

RCC to Serve as a Voting Center for the 2024 Romanian Elections

Celebrate Romania's National Day & RCC One Year Anniversary



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CENTRUL DE VOTARE

ALEGERI PREZIDENTIALE & PARLAMENTARE 2024

ORGANIZED BY
CONSULATE GENERAL OF ROMANIA IN
NEW YORK

PREZIDENTIALE - TURUL 1
22 NOIEMBRIE 2024 12:00-21:00 (ORA LOCALA)
23 NOIEMBRIE 2024 7:00-21:00 (ORA LOCALA)
24 DECEMBRIE 2024 7:00-21:00 (ORA LOCALA)

PREZIDENTIALE - TURUL 2
6 DECEMBRIE 2024 12:00-21:00 (ORA LOCALA)
7 DECEMBRIE 2024 7:00-21:00 (ORA LOCALA)
8 DECEMBRIE 2024 7:00-21:00 (ORA LOCALA)

HOSTED BY
ROMANIAN COMMUNITY CENTER
51 W LAWN AVE
WEST LAWN, PA 19609

PARLAMENTARE
30 NOIEMBRIE 2024 7:00-21:00 (ORA LOCALA)
1 DECEMBRIE 2024 7:00-21:00 (ORA LOCALA)



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For more information, please visit <https://washington.mae.ro/local-news/2703>

We are honored to announce that we have been designated as an official voting center for the upcoming 2024 Romanian elections. This is a significant milestone for our community, as we open our doors to all eligible Romanian citizens in the U.S. to participate in the democratic process. Whether it's the parliamentary or presidential elections, we are committed to providing a convenient and accessible location for voters to cast their ballots. We look forward to supporting the electoral process and ensuring that every voice is heard.

MORE INFO

LET'S CELEBRATE TOGETHER!

ROMANIA'S NATIONAL DAY & ROMANIAN COMMUNITY CENTER 1 YEAR ANNIVERSARY

SATURDAY, 30 NOVEMBER 2024
5:00PM – 10:00PM
RSVP BY NOVEMBER 25TH

TRADITIONAL ROMANIAN DISHES
MUSIC BY DJ SNAKE
HIGH TABLES & LIMITED SEATING

VENUE: KRARAS HALL
STS. CONSTANTINE & HELEN GREEK CHURCH
1001 E WYOMISSING BLVD, READING, PA 19611

Tickets can be purchased at www.romaniansofpa.org



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Join us for a special evening as we celebrate Romania's National Day and the 1-Year Anniversary of the Romanian Community Center! This exciting cocktail party will feature traditional Romanian dishes, vibrant music by DJ Snake, and an unforgettable atmosphere. Mark your calendars for **Saturday, November 30, 2024, from 5:00 PM to 10:00 PM** at **Kraras Hall, Sts. Constantine & Helen Greek Church** (1001 E Wyomissing Blvd, Reading, PA 19611). Don't miss out—RSVP by **November 25th** to secure your spot! Tickets can be purchased below. We look forward to celebrating together!

BUY TICKETS

Win a 2009 BMW 650i – RCC Car Raffle!



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RCC CAR RAFFLE
2009 BMW 650i



RAFFLE
TICKETS ARE
\$100/TICKET

Scan to play



TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

- 4.4 L V8 365 HP
- 2 DOOR, COUP
- AUTO WITH SPORT MODE / SHIFT PADDLE
- PWR WINDOWS, DOOR LOCKS AND MIRRORS
- PWR STEERING AND BREAKS
- ABS WITH DYNAMIC TRACTION CONTROL
- AM/FM RADIO | 6 CD CHANGER 7 DVD PLAYER
- NAVIGATION, SUNROOF, AC & HEATED SEATS
- HEADS UP DISPLAY

