



A Quick Look Ahead...

- Sundays Social Bridge**
1:30 pm to 4:30 pm
Millennium Corniche
Hotel, Khalifa St.

- Sundays Golf**
Ongoing 10 week golf lessons
8:30 am
Abu Dhabi City Golf

- Wednesday Golf Clinics**
9:00 am
Abu Dhabi National
Golf Course

- Thursday Coffee Morning**
Nov 5, 19 10 am to noon
Khalidiya Palace

- Wednesday Mahjong**
Nov 4, 18 9 am to noon
Hemingway's, Hilton

- Monday Book Club**
Nov 23 1 - 3 pm, 7-9 pm
Various locations

- Friday "Grapes and Snacks"**
Nov 6 7:30- 10:30 pm
La Cava Rosewood
Hotel

- Tuesday Explorers' trip**
Nov 10 **Global Village**
Meet at Mushrif Mall
at 1:45 pm

- Thursday Honor your Talent**
Nov 19 10:00 am to noon
Khalidiya Palace

The Network News

Dear All,

November is a time for giving Thanks. I am thankful for a whole lot of things this year such as being an expatriate; being able to travel and explore the world, opening my eyes to many cultures and experiences. I am grateful for thoughtful friends who recently helped me through some challenging times. I am thankful I have time to play MahJong and Bridge and learn to swing a golf club!

Someone asked me the other day, "What is your hobby?" While all those activities I just mentioned above are fun to do, my real hobby is volunteering. I love helping people in my community circle. It's what drives me to get out of bed every day. Our American Women's Network is led by women with that same drive. I admire the dedication, commitment and countless hours put into activities for the benefit of everyone. These women do it without any fanfare, though you might know them by their shiny halos! I am thankful for the amazing women who serve as AWN Board Members.

Our American Thanksgiving is celebrated Thursday, November 26. The day commemorates the celebration hosted by the Pilgrims who gave thanks for surviving their first year in the New World. There are times I know we can all relate to as we've survived a transition, difficult or not, to a new location, and we want to celebrate. I hope this year your holidays are full of food, friends and thanksgiving for the many blessings around you. And remember, always save room for PIE!!

Warm Thanksgiving Wishes,

Susan Foster
AWN Co-President

AWN Thanksgiving Dinners for US Military Personnel

After a very successful project last year we are again looking for AWN members who would be willing to host at least two local US Military personnel on Thursday November 26. The guys and girls we hosted last year were really appreciative of a "home cooked" meal, (or even a hotel meal!!), a chance to relax and even to see a little of Abu Dhabi.

If you are interested, please contact us NOW at outreach@awnabudhabi.com for more details. (You will be able to pick up your guests at 12pm from the US Embassy and return them at either 7pm or 10pm on Thursday November 26.)



NYUAD-AWN Thanksgiving Hosting- be part of the tradition.....

Each year generous families from AWN host NYUAD students to be part of their meal at Thanksgiving. It is a wonderful opportunity to provide a sense of home to students who are away from their families, and teach other students who do not celebrate Thanksgiving about the holiday. We welcome all families, if it is your tradition or not, to be a part of this fantastic experience. If you are interested, please send an email to kaburida@gmail.com

Coffee Morning

Thursday 5 Our guest speaker is James Langton, Focus Editor of *The National* newspaper. He will deliver a lecture titled "Hunting the Sand Tiger" which tells the story of oilmen and sheikhs, an English housewife, a New York socialite, an Old Estonian poet, two Oscar winning film directors, and a four year old girl called Deborah. This true account takes place during Abu Dhabi's quest for oil in the 1950's.

The National has also been kind enough to extend their offer of newspaper delivery to our members at a discounted price. If you'd like to subscribe, please have cash to pay the discounted rate at our coffee morning on **Thursday November 5**.

Thursday 19 AWN will host its annual event "Honor your Talent" at the Khalidiya Palace from 10:00 am to noon. This program stems from discovering the many talents that exist among our AWN members. This two hour talent fair is open to members only. The tables are AED 100 or 150 for two tables with a two table limit per participant. All money collected will go to charities supported by AWN. It is a wonderful venue to advertise your personal business. In making your reservation, please tell us who you are, your contact details, what you will be displaying, and how many tables and chairs you will need. Please provide your own table covering. If you are interested in participating, please contact Angie at morningcoffees@awnabudhabi.com. Space is limited and **the deadline is November 5**. Money paid will be considered a donation if you do not attend.

