

THE NETWORK News



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AMERICAN WOMEN'S NETWORK OF ABU DHABI

Connecting cultures through friendship

AWN COFFEE & SPEAKER SERIES

Thursday, October 3, 17 **AWN Coffee & Speaker Series**
10 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Radisson Blu Hotel

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday, October 9 **Oktoberfest**
7 p.m.
Radisson Blu Hotel

Monday, October 14 **Explorers**
7 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Dubai

Tuesday, October 29 **Explorers**
10:30 a.m..
Louvre

Tuesday, November 5 **Explorers**
2-10 p.m.
Global Village, Dubai

MONTHLY ACTIVITIES

Sundays, October 6, 13, 20, 27 **Social Bridge**
1:30 - 4:30 p.m.
Meeting Room, The Club

Mondays, October 7, 14, 21, 28 **Art Club**
10 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Cultural Foundation

Monday, October 28 **Book Club**
2-4 p.m.

Mondays, October 7, 14, 21, 28 **Golf Clinic**
8:30 a.m.
Abu Dhabi City Golf Club

Mondays, October 7, 14, 21, 28 **Knitting Group**
10:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
L'eto Caffè, Galleria Mall

Tuesdays, October 1, 8, 15, 22 **Tennis**
8:45 a.m.
Beach Rotana Hotel

Wednesdays, October 9, 16, 23, 30 **Golf Clinic**
9 a.m. / 10:45 a.m.
Abu Dhabi Golf Club

Wednesdays, October 9, 16, 23, 30 **Mahjong**
9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
The Slipway Bar, The Club

WELCOME FROM AWN CO-PRESIDENTS

Welcome back everyone! It has been exciting catching up with members over the last several weeks as you have come back from summers spent near and far! It is also great to see that most of the activities are up and running, and several exciting excursions have been planned by Cristina and our fabulous Explorers Committee. What a great way to learn more about the UAE and each other!

We are very excited about our new location at the lovely Radisson Blu Hotel on the Corniche. It is a historic hotel, being one of the very earliest in Abu Dhabi. We appreciate the warm welcome and support they provided for our first meeting there on September 19th.

As this is our 25th year in Abu Dhabi, Radisson Blu created a beautiful and delicious celebration cake, which we all shared after the meeting. AWN was started by a small group of American expatriates, and has grown from strength to strength ever since. We are very proud of all of the volunteers who make this the amazing organization that it is. Most of all, we are happy to count our members as friends and navigate our time here together.

It is time to think German and join us for Oktoberfest on October 9th at The Radisson Blu. We hope you will join us there, where we have reserved some tables for our group. The hotel has offered AWN an amazing discount on the usual price for you and your guest. Please see details on page 5.

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

Birgitt Adams and Sara Healey
AWN Co-Presidents

COFFEE & SPEAKER SERIES

AWN Coffee & Speaker Series are held twice a month on Thursdays from 10am until noon at the Radisson Blu on the Corniche. Please check in our Newsletter or Mid-Monthly Update e-mails for exact dates.



Katie Ford – Freedom For All

Please join us for a special presentation by Katie Ford, founder and CEO of Freedom For All, an organization

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that fights human trafficking. Freedom for All works with partner organizations in countries around the world to help rescue, rehabilitate and reintegrate survivors of abuse not only through aid, but also through education, job skills training and community prevention programs. Don't miss this incredible opportunity to learn more about this important issue and hear how Katie, formerly CEO of the Ford Modeling Agency, came to make it her mission to combat modern-day slavery.

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17**

Michelle Farrell – Abu Dhabi Art

With the Fall comes one of the best cultural events in the city – the annual Abu Dhabi Art Fair celebrating works from around the world with something for everyone from established collectors to beginner art enthusiasts. AWN is fortunate to have Michelle Farrell, the Program Head at the Department of Culture and Tourism Abu Dhabi, join us to discuss the offerings this year. Come learn more about this signature arts festival which will showcase pieces from 49 local and international galleries along with artist performances, talks and tours, activities for kids and much more.

SHUKRAN!



Thank you to **Bill Bragin**, founding executive artistic director of The Arts Center at NYU Abu Dhabi, for his talk on September 5th highlighting the valuable mission of The Arts Center, its impact on the community, and the incredible line-up for the upcoming 2019/2020 season. The AWN greatly appreciates his passion and knowledge and the role he has played in bringing so many new and unique cultural experiences to Abu Dhabi.

