

THE NETWORK News

AWN COFFEE & SPEAKER SERIES

**Thursday,
November 1, 15** **AWN Coffee &
Speaker Series**
10 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Khalidiya Palace Hotel

UPCOMING EVENTS

**Tuesday,
November 6** **Explorers**
2 - 10 p.m.
Global Village

**Tuesday,
November 20** **Explorers**
10 a.m.
Founder's Memorial

MONTHLY ACTIVITIES

**Sundays,
November
4, 11, 18, 25** **Social Bridge**
1:30 - 4:30 p.m.
The Club

**Sundays,
November
4, 11, 18, 25** **Golf Clinic**
9 a.m. & 10 a.m.
Saadiyat Beach Golf Club

**Sundays,
November
4, 11, 18, 25** **Yoga**
8:30 a.m.
The Studio

**Mondays,
November
5, 12, 19, 26** **Art Club**
10 a.m. - 1 p.m.
National Theater Studio

**Monday,
November 26** **Book Club**
2 - 4 p.m.
Location TBD

**Mondays,
November
5, 12, 19, 26** **Golf Clinic**
8:30 a.m.
Abu Dhabi City Golf Club

**Mondays,
November
5, 12, 19, 26** **Knitting Group**
10:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
Cafe de la Paix

**Wednesdays,
November
7, 14, 21, 28** **Golf Clinic**
9 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.
Abu Dhabi Golf Club

**Wednesdays,
November
7, 14, 21, 28** **Mahjong**
10 a.m. - 1 p.m.
The Slipway Bar, The Club



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*Connecting
cultures
through
friendship*

WELCOME FROM AWN CO-PRESIDENTS

Summer is becoming a distant memory; we are playing bridge, there are more of us playing tennis, the golf groups are in full swing – we are all so thankful when the cooler weather arrives, aren't we?

There are so many wonderful women that make all these delightful activities happen. We say a big thank you to all of them for all they do!! If you haven't yet had a chance to partake, please join us at an upcoming meeting to sign up for one or more of the terrific offerings.

This month we welcome a new member to our board. Many of you have probably met **Cristina Guzman** if you have recently signed up for an Explorers event. Cristina will now head the group as the board chair for Explorers. We are already benefiting from her enthusiasm and organizational skills. She is a delightful asset to the board.

Thank you for your support of AWN. We look forward to seeing you all at our next Speaker Series Morning.

Birgitt Adams and Carolyn Neubauer
AWN Co-Presidents

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.

**NOV
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AWN is thrilled to announce our **November 1st** Coffee & Speaker Series presenter, **His Excellency Mohammed Abdul Jalil Al Fahim**, master storyteller and best-selling author of "From Rags to Riches."

Born in 1948, in Abu Dhabi, Mr. Al Fahim witnessed the struggles and dreadful poverty of Emiratis for years before fabulous oil wealth transformed his beloved country forever. Mr. Al Fahim's will share his personal stories of Sheikh Zayed and the total transformation of a Bedouin society into the Abu Dhabi we experience today. We hope you can join us for this very special event.

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**NOV
15**

Join us on **November 15th**, as our guest speaker, **Damon Hewlin**, founding partner and design principal of Meticulous Design + Architecture, shares his experience and work on The Founder's Memorial, the permanent national tribute dedicated to commemorating the life, legacy and values of the late Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan, the founding father of the UAE. Books will be available to purchase.

Damon will highlight details of the concept, design and creation of this spectacular memorial. It is a place where people can learn about Sheikh Zayed through art, nature, words, stories, and multimedia experiences. To learn more about The Founder's Memorial, visit www.thefoundersmemorial.ae/en/.

UPCOMING SPEAKERS 2018

December 6: Our final AWN Coffee & Speaker Series morning of 2018 will be a special event with an exhibition by the Art Club giving our members the opportunity to view their wonderful work and enjoy a social morning.

SHUKRAN!

Joanna Bates, Head of Events Relationship, F1/Yas Marina Circuit got our engines revved up on **Thursday, October 15** with her presentation on sports marketing trends and the upcoming world-class F1 Abu Dhabi Grand Prix. For more information on this action-packed weekend visit www.yasmarinacircuit.com/en/formula-1/.

Thank you Joanna!



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.

EXPLORERS CHAIR: M. CRISTINA GUZMAN



My passion for learning and discovery has been a guiding force in my life and led my husband and I to move to the United States from Argentina with our newborn baby. This experience of living and working in a foreign culture was extraordinary, and once we thought we were all settled in the US, Abu Dhabi came into our horizon. We have been here for a year and a half and have had a second chance to grow, explore, and learn about places and cultures that I had only imagined through books. We have two children; Juan is working in Honduras and Julieta is here, in Abu Dhabi.

