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international **DATELINE**

FIWAL THE FEDERATION OF INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S ASSOCIATIONS IN LONDON
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends,

Summer came to an abrupt end and we are already into autumn, all good things come to an end much too fast!

I hope you had an enjoyable holiday period, your loved ones have got back to their hectic pace of life and you to your desks invigorated to carry on the good work.

Thanks to all our members, the FIWAL Conference, "Women of Vision" in May, was fully sold out and a great success. We had over 200 ladies attending it and received a very positive feedback. I apologise to all those members whose cheques had to be returned or the bookings declined, due to a limited number of seating in the May Fair hotel auditorium. Sorry for the disappointment.

Listening to the four guest speakers, the audience was highly charged up. After the conference, we were asked by our members, "Now what?" We were urged that we should not let this energy evaporate. Something just had to be done to channel it by finding ways to help women and children who suffer the most whenever there are problems.

Elisabeth Partyka, our new Executive Committee member, has taken on the responsibility for this project. This is a new direction that FIWAL is taking. Elisabeth will be contacting the member clubs to get ideas and form a sub-committee. We will need your positive input, suggestions and expertise. It will be interesting to watch this project progress.

There have been series of disasters in different parts of the world, including the devastating floods in Pakistan. I am proud of the efforts that some of our clubs have been making to reach out to those affected in the various countries.

The next Dateline publication will be in January. I wish you and your near and dear ones the very best of the Festive Season.

Best Wishes

Neena Dugal



FIWAL DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

FIWAL PRESIDENTS' LUNCHEON

DATE: Monday, 22nd November 2010
TIME: 11.30 to 3.00 pm
VENUE: The Lansdowne Club, Shelburne Room
COST: £35.00—cash bar.
Club Presidents and/or their representatives apply by sending a cheque made out to FIWAL, accompanied by a SAE to Tulin Warman, [REDACTED]

FIWAL BOARD MEETING

Date: Monday, 10th January 2011
Time: 10.30 for 11.00 -13.30
Venue: The Lansdowne Club, Shelburne Room

NETWORKING CHRISTMAS CAROLS

Salwa Mayassi invites everyone for a Christmas Carols and networking afternoon tea at her beautiful home.
DATE: Thursday, 9th December 2010
TIME: 3.00 pm
VENUE: Home of Salwa Mayassi .
COST: £25.00
Contact: Hulya Kocu, [REDACTED]

Numbers are limited, please apply promptly.

FIWAL AGM

Date: Monday, 13th June 2011
Time: 10.30 for 11.00 -13.30
Venue: The Lansdowne Club, Shelburne Room

FIWAL PAST EVENTS

WOMEN OF VISION

It was indeed a memorable conference which left us awed by the speakers' motivation and achievements. In addition, the guests felt thoroughly pampered by the excellent service, sumptuous catering throughout the day in the luxurious surroundings of the Mayfair Hotel.

The choice of speakers meant that during the day we were both informed and inspired.



FIWAL's Conference Committee

Carole Cochrane, from the Princess Royal Trust for Carers, speaking on 'Caring In the 21st Century' spoke from the heart and from personal experience in caring for her disabled husband for a number of years. We learnt that 25,000 carers were young people under the age of 18 years, many of whom felt unable to confide in teachers and friends. Moreover, caring is not gender or age related with men as well as women and children filling this difficult and demanding role. In 1998



Neena Dugal, FIWAL's president

Carole established Carers Centres in the South East of England delivering Training Programmes to support home based carers which has spread to other areas in the UK.

