



June 2010

Letter from the President

Dear friends of IWC,

The ABCDinner at Al Wady on April 25th 2010 was a great success. Thanks to you all who spent hours to prepare this event and thanks to our generous sponsors.

Magnificent flower arrangements decorated tables and space: Alexandrina and her flowergirls did a great work and it looked really beautiful. Elise-Marie, Fatima, Hazar, Manuela and Sema were greeting guests as if « dixit Hazar's husband » you were marrying your daughters. It made a real difference. Joan, as an experienced « maîtresse de cérémonie », was finishing her evening with an empty stomach and hurting feet. Sylvie and Grace for the tombola... YOU WERE GREAT, all of you and your efforts paid off as our earnings on that night shows us well.

I'm sure this experience, so successful for the project « Lukunga school » will inspire our new Committee with Chimene and Manuela as co-President for many other events to come.

Last but not least, the touching moment for Linda and I was when you honored us with lovely roses, we both appreciated this and thank you warmly.

Summer is coming quickly and I wish you all wonderful holidays and I look forward to the pleasure to seeing you all back, well rested in September.

Hanne Dokolo, co-President



Next Coffee morning

Tuesday 1st June 2010 at 9h30 a.m.
U.S. Ambassador's Residence
Nzongotolo No. 2, Gombe

Please bring photo ID

Coffee morning during

« summer »

Our co-President, Manuela DeBoever,
will host us at her house:
13, avenue des citronniers
Tuesday 6th July and Tuesday 3rd August
(9.30 a.m.)



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International Women's Club of Kinshasa, DRC

Goodbye, Linda!

At the May Coffee Morning, we said goodbye to Linda Garvelink, our co-President of the last two years. A gift of a photo album was prepared by Alexandrina Trindade with the help of other members who sent in photos from the two and a half years of Linda's stay in Kinshasa. Linda said the album was "exactly what I wanted".

It was hard to say goodbye after sharing so many meaningful times with Linda, but trying to look on the bright side, we are all grateful for all the talent, hard work and enthusiasm Linda devoted to the International Women's Club.

Her commitment to the values of the Club, her eagerness to recruiting new members and speakers, her diligence in managing the Executive

Committee, her cheerfulness and creativity will be models for us as we start a new Club year in September.

We wish Linda all the best in Washington!

Odile Brock



Potluck for ABCDinner's volunteers



Hoping to start a tradition, I have invited all the Dinner-dance volunteers for a potluck lunch at my home.

After so many planning meetings where there really was no time for chit-chat, it was really nice to just enjoy each others' company... not to mention, each others' fantastic culinary creations!

Odile Brock

The conference room of Franciscans Sisters is now available

The room has over 120 seats, M/F toilets and an outdoor pailotte for meals or refreshments.

It is conveniently located in Gombe near Grand Hotel and a parking is available.

L'Arche – « Salle de rencontre »

7205, boulevard Colonel Tshatshi
(in front of C.C.I.C.)

Contact : Sister Hiroko 081.298.1501
Sister Angèle 081.542.6268



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Operation Smile: Second year of IWC involvement

From May 22nd to May 30th, an Operation Smile South Africa (OSSA) volunteer team of medical and non-medical professionals has conducted a second mission at clinique Ngaliema in Kinshasa, and has provided free reconstructive surgery to children and adults with cleft lips and cleft palates.

Like last year, IWC Kinshasa became part of the project and provided four lunches for 90 team members at Ngaliema together with a potluck dinner for 120 persons at the South African Residence.

Mrs Tamlin Abrahams, program manager of OSSA and one of the mission coordinator, joined a preparatory meeting and took this opportunity to thank IWC for its support. She said the DRC mission is the favorite one for the team as they know they are going to get such good food! Thanks to the involvement of so many persons, this mission is going to be sponsored totally by people in the DRC.

She invited every member to watch an operation in progress and meet the children. A fantastic opportunity to meet with a fantastic team.

Marie-Agnès Fontaine



Thanks to all volunteers who have prepared and delivered almost 400 lunches in 4 days, and prepared also a delicious Potluck for the Operation Smile team!!



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The Sewing Workshop continues



As you know, we have few activities from June to August. But if you are in Kinshasa, you can participate in the Sewing Workshop.

Its objective is to prepare crafts and sewn items which will be sold during the IWC Bazaar at the end of the year. Currently, we have

finished the items which we have started last year but we have made also some new creations.

Come and join us even you have never sewn or made crafts before. We will show you how you

can contribute and we will always be available to help you.

Elise-Marie Balussou-Witzel

*In June, the Sewing Workshop
is open on...*

Thursday 3rd, Wednesday 9th, Tuesday 15th,
Thursday 24th and Tuesday 29th,
from 8.30 a.m. to 2.30 p.m. at Elise-Marie's flat

For more information, please call Elise-Marie
(08.12.95.62.81) or send an email to
em.balussou@free.fr



*Maybe you have no time to come and
work with us...*

You can also help us in giving
material you do not use:
fabric, thread, ribbons, old clothes in cotton (to
make patchwork), chisels, needles...

About us

The International Women's Club of Kinshasa (IWC) is a philanthropic and social organization comprised of women and men from the local and international communities. In addition to the work of providing assistance to local community projects, the Club also provides a social connection for women and men from all over the world. Meetings are conducted in English with French translation and feature a speaker from the local or international community. All ladies and gentlemen are welcome.

MEMBERSHIP DUES

\$150 for the year

For those joining after December:

Jan, Feb, Mar: **\$100**

Apr, May, Jun: **\$50**

Temporary membership: **\$20/month**

No charge for first meeting

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Executive Committe: Handing over

With the elections in March, a new Executive Committe has been elected by IWC's members. At the moment, the former and the new Executive Committe work together until September.

	2009 – 2010	2010 – 2011 n
Co-Presidents	<i>Hanne Dokolo Linda Garvelink</i>	<i>Chimene Chetty Manuela DeBoever</i>
Co-Vice Presidents	<i>Kerstin Baroncelli Manuela DeBoever</i>	<i>Marie-Agnès Fontaine</i>
Co-Secretaries	<i>Odile Brock Miriam Flamigni</i>	<i>Elise-Marie Balussou-Witzel Miriam Flamigni</i>
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Co-Chairs Welfare Committee	<i>Maryse Houadjeto Hélène Le Pivert</i>	<i>Fatima Abdullahi</i>
Co-Chairs Activities Committee	<i>Joan Mietes</i>	<i>Joan Mietes Sylvie Sereshgi</i>
Co-Chairs Hospitality Committee	<i>Yvette Pennachia</i>	<i>Rita Peet</i>
Co-Chairs Fundraising Committee	<i>Alexandrina Matos Maia Trindade Teresa Moreno Diaz</i>	<i>Alexandrina Matos Maia Trindade</i>