



NESW

NETWORK OF ENGLISH-SPEAKING WOMEN

Autumn 2023

Upcoming Meeting Dates in 2024

(subject to change!)

January 19

February 16

March 15

April 12

SAVE THE DATE!

Our website is: www.nesw.de

Monthly registration:
registration@nesw.de

A Note from the Coordinating Team

30th Anniversary Cookbook

Just a reminder that there is still plenty of time until September 30th to send in your recipe for our 30th anniversary cookbook. We would very much like to have as much variety as possible, and I have no doubt that we have lots of budding cooks in our midst!

Please help the Coordinating Team to create a memorable reminder of 30 years of the Network here in Freiburg.



SEPTEMBER

Friday, September 29th at 7:00pm

All of us on the Coordinating Team hope you have enjoyed special summer holidays this year after the uncertainty of two years of Covid. Looking back at the first six months of 2023, we are all very proud of the diverse program of events we have been able to present to our Network women and, as such, are very grateful to our presenters and speakers who have contributed their time and talent to make this possible!

We thought it only appropriate, therefore, to slow down the pace this month and give you all a chance to gather and enjoy the company of your Network friends whilst summer is still in the air!



A social evening is, therefore, planned at our favourite Kirchgarten restaurant - Hofgut Himmelreich - where we hope to be able to dine al fresco and enjoy the fresh air. Their inclusive attitude goes perfectly with their gastronomic sustainability strategy. Chef Jochen Pfizer and his team use predominantly regional raw ingredients, some of them organic. The meat used comes exclusively from animal welfare production in Baden-Württemberg, and the draft beers and wines are organic quality.

Please register by **September 27th** with Liz at registration@nesw.de or call 0171-724 6834

OCTOBER

Friday, October 20th at 7:00pm

Since 2006, *Boutique LeSac* has developed from a sewing room in the basement of Sedanstraße 22 to a successful, extensive social project of a special kind, continuing to pursue different goals in support of women in need in the Freiburg area.

Clothes and household items received through donations are given away, with the amount depending on the value of objects and/or clothes and, above all, on the prospects of the purchaser. The proceeds from donations are used to grant women in need interest-free loans with which they can bridge financial bottlenecks and then repay the loan in small installments.

One morning and one afternoon per week, two groups of 8 to 10 women volunteers at *Boutique LeSac* advise female visitors, offering them support or simply addressing their worries and needs. They also offer the opportunity for communication, integration, learning (whether sewing, everyday German, mutual understanding and respect), sensory perception by making music and eating together, creativity.

The Network has been lucky enough to enjoy the charisma and enthusiasm of a number of the volunteers at *Obdach für Frauen (OFF)*, who operate *Boutique LeSac*, in the past and this evening, we will have the pleasure of Elisabeth Armbruster's daughter, Tina Knapp, making the introduction!

Please join us to learn more about this vital lifeline for women in need. Finger food will be provided together with wine and soft drinks.

Please register by **October 18th** with Liz at registration@nesw.de or call 0171-724 6834

NEWS

NOVEMBER

Friday, November 17th at 7:00pm

Celebrating 30 years of the Network!

Well, if the world can survive two years of Covid, the Network can survive many more anniversaries to come thanks to your commitment and support! We are proud to continue Susie Padman-Reich's legacy here in Freiburg and take great pleasure in inviting you, your spouses, partners and friends to join us in celebrating this significant milestone in the Network's history.



We are delighted to be returning to a favourite haunt this year - Hotel Gasthaus Schützen (it's been a while) - where we are equally thrilled to welcome back long-time member Rachel Ives and her singing ensemble "In the MixX" (from the choir Rhythmix in Au) who last entertained us at our 2015 Christmas party!



A glass of Sekt to get the evening off to a bubbly start, courtesy of the Network, a three-course meal and a raffle, as well as a visual update on the Network's activities since our 25th anniversary, thanks to Ingrid, add to the enjoyment of the evening.

Please register by **November 3rd** with Ingrid at registration@nesw.de or call 0170-436 5572

Membership Information



30€ Annually
(due by the end of January)

17.50€ Half Year
(January-June, July-December)

5€ Evening Fee for
Non-Members
(to be paid at the evening's event)

Guests and new members are
always welcome. The evening fee
is waived for first time guests



The Coordinating Team

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Join our Team!*



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DECEMBER

Friday, December 8th at 7:30pm

Christmas cheer with friends!

Now that the *Secret Santa Gift Exchange* has become a bit of a tradition at Network Christmas parties, many of us look forward to the fun and laughter that these evenings bring. It's simply the perfect way to round up a busy year, and we look forward to sharing this special Christmas cheer with you.



By now everyone should be familiar with the rules! But if not, it's easy: wrap up a gift, new or recycled, fun or serious, and bring it along! Throw it in *Santa's Sack* and watch the fun begin! You open the gift; you are happy with your prize; then someone steals your gift, and you reach into the sack again; and on it goes until the last gift has been taken from the bag! You can only hope you go home with the gift you wanted!



Please register by **December 6th** with Liz at registration@nesw.de or call 0171-724 6834