Another speaker appealing to our understanding of care was Dr Mithu Alur, the Founding Chairperson of the first model of the Spastics Society in India, now called ADAPT. Once again, Dr Alur was driven to do something from a personal experience as her daughter was born with Cerebral Palsy. When Dr Mithu told us that where others saw a disabled child, she saw an able child; where people saw a disabled child in a wheelchair, she saw a person in a wheelchair, we knew we were in the presence of a very special woman of vision. Discovering the very real discrimination against children and adults with cerebral palsy in India, Dr Mithu began her work of establishing education programmes designed, not only to educate disabled people, but to prove that these same people were capable of achieving positions in accountancy, journalism and computer skills with some moving



Zainab Salbi

on to higher education. In 1998, Dr Mithu went on to establish The National Resource Centre for Inclusion, she created an 'Education Model For All' demonstrating that inclusive education does not need exorbitant funds.

Another inspirational speaker was Baroness Goudie who began with the words 'invest in women, improve the world' and this theme dominated her appeal to us all to become more involved. Emphasizing the paucity of women in political life and at the peace talks as well as in top positions in industry and commerce, Mary

Goudie stressed that women were not to be seen as anything but equal partners. Equal, not subservient. When seventy percent of women are in poverty, it is time that we shouldered the burden of responsibility and took on more participation in public life. In the words of our quote from Mahatma Ghandi, 'We must be the change we want to see in the world.'



Baroness Goudie

Baroness Goudie has worked hard promoting the role of women and children in the global economy and has huge experience of being in public life. A member of the House of Lords since 1998 she has worked on a variety of committees as well as Chairing the Women Leader's Council To Fight Human Trafficking.



Carole Cochran

Our last keynote speaker was Zainab Salbi who also spoke from a very personal angle of growing up in Iraq and fleeing to the USA. Zainab forced our minds open to a world where women are still marginalized, where 80 percent are still refugees, where lack of education inhibits so many from developing skills and where male dominated cultures deprive women of their rights.

Identifying where women stand today, Zainab said we were further on than in the past but only halfway up the mountain and emphasized time and again the need for ALL women to stand together and to form a global commitment to change. We must move out



Dr Mithu Alur

of the 'victim' mould and fight discrimination across nationalities and cultures.

To help achieve her aims, in 1993, Zainab founded Women For Women International, an organization aimed at strengthening women to help rebuild communities and nations. A seemingly impossible aim unless you listen to the fire and determination of a woman who has escaped from the hell of a forced marriage, who worked as a sales girl in order to survive and who has learned even more from women's stories of survival in war torn countries. Zainab possesses an indistinguishable fire to right the role of women across the world. Please log on to her web site www.womenforwomen.org to see how you too can help make a difference. As Zainab repeats often, we must help make this change together.

Finally, I would like to repeat the quote from President Neena Dugal's own inspirational introduction to the day's programme 'Where there is no vision, the people will perish' which sums up so beautifully the aims and objectives of this year's FIWAL Conference. 'Women of Vision'.

FIWAL PAST EVENTS

An Afternoon of Turkish Delights

Fiwal ladies and their guests were treated to a delicious meal at the newly opened Turkish restaurant Likya in Golders Green on 13th September, which has already got 10 star customer ratings and excellent reviews.

They were entertained by Aylin Hansen, founder of Rakkase Belly Dance Company. She later showed four brave volunteers how to swing their hips. The event was sold out and extremely good value for money. We do recommend this venue to our members.



Neena Dugal, Fiwal's President.



Aylin Hansen

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PROFILE OF MEMBER CLUBS

SOS CHILDREN

SOS Children has been providing a family for life for children who have lost their parents through conflict, famine, disease, poverty and natural disasters since 1949. Over 78,000 orphaned or abandoned children are cared for by SOS mothers in clusters of family homes in more than 500 of our unique children's villages, in 124 countries around the world.

A further million benefit from SOS Children's outreach support which includes education, vocational training, medical care and community development programmes.

Following the recent floods in Pakistan, SOS Children's Villages, on top of looking after all the children in our villages, has been supporting the selfless efforts being carried out by the volunteers, doctors and charities who are working tirelessly to alleviate the suffering of so many in desperate need in the face of the unexpected and colossal disaster. These charities, through tough times, have been caring for and reaching out with a lifeline to the sick, the poor, the vulnerable, and in the case of SOS Children to the orphans and abandoned children. They have had to stretch themselves even more to help the millions who are now homeless and have lost their houses, their livestock, their crops, and their dignity.

