



The Network News

A Quick Look Ahead...

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

- Tuesdays** **Beginners' Bridge**
10:00 am- 1:00 pm
Reem Island

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

- Sundays** **Golf Lessons**
8:30 am/ 9:30 am
Abu Dhabi City Golf Club

- Wednesdays** **Mahjong**
9 am to noon
Royal Orchid, Hilton Hotel

- Monday** **Culture Club**
April 11 10:00 am- 12:00 pm
Third Place Café

- Monday** **Creative Writing Group**
April 4, 18 4:00- 5:30 pm
Café Arabia

- Thursday** **Coffee Morning**
April 7, 21 10 am to noon
Khalidiya Palace

- Monday** **Book Club**
April 25 1:00- 3:00 pm
7:00- 9:00 pm
Various locations

- Friday** **Special Care Center Gala**
May 13 7:00 pm
Fairmont Hotel

A message from Carolyn...

“April Showers Bring May Flowers”, is an old saying where I’m from, but I didn’t expect it to apply here in the desert. Hopefully the rain is over for a while, especially since I don’t even own an umbrella!

We had many great activities in March - despite the rain. We certainly want to thank Khalidiya Palace Hotel for hosting a lovely AWN Easter Brunch. We were treated to delicious food, fun games, and even a visit from the Easter Bunny!

We have recent changes to the AWN Board that you should know about. We are saying goodbye to our Explorers Chair, Diane Rudis, and Vice Chair, Sharon Irwin. They made the explorers into a “must do” activity over the past 2 years. We will miss their leadership and enthusiasm. Rubina Haider, currently Network Lunches Coordinator, has accepted the role of Explorers Vice Chair. Thank you Rubina!

We’re also saying goodbye to Rosalind Leslie as our webmaster. Please look at the new “Spotlight on Leadership” section inside for more about Rosalind and the communications team. I think reading this section regularly may help you identify a place to contribute or volunteer at AWN.

Enjoy this edition of the AWN Newsletter. Please take a look at our upcoming **Spring Gala Event** benefiting The Special Care Center on page 2 for more information. It will be a fun evening and we hope to see you there!

Warm regards,
Carolyn Neubauer
AWN Co-President

Coffee Mornings

Thursday, April 7 Our Coffee Morning Speaker will be Reem Al Fahim, from the Special Care Center, one of AWN supported charities. Reem is the daughter of Mohammed Al Fahim the author of "From Rags to Riches: A Story of Abu Dhabi". Reem is a young dynamic Emirati woman, she will speak a bit about herself and the school's exciting future in their new facility.

Thursday, April 21 Our Coffee Morning Speaker will be Julie Lewis, Author and Co-Founder of Women's Peak Performance Summit. Julie is an inspirational and motivational speaker and has written a book called Moving Mountains. Julie last spoke to our group 3 years ago after she returned from taking a group of breast cancer survivors from the UAE to the South Pole.

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

AWN Spring Social Special Care Gala

**Benefiting a school for children with special learning needs
in Abu Dhabi**

Friday, May 13, 2016 - Fairmont Hotel - Tickets on Sale NOW

AWN Members are offered the special price of 450 AED per ticket & will be seated at designated AWN tables. Tickets and information are available at our coffee mornings or by emailing philanthropy@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.

Spotlight on Leadership

Over the next few months this new section of our newsletter will introduce you to our leadership teams and the many faces that help make AWN such a wonderful organization.

First, here is a look at the Media and Communications Team - the group that keeps us informed on all things and ensures our communications run smoothly. Let's meet the team.

Rosalind Leslie, our website guru for 2 years, will be stepping down. She has done a wonderful job over the years and will be missed. Rosalind has offered to work on our History and Archiving before she leaves. Thank you Rosalind!

