

# BORDEAUX WOMEN'S CLUB



## MAY 2011 NEWSLETTER

Dear BWC Members,

For Bordeaux, wine country, Spring is one of the busiest seasons of the year. Everyone on the planet who has anything to do with the purchase of wine arrives in Gironde. More than 5000 people from 66 countries come to taste the region's "primeurs", those thoroughly new wines which have been in barrels for a mere 12-18 months, not at all ready for drinking (until the second semester 2012 for the 2010 harvest).

And so be it with us as well. Let's participate in the frenzy so particular to our region. Be sure to note in Florence's "What's On" the 'Weekend des Grands Crus'. Other special events include living out the movie, "La Nuit des Musées", and speaking of caves, sneaking about in the underground galleries of the fortress of Blaye (Bordeaux and Beyond May visit).

BWC celebrates Spring with our Spring Dinner, taking place this year at the Maison du Fleuve, overlooking, you guessed it - our beautiful river, the Garonne.

And not least, at its May luncheon, BWC pays special attention to our Association, with its yearly General Assembly, Annual Reports, and elections for officers. All of us who care about the BWC's purpose and evolution are implicated in this process.

A hand of applause, please, to our April hostesses, Ulla, Cora, and Michèle, who managed to organize Bordeaux Beach on its rooftops. (Hopefully lotion #50 was on hand.) Same for the big swim/Easter egg preparations/Easter party (I saw the pictures---you will too, soon.) Add our evolving language, cooking, artistic expertise, and our grasp of literature, film, ballet, and opera, BWC members, we are taking it on!

All my best,  
Linda

### **BWC General Assembly and Elections for Executive Board**

Tuesday, May 10<sup>th</sup>, 12 Noon  
Le Pavillon du Château Raba, Talence

#### Agenda

This year in review: highlights of our "Annual Report"

Financial Report

Elections, by a show of hands

*Absentee Ballots can be sent to Christine, Secretary*

#### Candidates for BWC Executive Board

President: Linda

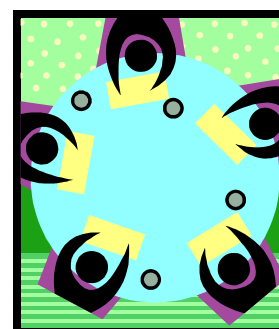
Vice-President: Lindsay

Vice-President: to be announced as soon as we have a nomination!

Treasurer: Victoria

Secretary: Christine

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# MEMBER NEWS

## Congratulations to:

Emma & Alex on the birth of their second son Jacob, who was born on the 26th February. Big brother William is very happy too.



Beverly and her husband on the birth of their baby girl Rachel. Rachel was born on March 3rd and weighed 3.2 kilos.



Candy, Yannis, and Sophia on the birth of their second baby girl Victoria on March 31st at 3.8 kilos.

Théa has a new telephone number:

Priscilla has a new email address:

## RETURNING MEMBER

### **Nicolle** (*Bordeaux Sector*)

Mobile: email:

For those of you who don't know Nicolle, she is British and has 2 children, Anna (9) and Theo (6). She is a wine professional and received the DUAD from the Faculté de Bordeaux, amongst other diplomas. She presently works for the prestigious house of LURTON in Vayres as Director of Marketing and Communications.

# WELCOME

# NEW MEMBERS

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### **Ingeborg** (*Southwest Sector*)

Tel: email:

Ingeborg is Dutch and her husband, Klaus, is Danish. They have 2 daughters, aged 10 and 11 and have lived in the Bordeaux area for 6 months. Ingeborg has lived in Denmark and Senegal respectively for 3 years and the Ivory Coast for 2 years. Her hobbies are tennis, ski, golf and interior design. Her professional background is as an airline hostess.

### **Gunlaug** (*Bordeaux Sector*)

Tel: email:

Gunlaug is Norwegian and her partner, Olivier, is French. They have a daughter, Louise, who will be one year old in May. She is presently writing for a newspaper, *Le Courrier*, although she is a teacher by training. She would like to return to her profession as an "assistante maternelle" in the near future. She is interested in the cinema and book groups, as well as the Mothers & Toddlers. She also enjoys singing. Gunlaug heard about us through our member Victoria.

**Savannah** (*Northwest Sector*)

Tel: email:

Savannah and her husband, Tim, who are both Australian, have 2 daughters, aged 4 and 2. They came to France in June 2010. Savannah lived in Papua, New Guinea as a teenager and in Switzerland for brief periods. Savannah is a Jeu de Paume (real tennis) player of which there are only 3 courts still in use in France - Paris, Fontainebleau and Bordeaux. Savannah adores cooking and learning new dishes. Aside from Jeu de Paume tennis, she enjoys walking, yoga and pilates. Her professional background was as a national buyer for Telstra (major telecommunications company in Australia).

