



Issue 59 - August 2024



IWCR's August Newsletter

Dear ladies,

The school year is almost starting again, and with it, the bazaar preparation. Expect more info on it soon!

Also, August is when we renew our membership. You will shortly be receiving emails from Inna on that.

Lastly, we have completely moved out of Member Planet, and at this point you should all be getting invites for our meets and greets and other activities sent through our new emails. If you are not getting them, please drop a line to membership@iwcr.lv

See you soon!
Laila Stancioff
President of IWCR

Charity News

Charity Committee is ready to start our activities after summer break. We invite all the members to join our team to help us plan and implement our ideas into life to support charities!



We continue to update our website with information about organizations that we support. Milk Formula and Children Hospital Fond have been added this month. Follow the link and find out more about them:

[Riga Milk Formula Charity](#)

Riga Milk Formula Charity Project is a project run by volunteer Maria Rickardsson in collaboration with The Mother Teresa Sisters in Riga, Latvia. Funds are raised to purchase milk formula and if fund allows, diapers and wet wipes, which are handed out by the Sisters based on who is in greatest need of support. Read more [here](#).

[Children Hospital Fond](#)

Since 2001 the Children's Hospital Foundation takes care of children's health through raising help from the public. The Foundation closely collaborates with the Children's Clinical University Hospital on day-to-day basis and makes its contribution to ensure that the assistance available to



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children at the Hospital is professional, delivered in high quality and provided in an environment that is friendly to the child and its family, as well as provides continued support to individual children who need it in the post-hospital or rehabilitation period. Read more [here](#).

Main events and activities for autumn/winter period:

- Charity Drive
- Christmas Bazaar
- Morning Meet&Greet with a speaker from one of our charities
- Visits to the charity organization that our club supports

We are open to new ideas! Please reach out to charity@iwcr.com and join us for an upcoming charity committee meeting

Please, join IWCR WhatsApp group to receive news about the charity events and activities (link in the end of the Newsletter).

Julia Pesnya
IWCR Charity Coordinator

Charity committee: Amanda Bannister, Donka Robinson, Julia Pesnya, Liga Kukaine, Magdalena Slomczewska, Meaghan Myers, Ria Nagy Struharikova

Announcement

NEW MEMBERSHIP YEAR!!!

Dear ladies, this is a kind reminder of coming time to pay for your new membership year in our club.

We decided to stop accepting payments in cash since this added headaches to our coordinators and accountancy and urge you **to pay to our bank account**. Please see the billing details here:

Please don't forget to mention in reference "**Membership 2024 – 2025, Name**" for those who will pay for 1 year and "**Membership 2024 – 2027, Name**" for those who will pay for 3 years.

1 year membership - 40 eur; 3 years - 100 eur.

IWCR Bank Details:

Rigas Starptautiskais Sieviesu Klubs – Igora iela 49, Salaspils, LV-2119

Bank details: SEB Bank A/S

Bank address: T/C Galleria Riga, Dzirnau iela 67, Riga, LV-1011

Latvia Bank Account # (IBAN) LV92UNLA0001001700980

Bank routing #: 310101900

<https://www.iwcr.lv/membership/>



Inna Kotlikova
IWCR Membership coordinator

Meet a member! – 5 Questions to Amanda

The International Women's Club of Riga is an international group of women offering friendship and supporting local charities.

Every year IWCR elects a new board. This year the board consists of:

President: Laila Stancioff

Vice President: Amanda Banister

Treasurer: Bridget Healy

Secretary: Marija Krumina

Social Activities Coordinator: Vija Pugule



This month we feature Vice President - Amanda Banister

You can read the full interview here: <https://www.iwcr.lv/meet-a-member-5-questions-for-amanda/>



Please join the IWCR group in WhatsApp.

This can be done in 2 ways:

1. Point your phone camera at the QR code and click on the link that appears.

2. Follow this link:

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/EEHopfO1YdjA0pZrEfJuub>

IWCR Monthly Events

Morning Meet&Greet, September 4th

We invite you to our September Meet & Greet - feel free to bring a friend or someone who might be interested in joining the club!

Please join us to meet some new people, learn more about the IWCR, and hear about some of the upcoming events.

Drinks and snacks will be available to purchase.



When: Wednesday, September 4th **(THE NEW DAY – EVERY FIRST WEDNESDAY OF MONTH)**

Time: 9:30-11:30

Where: TBD

Evening Meet&Greet, September 18th

When: Wednesday, September 18th

Time: 19:00

Where: TBD

Monthly Lunch, September 19th

When: Thursday, September 19th

Time: TBD
Where: TBD



English Conversation Club, Every Thursday

We invite you to an online class with like minded ladies to practice your English speaking and listening skills with a native speaking British teacher.

The classes are FREE and held every **Thursday from 1:30pm to 2:15pm via Zoom.**

Everyone is welcome!!!

Each session is led by Ellice, a qualified British teacher who works with The Phonics School Ltd (www.theponicsschool.com) and has experience helping adults improve their English skills and sound more fluent.

You can register by emailing Sophie at sophie@theponicsschool.com.

Book club

The book club is currently on break, but if anyone would be interested in starting it up again in the fall, that would be great!

Send the information to communications@iwcr.lv (Elena Tezhe) and we will help you to organize.

IWCR Past Events

Morning Meet&Greet on 7th of August





Would you like to add your event to the calendar? Is there a group you would like to organise? Email social@iwcr.lv to get in contact with the Social Committee, and/or <mailto:communications@iwcr.lv> to add your event to the newsletter!

Do you want to communicate with everyone from the IWCR in WhatsApp? To do this, follow the link and join the IWCR group chat: <https://chat.whatsapp.com/EEHopfO1YdjA0pZrEfJuub>

SHARE YOUR EVENTS! Send your event summary and images to <mailto:communications@iwcr.lv>. Please include some basic info (how many people, what did attendees enjoy the most, how many KM you ran, which book you read etc.). Please confirm that the people in the photos have given their permission to publish the photo in this private newsletter!

Club and Newsletter Information

The IWCR Newsletter is for the exclusive use of its members. Views and opinions expressed in individual articles in the Newsletter do not necessarily represent the views of the IWCR.

Members can submit announcements, photos, upcoming events, etc. Submission deadline for the Newsletter is the 23rd of the month every month, by midnight to communications.iwcr@gmail.com. Submissions must be from IWCR members only. The Editor reserves the right to cut or edit material sent to the newsletter for publication and cannot guarantee inclusion. Format of submission should be according to the following guidelines:

TOPIC YOUR NAME	INFORMATION - max 150 words Please provide full HTTP links below the text - max 3 links, including email addresses.	Contact Details
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The Newsletter is a new idea for the club, and as such, we are open to comments and suggestions, to communications@iwcr.lv or secretary@iwcr.lv.

The IWCR Newsletter Coordinator: Elena Tezhe