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*Friendship Through Understanding - Understanding Through Education & Friendship*



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WCI sends warm greetings to all the Sister Clubs as we open the New Year. We are certainly hoping for a healthy, happy year!

Clubs south of the equator are in their summer months — we wish them a restful time of year. Clubs north of the equator are in full swing. The variety of activities in each club is astonishing. The number of women participating is inspiring. The friendships being built are rewarding. As you look over the photos, notice the joy and pleasure on the women’s faces. We belong to a remarkable organization!

Enjoy this outstanding issue of the Sister Club News.

With joy in this cross-cultural adventure, your friends —

*Caroline Adair Dimmers*  
*Eshrat Demougeot*

# WCI NEWS



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WCI cordially invites you to  
**Regional Perspectives:**

## ASIA



### “Aging Gracefully”

with **Mrs. Eva Sabdono**

Chairman of the Board of Trustees - Alzheimer's Indonesia (ALZI)

**Tuesday, 7 February 2023**

**9:00 a.m. EST**

**Eva Sabdono** is internationally renowned for her work and advocacy in improving the quality of life for the elderly. She has advised various Ministries in Indonesia, spoken at the ASEAN, the U.N., the World Health Organization among others. She chairs the Board of Trustees for Alzheimer's Indonesia (ALZI), and is the Executive Director of Yayasan Emong Lansia, which promotes a fulfilling life for older Indonesians.

She is held in fond esteem as President of WIC Jakarta, our WCI sister club, from 1990-1992.

**Registration is Now Open**

This event is open to all WCI Club Members and their Guests

## EDITORS' ZONE

**SCN Editor**  
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**Copy & Design Editor**  
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**Here's to a bright New Year!**

Looking Back with Gratitude—Looking Ahead with Hope.

Before moving forward, I would like to share my gratitude for all we accomplished in 2022. As we move forward, I am hopeful we will continue working together to make SCN a shining star of 2023! I am thankful to all of you for the opportunity to serve as your Editor for the past twelve years.

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*Dear Ladies,*

*It is with great pleasure that I would like to invite you to our first WCI's virtual Parallel Event,*

***“Empowering Women and Girls through Friendship, Understanding, and Education Beyond Borders in the Digital Age”***

*The sixty-seventh session of the [Commission on the Status of Women](#) (CSW67) will take place from 6 to 17 March 2023.*

*Representatives of [Member States](#), United Nations (UN) entities, and [Economic and Social Council \(ECOSOC\) accredited non-governmental organizations \(NGOs\)](#) from all regions of the world are invited to contribute to the session.*

*The Themes for CSW67 are:*

***Priority theme:*** *Innovation and technological change, and education in the digital age for achieving gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls.*

***Review theme:*** *Challenges and opportunities in achieving gender equality and the empowerment of rural women and girls (agreed conclusions of sixty-second session).*

*WCI's Parallel Event will show the work that our Sister Clubs do in the five continents: South America, North America, Europe, the Middle East, and Asia. We are honoured to have six outstanding panelists who represent WCI membership in all its diversity and richness.*

*Looking forward to sharing this first WCI's Parallel Event with each one of you.*

*Kind Regards,*

*Maria Fernanda Arduino*

*Director of WCI UN Council*



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**Don't Miss WCI's Upcoming Virtual Program**

