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NETWORK OF ENGLISH-SPEAKING WOMEN

Winter 2020

Upcoming Meeting Dates in 2020 (subject to change!)

May 22
June 19
July 17
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September 18

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JANUARY

Friday, January 24th at 7:00pm

The Ornate Splendour of Freiburg's
Black Monastery!

The small Baroque church of St Ursula is located in the north wing of the former convent of the *Ursulines* who settled in Freiburg in 1696. It became known as the *Black Monastery* due to the nuns' black habits, as opposed to the white-clad Dominican nuns of the *White Monastery*. The Ursuline Order was devoted to the education of female youth.

One of the most important female figures in the history of the *Black Monastery* was Euphemia Dorer. She came to Freiburg in 1699, and proved to be a very energetic leader. Guided by deep piety, she campaigned for the devotion to the Sacred Heart, and ensured the transfer of valuable relics to the monastery church. It's hard to imagine that behind the inconspicuous walls on *Rathausgasse* is one of the most beautiful Rococo rooms in the whole of Breisgau. The sacristy boasts 270-year old built-in wardrobes with high quality inlays, one of which houses a staircase that leads to the overlying *Black Monastery*.



Beneath the church lie tombs of the *Ursulines* in the *nun's crypt*. Join us on a special tour of a church that survived three centuries of war, even though it should never have existed at all!

Meeting Point: 6:45pm-Rathausgasse 50, 79098 Freiburg

Dinner: 8:30 Ganter Brauereiausschank, Münsterplatz 18-20, 79098 Freiburg

FEBRUARY

Friday, February 28th at 7:00pm

China - A Land of Amazing Contrasts and Beauty

Network members Annette Senn and Veronika Kaiser have both visited China for different reasons, and have since become curious about the country.



Other than her involvement with Chinese delegations to the area through work, Annette's experience with China is a personal one. She got to know a Chinese family after hosting a student through the *UWC Guest Family Program*. In March 2019, Annette was invited to visit the family in Chengdu, Sichuan province and travelled around China's southwest provinces together with her Chinese friends, although she also enjoyed the experience of travelling on her own.

Veronika visited China several times in a professional capacity when she was principal of a vocational school in Freiburg. She was introduced to different schools in China and many members of the teaching faculty. Since 2007, Veronika has been a member of the China Forum Freiburg e.V., and was elected president in 2018. The China Forum Freiburg offers public lectures and talks on China.

Both Annette and Veronika are aware that whenever they share their positive experiences here in Germany, they often encounter surprise and mixed feelings about the country. This is a great opportunity to hear two women describe their personal experiences and sentiments about China from different points of view.

Restaurant: China Restaurant Lotus, Hauptstraße 20, 79288 Gottenheim

NEWS

MARCH

Friday, March 27th at 7:30pm

Coffee Evening at *5 Senses Coffee*

Would *you* like to know more about the world of coffee? How to prepare the perfect espresso on a *portafilter* machine? How to foam milk properly and pour great patterns on the perfect cup of coffee?



5 Senses Coffee offers barista courses to people who want to learn all there is to know about the preparation of specialty coffees on a *portafilter* machine. From interesting facts about botany, cultivation and coffee processing to the many considerations involved in getting the most out of the coffee beans, and the perfect way to extract the espresso, this is a great opportunity to learn all about the preparation of different coffee specialities.

Under the professional guidance of Sophie Wilkes, we will learn the art of delicious coffee-making, milk frothing and latte art. This condensed barista course, which includes a comprehensive handout on barista basics, costs just €12, with the opportunity to sample the coffee of your choice at the end!

There will be no meal included this evening. However, baked goods, soft drinks and coffee (!) can be purchased throughout the evening.

Venue: 5 Senses Coffee Herdern, Okenstraße 4, 79108 Freiburg

Annette Senn
CT Member
1999 - 2019



After more than 20 years, Annette has decided to 'retire' from the Coordinating Team. She became a volunteer with founding member Susie Padman-Reich and has worked alongside all CT members since then.

Working for more than 25 years in regional tourism, Annette has been invaluable in introducing the Network to new restaurants and venues to host meetings. We have enjoyed evenings with a variety of speakers that Annette has put forward, and a number of entertaining tours in and around the Freiburg area. She herself has been a speaker in the past, and we are delighted that she has agreed to give us a talk in February, together with fellow member Veronika Kaiser, about her personal experiences and sentiments about China.

With a work schedule that is becoming increasingly hectic, Annette has made up her mind to pursue activities in her spare time that are more relaxing. We are sorry to lose her from the Team, but fortunately she plans to attend Network evenings as often as she can!

On behalf of all CT members past and present, we thank you Annette and salute you for your outstanding contribution to the Network.

APRIL

Friday, April 24th at 7:30pm

Ever Wondered What a Podcast Is?

Have you ever wondered what a podcast is, but been too afraid to ask? Fear not - this is the night to get all your questions answered!

Over the last five years, podcasts have exploded in America and across the globe, and there are now podcasts for just about every genre, topic, and interest. Nicole Palazzo, an American living in Freiburg, has been an avid podcast fan for nearly 15 years, and when she moved to Germany in 2017, she felt inspired to start her own show: *The Expat Cast*. She interviews other expats to exchange stories and resources with fellow globally minded folks across the globe.



In her presentation, which takes the form of a live demonstration, Nicole will explain what a podcast is, how to make one, and what hers is all about.

Venue: Hotel Rappen, Münsterplatz, 79098 Freiburg

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

All of us on the Coordinating Team wish our Network members and friends a year filled with good health, peace, love and laughter. May your dreams turn into reality and all your efforts into great achievements!

Thank you for supporting the Network. We look forward to your continued support in 2020!