



# CLUB NEWS 2023

## April edition, Nr. 2

Dear members

It's spring in the Principality and everything is blooming and green. Important events have taken place: the Circus Festival, the Rose Ball, the Monaco Ocean Week and the Rolex Tennis Masters. And many tourists are back. The Covid center in Auditorium Rainier III has been closed due to low demand. The general practitioners and the CHPG are now responsible.

With this issue we inform you about our events from January to mid-April 2023. As usual, you will find all the associated photos in the "Members" section, where you must log in with your password. We wish you good reading.

### OUR EVENTS

**Private invitation to the beginning of the year from Karl & Nina Vanis, with cocktail, concert by Liza Kerob and starred menu by Yannick Allèno, in the historic Salle Belle Epoque, Hotel Hermitage, January 9, 2023**

Traditionally, the club members are invited by our founder and former President Karl Vanis and his wife Nina at the beginning of the New Year. This year, for the Jubilee of the "50 years of the CAI", they invited very generously the members in the popular, historic Salle Belle Epoque. Present were members of the government, various diplomats, presidents of some other clubs, longtime colleagues and friends, family and of course a large number of CAI members.

After the champagne cocktail and the speeches, the violinist Liza Kerob and her musicians delighted the audience with a homage to Luciano Pavarotti, whom Karl Vanis knew personally. There was a lot of applause for that.



The gala menu that followed, prepared by star chef Yannick Allèno, was excellent, as were the selected wines, and received a great deal of recognition. Our member Rut Vischer also celebrated her birthday on this day and was greeted with a "Happy Birthday". The entire, very elegant and high-class celebration met Karl Vanis' wishes and he received great applause for it from the guests and the CAI members. "Thank you very much, Karl and Nina".

**International Circus Festival , Gala evening with award ceremony and prior dinner at the Columbus Hotel bar  
January 24, 2023**

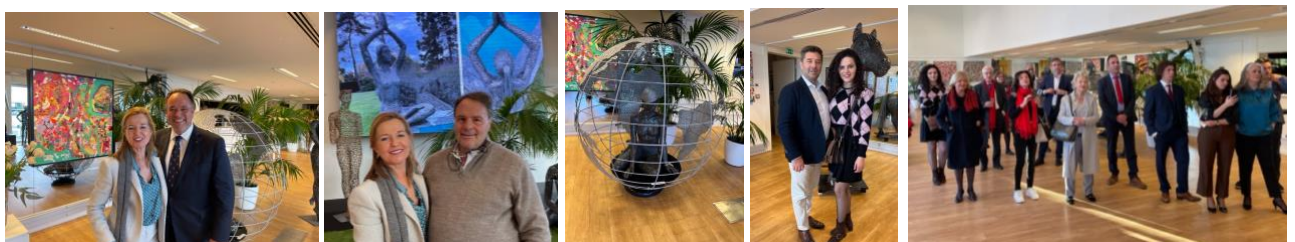
This year again, our circus friends were amazed by an extensive, very attractive program, expanded to include also "the young generation". Before the start, to get in the mood, our members and some guests met for a light dinner in the recently renovated bar of the Hotel Columbus. Everything was very perfectly organized and met with a lot of approval.

Over the course of the evening, more than 20 performances were presented, judged and the best ones awarded with a "Clown", the most coveted trophy in the circus world. One is always amazed by the fact that new or improved attractions are shown again and again, especially by the next generation. The coveted prizes were given by various members of the princely family with great applause from the audience.



**Private invitation from Martine Esther Geerts to the vernissage of the Portuguese artist Carlos De Oliveira Correa in the YCM conference hall, followed by a cocktail  
January 25, 2023**

The extraordinary metal sculptures of the Portuguese sculptor Carlos De Oliveira were presented and introduced, in the presence of the artist, by Martine Esther Geerts, with whom she maintains a long friendship. His works can mainly be seen in many sites in the Algarve but are also exhibited in many European countries. The vernissage was completed with colorful paintings by Belgian artist Sophie Knychala, known as Sokny. During the cocktail that followed, interested people were able to discuss and exchange with the two artists present, and even buy some of the works on display.



**Information evening "Health care for residents so that you can enjoy later life" in the ACM conference room, together with Club Suisse. Lectures by Dr. Ralph de Sigaldi and RA S. Landais having dinner at the ACM Club Restaurant  
February 22, 2023**

At the beginning, the Co-Presidents introduced the extensive program on the subject of health in old age and the speakers. Members of the Swiss Club were also present. The generalist and expert in gerontology at the CHPG, Dr. Ralph de Sigaldi presented the offer available in the principality for residents (residence of at least 30 years) on the following topics:

- Topic 1: Care at home offered by the Mairie of Monaco, with the support of the family doctor and the offer of various old people's homes
- Theme 2: Geriatric care at Center Rainier III, from acute diagnosis to long-term care
- Topic 3: the current research project "brain stimulation" at the CHPG with a special, newly developed device and under the direction of the director of the Center Rainer III, Mrs. Dr.S. Louchart-Chapelle, which can also be supported with donations.