## **CSW67 Forum Parallel Event**

**Empowering Women and Girls through Friendship, Understanding,  
and Education Beyond Borders in the Digital Age**

**Tuesday, 7 March 2023**

**9:00-10:30 a.m. EST**

**Save The Date**

## A TRIBUTE TO HER MAJESTY QUEEN ELIZABETH II

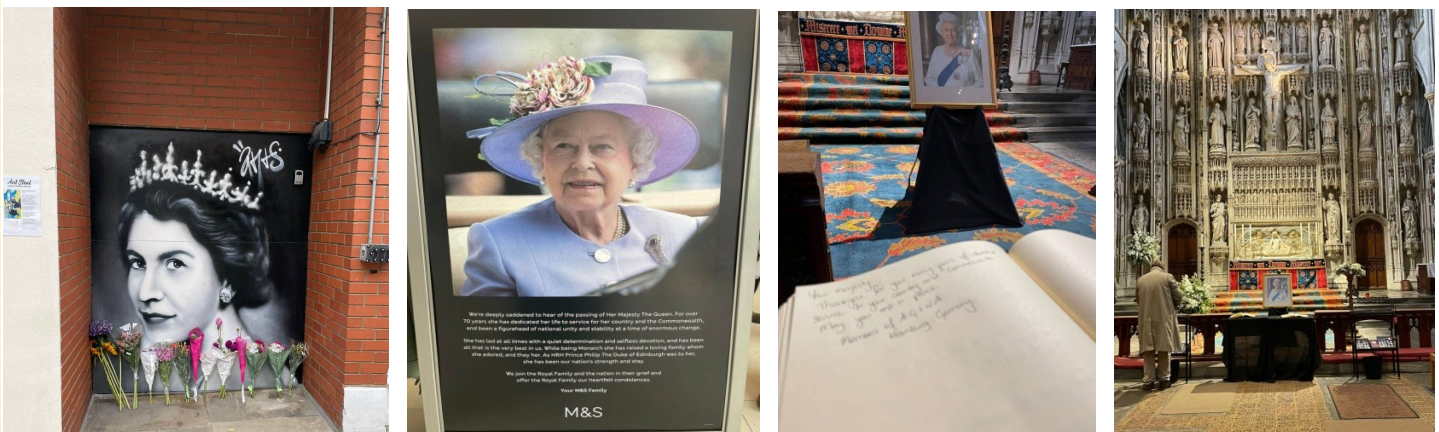
Watching the funeral of Her Majesty The Queen on television, I was impressed by the splendour and dignity of the occasion, and, at the same time, my emotions were sadness mixed with gratitude. Many AGIWA members, not just British ones like me, felt the same, so I began to think about what The Queen meant for our club.

The Queen almost certainly did not know that AGIWA exists, yet she was important to us in many ways – so important that we celebrated her 90th birthday and recently her Platinum Jubilee at the Anglo-German Club. It was an honour for AGIWA's chairwoman to be invited by the British Honorary Consul in Hamburg to the annual Queen's Birthday Celebration at the same venue. Englishwoman Jill Oakeshott, the wife of the then British Consul in Hamburg, founded AGIWA as the Anglo-German Women's Association 56 years ago, and Jill's daughter, Catherine, is a member of our club today. Our ties with Britain have remained strong, surviving Brexit's (in my opinion) tragedy. We are proud that the British Ambassador to Germany in Berlin, Jill Gallard CMG, is our honorary patron. This summer Jane, our Chairwoman, had the pleasure of meeting Jill in Hamburg.

As a public figure, the Queen stood for stability in a rapidly changing world. She was a shining example of integrity and kindness, loyalty and devotion to duty – qualities that sadly are often lacking today, not only in Britain. Despite all the scandals and upheavals within her family, she remained steadfast in the service of her country at home and abroad until she died. During a large part of her reign, she moved as a woman alone in an extremely male-dominated society. Still, with quiet determination, experience, knowledge, and charm, she achieved her aims. All these qualities earned her the admiration and respect of millions of people worldwide.

So, we will miss her. I am glad she could pass away peacefully, in her bed in her holiday home, surrounded by her loved ones and leaving her affairs clearly set out for her successor. Not many people manage that.

**All we can say is Farewell and Thank you.**



AGIWA member, Deborah Boothey, was by chance in the UK at the time of the Queen's death and captured some of her impressions from London during the period of mourning.

By Jane Harding – Chairwoman

# BROWARD INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S CLUB

Greetings of the Season to all our sister clubs! Since last communicating with you, we started the Fall Season with a well-attended Membership Meeting, including an international buffet supplied by the members. Our newest scholarship recipients were introduced to the members. They come from Nigeria, Trinidad & Tobago, Canada, Guatemala, Brazil, and Colombia. They explained what it meant to them to receive these scholarships, which really makes our members realize where their donations are going and how our hard work pays off! It is so gratifying to listen to them. We also enjoyed Oktoberfest and then attended our biggest fundraiser of the year, Night of All Nations, saluting the country of Bolivia. A magnificent display by member Maria Teresa Boyd was displayed. Quinoa salad was the starting dish of our meal, giving us a taste of Bolivian cuisine. A check was presented to Nova Southeastern University for \$25,000. We have now donated almost \$500,000 to help foreign-born students to achieve their goals. We have just enjoyed our annual Holiday Lunch, which was a tremendous success, with 80 ladies from many different countries attending and enjoying a delicious lunch, raffle, and fashion show.



