

# IWC International Women's Club South Limburg



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*“Women connecting the World”*

*Bringing together women of all nationalities living in the area of South Limburg, promoting friendship, sharing mutual interests and extending support and information to newcomers.*

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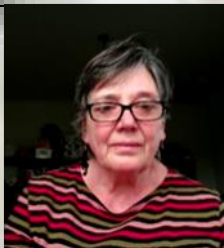
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# *IWC South Limburg : Privacy Policy*

*Please read carefully before renewing your membership*

**This page is relevant both for those applying for membership and for existing members.**

**According to the GDPR rules we have to respect your privacy with an official statement detailing how we deal with the information you provide.**

**This page also explains what you have to be aware of when it comes to the use of photos and information on our website and our social media platforms.**

**When you apply for membership we store the information you supply in a database hosted by wordpress on an EU server. We ask for the information on the application form in order to ensure you are eligible for membership, that we can accommodate your interests in the best possible way and to further contacts between our members.**

**We endeavour to delete member data when you leave the club, but we may keep some information for statistical purpose and to help the process should you return to South Limburg at a later point and reapply for membership.**

**The membership director stores a list of members on a local computer.**

**The editor of the IWC is also responsible for the Membership Directory leaflet. In the production of this, your data and pictures may be shared internally, and with the printer. Unless we have been otherwise informed in writing, your data will appear in this leaflet and where it may be available online, accessible to members only.**

**The treasurer stores information about the members in order to able to charge membership fees and control payments. This is also done on a local computer.**

**The pictures used on our website are approved for use by people in the pictures. Those pictures are static and not changed often.**

**Pictures and information in the Facebook group are only available to members. We cannot guarantee where Facebook stores this information, but it is probably not limited to EU.**

**Both the IWC photographer and members themselves take pictures of people and post them on the closed Facebook group. Some pictures may be used other places to promote club activities. If you do not want your picture taken, please inform the person taking the photographs that you do not want to be in the picture.**

**Being a member you accept this use of your information.**

**If you have any doubts or you do not agree with our privacy policy we suggest you email us to:**

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**IWC South Limburg**



## President's Voice

Ann Boddé

Dear Ladies,

Here we are again - September looms on the horizon and we are ready to start a new club year – I hope you are too!

After a very busy but great summer we're ready to get back into the club activities. This is my last club year of presidency and I intend to make the most of it with activities.

I hope your summer was all you wished it would be and more. The ruby anniversary party was only a few months ago and we have so many photographs from members and Rogier our official photographer. We plan to show them at the September meeting.

We kick off the first meeting of the club year at Grand Cafe Geusseltbad, on September 17<sup>th</sup> at 19.30. We hope to see many of you there and we will start the evening with a glass of bubbles and some snacks. The costs are 5 Euros per person.

During the evening we will hear a short presentation from the proposed charities for this year. As usual we will then each vote for the charity they wish.

A small reminder that the membership fee has increased this year, as per the Board's announcement at AGM in 2024. This is an increase of 5 Euros - from 45 Euros per year to 50 Euros per year. The subscription is due by the end of September. Thank you to all those ladies who have already paid we appreciate it very much.

Thank You, Thank You - We must also say a huge thank you to Monique Loyson and Mary Martha Bahn who have this September stepped down as Groups A&B and Groups G&H leadership respectively. So if anyone is interested in stepping up please contact Silvina - Groups Coordinator. A huge thank you to you both for leading these groups. You've done a great job.

I look forward to seeing many of you on September 17<sup>th</sup> evening.

Warmest regards

Ann

# Message from Activities Coordinator

Sam Welie



Dear All,

I hope everyone has enjoyed a wonderful summer. Between us, we will have had holidays and visits all over the world. The weather has given us challenges, but on the other hand, some of you will have really appreciated the higher temperatures.

Please do feel free to post some of your holiday photos on the IWC Facebook page, so that we can all share your experiences.

The initial Welcome back meeting of the new IWC year will be on 17<sup>th</sup> September at the Geusselt swimming pool café. It is now known as **Brasserie Unique**. Please let me know if you would like to attend. There will be a small charge of €5 per person as a contribution to a celebratory glass of bubbles and some snacks, so we need to know how many people there will be.

Parking for the café (and the sports areas, the swimming pool and the international school) is accessed via Terblijterweg and Discusworp/Vijfkamp. For those who cannot walk far, there are wheelchair/disabled parking spaces through the barrier by the entrance to the pool and cafe at Olympiaweg/Discusworp.

