

CLUB NEWS 2023

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Dear members,

Our Jubilee programme has continued since our last Club News mid-April, with several generous private invitations, various sporting and cultural events, a visit to the luxury cruise ship Europa 2 and our Club highlight, the anniversary trip to Munich. And of course, also with our very popular Jour Fixes every month. And all of this within 3 months, by mid-July 2023.

As usual, you can find all the associated photos on our website in the "Members" section, where you must log in with your password. Also note that our planning for the next 4 months has been updated. We wish you a very good reading of these News!

OUR EVENTS

**Private invitation from Freya Robinson to the restaurant "Le Moulin de l'Oliveraie" in Blausacs, in the hinterland of Nice
Friday, April 21, 2023**

It started with a 40-minute bus ride from Monaco to Nice-Nord in the direction of L'Escarène to the mountain village of Blausasc. The destination was the historic oil mill and the Provençal restaurant "Le Moulin de l'Oliveraie". Everyone in the mill was warmly welcomed by the chef and informed about the history of the place, accompanied by a refreshing glass of wine and a very good original socca. The traditional lunch that followed, prepared with local products, was well received and appreciated.

We would like to thank Freya Robinson very much for the idea of this very interesting excursion, off the beaten track!



**Private invitation from Liliane Spaethe to brunch on the Sun Deck of the YCM
Friday, April 28, 2023**

Being invited for lunch on the Sun Deck of the Yacht Club de Monaco is always a pleasure, which Liliane Spaethe offered to our members in this Jubilee year. The buffet impressed with its variety and quality and was complemented by a much-loved hot dish accompanied by an

excellent rosé. The atmosphere was very happy and friendly. We sincerely thank Liliane Spaethe for this generous and beautiful lunch in such a privileged place.



**Golf competition at the Montecarlo Golf Club, Montagi "Coupe du Club Allemand"
With a private invitation for CAI members and Club friends from Beatrix von Dellingshausen and Heribert Diehl
Sunday, May 7, 2023**

Numerous players, including several CAI members, took part in this tournament, which is traditionally sponsored by the CAI as part of the MCGC competition season, The trophies for the winners were donated by Beatrix von Dellingshausen and Heribert Diehl, as was a joint lunch in the clubhouse. Every participant reached good scores and all winners celebrated happily.



**Invitation from Bank Rothschild & Co, organized by Martine & Frédéric Geerts
to the Domaine and Château d'Astros, Vidauban
Friday, May 12, 2023**

On the occasion of the 50th anniversary of the CAI and on the initiative of our members Frédéric and Martine Geerts, Banque Rothschild & Co invited the members of the CAI to visit the estate and have lunch at the Château d'Astros, in Vidauban. Steeped in history and charm, the property and Château d'Astros have belonged to the Maurel family for 7 generations.

Mr. Bernard Maurel received us personally. We were able to see the remains of a Roman spring, a chapel, the old Templar Commandery and the very beautiful Italian-style castle. An excellent lunch was then served, accompanied by very good wines from the domaine. A unique getaway in a very private and unique property!



**Private invitation from Urs Fährdrich to the Grand Prix F 1 de Monaco
Sunday, May 28, 2023**

Our F1 fans were once again delighted with this private invitation. Urs Fährdrich offered a generously furnished viewing party on the large terrace of his apartment for numerous friends and CAI members. The party didn't end until late in the evening and was only briefly interrupted by a heavy rain shower. Max Verstappen was the winner, while local favorite Charles Leclerc had a good chance of winning, but finished third. We would like to thank Urs Fährdrich very much for this very special and unique event.



**Presentation of the film classic “2001 A World Odyssey from 1968” as a cine concert at the Grimaldi Forum
Sunday, May 21, 2023**

A small group of "cinophiles" from our members attended to revisit this classic cult film after 55 years. Everyone was excited again by this first space fiction feature film by Stanley Kubrick, shown in 1968. The film music and the space fantasy imagery are still highly attractive. The film music was played “live” and perfectly synchronized by the OPMC. It was a very successful "sold out" event and a highlight celebrating a masterpiece in film history.



**Centenaire Rainier III Music Academy concert at the Rainier III Auditorium
Wednesday, June 14, 2023**

This year, as part of the traditional gala of the Music Academy, Prince Rainier III's 100th birthday was honored with a special homage. A work for piano and orchestra by the French composer Nadia Boulanger, who was Kapellmeister in the Prince's Palace in 1949 and designed the music program for several important events in the Principality, was played. It was an extraordinary concert in the presence of several members of the princely family.



