



## In-Home Cocktails

### **Delicious Food, Abundant Drinks and Great Conversation!**

This is such an easy way to fundraise. No one needs to get their hair done, buy a new outfit, get a babysitter or worry about arriving in time for the start of the show!

This event is held in club members' homes once a month on a rotating basis, usually on a Friday evening that works best for the hostess, 18:30 until the fun ends and the food & drink run out.

All club members are invited and may bring husbands, friends, relatives and out of town visitors. Each person pays 10 € and brings a food dish of their choice that feeds 10 people.

Our club supplies the liquor, cocktail mixers, juices and non-alcoholic drinks. The first In Home Cocktail evening had a bill of 300€ which was paid for by our club. The bottles move from hostess to hostess. When a bottle is empty and needs replacing, the hostess makes the purchase and is reimbursed from the incoming money of the evening.

The preparation time involved is quite simple. We put an article in the newsletter and reminders in the club's WhatsApp chat. Occasionally we have to make a few phone calls to find a volunteer to open her home. There have never been fewer than 20-25 people who attend. The only volunteer is the hostess, who sets up the bar and has a table ready for the food dishes.

The fundraiser starts around 18.30 or 19:00 and runs until the food and drink have run out, usually ending around 22:20- 24:00. It is a purely social evening. People mingle and chat.

Members may help the hostess bring empty/used dishes and glasses into the kitchen but the hostess does her own clean up.

This fundraiser is successful because we LOVE getting together in a clean, friendly environment. No noise or smoke from a bar or restaurant. The bathrooms are clean, which is not always the case in a public place. Such an easy way to raise money.

A member's home is always welcoming! but would like to take part in our activities. A fun and relaxing atmosphere makes for the perfect party. The drinks and food are only top quality.

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**Good Luck and Have Loads of Fun!**