During the meeting you will be able to choose the charity of the year. And remember, only those attending will be eligible to vote, so please come along and have your say. We have five charities on our shortlist, which are described elsewhere in the newsletter.

The October meeting will be at the community centre in Nazareth, and in November we will again be holding a Winter Fair at 't Keerhoes. So please think about whether you would like a table or two to sell items, or if you have friends or relatives who would like to attend to sell things.

And as usual the other various activities organised by the location groups and the interest groups will start up again. The club is here for all of us, so please feel free to join an existing group, attend one of the activities or visits organised by the location groups (any of them), or if you want to start up a new special interest group to share your knowledge of something new with the rest of us, just let us know.

See you in September,

Sam

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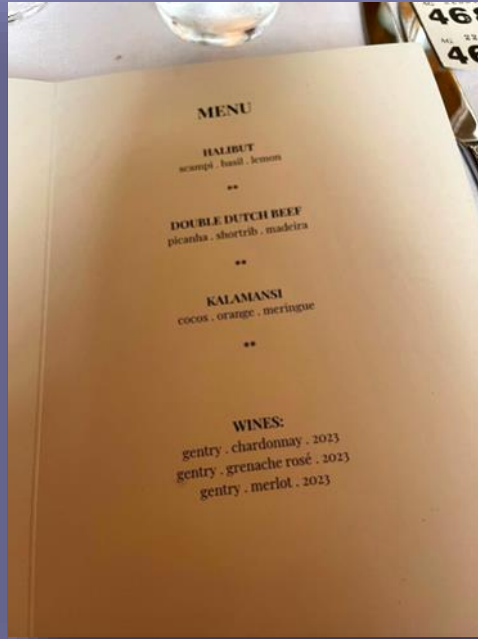
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# Charity Submissions

We have five charities to choose from this year:

## Connect5

Connect5 in Meerssen aims to inspire and empower young people – from primary school students to young professionals – by connecting them with experienced professionals who are eager to share their knowledge and enthusiasm. They organize workshops, programs and challenges in art, music, culture, and event planning. And provide hands-on experiences where young talents work alongside professionals.

Young people hold incredible potential, and with the right inspiration and guidance, their talents can truly flourish. Connect5 can provide the spark that ignites creativity, ambition, and growth – from the local level to the international stage. A key part of the approach is ensuring that participants in the programs are not only developing themselves but are also challenged to give back by creating initiatives that positively impact their community. This goal is accomplished by seeking partnerships and collaborations with local and international organizations.

Sponsor: Inhua Muirers

## St Monica's school in Tanzania

The St. Monica Nursery School is a pre-primary school built in 2018 in Tanga, Tanzania and is established and managed by the Congregation of Sister of Our Lady of Usambara (COLU). This is the only children's institution within this area with a current pupil population of 250 made up of Muslims, Christians and non-believers.

This nursery school is built within the community of Pastoralists and a few peasant men who constantly move from place to place searching for green pastures for their animals. The women stay at home looking after their children and the calves. The lack of a school in this community has forced parents to involve their children in feeding the animals. Lack of necessary facilities including water and food has become a problem requiring the Congregation of Sisters of Usambara to establish a health centre and a nursery to save the lives of these children and provide a future for them.

This project is to raise funds to provide one warm meal for the children as a means of getting them to attend school – food is always the mainstay.

The Sisters of Sint Claver in Bouillonstraat 4, Maastricht are working with the Sisters of Our Lady of Usambara to raise money for this project.

Sponsor: Mary D'Lazarus

# Charity Submissions

## Wensambulance Limburg

The Wensambulance provides transport and assistance for people in Limburg who are ill, often terminally ill, who have a last wish which they are unable to arrange themselves because they are bedridden and do not have suitable transport. The organisation also works together with the Make a Wish foundation.

There are two ambulances in Limburg, staffed by volunteers who are specially trained to be able to drive the ambulance and support sick people and their families. Many already work with the police, fire service or in medical services. The special wishes may be fairly straightforward, such as a trip to the seaside, but can sometimes be much more challenging in terms of organisation and access. The charity needs funds for things like fuel and maintenance of the ambulances, for training and equipment supplies.

Sponsor: Sam Welie

## Voedselbanken in South Limburg

The food bank has locations in Heerlen, Kerkrade and Vaals, Geleen and Maastricht. They are part of a national organisation of 179 food banks which provide weekly food packages for families (usually) who have insufficient income for sufficient food, for a limited period. They cannot stop poverty, but can help alleviate it, so are always needing support from donors and suppliers. Much of their food is supplied from supermarkets with products that are almost at the sell by date. One of the main things that their volunteers can help with is to contact potential new suppliers, so that they can provide more help. But donations of money are also welcome, so that they can fund the vehicles, the locations and a back-up of supplies.

