

This month BIWA is celebrating its 8th anniversary! Since the first year, we at BIWA have followed our mission to “Welcome – Grow – Give.” This month, let’s have a closer look at how we “GIVE”. Read here to learn more about some BIWA charity projects and other upcoming BIWA events that are waiting for you!

THIS IS A MUST! THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

The Annual General Meeting sounds boring? It will not be! You will learn what BIWA is up to, and, most importantly, you will get to vote for the next BIWA board of directors!

The Annual General Meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 6th. This meeting is extremely important because it is a legal procedure required for official registered associations. Come and show YOUR support for BIWA and celebrate its 8th anniversary! Connect with members of other nationalities during the meeting and enjoy lunch afterwards in The Ramada Bursa Çekirge Hotel! Thank you for being a part of BIWA!

Click here for: [Registration for BIWA’s 8th Annual General Meeting.](#)

THE OF BIWA: CHARITY

For some people, doing charity means simply wiring money to an association. For BIWA, CHARITY is so much more. To “GIVE” is an important aim of our organization.

BIWA has led many charitable projects over the years. Projects, such as the collaboration with a school in Mazlumlar Köy and “The International Recipe Book Project” for the Children’s Clinic at Uludağ University Hospital, show BIWA’s BIG heart.

BIWA’s greatest strength is its international identity. Today, BIWA represents nearly 15 countries from around the world. Each member has a unique cultural background.

Best Case Project: ‘Food from around the World’

The international culture of BIWA is especially reflected in ‘[The International Recipe Book Project](#)’ in 2013. The book, compiled and published by our members under the name ‘Food from around the World’, was a big seller. All profits have been donated to Uludağ University Hospital Children’s Clinic.

Currently BIWA supports again the Uludağ University Hospital. It is a projects of members from the Bursa Symphony Orchestra, the ‘Senfoni Mızıkacıları’, who are helping together with LÖDER the children and teenagers of Oncology Department by performing to them. BIWA organized toys, clothes and books as a contribution.

Project: Mazlumlar Köy

Imagine...

... your school cannot provide adequate tools & materials for a good education.

... you have never seen the seaside before.

Imagine...

... an organisation shows up and supports your school with new doors, projector, a screen, ...

... the same accosiaton takes you to the seaside for the first (!) time and you enjoy an amazing day with picnic, kite and museum fun.

*Wouldn’t you be absolutly
happy?*

We are sure that BIWA will stay in the hearts of the children at Mazlumlar Köy.



Project:

'English Conversation Group'

Imagine again...

... you are a young university student and not so sure about your foreign language skills. You fear speaking to someone in English. Still, you want to go abroad one day, or at least get ready for exams and prepare a CV.

Imagine...

... members from an organization meet with you once a week to practice your foreign language skills (for free!) while having coffee. They take away your fears about speaking English and boost your confidence week-by-week.

Wouldn't you be absolutely
happy?

We are sure that these students will always remember BIWA and its members.

BIWA contributes to Bursa and its citizens, especially to other women's organizations, like the ones supported with profits from our spring and winter garage sales.

Garage Sales

BIWA is famous for its Garage Sales. Donations from our profits have been given to other women associations, such as Mor Salkim in 2016, GÜÇ KAT in 2015, and Bursa Women's Shelter since 2009.

Charity Team

Do you have or know of a project that needs our support? Connect with our Charity Team to discuss it.

BIWA's Charity Team could also use your help! If you have some free time, join the Charity Team.

Everyone is a volunteer ☺

WHO RUN THE WORLD? LADIES ...

... And that is why they deserve a break every now and then. It's time to go out!

**LADIES
NIGHT**

It is Thursday, and what do ladies do on Thursdays? YES, they go out and enjoy themselves. The first BIWA LADIES' NIGHT event on November 17th was so much fun! BIWA is looking forward to incorporating its working members more by repeating the Ladies Night regularly. It doesn't matter if you are working or spending your time with family at home, we really hope to see you at our next Ladies' Night.



YUM, YUM, YUM!

‘All I ever wanted to do was to make food accessible to everyone; to show that you can make mistakes – I do all the time – but it doesn’t matter.’