SOS Children's Villages have been sending trucks of meals and tents and medical supplies to areas of acute need in Sindh and Balochistan. Our teenagers and youths have been helping. We have sent out over 12600 food packages (which contain almost 2 million meals) but our target is to send out 100,000 packages. This is a disaster with a huge number of survivors and this is a

disaster that has the potential to get even worse. For the next three months we are still only in the first phase of saving lives, as the waters have not reached the end of their relentless course from the northern regions to the tip of the country, washing away the bridges and roads and dams in their wakes. With 20 million people affected in an area larger than England, the scale is so enormous that it seems the cost of feeding the number of displaced people for just a week is more than one country alone can pledge. Prices are escalating rapidly, especially for flour and sugar.

We will of course take in any orphaned flood victims, but alongside the flood relief, we do also have to continue our commitment to look after the children in our care. As a result of the floods the resources for those not in flood areas are also affected. Price rises of food will not only affect the children in our villages but will also cause other families to reach breaking point.

Those who wish to help can bear in mind that for only £13, we can feed 8 people for 10 days. .

For just £25 a month, one can sponsor an SOS child who would, instead of being in the streets, or worse, being abused at home, have a happy and a decent future ahead of them.

For more information please log on www.soschildren.org.uk

Ayesha Khan

Trustee

SOS Children

CANADIAN WOMEN'S CLUBS

The Canadian Women's Club is primarily a social one for its members. Its charitable arm, The Maple Leaf Trust (MLT), is the premier charity of the Canadian community in the United Kingdom.

The MLT organises several fundraising events each year to raise money to support Canadian Veterans and their families who live in the United Kingdom and for a scholarship fund for Canadian post-graduate students studying in the United Kingdom.

Ralph Waldo Emerson once asked what we would do if the stars only came out once every thousand years. No one would sleep that night, of course. The world would create new religions overnight. We would be ecstatic, delirious, made rapturous by the glory of God. Instead, the stars come out every night and we watch television.

Paul Hawken

CLUB ACTIVITIES

Tuesday, 5th October 11.00 am

Welcome to London invite you to a coffee morning at the Royal Overseas League, followed by an interesting talk on the City of London Financial system by the expert Tony Statham. Cost £15.00 including coffee. Lunch after this will be on a pay for what you order basis. Please contact Jenny Habib on email [REDACTED]

Tuesday, 5th October 10.00 am - 1.00 pm

Practical tips to starting your own business in the UK. Celia Champion of Painless Business will outline strategic and practical tips on how to set-up, grow and develop businesses to deliver the lifestyle you want. Free for members and £20 for non-members. At FOCUS, 13 Prince of Wales Terrace, London W8 5PG. Please register online or by e-mail at office@focus-info.org.

Tuesday, 5th October 9.00 am - 12 noon

American Women from Berkshire and Surrey invite you to an exciting presentation by guest speaker Simon Calder, BBC travel correspondent, author and travel editor for The Independent and regular on BBC Breakfast News, GMTV and LBC's Travel Show with Simon Calder. His goal is to inspire, inform and entertain us with advice on some of the best places to visit and explore with your family, book travel economically and will be available to answer questions. At Chertsey Hall, Heriot Road, Hertsey, KT16 9DR All Fiwal members welcome. Entry free. If you are able to, please text Megan Quinlan, [REDACTED] are coming, though not essential.

Thursday, 7th October 10.15 am for 10.30 am

London Ladies Club invite you to hear Virginia Fraser in conversation with Gillian Reynolds. Gillian, well-known Daily Telegraph columnist, will be talking to Virginia about her book 'Best Seat in the House' celebrating her husband, the famous political commentator, Frank Johnson. Book signing. Held at The Sloane Club, 52 Lower Sloane Street, London SW1. Contact London Ladies Club, phone 0207 730 4640.

