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Dear Members,

As I type this I am sitting in a cool spot in the shade with a bit of a breeze blowing, which takes the edge off the Grecian heat. Not a bad place to work! I imagine the ZIWC membership currently travelling to all corners of the globe, reconnecting with families and friends, or maybe enjoying the lakes and mountains and peace of our Swiss home, reflecting the diversity of the Membership we are.

I'm into my second year as editor of Connect Magazine, and in this time I've really got to know the Club workings pretty well. For my part I am so impressed with the dedication of Members in the running and participation of this Club, the time they offer, and the resources and skills they share for the benefit of all. The Club would not exist without contribution to this community, and no matter how big or small, all efforts are valued and are of value. I appreciate being part of this community!

Though the summer is still with us, we have a whole programme of events to take us into the autumn season. This kicks off with our Club's participation in the 'Fest der Nationen', where better to showcase our diversity? Please come by and support our stand. The following day the IMCZ will be hosting their summer BBQ with their USA theme, it promises to be a treat. Other events include our Escape to Oktoberfest on Saturday 23 September and the Stand up Comedy night on 28 September.

Wishing you a wonderful turn of the season and I hope you enjoy this edition of Connect!

With my best wishes,

Suzy Andricopoulos
Connect Magazine editor and Chairwoman



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New Members

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Membership Chairwoman
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We warmly welcome our new Members

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Stand Up! Comedy Night & Apero

Fun, jokes and laughs with friends and Members in English on a weeknight in the international little big city of Zug! Stand Up Comedy featuring intro by Andaleeb Lilley and guest comedian Ben Delahaye.

When: Thursday, 28 September 2023 Apero 19:30, show 20:30-21:45
Where: **Panorama 24 - 24th floor of Gubelstrasse 24, 6330 Zug (Park Tower)**
How much: IMCZ & ZIWC & Friends (over 18s) **25 CHF**
Dress code: Casual
Monthly Men's Club Stammtisch is invited to join
Drinks: Cash bar
Registration: Please register online on our website - By 22 September. Limited seating.
For queries contact annualevents@ziwc.ch

Booking & Payment Deadline:
Zug International Women's Club, Post Finance, 6340 Baar.
A/C No 17-521935-3, IBAN CH40 0900 0000 1752 1935 3.
Please state "Stand Up 2023" and the names of all the guests on the payment

How to get there: 3-5 minutes walk from Zug train station. Parking at SBB train station parking, Fitness Park or Metalli car park. Meet at 19:30 to 20:00 at front of building entrance for escorted access to Panorama 24. **Late arrivals may not be guaranteed entry.**

ZIWC Cancellation Policy and Accident Insurance rules apply, see page 4 for details.



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Apero on the Green









Hi! I am Melanie, a brand new Member who attended the Network/Apero on the green 15 June in Holzhäusern. This was a ZIWC and IMCZ Members only event and hosted 40 attendees.

Before the Apero, 21 of us registered for the optional choice to join a golf clinic session with a pro, to learn some golf basics. Afterwards we did some ball hitting in small groups on the driving-range and finished off with a little putting challenge with some extra branded ZIWC golf balls. This was a good option for those like me, who are new to golf, to get a little feeling how this (maybe my new) sport works!

After a very hot and sunny 45 minutes, we were relocated to the golf restaurant terrace and were welcomed by Emely and Veerle to the Apero/Network event.

Little by little everyone arrived, mostly dressed in something ‘green’ at this fabulous summer evening event. President Cristina Rocco welcomed us and also thanked Tania, Emely, Jelka and Veerle who supported and organised this event. We initially all sat in groups where old and new Members had a chance to have a little chat whilst enjoying the drinks and the tasty food of the *apero riche*.

Then it was time to mix the tables up, and Veerle's 'speed social' activity started – it was like speed dating where we had the chance to 'interview’ a lot of ladies in 2-minute slots, that was fun! For me being originally from Switzerland and someone who wants to practise her English more, *voilà* – you get what you wish for - the perfect challenge! Afterwards there was also a raffle with a happy winner.

I personally had a wonderful evening and met some lovely ladies. Here and there we exchanged our cards. And I even signed up to Helena’s ‘Girls about Town’ Whats-App group for going out spontaneously - maybe also a good idea for you?

Just before the evening ended with a fruit buffet, we were lucky to sit on a covered terrace as for 5 minutes the sky brought us a little refreshment and cooler air.

Tania kindly reminded us to take our going-home gifts with us, donated by Émely's Garden and Monika Klein Coiffeur, how nice!

By **Melanie Winiger**

Escapes

Luzern Oktoberfest

Date: Saturday, September 23, 2022

The Experience: A traditional Bavarian celebration taking place in beautiful Luzern. Reservations open to ZIWC members + partners and members of the International Men’s Club of Zug.

Included in ticket:
- Reserved seats
- Pretzel, Beer, Platter of delicacies
- Musical entertainment

Location: Eiszentrum Luzern.

Departure: 16:00 meet at the Zug Bahnhof to ride the train together to Luzern. Festival begins at 17:00.

Cost: 78 chf per person. Transportation cost is not included.

Booking deadline: RSVP no later than Sept 9. Due to table reservation requirements and Luzern Oktoberfest terms and conditions there will be no refunds possible due to proximity of the event.

Contact: For questions or more information, please contact Alicia Toledo at Escape@ziwc.ch

Please register via the ZIWC calendar on the website. The ZIWC cancellation policy applies.



