



International Women's Club of Kinshasa, DRC

President's Note

October 2011

Dear All,

Welcome to a new IWC month! October is traditionally the time when newcomers to Kinshasa join our club; they may have got the information either from our website or from a former or actual IWC member. May they all feel warm welcomed to our club, our newcomer's coffee or one of our outings! May you all feel happy to join the IWC team in one of its aim for this coming year: make the club be known in Kinshasa and around the world.

Two major events this month, which have been prepared since last July by your IWC team: first of all, the updated re-edition of the **Newcomer's Guidebook to Kinshasa** which will be available for sale from mid October. We would like to express our deepest thanks to all of you who dedicated their time and worked together for this big challenge: have your Newcomer's Guidebook ready at the beginning of the IWC year. Secondly, our **Welcome Event** which will take place on Thursday 20th October with the unique performance of the "Orchestre Symphonique Kimbanguiste" in the gardens of the German Residence, thanks to H.E. Peter Bloemeyer, ambassador of Germany and his wife Sabine, member of IWC who initiated the project. Both IWC members and guests will be welcome to attend.

Let's all join and make this welcome Event a highlight to start this IWC year with music, joy and friendship.

Looking forward for you to
Join, Share & Belong
with kindest regards,
Marie-Agnès & Wyn,
IWC Presidents 2011/12

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

IWC MONTHLY COFFEE MORNING

Date: Tuesday 4th October 2011

Time: 9:30 am

Place: U.S. Ambassador's Residence, Nzongotolo No.2, Gombe.



NEWCOMERS COFFEE MORNING

Date: Tuesday 11th September 2011

Time: 9:30am – 11am

Place: Halle de la Gombe.

Address : croisement av. de la Gombe et des forces armées

Newcomers and members are welcome to attend this lovely opportunity to catch up and talk. There is no charge for this event, but coffee and refreshments will be available for purchase.

IWC WELCOME EVENT

Date : Thursday 20th October 2011

Time: 6pm – 9 pm

Place: Gardens of the German Ambassador's Residence, 82, Av. Roi Baudouin, Gombe

Program: 6pm - 7 pm : welcome drink

7pm – classical concert by the "Orchestre Symphonique Kibamguiste" (OSK)

Drinks for sale throughout the evening.

Entry tickets: US\$10 at entrance and in advance



Let's start this new IWC year with music! Let's join with your family, your friends ! Let's share a moment along the Congo River! Let's all belong to the world of Music for this IWC welcome event!

Thanks to H.E. Peter Bloemeyer, ambassador of Germany and his wife Sabine, member of IWC who initiated the project, both IWC members and non-members will be welcome to attend this evening in the gardens of the German Residence along the Congo River and have the opportunity to enjoy the performance of the orchestra (OSK) featured in the multi-award winning documentary *Kinshasa Symphony*.

This documentary "Kinshasa Symphony" is now shown in France but if you were in Germany last year, you may also have had the opportunity to see it. Should you wish to learn more about the film (in English, French & German), please visit <http://www.kinshasa-symphony.com> . To learn more about the OSK before the concert, please visit their website <http://www.oskimbanqu.org/> .



Photo #1 from <http://www.kinshasa-symphony.com>. Photo #2 courtesy of Sabine Blomeyer

ACTIVITIES ANNOUNCEMENTS

MONTHLY CLUB LUNCH: un repas chez Lucienne

Date: Friday 21st October 2011

Time: 12:30 pm

Place: Nautic Club de Kinshasa; Av, inflammable, Parcelle n°986.

Buffet including 1 drink (water). Any other drinks at your own expense.

IWC Members : 20 US\$ / Non members : 25 US\$



Our October Lunch will take us to the Nautic Club of Kinshasa. We shall be welcomed by Lucienne who will treat us with a lovely Congolese buffet. Join, share and enjoy a very pleasant and peaceful time along the Congo river...Ready for a yummy break?

Repas plus une boisson (eau) comprise. Toute autre boisson en sus sera payante

Membres IWC : 20 US\$ / Non-membres : 25 US\$

Pour notre déjeuner du 18 octobre nous nous rendrons au Nautic-club de Kinshasa. Nous serons accueillies par Lucienne qui nous aura sûrement concocté un excellent buffet congolais. Venez passer un agréable moment au bord du fleuve.....A vos papilles Mesdames!!!!

MONTHLY OUTING: October Outing to M. Auguy's atelier : Visit to Tintin's world

Date : Tuesday, 18th October . Mardi 18 octobre 2011

Time / Heure : 9h30

Meeting place : lower parking, Grand Hôtel

For this first outing of the year, all Tintin's old and new friends are welcome to join : we shall go and visit M. Auguy's atelier situated opposite the new Embassy of France.



This 38years old artist started his career in 1990 by carving small wooden subjects. His passion for Tintin's world only began in 2001 : he first got inspired by black & white pictures, then adapted his sculptures from the famous books of Hergé translated in 54 different languages. We'll get to see how a simple piece of wood becomes a final figure. Join us and let's follow this artist into this world of comics.

