

IWC International Women's Club South Limburg



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“Women connecting the World”

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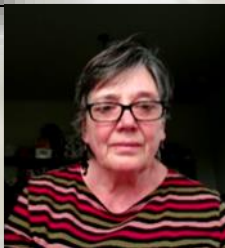
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IWC South Limburg : Privacy Policy

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:

info@iwc-sl.nl

IWC South Limburg



President's Voice

Ann Boddé

Dear Ladies,

The September meeting was a great success - almost 70 ladies joining us for the evening.

The venue at Brasserie Unique was excellent and the canapes / hapjes were yummy and it was a warm and pleasant space to meet.

It was lovely to catch up with everyone after the summer, and to welcome so many new members to the club.

During the evening five members treated us to an excellent presentation promoting their chosen charities on which we voted.

The winning charity

St Monica's school in Tanzania - it is a pre primary school in Tanga Tanzania, -proposed by our Vice President, Mary D'Lazarus.

The Sisters of Saint Claver in Bouillonstraat, Maastricht work with the Sisters of Our Lady of Usambara to raise money for this charity.

I know already that pot luck lunches have been mentioned by club members as a way to raise extra funds for the charity as well as the Winter Fair in November, so watch this space - they will be advertised – you'll have to be quick if you want to be involved.

Congratulations Mary!



President's Voice

Ann Boddé

Website and scamming incident

The scamming and phishing incident earlier this month, whereby members received emails from what **appeared** to be from board members (myself mostly) asking members to help out and buy gift cards and send them to the writer of the emails.

The writer of these emails was purporting to be me but wasn't of course. I would never ask a member to buy anything that the board hadn't discussed and agreed first.

After some investigation of our own and discussions with Webmix -who look after our website, we realised, the scammers managed to get access to our website and using information (names and email addresses) they contacted members.

We do **not** keep any personnel information on the website, this was all removed due to the data protection act and when we redesigned the website for this specific reason in 2018 .

So if your asked to buy something for the club please **don't do it** . Please report it to me.

Disclaimer ; We the club cannot refund any monies that members pay out due to a scam.

Please change your password on the website this will help protect us as much as possible and don't use the remember me function for passwords.

These measure will help us keep it more secure.

The club has started with a bang this September with a country walk and other groups starting up again after the summer. What's Cooking group is looking for ladies to host a cooking session - please contact Golnar Motaharipour if you are interested.

Enjoy the upcoming events organised as we stroll into cooler days and a colourful Autumn landscape.

We look forward to seeing you in October at Nazareth for the monthly meeting.

Warmest regards

Ann Boddé

Message from Activities Coordinator

Sam Welie



Dear All,

What a wonderful turn-out for the welcome meeting! I think everyone enjoyed themselves: there was certainly a fantastic buzz, and people enjoying catching up.

For those who weren't there, the charity chosen, sponsored by Mary D'Lazarus, was a primary school in Tanzania. It is supported by a group of nuns here in Maastricht, and at the next meeting they will come and talk about it and explain more about this particular project.

We will be meeting in Nazareth in October. I will arrange a short quiz about Tanzania to complement the nuns' presentation. So those of you who are fanatically competitive could do some research beforehand, as there may be a prize.

In November we will have our Winter Fair at 't Keerhoes, which, as usual, is open to anyone: locals, internationals, friends and families. The more the merrier!

Please start thinking about taking a table to sell things, and making goods to sell, or ask around amongst your friends and neighbours to see if anyone would like to take a table in aid of our charity. We will also have the usual baked goods (sweet and savoury) stall, the book table, the raffle for hampers - contributions will be welcome in due course, and a re-gifting table. We will also have a clothes rail. Any other ideas, please let me know.

Until then, enjoy the sunshine and longer evenings while we still have them!

Sam

SEPTEMBER GET TOGETHER



Photos: Laila

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Group Coordinators for Groups A&B and the German Group

Hélène van Kerkoerle has taken over the position of Group Leader for group G and Cecilia has taken over the Group leader position for group H. These groups will be divided in due course given that both groups have a large number of members. However, you are free to join any group activities that are offered.

Thank you Hélène and Cecilia for your enthusiastic support and for accepting the challenge of taking over such a large group.

The Coordinator positions for Groups A&B and the German Group is still vacant.

Please contact Silvina at 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 1st 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).