I will always be thankful to Linda Nagle who introduced me to AWN, where I met amazing friends at the Coffee Mornings and Explorers outings. Service has always been part of my life, and I found working for Explorers to be a unique experience. On one hand, the adventure of exploring our new home country with a group of knowledgeable and diverse women is an incredibly enriching opportunity. On the other hand, the experience of being part of this hard-working team makes me feel a sense of belonging to this community, which I have found essential while living in a new culture. I am both honored and excited to serve as the new Explorers Chair!

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EXPLORERS**Upcoming Events****Tuesday, November 6: Global Shopping Adventure – Global Village**

Time: 2 – 10 p.m. Bus departs Mushrif Mall at 2 p.m. // Cost: 80 AED (15 AED entrance ticket not included)
Location: Dubai

Join us for an afternoon of shopping at Global Village Dubai, the largest seasonal cultural extravaganza in the region that offers visitors an array of festivals, shopping and entertainment in an open-air theme park. It is open from November through April and hosts over 70 participating countries presented in over 36 pavilions, with 26 restaurants offering food from around the world. Feel free to bring your shopping carts! Cash is recommended for your purchases.

To reserve your place please sign up at the Explorer's table or email explorersawn@gmail.com.

Tuesday, November 20: Cultural Adventure – Founder's Memorial

Time: 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. // Cost: Free
Location: Intersection of Abu Dhabi Corniche and 18th Street

Let's discover the Founder's Memorial, a permanent national tribute dedicated to commemorating the life, legacy and values of the late Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan, the founding father of the UAE. Our tour guide will be Damon Hewlin, who was involved in the development of the project. We will learn about Sheikh Zayed through art, nature, words, stories, and multimedia experiences. Every visit to The Founder's Memorial is an immersive journey of discovery. You will experience a series of uniquely personal encounters with Sheikh Zayed, the man and the leader, exploring his life and legacy, the principles and causes he championed, and the various facets of his visionary leadership.

To reserve your place please sign up at the Explorer's table or email explorersawn@gmail.com.

**Bait al Oud Tour**

On **October 2**, 17 adventurous ladies had the privilege to learn about one of the oldest stringed instruments, the Oud, dating back to the Akkadian Empire (~ 2350 BCE) in ancient Mesopotamia (modern-day Iraq). We visited **Bait Al Oud** ('bait' means 'house' in Arabic), a center that seeks to preserve the songs and techniques associated with the oud and other important instruments in the UAE, including the qanun, cello and rebab, as well as Arabic singing, Emirati coral and Arabic Muwashahat. It hosts performances, offers

music lessons and certificate-awarding courses in these instruments. We were welcomed with delicious Arabic coffee, visited the workshop where the ouds are made onsite and glimpsed into some details and techniques of oud-making. We finished our tour with a solo performance by a Bait Al Oud teacher.

– M. Cristina Guzman, Explorers Team

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EXPLORERS**NYU Abu Dhabi's Art Gallery Exhibit**

On **Tuesday, October 9**, our AWN Explorers group visited the exhibit, **"Ways of Seeing"** at **NYU Abu Dhabi's Art Gallery** after having been invited by our recent coffee morning speaker, Maya Allison, Chief Curator and the Art Gallery Executive Director.

We met at NYU's new food venue on campus, The Marketplace, which has a variety of vendors.

Everyone had a good time catching up with one another and meeting a few new friends.

Then we continued on to the gallery where we met Tala, our tour guide. She led our large group through the art collection giving us some insights into each artist's intent while viewing some very interesting pieces ranging from Salvador Dali to local artist Lateefa bint Maktoum. This fabulous exhibit spans a variety of media from painting, sculpture and photography to sounds, film and installation. "Ways of Seeing" invites you to actively engage with the artwork by taking a second look and deciding the meaning for yourself. What we see and what we know is never that simple!

The exhibit is free and can be viewed daily, except Sundays, from 12 – 8 p.m. until November 17, 2018. Don't miss it!

– Susan Foster

**Yas Perfume Store Visit**

What an exciting and unique experience we had on **Friday, October 19!** 10 AWN members met at the **Yas Perfume Store in Nation Towers** for tea and a hands-on introduction by Nina, a knowledgeable expert in the art of Arabic perfume.

Did you know that the word perfume derives from the Latin *perfumare*, meaning "to smoke through"?

Did you know that the world's first identifiable chemist and perfumemaker was a woman, an over-seer of a palace in Mesopotamia? She and a female assistant are recorded on a cuneiform tablet dating to 1200 BC.

Did you know that Arab perfumes are unisex because they react with each person's skin differently and produce a unique scent?

Did you know that Oud perfume comes from the resin of the agarwood tree?

We had a fun afternoon full of discoveries and pleasant scents! Thank you, Nina!