Welcome to Bolivia, Night of All Nations

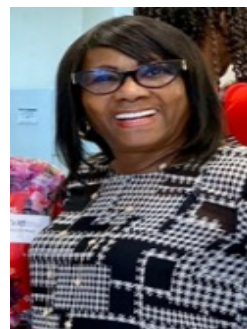


Scholarship Recipients 2022-2023

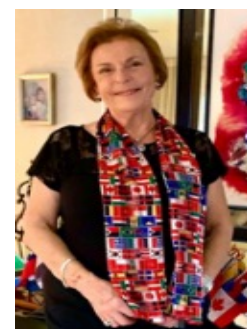


International Ladies at our Holiday Lunch

*All Good wishes for 2023 to our Sisters Clubs*



Dr. Winnifred McPherson,  
President



Janet Brady, Liaison

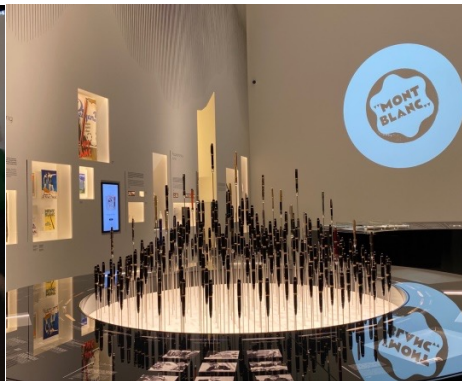
By Janet Brady – WCI Liaison

## INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S CLUB OF HAMBURG

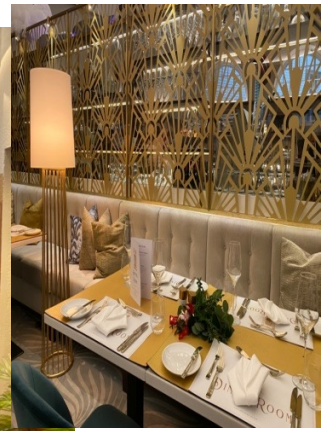
The first monthly meeting hosted by the new board (2022-2024, President Dr. Jiayin Li-Gottwald) and a thank you luncheon to the old board (2022-2024, President Ms. Monique Beermann). The mission of the new board is to recruit more excellent and active international women as members and host more innovative activities while keeping club traditions.



These are our November monthly meeting where we visited the Mont Blanc Factory and had a lunch together. The members did not only learn the making process of the luxury pens but also its high quality and artistic design.



The above photos present our 2022 Xmas luncheon which took place in Fraser Hotel Hamburg. This is our first luncheon after COVID and we had nearly 70 people attended the event.



By Jiayin [Kitty] Li-Gottwald – President

## Welcoming, Dynamic, and Dedicated

We've had a very successful fundraising year raising \$17,000 for our four charities. One of our biggest fundraisers, the annual fashion show, was so much fun, with our members modeling lovely outfits and hats to match! The holiday fair was another successful and fun event!

Our cultural activities included a tour of the Ogunquit Museum of American Art in Maine, a tour of historical buildings from the 1700s, including a schoolhouse, tavern, and jail in York, ME, and a lunch at the Brick Store Museum, one of the only American museums led by a woman that opened between the Great Depression and WWII.

Among the speakers at our monthly luncheons were women who provided memorable stories and slide shows of their lives in China and Greece, and another was a survivor of the 2015 earthquake in Nepal.

The IWCNE held our 30th Jubilee to celebrate our friendship and accomplishments in support of various charities and international activities over the years. It was a beautiful and festive evening, including several of our original members and our founder, Anna Kristina Sawtelle. We paid tribute to the departed members and feted Anna Kristina with songs, speeches, and flowers.



By Denis Gaffney



## INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S CLUB OF PHILADELPHIA

The ladies from the International Women's Club of Philadelphia have enjoyed meeting at many indoor gatherings again. The opening Luncheon and Business meeting at the Philadelphia Cricket Club in September was well attended. To our delight, many of our monthly potluck lunches at members' homes took place again. The monthly language coffees and lunches are as popular as ever, as are our monthly Happy Hours.



Twelve of our members attended the guided Historical Walking tour in and around beautiful Rittenhouse Square, followed by lunch at the Marathon Grill. A few of our newest members of Philadelphia were able to join.

We visited the Philadelphia Museum of Art current Matisse in 1930s' Exhibition in November.

The fall season ended with our usual Holiday Party at the festive St. David's Golf Club where our annual Charity Raffle raised money in support of our 4 chosen charities.