Jamie Oliver

Maybe this quote from Jamie motivates YOU to be BIWA’s first Gourmet Club host in 2017! It does not need to be a perfect menu. Invite members to your home, cook and eat with them.

The last host in 2016 will be Rusen. She will cook an Ottoman meat meal called Elbasan Tava, salad, and desert. Yum Yum Yum!

Maria and Simone did a great job with their dish in November. Find the recipes and photos with a simple click [here](#).

PLAYGROUP @ PEMBE KULE

Our playgroup made a great deal with [Pembe Kule](#), a brand-new kindergarden close to Bademli.

Besides the gymnastics room with all its equipment there is also space for crafts and 2 outdoor playgrounds for fresh air and play. Following playgroup, the kids can enjoy a hearty lunch in the school cafeteria.

The kids enjoy doing activities and spending time with their international friends, while moms enjoy coffee! Playgroup enrollment is limited to 12 moms, so we are currently full. If you are a BIWA member with younger kids, please contact Lisa at (0532) 131 2662 for information and upcoming availability.

YOU & BIWA IN 2017

Renew your BIWA membership and join us 2017.

You can now renew your BIWA membership for 2017. Until the end of 2016 you can take advantage of the early-bird renewal deal and pay just 250TL. If you decide to pay after the New Year, the fee will be 300TL.

Advantages:

- Receive invitations to our member-exclusive and (sometimes free) events
- Get discounts from our BIWA cooperation partners
- Be part of BIWA and feel great about doing charity!

If you have any questions, please get in contact with us!

4 WEEKS TO GO: ‘HO, HO, HO...’!

Santa Claus, Weihnachtsmann, Санта-Клаус, Noel Baba. Call him what you want. He is the bearded guy with the gifts. And he is coming to BIWA soon!

Safe the date! Our Christmassy family event will be on December 17th at Kristal Park! Keep in mind that some rules have to be followed in order to make sure that Santa and all the kids are happy!

As always, details will be sent to you by e-mail.

FACTS

You should know that...

... our Halloween Party was another great success. Click [here](#) to see all the happy & spooky faces!

... Sewing Classes will be back. Stay tuned!

...For Kids: ‘Canım Kardeşim 2’ in Merinos Kültür Merkezi on December 3rd.

WELCOME – GROW – GIVE

Bursa International Women's Association (BIWA) welcomes 'internationally-minded' women and acts by the motto: 'Welcome – Grow – Give'.



PLAYGROUP

Our BIWA Playgroup is meeting three times a week: Monday, Wednesday and Friday from around 10:30-13:30. At the moment, our moms and their children, aged from 8 months to 3 years, are meeting in the kindergarden Pembe Kule on Mondays and Fridays. On Wednesdays they are staying active by finding innovative indoor activities and visiting Bursa's many wonderful outdoor spaces. Some rules to apply: playgroup language is English, kids can only join with their mothers, and the monthly fee is 120 TL. If you are interested in joining, please contact Lisa via WhatsApp at 0532 131 2662. Our playgroup is always very happy to welcome new moms and kids!



GOURMET CLUB

Save yourself a place at the table to taste a different dish or you may even want to be a host. Everyone is welcome to be a volunteer. How does the Gourmet Club work? A host prepares a meal from her country and explains to her guests each step of the preparation. It does not need to be a complete menu. It can also be a cake, wrap, börek or other simple dish just to eat with tea or coffee. The dish will then be enjoyed together. Every guest must bring 10TL which will be used for charity activities. Max. 8 members can join. The person in charge is Irem. Contact with her by e-mail at irem.talu@gmail.com.



CHARITY

BIWA does a lot of Charity. In the past, projects have included raising money for local schools and the women shelter in Bursa. Our most famous event is the annual garage sale held each spring time. If you want to contribute, please contact Simone by e-mail: simsingh@gmail.com.



ACTIVITIES

Danielle and Laurence will keep you informed about meetings and special events. Make sure you check your mailbox and WhatsApp regularly in order not to miss a get-together'. If you need additional information, please write to Danielle or Laurence at dani.averill@gmail.com or laurence.keca@gmail.com.

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