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AMERICAN WOMEN'S NETWORK OF ABU DHABI

*Connecting
cultures
through
friendship*

AWN COFFEE & SPEAKER SERIES

Thursday, September 7, 21 **AWN Coffee & Speaker Series**
10 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Khalidiya Palace Hotel

SEPTEMBER EVENTS

Thursday, September 21 **5-Star Mexican Cuisine**
Sayad, Emirates Palace
6:30-11:30 p.m.

MONTHLY ACTIVITIES

Sundays, September 10, 17, 24 **Social Bridge**
1:30 p.m.
Various Locations

Mondays, September 4, 11, 18, 25 **Art Club**
10 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Manarat Al Saadiyat,
Studio #2

Monday, September 25 **Book Club**
1 - 3 p.m. // 7 - 9 p.m.
Various Locations

Mondays, September 4, 18 **Knitting Group**
10:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Bee's Knees Cafe,
Nation Towers

Wednesdays, September 6, 13, 20, 27 **Golf Clinic & Lessons**
8 a.m.
Abu Dhabi Golf Club
Sas Al Nakhl

Wednesdays, September 6, 13, 20, 27 **Mah Jong**
9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Slipway Bar, The Club

WELCOME FROM AWN CO-PRESIDENTS

Welcome back to our returning members. We look forward to reconnecting and hearing all the summer holiday stories. If you are new to American Women's Network, we look forward to meeting you at our Coffee and Speakers Series in September.

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.

SEPT 7 **Thursday, September 7** – Interested in cinema films? Well, don't miss the enthusiastic and entertaining **Mohammad Khawaja from Abu Dhabi's Cinema Space, Manarat Saadiyat Auditorium**. Since 2014, Mohammad has voluntarily brought beautifully restored classics and contemporary world cinema to audiences in the Abu Dhabi community. Mohammad will share with us more about this film initiative which proves to be "one of the best movie nights in Abu Dhabi!"

SEPT 21 **Thursday, September 21** – Come and hear **Angelique Engels from the Abu Dhabi Falconry Club – Ladies Section**. We will learn about the art of falconry, Arabian falconry history, the handling of falcons, the equipment used, and how to train falcons for hunting and racing! This is not to be missed!

SHUKRAN!

Although many of our members had unfortunately already left for the summer, a fair number were truly entertained by **Dr. Athol Yates** with his presentation on strange, illuminating and quirky stories from the 1970s compiled from past UAE newspaper articles. Together with Mary Corrado's contributions from her early memories of life in Abu Dhabi during that time, they provided a fascinating glimpse into the past, and many of the stories still resonate today.

CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS to work on the 1980s edition of "Catastrophes, crashes and crimes in the UAE"

Following the success of the 1970s edition of "Catastrophes, crashes and crimes in the UAE," volunteers are being sought to work with Dr. Athol Yates from Khalifa University to produce the 1980s edition. This involves working at the National Archives in Abu Dhabi for a few hours between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. on one or more days from October

2-5, 2017, and flicking through UAE newspapers from the 1980s looking for interesting articles. Both Emirati and expatriates are welcome.

Volunteers can also join the team on October 6-7 to look through all the collected articles and select the best ones for the book. Dr. Athol is also looking for volunteers interested in writing the context for the articles, and editing the book.

If you are interested, email athol.yates@kustar.ac.ae.

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.