Sponsor: Ann Boddé

## Quiet Maastricht

This organisation is one of 14 Quiet communities in the Netherlands, and supports people in Maastricht who do not have much money to spare for "luxuries", such as going to the cinema, a concert or a football match. Or paying for things like the hairdresser, a new (second-hand) bike, or going out for a meal. They provide a place to meet up with others in a similar situation and anyone else who is interested, and arrange activities for the members. By providing such small moments of pleasure, they encourage people to improve their self confidence and self worth. They also encourage people to find opportunities to work as volunteers and find a better place in society, by altering their focus from what they don't have or can't do, to what they can do.

Sponsor: Sam Welie

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Group Coordinators for Groups A&B, G&H, and the German Group

Monique is stepping down from Groups A&B and Mary-Martha has stepped down from Groups G&H coordinator position.

Thank you Monique and Mary-Martha for tirelessly organising fun events to keep these groups and the extended groups connected.

The Coordinator position for the German Group is still vacant.

Please contact Silvina at [silvinalom@gmail.com](mailto:silvinalom@gmail.com) if you are interested to take over these vacant positions.

## New Membership fees from September 2025

**Membership fee for the year September to August is €50.**

New Members - For the first year of membership in the IWC, you should pay the following amount, depending on the month you join:

**Sep-Dec: €50 EUR** (+ €7 EUR one-time administration fee = **€57 EUR**)

Jan-April: **€35 EUR** (+ €7 EUR one-time administration fee = **€42 EUR**)

May-Aug: **€20 EUR** (+ €7 EUR one-time administration fee = **€27 EUR**)

After the first year, the Club fees are €50 per year (September through August) – **payable no later than 1<sup>st</sup> October of each year**. Re-joiners and new members pay 57 euros due to administration fees. Re-joiners will have to submit a new application form. Club fees can be paid only via ABN AMRO Bank N.V. Int. Women's Club Limburg:

**Account Number IBAN Number: NL32ABNA0490106064; BIC: ABNANL2A.**

Be sure to indicate your name, especially if the bank account is in the name of someone else (e.g. your partner).

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## *OBITUARIES*

Sadly I have to announce the passing away of two ladies. One who was a member for almost 35 years (Theresa Meiborg) and one who was a member up until a couple of years ago (Rita Verbist) for almost 20 years.



Theresa Gerarda Maria Josephina Meiborg – Mommers of Valkenberg (Group C) passed away on 28<sup>th</sup> July.

Theresa was such a lovely lady and a gentle soul and was a long term member of some 35 years. She joined the club in September 1990. She was an active member of the patchwork and quilting group and our sympathy goes out to her family, her two daughters Eva and Bernadette and five grandchildren .



Rita Verbist (Group I) Maasmechelen passed away on 17<sup>th</sup> August after a short illness.

Rita was a member of the club from 2006 and was a very active group leader of group I before she left to emigrate to Spain a couple of years ago.

“ We remember her as being a very social group leader of group I and a very nice member of the IWC “

Ineke van Geel .

Our thoughts are with Rita’s family, her husband Geert and her three sons Johan, Kristof and Michael and her seven grandchildren.



**Patricia Schreiber** was born in New York and lived there until she was 30. Since then she has lived in several countries and will be relocating for a few months to Maastricht while her son settles into university. While in Maastricht she would love to meet new gals and get involved in interesting activities including hiking, walking, running, travelling and arts.

