet before the pandemic.
Also we had a Christmas luncheon in a Philanthropic Society in order to help needy people at this special season . Earlier we managed to conduct a trip to the South of Lebanon . First we roamed around the city of Tyre (Sour) where we visited a park and then had lunch in a beautiful restaurant overlooking the sea.
It is important to mention here that the proceeds of all these activities is donated to our Scholarship Fund , (the Disabled Students Fund) thru which we help each year a physically disabled student at the American University in Beirut in part of his needs. Here to wish everybody a Merry and Joyful Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year.

















By Lamia Kawar, WL President

VIA LEBANON INTERNATIONAL CLUB

(Vision of International Awareness)



Dear WCI ladies!

We hope you all enjoyed the Holidays and the New Year celebrations with your friends and loved ones.

As of last year, 2021, the first five months we were practically always in lockdown because of the pandemic and the protests to the dire economic situation Lebanon is facing. We did nothing but share online cultural videos and wrote long newsletters to keep everyone connected. In May we had our first coffee meeting and many members showed up. They were tired of being locked up at home. We continued the coffee meetings , which led to lunch meetings , and finally we went on tours around the country once again. We did not take a summer break, but continued all the way to December ! We toured the northern areas of the country, Batroun, visited wineries, we also toured the ancient city of Saida, Sidon, despite sporadic protests in the city streets. We dared to tour the south of Lebanon to the city of Jezzine visiting quaint areas in the south of Lebanon. Heading back, large protests were taking place in Beirut. We rushed back to find many blocked roads, but we finally reached downtown where protesters were burning tires near where we parked our cars. Luckily, there were no incidents and we all got home. I guess you can say that we have all learned to adjust to the daily situations happening in the streets. One day it is peaceful and calm, and another can suddenly look menacing. Looking back, despite all the challenges we realized that once we are all out together enjoying nature and the beautiful settings in this tiny country , we forget our troubles and appreciate the peaceful moments we get to spend together. Three years ago, we would take it all for granted. Today, we treasure every opportunity.

God willing this year, which also is filled with political and economic challenges, we hope to continue whenever possible to meet and keep our members connected.

This month we will have a small coffee meeting next week to review our year with our members . At the end of the month we look forward to enjoy a lovely literary program started by our friend, Fatiha Bedran , called the Cultural Club, where we review passages of famous books, documentaries , and poems to discuss them together in an impromptu setting. It has become one of our most popular activities at VIA.

We hope to start a culinary club where our members can share international recipes from their countries with each other and when possible, get to meet chefs throughout the year.

We also will continue our tours and lunch gatherings whenever the weather and the pandemic allows us. It is going to be challenging , we know , but we are all excited to start. The world sees Lebanon as a country that has died. It is in really bad shape, but all of us who are still here and return are trying to hold on to the essence of this land. All countries go through troubled times, but like we learned in a trip to the north of Beirut, at Nahr El Kalb, recently, where we find steels with the names of long gone conquerors who claimed this land, Napoleon , Nebuchanasser ,the Roman emperors.. they all came, and they all left, but this land remained. As long as it remains and we are still here, we are determined to enjoy its beautiful sunsets and learn about its beautiful culture. Hopefully someday soon things improve so you can all come and see for yourselves what makes this place so special to us.



