



**A QUICK LOOK AHEAD**

**COFFEE MORNINGS**

**Thursday  
February 2, 16**      **Coffee Morning**  
10 a.m. - 12 p.m.  
Khalidiya Palace

**FEBRUARY EVENTS**

**Tuesday  
February 7**      **Explorers**  
10:30 a.m.  
FBMI Carpet Store Visit &  
Afternoon Tea at TWG

**Thursday  
February 16**      **Trivia Night**  
7:30 - 10:30 p.m.  
The Club

**Tuesday  
February 28**      **Explorers**  
8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
Dubai Museum, Sheikh  
Mohammed Center for  
Cultural Understanding,  
Al Fahidi District of Dubai

**MONTHLY ACTIVITIES**

**Sundays**      **Social Bridge**  
1:30 - 4:30 p.m.  
Various Locations

**Mondays**      **Art Club**  
10 a.m. - 12 p.m.  
Fanr Cafe, Saadiyat

**Wednesdays**      **Golf Clinic & Lessons**  
9 & 10:45 a.m.  
Abu Dhabi Golf Club  
Sas Al Nakhl

**Wednesdays**      **Mahjong**  
9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.  
Al Kamoon Restaurant  
Khalidiya Palace Hotel

**Monday  
February 27**      **Book Club**  
1 - 3 p.m. // 7 - 9 p.m.  
Various Locations

**COMING SOON...**

**Tuesday  
March 7**      **Explorers**  
Falcon Hospital Tour  
9 a.m.

**Friday  
April 21**      **Social Event Outing**  
Sailing

**A MESSAGE FROM CAROLYN**

Welcome to the new AWN Newsletter! A big Thank You to our newsletter designer Kim Cottin for the new look and feel. We hope you enjoy it as much as we do!

There have been several exciting changes in the AWN leadership, and here's an introduction to the 2017 board! Our organization is a success because of our dedicated leaders and the many other volunteers who give their time. We'll be introducing you to many such volunteers in upcoming newsletters.

**American Women's Network 2017 Board of Directors**

- Co-Presidents.....Susan Foster  
Carolyn Neubauer
- Treasurer.....Sheila Nickels
- Secretary.....Suzanne Texter
- Programs.....Marta Rodriguez
- Membership Services.....Linda Nagle
- Philanthropy .....Cindy Dodge
- Activities.....Cleo Paleologos
- Explorers.....Rubina Haider
- Marketing and Communications .....Birgitt Adams

Susan and I personally welcome the new board members and look forward to a fun, exciting, and productive year.

We look forward to seeing you at our next two coffee mornings. **Thursday, February 2nd**, we welcome **Farshied Jabarkhyl from the FBMI Initiative** as our speaker. **Thursday, February 16th** we welcome **Dr. Muller from the Abu Dhabi Falcon Hospital** as our speaker.

Valentine's day is fast approaching and we hope you enjoy the holiday with us at our annual Trivia Night on February 16th. Brush up on your knowledge of all things romantic for this Valentine themed event.

*For practice: Name the Greek goddess of love.  
The answer and more details about the event are on page 2.*

I hope to see you soon at one of our many AWN events!

**- Carolyn Neubauer  
AWN Co-President**

## COFFEE MORNING

**Thursday, February 2** – FBMI Initiative, Empowering Women in Afghanistan by **Farshied Jabarkhyl** – Discover how this wonderful and worthy initiative came to be which resulted in the creation of a programme for a sustainable development of the carpet production process in Afghanistan.

**Thursday, February 16** – Dr. Margit Muller: Executive Director of Abu Dhabi Falcon Hospital and Abu Dhabi Animal Shelter – Join us to hear all about the world's largest falcon hospital and leading institution for falcon medicine and learn more about the importance of falconry in the region.

Due to unforeseen circumstances, our schedule of speakers is subject to change. For more info, please email AWN Morning Coffees at [morningcoffees@awnabudhabi.com](mailto:morningcoffees@awnabudhabi.com).

## SHUKRAN!

Thursday, January 19 saw our first speaker of 2017 – **Mary Corrado** took us back in time with her wonderful photographs and told us about early days in Abu Dhabi. She was one of the first non-US Embassy Americans in the region and had some very interesting stories to tell!



## VALENTINE TRIVIA NIGHT

**This event has just a few tickets left!** The remaining tickets will be on sale at the February 2nd Coffee Morning. Trivia Night will be held at **The Club** on **February 16th** from **7:30-10:30 p.m.** It's going to be a fun evening with a fantastic DJ, delicious canapés, and a cash bar. Tickets are 300 AED per couple, non-refundable but transferable. If you need to transfer your ticket please send an email to [socialevents@awnabudhabi.com](mailto:socialevents@awnabudhabi.com).