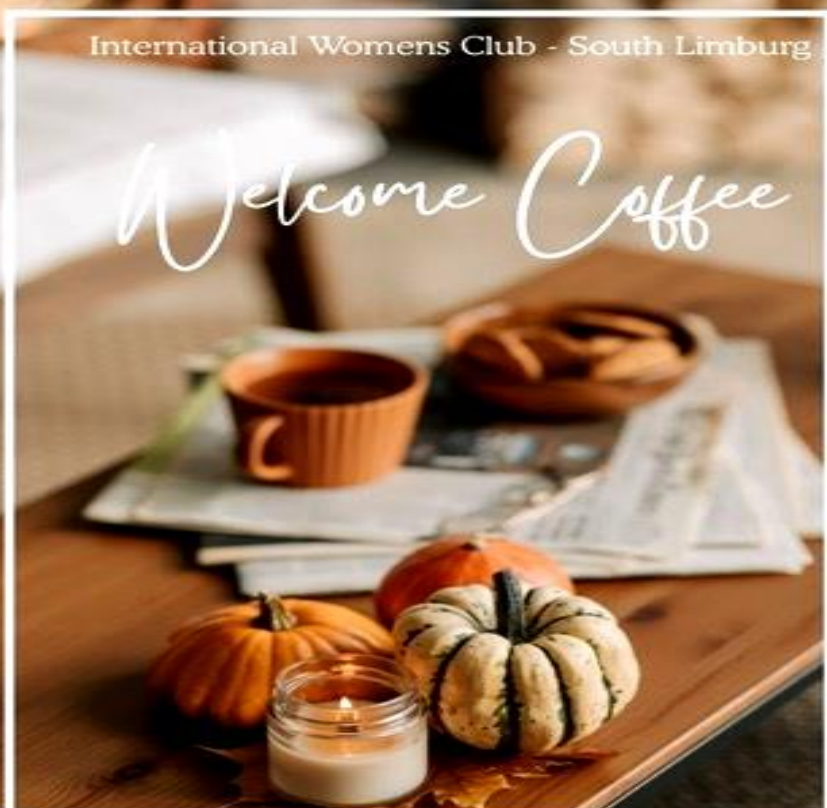
Patricia a furniture artist - she buys furniture that people do not want and refurbishes them into new and interesting furniture art pieces. Previously, she worked for several art fairs in Hong Kong and Singapore. She also worked as a Gallery Liaison, Marketing Copywriter, English Teacher and Education Consultant.

She studied art at the Parsons School of Design, then received a BA in Anthropology from City University of NY, and an MA in Middle Eastern History and Arabic from New York University. She has studied both Arabic and Mandarin Chinese but has forgotten much of it.

She joins Groups G&H.

### Members Leaving

Georgina Beard



Join us for a  
chat and coffee  
to see if we are  
a fit for you.

Tuesday 9 September  
Cafe Zuid  
Plein 1992, Maastricht  
10:30 - 12:00



RSVP:  
[Welcome@iwc-sl.nl](mailto:Welcome@iwc-sl.nl)



## OPEN MONUMENTENDAG

13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> September 2025 (Sat. & Sun.)

[www.openmonumentendag.nl](http://www.openmonumentendag.nl) (in Dutch only).

During this weekend buildings or parts thereof will be open to the public which normally cannot be visited free of charge. If you wish to see the programme, open the website & fill in a town.

If you were to select Maastricht for example, you will see that the:

- Provinciehuis/Governor's House will be open on Sunday, 14<sup>th</sup> Sept. from 12.00-16.00; no reservation required. This is the House where the Treaty of Maastricht in 1992 was signed. Guided tours will be given. The website does not mention how much of the art collection can be seen.
- (Old) Stadhuis/City Hall, Markt., will be open on Sat. 13<sup>th</sup> & Sunday, 14<sup>th</sup> However, guided tours are given only at 13.30 & 15.30 on both days for small groups. Reservation required.

Hélène van Kerkoerle

## Downton Abbey - The Grand Finale

I would like to organize a watch party for *Downton Abbey - The Grand Finale*, one of my all-time favourite series. As this will be the finale, it would be wonderful if we could enjoy it together.

I have checked that the world premiere is scheduled for September 12, though I am not sure yet when it will be showing at Lumiere, could be the same day.

If you are interested, please email me and also send me a WhatsApp message so that I can create a group chat. This will make it easier for me to keep you updated.

Cheers,

Laila Olson





# **SUMMER 2025**

# **WELCOME BACK MEETING**

**17th September 2025**

**19.30 hrs**

**Brasserie Unique**

**Guesselbad, Discusworp 6**

**Maastricht**

**REGISTER TO ATTEND:**

**SEND AN EMAIL TO [ACTIVITIES@IWC-SL.NL](mailto:ACTIVITIES@IWC-SL.NL)**

**AND TRANSFER €5 TO THE IWC ACCOUNT**

# Group Activities

## Groups A & B

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Members living in Beek, Born, Doenrade, Einighausen, Elsloo, Geleen, Geulle, Munstergeleen, Oirsbeek, Puth, Sittard, Susteren, Urmond, Bunde, Meerssen, and Ulestraten.

Any activities planned for this group will be communicated via email and on Facebook.

