



**Happy Mother's Day to all the mothers who do it all!
We wish you all the best on this special day and always!**

Your friends at Romanian Community Center

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Mother's Day is a holiday honoring motherhood that is observed in different forms throughout the world. The American incarnation of Mother's Day was created by Anna Jarvis in 1908 and became an official U.S. holiday in 1914. Jarvis would later denounce the holiday's commercialization and spent the latter part of her life trying to remove it from the calendar.

Celebrations of mothers and motherhood can be traced back to the ancient Greeks and Romans, who held festivals in honor of the mother goddesses Rhea and Cybele, but the clearest modern precedent for Mother's Day is the early Christian festival known as "Mothering Sunday."

Once a major tradition in the United Kingdom and parts of Europe, this celebration fell on the fourth Sunday in Lent and was originally seen as a time when the faithful would return to their "mother church"—the main

church in the vicinity of their home—for a special service.

Over time the Mothering Sunday tradition shifted into a more secular holiday, and children would present their mothers with flowers and other tokens of appreciation. This custom eventually faded in popularity before merging with the American Mother's Day in the 1930s and 1940s.

Fun fact:

Did you know? More phone calls are made on Mother's Day than any other day of the year. These holiday chats with Mom often cause phone traffic to spike by as much as 37 percent.

My experience in Romania

Author: Sarah Marina, 8th Grade - Wilson School District

My experience in Romania is one I would like to share for the rest of my life. With friends and family, and later with my future kids. Ever since going to Romania a couple of years ago, I wonder when I'm going to go next.

Even though it's a long, treacherous trip, it's worth every second of it. Even in the plane you could see the Carpathian Mountains in the distance. Once landing in Cluj, you could see the bustle of the city even at three in the morning.

When I was in Alba Iulia it was amazing. Walking through Cetate, it felt like walking into the past with the ancient fortress surrounding active city life. Restaurants, along with delicious street food surrounding the street. Nearby there were museums filled to the brim with history from every time period you could think of. But it still felt very modern with the live music playing in every corner or the lights of the city in the background.

But Oarda, a city just outside Alba Iulia, is just as beautiful. I remember staying out late, talking, laughing, and socializing with kids either older, younger, or my age. It felt so nice breathing in fresh air and having everything you could want.

Oarda is also the place where my family lives. Being able to see my grandmother every day felt unbelievable, seeing how much joy it brought her to see us every day and how much of a caring person she is. Or seeing my cousin every day and being able to talk to her about things without having to send a message halfway across the world. Everyone in that small town was extremely welcoming just like everyone else. Walking through the streets showed how much everyone enjoyed their simple life.

Just about everywhere in Romania you will find the most heartwarming and welcoming people, enjoying their simple life, and appreciating every aspect of it, not worrying, and letting life take its course.

RCC Collaborations



Our dedicated Romanian Community Center board of directors and executive directors have tirelessly worked to establish and maintain a productive relationship with esteemed Romanian dignitaries from Washington DC, Philadelphia, and New York.

This effort has involved countless meetings and visits, requiring substantial commitment and effort from our team. Thanks to their solid commitment, these engagements have already produced substantial benefits, enhancing our community's visibility and influence.

We are optimistic that the solid foundations laid by this arduous work will lead to even greater opportunities and successes in the near future, advancing our mission and expanding our impact in our community.

The Consul General of Romania in New York, Ms. Simona Florea met with the Romanian Community from Pennsylvania, at the invitation of the Romanian Community Center (RCC)

Together with the RCC, the Consulate General of Romania in New York will organize consular itinerary meetings (for providing consular services in this region) and other cultural, social and educational actions in the state of Pennsylvania.

Please stay tuned for more updates on our collaborative efforts with the Romanian Consulate as we embark on this meaningful journey together!

Romanian Community Center - IT Corner

Protecting Yourself from Browser-Locking Phishing Scams

Author: Larry Goncea

In today's technology world, we're seeing a very high number of spam and phishing attacks that are very sophisticated. One common type of this attack is a browser-locking scam.

Imagine this: you're browsing the internet, regular news sites, or other pages that you've been visiting before and all of the sudden, your screen freezes. A message pops up, loud siren, or similar noises, warning that your computer is at risk or has been compromised and it urges you to call a provided number for help.

It's a very scary experience. Most important at that time, is to stay calm and know that this is a classic and false scam technique. They didn't "hack" you.

Here's what you should do: **DO NOT CALL THE NUMBER.** These scams are designed to scare you into paying for unnecessary services or giving someone remote access to your computer. Instead, simply shut down your browser or restart your computer.

On a Windows PC, you can do this by opening Task Manager, Press Ctrl+Shift+Esc. Once in Task Manager, find your Web Browser Application, such as Microsoft Edge, Google Chrome, or Firefox.

On a Mac, press Cmd+Option+Esc to bring up the Force Quit menu. Find your Browser Application and Force Close.

After you restart your browser or your computer, stay clear of the website where you encountered the issue. At least for a short period of time. For good measure, it's a smart idea to run an antivirus scan to check if anything harmful was downloaded. Staying alert, calm, keeping your software updated, and investing in a Next Generation Antivirus, are your best defenses against these frustrating and false attacks.

Coming soon to Romanian Community Center

International Children's Day

Breast Cancer Screening



June 1 2024

Location: RCC Offices

Date: June 1, 2:00pm - 5:00pm

We're celebrating International Children's Day at
RCC
pizza, cupcakes, facepainting, board games, music
and lots of fun with friends from our community

[MORE INFO](#)

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Tower Health
Caravana mobila

8 Iunie 2024

June 8 2024

Location: RCC Offices

Date: June 8, 9:00am - 2:00pm

Mobile caravan at RCC! Be responsible for your
health! Breast cancer prevention and detection.
Mobile caravan from Tower Health (Reading Hospital)
for the women in our community

[MORE INFO](#)

Romanian Festival



June 30 2024

Location: Reading Liederkrantz
Date: June 30, 2:00pm - 7:00pm
Parking: Free
Entry: Free

Food can be purchased based on tickets acquired on site.

[MORE INFO](#)



August 24 2024

Location: Reading Liederkrantz
Date: June 30, 12:00pm - 9:00pm
Parking: Free

Entry: More information coming soon on the website.
Food can be purchased based on tickets acquired on site.

[MORE INFO](#)

RCC and Member's 1st Bank



Join us on Thursday, May 23rd from 6:30 to 8:00 pm at Romanian Community Center in West Lawn to meet with financial advisers from Members 1st bank!

If you are ready to take charge of your own personal finances, the Members 1st specialists will offer financial advice to everyone interested in financial growth at no cost.

The financial counseling will focus on debt consolidation, student loan, retirement and other topics of interest.

Please confirm by clicking the button below.

Pizza and light beverages to be provided.

See you soon!

SIGN UP

Business Directory

For Business Owners

Join our Business Directory today and unlock the door to unparalleled visibility within our thriving community! By registering your business, you not only gain exposure to a growing audience but also the opportunity to offer your services to our expanding community. This is your chance to showcase what makes your business unique and connect with potential customers who are eagerly looking for the services you provide. Don't miss out on being a part of our directory – a platform designed to foster growth and connections between businesses and our community.

[Register your business here](#)

Members and Guests of RCC

Looking for a service within our community? Our Business Directory is your one-stop solution! Here, you can effortlessly search for and contact a wide array of businesses ready to meet your needs. From local artisans to professional service providers, our directory is a treasure trove of potential business connections. Start exploring today to find exactly what you're looking for!

Disclaimer

Please note that our role is to facilitate connections by providing this platform for businesses and community members to discover each other. While we are thrilled to offer this service, we are not involved in the interactions between businesses and users. Consequently, we cannot be held responsible for any misunderstandings, quality of service, or any other issues that may arise. We encourage all parties to communicate clearly and conduct due diligence to ensure satisfactory outcomes.

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BUSINESS DIRECTORY

Activities at RCC

Activities at the Romanian Community Center

- Romanian Evening
- Backgammon & Chess Night
- Career coaching

Coming Soon

- Romanian Language
- English Language
- Sezatoare - creative workshop (Christmas ornaments and cards)
- Book club

For more information, you can contact us via [email](#) or [website](#)

CALENDAR

Do you want to build a center with us and be proud of your community? Together with you, we are looking for opportunities to organize for the common good. And for that, the Romanian Community Center is here to help. Have hope and give us a chance.

BECOME MEMBERS

Volunteers - Are you passionate about Romanian culture and want to join us? Click the button on the right to start your journey with us for the year 2024

VOLUNTEERS

Suggestion box - We need your suggestions to keep getting better!

SUGESTIONS

Examples of suggestions:

- I have a fantastic homemade bread recipe...
 - I have a proposal for a new committee...
 - I want to nominate Ion, Vasile, Maria, or Gheorghe for committee membership...
 - I have an idea for an article for the next Newsletter...
 - I want to help but don't know how...
 - We want more articles about...
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Romanian Community Center

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