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Learn to Love with all  
your heart & accept the  
unlovable side of others.  
For anyone can Love a  
rose, but only a great  
heart can include the  
thorns.

## **From Your Exec Board ...**

Dear Members...

April is a busy and exciting month for the AWA! Spring is a time of awakenings and renewals and for the AWA this is no different. Our elections will be held this month, at our general meeting, allowing for new volunteers and styles to be experienced within our proven and steady platform of important charitable work alongside our fun social events.

Please welcome the new Board this month and support them however you can. They are embarking on a very busy and fulfilling year as Board members.

The outgoing Board would like to thank our membership for their countless hours of volunteering in many different capacities this past year. We also feel blessed to be able to give our service and time to the AWA.

To honor our members who are most dedicated in their volunteering efforts, our May general meeting will be dedicated to our annual AWA Service Awards presentations. If you have yet to place your vote on which members you feel should be honored, please see Diane Loney for the blue AWA Service Awards Nomination form.

### **AWA Executive Board**



#### **Important Notice:**

\*All AWA committee activities are dedicated to "members only" unless deemed open to the public.

\*Members SHOULD NOT use the name of AWA or its logo.

\*AWA Activities and the charities that AWA supports shall not be used to promote members or members' own businesses.

\* See page 6, section 16 from AWA constitution.

## **AWA Calendar ... What's Coming Up ...**

**NEXT GENERAL MEETING—MAY 14**

**COMMUNITY SERVICE – WEDNESDAY MORNINGS**

**CRAFT GROUP –TUESDAY MORNINGS @ 9:30**

**GOLF CLUB— APRIL 22**

**COFFEE MORNING—APRIL 23 @ 9:30**

**WOMEN OF TASTE –APRIL 25**

**BOOK CLUB— APRIL 30**

**APRIL 24—INTERNATIONAL EMBASSY ANNUAL BAZAAR**

**MAY 9 –CLEANUP BAHRAIN MORNING**

**MAY 7—AWA BOARD MEETING**

**MAY 21—RAMADAN IFTAR (EVENING COFFEE)**

Community Service – Laila Hussain – [Communityservice@awabahrain.org](mailto:Communityservice@awabahrain.org)

I would like to thank all the ladies who attended the Hope Institute Sports Day at Khalifa Sport city on 15<sup>th</sup> March. Hope Institute Director Nada Al Ghanim presented us two frames during the sports day and thanked AWA for continuous support.

During our monthly coffee morning we had two check presentations: a cheque of BD1000 was presented to Migrant Workers Protection Society, Marietta Dias president of MWPS received the cheque at the presence of Executive Committee. A cheque of BD500 was presented to Bahrain International Seafarers Society. Captain Ali Hasan Haji received the cheque from Jeanie Wilson at the presence of EC.

BD 200 was donated to Bahrain School Robotic Club for sponsoring students participating in international Robotic tournament. Thank you Miduri for delivering the cheque.

22<sup>nd</sup> March we visited Saudi Bahrain Institute for the Blind and presented 35 talking watches to the students. Mr. Abdul Wahid Al Khayyat, director of Institute, thanks AWA for the support they received over the years. He asked if anyone could help a visually impaired student with his speech problem.

Please contact me on 39937744 if you are interested.

Naz has organized a Mother's Day party at the NBB Home for the Elderly in Isa Town on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> March. Thank you Naz and all the volunteers for helping and organizing it.

**Membership – Janice Peters – [Membership@awabahrain.org](mailto:Membership@awabahrain.org)**

**5 New Members joined the AWA family: Sarah Griffith, Hawazen Al Fassi, Amita Samuel, Norma Aguirre & Denise Kfoury.** A big AWA welcome to you all! Members, please recommend AWA to your friends and family about the various community and social activities we organize. Support our various charities in the Kingdom by encouraging them to consider joining AWA!

**Grace period for renewing membership has elapsed.**

## Committee Activities

**Art – Irina Averinos – [IAverinos@yahoo.com](mailto:IAverinos@yahoo.com)**

Art group visited the International Art Exhibition ArtBAB at the Bahrain Exhibition Centre on 15<sup>th</sup> March. We are planning a get together session for sketching and art talk in April. Date and place will be announced later.

**Book Club – Vendy Schrage – [Bookclub@AWABahrain.org](mailto:Bookclub@AWABahrain.org)**

The AWA book club met on the 26<sup>th</sup> of March at the home of Janeann Mohseni and discussed a book by Maya Angelo, "I Know Why The Caged Bird Sings". The book club will next meet on the 30<sup>th</sup> of April at 9:15 for a discussion of a book by Jean Sasson, "Princess: A True Story Of Life Behind the Veil in Saudi Arabia"

**Coffee Morning – Amanda Al Salaiti –**

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Our monthly Coffee Morning was held on March 19<sup>th</sup> in the home of Pouran Al Sharif. Thank you, Pouran, for opening up your lovely home, art, and garden to AWA!

**Craft Group – Diane Loney – [Crafts@AWABahrain.org](mailto:Crafts@AWABahrain.org)**

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The craft group meets every Tuesday morning, at the AWA Club-house in Awali, creating beautiful crafts to sell at our annual fundraiser, the Snowflake Craft Fair which will be held on Saturday, November 17<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

**Golf Club - Diane Loney – [Golfclub@awabahrain.org](mailto:Golfclub@awabahrain.org)**

There will be a golf clinic with Rory Young at Awali Golf Club on Sunday morning, 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2018. All levels are welcome to join us.

**Movie Club - Laura Cooper – [Laura.Cooper1956@gmail.com](mailto:Laura.Cooper1956@gmail.com)**

The Movie Club met on April 1<sup>st</sup> at City Center to see "Red Sparrow."

**Shutterflies – Shikha Varma –**

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Souqs in the Gulf form a network of social and cultural hub that represent the old Arab lifestyle. Bab Al Bahrain is no different. It is the historic soul of Manama. Shutterflies loved strolling through its fascinating alleyways following the RGB theme on 13<sup>th</sup> March. Our next photo walk is going to be amidst the dense palm tree plantation near Al Khamees Mosque. It is going to be an evening event. Stay tuned to WhatsApp for further details.

**Women of Taste – Tasneem Firoz –**

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This month, on the 21<sup>st</sup> of March, the ladies were at The Lagoon Beach resort. They did the boat ride with tea and coffee at the private island and later a buffet lunch with Lebanese cuisine at Da Rosa at the resort. The next WOT is on 25<sup>th</sup> April, 2018 at Bollywood Steps with Taka Tak Indian food.

***Please contact chairperson for more information on any of our activity groups...!***

### ◆ Tidbits ...

- ◆ We have a suggestion box available during our GM for members to give their ideas and recommendations. Please make sure you write your name and contact details so we can address your concerns!
- ◆ Thank you to Al-Ghanem auditors for conducting our 2017 audit in a very professional and timely manner.
- ◆ **Congratulations to our newly elected board members. We wish you and the AWA another fantastic year!**

Please consider volunteering to help with any of the following areas:

- Our next CTT (Cherry Tree Trot) fundraising event in 2019 – it's not too early to start working on our biggest fundraising event held every other year
- As Lucky Draw chairperson