Thank you also to **Wemmy de Maaker**, founder and Managing Director of Mawaheb From Beautiful People, for her wonderful presentation on September 19th. The impact of this unique arts center on its student artists, their families, and the whole UAE community is truly inspiring. Her stories made all of us so much more aware of the capabilities of people of determination and of how much they can accomplish when they are given the chance to be independent and to develop their talents. Shukran!



NEW MEETING VENUE

IMPORTANT! NEW MEETING VENUE FOR AWN!!!!

AWN Coffee and Speaker Series are now meeting at the Radisson Blu on the Corniche (formerly the Hilton). The meetings will begin at 10 a.m. as usual.

There is a cost for valet parking at the Radisson Blu. However, there is a parking lot for guests behind the hotel that is free of charge. The parking lot entrance is off Al Ankham, the street on the east side of the hotel.

Lunch will be available at La Terraza at noon for a very special rate of 59 AED per person for starters and desserts. Any main courses will be charged a la carte. Please plan on joining us for lunch whenever you are able. We look forward to seeing you at our new home!!

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EXPLORERS

Upcoming Events

Monday, October 14th – Cultural Adventure: Mawaheb from Beautiful People Art Studio Tour and Al Fahidi Historical Neighborhood

Location: Dubai // Time: 7 a.m. – 5 p.m. // Transportation: Bus will depart from / arrive to Mushrif Mall // Cost: 200 AED (includes transportation and tour fee // Max. 20 people

Please note that the Coffee Morning on October 3th is the last chance to make the payment for this trip.

Enjoy a special trip to Old Dubai! Our first stop at 9:30 a.m. will be Mawaheb Art Studio for adults with special needs, following the September AWN presentation of Wemmy de Maaker, founder and director. We will meet some of the students and appreciate their incredible art. At 10:30 a.m. we will enjoy a tour of Dubai's oldest area, Al Fahidi Neighborhood, with its unique narrow alleyways (sikkas) and beautiful wind tower residences along the Dubai Creek. Afterwards, we will visit the Diwan Mosque as we learn about the history and culture of Dubai. We will have lunch at XVA Gallery and Café (cost of lunch is not included) before heading back to Abu Dhabi. A day full of fun and learning!

People who registered will receive an email with the trip's details four days before the outing.

Please note that your reservation is not confirmed until payment is made.

To reserve your place please sign up at the coffee morning or email explorersawn@gmail.com.



Tuesday, October 29th – Modern Art Adventure: Private Tour of the Exhibition “Rendezvous in Paris: Picasso, Chagall, Modigliani & Co (1920 – 1929)” part of the Louvre Changing Societies Program



Location: Louvre Abu Dhabi, Saadiyat Island // Time: 10:30 a.m. // Cost for Louvre members or guests on someone else's membership ticket: 70 AED (includes private tour) // Cost for non-members: 140 AED (includes entrance fee and private tour) // Max. 20 people

Let's learn about the Paris of the “Roaring Twenties”, where Russian, Spanish, Polish, Hungarian, Italian and Belarusian artists, among others, congregated in Paris inspired by the political and cultural climate of the city. Cubism, invented and developed by Pablo Picasso and Georges Braque, was the direct connection for the artists' presence in Paris. They produced some of the most spectacular works of the

20th century and, for the first time in Abu Dhabi, we will be able to see works by Picasso, Chagall, Modigliani, Delaunay, Łempicka, Gris, Lipchitz and other masters.

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Tuesday, November 5th: Global Shopping Adventure: Global Village Dubai

Time: 2 – 10 p.m. // Transportation: Bus will depart from/arrive to Mushrif Mall // Cost: 90 AED (includes transportation, 15 AED entrance fee not included)

The Explorers Team is excited to organize another fall trip to Global Village Dubai. We will put a temporary hold on our intellectual and educational trips to focus on the global shopping experience, which is a cultural adventure in itself as we search for unique treasures from different countries. Global Village also offers an array of festivals and



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entertainment in an open-air theme park. Open from November through April, Global Village hosts over 70 participating countries presented in over 36 pavilions, with 26 restaurants offering food from around the world. This is a great opportunity to find holiday gifts to take home from the UAE. Wear comfortable shoes and feel free to bring your shopping carts! Cash is recommended for your purchases.

People who registered will receive an email with the trip's details four days before the outing. Please note that your reservation is not confirmed until payment is made.

To reserve your place please sign up at the coffee morning or email explorersawn@gmail.com.

