

# THE NETWORK News

## AWN COFFEE & SPEAKER SERIES

<b>Thursday, June 13, 27 July 11 August 22</b>	<b>AWN Coffee &amp; Speaker Series</b> 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. Khalidiya Palace Hotel
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## UPCOMING EVENTS

<b>Tuesday, June 30</b>	<b>Explorers</b> 10 a.m. The Louvre
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## MONTHLY ACTIVITIES

<b>Sundays, June 2, 9, 16, 23</b>	<b>Social Bridge</b> 1:30 - 4:30 p.m. The Club
<b>Sundays, June 2, 9, 16, 23</b>	<b>Yoga</b> 8:30 a.m. / 10 a.m. The Studio
<b>Mondays, June 3, 10, 17, 24</b>	<b>Art Club</b> 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. Cultural Foundation
<b>Monday, June 24</b>	<b>Book Club</b> 2-4 p.m.
<b>Mondays, June 3, 10, 17, 24</b>	<b>Golf Clinic</b> 8:30 a.m. Abu Dhabi City Golf Club
<b>Mondays, June 10</b>	<b>Knitting Group</b> 10:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Galleria Mall
<b>Wednesdays, June 5, 12, 19, 26</b>	<b>Golf Clinic</b> 9 a.m. Abu Dhabi Golf Club
<b>Wednesdays, June 5, 12, 19, 26</b>	<b>Mahjong</b> 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. The Slipway Bar, The Club



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AMERICAN WOMEN'S NETWORK OF ABU DHABI

*Connecting  
cultures  
through  
friendship*

## WELCOME FROM AWN CO-PRESIDENTS

June is an interesting time in Abu Dhabi. Some friends are still in residence, there are a few activities still going on, but there is a real sense of quietness, and perhaps anticipation for our travels. For many of us, it has been another season of good-byes. So while we look forward to reconnecting with family and friends in the summer, on our return we will miss the many lovely friends who will have repatriated and wish you all very well. Always, we are thankful for the opportunity AWN provides to meet and nurture wonderful relationships and explore this exciting part of the world.

We hope our new and current members will join us soon at one of our AWN Coffee/Speaker Series events or one of the many activities we have planned throughout the year. Please refer to this newsletter and our website for information during the summer as there will not be a summer newsletter. There are regular Coffee/Speaker Series meetings in June. The July coffee morning will be on July 11 and the August Coffee Morning will be on August 22.

AWN is committed to connecting women of all nationalities through friendship, activities and cultural exchange. See you soon!

Sara Healey & Birgitt Adams  
AWN Co-Presidents

## COFFEE & SPEAKER SERIES

AWN Coffee & Speaker Series are held twice a month on Thursdays from 10 a.m. until noon at the Khalidiya Palace Rayhaan by Rotana. Please note that there will be a break in the Speaker Series during July and August, but AWN members are still invited to come for Coffee Mornings on July 11th and August 22nd. The Speaker Series will resume in September - please check the September Newsletter for exact dates.

**JUNE  
13**

### Julie Lewis: Channeling Resilience - From the Mountains to the English Channel

When your knees need a break from climbing mountains what do you do? Start swimming! Join the AWN on June 13th when we welcome Abu Dhabi's answer to

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Indiana Jones, adventurer Julie Lewis. Julie will be sharing her exciting and often hilarious experiences training for a solo swim from England to France last summer. The English Channel is known as the Everest of open-water swimming – more people have successfully climbed Mount Everest than have swum the channel. Why did Julie sign up for it? What lessons did she learn? What did she eat? How did she feel when she was pulled out of the water after four hours of swimming in the dark? Join us for the answers to these questions and many more!

**JUNE  
27**

### Sonal Tarneja and Julie Duszak – The Abu Dhabi Food Scene

As newcomers to the UAE or anyone beginning to explore the food scene in Abu Dhabi, we may feel a bit lost in terms of where to start. There is so much more to the local food landscape beyond posh hotels and expensive restaurants. Come join AWN Foodies Sonal Tarneja and Julie Duszak as they share some experiences and learnings of avid food enthusiasts tapping into the variety of eateries Abu Dhabi has to offer.

## SHUKRAN!



Thank you to **Julie Duszak, Accredited Financial Counselor**, for her wonderfully inspiring and informative presentation on Women and Money on May 2nd. Members appreciated having their “cages rattled” and being challenged to honestly evaluate their relationships with their finances. The lively and interactive session gave everyone a chance to learn from each other’s experiences dealing with money both at home and abroad. Thank you!