His presentation was followed by another theme of great importance: the legal side. The attorney Ms. Landais explained the importance of writing a clear will, a living will and an advance directive to define how to be treated as a patient. Information material was then distributed to the members present.

After a very dense and informative conference, a tasty dinner, with selected wines, was served in the restaurant of the ACM. The topic discussed generated a lot of discussion. All the participants thanked Dr. De Sigaldi and Mrs. S. Landais for their commitment.



**Printemps des Arts: Piano Concerto "Schubert Sonatas" at the Oceanographic Museum  
March 9, 2023**

In this concert entirely dedicated to Franz Schubert, Michel Dalberto approached the composer's pianistic art in all its diversity, from his first works to his last sonata, from his melodic motifs taken from songs to frenzy of Viennese dances. The French pianist Michel Dalberto holds the Ordre National du Merite. Known as an excellent Schubert interpreter, he played the sonatas in stunning, powerful and very impressive manner. It was a fantastic concert in a historic setting, with lots of applause and several encores!



**Special invitation Monaco Ocean Week, with a lecture by Frank Schweikert, German Marine Research Institute, Hamburg: "30 years of research and media ship ALDEBARAN" in the YCM conference room with CAI cocktail  
March 23, 2023**

Shortly before the start of the Monaco Ocean Week we found out that the Deutsche Meeresstiftung, Hamburg, would be there with the project "30 years of ALDEBARAN" and decided to invite our club members to it. In addition, we decided to offer an aperitif for all guests after the lecture. In the presence of H.S.H. Prince Albert II, the director and head of research Frank Schweikert presented a film about the impressive success story of the ship Aldebaran and gave an overview of the very interesting future projects of the institute. Other colleagues of the Institute also reported on special, unusual experiences with the ship.

We, the CAI, were presented with the special book "THE OCEAN BOOK: everything you need to know" as a thank you for our support. At the same time, it was pointed out that all projects are financed with donations. During the cocktail that followed, there was a wide range of discussions and new contacts were made.



**Cocktail, private tour, dinner and roulette game at the Casino de Monte-Carlo  
April 12, 2023**

As part of the Club's anniversary celebrations, a guided tour and dinner followed by a short gambling tour were organized at the Casino de Monte-Carlo, a mythical and iconic place in Monaco and one of the most beautiful and prestigious casinos in the world. The current building was designed by Charles Garnier, who also built the adjacent Monte Carlo Opera, and was inaugurated during the reign of Prince Charles III.

After a cocktail reception, the members present were also able to discover the private rooms of the building, usually open only to big players, and learn many anecdotes about how the casino operated in the past. This was followed by an excellent dinner at Salon Rose, finally followed by a game of roulette with chips organized by the CAI.



## **Rolex Tennis Masters Final April 16, 2023**

The prestigious tennis tournament finals traditionally took place in the presence of Prince Albert II and Princess Charlène. After the attractive buffet and lunch on the famous club terrace, our members were able to experience an exciting finale well seated in the grandstand. On the same day, our member Gerard Weinberg celebrated his birthday and he sponsored a round of champagne, which contributed to the good mood.

The usual superstars were already eliminated, and so the final ended with a duel between the only 19-year-old young Dane Holger Rune and the Russian Andrey Rublev. An exciting match with very nice balls but also some mistakes and unnecessary lost points. In the end, Andrey Rublev won 2 to 1. A very successful and appreciated event for the CAI tennis fans.



## **JOUR FIXE**

### **Thursday February 2, 2023**

The first Jour Fixe of the year was very generously sponsored by our member Daria Marrazzini with an invitation to an Italian aperitif in the Italian restaurant Cantinetta Antinori. It was a very likeable, entertaining evening, also with music. We all want to thank Daria for that!



### **Thursday March 2, 2023**

This time the focus of the encounter was: sea view and blue sky. And the ideal place was found: the bar-lounge of Restaurant Marco, on the new Larvotto Promenade. Despite the weather being colder than expected, many members took part, together with some guests interested to join the CAI, and enjoyed themselves with a wide range of aperitifs and friendly service.



### Thursday April 6, 2023

The great acceptance of the Marco's bar encouraged a new reservation "with a view of the sea". And this time an even larger number of members were present, with again several guests interested to join the CAI. Some members who were absent for a long time were warmly welcomed: Daniela Boutsen, Lilliya Thorbecke and Henning Schwarzkopf. All in all, it was a very successful, very entertaining get-together!



