



CLUB NEWS 2021

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Dear members,

We hereby report on all events that took place in September and October 2021.

You will find this Club News and also numerous photos of the documented events under the password-protected "Members" section of our website. We hope you enjoy reading it.

Our next Club News will appear in early 2022. In the meantime, we wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

SITUATION OF THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC IN THE PRINCIPALITY

In the period from the beginning of September to the end of October there were few infections, as in the previous summer months. On September 23, the incidence rate was only 32. Nonetheless, Minister of State Pierre Dartout argued: "The battle is not over. There is still no collective immunity of the population. Only 77% of the population are vaccinated at least once. We must remain attentive and careful and thank everyone who obeys the existing rules! Joint responsibility is necessary in order to be able to lead a normal life again soon. " it was then decided that wearing masks was still necessary, but that showing health passport on terraces was not anymore required and that event rooms could be used at full capacity again.

At the urging of the National Council and because the infection situation had further improved, new decrees were published on October 11, stating that wearing a mask was generally no longer necessary, except indoors. In mid-October, the government announced also that a third, i.e. booster, vaccination was available for all vaccinated persons over 65 years of age.

However, at the end of October, the Covid situation changed again: the infection rate increased rapidly and is currently reaching a high incidence level never seen before. Wearing masks is again mandatory and further measures will follow.

OUR EVENTS

**Private invitation from Frédéric and Martine Geerts to a trip to Saint-Tropez to visit the private domain "La Ferme"
Friday 9th September 2021**

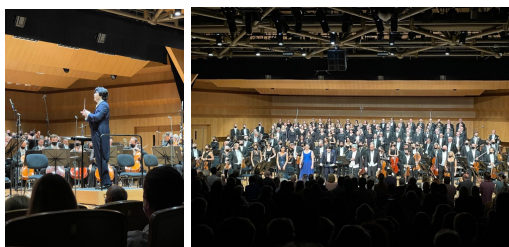
As Frédéric and Martine Geerts are very good friends with the owner of the domain "La Ferme", our members had the extraordinary opportunity to visit this exclusive private estate next to the Plage Tahiti in St-Tropez. Some traveled by helicopter, which could land directly on the estate. We were shown around by the owner personally and could discover an extraordinary landscape garden with vineyards, large, old umbrella pines and a biological vegetable garden, in addition to the very nicely renovated mansion in the park.

The hospitality shown to us was overwhelming. The brunch was served on the terrace, prepared by a "Top-Cheffe de France", accompanied by champagne and very good own wine from the estate. Afterwards, the art expert Marie Cassandre presented us with interesting sculptures made of charred olive trees in the park. This invitation was an invitation for all of us extraordinary and unforgettable experience.



Season opening concert by the OPMC "in the heart of music" in the Rainier III auditorium with dinner in the Café de Paris. September 26th

To start the new concert season 2021/22, chief conductor Kazuki Yamada conducted "Beethoven's Ninth" with enthusiasm, full energy and great success. The ode to joy was interpreted in an outstanding manner by four singers and the London Symphony Chorus. The audience was enthusiastic and applauded for a long time in standing ovation. The evening continued with a classic dinner in the Café de Paris.



49th General Assembly of the CAI in the ACM, with invitation to dinner and celebration of the "Day of German Unity" October 7th

This year, too, the AGM could not take place in April as usual and was postponed again to October, and combined with the celebration of the "Day of the German Unity". A ZOOM videoconference for interested members who could not attend was also organized. The budget and the events of the year 2020, as well as the planning for 2021, were presented by both Co-Presidents. Our member Daria Marrazini offered the welcome champagne and wished everyone a successful evening via ZOOM. Our member Hans Komperness also offered various practical household items as small dowries.



On the occasion of the German National Day on October 3rd, the ACM pianist played the German and the Monegasque national anthems. Then a multi-course gourmet menu with selected wines was served. At the end of the dinner, the German honorary consul in Nice, Mathias Wächter, presented a comment on the current results of the federal elections and the likely political consequences in Germany.



**Invitation to the exhibition “Remarkable Women of Monegasque History” in the rose garden Princesse Grace
October 9th**

On the initiative of our member Sabine Holz-Strautmann, several Club ladies met in the rose garden Princesse Grace to explore a selection of different biographies of famous women, portrayed there. It was a historically very interesting afternoon with an Italian aperitif at the end. Everyone expressly thanked Sabine for this successful initiative.



