



American Women's Association

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About AWA

American Women's Association (AWA) Bahrain is a membership based non-profit organization operating under the **Ministry of Labour & Social Development, Bahrain**. In 2017, AWA celebrated its 43rd year in the Kingdom. AWA is a dynamic group of women from all over the world who functions as a social, cultural and charity organization. Our organization supports over 30 local charities, centres, institutions and individuals in the Kingdom of Bahrain. Among these are the Bahrain Special Olympics, Salmaniya Psychiatric Hospital, the Aisha Yateem Centre for family counseling, Children and Mother's welfare society to name but a few. Our membership consists of more than **200** members and growing representing over 40 different nationalities.

Objective

AWA's goal, since its founding in 1974, has always been charity, friendship and cultural understanding. We have a very active membership that participates in different interest groups. Our activities include the Art Group, Movie Club, Horse-riding Club, Book Club, Community Service, Craft Group, On-Island Tour, Photography Group, Women of Taste plus many other "one off" activities throughout the year such as Thanksgiving Lunch, Fashion Show & Mother's Day Lunch, Formal Couples Ball, Art Exhibition, Annual Snowflake Fair and **AWA's biggest bi-annual fundraiser the Cherry Tree Trot** (or CTT) which has been running since 1981. The goal of CTT is to raise money for various charities that AWA supports while having a day of fun with the whole family. There is so much happening in which to get involved.

Monthly Meetings (break for July-August)

There are 10 monthly general meetings (GM) for members and guests held at one of the hotels in Bahrain. We have a varied program of guest speakers at our meetings and it's a great chance to catch up with friends or make new ones, enjoy a coffee and snack and win a Lucky Draw Prize! We also hold smaller monthly Coffee Mornings (CM) at one of the member's home.

Membership

If you are interested in becoming a member of AWA the applicant must be a resident of Bahrain and have a valid Bahraini CPR. Membership fee for year 2018 from 1st Jan to 31st Dec is BD 50/- and for US military spouse it is BD 45/- and from 1st Sept to 31st Dec is BD 25/-. Guest pay BD 8/- to GM and BD 3/- to CM per visit. Free entrance for members.

A completed application form along with 2 passport size photos and copy of CPR with membership fee can be submitted at our next GM or CM.

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