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Dear members

First of all, we send you our best wishes for the new year 2023 which has just begun and during which we will celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of our German International Club of Monaco.

In this first edition of the year we summarize our activities from mid-October to the end of 2022. As usual, photos of the events are available in the members' area of our website. We hope you enjoy reading and hope that many of you will attend the various events planned for this year.

OUR EVENTS

**Oktoberfest at the Yacht Club Monaco at the invitation of Angela Kleiber and Holger Eckstein
Friday, October 21, 2022**

The premises of the Café de Paris being renovated, the traditional Oktoberfest which took place there each year could not be organized. Instead, at the generous invitation of Angela Kleiber and Holger Eckstein, the CAI took part in the Yacht Club's Oktoberfest on the 5th deck. Under a bluish light and a white and sky blue decor, the many participants were able to taste Bavarian specialities, drink beer, toast to the rhythm of "Ein Prosit der Gemütlichkeit" and then dance to a repertoire of folk songs. We thank Angela and Holger for this very successful initiative!



**Monaco National Day at the Salon Excelsior, Hôtel Hermitage
with a conference on the history of the Principality and a gourmet lunch
Friday November 18**

Once again this year, a champagne reception and a gourmet lunch were organized on the occasion of Monaco's national holiday in the elegant and historic Salon Excelsior.

The guest of honor was the Monegasque Ambassador to Berlin H.E. Lorenzo Ravano and his wife Claudia. Also invited, the Director of the Archives and the Library of the Palace, Mr. Thomas Fouilleron, gave the participants a very instructive and interesting presentation on the theme “Building sovereignty: Monaco in European history”. Thus, the members present were able to learn new historical perspectives. Mr. Fouilleron was greatly applauded, and the subject was debated at the table, during the gastronomic menu that followed.



Invitations to the vernissage of various galleries November 2022

In November, the CAI was invited to participate in three vernissages:

- November 17 at "Sotheby's": At the initiative of Lilly Bui, the new director Louise Graether offered a cocktail to get to know our members and organized a guided tour of the gallery. Artist Sam Szafran was in the spotlight. His work was presented in a very thorough and interesting way by the principal director, Mark Armstrong. Also on display in the gallery are luxury objects that can be offered as gifts, presented by the Monegasque company Monoikos.

-November 25 in "Espace 22": On the initiative of Sabine Strautmann, our members were invited to a cocktail party offered by the director of Multi Art Events Wendy Lauwers, who presented a group exhibition dedicated to several German and international artists curated by Marcus Schäfer. A diversified and very interesting exhibition of works of art to discover.

-November 29 “Ania Guillaume / Salle AIAP”: On the initiative of our Vice-President Carmen Schall, we visited the exhibition organized by the Monegasque National Committee featuring the artist Ania Guillaume. She presented there very beautiful sculptures and figurative ceramics as well as very beautiful jewels made of special materials.



**Private invitation of Co-President Patrik Wetzel and Yu-Ra Wetzel to the first Advent with a classic tea time in the mezzanine of the Hôtel Hermitage
Sunday, November 27, 2022**

Many members, a few guests and NewsMC editor Ian Brodie with his wife were welcomed by Patrick, Yu-Ra and Yuri Wetzel in a personalized Christmas atmosphere in the Mezzanine of the Hotel Hermitage to celebrate the first of Advent with an English "Tea Time". After a glass of champagne, hearty sandwiches and multiple desserts and cakes were served, accompanied by made-to-order blended teas. All under the harmonious sounds of a harp, with pieces interpreted by harpist Cécile Bonhomme. It was a very convivial and warm Advent meeting, rewarded with enthusiastic applause towards the end of the afternoon. Many thanks to Yu-Ra, Yuri and Patrick.



**Musical show "Around the world in 80 days" at the Grimaldi Forum
Saturday, December 3, 2022**

Tickets have been arranged for this new, highly acclaimed musical. Inspired by Jules Verne's famous novel, we were able to follow Phileas Fogg and his servant Passepartout around the world in a very entertaining 2h10. This show was produced by the "double D" duo David Rozen & David Rebouh. The musical was enthusiastically received by the children, but the adults were a bit disappointed.



**Christmas brunch in the Salle Belle Epoque of the Hôtel Hermitage
Sunday, December 25, 2022**

This traditional Christmas gathering offers a few members the opportunity to spend Christmas together. A very special experience, because on this occasion the Salle Belle Epoque is splendidly decorated, creating a very festive and warm atmosphere, all complemented by a magnificent gastronomic buffet offering a wide choice of dishes, in addition to champagne à

discretion. For the members present, it was a very pleasant and friendly family meeting, in a very good atmosphere.



New Year's Eve Gala and Dinner at the Yacht Club de Monaco Saturday, December 31, 2022

For the last event of 2022, the CAI organized tables to participate in the Yacht Club de Monaco's end-of-year gala. Those of our members who like the liveliness and intensity of a musical show were able to do so in the Ballroom of the Yacht Club, while those who prefer a quieter atmosphere were able to taste the gourmet menu served at the 1909 Restaurant. Both of them were able to celebrate the arrival of the new year with a glass of champagne, wishing each other the best, under the beautiful midnight fireworks.

2023 is also the fiftieth anniversary year of our Club: HAPPY NEW YEAR!