– M. Cristina Guzman and Maya Bhullar, Explorers Team

Chaâbi Flamenco Performance

When expatriate women and husbands meet in Abu Dhabi at the same time that Chaabi Algerian mandola meets Spanish Flamenco guitar, magic happens! On **October 19**, about 10 AWN couples were present for "the musical dialogue that [formed] a new Arabo-Andalusian bridge to reach the peaks of virtuosity" in the NYUAD Red Theatre. We really loved seeing the sweat pour off the face of the tap dancer passionately moving to the unique combination of musical styles and were deeply entranced by the exchange of sounds and voices!

– Julieta Guzman



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KNITTING MEMBER PROFILE: JOANNE NEAL



When I joined the knitting group I was not sure what to expect. Considering myself a pretty experienced knitter, I didn't know if the group would have anything to teach me. However, I was pleasantly surprised. Through our meetings I have learned a lot of new skills, together with tips to produce more professional looking items, thanks to Fusun.

That is not to say that this group is not suitable for beginners; we are a mixed group of knitters, all with varying skills. Ladies have joined with no previous knitting skills, and have amazed us with how quickly they have learned to knit. Starting with simple stitches and progressing to more ambitious ones, everyone has managed to make several blankets. We still find time to chat and drink our coffee, making it an enjoyable social event.

I have knitted from an early age with my mother teaching me. I feel it is important to keep these old skills alive and have taught both my daughters to knit, too. I find it calming and relaxing. It can be done whether you are 9 or 90, and keeps your fingers nimble and your mind active.

ART CLUB



The Art Club Meets at the National Theater Studio every Monday from 10 a.m. till 1 p.m. This is a place where people who have an interest in drawing and painting meet and paint together regardless of the level of painting skill. We organize special programs like demos and workshops. There is fee of 20 AED per visit for the use of studio.

For more information about the Art Club please email us at artclubawn@gmail.com.

The Art Club held a successful art exhibition on October 20 & 21 at the National Theater Exhibition Hall. A total of 20 participants exhibited in various mediums. We thank and congratulate all members for participating and encouragements from the AWN members.

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BOOK CLUB

The AWN Book Club will meet Monday, November 26 from 2 to 4 p.m. Directions to the location will be given to those confirming attendance. We will be discussing S. Rushdie's novel, *The Golden House*. You can sign up at the AWN Coffee Mornings or by email at bookclubawn@gmail.com.



SOCIAL BRIDGE

The Social Bridge Club meets every Sunday from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. at the Waterfront Suite, The Club. We welcome Bridge players of all levels.

The 45 AED fee (35 AED for Club members) covers the entrance to The Club, sandwiches, fruit salad, cookies, coffee, tea and water. Emirates ID is required for entry to The Club. Parking is available either inside or outside The Club.

To reserve your place please sign up at the Bridge table or email bridgeawn@gmail.com.

CULTURE CLUB

Virtual Tour of the Silk Road: Ceramics at the Louvre, Abu Dhabi

On **Tuesday, October 16**, Culture Club held yet another knowledge-expanding meeting, during which nine AWN members focused on the famous history of the ceramic trade between China and the Middle East, touching on the Roman Empire. This trade was originally established in about 2200 BC and lasted, with few interruptions, until the early 17th century. Additionally, our culture-loving members also learned about some older trade routes, including one of 7,000 years ago that linked the Gulf region and Mesopotamia, as well as one of the famous caravan routes of the Frankincense Road, leading from southern Arabian Peninsula all the way to Rome.

The Louvre collection has the original ceramic vessels from China in addition to their skillful imitations, produced by Islamic potters since the 9th century. In order to make the virtual tangible, the gathering was paired with a visit to the Louvre galleries a week later. We all enjoyed the opportunity to explore the intersections of such long-lasting civilizations, especially in the company of equally curious friends!

- Izabella Sluzek

If you would like further information about the AWN Culture Club, please email cultureclubawn@gmail.com.



GOLF



As the temperatures improve, our golfers are back at their favorite pastime... working on their swing and enjoying the camaraderie with our fellow golfers. Since we're always thinking of fun, inclusive events, our coordinators have a **JINGLEBALL festive evening** planned that is open to ALL AWN members and their spouses. Please join us, (whether you play golf or just want to see if you like it), on **December 6 at 6 p.m. at Abu Dhabi Golf Club** for a lesson and BBQ. Cost will be 240 AED per person. Look out for more info at the AWN coffee mornings. Hope you can make it.

We have clinics for both beginners and Intermediate players at three different clubs, on different days of the week. All participants receive a free beverage following the clinic at each of the clubs.