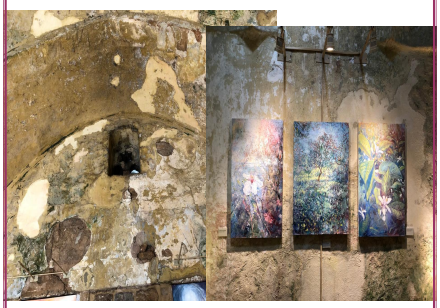
Enjoying a tour in Juneih Lebanon



At the Crusaders Castles in Sidon Lebanon



At the Roman Aqueduct is still working

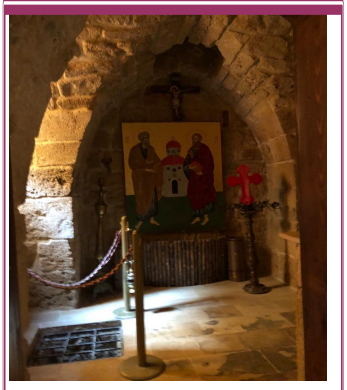


Art Exhibitionat an old ottoman bath in Sidon



Roman amphitheaterthat is still in use in Beirut

The culture of Lebanon is the cross culture of various civilizations over thousands of years. Originally home to the Phoenicians, and then subsequently conquered and occupied by the Assyrians, the Persians, the Greeks, the Romans, the Arabs , the Crusaders , the Ottoman Turks and most recently the French.



The little room in Sidon where apostle Paul would stay on his pilgraage



Learning all about the herb thyme in the south of Lebanon



An old Crusaders Castle in the norh of Lebanon



Visiting the sculptures of the brothers Rahani

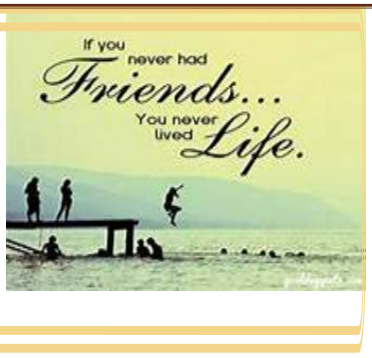


Protetsers in Beirut

By Celina Cantos ,VIA President

WELCOME TO COLORADO INTERNATIONAL CLUB









A second highlight of the year was our Celebration of Friendship & Life, held in late July at a local country club with more than 100 members and guests in attendance, many wearing their national dress.1111











PresidentDianeLenfest-Gal & Kare Weslar

2021 was an eventful year at Welcome to Colorado International Club. In March, we hosted acclaimed local actor, Susan Marie Frontczak, who performed the life of 20th C physicist and Nobel Prize-winner Marie Curie, for our International Women's Day celebration. She was introduced remotely by our WTC president in Denver and the actor participated in a virtual Q&A from her home in Boulder, Colorado, an amazing electronic coup. We invited WCI Sister Clubs and had 100 attendees!





Other 2021 programs included the life of Vincent Van Gogh, the history and treatment of vertigo, and Florence Nightingale, founder of modern nursing. We enjoyed our superb Book Club and Book Reviews and in summer, walked in a beautiful nature preserve. In fall, we presented in-person and virtual programs: Exploring Denver Food & Wine included wine tasting at a member 's home, happy hour at a great fish house, and lunch at the Denver Art Museum. History & Culture of All Nations presented the life of famed German scientist Alexander von Humboldt, and a member showed her photographic journey through Ethiopia. We visited the Museum of Outdoor Arts and when our Fall Coffee had to move out of doors because of Covid, we switched to box lunches and enjoyed the great outdoors! We attended a wonderful music concert, A Night Around the World, and toured Never Pay Retail (NPF) clothing boutique with the owner. We enjoyed an Indian Lunch with East African Flavor and A Swedish Lunch. We also were treated to a delicious backyard lunch by a WTC member who told us her life story.



By Diane Lenfest-Gal, WTC President

WELCOME TO FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL CLUB



On December 8, we kicked off our event calendar with a festive gathering of members and guests in the beautiful Kensington Golf and Country Club. On this happy occasion, the first in-person meeting since March 2020, our newly elected President, Maria Dines, introduced the Board and thanked all the dedicated volunteers. Our members and volunteers have diligently supported our Club with positivity, kindness, and creativity throughout the pandemic . Thanks to their steadfastness and enthusiasm , Welcome to Florida International Club (WFLIC) remained relevant and robust throughout a challenging year and a half. We celebrated this meeting of friends with a spectacular presentation by our guest speaker Paul Arsenault , who took us on painting journeys to faraway landscapes worldwide . We visited the Caribbean , Central and South America , Indonesia , Australia , and parts of the Middle East through his watercolor paintings . A native of Montreal , Paul Arsenault arrived in Hingham , Massachusetts , at a young age, and that is where his passion for the sea and world travel first emerged . He later made our great city of Naples , Florida, his home base.

