



Thanksgiving Dinner

It's that time of the year again! Is your oven too small to cook that yummy turkey? Can you even find a turkey to cook? Leave the cooking (and stress) to the professionals and experience our uniquely American holiday with your AWC friends. We will serve "the works" - turkey, dressing, cranberry sauce, mashed potatoes, gravy and of course, pumpkin pie! Come enjoy the evening with us in the beautiful Schloss Binningen, a local landmark. The chef uses recipes provided by us, and each year the food has been wonderful.

Date: Thursday, November 27, 2014

Time: 5:30 pm arrivals, 6:00pm buffet line

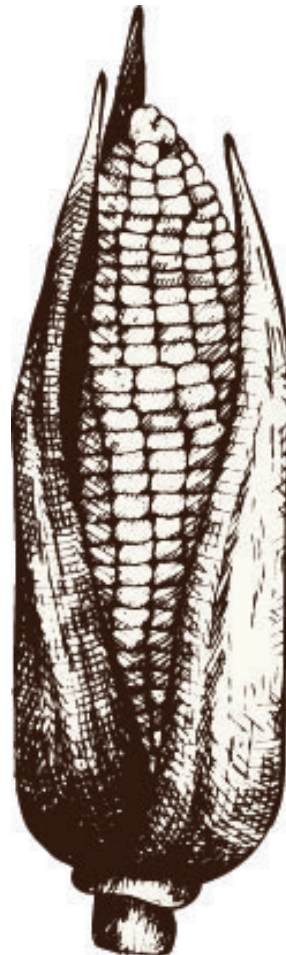
Place: Schloss Binningen, Schlossgasse 5, Binningen;
Tram 10 to Binningen

AWC Member Cost: CHF 60.00/adults and children 13 and over, CHF 30.00/children ages 8-12, free/ 7 and under.

Non-Member Cost: CHF 70.00/adults and children 13 and over, CHF 40.00/children ages 8-12, free/ 7 and under.

RSVP: by November 21 to awcbasel.thanksgiving@gmail.com;

Drinks not included. All beverages are to be paid for directly to the restaurant.



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144 Envelopes Campaign

Dear Members,

Our local charity for the 2014-2015 AWC Year is SOS Mothers to Be www.sosfuturesmamans.org. This organization supports mothers, fathers, couples and families in low-income situations during the pregnancy, after the birth, and in the phase while the children are young. SOS offers direct assistance by providing free second hand children's clothes, car seats, buggies, and toys. Additionally, they provide counseling and referral to other organizations for specific needs. Since 2010, they have served 126 families with 55 new families being assisted in 2013. The organization is located in Riehen and run completely by seven primary volunteers, three of which are Americans. SOS collects gently used clothing and children's items to give to our families in need. Any monetary donations are used to pay rent, utilities, office supplies, purchase Pampers, and second hand buggies.

For the past three years, we have hosted The Night The Mask ball in order to raise money for our local charity. Due to the amount of time and volunteer effort that goes into this event, the Night The Mask committee has decided to

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make this event bi-annual rather than an annual event. With The Night The Mask not occurring this year, the AWC will need to host alternative fundraising events to benefit SOS Mother to Be.

One fundraising campaign that we will be introducing this month is 144 Envelopes. We hope to fill 144 envelopes numbered sequentially from 1 to 144. The goal is to fill each envelope with a CHF value corresponding to the number on the envelope: 1 CHF goes in the envelope marked 1, 50 CHF goes into the envelope marked 50 and so on, all the way up to 144. If all 144 envelopes are filled by April 30, 2015, our fundraising efforts will net 10,000 CHF.

We will begin to have the envelopes at our events and social activities throughout the year. If you would like to donate, please choose an envelope with the corresponding amount that you wish to donate. You can also contact Katie Downing (president.awc@gmail.com) or Kristin Gaarder (vicepres.awc@gmail.com) to learn more about SOS Mothers to be or to donate.

Donations can be sent via online banking to the following:

AWC Basel • Account: 40-20212-0 • IBAN: CH24 0900 0000 4002 0312 0 • Purpose: SOS Mothers to Be

Please tell your friends, co-workers and neighbors about our fundraising efforts for SOS Mothers to Be. Anyone can donate to this campaign! Also, stay tuned to our website and Rhine Times for additional activities to benefit SOS Mothers to Be!

Best Regards,
AWC Basel 2014-2015 Executive Board

Reach Out and Welcome

Reach Out and Welcome (ROW) offers two opportunities each month to meet members new and old.

