

## **CLUB NEWS 2022**

### **October Edition, Nr. 4**

Dear members,

We report in this edition about our Club events from mid-July to mid-October 2022, about the current Covid situation in the Principality, our new members and the events planned until the end of the year.

As always, you can find numerous photos of the documented events under the password-protected "Members" section of our website. We hope you enjoy reading.

### **SITUATION COVID IN THE PRINCIPALITY**

During the summer months, the infection situation eased significantly, despite many celebrations and big events without sanitary restrictions. At the beginning of September there were only 5 Covid patients in the hospital and 23 residents under control at home.

The government is currently informing all residents that a new vaccine has arrived and that there is now another vaccination against the Omnicron variants BA 4 and BA 5. Prince Albert pointed out that residents over the age of 60 in particular should take advantage of this free offer. At the beginning of October, 92 infected people were reported. Doctors recommend again a flu vaccination and wearing masks in closed rooms.

### **OUR EVENTS**

#### **CAI Charity Gala on Deck 5 at Monaco Yacht Club Tuesday July 19, 2022**

It was a fantastic, happy summer festival, "open air" and adapted to the very high temperatures: the gentlemen without tuxedos, pretty fans provided for the ladies. Our members, some with their friends, the guests of honor and several guests invited by the CAI Committee as well as friends of the Club were welcomed with champagne and aperitifs, offered again this year by our members Anne and David Norman. Many thanks to them for this generous gesture!



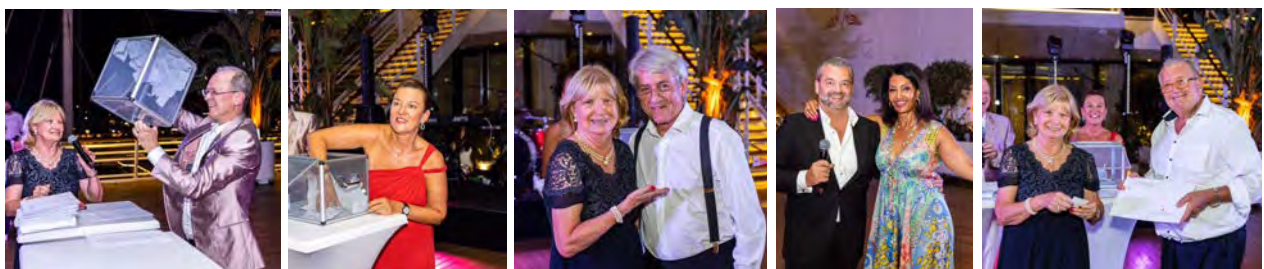
At the beginning of the evening, the Co-Presidents warmly welcomed the new Monegasque Ambassador in Berlin, M. Ravano and his wife, Representative of the Conseil National Mme Gibelli, Representative of the Mayor Mme Salopek, Honorary Member and UIPM President Dr.K.Schormann and his wife, and NEWS.MC Editor-in-Chief Ian Brodie and his wife. After the introduction, a multi-course, gourmet dinner was served, accompanied by a pleasant deejay from the music group Merandsea. Between courses, the dance group LIDO PARIS performed an attractive CABARET show.



Before dessert, the Co-Presidents informed about the organization of the upcoming anniversary: "50 YEARS CAI". A brochure was handed over with initial ideas for the event and a note that additional financial support for the realization would be greatly appreciated. A special account was set up for this purpose. Patrick Wetzel also informed that our member Wilma Lämmle made a very generous donation of €50,000 to support the special "50 trees for 50 years" initiative for the renaturation of Monaco.



Then the dance group presented an amazing and rousing CAN-CAN show, which received a lot of applause. And as soon as the dance floor was free, our ladies conquered it, and individual gentlemen also got active. Traditionally, the very popular raffle took place at the end. Our dedicated and attractive lucky fairy Isolde Fricke drew lots for many interesting and valuable prizes, many of them organized by our honorary president Karl Vanis. The first price, a week in the Maldives, was offered by our member, Jochen Radermacher. Our member Hans Kompernaß also offered several electrical devices from his company.



And the dancing continued for a long time in a wonderful summer evening mood! There was a lot of positive feedback on this Club gala, including an article in NEWS MC published by Mr. Ian Brodie.