Silvina

Email : [p.loyson-mera@home.nl](mailto:p.loyson-mera@home.nl)  
Tel : 0623799530

**Coordinator:  
Groups A & B**

**TBD**

## Groups C & D

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Members living in Berg en Terblijt, Brunssum, Heerlen, Hoensbroek, Houthem, Kerkrade, Klimmen. Landgraaf, Schin op Geul, Aachen, Banholt, Bemelen, Cadier en Keer, Eckelrade, Eys, Gulpen, Ingber, Margraten, Mechelen, Mheer and St. Geertruid.

Ladies,

Any activities planned for this group will be communicated per email and on Facebook.

Regards

Ann

**Coordinator:  
Groups C & D**

**Ann Boddé**  
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# Group E

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Members living in Maastricht with postal codes 6213 to 6219.

Any activities planned for this group will be communicated via email and Facebook.

Thanks

Hilary

**Coordinator:  
Group E**

**Hilary Thomas Oliver**  
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# Group F

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Maastricht with postal codes 6111 – 6212 (City Centre, St. Pietersberg).

Ladies,

Let's celebrate the start of the new season together with:

**A Group F Welcome September drink**

Let's meet at *De Brandweerkantine* to exchange news over drinks and/or a bite on:  
Tuesday, 9<sup>th</sup> September at 6pm.

**B Group F Welcome September lunch**

Let's meet at Grand café - Museumcafé van Fotomuseum aan het Vrijthof to exchange news over a small lunch on:  
Thursday, 25<sup>th</sup> September at 12:30pm.  
The ones who are available can continue the journey with a stroll in the town.

For registration/more details please contact Christèle.

**Coordinator:  
Group F**

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# GROUP ACTIVITY PHOTOS



# Groups G&H

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Members living in Maastricht with postal codes 6221 to 6229, Eijsden and Gronsveld.

Any activities organised for this group will be communicated via email and Facebook.

Thanks

Silvina

**Coordinator  
Groups G&H**

**TBD**

## Group I

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Members living in Belgium

Our September activity is a visit to Zangersheide, Lanaken, close to Maastricht where the well-known Melchoir family built a stunning 'Stoeterij' in the Hoge Kempen National Park.

We'll have *free entrance* to a top sport horsing event as well as a look behind the scenes at the stallions, mares and their foals. Its hospitality and high-end stalls with fashion and art makes it a really luxurious event. You don't have to spend a penny, but you can spend as much as you like. This is a four-day event (in case you can't make Thursday you can still go visit it for free) as written on their website:

From 18 to 22 September 2024 Domein Zangersheide will be the centre of the jumping world. The FEI WBFSH Jumping World Breeding Championship for Young Horses 2024 is the closing event of the breeding summer and is an established value in the horse world! Inimitably, it showcases the interconnectedness of sport, breeding and trade to a worldwide audience.

<https://www.zangersheide.com/nl/evenementen/fei-wbfs-h-jumping-world-breeding-championship-for-young-horses-2024>

When: Thursday, 25<sup>th</sup> September at 3.30 PM

Where: Domein Zangersheide, [Neerharenweg 79](#), 3620 Lanaken, Belgium.

There's ample free parking on the domain. We'll gather at the entrance gate from the parking lot. Please contact me if you are joining so we can look out for you.

Looking forward to seeing you and wishing you all the best,  
Louise Janssen-Plukker +32(0)472187818

Thanks a million to dearest Louise for your years as group coordinator of our Belgian group, from now on you have to deal with me, Silvina 😊 so please help me suggestions for activities which are always welcome.

In October we will try to do an evening outing♥

Regards,

Silvina

**Contact:**  
**Silvina Lombardo de Weisner**  
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# Interest Groups

## Patchwork and Quilting



Dear Members,

Isn't it time you started thinking of joining the quilting group?

Probably most of you would appreciate a nice quilt on your bed or couch to keep you warm this winter, a quilt to give to your child on leaving the house, a small baby quilt for your sister's or friend's baby. Or a decoration for your wall. Perhaps smaller items as a special birthday present or something for your breakfast table. Why not give it a try?

It's fun, you're in a nice group and the end product is always worth your while!

You're very good at sewing? That's ever better!

Not very good at sewing? That's not a problem, there is plenty of help around. So give it a try - join us!

Thank you for cooperating!

A'mieke\*   

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## Knitting Group



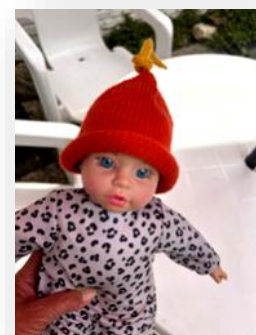
This is a small friendly group which meets on the third Friday of the month. New members always welcome.