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Charity of the Year

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

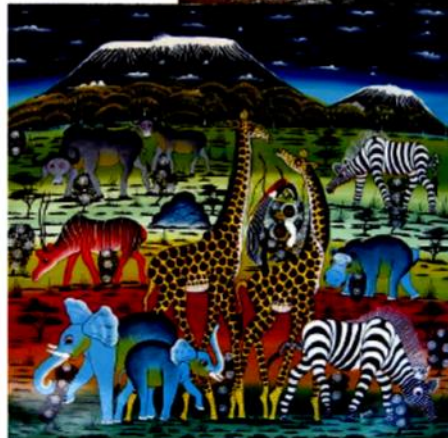
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October 15th

19.30 hrs

**Learn about the
IWC Charity 2025
St Monica's Nursery School,
Tanga, Tanzania**



October 15th, 19.30 hrs

Join us at the Community Centre,
Miradorplein, Nazareth, Maastricht

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WINTER FAIR
WEDNESDAY, 19TH NOVEMBER 2025
'T KEERHOES, CADIER EN KEER



**Lots of stalls with handmade goods - perfect for gifts
and baked products.**

The proceeds will go to support our charity of the year!

**Saint Monica's School Tanzania through the
Sisters of Saint Claver, Maastricht.**

Tables: €10 for one table and €15 for two tables!

Contact Sam on: activities@iwc-sl.nl

Everyone is invited!

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Message from the Welcome Chair

Dear club members, as I related at the AGM in May, **YOU** are the main source of new members joining the club. Thank you so much! That trend is continuing, with a number of member referrals already this club year.

Several of you have asked how to go about referring someone to the club, so I thought I would lay out the process we typically go through.

If someone is interested in joining the club, please give them my name and email contact, and/or ask them if you can share their name and email with me. If they agree, send me a WhatsApp or email with their contact info and I will reach out to them. I will invite them to an upcoming Welcome Coffee or Fun Friday drinks where they can learn more about the club and see if they feel we are a good fit for them.

You may also simply bring them to a Welcome Coffee, though I appreciate a heads up that you are coming. The date and location of the Welcome Coffee is published in the Newsletter each month, and on the FB Welcome Page.

Once someone indicates they want to join, I ask them to complete the Application Form found on our Welcome Page (jwc-sl.nl/join-the-club/) and pay the dues. Once we receive both their application and dues. I send them an official Welcome email with information about their area group and a copy of the most recent newsletter. Their group coordinator is copied on the Welcome email as well. They will be listed in the next Newsletter, along with their photo if they provide one.

We have a fantastic club thanks to all of you...keep those referrals coming and let me know if you have any questions.

Mary-Martha



WELCOME COFFEE

International Women's Club

**WEDNESDAY,
8 OCTOBER**

**10:30 - 12:00
CAFE ZUID**

RSVP: WELCOME@IWC-SL.NL



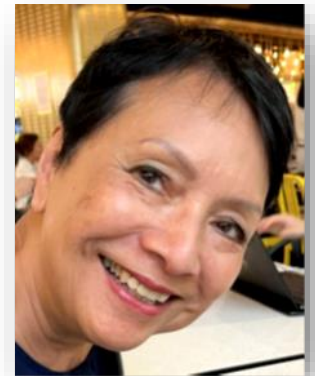
Gabriela Hanza comes from Romania and speaks Romanian, French, English, Spanish and Dutch. She is vegetarian and appreciates meaningful conversations. She really enjoys travelling and discovering new places, going for walks in nature and meeting new people. She loves connecting with people and learning about different cultures and perspectives. She is happy to become a member of the IWC and is looking forward to making new friends and sharing experiences.

Gabriela joins Group B.

Catherine Lie is a Dutch national born in Indonesia. She is a medical doctor, practicing Traditional Chinese medicine in her medical office in Maastricht.

Catherine considers herself made in Singapore, born and brought up in Indonesia and in Singapore, and at the age of nine moved to the Netherlands. She speaks English, German, French, Spanish and Indonesian.

Catherine joins Groups C&D.



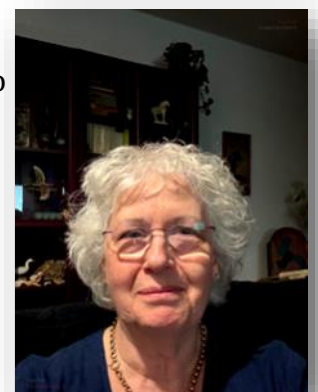
Liat Bassan Ulmer is an Israeli and Dutch national who is a returning member of the IWC. She was born in Israel, started relocation journeys in 1994, alternating between Netherlands and Switzerland.

She is a glass artist, living with her husband in Cadier en Keer. Her three children are grown up and have left home to take their own life passages.

She is interested in art, likes to read, and always enjoy a good meal and speaks Dutch, English and Hebrew. Liat joins Groups C&D.