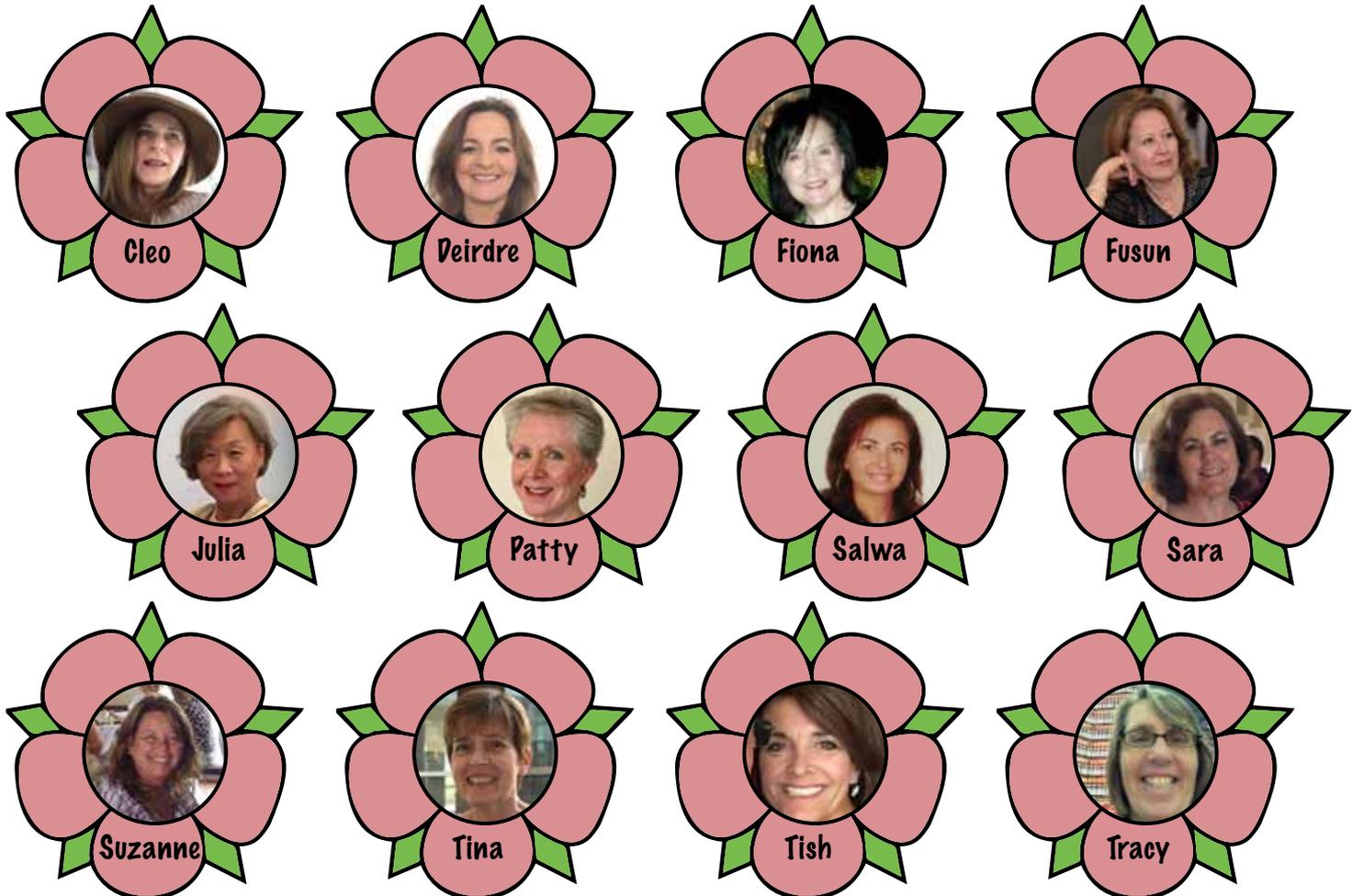
Prefer to hand in a hard copy? No problem. Just hand your recipe in to any member of the committee at our coffee mornings, or send it to cookbook@awnabudhabi.com.

**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.

INTRODUCING AWN'S ACTIVITIES TEAM



Greetings from AWN's Activities Team!

Over the last year in our monthly newsletter we have been running a series highlighting one activity every month. The purpose of this was to acquaint you, our members, both seasoned and new, to our wide range of weekly activities.

