# Member Newsletter Contents - September 2022

## A Message from the President

Hi,

Welcome everyone to the month of September... I've been the new president of this beautiful club for about half a year now. Many new members have joined in the past few months and so I thought... let me introduce myself briefly. So I am Marcella, 43 years old and I come from the Netherlands. I moved to Germany four years ago with my husband and our two children (17 and 14 years old). The plan was to only move to Germany for two years... I don't know about you, but I really thought "Germany is sooo NOT a sexy country to live in, a few years max and then back to the Netherlands with screeching tires". As it turns out, we think it's fantastic here. We have even bought a house in Seckenheim (Mannheim), with the idea of staying here for the time will tell. In the Netherlands I had my own interior architecture office for 10 years and now I have started a new company in Germany. But right now I really get the most energy from our club and all the lovely women that are our members. My english and my german are both not perfect, but hey it comes from a good heart i will say;-) On Sunday 17 September we have the "Welcome back bbq" and I hope to see many of you (perhaps with family) there and have a chat in person.

## **Fun Facts About September**

- The name "September" comes from an old Roman word, "septem," which actually means 7. That's right September was the seventh month of the year on the Roman calendar It did not become the ninth month until the advent of the Gregorian calendar. 2. The Romans believed that September was looked after by the god of fire.
- September 5: is "World Samosa Day"
- September is National Happy Cat Month
- **September 13:** Kids Take Over the Kitchen Day
- September's zodiac signs are Virgo (Aug. 23–Sept. 22) and Libra (Sept. 23–Oct.
   22)
- The September birth flowers are the aster and the morning glory

Have fun reading this newsletter!

Greetings, Marcella

#### Photo of Pres

### **Welcome New Members**

#### Ekaterina Römer

### https://heidelbergiwc.org/Sys/PublicProfile/65650222/4377244

I am an anthropologist and a UX/UI Designer engaged in themes of volunteering, diversity and inclusion, sustainability, and female empowerment. I currently work as a PM for a Social Startup but plan to move into the Non-Profit sector. When I do not work, I volunteer for female empowerment organizations, such as Girls Empowerment and Menstrual education of girls in India, and fundraising for underprivileged women with pelvic organ prolapse in Nepal. From September I will also be teaching yoga to Ukrainian women in Heidelberg. I am looking forward to meeting like-minded women from different countries and backgrounds.

### **News from our members**

## Lesley Klewinghaus and her partner took first place

This was the World Championship held at the prestigious Winter Gardens in Blackpool, UK. Lesley competed in the Country Couples Division with her dance partner Kevin Ellis from South Africa. Lesley and Kevin danced together for the first time ever in July in South Africa to qualify to dance at the World Championship, where they won the South African title as well.

At the Worlds there are over 350 competitors from all over the world who dance in numerous different divisions.

Lesley also was placed 3rd in the Choreography section with a dance she choreographed.

Congratulations Lesley, we are so proud of you!

## **Events/Activities**

Let's meet and play



The whatsapp group for our members (or the men of our members!) with babies or young children is active again. If you are interested? Send an email to Tatiana D'Antonio... she will add you to this group.

socialmedia@heidelbergiwc.org

## Let's enjoy music

Unfortunately, the house concert on Sunday 25th of September is cancelled

## **Local happenings in the area in September**

September 15 to October 16.

<u>Literaturherbst Heidelberg:</u>

September 24 and 25.

<u>Heidelberg Fall:</u>
September 30 to October 30.

<u>Children's Drama Festival:</u>

September 18, 2022. GELITA Trail Marathon:

September 30 to October 9, 2022.

<u>Heidelberg Wine Village ("Heidelberger Weindorf")</u>

September 11 to December 16, 2022 Geist Heidelberg:

June-September Heidelberger Schlossbeleuchtung

https://www.heidelberg24.de/heidelberg/neckar-zuschauer-verkehr-heidelberg-schlossbeleuchtung-juni-termine-juli-september-sperrung-91567595.html

## **Our Local Partners**

Food Explorers

HIP

CoWomen

Evolving You Art Design

Mehrgenerationenhaus

# **Happy September Birthdays!**

September 04 - Andrea Gonzalez Rubio

September 04 - Ayse Ozkiper

September 08 - Catherine Wheeler

September 09 - Rosona Eldred

September 18 - Faeimm Tang

September 19 - Tatiana D'Antonio

September 24 - Neha Agrawal

September 25 - Al Lampier



## **Important Days September 2022**

September 08 - Nativity of Mary (Catholic Holiday)

September 10 - Zhonggui Jie, Moon Festival (Chinees Holiday)

September 26/27 - Rosh Hasjanah (Jewish New Year)

September 26/October 04 - Navaratri, 2nd period (Hindu Holiday)

Is there an (for you) important religious day not on the calendar for this month? Tell us more and teach us about this day...