JOURS FIXES

Thursday, November 3, 2022

For this Jour Fixe, we did privatized the bar of the Cantinetta Antinori restaurant. Many members and some people interested in joining the CAI thus met to spend a moment of conviviality together. Good Tuscan wines and a hearty aperitif were served, all accompanied by a duo of musicians creating a pleasant atmosphere.

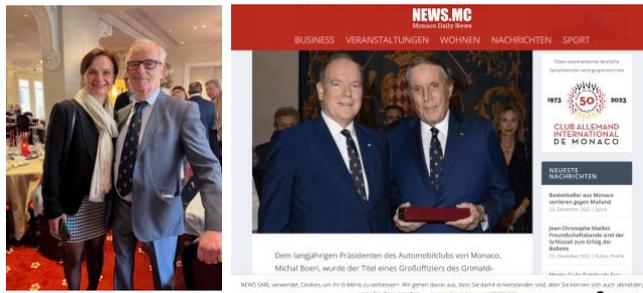


PROMOTION OF THE GERMAN LANGUAGE

One of the missions of our Club is the promotion of the German language. To this end, we have launched two initiatives described below.

News MC in German

We sponsored an initiative by Mr. Ian Brodie, publisher of News.MC to create a German edition of his electronic journal. For a few weeks already, all News.MC news can be read in German by clicking on the „DE“ icon. The German Club International logo also appears on this version. Thus, residents of Monaco can for the first time follow daily news from Monaco and the region in the language of Goethe.



Christmas cookies for students studying German

We were interested to know how many pupils were currently learning German in schools in Monaco. After a small survey of German teachers, we identified more than 150 students and decided, as part of the Club's upcoming fiftieth anniversary, to offer each of them Christmas cookies. These were directly imported from Munich, from the famous confectionery Kreuzkamm. This initiative has thus enabled us to establish additional contact with all students learning German and their families. The feedback was very positive and many students wrote to us to say that the cookies were delicious. We also thank Michelle Bui for her support in carrying out this initiative.



FRIENDS AND NEW MEMBERS

Invitation to the Thanksgiving lunch of the "American Club of the Riviera" at the Salle Epoque of the Hôtel Hermitage Thursday, November 24, 2022

At the initiative of Patrick Wetzel and the President of the American Club of the Riviera, Timothy Molyneux, the CAI Committee had the opportunity to take part in the traditional Thanksgiving luncheon organized by the American Club. Other National Clubs and Prince Albert II were also invited. Prince Albert II and other speakers underlined the ties and the long common history linking the American inhabitants of the Riviera to Monaco and the region. In

the future, our two Clubs will inform each other of the events they organize and will maintain contact.



SIXT WORLD CONFERENCE in Monaco Weekend 10-14 December 2022

Our honorary and long-time members, the successful entrepreneurs Erich and Régine Sixt, welcomed to Monaco, for the Sixt world congress, more than 1,000 executives from their company, coming from 125 countries, all nationalities and all religions combined. Some CAI members, as well as diplomats, government officials and religious leaders were invited to various congress events.

On Monday December 12, Régine Sixt organized a festive classical concert in the Cathedral of Monaco in honor of her International Foundation "Drying Little Tears" and presented an impressive musical program, opened by the Children's Choir of Monaco and followed by singers of international fame, singing the most beautiful Arias of the lyrical world. Then, in the Ballroom of the Yacht Club, a varied buffet was offered to the participants.

On Tuesday evening, a gala took place in the Salle des Étoiles, where various prizes were awarded to the best employees and teams of the Sixt Group. This, accompanied by a refined gala menu and a lively musical show. The evening was professionally moderated by Alexandre and Konstantin Sixt, the Co-CEOs of the group. An impressive world congress.



New members



Dr Marcel Messerschmidt lives in Berlin and works there as a notary. He is in Monaco several times a year and discovered our Club through our 50th anniversary poster. After a first contact with us, Mr. Messerschmidt visited us at our September Jour Fixe in the Hotel Hermitage and got in good contact with our members and even found first tennis partners. A warm welcome.



Jörg Tenwinkel, born in Münster, lives with his family in Monaco and works as an independent consultant and coach. His interests are sailing, skiing and culture. A warm welcome to you.

NEXT EVENTS UNTIL THE END OF MARCH 2023

Monday, January 9: Dinner and Evening at the Hôtel Hermitage in the "Belle Epoque" salon at the invitation of Karl and Nina Vanis with a concert by the "Ensemble Goldberg" conducted by Liza Kerob.

Tuesday, January 24: Gala evening on the occasion of the Monte-Carlo International Circus Festival, preceded by a dinner at the Hôtel Columbus, Tavolo-Bar

Wednesday, January 25: Private invitation from Martine and Fred Geerts to an opening with tea time/champagne at the YCM

Thursday, February 2: Fixed Day

Wednesday, 22 February or Thursday, 23 February (to be confirmed): Conference "Health and gerontology: enjoying life in Monaco later" at the Automobile Club de Monaco, followed by dinner.

Thursday, March 2: Fixed Day

Thursday, March 9: Printemps des Arts: Sonatas by Schubert at the Oceanographic Museum

Friday, March 17: Opera Gala in the Salle Garnier "La Traviata" by Verdi with Plácido Domingo

Saturday, March 25: "Bal de la Rose" at the Sporting Club in the presence of the royal family with table CAI