



**Romanian
Community
Center**

August, 2024

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Reading, PA

Romanian Festival is coming... August 24, 2024 Get ready!



2024 - RCC College Scholarship

ROMANIAN FESTIVAL



**SATURDAY
AUGUST 24, 2024**

**EVENT HOURS
12:00 PM - 9:00 PM**

**@ READING LIEDERKRANZ
143 SPOOK LANE, READING, PA 19606**

www.romaniansofpa.org



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@ Reading Liederkrantz - August 24, 2024

With support and participation of
Consulate General of Romania
in New York.



Join us for a vibrant celebration at the Romanian Festival!

ROMANIAN FESTIVAL, READING, PA

Va invitam cu drag la Festivalul romanesc pe data de 24 august, 2024
la Reading Liderkrantz in Reading, PA.

You will be part of an unforgettable cultural experience!

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the Circle of Excellence. Volunteering your time is another great way to engage and contribute.

Thank you for your interest in the Romanian community.

With gratitude,

Your friends at RCC

The power of Romanian Community Center – we believe in our community!

It's wonderful to see how the Romanian community's involvement in our area has grown over the last few months and the positive impact it has had on its members. Everybody who's come in contact with the Romanian Community Center knows that RCC is built with and for the Romanians in our community.

So, why would anyone become part of Romanian Community Center?

Sense of belonging and support: Being part of the Romanian community provides a sense of belonging, identity, and support. Connecting with others who share similar experiences is vital for our psychological well-being.

Connection and belonging: Getting involved in the community help us feel connected to others and part of something larger than ourselves. We're not alone in our struggles and there are people we can turn to for support.

Learning: RCC allows us to learn about shared values, beliefs, history, and culture. Having a place in the world: Anyone can now be part of a community that gives us a sense of purpose and importance. It reinforces that we are contributing to something meaningful.

Connecting with the RCC community: consider attending monthly Romanian nights, participating in chess and backgammon sessions, IT classes and career coaching, or learning Romanian language through

VENDORS



We encourage local and nearby merchants to showcase their products and services in a dynamic and energetic environment, offering them the opportunity to connect with a growing community. Now is the perfect time to promote your company and attract new customers

[VENDORS](#)

VOLUNTEERS



At any time and for any event, we need dedicated volunteers... the heart of our organization. Without their tireless support and effort, we would not have achieved this success. Our volunteers are the ones who make this festival possible, and we are extremely grateful for their invaluable work. Come and join us, support, promote, and celebrate with us at the Romanian Festival!

[VOLUNTEERS](#)

SPONSORS



For those interested in sponsoring, we offer five attractive levels: Bronze, Silver, Gold, Platinum, and Diamond.

Your contribution will help us organize this event that will delight and unite our community.

For those with businesses who wish to showcase their products or services in an energetic environment, this festival offers the perfect opportunity to promote and attract new customers.

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What the Romanian Community Means to Me

Hailey Trimbur

In 2022, I had the privilege of becoming part of the Reading Romanian community through my boyfriend, Robert. I found myself immersed in a world that resonated with echoes of the past and promises of newfound belonging. Buni Doina, Robert's grandmother, became the unexpected anchor in my life—a connection to a heritage I had longed for but never fully experienced. My grandmother was also an immigrant and spoke very broken English.

Growing up, I can recall being curious about her upbringing in Japan and through all of my childhood, I clung to this heritage that I still cherish to this day. About two years ago, she passed away and almost simultaneously, I met Buni Doina. It wasn't until I met this kind spirit, a beacon of Romanian warmth and resilience, that I truly understood what cultural communities look and feel like. Some of our time together spent making Sarmale (stuffed cabbage)—a cherished Romanian dish—was more than culinary artistry; it was a tapestry woven with stories of Buni's life. I listened attentively, grateful for the opportunity to hear these tales firsthand. Buni spoke in Romanian, her voice animated with memories, while Robert translated. Even in translation, Buni's spirit shone through, proud and resilient. Incredibly grateful to be able to experience and listen to her stories about almost her entire life while she was teaching us how to wrap the meat into the cabbage leaves.

The first large gathering I spent with the Romanian community was a watershed moment. Strangers welcomed me with open arms, eager to share their culture and stories. Towards the end of the night, friends and family gathered for a group photo. Buni, recognizing the significance of this moment, pulled me to her side—a gesture that spoke volumes of acceptance and inclusion. I felt so welcomed by everyone, I was greeted with kindness. People I'd never met were introducing themselves to be so warmly, placing their hands on my shoulders. I was offered food and asked how it tasted, I was offered drinks and was even asked to play in a volleyball game.

