

WCSC GRAPEVINE



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A Word from Our President

Dear WCSC General Membership,

Happy Valentine's Day! May this "month of love" be filled with happiness, friendship, romance and chocolate for each of you!

We are at the middle of our membership year. On behalf of the WCSC, welcome to all our new, midyear, members. We are very glad you have joined us. There will be a New Members Welcome at the home of Ann Campbell, on February 28th. If you are a new member, please add this date to your calendar. There will be more details, regarding this event, out soon.

I hope that you have taken advantage of all the interesting opportunities the WCSC has offered to make living in Weisbaden a richer experience. There is still much to come. Our Activities Chair continues to offer opportunities to explore our host nation. There will be spargle picking in the spring and other popular adventures, and some new excursions as well.

The scholarship committee is excited to collect this year's crop of high school and continuing education applications. The scholarship and welfare funds grow weekly, due to the dedicated efforts of the Thrift Shop staff and volunteers. Let your organizations know that the Welfare Committee is accepting requests until May 15th.

Laura Holland, our WCSC Parliamentarian, has started the nomination process for the 2014-2015 WCSC Executive Board. If you are interested in one of these positions or know of someone who would be a strong fit, please let her know. It has been a pleasure to be a part of this committee this year, and I encourage each of you to explore this opportunity to serve.

Finally, my heartfelt thanks to each of you who planned, volunteered, supported and attended the WCSC Winter Gala. These combined efforts are the core of what makes a community strong. You make me very proud to be a part of the WCSC.

Warm regards,
Claudia Helmlinger, WCSC President 2013-2014

WCSC Scholarship and Welfare Information

WCSC Welfare Grants/Gifts Supporting the Wiesbaden Community and Beyond

We are accepting applications for consideration at our February Meeting. 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

Welfare Meetings have moved to a week later. Requests will now be received until the **20th** of each month.

All requests must be received by the 20th of the month to be approved at one of our eight board meetings in September -November, January - May. 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 February Luncheon
Wednesday, February 19th***

RSVP by Feb. 11th

Doors Open at 10:00 a.m.

CAC (Community Activities Center)

Clay Kaserene Bldg. 1011

***Theme: Interactive Game Day.
Teams will be assigned and prizes
awarded.***

WCSC February Luncheon copy

Wednesday, February 19, 2014 • 10:00

Hosted by WCSC

CAC (Community Activities Center)

Clay Kaserene, BLDG. 1011 Erickson Square

Cost:\$20 Cash/Check

Please RSVP by **Tuesday, Feb 11th** We love having a full house however, please remember that reservations for luncheons must be reserved by the 11th. We need to submit accurate numbers to the caterer so this deadline will not be adjusted.

Menu:

Chicken with white wine sauce, Creamy Risotto, Spinach Salad, Rolls. Cupcake for dessert. Coffee, tea, and water.

Timeline for luncheon:

10:00a.m.-10:55a.m. Social

10:55 a.m.: Please be seated

11:00a.m.:Lunch served

11:30 a.m.:Club Business

12:00 p.m.-1:00 p.m.: Program

Parking:

Parking is extremely limited on Clay Kaserene. We are advising everyone to take advantage of the parking garage. Please plan for extra time to walk from the garage to the CAC.

March 19th: Spring Fashion Show

April 23rd: "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.***

*Kathy Mingo & Christa Crowson
Reservations Co Chairs*

Activities

Thursday, Feb 13 -- Thrift Store Customer Appreciation Day

Join us at the Thrift Shop between 11:00 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. for free refreshments, grab bag sales, club information and more! See www.wiesbadenspousesclub/thrift_shop for more information. RSVP not required.

Friday, Feb 14 -- Death by Chocolate

You are cordially invited to attend WCSC's 2nd Annual "Death by Chocolate" Valentine's Day experience. Please bring your favorite chocolate dish to the ACS cafeteria at 11:00 a.m. We will sample everyone's creation, but be warned ... this may increase your senses so eat a hearty breakfast. You are welcome to bring a small gift for a gift exchange. RSVP by Thursday, Feb 13.

