



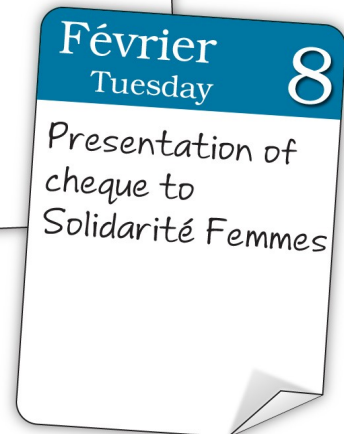
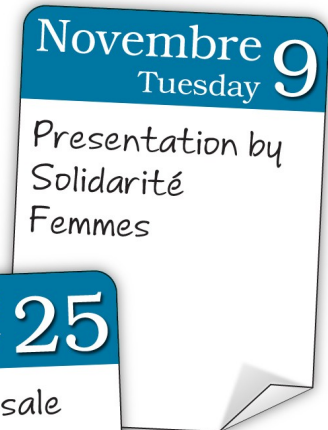
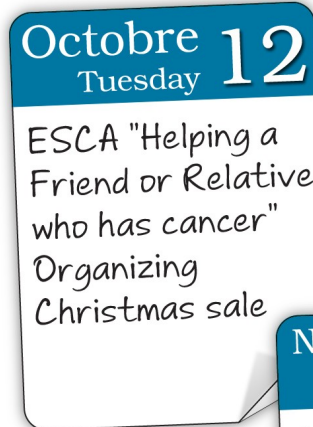
CERN Women's Club Newsletter

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Coming up soon...



Registration 2010/2011

Our club year got off to a great start at the annual Registration Coffee Morning held on Tuesday, September 7th. It was a chance for members to sign up for classes, meet the new Committee members or reconnect with others after the summer break.

A pink payment slip is included with this issue of the newsletter for those who were unable to attend during the coffee morning.

Members may renew their inscription by bank transfer or at the Post Office. Instructions for membership renewal are on page 4.



A Word from the President

Summer is over. Everyone has returned to their daily routine. Courses have restarted and the committee is busy organizing the next Christmas sale. This will take place in the Main building, in the hall next to Restaurant 1.

In July we were informed that we would probably have to move from our present club rooms. No date has as yet been decided for this move. Consequently, we are still unable to accept any new associate members. At this moment, we do not know how much space we will have in the new club rooms CERN will allocate to us.

As I announced at the last general assembly, I will be resigning from my post on 30.8.2011. Anyone wishing to become President of the CWC is invited to present her candidature to the committee.

I express my sincere gratitude for the work carried out by all the club members (Committee, course leaders, etc.), not forgetting the newsletter team and especially Lynne Lauckner who, for eight years, edited our periodical within very limited time constraints. I would also like to thank, in advance, all who will be helping with our various activities.

I inform you of the resignation of Théa Vermeulen from her post as Sports section leader and also that of Jessica Benelli, who so beautifully decorated the “toddlers” room and who will from now on be taking care of her next baby. We will not forget their dedication in accomplishing their various tasks carried out for the good of our association.

Maria Dewin

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Our New Website



Over the summer **Lori Hakulinen** and **Darya Nosich** redesigned the CWC website. Check out the new site at:

<http://club-womensclub.web.cern.ch/Club-WomensClub/>

We sincerely thank Lori and Darya for all their hard work.



Annual Club Lunch
Nicole Comte organized the annual club lunch, held at Restaurant 2 on Tuesday, June 8th. The event sold out and delicious food and good company was enjoyed by all who attended. We thank Nicole for her hard work.



How to pay your annual subscription to the CERN Women's Club

1. To the Treasurer

During the Coffee Morning

CHF 25.- for ordinary members*;
CHF 35.- for associate members**.

2. At Any Post Office

Make your payment using a pink slip

CHF 30.- for ordinary members* and CHF 40.- for associate members**. **Our postal account number is 12 100 648-9**

CERN Women's Club, Case Postale CERN, 1211 Genève 23.

Mention **subscription 2010/2011** and your **surname, first name, address, year of birth** and **nationality**.

3. At USB Bank

Make your payment using a pink slip

CHF 30.- for ordinary members* and CHF 40.- for associate members**. **Our UBS account number is C7-752-554.2**

CERN Women's Club.