CULTURE CLUB

Upcoming Event

On Monday, November 11 at 10:30 a.m. the Culture Club will reconvene after the summer break. This time round, our topic will focus on traditional Emirati and Omani jewelry. We will learn why it is worn and how traditional Arab jewelry differs from what has been fashionable in the Gulf in modern times. We will also gain an understanding of what adornment that is appropriate for women and men, and on what occasions. If you are interested in jewelry in general and would like to hear more about local tradition in particular, please don't hesitate to join us! If you have a piece of your own (not necessarily of Arab workmanship) that you would be willing to share and discuss, you are most welcome to do so. Venue TBA.

To reserve your place please sign up at the Explorer's Table during AWN Coffee Mornings or email cultureclubawn@gmail.com.



MEMBERSHIP

The membership team have really enjoyed reconnecting with our members during the September meetings and also welcoming so many newcomers to AWN. We look forward to seeing you all again at the October meetings!

There will be a Newcomers coffee morning on October 10th; this event is for new members who have registered online since March 1, 2019. More details will be sent out nearer the date and an RSVP will be required, these gatherings are a wonderful opportunity to get to know other newcomers to Abu Dhabi.

For those of you who would like to get more involved with AWN there will be a Friends of AWN meeting on October 31st. Further information will be sent out in due course and will also be available at the AWN coffee mornings.

OKTOBERFEST

You are cordially invited to join your AWN friends for an evening of Germanic food and fun on Wednesday evening, October 9 at the Radisson Blu beginning at 7 p.m. in the Hemingway Bar Garden.

AWN members have reserved tables and a special price of 99 AED per person for dinner and soft drinks. All other beverages are charged a la carte.

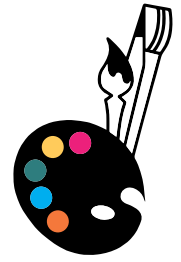


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ART CLUB

The AWN Art Club is not a formal class, but a group of people who have a common interest in drawing and painting. We meet on a weekly basis to share their passion for art, regardless of skill level or ability. The aim of this group is to meet in a relaxed environment, developing our artistic talents through interaction and support from fellow members. If you are a beginner, and need guidance, please come along and ask questions, as other members will be able to offer advise on how to start.

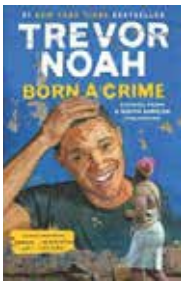


When membership reaches the maximum number (50), newcomers will automatically be placed on a waiting list.

We meet at the Cultural Foundation Studio, on the second floor every Monday from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. There's a 20 AED fee every time you attend. This is a fee for the use of studio. Bring your own materials.

If you have questions, please contact us artclubawn@gmail.com.

BOOK CLUB



Mark your calendar! AWN's Book Club will meet Monday, October 28th from 2 to 4 p.m. This month's read is *Born A Crime* by Trevor Noah.

Details of where we are meeting will be shared with members who RSVP their plans to attend.

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

SOCIAL BRIDGE

AWN Bridge plays every Sunday at the Meeting Room, next to the Reception, The Club from 1:30 - 4.30 p.m. For any queries, please contact the Bridge Coordinators at bridgeawn@gmail.com.

GOLF

AWN Golf resumes on Monday, October 7th.

Regular clinics are held: **Mondays at Abu Dhabi City Golf Club:** Advanced/Intermediate 1hour 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.

ADGC are hosting a Come and Try event the details of which are :

Date: Wednesday, October 2nd

Time: 10.45am-11.45am (same as usual beginner AWN class)

Location: Abu Dhabi Golf Club

Meet: Clubhouse Terrace

Cost: free of charge

They will provide all equipment and water on the day. Please wear suitable footwear for golf i.e trainers.

Anyone interested, please email the golf team at awngolf@gmail.com.



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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 October meetings will take place every Monday, at L'eto Caffe, level 1, The Galleria, Maryah Island, 10:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

If you plan to attend please send an email to: knitawn@gmail.com.



KNITTED WITH LOVE

A big thank you to any AWN members who donated yarn or knitted baby blankets for UAE Guinness World Record attempt to knit the world's largest blanket.

After 18 months of hard work put together by over 500 people of 27 nationalities, the Guinness World Record knit-a-thon team managed to set two world records. The world's largest knitted blanket and the world's largest display of knitted hearts.

Hearts were sewn with love onto each of the blankets, which were then stitched together to

create the record-breaking mega version. Measuring 3,952 square meters the mega blanket will now be dismantled and distributed to orphanages and refugee camps world wide in time for winter.



MAHJONG



AWN's Mahjong is held every Wednesday morning from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Slipway Bar, The Club.