*For all those joining us for Trivia Night please note: **The Club is going to have a separate check-in station for AWN Trivia Night guests. Please remember that a valid Photo ID is required for all guests.*** We suggest arriving by taxi as parking is extremely limited at the venue.

*Trivia Answer from Page 1: Aphrodite*



## APRIL SOCIAL EVENT: SAILING



*Balancing on the starboard side of a yacht, you hold your line and face windward as we prepare to tack. You glance around, and smile at your hubby and the rest of the happy crew. Your craft is going to win the race!*

Sound like fun? On **April 21**, AWN members and spouses are invited to an afternoon on the water as we crew racing yachts with the professionals of Pindar Sailing. Afterwards, you will be rewarded with a sunset BBQ on the Jumeirah Etihad private beach.

Cost 550 AED/per person inclusive.

Sign up with full payment at the February 17 coffee morning.

*Note: we are limited to 30 people at this event.*

Email [socialevents@awnabudhabi.com](mailto:socialevents@awnabudhabi.com) for more information.

## BOOK GROUP

Are you ready for something different? AWN Bookgroup is a way to enter a world different than your own, perhaps a glimpse into the past, or another culture. We read and discuss one book a month, which is only a few pages a day. (Books are chosen by member vote and include Fiction and Non-fiction choices.) We meet on the 4th Monday of the month in various locations, coffee shop/host's flat. We have two meeting times. Afternoon group meets 1-3 p.m., and Evening group meets 7-9 p.m. You can sign up at the AWN Coffee Morning or by email at [bookclub@awnabudhabi.com](mailto:bookclub@awnabudhabi.com).

Reading can help you feel at home wherever you are and also relieves stress. Bookgroup is a way



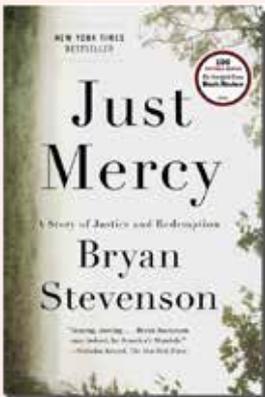
to discuss a myriad of topics with others without traveling, and in greater depth, perhaps as a WWII era British woman (*Life After Life*), or as a 15 year-old Pakistani girl (*I Am Malala*). Please look at the AWN website ([awnabudhabi.com](http://awnabudhabi.com)) under Meet Us, Book Club for upcoming choices. If you are new to book groups, please give us a

try. If you are a book group veteran, let us give your reading that push to extend your reading boundaries just a bit. If you loved our book choice come share it. Especially if you disliked a book, come tell us. We welcome your opinion!

American writer Edmund Wilson once said, "No two persons ever read the same book."



Evening Book Group



The book selection for **February 27** is *Just Mercy* by Bryan Stevenson.

A powerful true story about the potential for mercy to redeem us, and a clarion call to fix our broken system of justice – from one of the most brilliant and influential lawyers of our time.

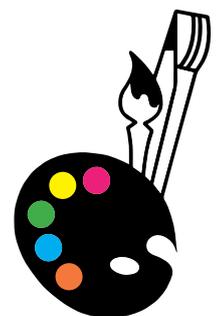
One of his first cases was that of Walter McMillian, a young man who was sentenced to die for a notorious murder he insisted he didn't commit. The case drew Bryan into a tangle of conspiracy, political machination, and legal brinkmanship – and transformed his understanding of mercy and justice forever. *Just Mercy* is at once an unforgettable account of an idealistic, gifted young lawyer's coming of age, a moving window into the lives of those he has defended, and an inspiring argument for compassion in the pursuit of true justice. (Spiegel and Grau)

## ART CLUB

We are thrilled to let our members know that the much anticipated Art Club kicked off on January 16! The Art Club is open to beginners, as well as those with some or extensive experience. The meetings include exchange of knowledge and ideas, along with guidelines for the beginners.

The Art Club meets every Monday, from 10 a.m. - 12 p.m., at the beautiful Fanr cafe in the Manarat, Saadiyat Island. Space is limited so please contact Julia ([artclub@awnabudhabi.com](mailto:artclub@awnabudhabi.com)) as soon as possible in order to reserve your place and receive instructions regarding the meeting. Those of you who have already signed up, please send a confirmation email.

There are no participation fees but purchasing a beverage, snack or staying for lunch would be much appreciated. So pack your brushes and talent and let your creativity soar!



## BRIDGE

The Bridge Club meets every Sunday from 1:30 - 4:30 p.m. at various locations. We welcome players of all levels.