Mention **subscription 2010/2011** and your **surname, first name, address, year of birth** and **nationality**.

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We include a pink slip with this issue for any members who were unable to renew at the Coffee Morning.

When filling out the form, please write CLEARLY IN CAPITALS.

Members who have a double-barreled surname should always use the same name as that first used for enrollment on all payments and activity lists.

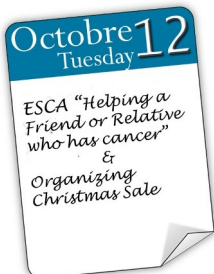
* The term **ordinary member** is deemed to mean anybody working at CERN or the partner of anybody working at CERN. Job status is not taken into consideration: civil servant, fellow, service-user, etc., all of these confer eligibility as an ordinary member. This membership status is kept for life. All group leaders are automatically deemed to be ordinary members.

** The term **associate member** covers anybody else not falling within the definition of an ordinary member whether they have a connection or not with CERN. Persons wishing to join the CWC as **new** associate members **must come to a Coffee Morning**. Enrolment by bank transfer or at the post office is **not** accepted. However, membership can be renewed by bank transfer or at the post office. **We regret we cannot accept any new associate members this year.**

Children less than 25 years of age take the membership status of their parents (ordinary or associate) and pay only for their own activities. Thus, a child less than 25 years following a gymnastic or painting course, for example, will pay a membership fee depending on his/her parental status, i.e., Cernoise or other. A child less than 25 years taking part in a particular children's activity (children's choir, toddlers' group) will not pay a membership fee. Children over 25 years of age take a membership status that depends on their own situation and not their parental status.

Coffee Mornings...

are held in the club rooms, Building 504, 1st floor from 09:00 to 11:00 (Restaurant No. 2)



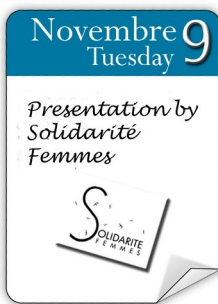
To highlight Breast Cancer Awareness month the English Speaking Cancer Association (ESCA) has been invited to speak to us on:

Helping a friend, colleague or relative who has cancer.

We will also plan the **Christmas Sale**
Everyone is welcome!



November 9th: Join us for a presentation from the organization **Solidarité Femmes** and learn about their work with women who are victims of domestic violence.



November 25th: Christmas Sale
Restaurant No. 1 10:00 - 15:00.



December...

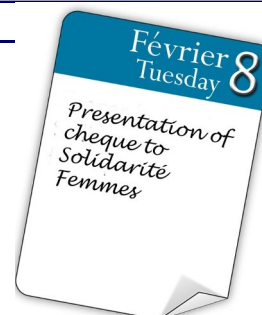
No activities this month. We wish everyone a happy festive season.



Join us for a celebration of this great French tradition.



We look forward to presenting the check from the proceeds of our Christmas Sale to **Solidarité Femmes** to help them in the important work they do.



Our Three Days at Val-de-Travers



Arriving at Couvet



Le Creux du Van



CHRISTMAS SALE

Thursday, 25 November from 10am to 3pm

Main Building 60, Ground floor

To benefit the charity **Solidarité Femmes**

We hope to offer numerous items:

- * Christmas wreaths, Cakes and Biscuits, Coffee, Preserves
- * Books in many languages
- * Paintings, Embroidery, Patchwork, Painting on porcelain...
- * Tombola!
- * Win a patchwork quilt, handmade by CWC members.



The Coffee Morning on 12 October will be reserved for organizing the sale. It is important that members who are interested in the preparation of this sale be present. We hope that many of you will wish to participate and look forward to seeing you at this coffee morning.

All gifts for our stalls are welcome.

We shall be collecting them on the day of the sale - bring them before 9:00 if possible, or ask a friend who is coming to the sale, or contact the person organizing the stall.

All help is appreciated!

Bring family and friends and join in ...

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Spotlight on.... The Toddler Club

It is generally accepted that toddlers, (bless their little hearts), tend to bring chaos and disorganization wherever they go. So what happens when a bunch of them are brought together in an enclosed space? Well, if that enclosed space is the Toddler clubhouse at CERN, then what happens is...a lot of fun - thanks to the well-organized and highly social group of parents who run the CWC Toddler Group.

