International Spouses Organization (ISO)

We’re so glad that you are a member of the University of Maryland family. The Office of International Services, through the International Spouses Organization, would like to be a part of your adjustment to the culture here at UM, in the state of Maryland, and in the United States. We have planned events that will allow you to meet other spouses, introduce you to your new community, and help you to improve your communication skills. Please view the list of planned activities below and choose how involved you would like to be!

Spring 2013 Activities:

Wednesday, January 23, 1-4pm Jiyoung’s baby shower.
Deasy’s house
We are throwing a baby shower for Jiyoung who is delivering on February.

Saturday, February 9, 2:30-6pm St. Valentine’s day party.
St. Mary’s Hall Multipurpose Room
Please join us for the celebration of the holiday of romance with us. Your spouses are also welcomed!

Tuesday, February 19, 10am-noon Immigration issues for spouses. St. Mary’s Hall Multipurpose Room
Come hear an OIS presentation about immigration issues that are of particular interest and importance for the spouses of UMD students and scholars. Focus on F-2 & J-2.

Wednesday, February 27 noon- Lunch in a restaurant.
(Place: TBA)
Enjoy a nice lunch in a restaurant. This might be the last gathering for some members who are leaving UMD in March. Join us and give a great send-off to them. [$$ for lunch (& transportation)]

Tuesday, March 12. 10:30am-2pm Culture & food sharing.
St. Mary’s Hall Multipurpose Room
Learn about each other’s culture. Let us know if you can give the group a 15 minute presentation about your culture. Please bring special food from your country!

Thursday, March 28, 1-5pm Cherry blossom and Museum visit.
Meet at Smithsonian Metro
We head to Tidal basin in Washington DC to admire cherry blossom. Also we visit National Museum of Natural History too. [$$ for transportation]

Friday, April 19, 11am Picnic.
Meet at University Hills Duck Pond
Let us enjoy the nice spring weather in a park near campus as well as delicious potluck lunch!

Monday, May 6, 10:30am-2pm End-of-year potluck.
1101 Holzepfel Hall
This will be our last official gathering of the school year. Join us for a great time and food and give a goodbye any who are departing.

Arrival Guide:
If you haven’t seen it yet, you should check out OIS’s Arrival Guide. With information about Campus Activities, Cultural Basics, Money & Banking, and so much more - you’ll feel like a local in no time.

http://www.international.umd.edu/ies/7270

Coffee Hour:
Like to meet your friends on campus? Enjoy conversation over light snacks? If so, you will certainly enjoy attending the International Coffee Hour. Coffee Hour is a weekly event (during the Fall and Spring semesters) where students, staff, and the Maryland community can get together and socialize. Each week a different campus organization will sponsor the time and provide free drinks and snacks for you to enjoy.

http://www.international.umd.edu/ies/7490

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Meeting Tidbits:
• $$ symbol means there is a cost
• Full meeting details provided via email. Be sure we have your direct email address!