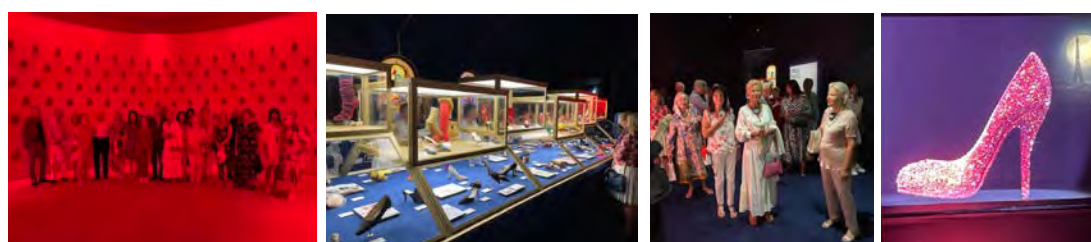
**Private invitation from Carmen and Reinhard Schall to dinner at the Castelroc restaurant, followed by a concert in the main courtyard of the palace  
Sunday, August 7, 2022**

This generous invitation for our concert lovers began with a Mediterranean menu and selected wines in the traditional Castelroc restaurant. Afterwards, everyone went to the main courtyard to experience two monumental, romantic works at the end of the summer season. Schumann's 3rd Symphony "Rhénane" and Brahms 1st Concerto for Piano & Orchestra, played by the German piano virtuoso Martin Helmchen. Unfortunately, a strong thunderstorm announced itself during the piano concert with squalls and enormous lightning and thunder. When it also began to rain, the conductor Jérémie Rohrer decided to call off the concert, to the great disappointment of the pianist and the audience. So the concert, which had started so wonderfully, ended too early.



**Private invitation from Anneliese Moeller and Sabine Schoechli to the exhibition "Christian Louboutin : L'Exhibitioniste" in the Grimaldi Forum, followed by an aperitif and dinner at Marco's Larvotto, Friday, August 19, 2022**

This generous invitation to this year's summer exhibition was a grandiose, visual experience: over 2000 square meters to present the whole work of art of the shoe and fashion designer Christian Louboutin. The exhibition was designed by the design artist Allen Jones. Far from a classic retrospective, the exhibition was a joyful odyssey through three decades of creativity, imbued with curiosity about all cultures and all arts. The personal art collection of Louboutin, to be discovered in his Imaginary Museum, was also very surprising. The show was extraordinary, magical and dizzying!



Afterwards, the members were able to share their personal impressions over an aperitif at the restaurant Marco in the Larvotto, followed by a gourmet menu with tasty wines. At the end, a glass was drunk with Marco personally. A big "thank you" to Anneliese Moeller and Sabine Schoechli for this generous invitation !



**Private invitation from Charlotte Weinberg to Alain Llorca's starred restaurant in La Colle-sur-Loup, combined with a visit to the Maeght Foundation  
Friday 9 September 2022**

Our long-standing member Charlotte Weinberg only comes sporadically from Switzerland to the Côte d'Azur and we were very happy that we were able to meet again in a larger group after a long time. She invited the Club to the exclusive Michelin starred restaurant Alain Llorca's close to St-Paul de Vence.

Since the well-known Fondation Maeght is in the vicinity, a guided tour through the current exhibition "Au cœur de l'abstraction / Ganter Collection, Geneva" was organized. The tour guide Corinna Kiefer led through 9 different themed rooms and presented the development of abstract art from 1950 to 1980 in a very professional and informative way.

