

THE NETWORK News

AWN COFFEE & SPEAKER SERIES

**Thursday,
October 5, 19** **AWN Coffee &
Speaker Series**
10 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Khalidiya Palace Hotel

UPCOMING EVENTS

**Tuesday,
October 10** **Explorers Event**
Dubai Police Museum
8:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

**Thursday,
November 9** **Couples' Bowling Night**
Zayed Sports City
6:30-11 p.m.

MONTHLY ACTIVITIES

**Sundays,
October 1, 8
15, 22, 29** **Social Bridge**
1:30 p.m.
Various Locations

**Sundays
October 8, 15,
22, 29** **Tennis**
8:45 - 9:30 a.m.
Beach Rotana

**Mondays,
October 2,
9, 16, 23, 30** **Art Club**
10 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Manarat Al Saadiyat,
Studio #2

**Monday,
October 23** **Book Club**
1 - 3 p.m. // 7 - 9 p.m.
Various Locations

**Mondays,
October 2, 16** **Knitting Group**
10:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
Bee's Knees Cafe,
Nation Towers

**Tuesdays
October 17,
24, 31** **Tennis**
8:45 - 9:30 a.m.
Beach Rotana

**Wednesdays,
October 4, 11,
18, 25** **Golf Clinic & Lessons**
9 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.
Abu Dhabi Golf Club
Sas Al Nakhl

**Wednesdays,
October 4, 11,
18, 25** **Mah Jong**
9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Slipway Bar, The Club



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AMERICAN WOMEN'S NETWORK OF ABU DHABI

*Connecting
cultures
through
friendship*

WELCOME FROM AWN CO-PRESIDENTS

Fall is a busy time at AWN! We are welcoming many new members and our activities are in full swing! Our coffee mornings are a great place to meet new people and catch up with friends. Please join us!

At AWN, we are committed to connecting women of all nationalities through friendship, activities and cultural exchange. Make sure to explore our newsletter and visit our website often for our latest activities, outings and other interesting avenues of support.

Warmly,
Susan Foster and Carolyn Neubauer
AWN Co-Presidents

AWN COFFEE & SPEAKER SERIES

Coffee & Speaker series mornings are held on the first and third Thursday of every month from 10 a.m. to noon at Khalidiya Palace Hotel.

**OCT
5**

Thursday, October 5 – Our speaker will be **Jasper Hope, Chief Executive of Dubai Opera**. Prior to coming to Dubai, Mr. Hope served as the Chief Operating Officer of Royal Albert Hall in London. The Dubai Opera is a 2,000-seat multi-format venue for opera, theater, art exhibitions, film, sports and seasonal programs. The iconic structure is the centerpiece of the Dubai Opera District.

**OCT
19**

Thursday, October 19 – Rescheduled from September, our anticipated speaker, **Angelique with the Abu Dhabi Falconry Club – Ladies Section** will be joining us. The Falconry Club teaches members about the art of falconry; from Arabian falconry history, handling falcons, equipment used, learning how to train hunting and racing falcons and much more! Be sure to come hear more about this fascinating club.

SHUKRAN!

Applause, applause and many thanks to our enthusiastic guest speaker, **Mr. Mohammad Khawaja**,

founder and curator of Cinema Space. This truly unique and independent initiative brings quality foreign, beautifully restored classics, relevant documentaries and contemporary world cinema, to our Abu Dhabi community. As Mr. Khawaja shared his love for film with the ladies of AWN at the September 7th Coffee & Speaker Series, he encouraged our

members to come and experience these epic films on the big screen. Located at the Manarat Al Saadiyat Auditorium, all Cinema Space films are free and open to the public. To check out Cinema Space's latest film offerings, find directions and make your reservations visit: <https://cinemaspace-abudhabi.splashthat.com> or visit the Cinema Space Facebook page.

SAVE THE DATE - COUPLES' BOWLING NIGHT

The next exciting AWN evening event will be held on **Thursday, November 9.** We will be **BOWLING at Zayed Sports City** followed by **dinner and drinks at The Sportsman's Arms.** We will meet at 6:30 p.m. and bowl (snacks and soft drinks included) until 8:30. Dinner is from 9-11 p.m. (your first beverage and dinner is included). Prizes will be awarded for best couple costume, best/worst score, etc. The cost for the evening is 250 AED per person. Sign ups will begin at the meeting on October 5.