Thank you to **Robert Parthesius, maritime archaeologist and Director of Dhakira - Center for Heritage Studies at New York University Abu Dhabi**, for a most informative, interesting and entertaining experience on May 16th. Members received plenty of food for thought as Robert invited all to ponder the question what “heritage” means and how these gifts from the past are being preserved to survive for the present and the future. We look forward to following the progress of his work here in the UAE. 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 35% discount in their restaurants following our coffee gatherings.

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## EXPLORERS

*Explorers will have no events during the summer months of July, August, and September. Our first fall outing will be in early October. Looking forward to sharing many exciting events with you all in the fall!*

### Upcoming Events

**Sunday, June 30 – “Photographs 1842 - 1896: An Early Album of The World” Tour**

**Location: Louvre Abu Dhabi, Saadiyat Island // Time: 11:30 a.m.**

Fancy meeting up to see this fascinating exhibition at The Louvre? By the end of June, there may be just a few of us still in Abu Dhabi. It would be nice to meet up, take the public mini tour of the exhibition at 11:30 a.m. and then go on to have some lunch in the café. The cost for the exhibition would be free if you are a member of The Louvre AD or can go as a guest on someone else's membership ticket. Otherwise the admission charge of 63 AED applies. In this exhibition, which literally covers the world, we will find the earliest known photographs taken by travellers in the Middle East, Africa, Asia, India and the Americas. We are sure we will come away with some interesting nuggets! Limited to ten ladies.



To reserve your place please sign up at the coffee morning or email [explorersawn@gmail.com](mailto:explorersawn@gmail.com).

## EXPLORERS PAST OUTINGS



### Galleries at MAS

On **May 7**, a group of about 25 ladies were led by two tour guides and **Michelle Farrell, the Programme Head at the Department of Culture and Tourism**, and explored the impressive artwork of predominantly emerging artists at **Galleries at Manarat Al Saadiyat**. This is a spring event that brings together ten participating galleries as part of the Abu Dhabi Art year-round programme. Take advantage of this exhibition before it closes on June 8, 2019.

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## MEMBERSHIP

Membership is continuing to flourish as more amazing and interesting ladies land in the UAE and find their way to AWN. We look forward to greeting new members as they join us throughout the summer at the coffee mornings held at Khalidiya Palace on the Corniche.

I am happy to introduce four new talented and friendly ladies who have volunteered to join the Membership Team. Please welcome **Jos Henton** from the UK, **Maria Nazarkewych** from the UK, **Seema Mangoo**, also from the UK, and **Janice Jackson** from the US. These lovely ladies look forward to seeing and greeting you at future AWN meetings.

Looking ahead, some important dates to keep in mind... There will be a Newcomer Coffee on **October 10th**. All new members who have registered online since March 1, 2019 will be receiving email invites. If you do not receive an email by mid-September, kindly send a request to attend to **membershipawn@gmail.com**. For those of you members who would love to get more involved with AWN there is a Friends of AWN meeting planned for **October 31st**. Details will be available in future newsletters and at the AWN coffee mornings.

I look forward to seeing and meeting all of you at our summer meetings and hope for those that are traveling a safe and restful summer.

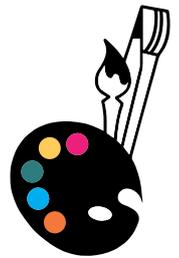
## ART CLUB

The AWN Art Club meets every Monday from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. **We will continue meeting at the same place and the same time during the summer months, but there will not be any special programs like demos or workshops.** We invite any AWN members who are not already an art club member to join and paint with us during the summer months.

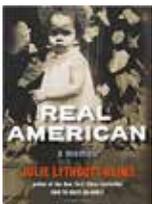
We will resume the official AWN Art Club meeting the first Monday of September.

The National Theater Studio moved to the Cultural Foundation by the Qasr Al Hosn. The parking is underground and the studio is located on the second floor.

For further information, please inquire to **artclubawn@gmail.com**.



## BOOK CLUB



Book Club will hold its last gathering before the Summer hiatus on Monday, June 24th from 2 - 4 p.m. We will discuss the novel, **Real American by Julie Lythcott-Haims**. Details of our meeting location will follow in an email to those who RSVP their attendance.

Book Club will return for eight months beginning September 30, 2019. We will otherwise meet on the fourth Monday of the month from 2 - 4 p.m. Book Club's 2019 -2020 meeting dates are as follows: Sept. 30th, Oct. 28th, Nov. 25th, Dec. (Holiday break), Jan. 27th, Feb. 24th, Mar. 16th (to accommodate Spring Break), Apr. 27th and May 25th. Location to be determined.

For more information, please email **bookclubawn@gmail.com**.