The fee of 45 AED, payable to us (35 AED for Club members), covers your entrance to The Club, snacks, tea, coffee and water. Beginners are always welcomed.

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

TENNIS

AWN 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.



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FOOD EXPLORATIONS

AWN member Sonal Tarneja guides us on a culinary field trip with details of her local restaurant adventures with fellow AWN food enthusiasts.



Located a stone's throw away from the Russian Embassy, **Russian Kitchen House Cafeteria** is a tiny and basic but cosy restaurant serving authentic and delicious Russian food. Freshly prepared everyday by a Ukrainian chef, and approved by an AWN Russian member, the food is easily something you could be eating in a Russian friend's home. The borsch (soup) was luscious and hearty, the salads fresh and delicious, the pelmeni and vareniki (dumplings) intricate and flavorful, the golubtsi (cabbage rolls with meat and rice filling) deeply satisfying, the myaso v gorshochke (beef stew with onion) deep and rich, and the medovik (layered honey cake) an absolute treat – a must have! Perfect meal, washed down with traditional drinks like kvas or a homemade cherry compote.

The next selection was **Meknes**, a beautifully decorated Moroccan

restaurant, whose colorful and intricate décor, and delicately spiced food, transported me back to Morocco. With help from an AWN Moroccan member, we ordered many interesting and tasty courses from the taktouka and the zaalouk (grilled green pepper/eggplant salads) to the Fes tajine (chicken stew) to the fluffy couscous to the Moroccan tea and the kaab el ghazal (ground almond pastries). Everything was perfect. My favorites were the chicken pastilla (honey and nut topped filo pastry pie filled with lightly spiced chicken), and the omrabria tajine (tender lamb stewed with prunes and apricots), both representing that balance of sweet and savory so characteristic of Moroccan cuisine.

You can find these fun restaurants locally as below:

Russian Kitchen House Cafeteria - Near Russian Embassy, Off Hamdan Street, Al Markaziya, Abu Dhabi

Meknes Restaurant - Behind Al Dana Hotel, Mina Street, Tourist Club Area (Al Zahiyah), Abu Dhabi



VOLUNTEER CORNER

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

The newly opened Khalifa University of Medicine is looking for healthy adults to act as patients for the training of medical students conducting standard physicals (which consists of taking medical history and simple physical exam, recreating what happens in a primary care doctor's office). The goal of the program is to prepare the medical students for residency programs in the US. If you are interested in volunteering for this and would like further information, please contact Dr. Julie Shipley at julienne.shipley@ku.ac.ae.

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RADISSON BLU

The Radisson Blu Hotel is offering a complimentary day pass for all AWN members on **Friday, October 5th** to serve as a trial day for their recreation facilities.

You will also receive:

- 30% discount at their recreation (Day pass, Membership, Spa)
- 20% discount at their managed Food and Beverage outlets for all a la carte orders and buffets.

Terms & Conditions:

- **To avail the above discounts, the client must mention code: AWN CAN DO**
- Above discounts are not applicable in conjunction with any other promotions.
- For reserving any tables at any of our Food and Beverage outlets, advance booking is required 24 hours in advance and same is applicable for cancellation.
- Hotel Managed Outlets are (Vascos, Escape, Ocean Café, La Terrazza, Hemingway's, Jazz Bar, Vienna Plaza and Bocca).

THE CLUB ABU DHABI

The Club is a multi-award winning private Members' Club in Abu Dhabi, boasting a breadth of facilities, activities, and services unmatched in the region. The Club's variety of award winning dining venues, imaginative menus, and friendly staff are the perfect choice for any dining occasion. From pub grub to gourmet dining or healthy eating, The Club's bars and restaurants offer a wide variety of styles and tastes. Members have the opportunity to participate in more than 50 different sports and activities ranging from exercising in the state-of-the-art Health Complex, to sailing, diving, and swimming in the 25-meter pool or the private beach. Other activities at hand for Members include playing tennis, squash, badminton, football, snooker, hockey, netball, and more. There is certainly no shortage of activities for children and teens, with The Club's extensive Junior program of activities, including sailing, swimming, ballet, street dance, musical theatre, karate, tennis, football, and so much more. The Club is proud to be home to Abu Dhabi's first teen-only gym, Studio Two.

But why not try it for yourself? The Club's Monthly Membership Taster offers you the ideal opportunity to try out The Club's facilities for a month and discover what makes it so special!

Adults: AED 625

Juniors (4-17): AED 205

Junior (0-3): AED 75

Contact membership@the-club.com or call **02-6731111** to enquire.