Meet the Members

Melanie Winiger



My name is Melanie Winiger and I am quite new to the Club though I have jumped into things head first, having attended five events by ZIWC in 3 weeks; I started with the Wednesday Coffee, an IKGAI Workshop, followed by the Apero in Secret Garden by BNG and the social walk on Monday – I really appreciate the variety the Club is offering, as I have a lot of interests and also I like the variety of all ages and different cultures, it is a bit the agony of choice what to take part in next…

I live in Lucerne with my husband and I am in a transitional phase of my life, having just started my own business as a mindset & life coach. These days, I work a lot on my own in my home office (before I was used in an open plan office…) and after a sort of an introverted phase, I am ready to meet new people after work – for new friendships but also maybe to share the struggles of an entrepreneur with all the new stuff to learn in this online world. And I like to use my languages not only on our holidays, so I found the perfect solution in the ZIWC. I chose a Club in Zug and not Lucerne because I think, if you want to grow in every way in your life, it is necessary to also change your environments from time to time – and also 20 km can make a difference. I initially joined the club to practise my English and avoid losing what I know. I am open to connect- in addition to my Swiss girlfriends- also with new ladies, who bring that international touch.

I like to go out for easy walks, having chats and lunches and dinners or just a coffee. I know my hometown inside and out, so for me it's a nice change to spend some time in the canton of Zug. But of course, I am more than happy to organise some possibilities or events for you in Lucerne if this is desired. And if you have some questions about the Swiss mentality or so, do not hesitate to ask. I grew up in a little village in the canton of Solothurn, but I have been living and working for more than 25 years in the area of Küssnacht am Rigi / Kriens and now in Lucerne.

After only 3 weeks in the Club, I am really impressed by the organisation and the possibilities of the groups and the event calendar. I recently caught myself wondering, "Why did I not have this idea to just google a women's club and join ZIWC a year ago?"

I have a big request to all of the ladies: it would be very very helpful, if you would put your picture in the member zone of the website – I think I speak for all the new Members, that this would be so helpful in getting to know people and to help put faces to names!

ConSol Zug

ConSol
BERUFLICHE PERSPEKTIVEN

Are you looking to outsource routine office work, to buy some cards made from hand-crafted paper or some recycled glasses and carafes inscribed with your name? Perhaps you need a new beach bag or some blouses and shirts laundering? You might fancy a lunch or evening meal out or some giveaways with your company's logo?

Look no further – the non-profit organization (Verein) ConSol can offer you all of these services and more in their various departments. ConSol (means 'with sun, or solidarity') was founded over 20 years ago and aims to give sheltered workplaces to people with physical and/or mental handicaps and also to give young, disadvantaged people a start in their working lives. The individual person is central and solutions are found based on their needs and abilities. Under the guidance of professionals who are also trained in social competence, the people who work at ConSol are able to produce goods and services of a high standard at market prices. Most important is that the people who work for ConSol are able to identify with the products they produce and are proud of their skills.





I was privileged to work at ConSol a few years ago, teaching very basic English to two groups of employees who were offered the chance to gain an extra skill at the expense of the company but in their free time. I was always warmly greeted by all the employees in the paper and glass department where the classes were held in the room where the staff could take their breaks. Some of the people working there just shyly waved from a distance and others dragged me off to show me their latest design for a card or a glass made from recycled bottles. At an open day, the students in my class were able to talk about their work in very basic English to visitors and they positively glowed with pride! After two years, my contract sadly ended as ConSol wanted to spend the money on another offer for other employees. Sometimes I see my former protégées around Zug and I really miss them. I think I learnt a lot more from them than they did from me!

Nowadays, I often buy cards and gifts from ConSol and have a meal in one of their restaurants. I'm also a member of the Verein, so support them in their extremely worthwhile work. Have a look at their website and see if there are any products and/or services that you could benefit from: **https://consol.ch/**

They will even fill out your tax form for you!

Helena Lustenberger



Hospitality

Veerle Vandionant - Hospitality Chairwoman organises regular social events for long-standing and new Members. Welcomes new Club Members. She provides information related to our Club activities to potential New Members.

Stammtisch

The Hospitality Team is pleased to host our *Stammtisch* again.

When: Every Wednesday, 10:00–12:00 (except public holidays)
Where: **Stammtisch will be at the City Garden hotel during September until mid October**

Cham Coffee

Karin has a Whatsapp group to keep Members informed about attendance. Whatsapp or email her if you will be attending. If you live in the Cham area (Hünenberg, Knonau...) and are interested in joining the coffee, call Karin to be added to the group.

When: Third Thursday of the month, 10:00–11:45
Where: Cafe Plaza, Kirchbuhl 5, 6330 Cham
Contact: Karin Resch at karin-resch@bluewin.ch or on +43 664 421 2775

Walchwil Coffee

Why not come and join us for a cup of tea or coffee and a friendly chat?

When: Last Thursday of the month, 9:30–11:00
Where: Riviera Café, Dorfstrasse 19, 6318 Walchwil
Contact: Sarah Paul at paulfamily@bluewin.ch or on 079 279 9748

Aegeri Coffee

We will get together for a chat and laugh so please pop in when it suits your schedule. A Whatsapp group has been set up so please ask to be added if you are interested in joining us. Don't miss the opportunity to meet other Members for a lively get-together in the Aegeri area! Please register on the website calendar or via the Whatsapp group.

When: 2nd Thursday of every month, 10:00–12:00
Where: Pete's place, Zugerstrasse 20, 6314 Unterägeri
Contact: Vivi Jensen at vivi.jensen@icloud.com or on 076 824 4898

Contact coffee / September

Anne Weber has kindly offered to host our September contact coffee in Oberägeri.

When: Tuesday 12 September 14.00–17.00
Where: Haglistrasse 18, 6315 Oberägeri
Capacity: Max 15 people, please register online
Registration deadline: 8 September 2023

Please contact Anne on 079 651 0962 to coordinate what you will bring.

RE. Transport:
Anne lives up the hill above the village, off the Schneitstrasse. There is parking available for several cars in front of the house, but car pooling would be advisable. There is also the option to take the bus No. 1 from Zug up to Fischmatt Bus stop, Oberägeri, but it is a long walk up the hill (20 minutes). Someone from Aegeri can collect you on their way up.