Saturday, 9th October 7.00 pm

The London Ladies Club invite you to a 3-course dinner with wine-tasting by Metzendorf at The Naval & Military Club £55 per person. Contact 020 7730 4640.

Sunday, 10th October 10.00 am

The London Ladies Club invite you to a guided tour of The Royal Albert Hall £15 per person. Contact 020 7730 4640

Monday, 11th October

Refreshments in the café on site at 9.30am.

Talk/tour starts 10.00 am.

London Ladies Club explore Foyles Bookshop with a special insider's introduction to the famous bookstore, Foyles of Charing Cross Road, the iconic institution, recently UK Bookseller of the Year. Head of Marketing,

Julia Kingsford, will tell us about the history of Foyles and take us on a tour of this flagship store building. Members £10. Guests £12. Contact London Ladies Club, phone 0207 730 4640.

Tuesday, 12th October 10.00 am - 1.00 pm

Six Steps to Building a Portable Career

You have relocated to London and want this move to benefit your career. Claire d'Abouville, founder of Partners in Coaching, will provide you with an overall approach, as well as practical advice and suggestions through an interactive workshop with a six steps methodology to help you build a portable career. At FOCUS, 13 Prince of Wales Terrace, London W8 5PG HR. Free for members and £20 for non-members

Please register online or by e-mail at office@focus-info.org.

Tuesday, 19th October 11.00 am

Australian Women's Club invite FIWAL members and friends to a coffee morning and to hear art expert Rebecca Hossack present Dream Time to Machine Time in Australia House, The Strand. Door charge is a donation of £8 towards CCL Education Fund.

Please RSVP one week prior for security purposes to Carmel Walsh [REDACTED]

Thursday, 21st October 10.15 am for 10.30 am

The London Ladies Club present Mr Dan Plev, Consultant Neurosurgeon and Mr Nigel Gildersleve, Osteopath of The London Clinic who will discuss spinal health, including osteoporosis, back pain, degenerative conditions and rehabilitation. Held at The Sloane Club, 52 Lower Sloane Street, London SW1.

Tuesday, 26th October 2.00 pm - 5.00 pm

American Women's Club Holiday Bazaar 2010

Bring your friends and family for an amazing day of shopping! There will be over 30 vendors selling their fantastic products at the event; Including: bags, candles, beauty products, jewellery, linens, artwork, children's clothing, knits, pottery, chocolate and more! Visit www.awclondon.org. Cost: £16 includes cheese and a glass of wine/soft drink. Dress Smart. Raffle. At Lansdowne Club, 9 Fitzmaurice Place, Mayfair, W1J 5JD RSVP by calling the AWC Office 020 7589 8292 or tickets will be available at the door.

Thursday, 28th October 10.15 am for 10.30 am

London Ladies Club invite you to a talk by Paula Rosdol, who is a leading UK advisor on finding and maintaining loving relationships after 40. She will discuss how making the most of feminine energy can add new sparkle to your life. Held at The Sloane Club, 52 Lower Sloane Street, London SW1.

CLUB ACTIVITIES—Cont

Saturday, 30th October

Sindhi Nari Sabha celebrates fifty glorious years with 'Gold Glitz & Glamour' presenting 'Manzar and Hirsch' with their Gold Collection and 'The Nu-Beat' of international fame at The Great Room, Grosvenor House Hotel, Park Lane, London.

Tickets £100.00 per head. Tables of 12.

Don't miss this 'Golden' opportunity. Contact Vandana on [REDACTED]

Tuesday, 2nd November 11.00 am

Welcome to London invite you to a coffee morning at the Royal Overseas League followed by another talk by the famous actor and poet David Pearce on "Women and Shakespeare." He is a great actor and his previous talks have been fascinating. Cost as before £15.00 including coffee. Lunch: pay as you order. Contact: Jenny Habib.

