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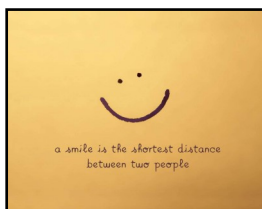
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From Your AWA President ...

Dear Members...

June is not only our sixth month of the year and the first month of the Summer Season but it is also part of Ramadan month. As an interesting fact, Ramadan always falls on the same day every year on the Hijri or Islamic calendar. The Hijri calendar is purely a lunar calendar, the date change happens in the Gregorian calendar. So every year Ramadan moves approximately 11 days in the Gregorian calendar.

AWA following Bahrain traditions has supported our Muslim members during this Holy Month, adjusting our schedules on General Meeting, Coffee Morning and WOT making it possible to all members to be part of celebrating Iftar, as breaking of fast starts after 6:30 pm.

Our Executive Board had continue working hard to implement more improvements to satisfy all needs required. We will be adding a new Welcome packages for New members that will include all information about our activities as well as an easy process to be part of AWA WhatsApp News and AWA webpage.

CTT madness has begun and I want AWA to become a pioneer in Eco-Friendly racing. So, NO Plastic Bottles will be allowed! We need to make a difference and create consciousness in our community and change does not come easy but the impact made will be worth it!

We encourage all our member to be a volunteer for CTT, please contact Isi Brown.

We are also trying to figure out how to create and "Pictures and Chat Group", where all members can not only add the beautiful pictures taken during our AWA events but also make questions related to AWA projects or discuss concerns.

We will keep you informed!

For those members that are leaving the Island during Summer Season, enjoy your vacations and we will be waiting for you next September.

Angela de Greef



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— SEPTEMBER 10

COMMUNITY SERVICE – WEDNESDAY MORNINGS—VISITS WILL BE DISCONTINUED FOR RAMADAN PERIOD AND WILL CONTINUE AFTER EID****

CRAFT GROUP –TUESDAY MORNINGS @ 9:30

COFFEE MORNING— DELAYED UNTIL AFTER EID—JUNE 25TH

WOMEN OF TASTE – JUNE 20 @ 11:30 AM

BOOK CLUB— JUNE 28

AWA BOARD MEETING—SEPTEMBER 3

Community Service—Laila Hussain— Communityservice@awabahrain.org

17th May was the start of the Holy Month of Ramadan, the month to think of charity and less fortunate people. AWA continues to support charities in Bahrain, during the month of May we donated BD3100 to 5 different charities. BD 1000 was donated to Bahrain Mobility International ; BD 500 was donated to Indian Community Relief fund; BD 500 was donated to Durrat Al Riffa Senior Social Club; BD 550 gift vouchers were donated to Bani Jamreh Charity Society; and BD 550 gift vouchers were donated to Muqabah Charity Society to be distributed to needy children to purchase Eid clothes.

I would like to thank Naz and all the ladies who helped to purchase Ramadan decoration and decorated NBB Home for Elderly to celebrate the start of the holy month of Ramadan. I would also like to thank Sue, Sarah and all the dedicated and talented volunteers who were visiting Salmaniya Psychiatric hospital for their effort to make difference in the patients life .

Please contact me on 39937744 ... or Naz Hussaini, our volunteer coordinator on 33087000 ... if you need any information about centers we visit or volunteering opportunities.

Membership—Janice Peters— Membership@awabahrain.org

Six new members joined AWA in May 2018! Let us extend them a warm AWA welcome!

Meghann Gould, Reema Rajab, Chanakan Promsonthi, Brenda Ramirez, Ana Cendejas, Marlith Austin

CTT Update ... Isi Brown— 3317-1702—abrown0707@gmail.com

The Cherry Tree Trot (CTT) is in the planning stages, the Save the Date is forthcoming. Thank you to all the amazing volunteers that have already donated their time, but we can always use more help! So if you'd like to volunteer but you're unsure where you can add value, let us know and we'll be happy to connect your skills and passion to the right team.

The first meeting was a great success, and we've made progress on forming the committees. We're looking forward to implementing some of the ideas that have already been in discussion. For more information, or to find out how you can add to this year's event, contact Isi.

Committee Activities

Book Club—Vendy Schrage—

Bookclub@AWABahrain.org

AWA book club met on Monday, the 28th of May. We met in the house of Karen Leballa. Laura Cooper was the discussion leader of the book: "The Man Called Ove" by Frederik Backman. There were 14 members of AWA present.

Our next meeting is going to be on the 25th of June at 9:15 (place TBD). Book is " Me Before You" by Jojo Moyes.