The Toddler Group is open to the families of any enrolled member of the CWC. There is an annual CHF 10.- fee per family to join the group. They hold a drop-in playgroup twice a week at CERN.

Their sessions begin with unstructured play for the children and end with circle-time singing and games. The children's ages range from newborns to school age (3 years old in France or 4 years in Switzerland).

Average attendance is about 10 - 15 children per session, accompanied by their mum, dad or a grandparent. Unlike most of the other CWC groups - which do not schedule activities during the school breaks - the holidays can be the busiest time for the Toddler Group, with older siblings (most of them former Toddler Club alumni) joining in the activities.



This is a very active and connected group - in addition to their meetings, they also have a Yahoo forum and a Facebook group through which they organize events and exchange information. Anyone who is a member can post an event and invite the other members of the Toddler Group. It can be something as casual as a message to the effect that some members are meeting at the airport park for lunch and inviting others to drop in; advertising used baby toys or clothes for sale; planning for a holiday party; or suggesting a venue for their monthly Moms' Night Out.

Jessica Benelli, (Coordinator for the group from August '09 to August '10) explains:

“The fact that we’re so active shows that there is a real need for this here at CERN with so many of our members away from their families and wanting to build connections and foster friendships.”

In addition to arranging activities, the Toddler Club has also been successful in advocating for the needs of its members. Jessica gives a recent example:

“As we meet until noon, many members like to have lunch here with their spouses, but there were no high chairs in the restaurant and so the children had to sit in their strollers or on regular chairs - not a good situation for toddlers. We purchased several high chairs for Restaurant 2 and were reimbursed by CERN for them. That’s a simple thing but is a great improvement for our members.”

Childcare experts have long promoted the positive effect of playgroups and their value for children, but it may well be that the people who get the most from the Toddler Group at CERN are the parents who share, socialize and build friendships within this welcoming and organized group of the CWC.

*CWC Toddler Group meets Tuesdays and Fridays from 10am to noon in the clubhouse next to Restaurant 2. We welcome **Anna Childers** as the new Toddler Group Coordinator. She can be contacted at cerntoddlergroup@gmail.com.*



Profile:

Jenny Van Hove



Have you ever looked at the masthead of the CWC Committee; seen the name Jenny Van Hove listed as our honorary President and wondered, *Who is this Jenny Van Hove?* Well...wonder no more. Deirdre Moore sat down with the charming and elegant Jenny (87 years young), to discuss her life and her involvement with the CWC.

Born in Belgium in 1923, Jenny grew up in French-speaking Brussels. Although she enjoyed school and would have liked to continue with higher education, when the Second World War broke out Jenny chose to work to help her family. It was while she was working that she met her husband, Léon Van Hove, who was the son of a family friend.

Before the war, Léon had been studying mathematics at the Free University of Brussels but when it was shut by the occupying forces the students were forced underground. The students and teachers organized themselves so that they could continue to study and were eventually able to take their examinations. Léon received his PhD in mathematics in 1946, the couple married and so began Jenny's life as the wife of a renowned scientist.

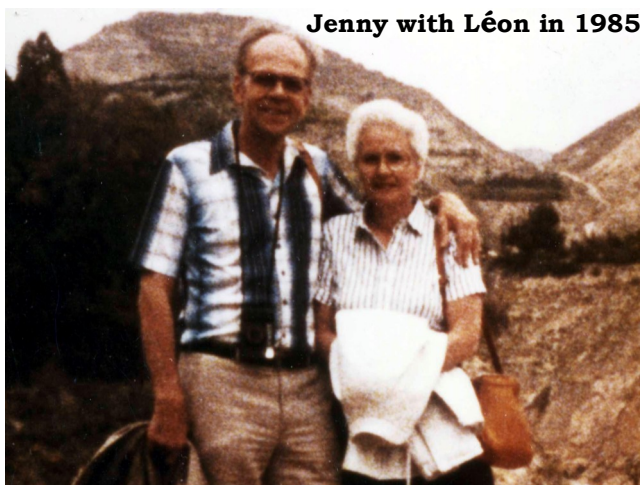
Their son Michel was born in 1947, and in 1949, the family moved to the US. Jenny remembers being struck by how different life was in the US compared to post-war Europe, particularly how plentiful food was.