Continuing in the same spirit, over the next months you will have the opportunity to meet the people who make these activities possible for all of us. These are the people who devote their precious time, amazing talents and enthusiasm to AWN every week and throughout the year creating fun outlets for us to meet. Our wonderful coordinators bring in their unique touch and with their innovative ideas, tireless efforts and incredible organizational skills have made it possible for AWN to run such a successful Activities Program.

I would like to urge all of you to look for them, every month in our newsletter, find out what makes them so special and, by all means, talk to them when you see them in our Coffee and Speakers Series mornings or in an outing.

I have been very fortunate to personally get to know all of them and I feel I should extend the opportunity to all of you too. What a "bouquet of beauties" they really are! They are our "People" and AWN owes them so much.

Hats off to: Patty, Deirdre, Tracy, Sara, Fiona, Tish, Fusun, Tina, Julia, Salwa and Suzanne! I love you all!!!

Lastly, I would like to bid farewell to one of our special ladies, Jody Smith. She has been our Golf Co-coordinator and a joy to be working with and we wish her all the best as she moves on to new and exciting challenges. We will miss your smile Jody!

– Cleo Paleologos, AWN Activities Chair

ART CLUB

There is a change of meeting place for the Art Club: we are now meeting at the Manarat Al Saadiyat Studio #2. The meeting time is the same from 10 a.m. until noon every Monday. On September 4, there will be a workshop "Printing by Etching on Plate" by Emiratis artist Ghaleya AlMansoori.

artclub@awnabudhabi.com

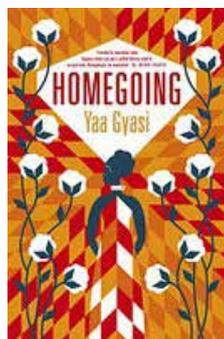


BRIDGE

Welcome back everyone! Bridge will start up again on Sunday, September 10 at 1:30 p.m. Please email bridge@awnabudhabi.com for more details.

We will be starting a beginners bridge class on Monday, September 11 at 1:30 p.m., which will run for eight weeks. Please contact Sara at bridge@awnabudhabi.com if you would like to sign up, or discuss the class. Classes are dependent upon a minimum number of students.

BOOK CLUB



The book selection for **September 25** is *Homegoing* by Yaa Gyasi.

Homegoing by Yaa Gyasi is a novel of breathtaking sweep and emotional power that traces three hundred years in Ghana and along the way becomes a truly great American novel. Extraordinary for its exquisite language, its implacable sorrow, its soaring beauty, and for its monumental portrait of the forces that shape families and nations, *Homegoing* heralds the arrival of a major new voice in contemporary fiction.

Two half sisters, Effia and Esi, are born into different villages in eighteenth-century Ghana. Effia is married off to an Englishman and lives in comfort in the palatial rooms of Cape Coast Castle. Unbeknownst to Effia, her sister, Esi, is imprisoned beneath her in the castle's dungeons, sold with thousands of others into the Gold Coast's booming slave trade, and shipped off to America, where her children and grandchildren will be raised in slavery.

Generation after generation, Yaa Gyasi's magisterial first novel sets the fate of the individual against the obliterating movements of time, delivering unforgettable characters whose lives were shaped by historical forces beyond their control. (Knopf)

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!

After a short summer break AWN knitting group is back. Everyone is welcome from experienced knitters to absolute beginners. Meetings will take place September 4 and 18, from 10:30 a.m. - 1 p.m., at Bee's Knees Cafe, Nation Towers.

Why not join us to work on your knitting skills while making new friends and enjoying a tasty snack? All items made will be donated to a good cause.

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



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



Believe it or not the golf clinic has been continuing through the hot summer months due to the dedication of a few hardy souls who every Wednesday brave the heat, humidity, and dust to continue to improve their game. Hats off to you ladies! The beginner and advanced clinics will officially begin again in early October. Stay tuned for the specific date. For more information, you can email golf@awnabudhabi.com.