Due to unforeseen circumstances, our schedule of speakers is subject to change. For more info, please email morningcoffees@awnabudhabi.com.

Newcomers' Coffee

Another delightful coffee morning, especially organized for our newest members, was held at the home of our Newcomer Co-ordinator, Monica Warner, on Wednesday, 30th September.

It was a privilege to be able to welcome a group of such amazing and open hearted women into our organization. Among their number was a painter, a doctor, a professional photographer, a choral singer, a TV presenter and a college principal. What a talented bunch we all are! New friendships were forged and the sharing of stories continued for some groups of newly found friends over lunch, long after the 'official' coffee morning had finished. Now that's what I call a result!

Everyone who joins AWN through our website will be invited to a Newcomers' Coffee. We look forward to greeting you at our next event in December. For more information contact newcomers@awnabudhabi.com

Explorers' Trip

Join AWN Explorers for yet another trip to **the Global Village** on Tuesday, **November 10**. Please reserve your seats in advance by signing up at AWN Coffee Mornings. Tickets will be on sale for 65 AED per person. We will meet at Mushrif Mall at 1:45 pm. To reserve, please bring exact change. For more info, please email explorers@awnabudhabi.com



Explorers' 'Grapes and Snacks' Evening

Come join us for a Grapes and Snacks Evening! The tasting is Friday, **November 6**, at La Cava in the Rosewood Hotel from 7:30 - 9:30PM. Generous pours and lots of snacks (buffet style). Cost per person 175 AED each. It is going to be a lot of fun!!! **Event Sold Out. No Refunds for cancellations.** For more info, email explorers@awnabudhabi.com

"Sadeeqas" Needed!

If you are here through the autumn and in the run up to the festive season, why not support our new ladies by taking your place at a Newcomer Table? By offering to be a welcoming friend (or "sadeeqa") at one of our Thursday coffees, you can make a real difference to someone just beginning their Abu Dhabi journey.

There are sign-up sheets at each Thursday coffee or register your interest in helping at newcomers@awnabudhabi.com

Shukran!

As always, AWN wishes to thank Khalidiya Palace Rayhaan by Rotana for hosting our Thursday morning coffees. We greatly appreciate its welcoming atmosphere, and its dedication in meeting our needs and expectations. Members please remember that Khalidiya Palace offers 20% discounts in their restaurants following our coffee gatherings

Introducing Tish Dahlby, AWN Special Events Chair, in her own words...

As I sit at my desk and look out at the amazing blue waters and the spectacular architecture, I still occasionally pinch myself to make sure I am not dreaming. Like so many of you, Abu Dhabi wasn't in my play book. But, hey, that's what makes life so exciting!

Living in Abu Dhabi is another blessing heaped upon me throughout my life. I was born into a large and exceptionally fun-loving family. That love and adventure grew when I married my husband, Gregg and together we raised four remarkable daughters, Rachel, Hannah, Ellen and Lena.

Over the years, I have been fortunate to feed my passions through my work. I served as the Executor Director of an international humanitarian aid organization; working to improve healthcare, especially for women and children in developing countries- a totally awesome experience and honor. Being a sucker for celebrating life's special moments, no matter how big or small, I guess it makes sense that my other career would be in event planning and public relations...yes, I love parties and talking!

Since moving to Abu Dhabi, AWN has been a godsend. Here I have found ample opportunity for fun; whether at a morning coffee, club, outing or event. However, the friendships I have made and cherish are by far the best benefit of AWN.

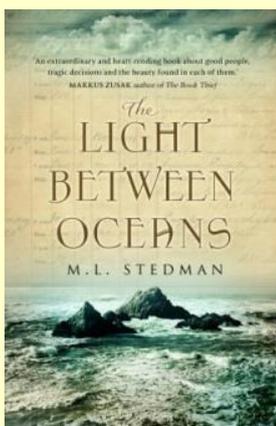
As the AWN Special Events Chair, I hope to continue providing entertaining and memorable events for many of you. Life is so much richer when we are able to celebrate special moments with family and friends.