Eva Turner is a Dutch national who met her American husband in 1984 and got married in 1985. She spent the next 20 or so years moving from one country to another due to his duty assignments. In 2007 she returned to the Netherlands for two reasons: to put their daughter into the International School in Brunssum and to take care of her elderly parents - her parents have since passed and her daughter now lives in Utrecht. She and her husband remain here and are not planning to go back to the USA. Eva speaks English, German and some French.

Eva joins Group C&D.





Mari Nakajima is a Japanese national who moved to (she says) 'the beautiful and historic town of Maastricht', this year in July. Born in Japan she moved to Hawaii, U.S in 2017 and lived there for 7-8 years. In Hawaii, she never went out or engaged with the community she says. So now that she is in a different and bigger environment, she wants to use this opportunity to learn new things and know new people within the IWC. Mari speaks Japanese and is learning English.

Mari joins Group G.

Catherine Collins is a registered nurse from America. She first came to Maastricht in 2021 when her daughter started University here. On one of her following visits she met and fell in love with a Dutch man and has been residing here since the last year. Naturally they met in a bike shop!

She has travelled throughout her life and continues to enjoy people from all over the world. She enjoys meditation, gardening, hiking and has many other hobbies. She looks forward to having meaningful connections in the IWC. Catherine joins Group G.



Ann Lemmert was born and raised in Suriname, then came to the Netherlands to study in Leiden. She worked as a sociologist for several years for the government in the social domain but has now retired.

She has lived in several places in the Netherlands but the longest in Maastricht where she now lives and speaks Dutch and Surinaams.

Ann joins Group G.



Members Leaving

Rosalind Brent

Group Activities

Groups A & B

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

POTLUCK LUNCH - Fundraiser for IWC Charity.

Date: Sunday, **26th October 2025** (from 1 till ca. 5pm)

Venue: Resy's home in **Nieuwstadt** (address to be found in Yearbook)

Number of participants: approximately 15 members Email address: tsnyders@planet.nl

As this year's worthy Club charity cause is to be one in the beautiful country of my birth, it is with great pleasure that I would like to organize a Fundraising 'Pot Luck Lunch' which is hopefully the first of various fundraising events in this Club Year.

It will not only be an opportunity for you to catch up with new members or with some you have not seen in a while, but also to share one of your favourite dishes (😊). Besides, it goes without saying that, we will have a great time while raising funds for our Club charity (€10.- per person).

Do email me by 18th October at the latest to let me know if you can join in.

Warmly inviting you to join,

Resy Snyder

NB: Our senior Labrador 🐕 will give you cuddles free of charge (😊).

**Coordinator:
Groups A & B**

TBD

Groups C & D

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.

Dear Ladies,

On the Thursday, 9th October, we plan a visit to Heerlen to the Romeinse Villa's Exhibition.

The exhibition is only on in Heerlen until January when it moves back to Venlo. Afterwards we plan to go for lunch in Heerlen.

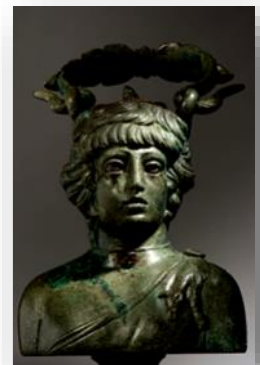
The entrance fee is 7.50 Euros.

Please let me know if you plan to join us - you can buy your ticket online.

Please note: this activity is open to all members. Please feel free to join us.

Regards

Ann



**Coordinator:
Groups C & D**

Ann Boddé
ac.bodde@xs4all.nl

Group E

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
spentpenny@gmail.com

Group F

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

Potluck at Jannie

When: Wednesday, October 8th at 6pm What: Activity for 7 persons maximum.

Registration/more details: please contact Jannie.

For all groups

Visit of Maastricht

I would like to propose a visit to the historic centre of Maastricht (and maybe the Bassin & Sphinx above) on Saturday, October 25th.

The visit will be conducted in English by Rene - a native and "connoisseur" of Maastricht, former diplomat, who has lived abroad for 43 years and speaks several languages. He is allowed by the official city guides to make visits from time to time to his "friends". Sathi has already had the pleasure of experiencing a tour with him and was delighted!

When: Saturday, October 25th from 10am to 12:30pm/1:00pm

Where: Meeting place to be confirmed (in the inner city)

Maximum group size: 12 persons

Price: at your discretion - an envelope will be passed around.

Registration/more details: please contact Christèle: christelebouyer@hotmail.com / WhatsApp +31 615 140 240 ; then a dedicated WhatsApp group will be created.