ROW Wine night on October 7 and the first Tuesday of every month, will meet at Rosarios's Lo Spuntino, Spalenberg 53 at 7:30pm for wine and casual conversation. The location is in the heart of the "Old Town" and offers a small food menu and Italian specialties. Spouses/partners and friends are welcome!

ROW Coffee will meet on October 8 and every second Wednesday of the month. Join us at Starbucks Freie Strasse at 9:30am for coffee and conversation. We are on the lower level of the café and children are always welcome.

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For more articles and info visit us at www.awcbasel.org

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Jazz Evening

Join us for an evening of jazz and drinks with your favorite AWC pals. We will enjoy the sound of the Cecile Quartet at The Bird's Eye Jazz Club. RSVP required as only 12 spaces are available. Husbands and partners are welcome!

Date: Thursday, October 9, 2014

Time: 8:00pm

Location: Bird's Eye Jazz Club, Kohlenberg 20, Basel

Cost: 14 CHF (includes 5 CHF consumption voucher)

RSVP to Jacqueline Cintron at social.awc@gmail.com

Ladies Lunch

Enjoy a break from your day with a delicious lunch and conversation with AWC. Join us for Indian cuisine at Mandir. Mandir has wonderful lunch specials, yummy nan bread and daal.

Date: Thursday, October 16, 2014

Time: 12:00pm at Mandir, Schutzenmattstrasse 2, 4051, Basel

Cost: lunch and drinks at your own cost

RSVP to Jacqueline Cintron at social.awc@gmail.com

Prohibition Party

Whisper the password, enter the speakeasy. Come as a flapper, come as you are. Come as a dapper gent or a silent screen star. Our glamorous soiree will include apero, dinner, drinks and dancing.

Join us on October 31, 2014 at 7:30pm at Restaurant zum Schutzenhaus. Visit

the AWC website for more details and costs. All proceeds will benefit our localcharity, SOS Mothers to Be.



Image from the Spielzeug Welten Museum Basel

History Under your Feet Exhibition

We will visit Spielzeug Welten Museum to take a journey through the newest exhibit featuring footwear fashions of the last 3000 years. We will explore the history of shoes with regards to function, fashion, and social status. The exhibition displays footwear from 1000 BC to modern shoe creations. Join us for this fun and fashionable event!

Date: Wednesday, October 22, 2014

Time: 10:00am

Location: Spielzeug Welten Museum, Steinenvorstadt 1, 4051, Basel

Cost: 7 CHF Muesum entrance

RSVP: Jamie Shelton at programs.awc@gmail.com

Wine Tasting

Grenache – Garnacha – Cannonau – whichever name you choose for this grape, it makes wonderful wines for fall meals! The leaves are changing, the grapes have been harvested, so join us for an evening to celebrate the season.

Date: Tuesday, October 21

Time: 7:00 pm-10:00pm

Location: Candy Arbour's home

Cost: 30 CHF to be paid in cash upon arrival

RSVP: Candy Arbour at candyarbour@hotmail.com or 061 421 0822. Directions to host location will be provided along with acknowledgement of your RSVP.

Activity Updates

Walk and Talk meets at Bidder and Tanner to walk and talk every Tuesday and Thursday at 9:30am. Please contact Karen Thorne at karenisawiney@aol.com if you would like to come along. It is a great way to meet new people and see some of the city.

Patchwork, etc meets every Monday afternoon from 2pm-5pm. Newcomers welcome! Please contact Joan Etlinger (061 841 0091) for more information.

Afternoon Book Club meets at 1:00pm at the Starbucks in Claraplatz and always welcome new members and guests. Don't worry; you can still come even if you haven't finished your homework! Afternoon Book Club is discussing Salt: A World History by Mark Kurlansky on September 9 at 1pm at Starbuck Claraplatz. If you are interested in joining us please email dickinson_jen@yahoo.co.uk.

Friday Lunch Bunch will continue to meet every week at Café Spitz (Rheingasse 2) at noon. Please give Jane Harders a call at 079 948 0859 if you would like to join us!

A Big Thank You

As some of you may already know, our amazing Membership Chair, Cindy Adams, will be relocating back to the US in October. She has done such a wonderful job at her position, reaching out to members old and new! AWC Basel greatly appreciates all of her time and efforts over the last year. Cindy, Thank you for dedication to AWC Basel! You will be missed by all of us!

Board Vacancies

We currently have two Board positions available. If you are interested or may want to Co-Chair a position with a friend, please contact our President, Katie Downing, at president.

awc@gmail.com

Positions available:

Rhine Times Editor

Membership Chair