Hope to see you there!



Bar & Lounge

Join us for an *apéro* after work or a long day. Meet up with other Members and share your stories. Tuesdays, once a month at 18:30.
Next Date: Tuesday 12 September @18h30
Kurioz, Pilatusstrasse 1, 6300 Zug

Registration on the Club Website is mandatory up to 24 hours before the event.

Contact Details: Ingela Stigemar at dent_stigemar@bluewin.ch



September Lunch Club

Adventure @ Seerestaurant Fischerstube, Lauerz

www.seerestaurant-fischerstube.ch/seerestaurant/



When: **Thursday 14 September**

This restaurant is accessible by public transport (train from Zug to Arth and bus to Lauerz - 28 minutes total!) for those who do not wish to drive.

Who knows, if the weather is fine we may be able to dine in the lovely outside terrace!

Please register on the ZIWC website
or - if you have no web access
- by calling/texting Ailbhe Fallon
+41 78 698 5160 (no WhatsApp please).

Cancellation by midday 12 September: if you need to cancel please do so by email to ailbhe.fallon@fallon-currie.com or calling/texting 078 698 5160 (no WhatsApp please).

As we often have a waiting list we kindly ask you to contact the host whenever you need to cancel so another Member can take your place. Thank you for your cooperation.

September Monthly Dinner

One of the best sunsets in Zug, by the lake, can be enjoyed at **Hafensrestaurant**, situated by the Marina in Zug. If the weather allows us, we will welcome autumn on its huge terrace. Otherwise, we will enjoy their modern set up inside. The menu changes very often, but you can check it online before going.



When: **Thursday, September 21st, 18:00**

Where: **Hafensrestaurant, Hafenplatz 2, 6300 Zug**
Parking available at the Marina.

Group limit: 12 Members. Please register online (or send an email to webeditor@ziwc.ch if you cannot register online yourself)

Booking deadline: Wednesday, September 21st, 11:00am

Contact: Valerie Gitter at vgitter@bluewin.ch or on 079 763 46 06 for any questions.

Menu: We will be choosing “à la carte” from their international menu.

As we often have a waiting list we kindly ask you to contact the host whenever you need to cancel so another Member can take your place. Thank you for your cooperation.

October Lunch Club

Più Ristorante, Postplatz, Zug



Our October Lunch will take place on Wednesday 18 October at Più Ristorante, Postplatz 1, 6300 Zug at 12.15
piu-ristorante.ch

This vibrant venue serves so much more than pizza as you can see by following the link to the menu below. There is also a special menu which changes monthly.
piu-ristorante.ch/site/assets/files/1033/piu-speisekarte-de-07_23.pdf

Please register on the ZIWC website
or - if you have no web access
- by calling/texting Ailbhe Fallon +41 78 698 5160 (no WhatsApp please).

Cancellation by midday on 16 October : if you need to cancel please do so by email to ailbhe.fallon@fallon-currie.com or calling/texting 078 698 5160 (no WhatsApp please).

As we often have a waiting list we kindly ask you to contact the host whenever you need to cancel so another Member can take your place. Thank you for your cooperation.

October Monthly Dinner

In October, we will meet inside **Freiruum**, which is an ‘open space’ full of different food stalls with Greek, Mexican, Thai food as well as stands with Poké bowls, fried chicken, hamburgers and a bar, just to name a few. We will meet near the Mexican food stall and since the place is so big, we should all wear a red, turquoise or white top (like ZIWC logo) to recognise members of our group. Everybody will be able to get their favourite food (Tacos? Sushi? Souvlakis? Ramen? Pad Thai?) and bring it to the table with their drink. Please note no cash payments are accepted in Freiruum.



When: **Thursday, 12 October, 18:00**

Where: **Freiruum, Zählerweg 5, 6300 Zug**

Group limit: 20 members. Please register online (or send an email to webeditor@ziwc.ch if you cannot register online by yourself)

Booking deadline: Wednesday, 11 October

Contact: Valerie Gitter at vgitter@bluewin.ch or on 079 763 46 06 for any questions.

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BUSINESS NETWORK

Business Network

This group is for Members who are interested in the world of business, innovation and enterprise, whether you are working at present or not.

If you are running your own business, employed, taking a career break or re-engineering your working life, the Group will provide opportunities to share knowledge, experience, skills, ideas and inspiration provided by sister Members or invited guests ... and of course on occasions we just kick back for end-of-day drinks with women who share these interests!

For further information please contact Ailbhe Fallon at BNG@ziwc.ch



Apero Dates for your diary!

Venue Secret Garden at City Garden Hotel, Metallstrasse 20, 6302 Zug

- 14 September • 17.30 - 19.30
- 5 October • 17.30 - 19.30
- 9 November • 17.30 - 19.30

ZUGERBERG FINANZ



You're invited – save the date!

What now?
Inflation, Interest Rates and Investments

Theme:	Zugerberg Finanz experts will address established Expats on the current **economic outlook** and where you can look now for **real return on investments**.
Date:	November 16, 2023
Time:	11:45 a.m. – 13:30 p.m. Presentation followed by light lunch.
Keynote Speakers:	**Timo Dainese**, Founder and Managing Partner **Prof. Dr. Maurice Pedergnana**, Chief Economist and Managing Partner **Tania Mobayed**, Brand Ambassador & Sr. Advisor Expat Desk
Place:	Zugerberg Finanz, Lüssiweg 47, 6302 Zug
RSVP:	By November 7, 2023, Registration online, limited seating.

This is the **first** of a series of English topics presented by Zugerberg Finanz. The international community has an opportunity to learn about Zugerberg Finanz, current topics in investing and appropriate solutions for Swiss domiciled individuals. Zugerberg Finanz values are based on **trust, proximity, honesty, and transparency**. These are the cornerstones of our growing and successful position as leading local Asset Manager.