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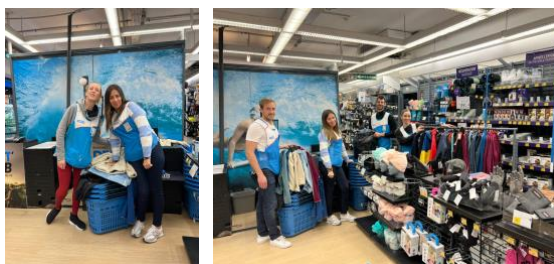
### Invitation to the circus festival for disabled and disadvantaged children from AMAPEI and MAP

For the 50 years of the CAI, 50 tickets were sponsored for disadvantaged children and the disabled, as well as some carers from the organizations AMAPEI and Monaco Aide & Présence (MAP) p, who look after them with great commitment. Children and the handicapped were able to take part in an afternoon event of the International Circus Festival and admire the wonderful performances of the circus artists.



### Special action earthquakes in Syria and Turkey.

Lady Jacqueline Marschner from Helmreich, OSI Prieur de Monaco, a friend of our members Anne and David Norman, organized a large-scale relief operation for the earthquake victims. The CAI members also donated various winter clothing and other relief supplies. The CAI office was the collection point. A special action by our member Jörg Tennwinkel was remarkable: he successfully organized an extensive collection of leftover sporting clothing from Decathlon Monaco-Fontvieille. The Co-Presidents sincerely thank all donors and Anne Norman, who launched this initiative.



## NEW MEMBERS

### Jean Charles and Claire Marie Tschudin



On the initiative of our members Rut & Bernhard Vischer, their longtime friends Jean-Charles and Claire-Maria Tschudin applied for membership. They are first and foremost citizens of the world. Jean-Charles is of Swiss origin but was educated in the USA and has been very active in the pharmaceutical industry. Claire Marie was born in America and is of Austrian descent. They have lived in several countries including Portugal, Brazil, Great Britain and now Monaco. They have three children and 5 grandchildren. They love culture, go to rallies in their vintage car and take their boat out onto the Mediterranean in the summer. Welcome to the Club!

### Silke and Stephan Meyer



Silke & Stephan Meyer were invited by Angela Kleiber and Holger Eckstein to the Jour Fixe and then submitted the membership application. They are very successful entrepreneurs and have founded and recently sold a company that specializes in the placement of doctors. They currently live in Nürnberg, but will be based in Monaco from July. Two of the four children will go to school in MC from September. They have a wide range of interests, are very active, and enjoy playing poker. We wish the whole family a safe move and welcome them as new members.

### Günter and Ina Maier



The couple Ina & Günter Maier took part in our April Jour Fixe on the initiative of Karl Vanis and was able to get to know our club atmosphere. Günter Maier is German but lived in Switzerland for a long time, where he worked in the financial sector. Ina Maier is originally from Belarus. They have lived in Monaco since 2000, are multilingual, members of various MC clubs, have a wide range of activities and are interested in Sports, sailing, politics and economics. They have a great interest to interact with German-speaking members. Their application for membership was also accepted by the Committee with great approval. Welcome!

## IN THE PRESS

### MONACO TRIBÜNE Interview « 50 Years of CAI », March 9th

The Co-Presidents were asked by Mme Camille Esteve, Deputy Editor-in-Chief of the Monegasque e-Magazine MC Tribüne, to give an interview to mark the Jubilee year of the CAI. The interview took place at the CAI office and was published on March 16th. The resulting article is very positive and worth reading. It can be downloaded as a "link" for all members and interested parties. Here is the simplified link: [t1p.de/53dhr](https://t1p.de/53dhr)

## NEWS.MC



As previously announced, the news from NEWS.MC have been translated into German for a few months. Simply click on the corresponding “icon” with the German flag. This offer is sponsored by the CAI, and NEWS.MC also regularly reports on the activities of our Club.

Mr. Ian Brodie, Editor-in-Chief, also recently informed us that the clicks for the German version are increasing rapidly and that the German site has already reached 3000 users, not only in Monaco but in the region and in Germany where a growing community seems interested to follow the news of the Principality. We are very pleased about this.

## NEXT EVENTS

### Thursday May 4th

Jour fixe at the Marco restaurant on the Larvotto

### Sunday May 7th

Golf Tournament in Monte Carlo “Mont Agel” Golf Club « Coupe des CAI » followed by lunch at the invitation of Beatrix von Dellingshausen and Heribert Diehl

### Friday May 12th

Day trip to Château d'Astros winery, Vidauban  
At the invitation of the Bank Rothschild & Co. and Frédéric & Martine Geerts

### Sunday May 28th

Final Grand Prix Formula 1  
At the invitation of Urs Fähndrich to his party on his private terrace

### Thursday June 1st

Jour fixe

### Wednesday 7th June to Sunday 11th June

Club trip to Munich

## PLEASE NOTE, NEW EVENT!

### Wednesday September 13th

Boule tournament at Club Bouliste du Rocher  
Invitation from Rolf Werner & Christa Hoffmann