## SOCIAL BRIDGE

The Bridge Club will continue to play Bridge until Sunday, June 23rd, which will be the last session before the summer break.

There will be no Bridge between June 24th and September 14th. Play will resume after the summer break from Sunday, September 15, 2019. If you have any queries, please contact **bridgeawn@gmail.com**.

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## GOLF

For many of us, our golf clubs are taking a break as we begin the very hot summer months here in Abu Dhabi. It has been a wonderful year for our golf members with three fantastic events held at the various clubs throughout the season as well as informative weekly clinics to keep us fine tuned. Even though the heat is upon us, there are opportunities to continue this summer perfecting our skills by joining Abu Dhabi City Club at 8:30 Monday mornings, and/or contacting the pros at Abu Dhabi Golf Club for a Wednesday clinic, (time to be decided). Our clinics will begin again in early October. Please keep an eye out for further information at the end of summer.



We said goodbye to our dear friend and fellow Golf Coordinator, **Angela Walmsley** this month. We will certainly miss her friendly smile and wonderful personality as she heads back to the UK. We also are saying farewell but not good bye to **Mimi Prendergast** as she continues on with her duties as AWN Membership Chairperson. Angela and Mimi are being replaced by two amazing and talented ladies to help Deirdre carry on this awesome club. Please welcome **Aimee Simon** and **Kiki Tandon** as new Golf Coordinators.

Deirdre, Angela, Mimi, Kiki and Aimee wish you all a happy and restful summer and look forward to seeing you again in October.

## KNITTING GROUP

Our meetings offer every knitter the chance to improve their knitting skills and learn new techniques. If you love to knit then come join us to work on your latest project. Some of us are knitting for charity, others are knitting for fun. We're a very social group and all knitters will be made to feel very welcome. You can enjoy a tasty snack and refreshing drink while making new friends.



During June, meetings will take place Monday the 10th, at L'eto Caffè, level 1, The Galleria, Maryah Island from 10:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. We will not meet June 3rd, due to the Eid holiday. We will then be taking a break during the summer months. Meetings will resume in September.

If you plan to attend please send an email to [knitawn@gmail.com](mailto:knitawn@gmail.com).

## MAHJONG



Mahjong meets every Wednesday at the Slipway Bar, The Club from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.. Newcomers and beginners are welcome to join.

Our last day of play before the Summer break will be June 26th. We will resume play Wednesday, September 4th from 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. in the Slipway Bar at The Club. Please note that when we return in the fall, we will be return to our

original time of play 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

To find out more contact us at [mahjongawn@gmail.com](mailto:mahjongawn@gmail.com).

## TENNIS

Tennis coaching will resume in September. For further information contact [tennisawn@gmail.com](mailto:tennisawn@gmail.com).



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## YOGA



AWN Yoga meets 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.

Sundays:	Mondays	Wednesdays
8:30 a.m. – Yoga	8:30 a.m. – Yoga	9 a.m. – Yoga
10 a.m. Swing Yoga	9 a.m. – Swing Yoga	10:15 a.m. – Swing Yoga

Swing Yoga is a playful approach to yoga. This style of yoga is great for strengthening and flexibility, with assists, meaning it is accessible for all levels. Whether it is your first class or 100th class, this is an opportunity to release any sense of fear, and to create a deeper sense of trust in yourself, in your physical ability, and, of course, in your swing. There will only be two spots open for AWN ladies for each of these classes, as swing space is limited. This means that registration will be on a first come, first serve basis. AWN member special fee will be 75 AED per class (original price is 95 AED), payable to the Studio upon arrival!

Spaces will be limited in the regular yoga classes, so those interested, please send an email to [yogaawn@gmail.com](mailto:yogaawn@gmail.com) as soon as possible. This will be a pay-as-you-go plan!

## IFTAR AT SHEIKH ZAYED GRAND MOSQUE



On **Monday evening, May 27th**, a group of volunteers from the AWN took part in the newly launched **“Jusoor” initiative at the Sheikh Zayed Grand Mosque**. “Jusoor” means “bridges,” which are what the program seeks to create by inviting people of different cultures, nationalities and religions to experience the spirit of Ramadan firsthand at the Grand Mosque. After listening to a description of Ramadan and its significance, the group was invited to view the traditional cannon or midfa that is fired daily to announce the start of iftar. Then they went to work helping to set up the iftar meals in one of 12 massive tents set up to house some of the tens of thousands of people that come to the iftar each day. Finally, the ladies sat down with other visitors, worshippers, and families and shared this special meal. Participants, whether they had been in Abu Dhabi for months or for decades, found the experience unique and enlightening. The AWN is grateful to H.E. Dr. Yousif Alobeidli, Director General of the Sheikh Zayed Grand Mosque, and his team for inviting us to be a part of this wonderful initiative that truly brings the ideals of this Year of Tolerance to life.