**Maria** (*Far East Sector*)

Tel: email:

Maria is Canadian of Italian origin and her husband, Bruce, is Canadian. They have one adult daughter. They have recently bought a home in Eynesse although they are still living abroad. Maria has lived in Canada for 25 years, the United Arab Emirates for 9 years and Turks & Caicos Islands for 6 months. They came to France in December 2010 although they have been visiting the Bordeaux area for 2 years. Her hobbies are music and dance, arts and crafts and cooking. Her professional background is in decoration and decorative art.

**Gunilla** (*Northeast Sector*)

Tel: email:

Gunilla is Swedish and Spanish and has 3 adult children. She has lived in Spain, Australia and Belgium, she speaks Swedish, German, Spanish, French and English. Gunilla, who is a widow, served professionally as Embassy Secretary. She came to the Bordeaux region in 2006.

**Chantal** (*Bordeaux Sector*)

Tel: email:

Chantal is American and her husband, is French. She has lived Japan for one year, Germany for one year, as well as in Paris. She heard about the BWC through Kelly Brown and her husband. Chantal is interested in travelling, reading, cooking, dancing and outdoor activities. She is presently communications manager, working in the solar industry. She was previously project manager of logistics for international conferences in the consumer goods industry.

**Attention New Members of the Bordeaux Women's Club**

We would like to invite you to a Coffee Morning, with other new members and some members of the BWC Board. This will give you a chance to meet a few of us and get to know a little bit about each other while enjoying a relaxed cup of coffee (or tea) and cake.

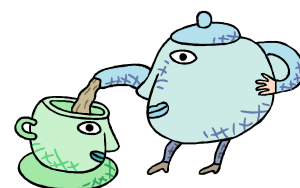
We will meet in Margaret's home on **Tuesday, May 17<sup>th</sup>** from 10am until noon. (directions on request) It is only 15 minutes from downtown Bordeaux. Unfortunately, there is no good public transportation to the house. Fortunately, parking is easy. If you'd like a ride from Bordeaux please let us now when you RSVP and we will put you in contact with members who have offered to share their car.

The address is:

Please RSVP no later than May 9<sup>th</sup> to Margaret email phone  
or Sara phone

We hope to see you soon,

Sara & Margaret  
(Welcome Coordinators)



## Spring Dinner: Saturday May 14<sup>th</sup>.

In addition to the menu you have already seen in your April newsletter, there will be additional menu options. Please note here:

Entrée: Rissolée d'artichauts aux cèpes

Main Dish: Risotto aux morilles et Saint Jacques

ou

Médailon de veau au caramel d'épices

ou

Chop Suey de légumes Sauce Soja

Dessert: Ronde des desserts

Café; Vin: Château Bois Martin Pessac Léognan

Reservations for the restaurant and the boat need to be made between April 4<sup>th</sup> and (deadline): April 29<sup>th</sup>. Paula, Paula will confirm all messages. If you do not get a confirmation, please re-contact her.

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### Vamos a cocinar!! (A great success)

Many many thanks for our teacher Charlene and our hostess Kelly. We had a fabulous and instructive morning and a great lunch! Looking forward to the next one, Kathryn.

Thanks Charlie, and Kelly, for a fab cooking course and meal yesterday. I plan to "recreate" the fajitas + this weekend (or next)...and I will be sure to share my family's reactions!! **!!NO MORE STORE BOUGHT TORTILLAS (YUK)!!** Again thank you, xx Priscilla Gimeno (PS- Much appreciation also to Kathryn for documenting the experience).



PLEASE NOTE: THERE WILL BE NO VAMOS A COCINAR IN MAY OR JUNE.

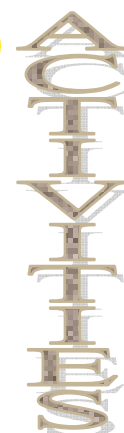
### CONVERSATION GROUP

Join us for one hour of conversation in French and another in English. We choose various topics and always end the session with tea and cakes, a relaxing way to brush up on your French or English.

Our first meeting will take place on **Monday, May 2nd**, at 2.30 pm, at the home of Christine  
Tel:

Our second meeting will take place on **Monday, May 16th**, at 2.30 pm, at the home of Marie-Hélène  
Tel:

Please call the hostess if you would like to attend.



