

WCSC GRAPEVINE



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A Word from Our President

Hello WCSC Members,

Spring has sprung. Just look around you and see the gorgeous blooming trees and lush green fields. Our luncheon for April 16th, is “Coming up Flowers”-so appropriate for this time of year. Make sure you reply to the April invitation, so you can join in the green thumb fun.

I love the way the Germans embrace gardening: the overflowing flower baskets that color the streets; the well tended allotments with their quaint sheds and faded gnomes; the market stalls bursting with blooms. This country knows how to brighten up a day. Most of you have been here long enough to appreciate the need to maximize a sunny day. A German friend once told me “There is no bad weather just inappropriate clothing.” So my advice, to appreciate this season and its entire splendor, is to make sure you have a good rain jacket and some comfy shoes then get out among the local flora.

For those of you lucky enough to attend our March luncheon, I’m sure you will agree our event at the Thrift Shop was really fun. It took hours of planning and preparation to showcase this thriving enterprise. I want to thank Laura, Deborah, Gina, the volunteers and staff for making our Thrift Shop Fashion Show so absolutely fabulous! You rocked the house!

As I finish up this newsletter I make an appeal from my heart. This dynamic club, which represents all of us, is in need of a president for the 2014-2015 board year, which will be voted on at our April luncheon. Please consider this opportunity. If you think you might be interested in it, I am available to talk to you about my year as president. I know that one of you will take this role and discover the satisfaction that I have felt working in common cause with wonderful people. I look forward to talking to you.

For those of you traveling for spring break, be safe and enjoy. If you are staying local, go out and enjoy the beauty of the Rheingau.

Warm Regards,

Claudia Helmlinger, WCSC President 13-14

A friend of mine shared this poem with me last Christmas. I thought it was perfect, as we start the spring season.

*If I had influence with the good fairy who is supposed to
preside over the christening of all children I should ask
that her gift to each child in the world be a sense of wonder
so indestructible that it would last throughout life, as an
unfailing antidote against the boredom and
disenchantments of later years, the sterile preoccupation
with things artificial, the alienation from the sources of our
strength*

Rachel Garson (A Sense of Wonder)

Wishing you a life filled with a childlike wonder,
Enjoy your holidays!
Claudia

WCSC Scholarship and Welfare Information

WCSC Welfare Grants/Gifts Supporting the Wiesbaden Community and Beyond

We are accepting applications for consideration at our committee meeting on April 20th. The Welfare Application can be found at our website:
www.wiesbadenspousesclub.com

If your organization would like to submit a Welfare Request, please contact Shon Brumsey, WCSC Welfare Chair at welfare@wiesbadenspousesclub.com

All requests MUST be received by the 20th of April, 2014 to be approved for any amount over \$1,000.00 in order to be considered at the last Board meeting and voted on during the last General Membership meetings in May for the 2013-2014 Club year.

All of these funds are raised via sales at the WCSC Thrift Shop. So, if you are looking for a worthwhile place to volunteer, please remember The Thrift Shop on Mainz-Kastel.

WCSC MONTHLY LUNCHEON INFORMATION



WCSC April Luncheon
Wednesday, April 16th
RSVP by April 8th
Doors Open at 10:00 a.m.
CAC (Community Activities Center)
Clay Kaserene Bldg. 1011
Theme: "Coming Up Flowers"

May 21st: "Troc and Floh Markt Finds" Auction

Reservation Information

Club members can reserve their seats via the electronic invitation they will receive at the beginning of each month.

Non members can reserve seats for each luncheon by sending an email to the reservation chairs at the following:

wscreservations@yahoo.com

According to the cancellation policy, "A reservation for a WCSC function must be paid for unless it is canceled within the specified time period... [and] No additional reservation will be accepted for that individual until all previous obligations are paid."

We love having a full house but, please remember that reservations for luncheons ***MUST*** be reserved by the deadline indicated on the invitation. No exceptions. A standby list will be started once the deadline has past. If there are cancellations we will notify you of the opening.

Please note that Paypal is now available from the Punchbowl invitation email.