***Terms & conditions apply*

If there are any AWN members in Dubai who travel to Abu Dhabi for the Coffee & Speaker Series meetings and are interested in carpooling with another AWN lady, please contact nadiahk1@yahoo.com as she is interested. Thank you.

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HAPPENINGS IN ABU DHABI**AMCHAM ABU DHABI****★ WOMEN IN BUSINESS COMMITTEE EVENT | LEADERSHIP MINDSET - MASTERCLASS WITH SHEREEN MITWALLI****Wednesday, October 9 | 4:30 - 7:30 p.m.****Venue:** Anantara Eastern Mangroves Abu Dhabi Hotel**Cost:** AED 270 at the door

AmCham Abu Dhabi Women in Business Committee cordially invites you to attend a masterclass with Shereen Mitwalli, renowned international presenter & educator.

WHY YOU SHOULD ATTEND

- Develop a plan to take personal responsibility for your own actions
- Hear lessons from successful leaders such as Sir Richard Branson, Jack Ma, Chris Gardner, Lewis Hamilton, among others
- Learn how to reset your mind for success
- Learn how to speak so people will listen
- Networking and making the connection
- Have fun
- Much more ...

RSVP: No later than 12:00 noon on Tuesday, October 8, 2019. Register online at: <https://amchamabudhabi.org/client/event/roster/eventRosterDetails.html?productId=10707&eventRosterId=7>

CINEMASPACE**★ FILM: THE THIEF OF BAGDAD****Saturday, October 21 | 4 - 6 p.m.****RATING: (G) - General Audiences (all ages admitted)**

Synopsis: Legendary producer Alexander Korda's marvel The Thief of Bagdad, inspired by The Arabian Nights, is one of the most spectacular fantasy films ever made, an eye-popping effects pioneer brimming with imagination and technical wizardry. When Prince Ahmad (John Justin) is blinded and cast out of Bagdad by the nefarious Jaffar (Conrad Veidt), he joins forces with the scrappy thief Abu (the incomparable Sabu, in his definitive role) to win back his royal place, as well as the heart of a beautiful princess (June Duprez). With its luscious Technicolor, vivid sets, and unprecedented visual wonders, The Thief of Bagdad has charmed viewers of all ages for decades.

All programs are free and open to audiences. RSVP is mandatory due to limited seating.

RSVP OPENS OCT. 7**<https://cinemaspace-abudhabi.splashthat.com/>****NYU ABU DHABI****★ LECTURE: PEOPLE OF RAS AL KHAIMAH: MIGRATION AND BELONGING****Wednesday, October 9 | 6:30 - 8 p.m.****Venue:** NYUAD Campus, Conference Center

Ras Al Khaimah is an emirate of superheroes: captains who survived shipwrecks, shipbuilders who survived lightning strikes, honey collectors who scaled mountains, and entrepreneurs who made a strange land home. This talk shares the stories behind the photo book "People of Ras Al Khaimah," a collection of the personal histories of more than 50 long-term residents and Emiratis. Through its images, we explore firsthand accounts of Gulf migration and the commonalities of the Gulf migrant experience.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Register: https://nyuadi.secure.force.com/Events/NYUEventRegistration?event=inbRSd77aNxpZqzWD3DFzw_3D_3D

YAS MOVIES IN THE PARK**★ YAS MOVIES IN THE PARK****October 17-19 | 4 p.m. - Midnight each day****Venue:** du Arena

This year Yas Movies in the Park will have a new blockbuster line-up of free movies. du Arena will transformed again for a weekend of free fun for family and friends with film-themed activities for kids and adults to enjoy before and between each movie screening. There will also be a giant funfair with new carnival rides, food trucks serving the very best cinema food, a dedicated kids zone and a shopping market.

Here's the line up:

Thursday, 17th October:

Pokémon Detective Pikachu at 6:30 p.m.

Aladdin at 9 p.m.

Friday, 18th October:

Moana at 6 p.m.

8:30 p.m. Live immersive cinema experience Of The Greatest Showman (sing along and dance to the film along with a live cast of singers and performers from the UK's West End.)

Saturday 19th October:

Beauty and the Beast at 6 p.m.

Avengers: Endgame at 8:45 p.m.

Save the dates in your diary for a fun-filled weekend of FREE movies and simply register for passes at **www.yasmovies.ae**.

VIP tickets are also available providing a premium viewing experience, bean bag, two soft drinks and free popcorn with prices starting from AED65.

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