

Right now BIWA is taking a well-deserved summer break! We thank you for your contribution to our association and we hope to see all of you at our first meeting after summer, on September 18th!

HERE & THERE

There is always a chance to meet with other BIWA members in a friendly atmosphere.

In the last months, BIWA met at Happy Flowers Cafe Store and at Dababa's, after a successful meeting at Dernekler Yerleşkesi. This spring, BIWA also invited for another Girls Night Out and had an extraordinary Gourmet Club at the famous Asmadan in Podyum Park. Some members got spoiled during Women's Day at the SPA. During all these meetings money for charity projects was collected, in total 340 TL during the last four month.

Where do you want to meet with BIWA? Do you know a nice and fancy coffee place or restaurant? Find more pictures of our events and meetings on BIWA's [fb page](#) or [instagram](#).



BRUNCH TIME AT EASTER

The first big event in spring was BIWA's **EASTER BRUNCH** at Beceren Restaurant & Cafe inside Bursa's beautiful Botanical Garden on April 1st.

It was a perfect day for an Easter Brunch and many members and their friends enjoyed the rich buffet of the restaurant.

The kids got entertained by all kinds of Easter handicraft activities, such as painting and decorating eggs. The Easter Brunch turned out to be a wonderful BIWA family event.

At the same time, 150 TL were collected for BIWA's charity projects.



TIME TO PLAY

If you want your kids to grow up in an open minded community, BIWA's INTERNATIONAL PLAYGROUP might be the first step into the right direction.

Some mothers started to meet again and will continue after the summer break. They supported BIWA with 130 TL, which was collected during the last playtimes.

A great example that friendships, built up at BIWA's playgroup, continue, even when the kids have grown up, shows the farewell dinner for two boys who left Bursa with their family. Their previous playgroup buddies came to enjoy a nice evening together with them and to wish them good luck back in Germany!

THE SWEETEST THING

Luckily calories aren't counted at BIWA's GOURMET CLUB, because our hosts do not seem to care much about it. Their dishes: Real Swiss Cheese Cake and Caramel Chocolate Almond and Homemade Baklava!

It was our member Afet's first time at a BIWA Gourmet Club. She described the day as following: 'I am really happy to have been part of the BIWA Gourmet Club. We had so much fun together preparing Baklava. We had a great time and also great conversations!'

Every guest who is attending the Gourmet Club donates 10 TL for charity. In the last months members, who attended, collected 460 TL!!!

THANK YOU!

♥ WELCOME - CONNECT - SUPPORT ♥

Thank you to all our members, especially to our volunteers and helpers!

SALE SALE SALE!

Another great fundraising event, the BIWA GARAGE SALE, took place on 11th of May in the Ramada Hotel in Çekirge. Whenever BIWA invites for the Garage Sale, members and friends come to shop & eat!

This year, for the 8th time in a row, a great amount of money was raised. The huge outcome showed us, that the success of the Garage Sale is not connected to its location. No matter if in Bademli or in Çekirge, people come to buy second hand or new clothes and toys. By selling the clothes and food, given from BIWA members, 2.951,50 TL were collected. This made it possible to finance another BIWA project with the forestry museum.



SAY NO TO PLASTIC. SAY HELLO TO THE BIWA BAG!

Our contribution to OÇEM continues...

In the last months, BIWA provided OÇEM with a great donation of 24.978 TL to renew the insulation, windows, and floors. To continue supporting the school, we asked them to make cotton bags with our BIWA logo on it. And we handed it over to our members. ☺ If you use it, it will not just raise awareness of our association but it will also reduce plastic waste.



FUTURE BOOKWORMS

In the past, BIWA supported the Lütü Banuşolu İlkokulu with 15.000 TL, mainly to finance a school library and to modernize the school's event room. On March, 5th the same library was filled up with books, donated by our wonderful organization.

Books in the amount of 1.674 TL were bought and handed over to the school, which again, warmly welcomed our members. We are happy to contribute to the community of Bursa with these kinds of projects.

For sure, whenever those kids will read a book, they will be reminded on the generosity of BIWA.



A COMPUTER... DAILY TOOL OR LUXURY EQUIPMENT?

'It is great to see those children's eyes, knowing that we were able to support them.'

The Nilüfer Iş Okulu is a school for teenagers and young adults with disabilities. 'Learning by doing' is the key: the handicapped students learn trades, such as gardening and working with ceramics. They also have a print shop and a carpenter's workshop, where great things are created.



BIWA SPEAKS MANY LANGUAGES

BIWA used its member's languages skills to support the forestry museum in Bursa. How? Members just simply translated the Turkish brochure of the museum into 3 languages: German, French and English!

To make the forestry museum more attractive to international tourists, BIWA translated the brochure of the museum. In addition, flyers and postcards about the bear 'YUMAK' were printed. An amount of 5.000 TL was invested in this project. If you want to know more about YUMAK's story, stop by at the only forestry museum in Turkey! 'THANK YOU' to our translators.



However, students and teachers were missing computers to teach and to keep up with today's technique.

BIWA donated 5 computers in the amount of 13.589 TL to the school, making sure all tools for an independent life exist at Nilüfer Iş Okulu.

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BIWA INTERNATIONAL PLAYGROUP (BIP)

Our BIWA International Playgroup (BIP) is designed to provide children with their first group experience outside the home and give them the opportunity to develop their first social skills. Some rules to apply: Playgroup language is English and kids can only join with their mothers. Our playgroup is always very happy to welcome new moms and kids!



GOURMET CLUB

Food loving women are meeting every month once at each other's houses to prepare and enjoy a dish together. One member prepares a meal from her country and explains to her guests each step of the preparation. The dish will then be enjoyed together. 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. As for the costs, every guest who is attending the gourmet club that day, must pay 10 TL. The host may decide whether to cover her own costs or to donate it to BIWA. The person in charge is Irem. Contact with her by e-mail at irem.talu@gmail.com.



SEWING GROUP

The members of the 'Sewing Group' create their own projects based upon quilting and patchwork techniques, helping each other to realize them. The studio provides sewing machines and basic materials, fabrics and other materials can be purchased. For further information, please contact Maria (0544 271 99 68).



CHARITY

BIWA does a lot of Charity. To "SUPPORT" 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. Since 2009, BIWA has been contributing to Bursa and its citizens, especially to other women's and children organizations through volunteering, fundraising and cooperating with local government or other similar associations in Turkey. If you want to contribute, please contact Steffie by e-mail at: info@biwabursa.org

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