Our next meeting is due to be held on Friday, 19<sup>th</sup> September and we plan to be at Café Zuid at 10.30. Please join us.

Any info please contact Jennie on 0621 855855.

We have been busy during the summer and here are some of our projects.

Please keep an eye on our WhatsApp group for further details. Anyone not on the group can contact Jennie on [jenniemeads@gmail.com](mailto:jenniemeads@gmail.com).



Jennie



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Jennie Meadows

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# What's Cooking



Every session will be announced by mail to the existing distribution list. If you are new or you wish to be part of the group, please send Golnar a mail to her email: [g.motaharipour@yahoo.com](mailto:g.motaharipour@yahoo.com)

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# Photography Group



For September 7<sup>th</sup> if anyone wants to go to Kasteel Schaloen in Oud Valkenburg for homemade vlaai and coffee from 1:00 to 4:30. € 1.50 each.

Best wishes,

Chris

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**Coordinator**  
**Chris Corwin**  
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# Dutchesses



The Dutchesses group is for anyone wanting to practice Dutch, at any level. Meetings are generally held once a month in the afternoon on a weekday. We usually meet in someone's house, or occasionally at a café.

The arrangements for each following meeting are decided during each get-together, and are only rarely determined when the newsletter appears, so we communicate via whatsapp. So please get in touch with me if you want to join us but are not yet in the whatsapp group.

However, we have already decided the date for the September meeting: we plan to be at Gastrobar Die Twie in Bemelen on Friday September 12<sup>th</sup> at 14.30 hrs. Please feel free to join us.

Sam



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# Central and Eastern Europe Group



Dear Ladies

The summer season is almost finished. I hope you enjoyed the beautiful weather this summer. Our meeting in September is going to take place on 5<sup>th</sup> September at 19.30 in Bistro Wycker Cabinet, Wijkerbrugstraat 29 in Maastricht.

See you there

Agnieszka

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# Spanish Book Group



Hola Chicas.

Gracias Ana por recibirnos y ponernos una mesa tan bonita.

Agradecemos a tu mama por la receta de pastel de pera y manzana 😊

Nuestra proxima discusion sera 24 de Octubre 1330hs en casa de Gabriela, donde hablaremos del libro:

Pasaje a Tahiti

Autor: Eva Garcia Saenz

Buenisima lectura!

Besitos de Silvina



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# Bird Watching Group

Any activities planned at short notice for this group will be communicated via the IWC Facebook page.

Melanie



**Coordinator**  
**Melanie Murray**  
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# Walking Group



Welcome to another year of monthly IWC walks. Whether you are new to walking, or walk all the time, I hope you will join us for a walk this year. All are welcome, and no one is left behind.

We will start this year with a walk out of Gulpen and enjoy some panoramic views over the countryside. At the end we will relax with coffee/lunch at De Pannekoekenmolen. There are some steep steps at the start of this hike, and a gravelled, steep descent in the middle, good sturdy walking shoes are recommended.

Gulpen is accessible by bus (#350 to Aachen), but, as always, we will work to arrange carpools for anyone who needs a ride from Maastricht.

Date: Wednesday, 10<sup>th</sup> September 2025

Time: 10:00

Location: Parking lot Gulpner, Gulpen

Distance: 6-7 km

RSVP: [mmbahn@gmail.com](mailto:mmbahn@gmail.com)

**Please note:** For the Walking Group, we create a NEW WhatsApp group for EACH walk. If you would like to join a specific walk, please send an email with your phone number to [mmbahn@gmail.com](mailto:mmbahn@gmail.com) to be signed up and added to the WhatsApp for that month's walk. We do NOT maintain a "master" WhatsApp group. This way ladies are not flooded with messages about walks they are not participating in. Information about each monthly walk is published in this Newsletter and later on FB.



**Coordinator**

**Mary-Martha Bahn**

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# Golf Group



Dear Ladies,

Are there any Golfers among us? If so let me know, maybe we can play together. I am a member of the Maastrichtse - International Golf Club. They have a 9 and 18 holes course. It's so rewarding to be active and at the same time enjoy a nice golf course. Any questions please contact Jannie Walschot: [jannie.walschot@gmail.com](mailto:jannie.walschot@gmail.com).

Happy   
Jannie Walschot

# Friday Lunch Group



The next Ladies Lunch group activity will be announced on Facebook.

Laila  
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# Rose Book Group



Dear Readers,

Many thanks Debby for hosting our last book group during a lovely summer evening. Beautiful!

The next time we will discuss two books.  
One novel and one non-fiction. You choose which you prefer to read...or read both!