Online registration

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Genuss Film Festival



The Genuss Film Festival Zug is running from 21st to 28th September focusing on the combination of cinema and culinary delights in the Seehof cinema and the Genuss Pavillon, located on the lake front. Top Swiss chefs will spoil the festival guests, the Seehof cinema will show culinary feature films and documentaries, comedies and satires, and talks and award ceremonies will round off the festival programme in the pavilion. Please note films will be in German/French with subtitles.

Tickets are still available for certain days so if you're quick, a foodie lover and are interested in this visual/culinary event, head to genussfilm.ch for more information.

Genuss
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Zug, Genuss Pavillon
21.–28. Sept. 2023

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Fachstelle Migration Zug

New in Zug together - presented by the Fachstelle Migration Zug

New in Zug?
Find out about life in Zug and get to meet new people

The FMZ presents a series of information and meet ups to learn about life in Zug with other new arrivals. Each week presents a different theme about life in Zug.

Hosted by an FMZ consultant who will provide the information and answers to questions. Learn, share experiences and meet new people. Course 2 commences on Wednesdays from 25.10.23.

Drop in for one or join every week.

Free but registration is required.

Group size: min. 6, max. 15

25.10.2023 - Media, leisure
08.11.2023 - Cultural understanding
15.11.2023 - Housing, living environment
22.11.2023 - Learn German / German tests, German course advice
29.11.2023 - Networking, exchange, information, *apero*

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Witch-hunting in Zug



On 7 August 1737, Katharina Kalbacher, who was about 16 years old, confessed to being a witch, thus instigating the last big witch trial of Central Switzerland.

Katharina not only accused herself but also accused many others and they were also tried, mostly after being tortured in the Chaibeturm, the former prison in the old town at the bottom of Fischmarkt. The word 'Chaib' or 'Cheib' meant scoundrel or rogue, and torturing of those so named included being placed in the rack and the thumbscrew and being hung up by the arms. After a certain amount of torture, most people confessed in the hope that it would stop, but almost everyone was convicted. Katharina Kalbacher's trial was minutely recorded in over 400 pages, which was very unusual at the time as paper was in short supply and expensive.

Witches were blamed for failed crops, bad weather, people becoming sick and many other unfortunate events. As science was in its infancy, ordinary people didn't understand natural processes and searched for someone to blame. Even today, people talk about having a 'Hexenschuss' when having an attack of lumbago, thus implicitly blaming a 'witch'. Witches were also said to create people-like figures out of paper and wax into which they would stick pins (similar to voodoo dolls). Often, the people accused of witchcraft were outsiders, people whose families were itinerant and not so well-known locally. This was a time of closed city walls and communities where everyone knew each other. They were more likely to be women than men, especially those who worked as midwives and/or knew how to use herbs. They had to live outside the town walls. Most of those accused of witchcraft were not from the town of Zug but were from surrounding areas, such as Hünenberg and Menzingen.



Katharina's father was a 'Schliefer', he sharpened tools and maybe made them too. He travelled from fair to fair and Katharina often went with him. As she was growing up, she spent time as a farm worker in the Lucerne area. During her trial she was also taken to Lucerne to be questioned but they were not allowed to torture her. She denounced several people, men and women, and they were also tortured and executed.

Paracelsus, the influential Swiss physician, alchemist and lay theologian believed that witches could only be destroyed by burning. Only fire could destroy black magic.

There was also a widespread belief that witches had to have their feet on the ground in order to do bad deeds, so great care was taken that they should be prevented from doing so: hence the 'Hexenschwung' was born- the accused were swung off the ground and prevented from walking on the ground generally.

In all, there were about 159 trials in Zug. The youngest involved a boy of 8, who was beheaded. A boy of 10 was sent to Milan to the Inquisition as there was no Inquisition in Switzerland. The church did not approve of these trials but didn't have any real power to prevent them. The power lay in the hands of the authorities, the 'Amman'.

The job of the executioner was handed down from father to son and as this was lowly work of course, they were looked down upon and had to live outside the city walls. The executioner also carried out a lot of the torturing on the orders of the 'Amman' who was the judicial authority in the town. Ironically, the executioner was also responsible for caring for people who had been injured through torture and survived! Zug's executioner lived near the Siehbachhaus, not far from the Schutzengelkappelle.

The ground behind the Schutzengel chapel (Guardian angel chapel!) was where miscreants were executed. Witches were burned but some were beheaded as this was seen as a less cruel way of being executed. Katharina herself was beheaded as she had 'cooperated so well with the authorities'. Now behind the Schutzengelkappelle there is an iron cross and a plaque commemorating those who were executed there.

There could be no conviction without a confession, hence the torture. Some were even tortured on their way to the stake where they would be burned. About 5-8% of those executed were children. It was only with the coming of the Enlightenment that witch-hunts stopped. The last 'witch' to be executed in Switzerland was Anna Göldi in 1782.

