

NEWSLETTER

November 2015



Presidents Message: September and October seem to have gone by in a flash. We have just had our first monthly meeting at our new venue-- Watch House Cross Library. All those present acknowledged that it is a very comfortable, bright and cheery place. We look forward to seeing you there at some time during the year .

Please do join us to chat, eat, or complete a craft at our coffee/craft days or attend our Special Craft days organised by Soo-Ling.

We look forward to seeing you. Thanks, *Breda*

Secretary's News (Michele):

Monthly Meeting – The first monthly meeting in our new venue, the Library at Watch House Cross, went very well. We received great hospitality, had tea, coffee, and scones, and after the business meeting Linda entertained us with a talk on her career in the EU, working mainly in Brussels, but also Washington DC and Oslo. Our next meeting will be on **Tuesday, November 24th** at 10.30 am. Goretta will tell us about her involvement in walking the Camino and now organising groups to go there.

Membership Renewal:

We would appeal to those of you who have not yet paid your annual subscription to do so straight away. Laura, our treasurer, is handling the membership this year and would like to get the new membership list out as soon as possible. The fee is still 20 euro and cheques must be written out to the INTERNATIONAL WOMENS ORGANIZATION – not the IWO. Please send it to her or give it to a Board member as soon as possible.

Welcome to New Members:

We have several new members, so in this edition I would like to welcome Iratze from Spain and Susan from China (via Switzerland). More news on the others when I receive it.

Public Relations:

We are now on Facebook and MeetUp and hope to have our website back soon. Please do your best to recruit new members.

Shanghai Cards: Will be held on Monday **November 2nd at 7pm** at Inez's. Please let Inez know if you will be attending. As always, new members are welcome.



Special Crafts– Soo-Ling has organised making a lovely wreath at her house on **Tuesday, Nov. 17th at 10.30am**. She will provide the hearts, it will be your task to assemble them. Cost is 10 euro for the completed project. Please contact her to book your place as she needs to know the numbers.

Book Club: This will also be held on Tuesday, **November 17th** but at **7pm** at Laura's house. The book to be reviewed is "A Brief History of Seven Killings" by Jamaican author Marlon James.

Cinema Club– Thanks to Donna for continuing to give us information on the new films being shown locally.

Coffee/Crafts continues on Thursday mornings under Val's steady leadership. Please consult the calendar for further details. Just one note—on **November 12th** some members are going to attend the Knitting and Stitching Show in Dublin. Alternatively, we are meeting in Café Noir in Raheen. It was lovely to see Mali and her son Davin, plus Zohreh, at Sarita's house last week. Mali brought delicious Halloween cupcakes.



Talk Hosted by Plassey Partners:

Janet has announced that on **Tuesday, November 10th** at 10.30 a talk by Rose Little has been organised by Plassey Partners at the White House at UL. The subjects are embroidery, applique, dying, and quilting, plus the development of quilting in Ireland since 1980. It is free of charge.

Thanksgiving Celebration:

Theresa is organising an American Thanksgiving dinner at her house on **Thursday, November 26th**, the actual day at 6pm. She will send out details shortly and should be contacted directly if you would like to attend. It will be the usual format, with everyone bringing something and keeping track of the price. The cost of the dinner will be calculated and split amongst those that attend. It is very good value for money!

French Conversation:

This enjoyable activity continues under Linda's leadership. The next conversation afternoon will be **Thursday, November 26th at 1.30pm** at Linda's. You can practise your French before speaking American in the evening.

Forthcoming Activities:

Please mark some dates in your diaries. More information will be sent out closer to the time but if you intend going please book your place for the following—

Annual Christmas Tea: To be held again in Adare Manor on **Tuesday, December 3rd**. The cost will be € 9.50 for tea/coffee plus scones. Please contact Sue to book a place.

Annual Christmas Luncheon: To be held on **Wednesday, December 9th**. We enjoyed Carrygerry House near Shannon so much last year that we decided to go back again this year. Please contact Keyna to reserve your place.

January Events:

Wine Tasting Evening: To be held in January. Please let Breda know if you are interested. Partners will be welcome. The Wine Buff will provide the wine and knowledge, we will provide the food. The cost will be approximately € 15.00 per person.

City Tours: Janet has volunteered to organise walks in Limerick with an experienced tour guide in the new year. There are three possibilities—Georgian, Old City, and Hidden Limerick. She is also willing to lead a group to the Chester Beatty Library in Dublin. If interested, please contact her so that she can make arrangements.

That's it for now!

Michele