*The Dutch House by Ann Patcher*  
*The Seven Day Mental Diet by Emmet Fox*

Date: October 27<sup>th</sup> at 1930hs at Barbara's house

Thanks for your suggestions and happy reading♡

Silvina



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# Fun Friday Drinks



Fun Friday Drinks 26<sup>th</sup> September @20:00 at Bar Brutal in Maastricht.

Partners and prospective members are welcome. 😊

Contact Bernadette to join the WhatsApp group.

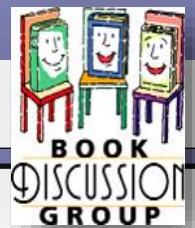
<https://www.barbrutal.nl/>

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# Book Group



Despite the weather forecast predicting wind and rain, five members of the Book Club gathered on Jane's terrace on Monday, 4<sup>th</sup> August, to discuss Cecile Tlili's novel, "*Just a Little Dinner*", translated by Katherine Gregor.

First things first: we tucked into Jane's delicious apple flan - refreshments flowed all afternoon. We then had updates on various topics: my health situation; Gail's imminent metamorphosis into a grandmother; the untimely and shocking death of Richard Hainebach, husband of our late, lamented friend and co-founder of the IWC, Paola...

It's a miracle that we ever got around to the novel at all! We enjoyed it to varying degrees. The situation of all being revealed at a momentous dinner party is a familiar literary device so no surprises there. The characters' stories were told effectively with the females being easier to identify with than the males whom we found singularly unappealing. The descriptions of the food made it sound delicious and we all sympathised with Claudia whose stuffed courgette flowers were left untouched!

The novel has been generally critically well received and has won several awards. We found it competent - even rather slick - but hardly life-changing. We're a tough crowd to please...

Our next meeting will be for lunch on 1<sup>st</sup> September at 12:30 at our usual location. Bring along your diaries and a list of recommended books. Heading the list at the moment is Sally Rooney's "*Intermezzo*" which has been hovering there for some time.

Carol Herman

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# Spanish Group— Grupo Hispano



Hola chicas!

Como fue el verano?

Hermosos dias de sol han tocado en Limburg.

Ojala sigan asi, y que el otoño nos regale bonitos momentos.

Septiembre:

Sugiero vernos en el hotel beaumont de Maastricht. Quizas una oportunidad para conocer el Founders bar

Hotel Beaumont, **Lage Barakken 10 , Maastricht, Netherlands**

<https://foundersbarmaastricht.com/nl/>

Un lugar algo especial para celebrar con excepcionalidad el principio de la nueva temporada del Club.

**Miercoles 24/09 1930hs.**

Tomaremos una copa y luego quizas vamos a otro bar. Por favor envien un email dos dias antws si desean unirse. Para reservar.

[Silvinalom@gmail.com](mailto:Silvinalom@gmail.com)

Gracias,

Silvina

Pd. No se olviden de pagar la cuota anual de 50 euros antes de fin de mes.



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## Silver Pinner



Silver Pinner

Any activities planned for this group will be communicated via email.

Carol

# Book and Wine Group



At the moment our book club (14 members!) is full. If you are interested in joining another book club within the IWC, please contact the Rose Book Club run by Silvina.

Happy reading ladies!

Elena & Billy

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# 'Culture Club' Group

CULTURE CLUB

2.0

Any activities organised will be communicated via Facebook and email.

Please let me know via 064 83 64 893 (WhatsApp) or [sybille.steinert@yahoo.com](mailto:sybille.steinert@yahoo.com).

Billy Steinert

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Marieke Severens

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# Editor's Note



G'Day Ladies,

- ◆ Those of you organising activities, please also copy Laila Olson on emails you send me to enable her to generate the details on the IWC website.
- ◆ Spotlight  
Calling all IWC members, established and recently joined, introverts and extroverts, to send me a short one-page autobiography with a photo of yourself. There is no better way for those of you who are established members of the club to introduce yourselves to the newer members and new members to introduce yourselves to the rest of the club. Please don't be shy! Please send in your articles to me at: [editoraiwc@gmail.com](mailto:editoraiwc@gmail.com).
- ◆ Ladies, please feel free to share any information you believe will make everyday life easier and nicer for all us IWC members. Be it a book or a poem you wrote or read, an interesting restaurant that you believe deserves a visit in these hard times, recommendations for home and garden help and any snippets of information that you may feel would be worth sharing are always welcome.
- ◆ Please note: The deadline for submitting your input for the newsletter is the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month. As a courtesy, I do send out a reminder after that date—please do check your spam folder too for your reminder.
- ◆ Please keep in mind to send emails with concise details in order to avoid confusion or the wrong information going into the NL.