Wednesday, 3rd November 10.00 am - 12 noon

Public Speaking and Effective Presentations

"The best ideas will come across as ordinary ones if they are not clearly and persuasively delivered". Venture outside your comfort zone in this workshop. So you can gain the confidence to address an audience of five or five hundred, and powerfully present your product or service, give public or business presentations, or interviews and networking events. Patricia Keener is career coach and training consultant specialising in professional development. FOCUS - 13 Prince of Wales Terrace, London W8 5PG Free for members and £20 for non-members. Please register online or by email at office@focus-info.org.

Thursday, 4th November 10.30 am - 12.30 pm

International Baccalaureate: Quality Education for Global Children. What is the International Baccalaureate (IB) and why is it unique? Malcolm Kay, Superintendent of ACS International Schools, will present the various post-16 qualifications available in the UK, with particular attention to the IB. FOCUS - 13 Prince of Wales Terrace, London W8 5PG Free for members and £20 for non-members. Please register online or by email at office@focus-info.org.

Friday, 5th November 10.00 am - 3.00 pm

American Women of Berkshire and Surrey, Craft and Gift Fayre. Chertsey Hall, admission £2. Funds raised go to local charities.

Tuesday, 9th November 10.00 am - 6.00 pm

(official opening by HE Italian Ambassador) Il Circolo Annual Christmas Bazaar at the Chelsea Old Town Hall, King's Road. Entrance donation £3. You will be spoilt for choice by the great array of quality Italian products, from gastronomic delights to exclusive goods of the highest craftsmanship. The Bazaar is followed by a glittering evening reception from 6.30 pm to 9 pm by ticket only. Donation £25. Further information from bazaar2010@ilcircolo.org.uk

Thursday, 10th & Friday, 11th November

Looking for that perfect holiday gift? Boutique de Noel, the Junior League of London's annual Christmas fair, is coming soon to the Kensington Town Hall (Hornton Street, W8). The Gala Shopping Evening is Wednesday, 10 November from 6pm to 10pm followed by a full shopping day on Thursday, 11 November, with doors open from 10am to 6pm. For more information about ticket sales and the event, please call us on 020 7499 8159 or go to www.jll.org.uk/bdn. Hope to see you there!

Tuesday, 11th November 9.00 am - 2.00 pm

The American Women of Surrey's 20th Annual Gift Fayre at The Xcel Leisure Centre in Walton-on-Thames, Surrey, with more than 70 outstanding vendors. A portion of the sales from this very popular annual event will benefit AWS 2010-2011 slate of charities. For more information on the Gift Fayre or AWS, please visit "<http://www.awsurrey.org>".

Friday, 12th November 6.30 pm

Canadian Women's Club invite you to join them and bring a friend to an evening tour of the National Gallery with Margaret Davis, Blue Badge guide. Every painting has a story. Find the paintings come alive under her lively and interesting guidance. Meet in the Sainsbury Wing Lobby. £10 Members, £12 guests. Please make your cheque payable to the CWC and mail to the CWC, 1 Grosvenor Square, London, W1K4AB. Limit 20. RSVP by Friday November 5th to Patty Bell at [REDACTED]

Saturday, 13th November 7.00 am

The London Ladies Club invite you to a 3 course dinner with a talk on travelling in India by Quo Vadis at The Naval & Military Club. £55 per person. Contact: 020 7730 4640.

Sunday, 14th November 10.00 am

The London Ladies Club invite you to a tour of The National Portrait Gallery £15 per person. Contact 020 7730 4640.

Sunday 14th November 3.00 pm - 6.00 pm

Turkish Women's Philanthropic Association of England invite you to a Classical Turkish Music Concert in Turkish at 4 Willoughby Road, Hornsey, London N8 0HR. Entry £10.