## BREAKFAST BOOK GROUP

We will be meeting again on **Thursday 5th May** at 9.30am at Pain et Cie, rue des Remparts (just next to Hotel de Ville) when we will be discussing 'The Autobiography of Eleanor Roosevelt' (Da Capo Press).

Looking ahead, we will have one final meeting before the summer, which will be on Thursday 30th June. Since we have a good long period of nearly two months, we have decided on an ambitious target for that date. It will be Karen Blixen's *Anecdotes of Destiny*, which includes 5 novels: 'The Diver', 'Babette's Feast', 'Tempests', 'The Immoral Story', 'The Ring'.



If you would like to join us for a coffee and a lively discussion, please contact Eileen on or Tel for further information.

### BRIDGE

Our next meeting will take place on **Thursday, May 5th** at 2.30pm in Nelle's home

Tel:  
Please, call to say if you are coming.



### SPORTY WALKING

The next walk shall take place on **Thursday, May 5th** at 2pm, Parking at the Restaurant of the Ruines de Cayac, in Gradignan.

By car, follow the National 10 towards Bayonne, pass the center of Gradignan, until you get to the roundabout under construction, you turn right and then left to get into the parking of the Restaurant. Hope to see you there to have a nice walk.  
Call Anne or email:  
Valérie

### BIBLE STUDY

**Friday, May 6th** at 10am. Come for coffee/tea and let us get to know one another.

Please RSVP email:  
or call  
My address:



# ACTIVITIES

### FRENCH CONVERSATION CLASSES - Beginners class

Our French for beginners is taught by Sophie who will make you feel relaxed and ready to enjoy your lesson with her. No cost to members.

In **May** there will be only one date. **Monday, 9th**, 9.30 to 11am at Sophie's address

Tel:  
Call Sophie if you would like to attend.



### CINEMA-PHILES: A Monthly Film Foray



On **Monday, 9th May**, please join Victoria for an afternoon at the cinema. We will meet at 1:15pm in the «inside lobby» of the UGC Theatre at 13, rue Georges Bonnac, Bordeaux and see an English-language film at approximately that time. Films, like good meals, are always better digested with lively and interesting banter. So, after the film, we will "usher" ourselves to a near-by restaurant or tea room for a robust review of and energetic exchange about the film.

If you are interested in attending the after-film discussion, please be willing to stay on topic and discuss the film. This enhances everyone's experience. Feel free to e-mail Victoria at or call

Three (3) days' prior to each monthly event, Victoria will send you the name of the film and the precise time of the showing.

**See you at the movies!**

### MOTHERS & TODDLERS

The next meeting will be held on **Wednesday, May 11th** from 10am to 12pm at Savannah .

Please contact Savannah if you can make it at email:  
Tel: Hope to see a good crowd like the last one!



## FRENCH CONVERSATION CLASSES - Intermediate class

An ideal opportunity to improve your spoken and written French in a relaxed, friendly environment with our extremely patient French teacher Françoise, who teaches and corrects our knowledge of this beautiful language.

The classes are relaxed and stress free and at no cost to BWC members!

The first class this month will be on **Thursday, 12<sup>th</sup> May** 10.00-11.30am and the 2nd on

**Thursday, 26<sup>th</sup> May** 10.00-11.30 in Françoise

Tel: email:

*Please call Françoise or send an email if you wish to attend.*



## EVENING BOOK CLUB

We will meet at Café de l'Opéra at 8pm. **Thursday, May 12<sup>th</sup>**, The Café adjoins the Grand Théâtre. They have great wine and sometimes jazz.

Feel free to drop me a line or call me if you would like to read a book with us.

Laurence



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## BORDEAUX & BEYOND

**Friday, 13<sup>th</sup> May - 10.30am**

**Blaye, the underground passages**



The guided underground visit will last roughly an hour, and the cost is €5 per adult and €3 per child. Guests are welcome, but members have priority, given that there is a maximum of 18 visitors.

*After the visit lunch can be taken in the citadel at the Petit Canon.*

*We suggest you park outside the citadel (a marathon is being organised for the day after our visit), either at the Porte Dauphine or the Porte Royale within the outer ramparts. We meet in the citadel at the Tourist office across from the La Citadelle hotel, which is signposted at various points.*

*Let us know if you would like to join us for lunch. Given that there will be lots of people in the citadel organising the marathon we need to give the bistro numbers of those who would like to be included by Tuesday, May 10<sup>th</sup>.*

## READING CIRCLE

Our next date is **Tuesday, May 17<sup>th</sup>** at Théa

The book we have chosen will be French, 'Le Mystère Frontenac' 'by François Mauriac.