INCREASE YOUR
CHANCE TO WIN

BUY 5 TICKETS GET
ONE FREE

BUY TICKETS NOW
(484) 706-9156
OR BY VISITING
WWW.ROMANIANSOFPA.ORG

Don't miss your chance to win a **2009 BMW 650i** in our exclusive RCC Car Raffle! This sleek, 2-door coupe comes packed with features including a 4.4L V8 engine, 365 horsepower, sport mode, navigation, sunroof, heated seats, and more! Raffle tickets are just **\$100 each**, and to increase your odds, **buy 5 tickets and get 1 free!** All proceeds benefit the Romanian Community Center. For tickets, click the button below or visit our website to purchase. Get your tickets now and drive away in style!

Raffle tickets are readily available for purchase at all in-person events. Alternatively, you can also obtain them by directly contacting any member of the RCC Board.

The drawing is scheduled for December 31, 2024, at 23:00, contingent upon the sale of a minimum of 100 tickets. The winner will be announced on the RCC website.

Remember, the winner will be responsible for title transfer, registration, and insurance. Don't miss this wonderful opportunity to make a difference and possibly win big!

BUY TICKETS

Romanian Community Center 2024 Upcoming Events

Oct to Feb	RCC Romanian Language Classes
Nov 2, 9, 16	Arts & Crafts Workshop
Nov 22, 23, 24	Romanian Presidential Election - (7:00 - 21:00)
Nov 24	World Tree Event @ Reading Museum
Nov 30 - Dec 1	Romanian Parliament Election - (7:00 - 21:00)
Nov 30	Romanian National Day / RCC 1st Anniversary
Dec 14	Meet Santa at RCC (2:00 - 4:00)
Dec 14	Romanian Nights
Dec 31	New Year 2025 Celebration
Every Thursday	RCC Choir - Christmas Carols

Keep in Touch with Our Roots: Romanian Language Classes Have Begun on October 19, 2024!



Why it's important to teach our kids the Romanian language:

- It helps them stay connected and understand their cultural roots better
- It allows them to communicate with extended family members
- Knowing multiple languages can open more career and travel opportunities
- It can instill a sense of pride in their identity and background
- It helps foster a sense of belonging, as though they have some form of 'home'.
- It allows them to understand and appreciate the history of their parents' upbringing.

For children of immigrants, it's increasingly important to keep some form of connection to serve as a continuous reminder of the hardships and challenges that had been overcome to sustain the immigrant lifestyle.

MORE INFO

As of October 2024, RCC Has a New Board of Directors

At the General Assembly meeting on October 18, 2024, twenty-five RCC members voted and elected:

1. Cornel Costea
2. Georgiana Cristea
3. Bogdan Curca
4. Gabi Dumitrescu
5. Doina Farcas
6. Laurentiu Goncea
7. Cristina Manga
8. Mihai Oros
9. Cristina Podaru
10. Romana Roman

11. Giani Spirache

...to be part of Romanian Community Center's Board of Directors through 2027.

Thank you to all of those who participated in the election process!

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

RCC - Consulate Itinerant

Our fellow Romanians asked, and Romanian Community Center delivered!

Many Romanians in our area found themselves in need of renewing their travel documents, obtaining citizenships for their children born in the USA, obtaining power of attorneys, and other documents needed for legal transactions.

Romanian Community Center developed a robust partnership with the Romanian Consulate in New York and through impressive coordination efforts and sustained communication, RCC hosted the first ever Consulate Itinerant (Consulatul Itinerant) in Berks county.

What that meant? Out of 109 appointments scheduled over the October 4th weekend, majority were able to have their problems solved. RCC's board members were present along with the Consulate officers and for three days, they helped ensure a smooth operation. Romanians from our area and neighboring states traveled to Reading, PA and left feeling grateful and appreciative for RCC's endeavors to bring the Romanian Consulate of New York to YOU.