*Kathy Mingo & Christa Crowson
Reservations Co Chairs*

Activities

- April 14 - Cake & Coffee @ Domain Mechtildshausen
- April 16 - WCSC Luncheon
- April 25 - Crystal Bunco
- April 29 - Lunch Bunch
- TBD - Asparagus Picking
- TBD - Wine Tasting in Nierstein
- TBD - Rudesheim Bakery Tour

If you would like to attend any of these events, please let Lu Yanik know via email at:

wscs_activities@yahoo.com

Thrift Shop News

Saturday Dates for 2014:

April 12th and 26th*

May 3rd and 17th*

June 7th and 21st

July 2nd and 26th

August 9th and 23rd

*Please note in April we are open the 2nd and 4th
Saturday of the month.

In May, we are open the 1st and 3rd Saturday due to the
Memorial Day Weekend Holiday.

Thrift Shop Hours:

Tuesdays from 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Thursdays from 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Saturdays from 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Would you like to volunteer at the WCSC Thrift Shop?

We are always looking for volunteers to help keep the Thrift Shop such a wonderful resource to the community.

Please call us at: **06134-188-838**
or stop by your Thrift Shop on Mainz Kastel
to find out the perks of being a Thrift Shop
Volunteer!

Have extra grocery store bags?

The Thrift Store is always in need of more.
Please drop them off during shop hours or to
someone who is headed that way! Thank you!

For more information about the shop or to volunteer call 0613-418-883 or email us at:

wcscthriftshop@yahoo.com

WCSC Membership

Membership for the remainder of the year is now Half Price until May! If you know of anyone who may be interested in joining the WCSC, please let them know that membership for the remainder of the year is now only \$10. All WCSC memberships expire May 31, 2014. Anyone joining in February will receive a copy of the WCSC Membership Directory, a WCSC membership pin, and a t-shirt.

Attention All Members. If you have not received your membership pin, WCSC Directory or WCSC t-shirt, please stop by the membership table at February's luncheon.

Your spouse can now be added to your membership for only \$5.00! Please see the revised membership form on our website, www.wiesbadenspouses.com under the Membership tab.

Special Events

WCSC SPECIAL EVENTS IS PROUD TO PRESENT:

MEMBER'S ONLY
CRYSTAL BUNCO!!!

WHEN: FRIDAY APRIL 25, 2014

TIME: 18:00 – 22:00

PLACE: ACS CAFETERIA

COST: \$10

PLEASE BRING A POTLUCK DISH TO SHARE!

Please RSVP to: special_events@wiesbadenspousesclub.com
by April 21, 2014

Note: This is the CDC Parent's Night Out. Make your
reservation now!

Please note that if you make a reservation, you are responsible
for the payment.

Community Volunteer Opportunities

*The Thrift Shop

Please see information on page 10 of this newsletter.

*The Post Library

If you have a few available hours each week, we would be happy to have you join our group. We are short employees and with the budget crunch do not see any hope in the near future of that changing. We would love to have you stop by and talk to the Librarian, Anne Burski, or call 0611-705-1740. It's the place where you can find the best books!!

Miscellaneous News & Events

The Scholarship Committee will be announcing the recipients of scholarships at the May luncheon. There will also be a reception for the recipients on May 28, 2014. Details TBD.

We are proud to announce Rhonda Schaub is the recipient of WCSC's Volunteer of the Quarter recognition! Thanks for all of your hard work and dedication Rhonda.



Judy Schoenmayr, our American friend and local resident will be conducting English speaking Wiesbaden Walking Tours every Saturday from June 7 through September 27. The tour lasts for 1 1/2 hours, costs 8.50 Euro for adults and 4.80 Euro for children. Meet in front of the tourist office if you would like to join Judy on this informative, enjoyable tour!



NOW AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE!!

We have been given permission to sale the Wiesbaden throws outside of the luncheons and to non-members! Cost is \$50.00 per throw.

The Purchaser must be a U.S. id card holder and have SOFA status. Please see the memorandum from below. If you would like a throw or know someone who would, please contact us at:

wiesbadenspousesclub@yahoo.com



The 2013-2014 WCSC Board



March Birthdays!





Rocking the Runway with Thrift Shop merchandise!

Make Friends, Make Memories, Make a Difference!