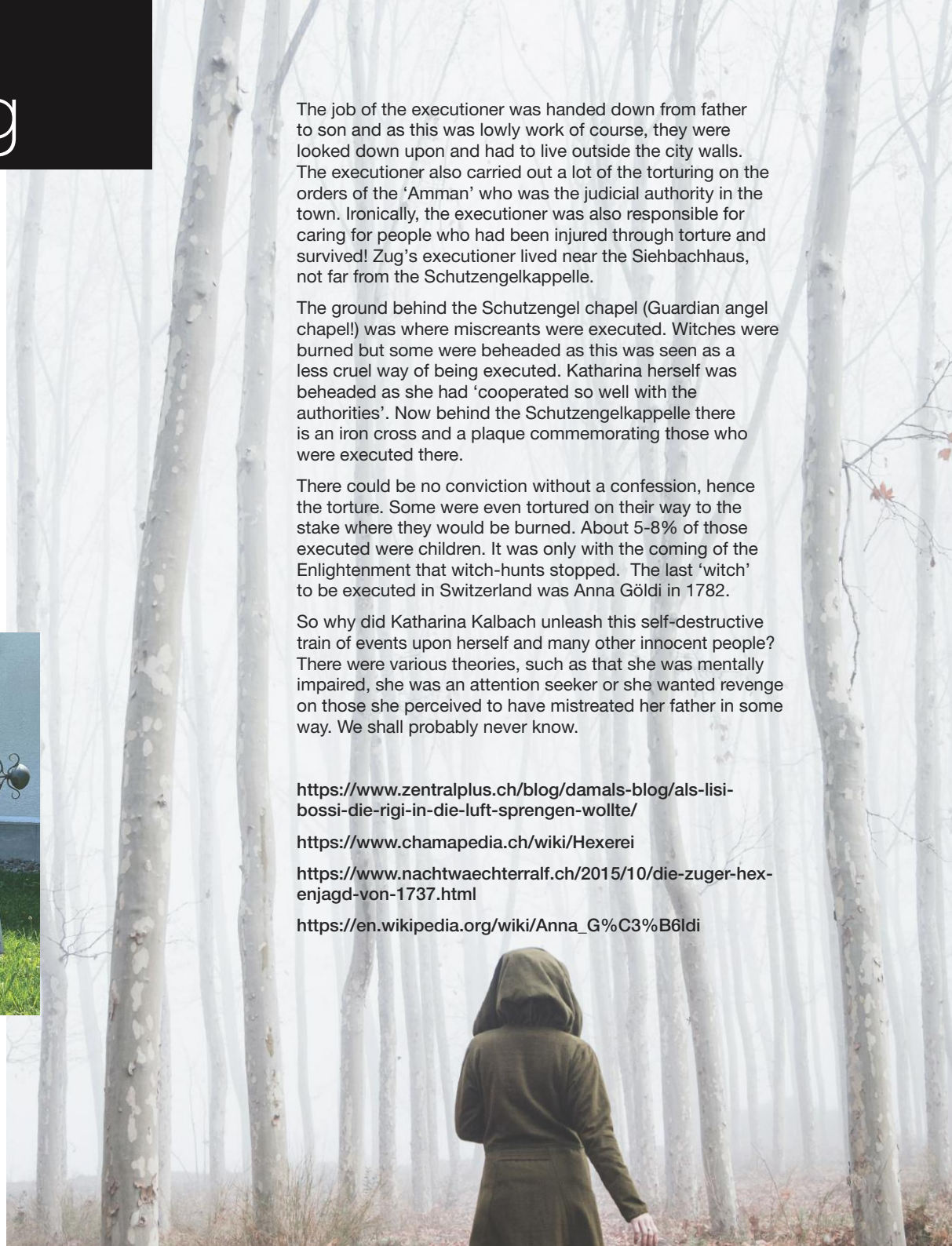
So why did Katharina Kalbach unleash this self-destructive train of events upon herself and many other innocent people? There were various theories, such as that she was mentally impaired, she was an attention seeker or she wanted revenge on those she perceived to have mistreated her father in some way. We shall probably never know.

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Contributed by Sarika Sukhatankar

Goldsmith Tour

"Diamonds are forever"



With the intention to delight the senses for both ladies and gentlemen, the Tour of the Lohri House was an event organised by Mr. Richard Beswick, President of the Zug International Men's Club and Ms. Nadya Alessandri, CEO of Lohri Chronometry and Jewellery. This guided tour for IMCZ and ZIWC members received many early and eager registrations, exceeding the exclusive group limit and nevertheless being kindly accommodated by Lohri.

Ms. Nadya Alessandri warmly ushered guests through the arched door surrounded by the impressive pillars at Lohri's prestigious showroom located at Neugasse 27 in Zug's old town, Members sipped refreshingly sweet raspberry and chilled citrus mint cocktails waiting for the tour to begin.

Owner Franz Lohri officially welcomed the group on the 16th century ground floor and spoke with pride about the high-end watch and fine jewellery business he successfully operates with his son, Franco Lohri.

The tour continued on the first floor and was guided by the highly knowledgeable, Ms. Sonja Wismer, clearly evident as she explained the details and significance of collecting vintage and precious jewellery from the 19th and 20th century.



Tiaras, rings, necklaces, delicately designed gold cuffs and several other unique jewellery creations are displayed as works of art in glass cases adorning the walls on the first floor.

In the centre of the room were showcases displaying some of the finest rubies, diamonds, emeralds and other precious stones in vibrant colours. All of the collectors' pieces are designed with unparalleled skill and craftsmanship.

Members were especially in awe of the pearl and ruby arrangement featuring 'lips', created by Henryk Kaston, based on a design by the renowned Salvador Dali.

Ladies were even invited to try on some of the finest jewellery pieces, such as a roughly cut six carat diamond ring - an offer that was not passed up!



Equally, if not more impressive, albeit for different reasons, is the Wedding Ring Salon, located on the second floor where the next part of the group tour continued.

The salon is elegantly styled for couples to be married or those who wish to renew their wedding vows with champagne to toast. This room is designed with one purpose alone- to inspire romance and intimacy. Unsurprisingly, it reminds the guests that they are part of something eternal and can remain eternally in love - "Ewigi Liebi".

Members were able to ask a wide variety of questions on topics ranging from the building's architecture and renovation to jewellery workmanship. Mr. Lohri answered the questions personally and very patiently, sensing the endless curiosity of an enthusiastic crowd. The opportunity for the guests to browse through the carefully prepared and arranged photos, including those of the building's exterior added to the tour's already highly visual appeal.

Recapping the best moments of what we had just experienced, we left this historical gem in its own right and stepped out again into the city facing Zytturm, one of the most famous landmarks of Zug.