Pour notre première sortie du mois d'octobre, avis aux "tintinophiles", nous irons visiter l'atelier de monsieur Auguy en face de la nouvelle Ambassade de France.

Âgé de 38 ans cet artiste a débuté sa carrière en 1990 en sculptant divers petits objets en bois.

C'est en 2001 que débutera réellement sa passion pour le monde de Tintin. N'ayant aucun livres, il réussira cependant à créer ses premiers personnages grâce à des photos noir et blanc. Nous aurons l'occasion de voir comment naissent tous ces personnages en partant d'un simple morceau de bois. Traduit en 54 langues, rentrons dans le monde de Tintin et laissons nous guider par ce jeune artiste.....



Dominique & Niru

FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE ANNOUNCEMENTS

The soon to be released updated IWC Newcomer's Guide to Kinshasa has been the result of all the efforts of a diverse range of people. I would like to thank all the persons who helped in different ways, either by sharing their addresses, by checking information, by adding value to the guidebook, by helping typing or proof-reading. Everyone will recognize herself in my words of thanks. I do not name any but I sincerely thank you all.

Orders and deposits for new editions of the Guide will be possible at the October coffee morning, and you can look forward to receiving an 'arrival email announcement' during this month.

Linda

WELFARE COMMITTEE MESSAGE

SEPTEMBER WELFARE OUTINGS

PLATEAU DE BATEKE



On Wednesday 14 September, a group of members and guests visited Pere Guido ('Servants of Charity') at their premises at Bateke, a good 2 hours drive from Kinshasa.

We were given a tour of the grounds, including a walk-through of the newly completed accommodation building, the lake, and their impressive fruit and vegetable plantings. It was wonderful to see the housing equipment purchased by the IWC in place. Afterwards, everybody enjoyed a delicious pot-luck lunch with scrumptious pasta

(merci Manuela) and delicious 'Southern BBQ chicken (thankyou Linda), and delectable salads.



This lovely day out was an opportunity for members and guests to spend an enjoyable time together, appreciate the countryside beyond Kinshasa, and to see be enthused by the ongoing wonderful work being done by Pere Guido and his team at the Plateau.

Difficulty in leaving such a peaceful location combined with traffic delays on both the outward and inward journeys made the day a longer one than anticipated. So, it is useful to know that there is accommodation available in comfortable en-suite bungalows. Should you be interested in staying overnight in this lovely and serene location from the end of October, please contact Pere Guido (Tel. 081 584 3825).



Photographs courtesy of Anne Jullien

WELFARE COMMITTEE MESSAGE

BOYAMBI SCHOOL

On Thursday 28th September, a small group of IWC members visited Boyambi School to perform a site visit associated with a 2nd application for assistance from the school. It was lovely to re-visit the school and to see the work already done there that was made possible through the combined efforts of a team from British Embassy and the IWC. This project will be further discussed at the October meeting of the Welfare Committee.



UPCOMING WELFARE OUTINGS

Interested to see projects IWC has been supporting or is considering supporting? Then please join the Welfare Committee on one or all of the upcoming site visits:

Thursday, October 6th:

Site & background information: Visit ACHAD (Association of Handicapped Tailors) living facility which houses 12 previously homeless families (mostly single moms with kids). Tailors used own funds to built dormitory shell. IWC provided funding to install electricity, bathroom, interior walls and doors for each family's room. ACHAD now requesting funds to build a veranda (will help keep indoor facility cleaner) and to finish the interior (refinish and paint walls, cement floors).

Meeting point: Grand Hotel lower level parking for 9 a.m. departure.

Estimated return: 11am.

Tuesday October 11th:

Site & background information: Visit Frere Mauro (shelter for homeless children which received IWC support last year for kitchen equipment), VTA (shelter for girls at-risk which is asking IWC for funds to refurbish the facility) and a school which is asking IWC to purchase desks.

Meeting point: Meet at Grand Hotel lower level parking for 8 a.m departure.

Estimated return: 3pm.

For those who would like to join, there will be a sign-up sheet at the October coffee morning.

Please note: *We do not want to leave anyone behind but as traffic is increasingly problematic we need to leave at the times indicated. Please allow plenty of time to get to the Grand Hotel as we will not be able to wait if you get stuck in traffic.*

NEW PROJECTS

If you have a project that will leave a positive effect on the society and you are looking for funding, please contact Welfare Committee Chair, Fatima Abdullahi at faabdullahi@yahoo.com.

Fatima & Pam

SITES AND SIGHTINGS

MONTHLY CLUB LUNCH



On Friday 16th September, a group of members and guests enjoyed a lunch at 'La Piscine'. Seated at a long table in the shade, we enjoyed a lovely meal, accompanied by lots of conversation and laughter. Thankyou to M. Andre of 'La Piscine' for proving our beverages free of charge.

Please note that the monthly club lunch has been shifted to the 3rd Friday of the month so as to not clash with another which some of our members attend.