There will be a couple of changes to the golf program leadership for the upcoming season. Jody Smith, who served as a co-coordinator along with Patty Hubbard during the past year, has decided to step aside to pursue a new passion. Deirdre Dudeney has graciously agreed to take on those responsibilities and will serve with Patty for the coming year.

TENNIS

Clinics will resume in October. Time, date and location will be announced in September. To receive news and announcements please send an email to tennis@awnabudhabi.com.



EXPLORERS

Say Olé to Michelin-Starred Mexican Cuisine

Emirates Palace and The Embassy of Mexico in Abu Dhabi welcome you this September to the gastronomy of Mexico. If you enjoy great food and drink, this is the fiesta of the year.

When you hear the words Mexican food, people often think tacos, burritos, and street food, but Mexican cuisine is much more varied and nuanced than most people know. It's colourful, bold, and fun, and who better than Mexico's first Michelin star chef to take diners on a flavourful tour of the world's most misunderstood cuisine?

On **September 21** in **Sayad**, delve into Mexican cuisine with 5 course menu prepared by Michelin-starred chef and restaurateur **Carlos Gaytan**, owner of the famed Chicago restaurant Mexique. The chef's visit coincides with Mexican National Day on September 19, so book your place now for the menu and the fiesta of the year at Emirates Palace.

Who: Michelin Star Chef Carlos Gaytan (Mexique, Chicago, USA)

What: 5-course menus

When: September 21 | 6:30-11:30 p.m.

Where: Sayad, Emirates Palace

Price: AED 480* for the 5-course menu | AED 600* for the 5-course menu with grape pairings



Sign up at the Explorers table at the next Coffee and Speaker Series morning or email explorers@awnabudhabi.com.

EXPLORERS



On **May 30**, our group of explorers visited “The Creative Act: Performance, Process and Presence,” the second exhibition of the **Guggenheim Abu Dhabi** collection at Manarat al Saadiyat in Abu Dhabi.

This collection brings together over 25 artists of different nationalities and generations who have emphasized the performance, process and human presence in their art. This exhibition reflects the Guggenheim’s commitment to the support of new work by living artists.

Among the work was a painting by Kazuo Shiraga from Japan who paints with his feet. He developed a painting technique of hanging by a rope suspended from the ceiling and using gravity to move his feet through the mounds of paint on the canvas.

The largest and a truly unusual piece of art was “My Red Homeland” by Anish Kapoor, a London-based sculptor born in India. “My Red Homeland” is



made of 25 tons of red, oil-based painted wax which sits on a moving platform with a diameter of 20 meters.

We finished off our tour with a hands-on art class. We created our own piece of art in the style of Niki de Saint Phalle from France. Our project was to glue everyday objects to a canvas, paint them

white and then paint our creation in colors by shooting a paint gun at the canvas and throwing darts at bags of paint suspended over our creation. This is similar to the technique she used in “Pirodactyl over New York” on exhibit.

We were treated to a lovely buffet lunch in the art studio.

– Holly Buckley

EXPLORERS

On **Tuesday, June 6**, a good number of ladies joined us for lunch in **Tamba** restaurant in the WTC. A contemporary Indian cuisine with a modern twist, we were greeted with welcome cocktail drinks followed by an introductory of the restaurant.

Tamba means brass and the decor was of various brass objects, interesting large bells hanging from the ceiling to beautiful pieces of art carefully arranged.

The lunch was amazing there was numerous courses each one full of surprises. Presentation and flavor of each dish was wonderful. There was a raffle prize for our group. We were truly treated and i am sure many of our members will return to Tamba.

- Rubina, Explorers Chair



Fabrics are a lot like chocolate... it's hard to pick just one. On **Thursday, August 24**, the AWN ladies had fun with fabrics at **Ratti** with 3,500 square feet of silks, cottons, organzas and beautiful embroideries to choose from. We were draped in colorful and exquisite Sarees that made us feel gorgeous. The tailor service, quality and great prices will have us returning again and again!

- Zenobia Thirion