

# November

## NEWSLETTER



### Congratulations

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### A coffee with...

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The beginning of November treats us well, indulges in warm weather and Sunny days. It's the month of crimson sunsets and the most majestic flowers – chrysanthemums! So let's pay November back in kind. Let that great sweeping wind blow the fogs out of our souls. We have no time to mope. We have a hot season ahead!



## CONGRATULATIONS

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First of all, we are proud to announce that **Mrs. Marie Mc Dowell** became an International Co President of the IWCM. As well as **Yvonne Wobbeking** was appointed as **Treasurer**. All members of the board voted unanimously for their candidacies. **Maria** and **Yvonne** have already made an invaluable contribution to the club. We wish them success in all their endeavors, the desire to move only forward and not to deviate from the goal. Together we can move the IWCM to greater heights in the new season!



## 2019/2020 IWCM EXECUTIVE BOARD

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Dear IWCM members and guests! We are happy to present you the 2019/2020 IWCM board members. These ladies manage all the aspects of IWCM membership, meetings, events, fundraising and charity projects.

Local Co-President: Maria Marinuta, Moldova.

International Co-President&Grants Committee Chair: Marie McDowell, USA.

Local Vice-President&Fundraising Coordinator: Natalia Stelea, Moldova.

International Vice-President: position vacant.

Diplomatic liason: Gundega Vāvere-Mikute, Latvia.

Membership & Hospitality Coordinator: Svetlana Shishkina, Belarus.

Social Media Coordinator: Loredana Travascio, Italy.

Public Relations Coordinator: Angela Chelaru, Moldova.

International Charity Bazaar Coordinator: Inna Rothmann, Moldova.

Activities Coordinator: Natalia Waight, Moldova.

Treasurer: Yvonne Wöbbing, Germany.

We are always happy to hear from members who would like to join the board. If you would be interested in joining us and would like to find out more, please contact any of the board members listed above, or send an e-mail to [iwcmoldova@gmail.com](mailto:iwcmoldova@gmail.com).



## MONTHLY GENERAL MEETING

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The second IWCM General meeting was held on **November 5** at the Courtyard by Marriott. This time we organized it in the middle day. We had a lot of information to share. First of all, as there is just one month left to the International Charity Bazaar, we discussed a lot of the organizational aspects together with the members of IWCM, our guests and partners. We do our best to ensure that the International Charity Bazaar becomes stronger and bigger every year.

### 2019 November International Charity Bazaar Timeline

#### 15 November:

- Grants Applications deadline.

#### 20 November:

- Tea party.

#### 25 November:

- Vendors Meeting at lunch time.

### Guest speakers

Our dear guests - **Mr Căliu Cucuietu & Mr Sergiu** – offered us to escape from daily routine and visit picturesque place of Moldova - **Ethno-cultural complex VATRA**. On the **9th and 10th of November** - a long-awaited event - **“Picnic of 2019”** – took place.

“You are given the opportunity to take a trip to one of the most beautiful areas of the country, where you will be able to get closer with the Moldovan traditions and customs, such as wedding, folk music, archery, campfire. There you can find activities for people of all ages. The **“Picnic of 2019”** is dedicated for all those who enjoy every moment of life and cherish positive emotions.” – marked Mr Căliu Cucuietu.

You can follow **“Complexul etno-cultural VATRA”** on their Facebook page to stay update with further events.

We are very grateful to **Mrs Elena Covaliciuc** for her passionate presentation of **“Tony Hawks Center”**. She really lighted the inner fire in our hearts! Thanks to women like Mrs. Elena and her mother some people in need feel happier and more cheerful in this country.

## Country presentation: Indonesia

Our Indonesian ladies – Medy and Uwie – generously shared with us their country presentation. It was an amazing opportunity to get acquainted with the culture of such a unique country without leaving the borders of Moldova. It was such a great contribution to the meeting. We hope to see many more country presentations from other IWCM members!

## Happy November Birthdays!!!

17 November **Nilima Sinegh**

29 November **Victoria Simon**

## Welcome to Our New Members

We would like to extend a warm welcome to our newest IWCM members. We look forward to know you closer:

**Ina Bendas**

**Jolanta Valvomini**

**Silvia Ghilas**

**Diana Covalciuc**



## A COFFEE WITH...

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Thanks to Loredana it became possible to launch a new column on our website - «**A coffee with**», dedicated to the precious ladies of our club. In this section every month we will introduce you to the amazing women of our club, their activities, thoughts and wishes.

This month one of our beloved members, Ursula Kuhta, is leaving Moldova. Her commitment as the IWC member was outstanding, full of hard work and enthusiasm. Ursula devoted herself to many charitable projects. This contribution will remain unforgettable for many Moldovan families. It's very sad for us to say goodbye to Ursula, but we hope to meet her again someday.

You can get to know Ursula better by reading the interview at the link below:

<http://iwcm.md/mainmenu/a-coffee-with-us>



## EVENTS AND TOURS

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Our lovely event-coordinator – **Natalia Waight** – has carefully prepared splendid program for this month. You can learn more about each event bellow. Don't forget to mark date and time for the event to your taste. For any additional information, please, contact Natalia.

## Gagausian festival

On November 10, Komrat hosted a long-awaited and colorful event-the Wine Festival "Gagauz sarabin yortusu-2019".