Sundays at Saadiyat Beach Golf Club: Advanced/Intermediate Clinic begins at 9 a.m. for one hour followed by a round of play on the 9-hole course. Beginner lessons are held at 10:00 a.m. for one hour (Price inclusive of VAT: 1 hour clinic - 105 AED; 9 holes of play - 265 AED).

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Mondays at Abu Dhabi City Golf Club: Advanced/Intermediate 1 hour clinic begins at 8:30 a.m. plus an option to play 9 holes. Beginner lessons begin at 8:30 a.m. (both clinics run in tandem). (Price inclusive of VAT: Clinic only – 120 AED; 9 holes with clinic – 225 AED).

Wednesdays at Abu Dhabi Golf Club, Sas El Nakhl: Advanced Clinic begins at 9 a.m. for one hour followed by a round of play on the 9-hole Garden Course. Beginner lessons are held at 10:45 a.m. for one hour. (Price plus VAT: Clinic only – 110 AED; 9 holes with clinic: 210 AED)

You can sign up at the regular AWN Coffee Mornings or by email at awngolf@gmail.com.

KNITTING GROUP



AWN Knits for Fun

It's fun. Yes, it is! We love to knit, it's an integral part of our lives. Every week we look forward to seeing each other's new projects, yarn and progress. We knit things that are interesting and yes, FUN! Why not come and join us, to work on your latest knitting project while making new friends.

AWN Knitting Group meets every Monday, 10:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m., at Cafe de la Paix, Nation Towers.

If you plan to attend or would like further information, please send an email to knitawn@gmail.com.

MAHJONG



The Mahjong group meets every Wednesday at the Slipway Bar, The Club, from 10 a.m. - 1 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 45 AED fee (AED 35 for Club members) covers the entrance to The Club, sandwiches, fruit salad, cookies, coffee, tea and water. Emirates ID is required for entry to The Club. Parking is available either inside or outside The Club.

You can sign up at the regular AWN Coffee Mornings or by email at mahjongawn@gmail.com.

TENNIS

Interested in learning how to play tennis or improving your game? AWN Tennis offers 4-week sessions to those interested in tennis, meeting new players and having outdoor fun.

For more information contact tennisawn@gmail.com.



YOGA



AWN Yoga will meet on Sundays at 8:30 a.m. at The Studio on the Corniche, in the Khalidiya area (just a few steps away from Third Place Café.) Enjoy an hour of yoga with the special price of 50 AED for AWN members only, no walk-ins. Spaces will be limited so those interested, please send an email to yogaawn@gmail.com as soon as possible. This will be a pay-as-you-go plan!

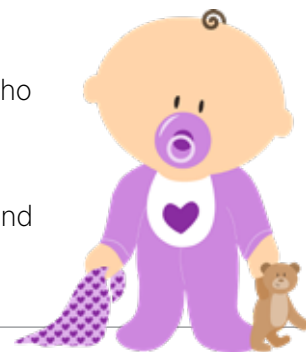
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AWN BABY POLICY

AWN feels it is important we have family-friendly policies encouraging our new moms who have small babies, under 1 year, to participate in our AWN Coffee Morning and Speaker Series.

We hope you will feel free to bring your little one, in consideration of those around you and our guest speaker, if your child gets wiggly or cries, please move quietly into the foyer.

**VOLUNTEER CORNER****VOLUNTEERS NEEDED - OPERATION SMILE**

Operation Smile UAE is looking for companies/groups/individuals to help at their **Big Book Sale** in Al Wahda Mall in November 1st through 3rd. Volunteers, who will have a variety of 4 hour time slots to choose from, can register through volunteer@operationsmileuae.ae. It's a fun event to be a part of!

VOLUNTEER NEEDED - AMERICAN COMMUNITY SCHOOL

SEEKING: Institutional Advancement Intern

REPORTS TO: Institutional Advancement Director

AVAILABILITY: 1 day per week

RESPONSIBILITIES:

We are looking for a part-time intern to support the communication and fundraising activities of the Institutional Advancement Office of ACS. The position would be in a volunteer capacity.

- Gift entry and sending out acknowledgement letters
- Assist in planning annual gala fundraiser and other cultivation events
- Write posts for social media platforms
- Support the Director of Institutional Advancement in preparing briefs, running reports, reconciling annual fund account as well as assist with other advancement projects

SKILLS and QUALIFICATIONS:

- Strong writing and research skills
- Attention to detail
- Enthusiasm for working in a non-profit environment
- Some experience with fundraising database software (a plus)
- Computer Skills: Microsoft Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Adobe Acrobat, Google Forms
- Education: Bachelor's Degree or higher
- Preference will be given to a candidate who is not associated with the school
- Must be able to maintain a high level of discretion and confidentiality

Interested candidates should send CV to Yvette L. Campbell, Institutional Advancement Director at yvettcampbell@acs.sch.ae

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