MURMURS

Congratulations to Claudine André who has recently been awarded the 'femme en or' 2011 (Women in Gold) in the category environment. Claudine initiated 'Lola ya Bonobos' and her prize is wonderful acknowledgement of all that she has achieved and her ongoing efforts to publicise the precarious position of these wonderful creatures. A wonderful 'good news' story about the environment and the DRC.

Visit <http://bonoboducongo.free.fr/us/frameus.htm> to learn more about "Lola ya Bonobos".

There is also a recent film about Claudine and the Bonobos by Alain Tixier called "Bonobos" – read about it at <http://cineuropa.org/2011/nw.aspx?t=newsdetail&lang=en&documentID=202417> .



Photo sourced from <http://www.plusbellematerre.com/article-7538-claudine-andre-elu-femme-en-or-2011.html>

CLASSIFIED ADS

IWC KINSHASA WEB SITE:

Can't find your Newcomer's Guide to Kinshasa and needing to find a particular shop or an outing idea? Sign into the 'members' section of the IWC website at <http://www.iwckinshasa.org/> and search for it on the online version of the Guide. You can also find the members contact details in this section too.

To access the website, you need to be a paid member (annual) and to have received the web access information from the IWC email. If you have any queries, please send an email to iwckinshasa@gmail.com

In the 'public' pages of the website, you can view the names of our sponsors and donors from various fundraising events, previous newsletters, and IWC info and news as well as the current month's calendar.

THERAPEUTIC MASSAGE @ BELLE VUE:

Sylvie S. 081 267 8643, sylvies2002@yahoo.fr

CATERING

SAMOSAS & SPRING ROLLS at a reasonable rate - as enjoyed at the 2010 Christmas Bazaar.
Contact: Papa Tiala , 099 870 4035

ASSISTANCE WITH SETTING UP, PACKING UP, WASHING DISHES, FOOD SERVICE, ETC

Joyce ably assisted the IWC during our monthly coffee mornings and 'pot luck lunches' at the SA Embassy Recreation Centre, as well during our 2010 Christmas Bazaar in a professional manner.

Contact: Joyce Katende, 089 725 8331

ABOUT US

THE INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S CLUB OF KINSHASA (IWC) is a social and philanthropic membership based organization comprised of women and men from the local and international communities.

In addition to providing a social space for women and men from all over the world, the Club also provides assistance to local community projects. The IWC is considered an English-speaking Club, however the language needs of non-English speakers are accommodated when possible.

Regular monthly activities are our monthly coffee mornings which take place the 1st Tuesday of the month -where we usually have a speaker-, newcomers coffee mornings, our monthly lunch, cultural and welfare outings in Kinshasa. Different groups are created on voluntary basis and differ each year. These activities are free for members however open to non-members for a small fee. All are welcome!

The Club by-laws state the IWC's purpose as:

- To provide an opportunity for women and men of all nationalities to meet and to promote good relations within the community.*
- To conduct activities for the benefit and welfare of such persons or groups of persons of Congolese nationality as may be designated by the Club.*
- To provide information and understanding of our host country through speakers and trips and to help newcomers become integrated into the international community.*

Whilst Club members are mostly expatriates based in Kinshasa, it also includes members from local business, academic, artistic, social, government and international circles. It is a good networking and support space for people and can add value to any newcomer or resident of the city!

2011-2012 membership fees are as follows:

Members joining in September 2011 to February 2012: \$75

Members joining in March to June 2012: \$35

***These memberships** are valid from the date of payment until end of June 2012. Monthly memberships are available for **\$10** and entitle the member to activities until the next Coffee morning (primarily for use by temporary residents of Kinshasa).*

***Full membership** entitles the member to join in all the activities, browse the website version of the Kinshasa Newcomer's Guide, place articles and notices in the newsletter, and more.*

Only a nominal % of membership fees are used for administrative and social activities of the club. The major administrative expenses are donated by volunteer members, especially the IWC Board. The majority of fees collected go to the welfare budget which supports organizations and projects working toward development of communities in Kinshasa.

IWC AND PHOTOS

We thank you in advance for respecting the following requests regarding members' privacy:

No photos should be taken at any residence the IWC is invited to, unless permission is given by the hostess. No photos taken during outings, lunches or any club event should be shared on Facebook (or the equivalent) unless permission given by all persons concerned.



International Women's Club of Kinshasa Activities Calendar – October 2011

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday / Sunday
31					1/2
3	4 9:30am IWC Coffee Morning	5	6 9am Welfare outing #1	7	8/9
10	11 8am Welfare outing #2 9:30am Newcomers Coffee Morning	12	13	14	15/16
17 9:30 am Welfare Committee Meeting	18 9:30 am Club outing to chez Auguy	19	20 6pm IWC Welcome Event @ residence of German Ambassador	21 12:30pm Club Lunch @ Nautic Club de Kinshasa	22/23
24	25 9.30am Board Meeting	26	27	28	29/30

Priority given to members where places are limited, activity charges may apply for non members