

# USAG Ansbach International Day of Women's Prayer



USAG Ansbach Katterbach and Storck Barracks PWOC representatives enjoy a night of prayer and community with 50 ladies from the Evangelical Church of Illesheim's parish. From left to right: Lisa Eller, Sylvie Dean, Ellen Jones, Meg Morrill, and Barbara Blau



From left to right: PWOC President (Storck Barracks) Meg Morrill, Evangelical Pastor Melanie Caesar, and PWOC President (Katterbach), Lisa Eller enjoy an evening of partnership and community building.

**Summary:** The USAG Ansbach Protestant Women of the Chapel (PWOC) groups from Katterbach Airfield in Ansbach and Storck Barracks in Illesheim were welcomed as special guests for *the International Day of Women's Prayer* on 6 March 2015, which was hosted by the Evangelical Church of Germany's Illesheim parish. Chaplain (MAJ) Eric Dean coordinated with Evangelical Pastor, Melanie Caesar, to join together for this event as a religious partnership effort to strengthen the spiritual ties of Americans and Germans in the Ansbach and Illesheim communities. The focal point of this year's *International Day of Women's Prayer* was the island of Bahamas. The ladies from the USAG Ansbach PWOCs and the ladies of the EKD joined together in praying for the needs of the Bahamian women, to include HIV/AIDS, teenage pregnancy, rape, and domestic violence. In addition to prayer, the ladies joined together in singing Bahamian worship songs and concluded the evening with Bahamian food, prepared by the ladies of the EKD. The USAG Ansbach *International Day of Women's Prayer* partnership event is another example of how the USAG Ansbach RSO supports the Ready and Resilient Campaign, and IMCOM-Europe Line of Efforts 1.2, *Strengthen Unit and Host Nation Alliances* and 3.2, *Strengthen Community Partnerships*.