**MEET THE MAHJONG COORDINATORS****Cleo Paleologos**

"Many of you know me already from our weekly meetings in Mahjong. I learned this exotic game four years ago, when I first moved to Abu Dhabi. A year later I became coordinator and I have been running it ever since, along with my dear friend Suzanne. During these last three years we have been through so many changes in terms of members, location, etc., but one thing remained the same: the spirit we share during our meetings. These three years have been a truly rewarding experience and definitely full of fun.

I was born and raised in one of the most beautiful countries in the world, Greece, and I have been fortunate to be able to call home to one of the greatest countries in the world, USA. I have been blessed with a wonderful husband and two special young ladies that I'm proud to call my daughters."

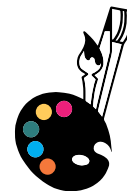
Suzanne Texter

"Hi, my name is Suzanne Texter and along with Cleo I am one of the Mahjong co-coordinators. I have lived in Abu Dhabi for three years, and during that time I have had some wonderful experiences and have made many international friends. I had never played Mahjong before coming to Abu Dhabi and now it is one of my favorite AWN activities. Being part of the Mahjong team and volunteering with AWN has been an amazing experience. I am honored to be co-coordinator for this group; the women who participate are intelligent, kind, energetic, and fun. Their enthusiasm for the game and for welcoming new players is wonderful! I am lucky to have Cleo as my fellow Mahjong coordinator; she is an amazing person who keeps not only Mahjong running smoothly but the Activities team as well. Come join us!



ART CLUB

The Art Club is where people who have an interest in painting meet and paint together. This is not only for beginners, but also for those who already have experience in the past. As a group, we desire to understand and participate in the creative process.



We meet at Manarat Al Saadiyat Studio #2 every Monday from 10 a.m. till noon. Due to the closing of the café for renovation, please bring your own refreshment.

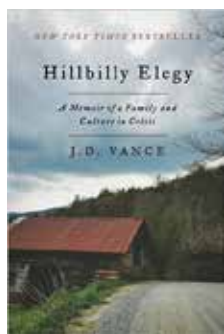
If you are interested in joining, contact Julia Kim at artclub@awnabudhabi.com. Happy Painting!

BRIDGE

We play social bridge on Mondays at 1:30 p.m. All levels are welcome. Please email bridge@awnabudhabi.com for details and to get added to our mailing list.

We run classes from time to time. If you would like to learn to play, please email the above email address.

BOOK CLUB



The book selection for **October 23** is *Hillbilly Elegy* by J.D. Vance.

From a former Marine and Yale Law School Graduate, a poignant account of growing up in a poor Appalachian town, that offers a broader, probing look at the struggles of America's white working class. Part memoir, part historical and social analysis, J. D. Vance's *Hillbilly Elegy* is a fascinating consideration of class, culture, and the American dream.

At times funny, disturbing, and deeply moving, this is a family history that is also a troubling meditation on the loss of the American dream for a large portion of this country. (Harper)

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.

KNITTING GROUP

AWN knits for a good cause!

For the last 8 months we have been knitting like crazy. Several of our group had never even held a knitting needle before, but we are now making beautiful baby blankets.

Our meetings are very social affairs, everyone is welcome to join us from experienced knitters to beginners. So why not come and join us! Even if you only make one blanket, it will make a difference as all items made will be donated to a good cause.

Meetings will take place Monday October 2 & 16, from 10:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m., at Bee's Knees Cafe, Nation Towers.

If you plan to attend please send an email to: Knit@awnabudhabi.com

Any experienced knitters who are unable to attend our meetings can still make and donate a blanket before the end of November. All donations will be very welcome.



MAH JONG

The Mahjong group meets every Wednesday at the Slipway Bar, The Club, from 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. We welcome players of all levels, so even if you haven't played before just come! We would love to teach you. The 40 AED fee covers the entrance to The Club, sandwiches, fruit salad, cookies, coffee, tea and water. Parking is available either inside or outside The Club. If you want to be included on our list please send an email to mahjong@awnabudhabi.com.



GOLF



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

Intermediate lessons begin at 9 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.

TENNIS

AWN Tennis is back!