Bridge lessons are offered periodically and if you are interested in learning to play, please contact the bridge coordinator either by email or at a coffee morning.

For more information, please email [bridge@awnabudhabi.com](mailto:bridge@awnabudhabi.com).



## GOLF



### *AWN Ladies Win Passes to Golf Championship!*

Four of our lady golfers won Clubhouse passes to the four-day HSBC Golf Championship held January 19-22 at the Abu Dhabi Golf Club. In a "closest to the pin" competition, **Sue Allen** (intermediate group) and **Leena Nadkarni** (beginner group) took first place winning two passes each. Runners up **Margot Theml** (intermediate group) and **Amanda Wheeler** (beginner group) won one pass each. The competition was held during the AWN golf clinics on Wednesday, January 18. Many thanks to the Abu Dhabi Golf Club, and our great golf pros Grant and Nick, for hosting the competition and providing the fantastic prizes. Keep up the great work ladies!

*Top Photo: Sue Allen and Margot Theml with Golf Pros Grant and Nick*

*Bottom Photo: Beginners' Group; Leena Nadkarni - third from left; Amanda Wheeler - third from right*



Join the AWN lady golfers every Wednesday morning at Abu Dhabi Golf Club, Sas El Nakhl.

Intermediate lessons begin at 9:00 a.m. 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 a.m. for one hour (cost 110 AED).

You can sign up at the regular AWN Coffee Mornings or by email at [golf@awnabudhabi.com](mailto:golf@awnabudhabi.com).

## MAH JONG

The Mah Jong group plays every Wednesday morning from 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. 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 mah jong mailing list, please send an email to [mahjong@awnabudhabi.com](mailto:mahjong@awnabudhabi.com).



## EXPLORERS

- On **Tuesday, February 7** at 10:30 a.m. Explorers will have a tour of the **FBMI Carpet store** in Yas Mall and **Afternoon Tea at TWG**. Cost is 85 AED. Sign up at the next coffee morning or by emailing [explorers@awnabudhabi.com](mailto:explorers@awnabudhabi.com).  
The tour will include a look into the different types of hand-knotted carpets, embroidered furniture and local handicraft. The work of underprivileged artisans from Afghanistan will be on display for the visitors. A few designer carpets will also be shown, in collaboration with designers. The tour will also include a mini briefing on the intricacy of carpet-making and tips/advice when buying a carpet.
- On **Tuesday, February 28** there will be an Explorer's Trip to the **Dubai Museum** in the morning and then a 7-minute walk to the the **Sheikh Mohammed Center for Cultural Understanding** for a cultural meal and an afternoon walking tour of the **Al Fahidi District of Dubai**. Cost is 200 AED per person. Bus departs Mushrif Mall, 25th Street (Al Dhafra) side at 8:30 a.m. Bus returns to same location at about 5 p.m. Sign up at the coffee mornings or email [explorers@awnabudhabi.com](mailto:explorers@awnabudhabi.com).  
The Al Fahidi District is one of the oldest traditional Emirati neighbourhoods set in Bur Dubai. Our guide will escort us through the distinctive, narrow alleys (*sikkas*) and stunning wind towers that adorn this historic district, before entering the Diwan Masjid. We will then return to the SMCCU house for a cultural discovery Q&A session where we will be treated to Arabic tea, coffee and dates.
- On **Tuesday, March 7**, Explorers will attend a tour of the **Falcon Hospital** – a wonderful insight to everything on the falcons. The cost per person is 275 AED and includes entrance, tour, lunch and bus (Bus at Mushrif Mall; Meeting at 8.45 a.m.; Departing at 9 a.m.) Sign up at the next AWN coffee morning or at [explorers@awnabudhabi.com](mailto:explorers@awnabudhabi.com).

## PHILANTHROPY

Our fabulous new AWN cookbook app is our newest fundraiser. From drinks to desserts and everything in between, all recipes are wanted. Log into [bakespace.com](http://bakespace.com) with username AWNADcookbook; password ADcooks. In the left menu, you will find "ADD A Recipe", an easy online form to fill in. Uploading a pic and writing little backstory makes your recipe even more special. We are collecting delicious treasures until **February 6, 2017**.

For more info, please email [cookbook@awnabudhabi.com](mailto:cookbook@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.

## FRIENDS OF AWN

The next Friends of AWN luncheon will be held on February 9. This event is an opportunity to learn more about the organization and how you might become more involved.

Sign-ups for the luncheon are at our regular coffee mornings, or you may email us at [philanthropy@awnabudhabi.com](mailto:philanthropy@awnabudhabi.com).