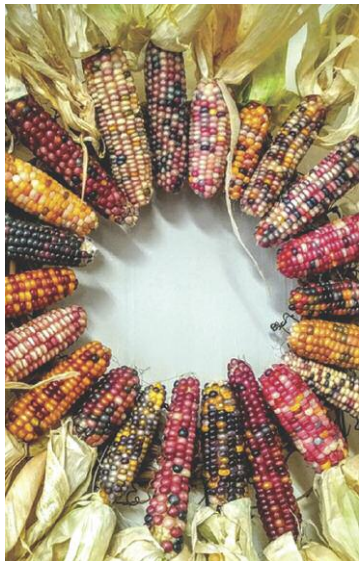
Exiting Lohri's doors, a building extensively renovated in 2016 in Empire style and yet preserved to be true to its core, Zug will never look the same to tour participants like us.

A special thank you to the Lohris, their staff and to all the participants who showed so much interest and enjoyment in participating in this unique architectural journey through premises that transcend time and history. Thank you to Bas Veenendaal, ex-President of IMCZ, for having the idea to make this tour a reality.

SEASONAL EVENING

Join our traditional and annual event to share ZIWC's new and longtime friendships this November with a 'Harvest Festival' theme. We will swing into the festive season by celebrating our traditional Seasonal Evening, with lots of international dishes cooked and donated by our Members, unique wines, special sweets and light entertainment. Please register with enthusiasm for a warm night of community and culinary delights.

Food contribution will be listed in the registration, cooks and bakers please get ready to give and receive. If you are low on time, skip cooking and pay the fee. The charity group will raffle wonderful items, it will be a lucky night for many ladies.



When: Wednesday 16 November 2023 Time: 18:30-22:30
Where: St. Michael Pfarramt, Upper Floor, Kirchenstrasse 17, Zug
Cost: Non Bakers: 35 CHF I'll bring a dish: 10 CHF
Dress code: Harvest colours & festive attire
Menu: We'll all be surprised by the variety of food cooked by our Members!
Drinks: 2 wine bottles per table (1 red & 1 white) and still water included per table. Additional wine can be purchased if desired.
Registration: Please register on the website - early registration recommended so we can plan our menu.
Contact & Info: annualevents@ziwc.ch
Booking & Payment Deadline: 2 November 2023
Zug International Women's Club, Post Finance, 6340 Baar. A/C No 17-521935-3, IBAN CH40 0900 0000 1752 1935 3. Please state "Seasonal evening" and the names of the guests on the payment.

How to get there: Located at the heart of the Zugerberg parking is nearby at the Casino and public transportation with buses 1, 2, 5, 6, 7, 11

ZIWC Cancellation and Accident Insurance policies apply, see page 4 for details.

A Weekend in Milan

On a sunny Saturday in July we set off for Milan. The train was packed, but fortunately we had reserved seats, and when the champagne popped, everyone, including our amused fellow passengers, got into the holiday spirit.

Less than 3 hours later we pulled in at Milano Centrale, marvelling at the magnificent station once dubbed 'the most beautiful in the world', by Frank Lloyd Wright.

A taxi brought us to Hotel Regina and then it was time to explore. The Duomo was our first stop, begun in 1387, it is impressive beyond words, alas, no chance to get in without tickets. We moved on towards Galleria Vittorio Emanuel II, the Mecca of shopping in Milan, because we all wanted comfortable and chic leather sandals, but they proved hard to find. The sales were on, but no sale signs in the windows, only upon entering did we find out, as we were discreetly pointed to the sale areas in the back.

Amidst the searching, sustenance was needed and we headed to the famous restaurant Il Camparino. Many had the same idea, because this is the place, like Harry's Bar in Venice, that is a must to visit, a symbol of the Milanese Aperitif since 1915. There was a queue, too! But half an hour later, having been seated by a dapper *cameriere* and served delicious Club Sandwiches to accompany the famous drink, all agreed it was worth the wait.

The Galleria Vittorio, dating from 1877, is a imposing area consisting of two glass-vaulted arcades intersecting in an octagon which cover the street connecting Piazza del Duomo to Piazza della Scala. Reminiscent of Burlington Arcade in London, it houses all the major luxury brands and it is an absolute wonder.

In the evening we found a wonderful restaurant near our hotel on the Piazza Vetra, where we sat outside and dined on delicious fish with vegetables and pasta. The wine was excellent and we could have stayed forever. Afterwards we strolled in the area, littered with restaurants and bars and very popular with the Milanese, who stood in small groups or sat on benches or on scattered ruins, talking and enjoying togetherness in the balmy Summer evening.

The Sunday hotel breakfast buffet was surprisingly good, not only could we have a full English, they also offered prosecco! We then went to explore the area behind the Galleria, and we found little streets with interesting shops and restaurants we had to try, lunch in one place, gelato in another and coffee and cake in a third.

Having finally found our sandals, we were happy to board the 6 o'clock train bound for Zug. What a super weekend it had been!

By **Vivi Jensen**









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SPOTLIGHT ON... GirlsAboutTown

The GirlsAboutTown Whatsapp group was started as a platform for ZIWC Members to connect with each other in order to take part in social and cultural events. Group members alert others to concerts, wine-tastings, Christmas markets and Lichterwege (light paths), flea markets, films shown locally and other similar events. Members have also asked each other for recommendations for doctors, dog-sitters, men's hairdressers, cleaners, flats to rent or buy and even where to buy a dirndl to attend an Octoberfest.

The platform is especially useful if you are looking for company to go to see a concert, film or go to a social event which you would like to enjoy with somebody else and not go alone. Group participants also kindly offer free or reduced tickets to events to others in the chat.