In the US, Léon began work at the Institute for Advanced Study in Princeton, New Jersey. Of course the Institute's most famous member was Albert Einstein and Jenny is quite proud to report that the notoriously reclusive Einstein held a long conversation with her husband. She also recounts the story of the day she was walking in Trenton with some friends when they ran into the great man himself. One of her friends asked if they could all pose for a picture with him, to which Einstein graciously consented. However, her friend was so nervous that he forgot to take the lens cap off the camera!

In 1954 the family moved to the Netherlands where Léon had been appointed professor at the University of Utrecht.

In 1960, they moved to CERN with Léon accepted the position of head of the Theoretical Physics Division. Being of French mother tongue, Jenny quickly assimilated into the region but could see that this was not the typical situation for the wives of CERN foreign members fifty years ago. Married women were not allowed to work, and more often than not, they lived in the nearby small French villages. It could be an extremely lonely experience, far from family and friends, with language and cultural barriers to building relationships and no infrastructure in place to help them to integrate. For some women, it was really quite a desperate situation and resulted in depression, families breaking up and suicide or attempted suicide.

In 1973, when Renie Adams (wife of John Adams, the Executive Director-General of CERN) and Jenny learned about this distressing situation, they decided to do something about it. They realized that having somewhere to go, where one can meet others in the same situation, would be hugely beneficial to developing friendships and building community. They understood that the best format would be to create smaller groups where women could easily interact and quickly get to know each other and so offered 30 classes and activities. This structure that they set up is still in place today. In 1974 the club began, with Renie as President and Jenny as Vice-President. It had been a struggle, but they had recruited their friends as group leaders and Committee members. They also weren't afraid to use their husbands' influence and positions persuade the other CERN clubs to accept them. For many years they had to share meeting space, but Jenny points out how far the CWC has come now, with our own office, classrooms and club meeting rooms.



In her time with the club, Jenny has held every position on the committee apart from Treasurer, an exception which she laughingly calls “a very good thing for the club’s finances”. She did all this work for the club, in addition to raising her son and having all the duties involved in being the wife of the DG of CERN. She also served many years as President of the Geneva Belgium Club.

Several years ago, at the club’s AGM it was proposed that the CWC be dissolved as no one was willing to assume the responsibility of Club President. In this hour of need, Jenny volunteered to serve again as President, thus satisfying our statutes and saving the club – an act for which those of us who enjoy membership today are very grateful.

Jenny feels the main change in the club over the years has been that members today appear to join the club for the classes offered, seeming not to need the social connection for which the club was created. For the most part, members do not know the tragic provenance of the club, and see it purely as an educational resource. “Is this a good thing or a bad thing?” I ask, to which she shrugs and replies “It’s both”.



Jenny is very busy these days; She has a close group of friends in Geneva with whom she socializes weekly. She is also very involved with the *Université du 3e âge*. Jenny credits the *Université* with giving her an appreciation for contemporary art & architecture and also modern composers. She travels extensively with friends and also goes to Hong Kong regularly to see her daughter-in-law and her son Michel (Professor of Physics at the City University of Hong Kong). She is still very involved in the club, giving us her time and talents.

At the end of our interview I complimented Jenny on how well she looks and expressed the hope that I might look half as good when I am in my *troisième âge*. In her modest fashion she dismissed my flattery but offered the following advice: “Look forward...don't complain all the time, try to laugh as much as you can". Delightful and inspiring words, just like the lady herself!

Articles of the CWC

Designation, Headquarters and Aims

Article 1

In April 1974 within the framework of the CERN Staff Association and in conformity with articles 60 and 61 of the Swiss civil code a Club was created under the name of "Club des Cernoises - Cern Women's Club".

Article 2

The Club year begins on 1st September and finishes 31st August the following year.

Article 3

The aim of the Club is:

1. To bring together the wives of personnel, visitors and CERN scholarship holders and CERN female staff members and to help them settle into their new environment;
2. To organise such activities as will further this aim.

Article 4

The Club is non-profit-making, non-political, and non-religious.

Article 5

The registered office is the same as that of CERN.

Members

Article 6

All eligible persons having paid a subscription are members of the Club.