Kim Nguyen has taken on the role of our new webmaster. It is important to have a presence on-line for our members here, and also for newcomers before they arrive. Anne-Laure Pham is our new Media Manager. Anne-Laure assists members with subscribing and unsubscribing from the newsletter emails. She oversees our Web host, monitors our AWN email, and sends out our newsletters and correspondence. Mona Sedky and Bonnie Shamblin keep us up to date with our newsletter and Mid-Month Update. Bonnie is new to the team this year and works on the Mid-Month Update. Mona has been our newsletter coordinator for 2 years. She diligently gets our news out to you every month, and it always looks great.

Did you know AWN has official photographers? You may see Patti Hatcher and Leone Wheeler at our coffee morning and events taking your picture. Say hi and smile!

Thank you to a fantastic team for keeping us up to date and connected!

Golf

We are starting a 6 week session of Sunday golf lessons on April 10 at the Abu Dhabi City Golf Club at a cost of 300 AED. We will meet at the golf academy at 8.30am. You can sign up at the AWN Coffee morning on April 7th and pay then or at the first golf lesson. For more details, please email golf@awnabudhabi.com



Our Abu Dhabi Golf Course Wednesday clinics for intermediate and advanced players are continuing, 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. You can sign up by emailing us at golf@awnabudhabi.com or sign up at the AWN Coffee Morning.

Bridge

Sunday afternoon Bridge is held at the Millennium Corniche Hotel on Khalifa Street from 1:30 to 4:30 pm. The cost is 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' Bridge

"The Spring Beginners' Bridge Lessons took place on eight Tuesday mornings between January and March. What a terrific group of enthusiastic students they were, all of them now ready to join our regular Sunday afternoon bridge at The Millennium Corniche Hotel.

If you would like to learn how to play this wonderful game and become a student of the next series of Beginners' Bridge, starting in the middle of April, please sign up at a Thursday morning coffee or contact bridge@awnabudhabi.com

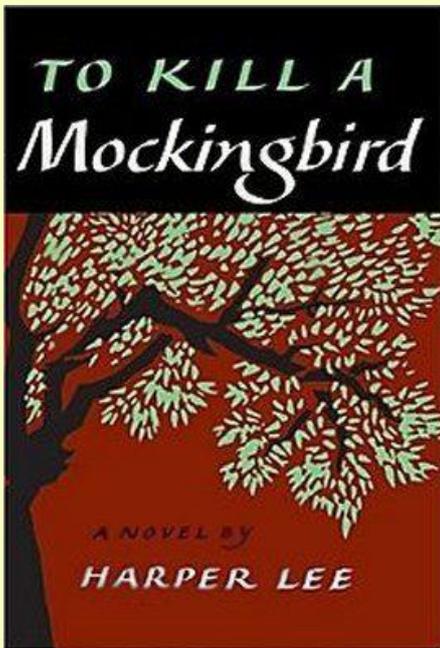
AWN Bridge Luncheon

AWN Bridge is hosting a luncheon at The Millennium Corniche Hotel on Sunday, April 10 from 12:00 noon to 1:30 pm, to welcome the women in the 'Beginners' Bridge' class, now ready to join the AWN 'Sunday Social Bridge', and to benefit AWN Philanthropy efforts. A cost of 100 AED covers 50 AED for lunch; 25 AED for bridge fee and 25 AED to AWN supported charities.

Lunch includes assorted salads, light pasta dish, rolls/breads, deserts, coffee, tea, juices & water.

If you don't want to attend lunch, you can still show up to play AWN Sunday Bridge from 1:30 to 4:30 pm and pay the normal 25 AED bridge fee.

Book Club



The book selection for April 25 is "To Kill a Mockingbird" by Harper Lee.

The unforgettable novel of a childhood in a sleepy Southern town and the crisis of conscience that rocked it, To Kill a Mockingbird became both an instant bestseller and a critical success when it was first published in 1960. It went on to win the Pulitzer Prize in 1961 and was later made into an Academy Award-winning film, also a classic.