IWCP has welcomed an unusually high number of new international members. We are delighted to welcome so many lovely new members to our club.

By [Jacqueline Yates – WCI Liaison](#)

## INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S CLUB - PORTO ALEGRE

I start this yearly report with a picture of a gathering of our members in late November. This is the largest number of members together in a long time. 2022 was the year that marked a return to our in-person social events. We celebrated birthdays and enjoyed lectures by members who had taken exciting trips to India, Lebanon, Iran, Poland, and Germany, among others. Since we are an international club, we always use such opportunities to learn about other cultures. We have also held other cultural gatherings such as concerts and expositions (this year, our city hosted the Latin American Bienal of Arts).

On the philanthropic side, we did a lot, but never enough. We continued with the weekly project of delivering a meal to homeless people on Saturdays (around 200 meals) called RANGO. On a permanent basis, we help out an institution of children in an impoverished neighborhood (ACASA). We provided the means for after-school activities and meals and organized parties on specific holidays. Another institution we are supporting is EDUCANDARIO. It's a shelter for disabled children who can be cared for during the day, giving parents peace of mind while working. Monthly we support them by providing meat and eggs for the children's meals.

Once more, we want to wish all clubs a very happy 2023.



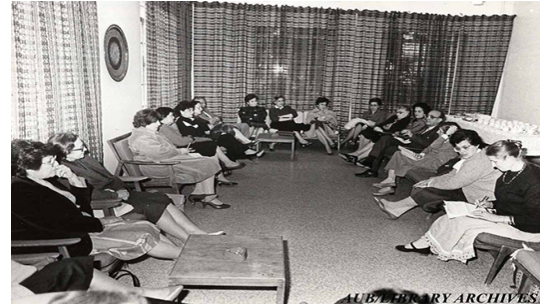
By Isaura Riedel – WCI Liaison

# THE WOMEN'S LEAGUE OF BEIRUT

## History and Objectives Of the Women's League of Beirut

The Women's League was founded in 1919 by a group of eight women from the American University of Beirut:

Mrs. Harrold Close  
Mrs. Mary Bliss Dale  
Mrs. Harris Graham  
Miss Margaret Bliss  
Mrs. Edward Nickoley  
Mrs. Laurens Seeyle  
Mrs. Edwin St. John Ward  
Mrs. David Zimmerman



Their initial goal was to meet Lebanese women and provide a network for women in Beirut to get together and discuss common concerns.

The objective of the League is to promote broad acquaintance among women of all nationalities and to maintain a forum with leaders in matters of:

1. Public importance
2. Civic interest
3. Educational concerns
4. Cultural interest

**IN THE EARLY DAYS** of the Women's League (WL), the organization was actively involved in providing social services. The League organized an employment agency, began early work in the prison reform movement, and donated food and clothes to refugees. The WL did the pioneering work for the maternity center, which was later taken over by AUBMC, and the WL established a mother's club to educate and enlighten families about hygiene and childcare. The League also established the Bargain Box and was involved in fundraising for needy families. The Women's Auxiliary also grew out of the Women's League.

Early on, the Women's League was quite involved not only with social reform but also with rallying around political issues. In the late 1940s and '50s, the League became much more focused on socializing activities and international relations. The WL welcomed new faculty wives to AUB and provided contact and guidance to newcomers in all of Beirut. Many activities were organized to provide a circle of friendship and support to members of the League. The League's activities since the 1950s have mainly been educational and cultural. From a membership of eight when the League was formed, the WL grew to 300 members in the mid-1970s. However, during the civil war, membership and activity level dwindled, and the WL was kept active by a few determined women, many of whom are still dedicated League members. Currently the League has around 130 active members with membership growing steadily the last few years.

## WOMEN'S LEAGUE AFFILIATIONS

- **Women's International Club in Lebanon.** The Club is engaged in social and cultural events.
- **The Lebanese Mother and Child Welfare Association** was founded 60 years ago.
- **Welcome Clubs International** is an umbrella of 20 Sister Clubs. In June 2005, our Women's League became a member of this organization.
- [https://www.aub.edu.lb/women\\_league](https://www.aub.edu.lb/women_league)

By **Rihab Ouri – WCI Liaison**

## VIA LEBANON INTERNATIONAL CLUB (Vision Of International Awareness)

Via is not just a social club, we are also a small NGO that from the get-go wanted to focus on helping fight against domestic abuse of Lebanese women and children. We are not doctors, lawyers, or law enforcement officials, but we are concerned citizens who want to help fundraise for NGOs and organizations that work closely with these victims. With the 2019 national protests, COVID, and the Port explosion, that blew up a quarter of the city and killed 200 people, and wounded thousands, we could not just focus on abused women and children. We helped many and raised money in support of our 4 chosen NGO charities.