# **Shop With Purpose and Support the HIWC**

## Smile.amazon.de logo

Start your online shopping at <a href="mailto:smile.amazon.de">smile.amazon.de</a> and a percentage of qualified purchases will go to support the Heidelberg IWC. What are you waiting for?!

### **Club News**

## **Check Out the Club Calendar for September**

Check the Club Calendar for the events/activities.

Browse the <u>Club Calendar</u> now.

https://heidelbergiwc.org/club-calendar?EventViewMode=1&EventListViewMode=2&SelectedDate=9/30/2022&CalendarViewType=1

### **MONTH: SEPTEMBER 2022**



WEEK	монтн	YEAR	R < PREV	/IOUS MONTH	TODAY	NEXT MONTH >
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29	30	31	Sep 1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11:00 Welcome Back BBQ	12	13	18:00 FAWCO Health Tea	20:00 FAWCO Under 40	16	11:00 World Cleanup Day
18	19	20  10:00 Let's Walk  19:00 Potluck Book Club:	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	Oct 1
2	3  Day of German Unity	4	5	6	7	8

### Welcome back bbq

Slowly more and more people are returning from the summer holidays... We are organizing a **"Welcome back bbq"** on **Sunday September 11th** in the Luisenpark (Mannheim). We hope to see many of you. We provide the charcoal and the grill "tools". All you need to bring is your own food and drinks. Here is the link to the event... Register quickly!! <a href="https://heidelbergiwc.org/event-4923069?CalendarViewType=1&SelectedDate=9/30/2022">https://heidelbergiwc.org/event-4923069?CalendarViewType=1&SelectedDate=9/30/2022</a>

If you now have a very nice idea and don't want to wait any longer with organizing it? Please contact Marelie Manders, she is our activities coordinator and will be happy to help you.

### **DAI - International Women's Brunch**

Some of the ladies from HIWC are already regular guests at the monthly international women's brunch at the DAI in Heidelberg. This brunch is organized every 4th Wednesday of the month, 11 a.m.. **Join in on September 23th!** 

People of many backgrounds find their "home away from home" in the DAI library. The brunch opens a space for women to simply get together, learn about and support one another. Whether you are a mom or not, whether you're a businesswoman or family manager, you're welcome!

More information can be found here.

https://dai-heidelberg.de/de/veranstaltungen/international-womens-brunch-8-47017/



#### **BC Hearts Matter**

On Monday 18 July we handed over 140 heart pillows to NCT (Nationale Centrum für Tumorerkrankungen) Heidelberg. It feels good that we as a club can contribute to this. The heart pillows are always needed and that's why we keep making them.

Do you want to come and help? Check the club calendar when we get back together to work on the pillows.

We have also been helped enormously with a donation in the form of money (for the purchase of the material)?

Know that for a donation of €25 you already donate 10 pillows.

The account is:

Heidelberg International Women's Club

IBAN: DE08 6729 0000 0149 6548 52

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#### Stitch n Bitch

Come learn how to do a quilt block which can be sent in for the 2023 FAWCO Friendship Quilt.

You will be shown how to cut and stitch block together. Anyone wanting to join in more details will be supplied regarding material etc.

Next meetup... Monday September 5th (18h15 - 20h30) at Lesley's Home (Wiesloch)

## **World Cleanup Day**

Join World Cleanup Day on **September 17th 2022!** World Cleanup Day unites millions of volunteers, governments and organisations in 191 countries to tackle the global waste problem and build a sustainable world.

Who is helping to contribute to a cleaner environment on this day?

https://heidelbergiwc.org/event-4953397?CalendarViewType=1&SelectedDate=9/30/2022

### **FAWCO News Flash**

FAWCO logo

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I am the FAWCO Rep for our club. There are so many ways you can get involved in everything that FAWCO offers. It really has something for everyone. You meet so many people around the world!

Remember, you must be logged into the FAWCO website to view. Have a look at these resources and see how FAWCO is a true benefit to our Club.

If there is anyone you know who is moving back to the US in the coming months, be sure to let them know about <u>FAUSA</u> which is the American part of FAWCO.

If you want to get more involved please contact me: **Ginny Trowman** <a href="mailto:fawco@heidelbergiwc.org">fawco@heidelbergiwc.org</a>

### WOMEN WHO GROW TOGETHER RISE TOGETHER

### **REGION 5 - FRANKFURT, GERMANY - SAVE THE DATE!!**

AIWC Frankfurt club is excited to welcome Region 5 (Germany and Austria clubs) to their area November 11–13, 2022!

Lots of our members are planning to attend some or all of this meetup. Save the date and hope you can come too!

Registration and further information will be shared by the end of September. In the meantime, questions about the event can be sent to fawco@heidelbergiwc.org

# Miscellaneous & Krimskrams