Tuesday, 16th November 12.30 for 1.00 pm

The Women's Council invite you to an Autumn Literary lunch with speaker, Baroness Flather of Windsor and Maidenhead at the University Women's Club, South Audley Street, London W1. Lady Flather will be talking about her new book, "Woman, Acceptable exploitation for Profit" and will be signing copies. Tickets: £30.00 each. Contact: Mrs Abigail Kirby-Harris, [REDACTED]

CLUB ACTIVITIES—Cont

Thursday, 18th November

London Ladies Club invite you to a Drinks Party at Beetles Gallery hosted by Lord Archer (The Collector), Chris Beetles (The Owner) and Michael Foreman (best-selling Book Illustrator and Artist). We are invited to this large, informal gallery in the heart of London's art dealing district, St James. The Beetles Gallery is an established watercolour specialist, but the gallery is world famous for its illustrators, cartoonists and photographers, where prices start as low as £100. Members £1. Guests £15. Reception starts at 6pm. Contact London Ladies Club, phone 0207 730 4640.

Monday, 22nd November 10.00 am

The London Ladies Club invite you to The National Portrait Gallery for a private lecture on 'Women Travellers' by Clare Gittings, lecturer and curator. The talk will range across three centuries of intrepid adventurers and will include pictures that celebrate them and some mementos that they brought back or created on their travels. Enjoy a light breakfast beforehand in the Portrait Restaurant which has spectacular views over Trafalgar Square. Members £32. Guests £40. Breakfast at 10am, visit to exhibition, then lecture at 11.30am. After her lecture, Clare will take anyone who would like to see more of the Lawrence exhibition back to the gallery.

Contact London Ladies Club, phone 0207 730 4640.

Tuesday, 24th November

Arrive at 11.30 to 11.45 am (prompt)

Welcome to London have tickets for the Canaletto Exhibition at the National Gallery in Trafalgar Square at £14.00 each. This will be followed by lunch at the National Gallery restaurant in the Sainsbury Wing at 1.15pm, pay as you eat basis. The table will be booked. Please contact Jenny Habib on email [REDACTED]

Sunday, 28th November 2.00 pm - 4.00 pm

Turkish Women's Philanthropic Association of England are hosting a tea at 4 Willoughby Road, Hornsey, London N8 0HR. Speaker of the month to be announced. Tickets £5

Contact [REDACTED]

Monday, 29th November

London Ladies Club invite you to Christmas Dinner at The Sloane Club.

Gather for our Yuletide celebration at the clubhouse where we will be served a delicious 3-course dinner especially created for us by award-winning chef, Mark Thompson. A selection of wines has been carefully chosen to accompany our meal by Silvio Giraladin the world-renowned Maitre d' from Le Gavroche and Just Great Wines, who will introduce them with each dish. Table gifts and wine included. Members £70. Guests £80. Champagne Reception starts at 7pm.

Contact London Ladies Club, phone 0207 730 4640.

Sunday, 5th December 1.00 pm - 5.00 pm

Association of Turkish Women in Britain invites you to the Annual Turkish Christmas Bazaar at St Andrews (Southgate) Church Hall, Chase Side, London N14 5PP. For further information call Zuhail Thiemann [REDACTED]

Wednesday, 8th December 12.30 for 1.00 pm

The Women's Council invite you to their Annual Christmas Lunch, National Liberal Club with Grand Raffle and Festive Music. Tickets: £30.00

Contact: Mrs Caroline Laving. [REDACTED]

Sunday, 12th December 12 noon

Lykion Ton Heklinidon invite you to a Christmas Lunch at The Royal Thames Yacht Club, 60 Knightsbridge, SW1. Further information on 020 8343 1353 or 020 8201 8332.

Wednesday 15th December 12 noon - 5.30 pm

Lykion Ton Heklinidon invite you to a Christmas Bazaar at The Hellenic Centre, 16-18 Paddington Street W1.

Further information on 020 7224 1969 or enquiries@lykiontonhellenidon.co.uk

IMPORTANT NOTICE

The next issue of "Dateline" will be published in January 2011.

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