Testimonials:

"At my age, I would have never traveled to NYC to get my passport renewed"

"It's incredible that RCC managed to bring consular services in our area"

Even more impressive, within 10 days, the Consulate issued over 40 passports for the Romanians in the area. That is quite an accomplishment for consular services by any bureaucracy standards.

At RCC, we are incredibly proud to support our community and look forward to doing so again in the near future!

CONSULATE ITINERANT

Art & Craft at RCC

Romanian Community Center invites you to a special

arts & crafts experience

Bring your own curiosity and sense of adventure

November 2nd ~3:00-5:00pm
November 9th ~3:00-5:00pm
November 16th ~3:00-5:00pm

at **RCC**
51 West Lawn Ave, West Lawn, PA 19609
Details @ tel# 610.781.6488

The Romanian Community Center in West Lawn, PA, is hosting a series of arts and crafts events designed to spark creativity and a sense of adventure. These special sessions are scheduled for November 2nd, 9th, and 16th, from 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM at 51 West Lawn Ave. Participants are encouraged to bring their curiosity and explore various artistic activities. For more details, interested individuals can contact the center at 610.781.6488. This is a wonderful opportunity for community members to engage in creative expression and meet other like-minded individuals.

JOIN US

Have You Ever Participated in a Clothing Drive Before?

"It was a rewarding experience," said one of our volunteers who helped orchestrate the drop off on October 23rd.

Although many of you choose to partake in this initiative that brings communities together to raise awareness about poverty in our area, there have been voices wondering why we do that.

"Who are these people who live in shelters?"

"They look capable of holding a job, they seem healthy and able"

"Why would I help them?"

These are all legitimate questions. People end up in shelters for a variety of reasons...it could be loss of a job, insufficient income...

Particularly women and children seek refuge in shelters to escape abusive relationships and unsafe living conditions.



"Hello RCC,

Thank you so much! Your drive will bless many at the Mission and LightHouse and we so appreciate all of your support! Thank you again!

*Thank you,
Hope Rescue Mission"*

Addiction, physical or mental health problems, especially if medical bills become overwhelming or if the individual is unable to work pushing individuals into homelessness.

Each person's situation is unique, and there are many negative stereotypes, assumptions that individuals are lazy or responsible for their situation. Judgment towards those who live in shelters often stems from a lack of understanding.

RCC took the initiative to help out by collecting new or slightly used household items and clothing and also by purchasing some specific items that are important for those people in need to restore their dignity.

We know we are not in the business of social work, and we don't want to pass judgement either. Therefore educating ourselves and others about the realities of homelessness can help reduce stigma and promote more compassionate attitudes.

Are you ready to join RCC for another clothing drive? Please reach out to us.

How to Subscribe to the Romanian Community Center Events Calendar

Stay updated with the Romanian Community Center's events and never miss an important gathering! You can easily sync our events with your own calendar using these simple steps:

1. Visit the Events Page

Go to the [Romanian Community Center Events Page](#) to view all upcoming events.

2. Choose a Calendar View

You can view events in different formats to suit your preferences:

- **List View:** Shows a simple, detailed list of events.
- **Month View:** Displays events in a traditional monthly calendar format.
- **Day View:** Shows events for a specific day.
- **Summary View:** A brief overview of all events.

3. Subscribe to the Calendar

To keep track of all RCC events on your personal calendar:

- **Google Calendar:** Click the "Google Calendar" option to add the events directly to your Google Calendar.
- **iCalendar:** Use the iCalendar option to sync with any calendar service that supports the .ics format.
- **Outlook:** There are two options for Outlook users: Outlook 365 and Outlook Live.
- You can also download the **.ics file** to manually add the events to your calendar.

4. Stay Connected

By subscribing, you'll automatically receive updates and additions to the event schedule. Make sure you never miss a fun, cultural, or community activity again!

Why Should the Diaspora vote?