Persons eligible for membership:

1. Wives of CERN personnel, of visitors and of scholarship holders.
2. Female CERN personnel.
3. Wives of contractors working on the CERN site.
4. Friends and supporters of the Club.

Committee

Article 7

The committee is composed of Club members. Their mandate is for one year and is renewable.

Article 8

1. The steering committee consists of the President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and two other Club members.
2. The enlarged committee consists of the steering committee, the heads of the different sections of the Club and persons liaising with CERN.

Article 9

Committee decisions are valid if there are at least 6 members present.

Article 10

The committee can, in the event of holidays, await the next General Assembly.

General Assembly

Article 11

The General Assembly is constituted by the meeting of Club members. It meets once a year during the last term of the Club year.

Article 12

To be valid, the Assembly must be attended by at least 20 Club members.

Article 13

The Assembly:

1. conducts a secret ballot for the election of the President, committee members and auditors;
2. approves the reports on the running of the Club by the Secretary and the Treasurer;
3. fixes, following the suggestion of the committee, the cost of the annual subscription.

General Assembly (continued)

Article 14

The General Assembly must be called at least 15 days in advance.

Article 15

To be included in the agenda, all propositions must be sent to the Secretary at least 8 days before the Assembly.

Article 16

A General Assembly can be called by the Committee or at the demand of at least 10 members. In this latter case, it will be convened in the month following the request.

Finances

Article 17

The Club's financial resources consist of:

1. Membership fees;
2. Gifts, subsidies and other income.

Article 18

The cost of the annual subscription is fixed by the General Assembly on the recommendation of the Committee.

Article 19

The Treasurer will present a detailed financial report to the General Assembly.

Article 20

The Assembly chooses two auditors and appoints them for one year, open to re-election.

Article 21

The auditors must verify the accounts presented by the Treasurer to the General Assembly. The Treasurer must present a balance sheet signed and approved by the auditors.

Statutes

Article 22

The statutes of the Club can be modified only at the recommendation of the Committee or of a tenth of the Club membership.

Article 23

A decision on the modification of the statutes can be taken only if 50% of the membership is present at the General Assembly.

Responsibility

Article 24

All personal responsibility of Club members is excluded, the Club's commitments being guaranteed by its own financial resources.

Article 25

The Club has its own civil liability insurance. The Club is in no way responsible for damage caused by its members to third parties.

Dissolution

Article 26

The dissolution of the Club can be proposed only by the Committee. It is decided by the General Assembly.

Article 27

In case of dissolution, the assets of the Club will be transferred to the funds of the CERN Staff Association, after sale to the highest bidder.

School Holidays 2010—2011

Pays de Gex, France

Rentrée	Thursday 2 September 2010
All Saints	Saturday 23 October 2010 to Thursday 4 November 2010
Christmas	Saturday 18 December 2010 to Monday 3 January 2011
Winter	Saturday 26 February 2011 to Monday 14 March 2011
Spring	Saturday 23 April 2011 to Monday 9 May 2011
Summer Holidays	Saturday 2 July 2011 to Monday 5 September 2011

Geneva, Switzerland

Rentrée	Monday 30 August 2010
Autumn	Monday 25 October 2010 to Friday 29 October 2010
Christmas	Friday 24 December 2010 to Friday 7 January 2011
February	Monday 21 February 2011 to Friday 25 February 2011
Easter	Thursday 1 April 2011 to Friday 9 April 2011
Summer Holidays	Monday 4 July 2011 To Friday 26 August 2011

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Grand Christmas Fair

Holy Trinity Church, 14bis rue du Mont-Blanc, Geneva

Saturday 20th November 2010, from 9.30 to 16:00

The fair will include food, attractions from around the world and fun for all the family.

Stalls: Many different stalls will be open during the fair selling mincemeat, handicrafts, cakes, Christmas cards, crackers and decorations, toys, secondhand books, etc. Stock up on your Christmas cards and presents early!

Activities: There will be lots of fun activities for children and adults including brass-rubbing, children's Christmas crafts, and bottle tombola. Lottery tickets are on sale, the proceeds of which will be given to local charities.

Food: There will be a wide variety of British, African and other food available at the fair, plus mulled wine, tea and coffee.

www.genevachristmasfair.com

We're on the Web!

<http://club-womensclub.web.cern.ch/Club-WomensClub/>