

Dear friends,

I hope this letter finds you well.

It is cold and dark, windy and rainy outside. And as if the darkness of the season were not enough, we have horror reports and sadness on the news, one piece worse than the other. All positivity we need in order to thrive drained away. Despite all this, or maybe it is just because of it all, we treasured the time we spent together last month, little glints of happiness and contentment, cozy camaraderie and closeness that sparked happiness in our lives.

All events for October took place as planned and they were well attended. Our quick lunch on the 10th was the least "crowded" event, but still an opportunity to see some of you that do not have the time to join other events.

A big "Thank you" to Susanne, who perfectly hosted our book club and spoiled us once more! But it was not only the fine food that made the evening a special one. It was, first and foremost, the deep, honest and respectful discussion that touched a number of themes, all related somehow to our book, and all of them actual in our days.

And another "thank you" to our president, Estella, for organising the dinner at "Steakmanufaktur" during which not only members but also partners had a wonderful time.

We are looking forward to welcoming you to our upcoming events:


Monday, Nov. 27_ 19:30 - **Book Club** - we are reading "The Christie Affair" by Nina de Gramont

Saturday, Dec. 2 - 14:30 - **Wreath binding** Coffee/Tea at Charikleia`s

Thursday, Dec. 7 - 19:00- **AIWA Christmas Party** at Nunó, husbands/partners welcome!

Wednesday, Dec. 20 - 17:00 - **Visit Christmas Market Augsburg**

Thursday, Jan 25 , 2024 **Ballett "Charly"** Martnipark, Augsburg (please buy your own ticket)



Every year in November we are faced with the same question: our next board will have to be constituted. This time 3 of the 5 board members wish to step down. That means that we need at least 3 new members in our board. Please consider joining the Board! Besides being a very rewarding task, it is a perfect opportunity to get to know most of our members. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact one of our current board members and talk about it.

This month we welcome three new members!

Emma Bäuml, Nara Paes, and Ivana Mitrovic applied for membership and their applications were joyfully accepted. Welcome to our group, ladies! We are looking forward to seeing you soon!

We do know that it is difficult to repeat the great success of our trip to Prague. But now we have the travel bug and spontaneously planned our next trip. Preparations are running, so if you are interested in joining, please let us know (activities@augzburg-iwa.org).

For November, I would like to invite you to a challenge: Despite the gloomy news, let us choose to focus on the positive this month. We definitely cannot change the whole world. But we can change the world around us. Let us try to create small circles of light and peace and joy. In the middle of the darkness of November, great feasts come to remind us that there is a lot to look forward to. Let us stand together and appreciate the empowerment of friendship. May the spirit of Thanksgiving and Divali, the light of hope and gratitude guide our paths forward, so that we can overcome even the darkest of times while creating a brighter future for all.

Love, always

Charikleia