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MORE INFO

Because by participating in elections, diaspora members can influence policies that affect their lives. **Because** voting is a fundamental civic duty. **Because** for many of us in the diaspora, voting is a way to stay connected to our homeland and influence its future. It can be a powerful expression of identity and commitment to Romania, our country of origin. **Because** voting ensures that the interests and needs of diaspora communities are represented in government. **Because** voting gives a voice to marginalized and underrepresented groups, and it helps ensure that diverse perspectives are included in the decision-making process. **Because** many people have fought and sacrificed for the right to vote. **Because** every vote counts, and collectively, they shape the future of our community.

- Voting dates for the Romanian president & the Romanian parliament:**
- November 22, 23, 24 (Presidential - First Round)
 - November 29, 30 & December 1 (Parliamentary elections)
 - December 6, 7, 8 (Presidential - Second Round)

Make sure you bring a valid Romanian passport or ID.

Meet Santa at RCC

Happy New Year 2025

Meet
14 DECEMBER
Santa

2:00 - 4:00 PM

ROMANIAN COMMUNITY CENTER
51 WEST LAWN AVE,
WEST LAWN, PA 19609

Music / Festive food / Crafts

Join us at the Romanian Community Center on December 14th for a festive celebration where you can meet Santa Claus! From 2:00 to 4:00 PM, bring the family to 51 West Lawn Ave, West Lawn, PA, for an afternoon filled with music, delicious festive food, and engaging crafts. This joyful event promises to spread holiday cheer and create lasting memories. Don't miss out on the magic of the holiday season—come and share in the spirit and excitement with your community!

Registration required by December 7, 2024

MORE INFO

ROMANIAN COMMUNITY CENTER

2025
NEW YEAR
CELEBRATION PARTY

JOIN US FOR THE ULTIMATE NEW YEAR'S EVE BASH!

DON'T MISS OUT ON:
TRADITIONAL ROMANIAN DISHES
DJ ALL NIGHT
A TOAST TO THE NEW YEAR AT MIDNIGHT
EXCITING PRIZES & RAFFLE
OPPORTUNITY TO WIN A \$14,000 BMW 650I

31ST DEC 2024
8:00 PM ONWARDS

STIS. CONSTANTINE & HELEN GREEK CHURCH
1001 E WYOMISSING BLVD
READING, PA 19611

TICKETS AVAILABLE SOON

SAVE THE DATE | ROMANIANSOFPA.ORG | (484) 706-9156

Ring in the New Year with us on December 31st at Sts. Constantine & Helen Greek Church! Enjoy an evening filled with music, dancing, delicious food, and great company as we countdown to 2025.

More details and ticket information coming soon.

MORE INFO

RCC Choir - Celebrate the Season with Christmas Caroling!



"We didn't think we sound so good"

Join the Romanian Community Center every Saturday at 2:30 PM for a cozy choir session suitable for all ages. Come to 51 West Lawn Avenue, West Lawn, PA, and enjoy the classic tradition of Christmas carols. Under the winter sky, our community choir will share beloved holiday tunes that bring a sense of cheer and warmth. Whether you'd like to sing along or just enjoy the music, this event is a wonderful way to get into the holiday spirit.

For more details, contact Magda at 484.638.0430.

Don't miss this wonderful opportunity to celebrate the season with song!

JOIN US

Stay Connected with Us – We Value Your Input!

We're always looking for ways to improve and serve our community better. Here's how you can get more involved:

- Share Your Thoughts!**
Have suggestions or ideas on how we can improve? We'd love to hear from you! Check out our **Suggestion Box** on the website and let us know your thoughts.
[Submit Your Suggestion](#)
- Become a Paid Member**
Join us as a **paid member** and enjoy exclusive benefits while supporting the growth of our community! Your membership helps us continue organizing events and building a vibrant, united space.
[Become a Member](#)
- Get Listed in Our Business Directory**
Are you a business owner? Register your business in our **Business Directory** to increase visibility and connect with other community members. It's free and easy!
[Register Your Business](#)

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