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## HAPPENINGS IN ABU DHABI

### CINEMASPACE

#### ★ FILM: SAVING PRIVATE RYAN D-DAY 75TH ANNIVERSARY PROGRAM

Saturday, June 8 | 7-10 p.m.

Venue: Cinemaspace

#### Free Film Screening

Synopsis: Internationally acclaimed by critics and audiences alike, Steven Spielberg's Saving Private Ryan is an unforgettable film achievement that has had profound and lasting impact throughout the world. Seen through the eyes of a squad of American soldiers, the story begins with World War II's historic D-Day invasion, then moves beyond the beach as the men embark on a dangerous special mission. Captain John Miller (Tom Hanks) must take his men behind enemy lines to find Private James Ryan (Matt Damon), whose three brothers have been killed in combat. Faced with impossible odds, the men question their orders. Why are eight men risking their lives to save just one? Surrounded by the brutal realities of war, each man searches for his own answer - and the strength to triumph over an uncertain future with honor, decency and respect. Winner of five Academy Awards, including Best Director, the film also garnered two Golden Globe Awards for Best Motion Picture and Best Director.

RSVP Opens June 3

<https://cinemaspace-abudhabi.splashthat.com/>

### NYU ABU DHABI

#### ★ VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Venue: NYUAD Neuroscience of Language Lab

NYUAD faculty are conducting a study designed to investigate brain responses to language and need your help!

If you are over 18 years old, a native speaker of English (you primarily spoke English at home while growing up), are right-handed and have normal or corrected to normal vision, you may be eligible to participate!

The study will take place at the Neuroscience of Language Lab located on the Saadiyat Island campus of NYU Abu Dhabi. The study will require that you visit our lab to complete an experiment that involves a brain imaging scan! The session will be scheduled at your convenience ahead of time. You should be available during the week or weekend, for a 2-hour block of time between 9 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Participants will receive a transportation and meal allowance of 30 AED per half hour.

To express interest in participating, or for more information, please contact our research staff at [meglab-nyuad-group@nyu.edu](mailto:meglab-nyuad-group@nyu.edu).

#### ★ PERFORMANCE: FOOTLOOSE, THE MUSICAL

June 13-20, 2019

Venue: The Red Theater, The Arts Center, NYUAD

A high energy show full of dancing and legendary 80's rock anthems.

The Abu Dhabi Choral Group proudly presents FOOTLOOSE! The Musical. See the latest fully staged musical production filled with the hit songs: Almost Paradise, Holding out for a Hero, and Let's Hear it for the Boy to name a few.

FOOTLOOSE! The Musical is a classic story of overcoming grief and experiencing growth and emotional healing, symbolically represented by dancing, as well as persevering with determination to fight for the things you love most.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

#### Performances

Thursday, June 13, 2019 at 7:30 p.m.

Friday, June 14, 2019 at 2:30 p.m.

Monday, June 17, 2019 at 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, June 20, 2019 at 7:30 p.m.

Tickets: [www.nyuad-artscenter.org/en\\_US/events/2019/footloose-the-musical/](http://www.nyuad-artscenter.org/en_US/events/2019/footloose-the-musical/)

### WAREHOUSE 421

#### ★ EXHIBITION: LEST WE FORGET: THE UNIVERSALITY OF FAMILY PHOTOGRAPHS

June 12 - July 28, 2019

Opening Reception : June 12; 6:30 - 8 p.m.

Venue: Warehouse 421

The exhibition displays paintings by Maria José R. Escolar and photographs from the Lest We Forget Archive.

Family photographs express interest in, and affection for, the people, places, activities and moments that are most close and dear. Coinciding with the Year of Tolerance in the UAE, this exhibition and companion book explore universalities inherent in portraits of ourselves, taken by ourselves and for ourselves. The curation brings together disparate photographs taken by unrelated families living in the UAE and Spain during the final decades of the 20th century. Viewed side by side, an unexpected synergy springs forth, revealing commonalities that resonate deeply in these diverse family photographs. In these snapshots, we may recognize that we are different, yet at the same time, quite similar. We are also reminded that family photographs communicate what matters most to people, individually as well as universally.

[www.warehouse421.ae/en/exhibitions/lest-we-forget-the-universality-of-family-photographs/](http://www.warehouse421.ae/en/exhibitions/lest-we-forget-the-universality-of-family-photographs/)

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