Though I cannot speak Romanian, through the 2 years of knowing her, I can understand how she's feeling through her speech patterns and gestures. And in those 2 years, many times she would knock at the door asking, "Hailey! Hungry?" and I'd reply with, "No, Muțumesc" or "Yes! Muțumesc!". Sometimes, she shouts it from the deck through the window. It would always make me smile. On the times I'd say yes, we'd enjoy a mostly silent morning eating breakfast or an afternoon eating lunch. Through Buni's stories and the warmth of newfound friends, I've discovered a sense of belonging that has enriched my life in ways I never imagined possible.

As I continue on this journey, I carry with me not just memories, but a profound gratitude for the family I've found within this vibrant community.

In case you missed our previous events...

Universal Blouse Day

We are still thrilled about our recent event, Universal Blouse Day, which took place on June 30th. If you couldn't attend, don't worry! You now have another opportunity to discover our cultural heritage and indulge in our traditional delicacies.

Mark your calendars and make time for August 24, 2024, to join us at our first Romanian Festival, which will be held at Reading Liederkrantz.

We look forward to welcoming you!

June 24, 2024, has been recognized by the House of Representatives as 'Universal Day of the Romanian Blouse' in Pennsylvania.

ARTICOL

HOUSE CO-SPONSORSHIP MEMORANDA HR462

RCC la Harrisburg



Ziua IEI la Liederkrantz



PHOTO GALLERY

Coming Soon to RCC

Romanian Festival



24 August 2024

Location: Reading Liederkrantz

Date: August 24, 12:00pm - 9:00pm

Parking: Free

Admission: Information on the website

Food can be purchased with tickets bought during the festival.

For more information, visit our website.

MORE INFO

VOLUNTEERS

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Ziua Marii Uniri



Details coming soon

Locatie: Kraras Hall

Data: November 30~

More information will be available on the website soon.

Clothing Drive



VOLUNTEERS

Halloween Party



Meet Santa





Starting with September 2024, RCC will offer Romanian language courses for children aged 6 to 14.

A 20-week program (1.5-2 hours per week) presented by accredited instructors.

Interested? Stay connected with us for more details!

The courses are free!

[MORE INFO](#)

RCC - College Scholarship



We are excited to announce that we have received a considerable number of essays for our first RCC College Scholarship!

We are eager to review the students' submissions and find out who will emerge as the inaugural recipient of the RCC College Scholarship.

Good luck to all participants!

[MORE INFO](#)

RCC - Back to School - Collecting Supplies for Kids



If you can't donate, please share this message and encourage your friends, family, and colleagues to help us send 25 children to school with a new backpack!

Choose any of the available backpacks through Amazon.

[AMAZON BACKPACK](#)

[MORE INFO](#)

Business Directory

Discover Local Romanian Businesses!

Are you looking for reliable services or products within our community? Visit our Business Directory, where you'll find a wide range of local Romanian-owned companies ready to offer you top-quality services. Whether you're in search of professional services, traditional Romanian cuisine, or unique handcrafted items, our directory has it all.

Support our community by choosing businesses that value our local heritage and traditions. Check out our directory today to explore what local entrepreneurs have to offer!

Do you own a service-oriented company or a business with consumer products? Register today to be included in our Business Directory!

If you are a business owner looking to establish your presence in the community, we invite you to register your business in our directory. This is an excellent opportunity to connect with other community members and attract new customers.

Click the link below to sign up and become part of our network of local Romanian businesses!

[SIGN UP](#)

[BUSINESS DIRECTORY](#)

Romanian Community Center - IT Corner

In the digital world of today, it is crucial to stay vigilant and recognize potential threats that could impact our security and well-being. Recently, more and more people have received fraudulent emails pretending to offer attractive financial opportunities, but these are, in fact, traps designed to exploit the trust and naivety of those who respond. A common example of such emails includes stories about large sums of money found



under dubious circumstances, such as a supposed member of the Ukrainian army claiming to have found funds in a military base. These emails ask the recipient to keep the matter secret and promise a "100% legal and safe" collaboration. In reality, these are tactics used by criminals to lure you into a fraud scheme.

It is important not to respond to such emails and not to provide any personal or financial information. If you receive such a message, the best course of action is to report it as spam or phishing and delete it immediately. Remember, no legitimate transaction will ask you to keep it secret or act quickly without giving you time to think carefully about the situation.

Protect yourself and your loved ones by constantly informing yourself about these dangers and ensuring that you are always skeptical of offers that seem too good to be true.

Your security is a priority, and the better informed we are, the less vulnerable we become to these attacks.

Activities at RCC

Activities at the Romanian Community Center

- Monthly Romanian Night
- Backgammon & Chess Night
- Tech Talk Hour

Coming Soon

- Romanian Language classes for kids
- Halloween kids party
- Clothing drive

[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.

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 to start your journey with us for the year 2024

VOLUNTEERS

Suggestion box -

SUGGESTIONS

We need your suggestions to keep getting better!

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...

Romanian Community Center

Thank you for your interest in the Romanian community.

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