

# WCSC GRAPEVINE



## March 2014

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# A Word from Our President

Hello WCSC Members,

Can you feel the Spring? My tulips are working their way towards the sun, the days are getting longer, basketball season is almost over, and Fasching season is here. Yahoo! I love this time of year. I feel a bit like Punxsutawney Phil peeking out my window to see if it's time to come out of hibernation, and this year it appears Germany is going to be quick to leave winter behind. Make the most of the fun to be had this month. Fasching in Wiesbaden is a great way to dip your toe in the carnival experience without getting too overwhelmed. The fun starts for children on Saturday, March 1<sup>st</sup>, around 1430 hours, near the Markplatz. Then it starts again for adults on Sunday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>, same time and place. Don't forget to wear your costume and bring a bag to carry home all your treats.

For many of us Fasching starts the season of Lent: a 40 day span of time marked by self denial to acknowledge life, and death, and re-birth. This rebirth is one reason why spring is so anticipated. We are inspired to look outside ourselves and see all the hope rising up around us. This rebirth is an open invitation for all of us to search our hearts, to reset our hopes and aspirations, to make amends and move forward. It's a chance for renewal, a chance to refresh our souls.

My soul has been enormously renewed this year, as I have worked with the WCSC. The opportunities I have experienced this year reveal a depth of caring from committed individuals, throughout our community, who plan, support, and encourage unity among us. Every time I visit the Thrift Shop, I am humbled by the dedication and devotion of the volunteers. When I visit with you at our monthly luncheons, or when I attend a school supported function, I feel genuine connections to those around me. All these community connections make me feel the renewal of Spring in my soul. This is why I love this time of year.

Happy Spring and thank you for making a difference in our community.

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](http://www.wiesbadenspousesclub.com)

If your organization would like to submit a Welfare Request, please contact Shon Brumsey, WCSC Welfare Chair at [welfare@wiesbadenspousesclub.com](mailto: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 20<sup>th</sup> 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 March Luncheon  
Wednesday, March 19th  
RSVP by March, 11th  
Doors Open at 10:00 a.m.  
Thrift Shop Mainz Kastel  
Bldg. 4013*

*Theme: Thrift Shop Fashion Show*

## WCSC March Luncheon

Wednesday, March 19, 2014 • 10:00

Hosted by WCSC • Location: WCSC Thrift Store

Mainz Kastel Storage Station, Bldg. 4013, Ludwig-Wolken StraBe 12 , \*\*\*\*\*Cost:\$10 Cash/Check\*\*\*\*\*

### Message from the Host

Please RSVP by **Tuesday, March 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:

Ham & cheese sandwich served with lettuce, tomato, and cucumber, chips, apple, soda or water, and cookies for dessert. Coffee & tea also available. Mayonnaise and mustard will be provided. A vegetarian sandwich consisting of lettuce, tomato, and cucumber, with or without cheese is available for those that would prefer no meat.

#### Timeline for luncheon:

1000-1100 Social

1100-1125 "Project Run-Away"

1125 Please be seated

1130 Lunch served

1200-1215 Club business

1215-1300 Program

1300-1400 Shopping for those with ID cards.

#### Parking:

Parking is extremely limited at the Thrift Shop. We are advising everyone to park in the parking area next to the shoppette.

**April 23<sup>rd</sup>: "Coming Up Flowers"**  
**May 21<sup>st</sup>: "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](mailto: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, Mar 13 High Tea @ Brit Mania**

This is your chance to experience the British custom of high tea. We will be served scones, tea cakes, delicate sandwiches and, of course, tea. We have been given a special price of 14 € / person. Meet at Hainerberg Shoppettee at 10 :30 to carpool or at Brit Mania, Lower Albrecht Strasse 3, 65185 Wiesbaden at 11:00 AM. RSVP Now! Payment is due on Monday, March 11 at Hainerberg food court in between noon and 1:30.

## **Friday, Mar 14 - Baked Goods for GAIWC**

Each year WCSC members bake goods for our sister organization, the German American International Women's Club, jumping flea market. American cakes and brownies are huge fund raisers for the GAIWC, even those made from box mixes! Delivery your baked goods to Claudia Helminlinger's home at: Württemberg Street 4 (Aukamm Housing), from 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m or bring the baked goods directly to the flea market on Saturday.

## **Saturday, Mar 15 - German American International Flea Market**

The GAIWC holds its annual spring flea market at the Kurhauskolonnaden starting at 10:00 o'clock in the morning. Whether you are looking to shop or if you are looking for a volunteer opportunity, please go to their website for more information. Visit [www.derfrauenclubwiesbaden.de](http://www.derfrauenclubwiesbaden.de) for more information.

## **Wednesday, Mar 19 - WCSC Fashion Show & Luncheon @ Thrift Store**

A whole new dining experience awaits you at this month's WCSC luncheon. Thrift Store volunteers will be modeling their gently used Spring collection. The menu is a box lunch for only \$10.00. Please see the luncheon invitation information section for more details. We hope to see you there!