WFLIC continues to thrive as a hub of international friendship and cultural exchange with the addition of new members and the organization of over twenty different interest groups , a stellar lineup of guest speakers , and exciting special events .WFLIC's Board and members wish everyone the most propitious 2022 ,filled with health , memorable adventures , and flourishing friendships.



December 8 Luncheon at Kensington
From left, Maria Dines (WFLIC President 2021-2023), Board Officers Tina Nicholson , Cynthia Lynch , guest speaker Paul Arsenault, Board Officers Reem Iversen , Donna Suddeth, and Susan Sarcevic.





WFLIC
Volunteers enjoying refreshments and good conversations





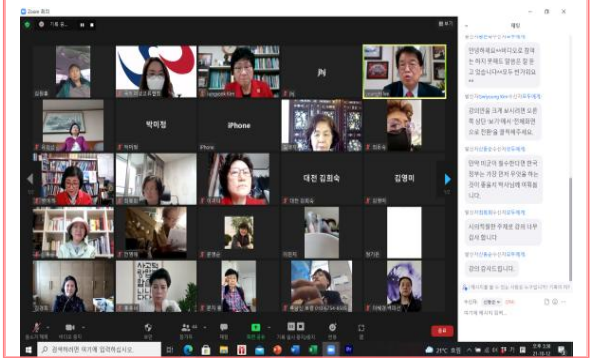
All About Hong Kong
An Interest Group meeting to discuss the history , geography , traditions , and economy of Hong Kong . The afternoon ended with members enjoying Hong Kong -inspired dishes prepared by host Ghislaine Blomquist.

By Reem Iversen Liaison Photos by Donna Suddeth Treasurer

WELCOME TO KOREA INTERNATIONAL CLUB

Online Special Lecture on the Afghanistan Situation and Impact on Women

On Tuesday , October 12th, 2021 , Welcome to Korea International Club (WKIC) held a special lecture on the situation in Afghanistan , focusing on the impact on women. Specialist Dr. Choonkun Lee gave a speech through Zoom for an hour .Approximately 40 members participated . The main focus was how the political situation changes the lives of women and the people around them. Additionally, Dr. Lee covered the historic background of the present situation and the significanceof the military withdrawal based on various facts . Participants were particularly eagerto know the contrast between Korea and Afghanistan. WKIC is trying to extend thepursuit of lifelong education to the general public and this on-line digital platform proved to be effective for that purpose.



Historic Tour to Changgyeonggung Palace



In the history , Changgyeong Palace was designed primarily as a residence for elders of the royal family to live during the Joseon Dynasty (1392-1910). We found that Changgyeong Palace originally had no garden of its own because the residents shared the garden behind Changdeok Palace . The two compounds were directly connected. November 5th was a beautiful autumn day. Twenty people got together in front of the main gate of Changgyeong Palace and enjoyed the stroll around the palace . In groups of two or three , members took pictures under the trees, sat down around the pond ' Chundangji ' for a brief rest, or greeted one another sharing personal matters. Great way to get away from the busy life and feel the wonders of nature.

The 5th Anniversary celebration

On we had our 5th-anniversary celebration . Due Wednesday , December 15th at 2:30 pm , to the pandemic and strict restriction of the government policy, we're worried that we might not be able to hold the birthday party , but it went pretty well . Over 80 people including ambassadors and officers of the foreign embassy came to celebrate on the 18th floor, Press Center . After singing the national anthem , President Jungsook Kim introduced the guests and gave a welcoming speech. Among the invited guests were former members of the National Assembly . Dr. Chongin Kim, the General election commissioner of People Power party , Ms. Kyungwon Na, the former member of the National Assembly , Dr. Baeyong Lee, the former president of Ewha Women 's University , and Dr. Jungsook Suh , a member of the National Assembly.



