



The Network News

A Quick Look Ahead...

Thursday October 6, 20	Coffee Morning 10 am to noon Khalidiya Palace
Sundays	Social Bridge 1:30 pm to 4:30 pm Millennium Corniche Hotel, Khalifa st.
Wednesday	Golf clinic & Lessons 9:00 and 10:45 am Abu Dhabi Golf Club Sas Al Nakhl
Wednesdays	Mahjong 9:30 am to 12:30 pm Al Kamoon Restaurant Khalidiya Palace Hotel
Wednesday October 19	Creative Writing Group 2:30 pm Café Arabia
Monday October 24	Book Club 1:00- 3:00 pm 7:00- 9:00 pm Various Locations
Thursday October 27	Friends of AWN Luncheon Details on page 2
Thursday November 17	AWN Annual Showcase 10:00 am to 12:00 pm Khalidiya Palace Hotel To Reserve tables, see Details on page 3

A Message from Carolyn Neubauer...

Happy Fall! October brings the promise of cooler weather and the beginning of a most enviable time of year in Abu Dhabi. All of us are looking forward to spending more time outdoors!

Fall is a busy time at AWN, and we are welcoming many new members at our coffee mornings. Please take time to introduce yourself and say hello. Help our new friends connect with interesting activities and new opportunities. We are kicking off our coffee mornings with two wonderful speakers this month.

On October 6, we have the honor of welcoming American Ambassador Barbara A. Leaf. It will be a unique opportunity to hear about her experiences and regional perspective. Please join us for this very special event!

On October 20, we will welcome Hanan Worrell, a longtime resident of Abu Dhabi with ties to AWN for over 20 years. Hanan has worked on many cultural and civic initiatives in the region and will share her insights.

An exciting season is planned ahead. Make sure to explore the newsletter and our website for information on the many activities on offer. From golf and other leisure activities to outings with friends, we have something for everyone. The coffee mornings are a great place to explore and sign up for our events and activities as well. Our annual Showcase and Crafts Market will be November 17. Find out more on page 3.

One more thing - October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month, an annual international health campaign to increase awareness. This is a good time to plan our screenings and encourage others to do the same!

Dreaming of fall colors,
Carolyn Neubauer
Co-President



Coffee Morning

Thursday 6 U.S. Ambassador Barbara Leaf will be our guest, please come join us!

Thursday 20 Hanan Worrell, local author, will speak of her experiences in the UAE.

Following is a sneak peek of our guest speakers and events taking place during the month of November and December:

November 3 Karin Garaialdi: Training in Communication and Self Development

November 17 Showcase: AWN Honor Your Talent Market

December 8 Arabella Willing, a marine biologist in Abu Dhabi, will speak about Conservation projects on Saadiyat Island



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

Shukran!

A very special **Thank You** goes to Bill Bragin, the Executive Artistic Director for the NYU Arts Center in Abu Dhabi, for his elaborate and detailed overview of the Arts Center's fantastic performance series of 2016/2017. If you are interested in attending any of these events, admittance is free but you have to subscribe to the NYU Arts Center Newsletter for notifications of ticket releases. For more info, go to www.nyuad-artscenter.org



Friends of AWN Luncheon – Thursday, October 27

The Friends of AWN Luncheon will be on Thursday, October 27 and is a chance to learn about the structure of AWN and volunteer opportunities. The AWN leadership team is a fun group of women working together to help expat women in Abu Dhabi network and socialize. AWN needs many volunteers including behind the scenes committee volunteers and coordinators and women with computer and organizing skills. If you are interested in receiving an invitation with the luncheon details, please email Linda Nagle at philanthropy@awnabudhabi.com or a signup sheet will be available at the September 22, October 6 and October 20 Coffee Mornings.

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

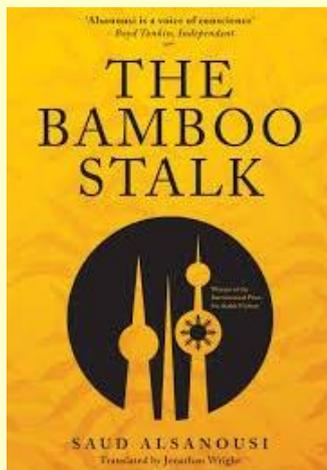


AWN Showcase

AWN is teaming up with Khalidiya Palace Market for our annual Showcase which will take place on **Thursday, November 17**. This is your chance to showcase your talent, advertise your business or sell items. The Showcase is open to AWN members as well as outside vendors. **Tables will be sold at the September 22, October 6, and October 20 AWN Coffee Mornings** and the cost per table is 200 AED. If you have questions, email Cindy Dodge or Marta Rodrigues Showcase@awnabudhabi.com

Book Club

The book selection for October 24 is **"The Bamboo Stalk"** by **Saud Alsanousi**



The Bamboo Stalk takes an unflinching look at the universal struggles of identity, race, and class as they intersect between two disparate societies: Kuwait and the Philippines.

Masterfully written, The Bamboo Stalk is the winner of the 2013 International Prize for Arab Fiction, chosen both for its literary qualities and for its social and humanitarian content. Through his complex characters, Alsanousi crafts a captivating saga that boldly deals with issues of identity, alienation, and the phenomenon of foreign workers in Arab countries. (Bloomsbury Qatar Foundation Publishing)

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 Writers Group meets once a month at the Café Arabia (on 15th street, opposite Mushrif Park) to discuss, share and support each other's writing.

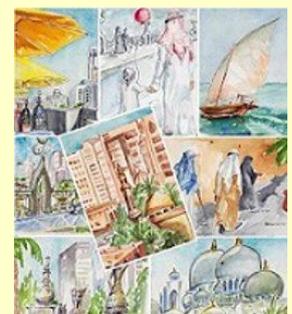
The next meeting will be on Wednesday October 19 at 2:30 pm, and the theme will be: Who is the narrator?

If you would like to join us, or need further information please contact Hilary Pooler at writing@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 philanthropy projects.



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Mahjong

The Mahjong group plays every Wednesday morning from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm. We meet at Al Kamoon restaurant, Khalidiya Palace 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



Bridge

We play bridge at the Millennium Corniche Hotel on Sundays from 1:30 to 4:30 pm



Please note we'll be playing now in al Majlis room on the 14th floor. However, in case the room is changed again please check the screen near the lifts before you go up. The cost remains 25 AED per session and this includes tea and coffee. The hotel also offers complimentary valet parking. If you have any questions please contact me: bridge@awnabudhabi.com

Golf

AWN golf lessons have resumed on Wednesday, September 28. Lessons for both Intermediate and Beginning golfers are held at the Abu Dhabi Golf Club in Sas Al Nakhil near Khalifa City. Intermediate lessons begin at 9:00am for one hour followed by a round of play on the 9-hole Garden Course (cost 210 AED). Beginner lessons are held at 10:45 am for one hour (cost 110 AED). The cost includes complimentary coffee and tea following the lessons, which allows for some great conversation and camaraderie. You can sign up at the regular AWN Coffee Mornings or by email at golf@awnabudhabi.com



A Call to Duty!!

If you are an American citizen living overseas you are fully entitled to vote in the upcoming General Elections. It is important that you exercise your right to vote from wherever you are. Don't let distance prevent you from being counted!



Here is a link you can use regarding voting from abroad
<https://www.votefromabroad.org/vote/home.htm>

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