The group is moderated to encourage Members to contribute to the group, to contact each other directly by PM if they want to respond, and not to respond if they are not interested in a post. They are thus discouraged from spamming and posting inappropriate contents or from advertising their own business.

The group was also active during the Covid pandemic alerting Members to events taking place outside (with masks) or via Zoom, thus helping the Club to keep its Members in touch with each other and the outside world during a difficult time for everyone.

Events which were organized by chat members include visits to the cinema, especially Lunchkino in winter; going to see the comedian Patti Basler to celebrate International Women's Day; a recital by Sol Gabetta, the celebrated cellist, at the Casino Theatre in Zug; an evening with American writer Colson Whitehead at the Kaufleuten in Zürich; a visit to the Schräger Mittwoch in Zug for more satire and fun and a performance of 'Macbeth' at the Casino theatre in Zug following a fish supper in the restaurant.

A call for volunteer English teachers to teach English to refugees resonated successfully with some of the ZIWC ladies who are in the GirlsAboutTown group.

Of course, Club social events feature prominently in posts and are often welcome reminders to Club Members. Alerts to local social and cultural events are very popular but if you are looking for someone to go to a cinema or show with you, you will usually get lucky. It's a great way for new Members to connect and for those who have been in the Zug area for longer to share their experience and connections.

How to join the Whatsapp group: text Helena on 079 243 6439 giving your full name.





Art and Cultural Event Group

Run by Shefika Balaban Brandenberger

The Art and Culture Group has attended many exhibitions and we have had lots of joy from the cities we have visited, from April 2022 to June 2023 we have been from Zug to Zurich, Basel, Luzern and Bern... And we hope to continue from September again!

We have visited more than 17 exhibitions/events together. These include trips to the Beyeler Museum in Basel to see works by Mondrian and an old Basel tour to see the smallest museum in the world. Other examples include a guided tour of the Luzern Rosengart Museum, the Kunsthaus in Zug and Zurich and also the first women hiker's exhibition in Bern.

I am an artist and economist with both diplomas and I have been painting for more than 20 years and I am happy to guide beautiful intelligent women and their curiosity in art.

PROGRAMME FOR SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER

Tuesday 5 September

Zurich Kunsthaus "make a decision: Stellung beziehen" exhibition by Käthe Kollwitz

Meeting Point: Zug Bh. at 11:25, also we can meet some others who can be in Zurich at 12:00 in Zurich BH. **Meeting Point**: under the clock

Thursday 26 October

LandesMuseum Zürich; Thursday evening between 19:00 -23:00. It is called LATE with music, performances, drinks and guide. **Getting there**: Train from Zug Bahnfhof around 18:00 to Zurich Hauptbahnhof (HB). We can meet at Zurich HB at 18:30 and friends can also come with their families or partners, the Landesmuseum is just the other side of the Zürich BH. So we could meet under the clock at the main station Zürich.

Contact: Shefika Balaban Brandenberger on 076 421 3835













Interest Groups

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- *Participation in physical exercise or training activities is at your own risk. It is the participant's responsibility to have personal and accidental insurance*
- *Please always check the Club website calendar for any updates and changes regarding the dates, time and location of all our events.*

The Business Network

For members who are interested in the world of business, innovation and enterprise. If you are running your own business, employed, taking a career break or re-engineering your working life, the Group will provide opportunities to share knowledge, experience, skills, ideas and inspiration provided by sister members or invited guests and also meets for end-of-day drinks with women who share these interests! **Contact Details**: Ailbhe Fallon at bng@ziwc.ch.

Last minute outings

If you are interested in receiving spontaneous invitations to various outings, as proposed by Valerie, please join this group by texting her. This group communicates only by WhatsApp. **Contact Details**: Valerie Gitter on 079 763 4606

Cooking Group

Are you a FOODIE and have a passion for cooking but would like to be inspired and hone your skills? Come join our group of some amateur, some professional ladies yearning to to learn new recipes and skills. We rotate in each member's home by consensus date. If this speaks to your heart, please consider joining the ZIWC cooking group by contacting Donna Byron Sequeira at donnabyron@mac.com.

Golfing Gals Group

The Golfing Gals are enthusiastic golfing ladies at every level who practice and play regularly. Nothing is strictly organised, we just group together as it fits. We share our tee times and practice times in our Whatsapp group. If you fancy joining, please send a whatsapp to Émely Steegstra-Hendrix on 077 490 7374.

Book Reading Morning Group

All women wishing to participate in book reading and discussion are very welcome to join us! **Meeting Details**: Once a month at Ober Altstadt 10, Zug. **Contact Details**: Antonia Latter at antonia.latter@bluewin.ch or on 076 386 0005.

Book Club

Fit and Kicking Group! This group focuses on non-fiction books which cover the latest scientific findings on health and wellbeing with the aim of improving quality of life and vitality. One non-fiction book is reviewed each month. **Meeting**: Each month on a Tuesday afternoon from 14:00 to 16:00. Important - This group will not provide medical recommendations of any sort. **Contact Details**: Caroline G. Hoem at cghoem@outlook.com or on 078 683 3116.

Knit and Natter

This is just the group for those interested in knitting and crochet. You will have fun, find encouragement, learn new ideas, and make new friends. The Group meets once every three weeks at Ober Altstadt 10, Zug. **Contact Details**: Antonia Latter at antonia.latter@bluewin.ch or on 076 386 0005.

Badminton

A great way to have some exercise and fun at the same time! New Members are always welcome. Some previous experience is recommended but not necessary! **Meeting Details**: Weekly on Tuesdays at 9:00

Italian Wine Tasting

Are you a fan of wine? Join this group for a tasting tour through Italian wines. The Group meets once a month on a Tuesday and the cost is 15 CHF per session for wine and savoury snacks. For meeting and location details please check the Club website or contact Lorella Benedetto at lorella.benedetto@libero.it and on 078 652 1396. **Next dates**: 19 Sept, 19 Oct. 16:30.