This is an autobiographical novel, concerning a moral dilemma experienced by an adolescent from a family of Bordeaux's high society. For those who prefer to read in English there exist two English translations,

«The Frontenac Mystery» (1951) and «The Frontenacs»(1961), both available on Amazon.

Please let Théa know if you will be attending.



## CREATIVITY WORKSHOP

Calling All Creative Ladies! Join us for our final adventure of this year in our Creativity Workshop series! We'll meet on **Wednesday, 18th May** 10am - 2pm at Association Bordeaux USA. See this link for directions: <http://www.bordeaux-usa.com/Index.htm> The topic this time is Making Friends with Transitions. Just in time for transitioning into summer, we'll be exploring endings, beginnings and how to give them a place in our lives. We'll be creating a little felt memory bracelet and/or necklace as a way to mark our transitions. Sign up to learn more details! Contact Concetta (Fixed: Cell: e-mail: ) and/or Dianne ( email: ). We'll be having a pot luck lunch so please RSVP by Friday, 13th May so we can let everyone know how many people will be there for lunch.

## CRAFTY LADIES

Here comes mosaic time already. For the newcomers we suggest decorating a small mirror, for the others a small object of your choice. We remind you that this is a two-session project.

When: on **Thursday, May 19th** from 9:30 to 12:00 noon

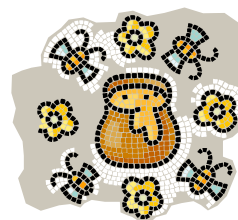
Where: Anne

Cost: 7€

Please let us know if you're coming by May 12th.

Odile

Camille



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## HAPPY HOUR

Come and meet up with us for an enjoyable evening **Thursday, 19th May** from 8.00 pm onwards at **El Nacional**, 23 Bis, rue Rode, 33000 Bordeaux (Place des Chartrons area). Snacks/Food are available. Hope to see many of you there !

Please advise hostesses if you are coming.

Clémence : email or mobile

Alexandrine : email or mobile

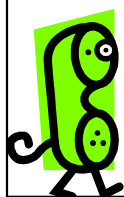


## WALK & TALK

**Wednesday, May 25th** at 10am. We will visit the lovely residential Saint Seurin neighborhood, with its legends and ancient history.

Meet at the Café "Petit" Bar, Place de Pradeau next to the Basilique Saint Seurin. Lost? Late?

Call Gisèle or Linda



## HEALTHY EATING THE CHINESE WAY

Chinese medicine and the relationship between our way of eating and the consequences on the body.

The next subject will be: **the special food to clean the liver (spring season)**.

Depending on the number of ladies, we will cook together and then try out some of the different foods. Cost: 9€

The next meeting will be held on **Saturday 28th May** from 11 am to 1pm at my house:

If you are interested, please contact me **Valérie** e-mail:

or mobile phone:

All members who sign up to attend a meeting, please confirm again at least 24 hours ahead of time.





# May Luncheon and General Assembly of the BWC Tuesday, May 10th, at 12 Noon

**Le Pavillon du Château Raba**  
**35, rue Rémi Bellau**  
**TALENCE**

From the Rode, Exit 16 towards Talence. Continue straight ahead on the Cours de la Libération for 600 m. Turn right after the 5<sup>th</sup> light, following the sign "La Réserve au Pavillon du Château Raba". The entrance is on your right on the curve. Tram Line B, stop « Doyen Brus ». **Pavillon du Château Raba** is 800 meters away, towards the Bordeaux Ecole de Management (B.E.M.)

## Menu 27€

Apéritif Crémant de Bordeaux avec cannelés salés

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Tartare de Thon à la Mangue

ou

Compressé de Légumes au Chèvre Frais

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Filet de Canette, Lingot de Polenta de Légumes, Chutney aux Fruits

ou

Lasagnes de Légumes du Soleil

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Sélection du Sommelier (A glass of red or white wine)

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Café ou Thé Gourmand

Please reserve before Thursday, May 5th. Please don't forget to choose your menu and remember it. If you leave a message or send an e-mail, you should get a message of confirmation in return. If you do not receive confirmation, please re-contact a hostess.

All members who sign up to attend a luncheon and who do not cancel at least 48 hours ahead of time will be held financially responsible for their meal and are asked to pay in full. To facilitate the check-in process, it would be greatly appreciated if payment could be made by check/cheque made payable to the restaurant (NOT to the BWC). If paying in cash, exact change is most welcome. Thank you.

Your hostesses for the June 14th luncheon will be Sara and Jennifer.

All announcements for the June Newsletter should be given to Lucy before May 10th.

**Tel:** email: