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On March 8th, International Women's Day, happy birthday to all ladies and misses!

Romanian Community Center



**Another successful event by the RCC:
The March Martisor Ball from March 2, 2024**

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With sincere gratitude, RCC extends profound thanks to Doina Farcaș, Cristina Manga, and Georgiana Cristea, as well as the volunteer team, for orchestrating a successful event. The joint contribution of the organizers and volunteers made this event possible. Dedication, careful planning, and relentless efforts are what highlight the countless hours of work invested and the attention to detail that guaranteed the smooth progress and overall success of the event.

Martisor Ball - Event Volunteers

Nicoleta Spirache	Mimi Bosoanca	Cristi Farcas	Mihai Oros
Alex Seisler	Orlando Spirache	Georgiana Cristea	Robert Farcas
Larry Goncea	Mirela Morar	Sarah Marina	Hailey Trimbur
Doina Farcas	Alex Morar	Mircea Manga	Eveleen Oros
Gabriela Balasz	Florin Morar	Cristina Podaru	Casia Oros
Silviu Povoroznic	Serban Roman	Mihai Podaru	Cristi Morar
Gabi Dumitrescu	Cristian Roman	Sofi Dumitrescu	Mirabela Paff
Corina Burz	Cornel Costea	Adriana Spirache	Nicu Niculoiu
Tereza Orsa	Cristina Manga	Simona Goncea	Silviu Burz

"We were extremely pleased to attend such a very well-organized event. Considering the large number of attendees, the organizers did an amazing job. Food was delicious and plentiful. The open bar was well tended and stocked. DJ Silviu was on point with the music combination being able to reach people of all ages and preferences. It was a privilege to be part of such a great community event."

Martisor Ball - Event participant

Joining us on this wonderful evening were Mr. **Dorian Branea** from the **Romanian Cultural Institute in New York**, and Mr. **George Sfedu**, **Honorary Consul from Philadelphia**.

Even **Rep. Johanny Cepeda-Freytiz** honored us with her presence at the Martisor Ball. Since 2022, Ms. Cepeda-Freytiz has represented Pennsylvania's Legislative District #129, covering Sinking Spring, Wyomissing, and West Reading.

Mr. **Cornel Costea**, **President** of the **Romanian Community Center**, provided us with the latest information and updates about our organization, including future plans. We also had the opportunity to learn about the history of the traditional Martisor in a captivating presentation made by high school student, Miss **Laura Tarau**.

Cornel Costea
Martisor Ball

Laura Tarau
Istoria Martisorului



"...Tonight's event reminds us a bit of the Romanian spring atmosphere from home..."

[Full video](#)



Istoria Martisorului
Laura Tarau

"...the tradition of the Martisor began 8,000 years ago, originating from the Dacian culture - strings of white and red pebbles...."

[Full video](#)

Latest news



Women's Resource Fair

Romanian Community Center – hosted the first resource forum in honor of Women's History Month, March 2, 2024, organized by the office of PA Rep Cepeda-Freytiz

Hope Rescue Mission

Thank you to everyone who donated and helped us collect lightly used or new clothes, which we donated to Hope Rescue Mission. This is an initiative we wish to continue in the future





RCC visiting Washington

RCC undertook a visit to Washington DC to expand collaborations with other similar groups and to establish connections with influential individuals. The purpose of this initiative is to develop new programs, access resources available to other organizations, and encourage collaboration.

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**Happy International Women's Day to all women!
Happy Mother's Day to all mothers!**

*"A mother's heart is a deep abyss, at the bottom of which you will
always find forgiveness"*

Honore de Balzac



International Women's Day, also known as Women's Day, is celebrated annually on March 8th. This day has profound significance, marking both the social, political, and economic achievements of women, and the fight against discrimination and violence that persists in many parts of the world. It is a moment of awareness and an opportunity to draw attention to issues such as gender equality, reproductive rights, and abuse against women.

History:

International Women's Day was first celebrated in 1909, when the American Socialist Party decided to organize a "National Women's Day" on March 28th. In 1911, International Women's Day was celebrated for the first time globally, on March 19th. Today, in many cultures, women and girls are given gifts, flowers, or other tokens of appreciation on this special day. International Women's Day was officially adopted by the United Nations in 1977 and is celebrated in 193 countries.

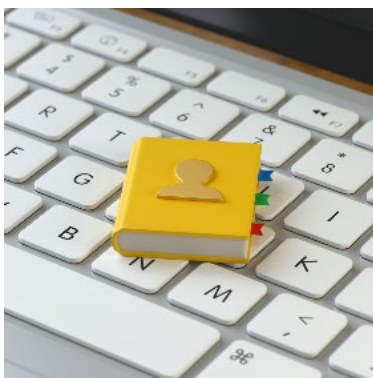
Thus, we celebrate femininity, women's achievements, and rights, but we do not forget that this day also represents a continuous struggle for a more equitable and safer world for all women.

Traditions and Customs of Women's Day

March 8th is symbolically linked to flowers. Specifically, the international "mascot" of the holiday is the tulip. This flower represents spring and delicacy and is given to women on their day, along with sincere congratulations. In some countries, more emphasis is placed on Mother's Day on March 8th, a celebration marked by giving gifts and flowers to them

**Do you want to help our community together?
Do you want to give a helping hand to those who are in
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If your answer is yes, let us know if you know anyone who
needs help and RCC is ready to help discreetly.**

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We invite you to register your business in our online directory, thus exposing your business to over 400 unique website visits monthly. Registered businesses will also be highlighted in our newsletter. This is a great opportunity to increase visibility and attract new customers. For details and registration, visit our website. We look forward to promoting your business!

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Business highlighted in March



Dina's little Bakery

A new Romanian business that RCC wants to highlight for March in RCC Business Directory is Dina's Little Bakery. Some of its products, you had the opportunity to enjoy at the Martisor Ball.

Dina's Little Bakery, based in Lancaster, PA, can be found on the Etsy platform, boasts a collection of homemade sweets, Romanian and European, which has conquered the hearts of customers. Specializing in custom-made cakes and catering services, this business has received enthusiastic reviews, with an average rating of 4.8 stars. With over 1,384 sales, Dina's Little Bakery is recognized for punctual deliveries and fast responses, being a shining example of excellence in online pastry services.

More details can be found on their Etsy page.

[Visit Dina's Bakery](#)

What happens at RCC...



Romanian nights

At the Romanian Evening, we meet and serve traditional food, play rummy and cards, sharing



Game night

Game night is a gathering full of good cheer, where participants enjoy various activities: engaging card games, strategic chess



Preparing for summer

Get ready to welcome summer in your best shape! We are happy to announce that we will offer free gym classes for all those

stories and moments with friends.

RCC Evenimente

matches, and dynamic backgammon games

Jocuri

eager to improve their physical condition.

Sport

New volunteers - are you passionate about Romanian culture and want to join? You can start your journey with us for 2024!

Events

Returning Volunteers - We are grateful for you coming back to continue your journey with us in 2024!

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