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The SPIRIT of being *Grateful*

FROM THE HONORARY CHAIR

Dear Friends, Dear Fellow IWA-Members,

As a relative newcomer to Bucharest, I feel profoundly honoured to be invited to take up the role of Honorary Chair for IWA's annual Christmas Charity Bazaar this year. This will be my first IWA bazaar, but I am no stranger to fundraising events of this kind. As a child, I trailed along, and later helped, as my mother dished out Ghanaian specialties, and having enjoyed the rewards of putting my creative energy to use for the benefit of people in need at bazaars in Russia and India myself, it didn't take much convincing to get me on board.

Why, you may ask, does IWA appoint an Honorary Bazaar Chair, when it has the eminently capable, well-connected resourcefulness of Marina Coanda-Bundac at its disposal? For one thing, embassies serve as an important liaison between the business community sponsors and individuals from a given country whose support is so essential for creating a solid participant framework. Secondly, the bazaar offers a unique and eagerly-awaited opportunity to engage in cultural diplomacy, bringing together expats and Romanians alike, in a multicultural extravaganza of traditional goods, food and drink, music, performances and personal interaction.

As the single most important source of income for IWA's charitable work, the value of each country's support and participation cannot be emphasized enough. More than 50 countries are on board this year! A more effective way to combine business with pleasure to raise money for IWA's charitable work would be difficult to find!

Your input can help make the bazaar an even bigger success this year: as a volunteer, preparing or acquiring items for sale, setting up and running a stall, or performing on the day; as a sponsor, providing goods or services for the bazaar or directly to IWA's selected charities; or – easiest of all – by attending the bazaar and patronising the dozens of country stalls gathered under one roof, many participating for the first time.

Come take a culinary journey at the popular international food stalls, watch a vibrant cultural display, and reduce your holiday shopping list by browsing for unique gifts from around the world – no travel documents required. Bring along recyclable bags to reduce the environmental impact of disposables and shop to your heart's desire, knowing that every penny will be well spent.

I look forward to having you join in our celebration without borders on December 10, as the international community unites in the generous spirit of giving to raise funds for a worthy cause.

Hope to see you there,

Gladys Abankwa-Meier-Klodt



WHAT IS THE BAZAAR ABOUT?

THE ABC's!

At what time does it start and end?

Doors open on Sunday, 10 Dec at 10a.m. and close at 5pm. The event takes place at Romexpo Hall C3.

The **B**azaar is IWA's annual multicultural fundraiser for charity. There is entertainment all day, a children's corner, shopping for local and international products – and great food from around the world.

Our **C**harity Committee regularly gives grants to a wide range of local charities, who help diverse groups including sex trafficking victims, children, the elderly, disabled, ill, homeless people, refugees and more.

You can help by **D**onating your:

Goods to a national table, or make a cash donation directly to the IWA Charity Committee. IWA will customize your sponsorship benefits, giving your business wide exposure in the Romanian and expat communities.

Time. Volunteer at your national table or join the IWA multinational table. Email us and we can put you in touch with your country coordinator.

Skills. There are tasks both large and small, which can be done from home or on the day with your children or with friends.

Explore and taste dozens of national tables offering specialties from different around the world.

Fees are just 10 RON (free for children under ten). Buy lots of tickets and give them away to

Glogg & Gluhwein, also known as mulled wine or hot cider, will be waiting for you too!

How do I get there?

The Bazaar is at Romexpo (Pavillion C3) Bucharest Convention centre, Bulevardul Marasti 65-67 (near Piata Presei Libere). There are several halls and Pavillion C3 is at the back right.

We are an **I**nternational Community.

Volunteers from more than 30 countries, together with diplomatic missions, cultural centers, and business partners, showcase their traditional food, handicrafts, décor and more.

Visiting the IWA Bazaar is...

Just the right thing to do before Christmas!

Music? Sure! Enjoy all kinds of music and dance performances throughout the day. Our stage program will be as multicultural as the Bazaar itself!

No one is to be forgotten!

The spirit of Christmas and the spirit of sharing is one of the key motivators for our volunteers. Join in the fun and feel the spirit...

Our organisations will receive proceeds from the Bazaar, which are distributed by the IWA Charity committee (with the exception of charities who have their own tables at the Bazaar).

Some of these can be found on page 6-7.

Pleasure to meet you there!

Grant Requests welcome!

We invite NGOs to submit grant requests! We also encourage IWA members to join the Charity Committee.

Quite a few good examples of charity work in Romania will also be present to sell beautiful gifts, inform about their mission and how you can volunteer.

So much yummy food to try right on the spot!

Transparency is key.

All requests by charities are carefully reviewed and organizations are visited before and after funding.

Volunteers welcome!

What is IWA?

Founded in 1978, the International Women's Association of Bucharest (IWA) is an independent, voluntary, charitable, non-profit and non-political organization. IWA promotes friendship amongst women of all nationalities living in Romania. IWA introduces our members to the culture of Romania, and supports local charitable organizations. We would love to have you join us!

Xmas is coming! Get your gifts at the Bazaar!

You are welcome! Check out our events and activities in a trial membership on our website.

Colourful as a Zoo – that's what the Christmas Bazaar is like!

BAZAAR COMMITTEE

IWA President: Ximena Reyes
Honorary Chairperson: Gladys Abankwa-Meier-Klodt
Chairperson: Marina Coanda Bundac
Secretary: Valeria Arseni
Fundraising Coordinator: Maria Raets
Treasurer: Carmen Barta
Country Engagement: Fatima Gruben
Entertaining Coordinator: Ximena Reyes
NGO Corner: Delia Sfetcu and Dana Pintilie
Sponsors Liaison: Andreea Vasiliu
Logos: Andreea Salinas & Jacqueline Keck
Certificates : Irina Stanila
IWA International Table: Terry O'Donnell
Parsons
Volunteers & Tickets: Andreea Salinas



WE ARE *grateful*...