62nd International TV Festival “Golden Nymph” at Grimaldi Forum.

Friday, June 16, Opening Ceremony 2023

After the presentation of the jury members of the different categories and the overall program, Prince Albert II opened the festival with a historical video showing the opening of the first festival by his father, Prince Rainier III, who explained his vision at that time: he wanted to use this new form of communication to promote peace and to promote harmony among the people of the world.

At the end of the opening evening, the first episode of the new Amazon Prime series "Shelter" was presented as a world premiere.



Sunday, June 18, 2023

On this day of the competition, tickets were also organized for the very exciting TV film "the Seed", where the well-known German actor Heino Ferch is one of the main actors. This film was also one of the winners: it received a Golden Nymph for "Best Creation". Heino Ferch accepted to be photographed with his "CAI Fan Club".



Tuesday, June 20, 2023

The big award ceremony took place without Prince Albert II. He was represented by Princess Charlene. The evening was designed like a glamorous Hollywood show and got a lot of applause. The German actress Marie Reuther received the Golden Nymph for “Best actress”. The Nymph of Honor was awarded to American screenwriter and producer Howard Gordon. In addition, there was a special prize “Prince Rainier III” for the Polish documentary "until the last drop", which deals with water shortages.

Afterwards, the members were invited to a delicious dinner at the Cantinetta Antinori by our long-standing member Willi Gunti. Thank you very much for that!



**Final of the Longines Global Show Jumping Tournament at Port Hercules
Saturday, July 1, 2023**

A small group of members were enthusiastic about the quality of this top-class tournament of the world's best show jumpers and the special atmosphere of the course. An excellent dinner was served at the Éphémère restaurant during the tournament. Much celebrated winner was the French Julien Epailard with his horse Donatello d'Auge.



**Private invitation from Patricia Eisenbeiss to celebrate the American Independence Day
with brunch at the Mozza restaurant
Tuesday, July 4, 2023**

This traditional invitation is highly esteemed and again this year attracted many CAI members. It again took place on the terrace of the popular restaurant Mozza, decorated in blue, white and red. A very successful "American" brunch was served. The members of the CAI were thus able to spend a friendly and joyful moment and warmly thanked Patricia Eisenbeiss for this friendly and generous invitation.



**Private invitation from Sibylla Beck to a guided tour with art curator Karolina Blasiak
on the VIP opening evening through artmonte Carlo in the Grimaldi Forum
Friday, July 7, 2023**

“Artmontecarlo” is a very attractive international art fair which takes place in cooperation with ArtGeneve. More and more important international galleries are present there. The exhibition was officially inaugurated by Prince Albert II and Princess Caroline. Our art-loving members were able to follow curator Ms. Blasiak to a number of select galleries, which featured some particularly interesting works of art. Champagne and canapés were served during the opening. We would like to thank Sibylla Beck for this unique artistic experience.



**Visit to the luxury cruise ship Europa II in the port of Monaco at the invitation of our member and tour operator Jochen Rademacher
Tuesday, July 11, 2023**

The visit to this very luxurious cruise ship made it possible to discover and transmit a lot of information on the itineraries and the characteristics of the ship. Europa 2, one of the most beautiful and elegant cruise ships in the world, offers an extensive program of trips around the world. All participants were impressed by the elegant design of the cabins and lounges, and the quality of the equipment. After the visit, an excellent lunch with selected wines was served in the Italian restaurant Serenissima.

We would like to thank Jochen Rademacher for this very special and exclusive invitation.



**ANNIVERSARY CLUB TRIP "50 YEARS" TO MUNICH
from Wednesday June 7 to Sunday June 11, 2023**

Day 1: Wednesday, June 7, 2023

The idea of returning to Munich by revisiting the first destination chosen by the CAI 48 years ago was welcomed by many members and participants of this trip. All the participants met at the traditional hotel, the Bayerischer Hof, on Wednesday 7 June in the afternoon. Like nearly 50 years ago, we were warmly welcomed by the hotel manager, Ms. Innegrit Volkhardt, daughter of the former manager, who hosted the group at that time. A look back at a historic bond, celebrated with an anniversary cocktail, a special creation from bar manager Falk. The cocktail was offered by our members Rosi and Helmut Emmermann. The heated discussions in the bar had to be interrupted after an hour, so that no one missed the departure of the waiting bus.