Social Walk

A weekly social walk for members who enjoy walking at a leisurely pace. Mondays at 13:30 for 7km/90 minutes (plus a coffee stop!). This group is managed via WhatsApp. If you would like to join, please send your mobile number. **Contact Details**: Jan Frei at jan.freicox@outlook.com or on 079 335 7669.

Intermediate Walking/Hiking Group

Walks of around 1.5 to 2.5 hours, Wednesday afternoon at 13:30. There may be some hikes in the mountains, but they will be done at an intermediate pace, with short stops if necessary. **Contact Details**: Jan Frei at jan.freicox@outlook.com or on 079 335 7669.

Fitness hiking

A sport fitness hiking group, the group walks at a speedy pace in the mountains around Zug. Please show up FIT for the hike. Every session will take around 2 hours. Every Friday at 09:15. **Contact Details**: Amy Egger at eggeramy@gmail.com or on 076 761 9135.

Gardening Group

Grow your own!! Learn how to grow your own vegetables in an easy way on your balcony or terrace. You learn all about how to plan, sow, grow and harvest. We welcome everybody, passionate about food, vegetables, and herbs, Information and material is aimed at novice vegetable gardeners. No group in July and August. **When**: Second Tuesday of the month at 14:30 – 16:00. **Contact Details**: Émely Steegstra-Hendrix at emelyziwc@gmail.com on 077 490 7374

Last minute WhatsApp Tennis

Do you love playing tennis? Do you have difficulty in finding a co-player? Would you like to be spontaneously invited to play? The group members must be intermediate and/or high-level players (not beginners) and will communicate only by WhatsApp. **Contact Details**: Adriana Schiraldi on 079 744 1746.

Italian Conversation Beginners and Intermediate/Advanced

Your chance to learn the nuances of this beautiful 'singing' language. Beginners: 15:00-16:00, advanced: 16:00-17:00 at La Taverna, Zug. Nov and Dec will be via Zoom. **Contact Details**: Beginners Group: Marina Cesena at mcesena62@gmail.com Advanced Group: Cristina Rocco at cristina@italianallegria.com or on 079 444 4056.

Kaffeeklatsch - German Language Conversation Group

If you have a relatively good (passive) understanding of German but are looking for an opportunity to practise (active) speaking, this is a good opportunity to improve your conversation skills. **Time**: Weekly on Wednesdays at 8:30 – 10:00. For meeting and location details please check the Club website or contact Agnès Reicke at agnes@reickeglaus.ch or on 079 693 2393.

Tapas and Friends

Hablas español? We organise regular meetings to go out for tapas, cook Mexican food together, see a film in Spanish, visit an art exposition or go to a concert. We will speak exclusively in Spanish and will mainly meet in the evening on weekdays. **Contact Details**: Valerie Gitter at vgitter@bluewin.ch or on 079 763 4606.

Potential New Interest Groups

If you have an idea for a group and are happy to set up, or are interested in taking on a vacant Interest Group Leader spot, please contact the Interest Groups Chairwoman at interestgroups@ziwc.ch.

Spotlight Events!

Events are member-organised experiences created for other members. Exhibitions, movies, concerts, sightseeing, day trips and business presentations are examples of what a Spotlight Event may be. Ski trips, wine tasting, cooking lessons, direct sales parties, the possibilities are endless! Please get involved and think about organising an event. For additional guidelines you can find more information on the Club Website or contact Tarryn at interestgroups@ziwc.ch.

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Welcoming Cham Newcomers!

ZIWC President Cristina Rocco, ICMZ President Richard Beswick and ZIWC Magazine Chairwoman Suzy Andricopoulos pictured in June at the Cham district 'Neuzuzuger/Neuzuzugerin' or rew residents event, providing information about our respective Clubs.

We look forward to welcoming new Members!



Swiss German quiz

Congratulations to Carla Kapikian who submitted the most correct answers to last edition's questions and wins our copy of the Swiss German Dictionary-Illustrated! We'll get that into the post to you asap!

Answers

a) Badi: Open-air swimming pool or lido (Badeanstalt)
b) Beiz: Pub, boozer, dive
c) Bibi: Library(Bibliothek)
d) Blöötleriwasser: Sparkling mineral water
e) Bütschgi: Apple core
f) Chindsgi: Kindergarten
g) Chriesi: Cherry
h) Cüppli: Glas of Sekt or prosecco
i) Gigampfi: See-saw
j) Guetsli: Biscuit, cookie
k) Hahnenburger: Tap water
l) Hitzgi: Hiccups
m) Hüsli: WC, loo
n) Riitiseili: Swing
o) Stutz: One Franc
p) Tüppig: Humid
q) Wenn Si wönt so guet sii: Please (if you would be so good)



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Future Club Dates for your Diary:

HOSPITALITY:

- **November Lunch Club - New Restaurant at ParkHotel Zug**
  Wednesday 15 November at 12:15

  The Park Hotel will reopen in the autumn following extensive renovation, and we plan to take the opportunity to try the new restaurant for our November lunch.

  Please register on the ZIWC website.

  Cancellation: by midday on Monday 13 November: if you need to cancel please do so by email before the deadline to ailbhe.fallon@fallon-currie.com or calling/texting 078 698 5160 (no WhatsApp please).

- **November dinner will be @ Siam on Thursday 2nd November!**

ESCAPES:

- **Christmas Markets in November and December**

Also Coming Soon…

- **Weekend in Paris**

ANNUAL EVENTS:

- **Seasonal Evening**: 16/11/23 (see page 25)
- **Silver Stars Ball**: 12/01/24

We Need You!

We are looking for auditors! If you are familiar with finances, controlling, book keeping, accounting, you might be what we are looking for. Please contact Veerle by the end of October if interested and want to know more at hospitality@ziwc.ch.



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