Quite a renowned people. Ambassadors from UAE and the Phillippines gave a fabulous congratulatory messages . A special award , A Marian Adair Spirit Award , was presented to Ms. Youngbock Lee , a Board member of WKIC for herexcellent leadership and contribution to the growth of WKIC. There was also a congratulatory performance by Prof. Kyungjun Park, a baritone . He sang ‘Chanson du Toreador ’ of Bizet ’s opera ‘Carmen ’ and ‘One Nice Day in October ’. The Raffle took place instead of Toast due to the COVID-19. Eighty-four gifts were ready to go, and people were so thrilled as the drawing went on.

By Sunny Shin, WCI Liaison

WELCOME TO LONDON INTERNATIONAL CLUB





I was delighted that we were having a Christmas lunch in person after all the seperation of Covid .Finding our group in the Restaurant , it was so good to see friends again . I was particularly delighted to see Kim Reidel , who has been doing so much for WCI . It is a celebration , and a fond farewell Christmas . Lunch along with past President
Kim Riedel who was also presented with her farewell present in London from Dee Medawar





Royal Horticultural Society, Wisley Garden Visit

Wisley is one of the world 's great gardens and as it was an evening outdoor event we wrapped up warmly As the garden came alive with fantastical illuminations we wandered the enchanting trail around the garden to see some of Wisley 's iconic sights in a new dazzling light . We marveled at the magnificent trees and shrubs bathed in a spectrum of light while watching the pyroclastic dancing to wandered classical music.It was truly a very enjoyable and romantic evening.





Lord Mayors Show This is the Lord Mayors Lunch and they called an Uber after and look what arrived

It was a Saturday morning when some of our members attended the LMS which is full of pomp and ceremony and consists of many floats. London has two mayors . One is the Mayor of London and the other is the City of London .The Lord Mayor 's Show dates back to 1215 when King John granted a charter allowing the citizens of London to elect their own mayor . Every year the new mayor hosts a show which consists of many floats and must travel from the City of London to the Palace of Westminster to swear loyalty to the crown in the gilded coach as seen here .There is also a wonderful ceremonial lunch which follows the show at the Guildhall.



Lovely gathering the ladies enjoying the beauty of nature taking into consideration social distancing .

Jocelyn Jones one of the founders of Welcome to London and FIWAL with Eshrat and Dee In Warsash.



By Dee Phillips Medawar ,WCI Liaison

WELCOME TO TAIPEI INTERNATIONAL CLUB







Our Annual Registration Meeting was held on March 30th, a new Board and Club President were elected, the baton of the club was handed to Mme. Jeannie Tien; and we also celebrated our club's 35th anniversary.







Since May 15th, the pandemic alert was raised to level three; in accordance, a notice of temporary suspension of all activities was issued to our members. We held our Board Meetings and Annual Lecture via webinar- the topic of the lecture is "Eating for our Life in Taiwan", given by our dear members-Janet Malanga, an US credited dietitian.







We are lucky that the Covid confirmed cases has been well contained, and indoors and outdoors activities regulations are readjusted; so our Annual Autumn Excursion to Miaoli Chrysanthemum Field was done on November 18th.







The most celebrated time of the year-end event-Christmas Luncheon was held on December 14th; it was also a platform for our fourteen Interest Groups members to showcase their talents and celebrate the past year in video









International Cooking Demo is still the most popular among our fourteen Interest Groups ; this year Korean Representative spouse Mme. Yunsun Kang Lee and India's Mme. Harsha Dass graciously and generously sponsored two successful programs. Through these wonderful cultural exchange programs, we build up more mutual understanding and friendship.