Especially for dear guests of our country and from abroad, the organizers have prepared a rich entertainment program, traditional dishes of Gagauz cuisine and, of course, unique wines of Budzhak region.

It was bright and unforgettable holiday! You can find out the detailed program of the festival at the following link:

[http://gagauzinfo.md/uploads/posts/2019-11/1572859188\\_72790550\\_2696645127067654\\_7561019341668352000\\_n.jpg](http://gagauzinfo.md/uploads/posts/2019-11/1572859188_72790550_2696645127067654_7561019341668352000_n.jpg)

## ZIP House visit

At 11<sup>th</sup> of November we went to visit ZIP House – fashion and design hub. It was a unique opportunity to interact with the students, young designers and entrepreneurs, as well as the experts in the field. We've got a personal tour at Zip house and tried to create our own shopping bags.

Plunge with us into the world of creativity and fashion! Stay tuned with upcoming events!

## Wine painting class

November is a great time to unleash your creativity, to splash out all the accumulated emotions in the original way. What about wine painting?

Inga Orekhova – the owner of the art Studio "7 colors of happiness" will provide this unique master class specially for the members of our club. If you do not know how to draw - do not worry! No special skills are required. The most important thing is the desire to create and enjoy the process.

Isn't it an ideal activity for the end of the working week? Combining drawing and wine tasting. The master class will be held on **Friday, November 22** in the Italian restaurant "Amarcord". The owner of the restaurant – Mrs. Doina - will generously provide us with Italian snacks and warm atmosphere.

## Workshop in home decoration

**On November 28**, our wonderful florist Julia will give us a workshop on new year's floral decor. Julia has a unique talent to awaken everyone's creativity and inspiration. As always, Julia has prepared something incredible for us. That can become a great decoration for the house or a gift for family and friends.

## International Lunches

Traditionally, every other week we gather together to relax, chat and share lunch among our esteemed ladies. This time it happened **at 13<sup>th</sup>** and will take place at **27<sup>th</sup> of November**. As a rule, closer to that dates, Natalia informs us where the lunch will be held.

We want to express our gratitude to Natalia for the opportunity to gather together in a pleasant atmosphere. We should admit that Natalia always thoroughly chooses the place of our meeting, focusing on the taste of everyone, convenient location and particular wishes.



## RECIPE OF THE MONTH FROM THE COOKING GROUP

We are honored to announce that our **Cookbook** is out of print. The book includes 77 recipes from all over the world. These are the most favorite recipes of our club members. The book was published only through the efforts of Myrjam Butscher, Ursula Kuchta, Loredana Travascio, Elena Ursu. You can buy a book on the International Charity Bazaar.

They say, “in November, the smell of food is different. It is an orange smell. A squash and pumpkin smell. It tastes like cinnamon and can fill up a house in the morning, can pull everyone from bed in a fog. Food is better in November than any other time of the year.”

NEW to the IWCM Newsletter is a monthly recipe contribution from the Cooking Group. This month will highlight **Myrjam Butscher** from Switzerland with the traditional Swiss pumpkin soup. Hope you enjoy it!



From the kitchen of **Myriam Butscher**

### **PUMPKIN SOUP WITH ORANGE CROUTONS**

*Kuerbissupper mit Orangencroutons*

Preparation time: 10 min  
Cooking time: 15 - 20 min  
Serves: 4  
Difficulty: easy

*Correctly stored pumpkins keep very well at home and thanks to the beautiful orange color bring a magical orange touch to a lunch table. Swiss people are addicted to this delicate soup.*

#### **Ingredients**

*For the pumpkin soup*

- 1 tablespoon butter or margarine
- 2 shallots, finely chopped
- 2 – 3 teaspoons curry powder
- 700 g cleaned pumpkin, (optional with skin), diced
- 200 ml orange juice
- 1 – 1 ½ teaspoons salt
- ca. 200 ml cream or sour cream
- 2 – 3 tablespoons gin (optional)

*For the orange croutons:*

- 50 g soft butter or margarine
- ½ orange, grated peel
- 1 teaspoon orange juice
- 1 – 2 cloves garlic, minced
- salt and pepper to taste
- 1 tablespoon pumpkin seeds, finely chopped
- 4 slices toast bread, or more
- some orange zest for garnish

## Directions

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### *For the pumpkin soup*

1. Heat the butter or margarine in a saucepan over medium heat, add chopped shallots, cook until translucent, 6 - 8 minutes, add curry powder, fry until fragrant then add diced pumpkin, and fry for a few minutes.
2. Add orange juice and salt and cook until soft. Slightly cool soup before blending in a blender.
3. Return to saucepan to add cream. Gently reheat soup just below boiling point. If using, add gin now.

### *For the orange croutons*

4. Mix soft butter or margarine with grated orange peel, orange juice, minced garlic, salt and pepper and chopped pumpkin seeds.
5. Put back into fridge to cool down again, and/or to be used.
6. Toast the bread and spread the warm bread with the butter mixture.
7. Serve immediately with pumpkin soup.

We are looking forward to hear your feedback. Please share your photos with the recipe on our Facebook group or WhatsApp group. We are curious to know everything: how did you serve it, how did your beloved ones accept it, what was the easiest thing to do and etc.