Here's to a rich life- Cheers!

Book Club

The book selection for November 23 is **"The Light between Oceans", by M.L. Stedman**

After four harrowing years on the Western front, Tom Sherbourne returns to Australia and takes a job as the lighthouse keeper on Janus Rock, nearly half a day's journey from the coast. To this isolated island, where supply boat comes once a season, Tom brings a young bold, and loving wife, Isabel. Years later, after two miscarriages and a stillbirth, the grieving Isabel hears a baby's cry on the wind. A boat has washed up onshore carrying a dead man and a living baby.



Tom, who keeps meticulous records and whose moral principles have withstood a horrific war, wants to report the man and infant immediately. But Isabel insists the baby is a "gift from God" and against Tom's judgment, they claim her as their own and name her Lucy. When she is two, Tom and Isabel return to the mainland and are reminded that there are other people in the world. Their choice had devastated them.

Please join us for an enjoyable time with lots of good conversation. Bring your opinion! Afternoon group meets from 1:00 to 3:00 pm, and evening group meets from 7:00 to 9:00 pm. Please RSVP at bookclub@awnabudhabi.com stating "afternoon" or "evening" in the subject line. **LOCATION DIRECTIONS WILL ONLY BE SENT TO THOSE WHO RSVP.**

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Bridge



Our Sunday afternoon Bridge group is no longer meeting at Brightpoint Women's Hospital. Our new meeting place will be the Millennium Corniche Hotel on Khalifa Street. There will be a cost of 25 AED, and parking will be validated by the hotel. If you want to play, and are not on our email list, please contact us at bridge@awnabudhabi.com and we will be sure you are added. We look forward to having you join us!

Beginners can sign up for the new lessons' session that resumes in January 2016. The classes will be held Tuesday mornings from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm. Maximum 12 persons per class. Stay tuned for further updates. For more info, please contact bridge@awnabudhabi.com

Mahjong

The Mahjong group plays on the first and third Wednesday of each month from 9:00 am to noon at Hemingway's, Hilton Hotel. All levels are welcome including those who have never played and would like to learn. Upcoming sessions are scheduled for November 4 & 18. There is a cost of 35 AED that includes coffee, water and a light snack. If you wish to be added to the mahjong mailing list, please send an email to mahjong@awnabudhabi.com



Golf

Mark your calendar for our annual AWN Golf Christmas Tournament which will be held on Sunday December 6 at the Abu Dhabi City Golf Course. As usual, the tournament will be a scramble which means no pressure! We'd like to see lots of beginners who will be paired with some of the more experienced players so if you it a bad shot, no worries, just pick up your ball. Pricing and specifics to follow. Optional:
Dress in a Christmas theme.



Our Abu Dhabi Golf Course Wednesday clinics are continuing through December 9, 2015 and will begin again in mid-January 2015. Just make sure we have your email address so we can notify you by email of the clinic and then the first 14 ladies responding to my email will get to participate in the following Wednesday clinic. Our Wednesday clinic starts at 9am with a 1 hour golf lesson followed by 9 holes of golf include cart, water and cold towels followed by coffee or tea. Cost is 210 AED (Abu Dhabi Golf Club and Saadiyat Golf Club members pay 110 AED). These Wednesday golfs sessions are limited to 14 players (4 minimum), which is determined by whomever responses first to my weekly emails.

We will continue with our 10 week golf lessons at the Abu Dhabi City Golf course on Sunday mornings for a cost of 10-week 500 AED. We will break up into groups of beginners, intermediate and advanced players beginning at 8.30am. The 10 week of lessons will be followed by a Christmas golf tournament for all levels of players. If you are interested in booking any of these events, please email us at golf@awnabudhabi.com or sign up at the AWN Coffee Mornings.

Shukran!

A very special **'Thank You'** goes out to Dr. Sharina Klaasens, the Special Care Center representative who came to our AWN Coffee Morning on October 1 and talked about the kids, their upcoming Gala, and their progress in the construction of the new school. AWN has always had a special place in its heart for the children, and Special Care Center is one of our chosen charities to which we donate.