The group then traveled to Bogenhausen, to the private villa of the Honorary Consul of Monaco in Munich, Prof. Dr. Alexander Liegl and his wife, who had kindly invited us to a cocktail to get to know each other. Professor Liegl advised and supported us a lot in planning our Jubilee trip. Champagne and canapes were served on the very pretty terrace in the garden. As a thank you, the CAI presented Ms. Liegl with an exclusive vase from the Monaco porcelain factory.



After this nice cocktail, the bus took us back to the city center, to the starred restaurant PAGEOU, privatized for the occasion. Chef Ali Güngörmus' tasting menu, with many services and matching wines, was a real gastronomic treat, creative and with sometimes surprising flavors. At the end of the evening, there was only a short walk to walk back to the hotel.

Day 2: Thursday, June 8, 2023

The next day, an excursion to Herrenchiemsee was on the agenda and everyone had to get up early so that the bus could leave the hotel punctually at 8 am in the direction of Lake Chiemsee. We were accompanied by tour guide A.Gehr, who managed the timing while telling interesting anecdotes along the way. All the time constraints could be respected: arrival at the port of Prien on Lake Chiemsee, departure of the boat reserved for the group, transport by horse-drawn carriages then arrival at the imposing royal palace of Herrenchiemsee, the last palace built by Ludwig II. The palace is a copy of the Palace of Versailles, was built in 1878, and its salons and main bedrooms are just as impressive and beautifully furnished as in Versailles.

During the return trip to the restaurant, also by horse-drawn carriage, we were able to admire the vast Baroque gardens that decorate the island. A large Bavarian snack, with pretzels, white sausages and cold beer was finally served on the restaurant terrace to close the visit.



During the return trip, everyone was able to rest a little. After a well-deserved break, the group met in the hotel lobby to go to the villa of Erich and Regine Sixt in Grünwald for an "Extended Cocktail", where some friends of the Sixt couple were also invited. Regine Sixt gave a tour of the different rooms of her villa, which are very personally furnished with works of art and souvenirs. The CAI thanked Regine for this very personal invitation with a donation to its "Drying Little Tears" foundation.



Day 3: Friday, June 7, 2023

After a short walk through the Max-Joseph-Platz, we reach the impressive "Residenz" of Munich, magnificent former seat of the kings of Bavaria, where a guided and private visit has been organized, including the very impressive royal treasury. For four centuries, the Residence evolved from a small fortified castle to a four-winged monumental complex, enlarged and embellished by various architects in different styles: Renaissance, Baroque, Rococo and Classical. The tour ended with lunch at Spatenhaus, a famous and very popular restaurant in Munich, with an asparagus menu.

The next meeting point was the National Opera's restaurant, Dallmayr Ludwig 2, where an evening menu was served before and during breaks in the show. The Bavarian State Opera is one of the greatest opera houses in the world and presented the ballet Romeo and Juliet that evening, a fantastic production by the famous choreographer John Cranko. There was a lot of applause!



Day 4: Saturday, June 10, 2023

Saturday morning was dedicated to a current and special exhibition at the HypoKunsthalle. Thanks to a private contact from our member Tina Waske von Reppert, we were treated to an exclusive tour of the "Flowers for ever" exhibition guided by director Roger Diederer. It was an unexpected, visual and thematic surprise, perfectly explained and professionally commented by the initiator and creator of the exhibition.

The theme of flowers in art and culture was presented in a captivating and instructive way with the help of many different objects and installations, making this exhibition a highlight of our visit to Munich.



Then the bus took us to a place with very modern architecture: the BMW World! An impressive exhibition space to show the latest BMW models, to touch and discover, which greatly amused the gentlemen of our group, in particular the space dedicated to motorcycles. Lunch took place in the same building, at the Bavarie restaurant, where we were served by the famous Munich caterer Käfer.

The evening was devoted to our "festive evening" at the Palais Montgelas, in the Fürstensalon ballroom. In the foyer and as a welcome, young musicians played pieces of local music on historical instruments, Tyrolean harp and dulcimer. Also present, the Ambassador of Monaco in Berlin, H.E.M. Lorenzo Ravano and his wife Claudia who were our guests of honor.