**Ayadina Association** committed to community development focusing on underprivileged children and senior citizens.



VIA members surround Maya Najjar, Ayadina president.



**Makhzoumi Foundation** helps empowering individuals mainly women for better community in Lebanon.



From left, VIA president Celina Rahal, May Makhzoumi and VIA founder Diana Abulhousen.



Dar Al Awlad +Amour et Partage for the elderly



Children's Cancer Center supported by VIA

By **Rihab Ouri** – WCI Liaison

## WELCOME TO COLORADO INTERNATIONAL CLUB

Dear Friends,

These last six months have been very busy as we have been working on reorganizing our club after the COVID disruption. We must mention what a tremendous job our immediate past President, Diane Lenfest, has done organizing several events, mostly on Zoom, to hold the club together.

Because of several comments from most members who were unhappy with the old website, which most never used, the Board decided to investigate how to possibly update and streamline it. In the end it turned out to be much more cost effective to hire an outsider web designer who built us a new website. He did it in a very reasonable time, and we now have a good, simple website which is easy to navigate for some of our challenged members. One of our members is going to maintain it, saving us a lot of money. If you want to check it out, go to [www.welcometocoloradoclub.org](http://www.welcometocoloradoclub.org), the login is "Member" and the password "Coloradoclub#1."

We have also increased the number of in-person events, even though we still have some members who feel a bit uneasy to participate because of fear of COVID. One of the most popular in-person new programs is "Just Coffee". It reflects a return to our early days when there were no speakers or visits to some special event, but members got together at a member's home to just visit and enjoy each others company while getting to know one another. We want to have no strangers in Welcome to Colorado, and we encourage new members to participate. Just Coffee is quickly becoming one of our most popular programs.

We have also participated once a month with our sisters in Naples, FL who have a travel presentation on Zoom that they kindly shared with us. It has been a great opportunity to get to know so many of them, especially Luba Rotsztain who is organizing such interesting events. We also have some very popular games every month – Mahjong, Mexican Train, Rummikub, Bridge, and 2 foreign language groups to improve our French and our Spanish.

2023 is going to be a very special year for us, as it will be the 45th anniversary of the foundation of our club, Welcome to Colorado. We are planning a very special celebration that will coincide with our Spring Lunch on May 24th. If any of our sisters from other clubs can be in Denver at that time, they will be very welcome to celebrate with us. It will be fun and a great "Party" with music and special recognitions.

Finally, we would like to invite anyone from our sister clubs, if you are coming through our wonderful Colorado, to let one of us know, and we will be delighted to have you attend one of our fun events. Happy Holidays.

In friendship

By **Anne Cucchi – President**

## WELCOME TO FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL CLUB

We welcomed our new season with a favorite event spotlighting the wide array of Interest Groups offered at our organization. We are forever grateful for our dedicated and talented Interest Group Leaders who, along with our members, are the essence of our Club.

In keeping with our Arts and Culture theme, on December 14, we had the great pleasure of ringing in the Holiday Season and New Year with guest speakers and performers Milana Strezeva and Konstantin Soukhovetski. Milana, a native of Moldova and a member of WFLIC, is a Juilliard School graduate and is currently the Artistic Director of the Grand Piano Series here in Naples. Konstantin Soukhovetski, a native of Russia, is a world-acclaimed pianist and recipient of numerous musical prizes and is adjunct faculty at the Juilliard School. They shared with us the inside stories and anecdotes about the life of a professional pianist. Konstantin treated us to a mesmerizing performance of Chopin's "Revolutionary Étude," a selection of Puccini's "La bohème," and Walter Kent's "I'll be home for Christmas." We learned about music's healing and emotionally enriching powers, as well as how music helps young people become better learners of other disciplines and teaches empathy. As Plato said, "music gives soul to the universe, wings to the mind, flight to the flight to the imagination, and charm and gaiety to life and to everything." We left the event feeling uplifted, inspired, happy, and craving encores. What a wonderful way to close the year. We hope your new year is filled with friendship, good health, joy, and lots of music!



