# Romanian Community Center

September, 2024

Newsletter

Reading, PA



### CONSULATUL GENERAL AL ROMANIEI la New York

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The Romanian Consulate in New York will offer services at the Romanian Community Center (RCC) in West Lawn, PA,

from October 4-6, 2024.

This is an opportunity to access essential consular services, such as passport issuance and document authentication.

Appointments are mandatory, and requests must be submitted by September 30, 2024. For more information and to schedule an appointment, please visit the RCC website.

MORE INFO

IN THIS EDITION

### Suggestion box - Your suggestions are essential for our continued progress!

#### RCC

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Romanian language classes

Meet Santa

New YEAR 2025

#### **RCC - Throughout the**

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Diversity Fair - Reading Park

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Museum

#### Examples:

- 1. I found an excellent solution for organizing meetings...
- 2. I would like to propose a new direction for our project...
- 3. I want to get involved, but I need guidance...
- 4. We could benefit from more discussions on the topic...
- 5. I have a proposal to improve team communication...
- 6. I would like to discuss how we can develop this concept...
- 7. I would like to suggest a few topics for future meetings...
- 8. I have an idea for an activity that could benefit the group...

### SUGESTIONS

#### Activities at the Romanian Community Center

- Monthly Romanian Night
- Backgammon & Chess Night
- Tech Talk Hour
- Career coaching & Life coaching

### CALENDAR



We are ready to launch our Center of Excellence at RCC in two weeks.

Romanian language courses will be available for 20 weeks, taught by accredited teachers—students are needed! Stay tuned for more details! The courses are free!

SIGN UP

### In case you missed it

Dear volunteers, thank you for your work and time! You have all been wonderful!

### **Romanian Festival 2024**

How did the Romanian Community Center manage to organize the first Romanian festival in our area?



It was a long-awaited event: this festival brought together Romanian families from Pennsylvania, officials from New York, New Jersey, Washington DC, and Pennsylvania, as well as folk music and dance artists from Illinois, Utah, Nevada, Pennsylvania, and Georgia. Many other Romanians and Americans drove for hours to taste sarmale and enjoy a glass of Borsec mineral water.

Over 1,200 guests attended, intrigued by the novelty of a Romanian festival, the first of its kind in Pennsylvania in decades.

From detailed planning led by dedicated individuals to sleepless nights wondering, "Will the weather hold?"

The rush among the organizers was at its peak by mid-August, with concerns like "Will the cabbage for sarmale be ready by the 24th?" Volunteers offered their time and expertise, while skilled bakers mentally calculated the right quantities of flavors. The organizing committee visited every ethnic festival in the area, including 17.5 visits to Reading Liederkranz for experience exchange.

In the end, no one remembers how we ended up ordering five times more pies than needed, how 6,000 mici traveled from Georgia, or how the last pot of sarmale disappeared before the festival ended.

How were the 130 tasks accomplished? Only with the help of you, the 89 volunteers!

The role of RCC was to create a space for celebration and connection.

The success of this event not only demonstrated impressive organizational skills but also the spirit of a Romanian community eager to be together.

PHOTO GALLERY

## What does the success of the August 24th festival mean for our community?

Through teamwork, RCC has shown that we can unite diverse Romanian communities and that every

volunteer, sponsor, and visitor who participated in the August 24th event had the desire to celebrate Romanian culture.

At this event, four students received scholarships, and we successfully raised funds and gathered backpacks for the new school year.

The sense of achievement and the shared joy of all those involved already fuels our enthusiasm for the next event.

With gratitude,

Your friends at RCC

### Extract from the speech given at the 2024 RCC scholarship awards ceremony.

Congratulations to Cristina Burz, Mara Roman, Alex Goncea, and Teddy Necula, the 2024 RCC scholarship winners!

You were asked to write an essay on developing the youth branch at the Romanian Community Center, and you all did an outstanding job. Today, you are recognized for your strengths in winning these scholarships. This means you have the ability to bring about change. And we need that.

RCC needs that.

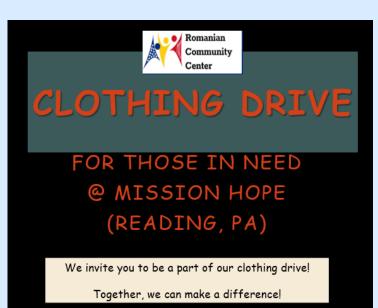
We sincerely hope you will join the RCC community!

To read the candidates' essays, please click one of the buttons below.

Cristina Burz	Mara Roman		Alex Goncea		Teddy Necula
Coming soon to RCC					
<b>General Assembly Meeting – Board elections</b>					
This serves as a reminder that our next General assembly meeting will be held					
on Wednesday, September 18, 2024, from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm					
at Romanian Community Center in West Lawn.					
Your participation is important as we discuss most recent updates and future plans. We will also cast votes for the RCC board members.					
=== MUST BE A MEMBER TO VOTE ===					

### **Clothing Drive**

### Halloween Party



COLLECTING SLIGHTLY USED CLOTHES AND SMALL HOUSE APPLIANCES DROP OFF SEPTEMBER 1-15

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### VOLUNTARI





Meet Santa



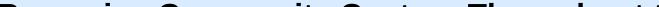
### Romania's National Day and One Year Anniversary of the **Romanian Community Center**

We will celebrate Romania's National Day, as well as the first anniversary of the founding of the Romanian Community Center (RCC). This past year has been one of achievements and growth for our community, with RCC becoming a gathering place and a source of support for Romanians in the area.

Join us as we celebrate these important events and reflect on the progress we've made together.

> Date: November 30, 2024 Location: Kraras Hall, 1001 East Wyomissing Blvd, Reading PA

Happy National Day, Romania! Happy 1 Year Anniversary, RCC!



### **Romanian Community Center - Throughout the** neighborhood

### World Tree decoration at **Reading Museum**



**MORE INFO** 

This year, RCC will join with children and youth from the Romanian community to decorate a Christmas tree in traditional Romanian style at the "Yuletide Around the World" event.

Every holiday season, the Museum transforms with decorations from various community organizations and cultures, represented by decorated trees throughout the gallery.

Visitors can pick up a map at the reception to explore the decorated trees and learn about the traditions and cultures celebrated in our neighborhood.

The Yuletide Trees will be on display during regular Museum hours from Sunday, November 19, 2023, until Sunday, January 7, 2024.

In collaboration with the Dominican Association of Pennsylvania, the Jewish Federation of Reading/Berks, Centro Hispano, CICOP Ministry, and the NAACP Reading Branch, Bring The Change brings you a vibrant celebration of culture.

RCC will be present as a vendor at this event, so we invite you to stop by and visit us!



#### **MORE INFO**

Do you want to build a center and be proud of your community? Together with you, we seek 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 MEMBER** 

Volunteers - Are you passionate about Romanian culture and want to join us? Click the button to start your

journey with us for 2024!

VOLUNTEERS

### Romanian Community Center

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