We have a terrific new tennis program to offer the ladies of AWN. Lessons will be held at the beautiful BEACH ROTANA tennis courts. Classes will be available Sundays and Tuesdays; 8:45 - 9:30 a.m. Beginner, intermediate and advance lessons will be offered both days (same time, 3 separate courts/pros). The first session consists of 5 lessons at a reduced rate of 425 AED. This includes your weekly lesson, along with complimentary use of locker facilities, extra court time (pending availability) and swimming pool following your lesson. WOW! Sunday classes will run Oct 15, 22, 29, Nov 5 & 12. Tuesday classes will run; Oct 17, 24, 31, Nov 7 & 14.



All interested players are encouraged to join us on Sunday, Oct 8 at 8:45 a.m. at the Beach Rotana courts as we kick off the season with an introduction to the tennis program. Pros will be available to assess individual's level of play for lessons. Complimentary tennis, coffee and use of the Beach Rotana's pool is available for all interested participants during this event. Sign up will also be available during this event for both the Sunday and Tuesday tennis sessions. Classes are limited to 6 players, additional classes may be added to accommodate more players, but not guaranteed. Registration for this complimentary kick-off event is not required but strongly suggested. Please note, if not familiar with the Beach Rotana tennis facility, please allow extra time to find your way.

For more information or to register for the event or lessons, email Tish at: tennis@awnabudhabi.com

EXPLORERS**Upcoming Events**

- **Tuesday, October 10: Dubai Police Museum, GHQ Police Headquarters, Al Twar, Dubai**

Time: 8:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. // Cost: 90 AED

Opened in 1987, the museum showcases the development and progress of the city's Police Force since it was formed in 1956. It's filled with old photographs, exhibits, weapons and equipment. Items handmade by prisoners are also on display. There are also old uniforms, old telecommunications equipment as well as samples of some of the ways drugs were smuggled into the country, plus a collection of anti-riot equipment used to fight riots. The museum consists of three halls, plus an outside display area of large equipment.

A tour of the museum by Dr A.Yates (who was a guest speaker in the summer); Followed by free time for lunch close by.

Bus departs from Mushrif Mall at 8:30 a.m. (near the taxi stand) and returns 5:30 p.m. (Return journey – bus leaving at 3:15 p.m.)

Sign up at the Explorers desk at the next coffee morning or email explorers@awnabudhabi.com

**Explorers Trip – Michelin-Starred Mexican Cuisine**

A group of 24 AWN ladies and their partners enjoyed a fabulous five-course set menu prepared by **Michelin-starred Mexican Chef Carlos Gayton** at the **Sayed restaurant, Emirates Palace on Mexican National Day September 19, 2017.**

We started the evening with a delicious chilled watermelon soup and then followed with halibut with a smoked black bean sauce. Next up were some spicy zucchini enchiladas then some beautifully prepared lamb chops. We finished off with a light guava panacotta and coffee. Most guests took full advantage of the beverage pairings to make it a fun night.

Highlight of the evening was clearly a visit from Chef Carlos who met with all the guests, explaining some of his dishes, and happily posed for photographs with the ladies.

Yet again the AWN have organized another tremendous event that was thoroughly enjoyed by all those that attended.

– Wendy Husband

CULTURE CLUB

The AWN Culture Club would like to announce our first get-together after the summer break. The topic will be "Traditional houses in Turkey, Asia, and other places." We will meet between 10 a.m. – 12 noon on Sunday, October 22, Venue TBA. If you are not only interested in listening to our fascinating presenters but also in meeting other like-minded women, make sure to sign up during AWN coffee mornings. Cost TBA.

AWN COOKBOOK

CALLING ALL COOKS, BAKERS AND RECIPE MAKERS. AWN has a fabulous new cookbook! From drinks to desserts and everything in between, all recipes are wanted.

Here's what you need:

- A recipe from your home country or one you enjoy making.
- A small story to go with the recipe (for example who gave it to you, why you enjoy it, who made it for you, who you make it for, etc.).
- Where you are from.



Log into **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 a little backstory makes your recipe even more special. For more info, please email **cookbook@awnabudhabi.com**.

Prefer to hand in a hard copy? No problem. Just hand your recipe in to any member of the committee at our coffee mornings, or send it to **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.