Compassionate, dramatic, and deeply moving, To Kill A Mockingbird takes readers to the roots of human behavior - to innocence and experience, kindness and cruelty, love and hatred, humor and pathos. Now with over 18 million copies in print and translated into forty languages, this regional story by a young Alabama woman claims universal appeal. Harper Lee always considered her book to be a simple love story. Today it is regarded as a masterpiece of American literature.

Please join us for an enjoyable time with lots of good conversation. Bring your opinion! Afternoon group meets from 1:00 – 3:00 pm, and Evening group meets from 7:00 – 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.**

Creative Writing Group

The AWN Creative Writing Group will meet at the Café Arabia from 4:00 to 5:30 pm.

You don't have to be a closet poet or the next Margaret Atwood to join - or even 'a writer'. This group is for everyone who enjoys writing in any form and wants to expand their skills.

Each session will explore different aspects of storytelling - character, vivid description, structure - with the aim of getting everyone scribbling.

So whether you simply want inspiration to get started, or are already writing and want to share your work with a supportive audience, please contact Hilary Pooler for more information and to sign up at writing@awnabudhabi.com



Culture Club

AWN Culture Club holds its next meeting that will also be the last before the summer, on Monday April 11. Its topic will be 'Archaeological Treasures of the UAE and the Middle East' and perhaps much more... Izabella Sluzek, the Culture Club Coordinator, will present a personal account of her visits to the UAE archaeological sites and will explain their significance. Participants who have travelled to such fascinating places as Petra, Egyptian pyramids, or Istanbul, to name just a few, are welcome to share their stories in brief presentations of about 5 to 10 minutes. Don't forget to bring a nice picture of the place or object you want to talk about. Please email explorers@awnabudhabi.com to confirm your attendance. For more information, please contact explorers@awnabudhabi.com

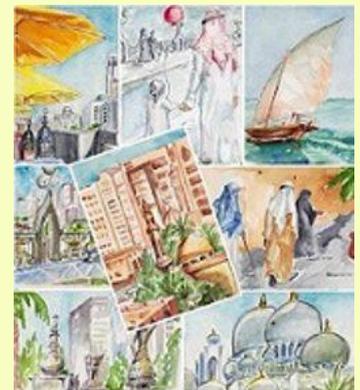
Mahjong

The Mahjong group plays every Wednesday morning from 9:00 am to noon. We meet at Royal Orchid, Hilton Hotel. All levels are welcome including those who have never played and would like to learn. 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



AWN Cards for Sale!

Be sure to pick up a pack of these 8 beautiful images of Abu Dhabi painted by AWN member Dottie Knapp. At only 35 AED per pack, these cards are the best deal in town and they are the perfect hostess gift! You can purchase these cards at coffee mornings from Barb Bubb and all proceeds go directly to our philanthropic projects.

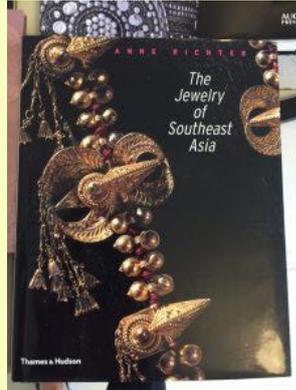
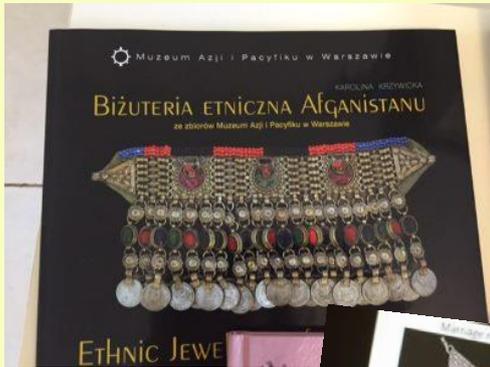


AWN Easter Brunch at Khalidiya Palace, March 27



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Culture Club on Ethnic Jewelry, February 29



AWN Couples' Trivia Night at the Club on March 3rd



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