Cheers

Mary

***With a view to keeping the Newsletter informative, relevant and interesting I would appreciate it if each group coordinator / activity coordinator reviews their respective activities and lets me know whether they would still like their respective special interest group activities to remain in the Newsletter.***

***Only those of you who believe it is no longer necessary to have your groups remain in the Newsletter, please inform Silvia and myself accordingly so that I can remove your group activity from the next newsletter.***

# OPEN DOOR



Dear Ladies,

As the Open Door Coordinators connect with other Sister Cubs, you may remember that in September 2023 we hosted a small group of members from the IWC BERLIN Club.

Besides, one of their Open Door Coordinators represented the special bond between our Clubs by congratulating us personally –on behalf of their Board-- during our Ruby Anniversary.

This special connection has resulted in being invited for a return visit to Berlin in the Spring of 2026. More information as to date, maximum number of participants, programmes, costs, etc., is expected by the end of October. However, if you are interested in such a trip to Berlin, do let me know.

Let's get this trip 'on the road' (🚗),

Best wishes,  
Resy Snyders

Open Door Coordinator IWC-S.L.

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**Resy Snyders**

**International Coordinator**

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# Language Circles

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## German



**TBD**

Dear Ladies,

The Board would welcome anyone who would be willing to lead the German language group.

## Spanish



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Spanish natives + fluent Spanish speakers monthly, as convenient. At each other's homes.

## Japanese Oshaberikai



**Anneke de Jongh**

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We gather once a month to speak Japanese and/or do a Japanese activity.

Best regards,

Anneke

All group leaders, activities leaders and board members are **100% volunteers**, do please consider this when you contact them. If you do need to contact them with questions or complaints, please only do so via email unless a telephone is provided. It is difficult to check WhatsApp, Facebook Messenger and the Club Facebook page all in our spare time.

Thanks to all our volunteers, without them no Club could exist.

# Club Information

**Membership fee for the year September to August is €50.**

New Members - For the first year of membership in the IWC, you should pay the following amount, depending on the month you join:

**Sep-Dec: €50 EUR** (+ €7 EUR one-time administration fee = **€57 EUR**)

Jan-April: **€35 EUR** (+ €7 EUR one-time administration fee = **€42 EUR**)

May-Aug: **€20 EUR** (+ €7 EUR one-time administration fee = **€27 EUR**)

After the first year, the Club fees are €50 per year (September through August) – **payable no later than 1<sup>st</sup> October of each year**. Re-joiners and new members pay 57 euros due to administration fees. Re-joiners will have to submit a new application form. Club fees can be paid only via ABN AMRO Bank N.V. Int. Women's Club Limburg:

**Account Number IBAN Number: NL32ABNA0490106064; BIC: ABNANL2A.**

Be sure to indicate your name, especially if the bank account is in the name of someone else (e.g. your partner).

## IWC Bylaws

The IWC bylaws are posted on the IWC website (under Yearbook) and on our Facebook page. A paper copy is available upon request.

## IWC Network Policy

Club—wide emails to the membership are intended for club affairs **ONLY** and **NOT** for the promotion of non-IWC endeavours, personal and professional. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

The use of the IWC website and Facebook page by members will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis as deemed necessary by the Board and Webmaster.

# Club Information

## Rates for Advertisements:

¼ page € 12.50

½ page € 25.00

Full page € 50.00

- Special rates for recurring ads on request.

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**Account Number IBAN Number: NL32ABNA0490106064; BIC: ABNANL2A.**  
**TO BE SETTLED WITH THE TREASURER BEFORE SUBMISSION!**

(Please refer to Club Information for payment advice)

Mini ads for members, **maximum 30 words** per issue are free.

## Editorial

The Newsletter is published **nine times a year**, on the **1<sup>st</sup> of the month**, from September through to June.

**The Newsletter for December and January is a joint one, so please send in your December contributions to cover activities for January as well.**

**The deadline for all contributions is the 20<sup>th</sup> of the month.**

Reminders are sent out to regular contributors.

Please keep in mind to avoid planning any activities on the day of the Monthly Meetings (generally the third Wednesday of each month).

The Editor reserves the right to cut or edit material sent to the newsletter for publication and cannot guarantee inclusion.

Views and opinions expressed in individual articles in the Newsletter do not necessarily represent the views of the IWC.

If you have any comments or suggestions please do email the Editor: [editoraiwc@gmail.com](mailto:editoraiwc@gmail.com).