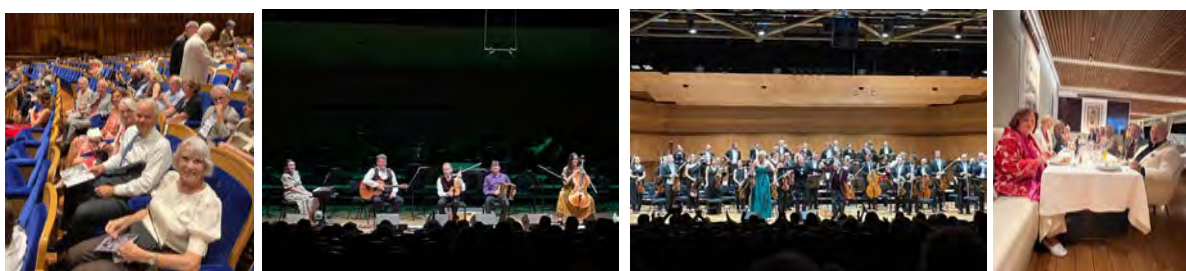


The members then switched to the nearby Michelin restaurant and were able to enjoy an excellent menu with matching wines on the terrace, with a gorgeous view of the medieval town of St. Paul. Everyone thanked Charlotte Weinberg for this special and unique invitation!



**Special concert "HOMMAGE À LA PRINCESSE GRACE" at the Rainier III Auditorium followed by dinner at the YCM's Restaurant 1909  
Thursday, September 15, 2022**

The CAI organized tickets to attend this special music event to commemorate the anniversary of the Princess' death. The "Princesse Grace Symphonic Suite" composed by the Irish composer Carl Hession received its world premiere. Prince Albert, Princess Charlene and Princess Caroline were present and gave a lot of applause. The concert evening opened with a selection of Irish music performed by the famous Irish violinist Frank Gavin and his Irish music group with classical instruments and songs. A very nice late dinner was then served to the members at the 1909 Yacht Club restaurant.



**Private invitation by Robert Smulders to his historic private villa "Sainte Lucie" in Roquebrune - Village.  
Thursday, September 22, 2022**

The invitation originally planned for July took finally place at the end of the summer. The Villa "Sainte Lucie", that Robert Smulders owns since many years, is a classic villa with a long history, built as Menton was still part of the Monaco Principality.



After everyone had mastered the steep access road, the invited guests were welcomed with champagne and given a very committed tour of the villa by the landlord. They were able to admire the historical furnishings and paintings. This very special, exclusive, private invitation was crowned with an excellent lunch on the terrace overlooking the sea. The first seating plan, at the request of the host, included the couples "not" sitting next to each other. The second seating plan, presented before the dessert, prompted gentlemen to change seats to entertain other ladies at the table. All of this was accepted with a lot of fun and approval and gave a very positive boost to the table talks. We all want to thank Robert Smulders for this very "special" invitation!

**Day of the German Unity at the ACM, with presentation of the documentary by Yann-Antony Noghès "Albert 1er, un combat pour la Paix", followed by cocktail and dinner  
Wednesday, October 5, 2022**

For organizational reasons, the celebration of the German Unity Day could only take place on October 5, again at the popular Monaco Automobile Club. The evening opened with the presentation of a documentary produced by the Monegasque journalist Yann-Antony Noghès on the occasion of Albert 1er's anniversary year: "Albert 1er: un combat pour la Paix". The theme of the film is the commitment and activities of the Prince before the First World War to keep the peace, together with the Nobel Peace Prize winner Bertha von Suttner. The combination of historical film material, old pictures and expert comments has resulted in a unique, historical document that gives many interesting new insights into the life of the Prince. At the end of the projection, Mr. Noghès joined in person and explained his goals and answered questions. The Honorary Consul and historian Matthias Waechter, who was invited by the Club, commented very positively on the documentation.



In the restaurant, all guests honored the German National Day by listening to the national anthem played by the pianist. Then a multi-course, classic ACM menu was served with selected wines. Before dessert, Matthias Waechter, in his capacity as Honorary Consul, gave a short but very accurate speech about the overall situation in Germany and Europe, which has become extremely complex as a consequence of the war in Ukraine. It was a historic Club event with a lot of food for thought.



## JOUR FIXES

**August 4, 2022**



Thanks to Karl Vanis' good contact, we were able to organize an exclusive Jour Fixe at the Hotel Metropole on the sun deck, the spa's temporary cocktail lounge. A very attractive location with a view of the casino and the Carré d'Or. Tasty canapés created by chef Cussac were served very generously, at a very reasonable special price: a welcome gift from M.Boustany. Several guests interested to join the CAI were also present and were warmly welcomed. Hotel director Serge Ethuin came to visit to get to know us personally. All in all a very successful get-together with a very nice summer evening atmosphere. We would like to thank Karl Vanis very much for the idea bis support.