Tuesday, Feb 18 -- Cooking with Sybille

One of our German members chooses a lunch menu, purchases the ingredients, and teaches us how to prepare the meal. The activity is located in Aukamm housing and runs from 10:00 am to 2:30 pm. **RSVP Now!** Via email. Your 5.00 Euro deposit will be taken at the Thrift Store on Feb 13 between 10:00 and Noon. Space is limited to the first 10 respondents. Fee is based on the cost of the ingredients. Any balance due will be paid to Sybille on the day of the activity.

Tuesday, Feb 25 -- Lunch Bunch @ Bodega de Musica

Join us as we try Spanish cuisine. Meet at the Entertainment Center at 11:30 to carpool or at the restaurant at noon, Schwalbacher Straße 69, 65183 Wiesbaden. RSVP by Monday at noon. This activity will return by 2:30pm.

Thursday, Feb 27 -- Book Club

Meet at the WCSC apartment, 39 Texasstr, at 11:00 to discuss this month's book selection, The Mill River Recluse by Darcie Chan. RSVP is not required.

Friday, February 28 -- Special Events: Member's Only Bunco

Member's Only Bunco to be held from 6:00 p.m. – until 10:00 p.m. at the ACS Cafeteria. Bring \$10 and a Potluck dish to share! Let the games begin!

Thursday, Mar 6 -- Musical "Saturday Night Fever" & Dinner

The musical, Saturday Night Fever is playing at the English Theater in Frankfurt through April. Please RSVP if you would be interested in attending dinner at Chicago Meatpackers followed by an evening at the Theater. Cost for weeknight theater tickets is about 40 Euro.

Save the Date - Not Available for RSVP at this time

TBD – High Tea at Britmania

Mar 19 – WCSC Luncheon

Mar 24/25 – Polish Pottery Overnight Shopping Trip



Anita Osborne (December 2013) & Anne Nichols (January 2014) Thrift Shop Volunteers of the Month! Thank you ladies for your hard work and dedication to the Thrift Shop and to our Community.



Some of our wonderful WCSC Thrift Shop Volunteers! Our mission would not be possible without each one of you! Thank you for your service.

Thrift Shop News

Wiesbaden Community Spouses' Club Thrift Shop Celebrates

In celebration of the one year anniversary of the Wiesbaden Community Spouses' Club Thrift Shop's new location, a **Customer Appreciation Party is being held on Thursday, Feb. 13th from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.** There will be cookies and coffee for the shoppers. In addition, there will be manager's sales, grab bag sales, and some special one day only, promotions. As a special treat, the Wiesbaden Ways and Means committee will be on the premises' with their wonderful treasures from all over Germany. Finally, Gail Olney from Gails Quilts will be there with her Quilts of Valor benefitting the Wounded Warriors.

The Spouses' Club Thrift Shop is a real labor of love for the many volunteers and staff who work there. In the past six months alone the staff has recognized over three thousand volunteer hours. Recent improvements to the store include a dressing room and electronic testing station both provided by the hard-working thrift shop volunteers.

In addition to providing unbelievable bargains to shoppers in the Wiesbaden community, the thrift shop also donates all the clothing which is not suited for sale in the shop to the German Red Cross.

There are numerous benefits to volunteering at the thrift shop. They are always looking for new volunteers. Benefits of volunteering include; first choice of newly donated items, reduced consignment fees and reimbursement of up to 20 hours in child care fees if you volunteer twelve or more hours a month.

Come out and help us Celebrate the Thrift Shop!

Have You Volunteered at the WCSC Thrift Shop?



Volunteer Advantages

FOR THRIFT SHOP VOLUNTEERS

PLEASE CALL OR STOP BY YOUR THRIFT
SHOP
FOR DETAILS!



For more information about the shop
or to volunteer call 0613-418-883 or
email wesethriftshop@yahoo.com

WCSC Membership

Membership Half 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 FEBRUARY 28, 2014

TIME: 18:00 – 22:00

PLACE: ACS CAFETERIA

COST: \$10

PLEASE BRING A POTLUCK DISH TO SHARE!

Community Volunteer Opportunities

Volunteers needed at the Post Library, Clay Kasern. 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!!