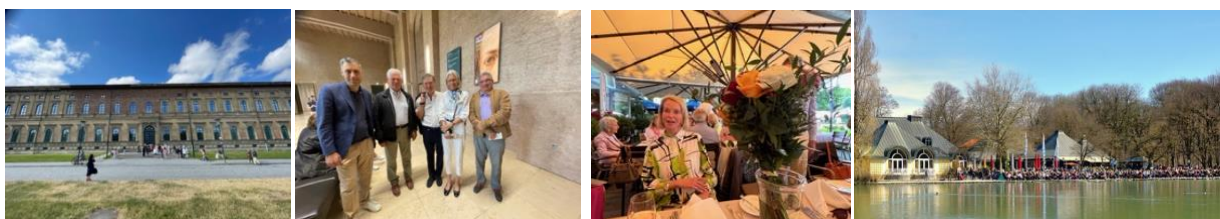
Complementing the gastronomic and festive menu, our member Eva Lind (soprano and professor at the Academy of Music) presented various very talented young singers, performing a program with well-known melodies: "Munich Songs" and "Everything Waltz: from Richard to Johann Strauss". She herself sang a Richard Strauss solo. All were very applauded. It was a very festive and lively last evening to conclude our trip.



Day 5: Sunday, June 11, 2023

To end our Jubilee trip, we visited the famous Alte Pinakothek museum, and its temporary exhibition "From Goya to Manet", with private guides. The exhibition featured a unique collection of classical masterpieces.

Then the bus took us to the very popular Seehaus restaurant in the "English Garden". We were invited there by our member Monika Chambet, who was celebrating her birthday that day. Flowers and a gift from Monaco were offered to him as a thank you for this generous invitation, which was warmly celebrated.



In summary, our Jubilee journey, intense and contrasting, was a great success and was welcomed by all participants.

JOUR FIXES

**Cocktails and canapés in the Aperobar of Restaurant Marco, Larvotto
Thursday May 4 and June 1**

After having organized several Jour Fixes on site, our members are very satisfied with the atmosphere, the service and the offer of the Aperobar of the Restaurant Marco, which is why we intend to continue to organize our monthly meetings there regularly, except for special events. The place also lends itself to welcoming people interested in the CAI, who can easily join us and have the opportunity to get to know our members.



PROMOTION OF THE GERMAN LANGUAGE AND AWARD CEREMONIES

The month of June marks the end of the school year and ends with numerous awards ceremonies. As every year, the CAI awarded the best students in different fields, especially those studying the German language, but also those who excelled in the hotel industry and in music.

At the College Charles III, the Lycée Albert 1er and ISM school, the CAI decided to expand the range of prizes and now rewards every German class and no longer just the best students in the final classes. The goal is for more prizes to be awarded, also to younger students, so that every age group is motivated to learn German.



MEMBERS AND FRIENDS

**Reception of the Monaco Embassy in Berlin on the occasion of the accession of H.D. Prince Albert II
Friday, July 7, 2023**

The Ambassador of Monaco in Berlin, H.E. Lorenzo Ravano, and his wife Claudia, organized a reception at the Hotel Waldorf Astoria to celebrate the anniversary of Prince Albert II's accession to the throne, after a hiatus of a few years due to the Corona-19 pandemic. Numerous diplomats, representatives of the federal government and members of the CAI living in Berlin were invited, as well as a delegation from Monaco. The Ambassador praised the quality of relations between Germany and Monaco and also praised the CAI and the fact that our Club is celebrating its 50th anniversary this year.

Our members Inge and Hartmut Fromm took the opportunity to invite Ambassador Ravano and all CAI members present that day to their home. It was a pleasant late afternoon in the villa's idyllic garden, with a very rich aperitif in a very friendly atmosphere.



New members



After a first contact with Mrs Kerssens, Karl Vanis suggested that she and her husband should join one of our Jour Fixes. The Dutch couple **Marinus and Gracia Kerssens** decided then to follow the advice and were so positive that they applied almost immediately to become members. After various previous places of residence, they are now residents of Monaco since 2019. Marinus Kerssens had a very varied, interesting professional life in Europe and in the US and is still active as a consultant today. They are multilingual, have 2 children and 5 grandchildren and are interested in good German-speaking contacts and diverse cultural life to expand their private life. Their sponsors are Karl Vanis and Beatrix Freifrau von Dellingshausen.