**September 1, 2022**



Our Vice-President Angela Kleiber and Holger Eckstein invited us to our September Jour Fixe in the very romantic Crystal Lounge in the garden of the Hotel Hermitage. Angela also invited several friends and several guests interested in the CAI. Champagne and variations of canapés were served very generously. It was a perfect meeting place for happy, good conversation: a real highlight this summer. We would like to thank Angela and Holger for this extremely generous invitation in such a wonderful atmosphere.

## NEW MEMBER



Monsieur Gérard Weinberg discovered our Club through our campaign for the 50-years of the CAI, with posters published in several bus stops in Monaco. He wants to reconnect with the German culture and Community, continue refreshing his already excellent German and take part in our joint events. He spent his childhood in Monaco and traveled internationally for work, spending a long time in London. His anecdotes from Monaco in the 1950s and 60s simply wowed everyone. We are very pleased to welcome such a likeable member in our Club.



Mrs Naila Fadhlullah lives in Monaco and does business in Green Building, internationally in English and Arabic speaking countries and would like to meet like-minded people for science, technology, sports and art in the Club. She joined our Jour Fixe in September 1st and her open and friendly manner inspired our members. We wish her a warm welcome.



Ms. Liountmila Logan Arzanova, born in Georgia, lived in London for many years and now with her husband in Roquebrune Cap Martin. Some of our members know Ms. Logan Arzanova very well and have been friends with her for many years. Her interests are tennis, opera and ballet and her open and friendly nature will enrich our club. Welcome to the German Club!



Some of you already know the Swiss couple Peter & Daniela Koller, as they have often been guests at our events. They run their own company in the field of real estate development and sustainable energies and are happy to be members of our Club, which they value very much because of the friendly community and the high-quality and interesting events and would like to combine their open and international way of life with our club. Bienvenue.

## SPONSORSHIP AND DONATIONS FOR THE ANNIVERSARY YEAR 2023

We would like to say a big thank you to everyone who has already committed to sponsoring a Club event (Jour Fixe or other event) and/or made a donation for the 50 year anniversary of the CAI in 2023.

**MANY THANKS!!!**

And we encourage everyone to do the same if you haven't already (it's still possible to sponsor events: please contact us if you prefer this to a donation).

## **NEXT EVENTS UNTIL THE BEGINNING OF JANUARY 2023**

**Thursday, November 3rd**

Jour Fixe from 5.30pm to 7.30pm at the Cantinetta Antinori

**Friday, November 18th**

gourmet lunch and lecture by Dr. Fouilleron, Director of the Monaco Palace Archives in the Excelsior Salon of the Hermitage Hotel.

**Sunday, November 27th**

1st Advent TEA TIME in the afternoon in the Mezzanine of the Espace Eiffel in the Hotel Hermitage, with harp music. (Replaces the Jour Fixe of December 1st)

**Thursday, December 1st**

No Jour Fixe

**Saturday, December 3rd**

Musical "Around the world in 80 days" at the Grimaldi Forum (limited number of tickets) with aperitif at Twiga

**Saturday, December 17th**

Les Ballets de Monte-Carlo "Notes & Opus 40" at the Grimaldi Forum (limited number of tickets) with previous aperitif

**Sunday, December 25th**

Christmas brunch in the Salle Epoque at the Hotel Hermitage

**Saturday, December 31st**

New Year's Eve at the Yacht Club Monaco (to be confirmed)

**Monday, January 9th, 2023**

New Year's reception at the invitation of Karl and Nina Vanis, opening the 50th anniversary of the CAI, for cocktail, concert and festive dinner at the Salle Belle Époque of the Hôtel Hermitage..

***For those interested in art, the CAI takes part in three interesting exhibitions,***

***Thursday, November 17th***

*Vernissage and gallery tour, at Sotheby's with Monokois, at the invitation of Sotheby's*

***Friday, November 25th***

*Vernissage in Espace 22 with German artists in Collaboration with Marcus Schäfer, possibly followed by dinner in the Sanssoucis restaurant*

***Tuesday, November 29th***

*Visit to the sculpture exhibition by Ania Guillaume in the Salle AIAP, Quai Antoine 10*