

PLEASE SHOW RESPECT TO OUR GUEST SPEAKERS

As you all know, our keynote speakers each month are volunteers, giving us the benefit of their time and knowledge at our Monthly Meetings. It's up to us, therefore, to show that we appreciate them.

Please can we all make sure that we do the following:-

Try to arrive on time, or if you're late, come in quietly if the presentation has begun.

Turn off your mobile phone for the duration of the presentation.

Avoid chatting with your neighbour during the presentation
and also

coffee/tea will no longer be served once the presentation has begun.

Thank you, ladies

OPEN DOORS

There are International Women's Clubs in most major cities throughout the world. If you are moving house or visiting for an extended period, you can find out from Jonsi who to contact in the IWC in your new location. She is our Outreach Co-Ordinator and has the Open Doors' World Directory. Please contact Jonsi to find out more.

Jonsi Andrews

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OUR IWCL CANCELLATION POLICY (CP)

... AND WHAT IT MEANS FOR YOU

Please read carefully – thank you.

We are delighted to offer our members a wide range of trips, visits and events. You will be aware that for many of them, especially Cultural Visits, Parties and Cocktails, we have a **Cancellation Policy (CP)** which applies when you sign up. In future, we will be adding a note of the cost to the Club for an individual to participate in an event (e.g. CP CHF 38).

This costing occurs for many reasons; because the organisers have to buy tickets well in advance to take advantage of a group rate; to hire a guide; to buy fresh produce or to secure a venue. It's essential that we know how many people to expect, so we can also fix a price!

When you sign up to attend an event, you are effectively giving your word that you will pay for your place. The Club honours your word by purchasing tickets on your behalf. Sometimes, we have a waiting list of ladies who can take your place if you are unable to attend, but quite often, we don't.

It isn't the business of the event organiser to find someone to cover for you if there is no waiting list – that's your job! The Club will have bought your ticket in good faith, and you will be expected to pay for it whether you turn up or not.

If you sign up for an event, PLEASE make a note in your diary. The LAC doesn't send you a reminder if you have bought tickets to a ballet... and the volunteer event organiser probably doesn't have time to do this either! We just expect you to turn up (as you would to the ballet...)

If you find, for whatever reason, that you are unable to take up a place that you signed for, please let the event organiser know – it seems like basic courtesy – and there might be a chance that there's someone on the waiting list! Otherwise, find someone to take your place, or you will be charged. So – if you sign up and fail to show up, please don't be surprised or offended if you receive an email and a payment slip from our Treasurer. You shouldn't expect the other members of the Club to cover the cost of your error, after all.

The Board

THANK YOU FOR SIGNING UP!

As you know, we have to book and pay for our big events in advance. It is really helpful that you have all been signing up with Sabrina beforehand. Please continue to do so as we announce the next events – and we look forward to seeing you there!

IWCL PHOTOS NOW ON DROPBOX

We are moving all the photos from our IWCL events to Dropbox for easy viewing and downloading. This means that you can at any time go to the link:

<https://www.dropbox.com/sh/oon9x7eyidui009/AAB9s3cAlqxiBt3prgifWPFMa?dl=0>

and click on any of the years to see photos from the events that happened that year.

When you click on any photo, then you can download the photo to your computer, or simply view it. The work to transfer the photos will take time to complete so please be patient. We hope you enjoy the photos as much as we do!

BIRTHDAYS IN OUR DIRECTORY

Some of our members recently proposed that we have a section in our annual Directory which shows members' birthdays. It's a very nice idea. Please note that we only wish to include "days", not "dates"!

For example, we would like to include "MEMBER X – 17 January; MEMBER Y – 24 January, etc," but with no years attached! This is so that those ladies who wish to remain discreet about their age can continue to be so! Therefore, if you DO NOT WISH to have your birthday included in our next Directory (2023) please contact our Treasurer, Jan, who is going to organise this for us: iwcltreasurer@gmail.com

YOUR CLUB NEEDS YOU

We are currently looking for **new Group Leaders for Gardening**.

If you would be interested in running one of these groups, please contact Sue for more information.

The Board

iwclpresident@gmail.com

PHOTOS FOR WEBSITE

If anyone takes photos of a Club event, it would be great if they could send them to Ruth Sergi so that they may be put on display.

ruthsergi@bluewin.ch

PUBLICISE YOUR EVENTS IN OUR NEWSLETTER ...

We welcome announcements from members of their events and will always try to publicise them in the IWCL Newsletter if possible. Please note that your event must be free and in English. Send the details to Sue: iwclpresident@gmail.com before the editorial deadline

(the 10th of the month prior to the Newsletter being published – October for November, for example.)

You might enjoy listening to a podcast hosted and produced by Christine Petersen: "A Toolkit for a Better Life." This podcast talks about how our bodies and our minds work, and gives you tips and tricks for understanding yourself, being happier in yourself and living a better life. You can find the podcast on Spotify, Apple Podcast and Castbox. You can also find it on the website: www.atoolkitforabetterlife.com