**Visit of the new 5 star hotel MAYBOURNE RIVIERA ROQUEBRUNE, formerly Vistapalace, with a guided tour and gourmet dinner
15th October**

The idea of visiting this spectacular new hotel shortly after it opened met with great approval. The CAI members were welcomed with a generous champagne cocktail and canapés offered by the hotel manager, followed by a very informative tour, in several small groups, through the suites, rooms and most important areas of the hotel. The elegant design and the quality of the materials used and of the equipments impressed everybody, as well as the spectacular view from the terraces protruding over the cliff and the Riviera. The subsequent gourmet menu in the rooftop restaurant by head chef Marco Colagrecco was excellent. Everyone was of the opinion that it was a very successful, informative and interesting event and that we should come back.



Concert "LANG LANG" in the Grimaldi Forum October 21

The world-famous pianist Lang-Lang only gave one concert in the Principality on his world tour. He played Bach's Goldberg Variations, which he has studied and practiced for 20 years. 2 hours of unique, breathtaking, beautiful piano playing. The audience responded with long, enthusiastic applause and a standing ovation. As a special encore, Lang-Lang played a popular Chinese folk song: Jasmin Flower by Schindler.

The CAI gave some tickets that were not used by the members as a donation to the students of the piano class of the music academy. Here too there was great enthusiasm.



Invitation to the gala for the 15th anniversary of the Prince Albert II Foundation and award ceremony for outstanding commitment to the preservation of the planet, October 29 in the Grimaldi Forum

Quote from Prince Albert II: "I created this award to show my support for exceptional women and men who are committed to saving our planet."

On this basis, three personalities were honored by Prince Albert. The various projects for various areas were presented very attractively and convincingly via video. Followed by a film "The Path of Rain - Hope for the Earth", produced by the artist Sibylle Szaggars-Redford, plus the world premiere of a film music specially developed for it. The guest of honor Robert Redford read appropriate passages.



JOUR FIXE ON SEPTEMBER 2ND

This meeting of the members, again on the terrace of the Cafe de Paris, was very successful, because the Thorbecke couple, who had recently joined, had spontaneously invited to champagne and canapés. We all thank you very much for this generous invitation of many club members.



CHARITY

Rainier III Academy of Music - donation to restoration of instruments

After our donation to restore the instruments of the Music Academy that suffered from infiltrations, the Mayor of Monaco, M. Georges Marsan invited the Co-Presidents to a tour of the completely renovated and beautifully modernized Music Academy on October 14th. This was also an opportunity to meet the new director of the Academy, Madame Jade Sapolin.



Donation for the flood disaster in the Ahr Valley, Dernau, Germany

On behalf of the CAI, on October 14, the Honorary Consul of the Principality of Monaco in Düsseldorf, Mr. Bernhard Stempfle, handed directly to the mayor of the affected village of Dernau, Alfred Sebastian, and in the presence of the local press, our check for 10,000 euros for the future repair of the village square. The donation was accepted with great gratitude by the village.



OUR MEMBERS

Daniela and Thierry Boutsen opened their sales rooms in the new Monaco port of Ventimiglia “Cala del Forte” on September 22nd and generously invited friends and clients to a dinner cocktail with music and Deejay. It was a very interesting excursion to this new project of the Principality with very attractive facilities. In particular, the ARMANI CASA and BOUTSEN CLASSIC CARS boutiques.



Our members **Mario Furrer and Nathalie Ansaud** tied the knot on September 11th under blue sky and shiny weather in Vence. They are now a happy couple and we wish them a long, mutual and harmonious life full of love for the future.



NEXT EVENTS FROM DECEMBER

The recent developments of the pandemic in the Principality and the new restrictions imposed and under preparation make our planning in December, and then after, more complex. Thus, the event planned for **New Year's Eve on December 31 at the Yacht Club had to be canceled**, as the number of people was limited and places are only reserved for YCM members. The same goes for **Sybilla Beck's invitation on December 7, which will be postponed until March 2022** following the ban on hosting cocktail dinatoires. We still hope to be able to organize the following events:

- Wednesday December 15: private invitation from our Co-President Beatrix von Dellingshausen to the Theatre des Muses for the reading of detective novels with Cay Rademacher and songs by Eva Lind
- Saturday 25 December: Christmas brunch at the Belle Époque Salon of the Hotel Hermitage
- Tuesday December 28: Tickets for the Christmas show and ballet "The Nutcracker" with the Monte-Carlo ballet and the OPMC at the Grimaldi Forum
- Thursday January 6: New Year's reception and lunch at the private invitation of our Honorary President Karl Vanis and Nina Vanis at the Maybourne Riviera Hotel