Looking forward to seeing you there!

Christèle

PS: Group F has Bar Duty in October.

**Coordinator:
Group F**

Christele Bouyer
christelebouyer@hotmail.com

GROUP ACTIVITY PHOTOS



Groups G&H

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

Hello Ladies,

I have taken over as new Group leader for Group G. This will cover mainly Maastricht -East, including Wyckerpoort. However, everybody will be welcome to attend any event I organise.

FRIDAY 31st Oct., 14.30. MAASTRICHT MUSEUM, history of Maastricht from pre-history - 1992.
1st floor Centre Céramique, Plein 1992/corner Avenue Céramique,
Buses 1 & 5, get off at stop “Céramique”, 10 minutes-walk from the railway station.

Meet at café “Coffee Lovers” on the ground floor, near long wooden table. I will wear my IWC badge. I will give a short introduction to the contents of the museum.

Entrance €11, free with museum pass, including audio in Dutch & English.

If you were to come would you please send a message to hvankerkoerle@hotmail.com on Thursday 30th or morning of 31st. There is no need to send a message if you cannot make it.

Hélène

Cecilia takes over Group H and the next Newsletter will separate these two groups.

<p>Coordinators Groups G&H Hélène van Kerkoerle (G) hvankerkoerle@hotmail.com Cecilia Rivas Aragon (H) ceciliaphx2@hotmail.com</p>

Group I

Members living in Belgium

Dear Ladies,

Thanks for your support coming on a rainy cold day to Zangerscheide!

For October as Joanna suggested, we plan to go to Elaise Wellness.

Date: 2nd October Time: after 17hs

Address: Nationaal Parklaan 5, 3650 Dilsen-Stokkem

<https://www.elaisawellness.com/tarieven-01-11-22/>

As an alternative, for later in the month we can join the activity of Cecilia or Hélène (Group G and Group H). These ladies are kindly starting now as group leaders, they deserve all our support!

Do enjoy the nice colour of the trees, perhaps a suggestion for next month: an autumn walk?

As always suggestions always welcome.

Silvina

<p>Contact: Silvina Lombardo de Weisner silvinalom@gmail.com</p>
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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*

Contact:

Annemieke Beurskens
04 54 05 31 13

annemiekebeurskens@gmail.com

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 Friday, 17th October at 10.30. We plan to meet at Sathi's house. If any lady would like to join please email Jennie on jenniemeads@gmail.com for more details.

Here are some examples of our current members completed projects.

Any info please contact Jennie on 0621 855855.

Please keep an eye on our WhatsApp group for further details. Anyone not on the group can contact Jennie on jenniemeads@gmail.com.



Jennie



Contact:

Jennie Meadows
06 21 85 58 55

jenniemeads@gmail.com

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

Contact:

Golnar Motaharipour
g.motaharipour@yahoo.com

Photography Group



Any plans for a photography session will be communicated via Facebook.

Best wishes,

Chris

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WHAT'S COOKING PHOTOS



WHAT'S COOKING PHOTOS



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 at a cafe.

The arrangements for each following meeting are decided during each get-together, and are not always 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 decided the date for the October meeting: we plan to be at Café Bergrust, at the very top of Luikerweg in Maastricht, at 14.30 hrs on October 8th Hope to see you then.

Sam



Contact:
Sam Welie
s.welie42@gmail.com

Central and Eastern Europe Group



Dear Ladies

Any plans to meet this month will be communicated via Facebook or via email.

Agnieszka

Contact:
Agnieszka Oweibo
agnes.o@hotmail.com

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

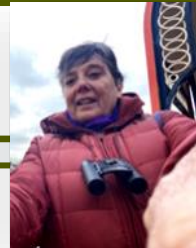
Buenisima lectura!

Besitos de Silvina



Contact:
Maria José
grupohispanodelectura@gmail.com

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



Almost a dozen ladies kicked off the new year of walking by rambling up, down and around the Gulpen-erberg. The weather was glorious, giving us amazing views out across the valley. We all made it down the final steep, rocky descent without any *serious* mishaps. We replenished ourselves after at de Panne-koekenmolen, which sadly was not as good as most of us remembered from past visits...but that did not diminish the joy we felt at being together and enjoying this amazing place in which we get to live.

Next up, Caroline will lead us on a walk in the Beek area. We will enjoy lunch after, for those who can stay. There is train service to Beek, but as always we will arrange car pools from Maastricht.