*From left, Milana Strezeva (Guest Speaker), Maria Dines (WFLIC President), and Konstantin Soukhovetski (Guest Speaker)*



*From left, Reem Iversen (Past President and WCI Liaison) and Nancy Leasia (Luncheon Chair)*



*WFLIC members rejoicing in the merriments of the December Luncheon*



*From left, Maria Winkler (Past President), Donna Suddeth (Past President), and Gunilla Broadbent (member)*



*From left, Eva Chu (Directory Committee member), Lucy Williams (member), and Robbie Weaver (Newsletter and Website Editor)*



*Enjoying morning walks in Naples' verdant parks with Robbie Weaver (right)*



*A gathering of friends in one of Naples' many outdoor restaurants*



*LeGourmettes (a WFLIC Interest Group) delighting in one of their spectacular epicure gatherings*

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

# WELCOME TO KOREA INTERNATIONAL CLUB

## Collaborated Webinar on Empowering Women

WKIC held a collaborated webinar with the UAE Embassy on “Women’s empowerment and two countries’ efforts to enhance gender equality and the empowerment of women”. During the webinar, Dr. Jungsook Kim and UAE Ambassador H.E. Abdulla Saif Al Nuaimi presented for about 30 minutes each and exchanged ideas with participants from Korea, Germany, Taiwan, UAE, and the United States. More than 70 people attended the webinar and expressed great interest regarding the issues. The webinar was very successful in terms of both content and participation.



## Special lecture by the guest speaker, H.E. Maria Theresa B. Dizon-De Vega

Welcome to Korea International Club invited Maria Theresa B. Dizon-De Vega, the Philippine Ambassador, to lecture on the status of women in the Philippines. The roles played by women and the nation’s policy regarding women were covered in this most interesting presentation. This special lecture was held on September 2nd at the Seoul Club as a Cultural Exchange program. Approximately 35 members actively participated in the discussion after the lecture and shared insights with one another.



## Trip to a historical place, Jeoksangsan Mountain

On a mountain, in the Muju area in Jeollabuk-do Province. The trip to historic places has been one of WKIC’s most popular programs; we hadn’t had any for some time. Since it was a sunny autumn day, 27 people got together and went to Jeoksangsan 2020 due to COVID-19. We rented a bus, and as soon as we got on board, we started to eat “kimbab.” President Jungsook Kim gave a welcoming speech and led a sing-along session until we arrived at the mountain. Just the day before, the President of the International Council of Women, Martine, and the Treasurer, Ludovina, had arrived in Korea. We were so happy they could join us on the excursion.



## WKIC’s 6th Anniversary Celebration

Welcome to Korea International Club held its 6th Anniversary Celebration on Dec. 6th from 11 am to 2 pm at the Press Center. Over 100 guests and members from foreign and domestic areas came to join the party. President Jungsook Kim thanked everyone who attended the event despite the pandemic and introduced what WKIC has been doing.

Hyunsook Kim (Minister of Gender Equality and Family), Baeyong Lee (Chairman of the National Education Commission), and several members of the National Assembly gave congratulatory messages. Ambassadors of the UAE, the Philippines, Belarus, and Taipei also delivered positive messages. A beautiful musical performance followed. After lunch, Lucky Draw escalated the festivity, and people seemed to enjoy every moment.



By Sunny Shin – WCI Liaison

## WELCOME TO LONDON INTERNATIONAL CLUB

May I take this opportunity and wish all our sister clubs every good wish for 2023 with this Irish poem.

**May the hill rise to meet you**

**May the wind always be at your back**

**May the sun shine warmly upon your face**

**May the rains fall softly upon your field**

During 2022 we had a wonderful Summer with plenty of outdoor activities, the highlight was the Derby at Epsom. We managed to have a few events but had to cancel two due to strikes and other public inconveniences which were out of control.

Autumn events consisted of a coffee morning followed with a lunch to greet new members. Then one miserable wintery grey morning we braved the elements and went to the Tate Gallery to see the erotic Cezanne exhibition which was followed by a lunch. Despite the fact that we had to cancel our Christmas celebration lunch due to rail strikes, we managed to hook up with another club later on. Enjoy this photomontage of some great memories.