Coffee Morning—Amanda Al Salaiti—

Coffee@AWABahrain.org

Our hostess for next month's coffee morning is Miraal Abid. Her home is in Saar and the Date is Monday, 25th June

Craft Group—Diane Loney—Crafts@AWABahrain.org

Sherry Reese—SAReese1007@gmail.com

Frieda Waegemans— Frieda.Waegemans@gmail.com

The craft group continue to be very busy preparing items for the Snowflake Craft Fair. We are trying out new ideas this year hoping they will sell well. Numbers attending craft group are still steady but unfortunately we have several members who have left or who are leaving soon. Craft group will continue through the summer as many ladies do not leave the island.

Golf Club - Diane Loney—Golfclub@awabahrain.org

The golf group enjoyed having golf clinics at Awali Golf Club with Rory Young and playing on the Wee Monty at Royal Golf

Club. Numbers are steady each month. I am hoping we will be able to play in June, if not too hot, and that will be us finished until September.

Movie Club - Laura Cooper—Laura.Cooper1956@gmail.com

The Movie Club met on May 13th at City Center to see the film "Life of the Party".

Shutterflies—Shikha Varma—

ShikhaVarma@Hotmail.com

Due to very hot weather, on-going Ramadan, and a few members travelling at the moment, there are no activities planned as of now. Shall inform the photo-enthusiasts through WhatsApp if I get to know about any special festivities taking place somewhere in the coming days.

Women of Taste—Tasneem Firoz—

TasneemFiroz@Hotmail.com

On 23rd May 2018, the ladies attended the Iftar at Bushido, Japanese Restaurant. Since its the holy month of Ramadhan, the event was in the evening. The ladies wore the traditional dress and colourful Jalabiyas looking beautiful. They had a lavish buffet which included traditional Bahraini cuisine along with live cooking and Sushi. They enjoyed the food with great ambience and it was a great experience for them!

The next WOT is on 20th June, 2018, at Jashan Restaurant, an Indian Restaurant located at Wyndham Gardens, Juffair. There will be a cooking demo as well.

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

From the AWA Awards Committee ...

The AWA Awards took place at the May General Meeting at the Movenpick Hotel. Last year we used photography that was donated by AWA members for the awards. The recipients of the awards were delighted with what they received.

The awards committee decided to do the same this year. Lia Wright, Lee Anne Marshall, Shikha Varma and Chris Orrell donated digital images of their photography which we then got printed and framed. Lesa Moulder donated a print which we also got framed.

The following members received awards:

APPRECIATION CERTIFICATES

Ayesha Ahmed, Sarah Abbas, Jacqueline De Frietas, Naz Hussaini, Kausar Iqbal, Suzanne Tremp, Beverly West.

OUTSTANDING SERVICE AWARD

Shikha Varma, Sherry Reese, Frieda Waegemans, Amanda Al Salaiti, Iman Fouad, Irina Averinos

OUTSTANDING LEADERSHIP AWARD—Karen Labella

LYNNE AL WAZZAN—Tasneem Ahmed

AMBASSADOR AWARD—Lia Wright

PLATINUM AWARD—Diane Loney

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AWARD—

Jeanie Wilson, Karen Labella, Sherry Reese, Janice Peters, Laila Hussain, Lubna Al Alami, Tania Farah Blackall.

I would like to thank Karen Labella, Lia Wright and Lubna Al Alami for being part of the AWA Awards Committee for 2017/18. Once again it was a pleasure being Chairperson of the AWA Awards.

Regards
Diane Loney

Lucky Draw—Beverley West and Rose Krause

The Lucky Draw team were very excited to take charge of their FIRST Lucky Draw. We thank Beth Robinson for helping out selling raffle tickets as the team were busy with other AWA errands! Sarah and Wipa also came to the rescue as runners to get the prizes out to the lucky winners! We had quite a few prizes (most donations from members) to dish out, and the highlight was the table flower decorations for Mother's Day!

As a FIRST also, we have called on all the Birthdays for the month of May, made EVERY lady feel special and Serena was the lucky winner for the Birthday draw!

A total of BD172 was raised!

What are we planning to do for June? Also another FIRST we are collecting donations from members to have a selection of Jalabiyas, where members and guests can purchase their usual LD tickets and stand a chance to win a Jalabiya of their choice! We aim to have at least 30 Jalabiyas on display! Can you imagine what a beautiful backdrop it will make for our Ramadan Iftar GM?

Stay tuned on what else the team of Lucky Draw has installed ... ?? Yours always in AWA,

Beverley & Rose

Tidbits ...

- Thank you SO MUCH to Beverly West and Rose Krause for taking over Lucky Draw! If you have gifts to donate, please contact one of them! Bev: 3908-5916 / Rose—3965-1470
- We are pleased to announce that Isi Brown has agreed to be our next CTT (Cherry Tree Trot) Chairman—2019! VERY exciting news for AWA!!!
- Remember to send AWA pics for posting on Social Media to Elyse McCoskey! (contact info on front page)

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 fund-raising event held every other year! Please contact Isi Brown ... 3317-1702 ... for volunteer opportunities!