Date: Thursday, 16th October 2025

Time: 10:00

Location: de Haamen 1, Beek

Distance: 5-6 km

RSVP: 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 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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WALKING GROUP PHOTOS



Photos: Eugenie



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Photo: Eugenie



Photo: Connie

DOWNTON ABBEY PHOTOS

"What a truly delightful evening, ladies. Twenty-five of us attended, and half the theater was filled with IWC members! and some of our spouses. I look forward to seeing you at our next watch party. Stay tuned!"



DOWNTON ABBEY PHOTOS



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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.



Happy
Jannie Walschot

Friday Lunch Group



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

Laila
lailasariolson@gmail.com

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!

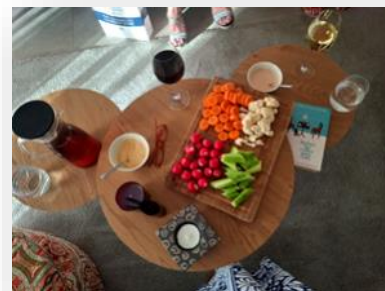
The Dutch House by Ann Patcher
The Seven Day Mental Diet by Emmet Fox

Date: October 27th at 1930hs at Barbara's house

Thanks for your suggestions and happy reading♡

Silvina

PS: Welcome back dear Liat.



Contact:
Silvina Lombardo de Weisner
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Fun Friday Drinks



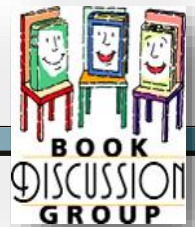
Fun Friday Drinks 24th October @20:00 at location TBD in Maastricht. Partners and prospective members are welcome. 😊

Email questions and suggestions to bernamac@gmail.com.



Contact:
Bernadette Ichigui
bernamac@gmail.com

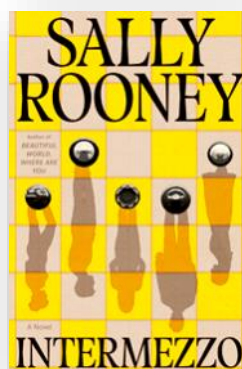
Book Group



We had our annual launch lunch at the Rijk van Margraten golf club on Monday, September 1, with almost full attendance. News was given over a beautiful new granddaughter and various health issues as well as a general catch-up. We eventually got around to setting dates and choosing novels for our next meetings.

Sally Rooney's *"Intermezzo"* will be tackled on Monday, October 13, at 15:00 at my house. Morag will host the next discussion on Monday, November 17, at 15:00, when we will talk about Alison Espach's *"The Wedding People"*. Given that there was an appeal from several present to avoid Irish angst for a while, a lighter "diet" was chosen!

Carol Herman



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Carol Herman:
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Spanish Group— Grupo Hispano



Hola Chicas!

For the activity in October we plan on going to Berg aan de Maas - more details to be explained via email.

Gracias♥

Thanks,

Silvina



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Silvina Lombardo
silvinalom@gmail.com

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

elenapardo9@gmail.com & sybille.steinert@yahoo.com

'Culture Club' Group

CULTURE CLUB

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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.

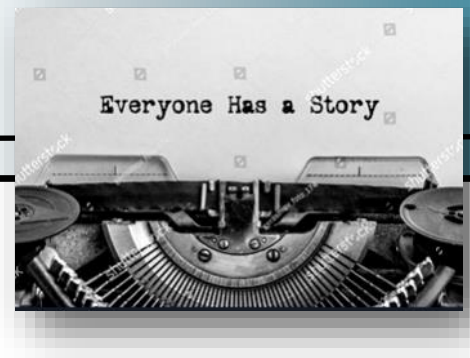
Billy Steinert

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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.
- ◆ 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 20th 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.

This special connection has resulted in being invited for a return visit to Berlin in the Spring of 2026. So far, the most convenient dates looked into are **in the second half of May 2026**.

Members who consider joining this trip should realize that it entails various expenses for participants, viz. travelling by train and S-Bahn, hotel accommodation, entrance fees, meals etc. Some members of IWC Berlin will kindly provide a warm welcome and will guide us around on a number of these days, possibly also including a tour of central Potsdam.

More information as to, maximum number of participants (most likely 12-14), programme items, extra costs, etc., is being expected by mid-November.

However, if you are interested in such a trip to Berlin in May, do email me.

This trip looks like Great Fun (),

Best wishes,
Resy Snyders

Open Door Coordinator IWC-S.L.
tsnyders@planet.nl

Resy Snyders
International Coordinator
Email: opendoor.iwcs1@gmail.com

Language Circles

German



TBD

Dear Ladies,

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

Spanish



Silvina Lombardo

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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 1st 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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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 **1st 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 20th 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.