## **Monday / Tuesday, Mar 24/25 - Polish Pottery Shopping - This activity is full!**

## **Wednesday, Mar 26 - Cooking with Sybille**

Our Germany friend, Sybille, 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, via email. A 5.00 Euro deposit will be taken at the luncheon on the 19<sup>th</sup>. 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.



**Thursday, Mar 27 - Book Club**

Meet at the WCSC apartment, Texasstrasse 39 in Hainerberg, at 11:00 a.m. to discuss this month's book selection, In the Garden of Beasts by Erik Larson . RSVP is not required.

**Thursday, Mar 27 - Lunch Bunch @ Nürnberger Hof**

Join us as we try German cuisine. Meet at the Entertainment Center at 11:30 a.m. to carpool or at the restaurant at noon, Weingut Becker family *Nürnberger Hof* 5201 Mrs. Stone. Also known as the Chicken Ranch! RSVP by Tuesday March 25th at noon. This trip will return by 2:30 pm.

**Friday, March 28 – Couples Bunco**

Please see Special Events section for more information

**Save the Date - Not Available for RSVP at this time**

- April 1 - Blood Drive
- April 14 - Cake & Coffee @ Domain Mechtildshausen
- April 16 - WCSC Luncheon
- 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](mailto:wscs_activities@yahoo.com)

# Thrift Shop News

## Saturday Dates for 2014:

March 8th and 22nd\*

April 12th and 26th\*

May 3rd and 17th

\*Please note in March and 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 Weekday Hours:

Tuesday & Thursday 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!

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**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](mailto: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](http://www.wiesbadenspouses.com) under the Membership tab.

# Special Events



WCSC SPECIAL EVENTS PRESENTS  
MEMBER'S ONLY  
COUPLE'S BUNCO  
"BRING YOUR SPOUSE"  
(THIS IS AN ADULT ONLY FUNCTION)



FRIDAY MARCH 28, 2014  
18:00 - TIL ?  
ACS CAFETERIA  
COST TO PLAY \$10.00 EACH  
SPOUSES CAN JOIN WCSC FOR \$5.00

PLEASE BRING A POTLUCK DISH TO SHARE  
PLEASE SEND RSVP TO [SPECIAL\\_EVENTS@WIESBADENSPOUSESCLUB.COM](mailto:SPECIAL_EVENTS@WIESBADENSPOUSESCLUB.COM)  
OR  
A YES REPLY TO THE FACEBOOK EVENT INVITE



PLEASE REMEMBER THAT IF YOU MAKE A RESERVATION YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE  
FOR PAYMENT.



## 2013 – 2014 WCSC Winter Gala “Denim and Diamonds”

The WCSC Special Events Committee would like to thank everyone that was able to come out and join us for the Gala. Everyone that was there had a great night, made new friends, and memories. A special thanks to those who purchased the auction items. We raised approximately \$3,000 for the night. I would like to say a special thank you to the Special Events Committee:

Advisor: Deborah Casey  
Games: Claudia Helmlinger  
Photos: Meagan Noranbrock  
Decorations: Alicia Bailey  
Entertainment: Pamela Shackelford  
Auction: Jan Meert / Ransom Schwerzler  
Treasurer: Annalisa Taylor  
Baskets: Mary Jo Kreutzer  
Publicity: Kim Bollinger

Without you all it would not have been the great night that it was.  
Thank you,

Rhonda Schaub  
WCSC Special Events Chair

# Community Volunteer Opportunities



**April  
Fool's  
Day**

**Blood  
Drive**

**Make your appointment to donate at  
[www.militarydonor.com](http://www.militarydonor.com)**

**1 April 2014  
Main Fitness Center  
09:00 to 15:00**

**Sponsored by the  
Wiesbaden Community Spouses' Club  
& Wiesbaden American Red Cross**



We are also looking for volunteers to help sign donors up, so please check your e-mail for a Sign-Up Genius invite to volunteer in the days before and for the day of the event. We look forward to seeing you there!

# Miscellaneous News & Events



**Deutsch-Amerikanischer und Internationaler Frauenclub  
Wiesbaden e.V.  
German-American and International Women's Club Wiesbaden**



**DEUTSCH-AMERIKANISCHER  
& INTERNATIONALER  
FRAUENCLUB WIESBADEN E.V.**



**Saturday 15 March 2014 – 10 a.m. until 5 p.m.  
Kurhaus Kolonnade, Wiesbaden  
(on the left hand side of the Casino)**

**Please come out and support this fabulous one-day event!  
There will be plenty of shopping, food, fun, refreshments (alcoholic  
and non), and lots of prizes to be won at the Tombola table.**

**Please drop off your American cakes or brownies to  
Claudia Helmlinger's home at  
Wurttembergstr. 4, in Aukamm housing  
between 10-12 Friday 14 March.  
If you wish to bring them to the Spring Bazaar on Saturday,  
please do so.**

**We ask that all baked goods be in disposable containers.**

**Last year 24,000 Euros was raised at this event and 4,000 was  
donated to the Fisher House in Landstuhl and the Wiesbaden ACS.**

***For more information, please contact  
Deborah Casey at 0160-785-1708, or  
deborahcasey77@yahoo.com***



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!

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