Summers day at the races



Birthday celebration of two members

By Dee Phillips Medawar – WCI Liaison



## WELCOME TO TAIPEI INTERNATIONAL CLUB

The much anticipated Afternoon Tea Party was held on October 13th at Le Méridien Taipei Hotel. Special thanks must be extended to the Turkish Trade Office Representative Muhammed Berdibek, Mrs. Zeynep Dinçer Berdibek, and the office staff for providing their strong support for the event. The delicious full-course set menu, designed and executed by the private residence chef of Representative Berdibek, surely got a big thumbs-up from all the participants.



At the most celebrated time of the year, our 2022 Christmas Luncheon, was held at the Grand Ballroom of Shangri-La Far Eastern Plaza Hotel on December 13<sup>th</sup>. To spice up the holiday cheer, we've invited the International acclaimed Merlin Award recipient Magician Jay Huang to perform several acts of magic. As usual, several Interest Groups members energetically showcased their talents on stage and brought the event to its climax.



Our fourteen Interest Groups Chairs and Co-Chairs continue to run smoothly on. Either leading their regular classes or designing interesting programs for our members. Following is an array of photos excerpted from WTIC Website of Facebook photo albums:



By Teresa Zhang – WCI Liaison

# WELCOME TO TURKISH CYPRUS CLUB

## FINANCIAL AID



Lovely lunch with our members at Casana Hisarustu Nicosia.



We visited Bayraktar Secondary School to support them financially for their needs.



We supported MS Association at their new location in Nicosia.



At the Women's Prison our presence has been a great tangible support.

By Servet Erkmen – President

# WELCOME TO WASHINGTON INTERNATIONAL CLUB



Welcome to Washington (WTW) opened the Fall of 2022 with the enthusiastic, new administration of President Lea Hesse, after Jenny Crabbe finished her term in June. The immediate Past President continues to serve as the WCI Liaison for MTW.



Our Fall Tea, which ushers in the new season, was made even more special this year by the presence of WCI Director and Founder's representative Caroline Adair Dimmers, her daughters and niece. It was lovely to see women from all cultures gathering under our banner of friendship and understanding, as it has from the beginning with our founder, Marian Adair, over 60 years ago.



WTW offered a new, club-wide program this year, accomplishing its past year's strategic initiatives. This culminated in a sparkly, winter holiday party for the first time. It showcased the talent within our club, with the Designing Women group creating all the decorations and centerpieces, and the Gourmet group planning the brunch menu. It was a spirited success which rang in the festive season!



Beyond that, all our Interest Groups have been vibrantly filling up our calendar weekly, engaging our members in *friendship & understanding* outdoors, indoors, at Embassies, homes, theatres, museums, markets, and even restaurants!



Welcome to Washington wishes all our WCI Sister Clubs a meaningful holiday season and a promising 2023!



By Jenny Crabbe – WCI Liaison

## WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL BORDER CLUB



Diego Bay Harbor Cruise



San Diego Bay Tom Han's Light House Luncheon



We combined two strong traditions in our bicultural area: Halloween and the Day of the Dead.



Our most attended event was the English Tea hosted by Damasa Williamson, 4<sup>th</sup> from right. We ended the year with a fun Christmas party, which we celebrated with the Welcome to California International Club.

By **Maria D. Walker – WCI Liaison**

## Friendship Through Understanding

The Women's International Club (WIC) Jakarta provides women of all nationalities with the opportunity to meet, foster friendships, share ideas, and enhance their understanding of different cultures.

From July to December 2022, our Entertainment Department, lead by Ida Tatu and Monica Nanwani, organized three events: Indonesia Independence Day, a local trip to Cirebon on Java Island, and an end of the year Christmas party.

In addition, our Ways and Means Department, lead by Nazneen Khubchandani and Mary Anne Obusan Widjaja, facilitated a WIC Jakarta Bazaar to raise funds.

### Indonesia Independence Day

On August 2022, WIC Jakarta organized an event for the Indonesian Independence Day, a program with the theme of "The Dutch and Japanese Influence on Indonesian Batik" at Mr. Harsono Sumarsono's private Museum. The museum houses many beautiful antique artifact and ceramics. It also houses a big collection of paintings by famous Indonesian painters and Kain Batik (fabrics). It was a learning experience filled cultural and historical information.



### End of Year Christmas Party

On 9 December 2022 we had our Christmas and Year End Party at the Grand Melia Hotel. We included a mini-Bazaar of 11 vendors for fundraising. In this event, we celebrate the year with songs, games and dance.



Wishing WCI and all our Sister Clubs, a Happy New Year 2023 from all of us at WIC Jakarta.

By **See Mun Leong – WCI Liaison**