By deputy executive secretary Jessica Jen-hwey Liu Chia

WELCOME TO TURKISH CYPRUS CLUB

RENOVATE SCHOOL





We assisted Tuncer Elementary School that was in need for renovations









The following events were mainly giving assistance to two education facilities for children with disabilities . Karakum and Algim respectively.

This is all for now, hoping that next time we will be able to do more. Best form everyone in Northern Cyprus.

By Zeynep Akgunay, WTCC President

WELCOME TO WASHINGTON INTERNATIONAL CLUB

Welcome To Washington Recent Events

Fall Tea 2021



Our Club's Presidents



Honorary Guests



Tour of Montpelier



Potomac Paddle Boat Tour



Holiday Crafting & Decorating

Winter 2021-2022



Gourmet Cooking with Sahar



American Homemade Thanksgiving



Breakfast at Tiffany's



Beauty Will Save the World Arts Club of Washington



Ultimate Insiders: White House Photographer

Winter 2021- 2022



Embassy of Pakistan



Inside the Artist's Studio: Joan Danziger



Gardening Group VA Museum of Fine Aerts



Telling Our Stories: Jenny Crabbe



Haunted Houses of DC

WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL BORDER CLUB

Visiting Oceanside Museum of Art, exhibition "20 Women Now"





After more than a year, and when most of us were vaccinated, our president Elizabeth Long and our former president Mona Beizai resumed our in person gatherings. At the beginning, we held picnics taking advantage of San Diego's beach parks, later on we adventured to have lunch at the outdoor seating restaurants. At the end the Omicron menace made us to cancel our C hristmas gathering.





We made a field trip to the Oceanside Museum of Art, to see the exhibition "20 Women Now", **where Julia San Roman 2nd from left , WIC Marian Adair Award artist, participated** . The pandemic motivetad the artist ponder the vulnerability and sacrifies made by families, the women's struggles, resilence, their power - weather as leaders, activists, mothers or essential workers.



By Elizabeth Long, WIBC President

WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL CLUB - JAKARTA



Before renovating

WIC JAKARTA REPORT (December 2021).
On Wednesday, 27 October 2021
Our Social Welfare Committee also began working on the Nuri's project. Nuri is a Senior ' Center in a very poor neighbourhood at central of Jakarta . We started renovating 2 public toilets and 1 public bathroom . This project finished by the mid-December 2021.



After renovating



On Monday, 29 November 2021, we had a gathering for our Honorary Members (spouse of Ambassadors and Heads of Mission to Indonesia and ASEAN). We presented our Fund Raising Plans in 2022 : Spring Charity Bazaar and Annual Charity Bazaar 2022.



On Monday, 6 December 2021, we celebrated our Year -End Party and our 71 st Anniversary which was supposed to have been held on March 2021 but because of the prolongation of the restrictions on activities from the government , we had to postpone it until the situation permitted us.

On Saturday,11 December 2021 we had an outing for our Scholarship students. We visited Satria Mandala Museum -Jakarta.





Our last event in December 2021 was "Hari Ibu" (Women's Day) on Wednesday, 22 December 2021. This was Women's Day in Indonesia and was celebrated nationally on December 22. This date was inaugurated by President Soekarno under the Decree of the President of the Republic of Indonesia No. 316 of 1959 dated December 16, 1959 , on the 25th anniversary of the 1928 Indonesian Women 's Congress . The date was chosen to celebrate the spirit of Indonesian women and to raise awareness of the nation and state. This, was again held as a hybrid event. Meanwhile our routine activities still on going with high spirits: Executive Committee and various Committee Meetings, Online Shop, Yoga Circle , Batik Webinars , Happy Hour Circle , Cooking Class , Bingo Circle , Bridge Circle and Fun Walk Circles . All activities remain hybrid (offline and online via zoom and youtubPlease visit our website www .wic-jakarta .or.id, Facebook , Instagram and Youtube Channel WIC Jakarta.

By Ari Wijayanti Nugroho, WIC Jakarta President