The Swiss, born German, **Patricia Röhm**, has been resident in Monaco since December 2022, is multilingual, President of a Swiss company and project manager of the PARS Foundation. She has seen our CAI advertisement and read articles about our Club activities and decided to join after participating to one of our Jour Fixes, this to expand her private life with German-speaking contacts. The sponsors are Beatrix Freifrau von Dellingshausen and Patrick Wetzel.



Our member "the true Austrian" Norbert Schaller has recently submitted a membership application for his partner **Chalotte Janthaphan**, which Board approved unanimously. Chalotte is Thai, speaks German and English and lives in Germany and Austria when she's not traveling with Norbert. She is very entertaining and communicative and has already made several acquaintances in the Club. Her sponsors are Beatrix Freifrau von Dellingshausen and Norbert Schaller.



Norbert Schaller also recommended **Mag. Jean Paul Vaugoin**, one of the few independent silverware manufacturers from Vienna, to become member of the CAI. He is trilingual, single and works internationally, also regularly working in Monaco. He is co-owner of the oldest silversmiths in the world (since 1847), which is also known today for upscale, contemporary food culture. Through a family seat in Cagnes-sur-Mer, he has been a connoisseur and friend of the Côte d'Azur for many years. His intention is to expand his private contacts in Monaco and to take part in our diverse club life as often as possible. The sponsors are Patrick Wetzel and Norbert Schaller.



Our Vice President Titus Gebel and his wife Penda brought a friend who was very interested in the CAI to one of our Jour Fixes: **Caroline Bohrer** was born in Seoul/South Korea, is married, multilingual and lives in Monaco. She worked as a life insurance broker abroad and currently runs the social network agency Renaissance in Monaco. She is very active professionally and would like to find new contacts in her private life and take part in our social events. Her sponsors are Penda and Titus Gebel.

OUR EVENTS BY THE END OF THE YEAR

Our program for the last 4 months of the year has been updated. Some planned events will be postponed to 2024 and some dates would need to be rescheduled due to availability. Our website has been updated accordingly.

SEPTEMBER 2023

Thursday, September 7

Jour Fixe: Invitation to the cocktail reception by the Boustany family
Mediterranean Salon, Hotel Metropole

Wednesday September 13

Invitation to the boules tournament by Christa & Rolf Hoffmann,
Club Bouliste du Rocher, Monaco-Ville

Monday, September 18

Invitation for all CAI ladies to the "Regine's Ladies' Wiesn 2023"
Schützenzelt, Theresienwiese, in Munich

OCTOBER 2023

Wednesday/Thursday, 4th-5th October

Short trip to Paris for the "Day of German Unity" reception at the German Embassy, Palais
Beauharnais (details will be announced shortly)

Friday October 13

Musical "West Side Story" by Leonard Bernstein at the Grimaldi Forum

Friday, October 20

Oktoberfest at the YCM, with CAI tables

Friday, October 27

CAI General Assembly
with presidential election for the period 2024-2026
followed by a cocktail offered by Jutta & Andreas Barthel
and dinner (venue to be announced)

NOVEMBER 2023

Thursday, November 2nd

Jour fixe at the invitation of the SBM, with a visit to the famous wine cellar of the Hôtel de
Paris, followed by a cheese & wine tasting in the Salon Excelsior, Hotel Hermitage

Friday, November 17 (evening) or November 18 (noon)

On the occasion of the Monegasque National Day, lecture, cocktail and lunch or dinner

Saturday, November 25

CAI open day for German-speaking residents (incl. students in German and their parents)
and interested parties, in the Espace Léo Ferré

DECEMBER 2023

Friday, December 1

Joint festive Christmas party with Club Suisse in the Salle des Arts, One Monte-Carlo.
Family and friends of CAI membres are invited to join.

Thursday, December 7

Jour Fixe, at the invitation of Yu-Ra and Patrick Wetzel for a tea time on the mezzanine of the Hotel Hermitage.

Monday, December 25

Festive Christmas buffet in the Salle Belle Époque in the Hotel Hermitage

Wednesday, December 27

Musical "Phantom of the Opera" in the Salle Garnier

Sunday, December 31

New Year's Eve at YCM (CAI table)