IWA supports charitable organizations in the greater Bucharest area by providing grants for short-term projects in order to improve the lives of disadvantaged Romanians. We actively seek new applications and encourage you to refer nongovernmental associations to our website for more information. All requests are carefully reviewed and organisations are visited before and after funding, to ensure the best possible use of our donations. IWA is an all-volunteer association, and is audited yearly to ensure best financial practices. All proceeds from the Bazaar go to the IWA Charity Committee with the exception of committees who have their own tables at the Bazaar. Last year's Christmas Bazaar raised a fantastic 121 943 RON to support a wide range of different organisations.

Valentina Association Mothers in Action – MIA

Mission: offering training and jobs for mothers from low income and at risk families. *Grant offered:* 6 000 lei for buying sewing equipment.



Datini Association

Mission: Preserving Romanian traditions. *Grant offered:* 25 000 lei for building materials to upgrade center for teaching handcraft skills.



NOEL Kindergarten

Mission: integration of children with disabilities in educational system. *Grant offered:* 14 000 lei for furniture and blender.



Dani Mercy Charity

Mission: offering free mobile dental services for children with cancer. *Grant offered:* 22 000 for sanitation and electrical generator for the van.



Touched Romania

Mission: to offer a shelter and social integration for mothers victims of physical and sexual abuse. *Grant offered:* 15 000 lei for kitchen furniture.



Doctor Mamulea Association

Mission: improving medical equipment from Grigore Alexandrescu Hospital. *Grant offered:* 25 000 lei for purchasing nebulisator and injectomats for pediatric section.



... we could accomplish *so* much!

Saint Dimitrie Foundation

Mission: offering education through music for disadvantaged children. *Grant offered*: 7 000 lei for buying musical instruments for 30 children.



The People's Association

Mission: offering training for people with mental disability. *Grant offered*: 8 000 lei for purchasing 2 sewing machines and additional supplies.



FDP Real Madrid Foundation

Mission: professional sport training for children from low income families in sector 3. *Grant offered*: 4 000 lei for buying sport equipment for training classes.



Swedish Organisation for Humanitarian Help

Mission: offering physiotherapy procedures for disadvantaged elders. *Grant offered*: 7 566 lei.



ADAM Project

Mission: offering medical rehabilitation services (kinetotherapy, gymnastics, psychological assistance) for poor patients. *Grant offered*: 19 000 lei for rehabilitation devices, furniture, air conditioner, laptop, and alarm.



BECOME A PARTNER!

A big event like this needs strong partners! Let's talk about how your enterprise or organisation can get involved.

Partner Benefits include:

- Mention in the press release as a partner
- Complementary Tickets
- Display on the stage banner at the event
- Logo on the IWA Website homepage and Newsletter
- Roll-up banner at the event
- Opportunity to distribute brochures of your company
- Company name to be featured on plaque of one IWA Charity project (chosen by partner) and in special press release (completed post Bazaar)





Welcome to the Weihnachtsmarkt!

Glühwein (mulled wine) and Bratwurst (sausage), gingerbread, crafts and music: That's what Germans love most about their Christmas markets and you can find it here in Bucharest, too: Come to the charity „Weihnachtsmarkt“ at the German Embassy! Enjoy the typical German Christmas mood and food! Shop for some hand made gifts, discover traditional specialties, and have your children meet St Nicholas, of course!

Profits go to charity projects in Romania.

Friday, December 8 from 4 to 8 p.m. (free entrance) at the German Embassy, Str. Cpt. Av. Gheorghe Demetriade 6-8, Sector 1, Bucharest.

Hope to see you there!

Kathrin Finke



WE ARE *grateful* FOR...



Cooking together.



Learning how to take great photos together.



Halloween fun!



Checking out the best shopping venues together.



Showing each other the most unusual places to eat...

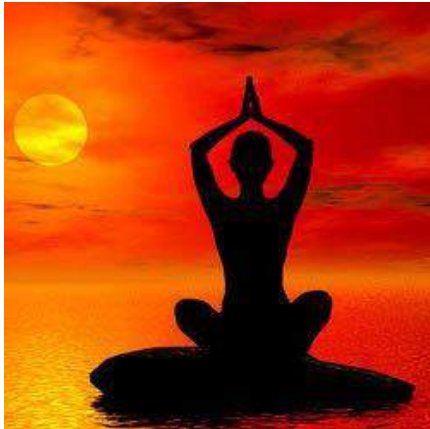


Exploring the countryside and fascinating places together.



Walking Bucharest's artistic graffiti streets together with Cinthia.

UPCOMING HIGHLIGHTS



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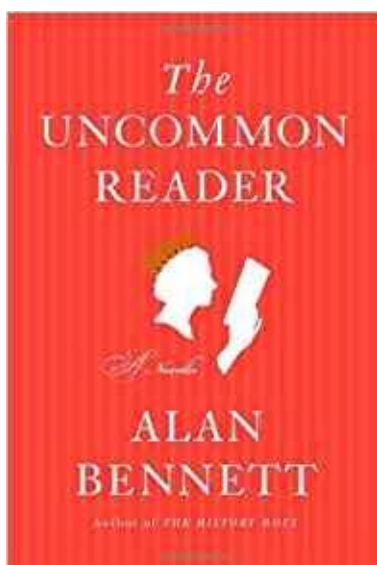
WINE TASTING



MAHJONG



WINE & CHEESE



BOOK CLUB



MUM TOTS BUCHAREST KIDS



IWA
Christmas Bazaar
A charity event



A celebration without borders

December 10th, 2017, 10.00-16.00
Romexpo Hall C3, Bucharest



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