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# international DATELINE

FIWAL THE FEDERATION OF INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S ASSOCIATIONS IN LONDON

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear FIWAL members

It is with great pleasure that I greet you today and welcome you to this edition of Dateline. I am very excited to be a part of the FIWAL Executive team for the coming year but I must admit some trepidation at the prospect of following in the footsteps of our very capable Neena Dugal. Fortunately, Neena and indeed all the past Presidents of FIWAL have remained very much a part of the organization and I welcome their guidance in the months ahead.



As many of you may know, this year - 2011 marks 25 years since the founding of FIWAL. This is certainly reason of celebration and we have fond memories of the lovely luncheon held this past May. Yet, at the same time, the attainment of such a milestone also prompts reflection. In recent weeks, I have particularly enjoyed browsing through the old files and photo albums to learn more about FIWAL's first two and a half decades. There has been quite an amazing array of activities ranging from foreign travel to social gatherings held in exquisitely beautiful venues across this great city. Most notably, there has been a number of hugely successful conferences enabling delegates to hear distinguished speakers addressing current affairs and societal issues, generally pertaining to women. Through this myriad of opportunities, the mission of FIWAL has thrived as ladies from all corners of the globe have encountered cultures other than their own.

Besides commemorating our past: the friendships built and the understanding gleaned, it is now our task to build on these strong foundations. The world has certainly changed in the past twenty-five years – particularly in the field of information technology and communications. Earlier this year FIWAL's website ([www.fawal.org.uk](http://www.fawal.org.uk)) was refreshed and it continues to be updated regularly. I encourage you to visit it often. Given that communications are integral to the FIWAL mandate, I hope that the website is the first step in the development of a media/communications strategy that not only harnesses but also shares the collective knowledge, experience and resources of our thirty-five member organizations. I welcome your thoughts and ideas!

In closing, I have truly been inspired by hearing of the social and philanthropic efforts of our member organizations and I very much look forward to meeting members of these organizations personally in the ensuing months.

With every good wish,

Margaret Wickware

## FIWAL DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### FIWAL Presidents' Lunch

Mark you calendars and join us for the Annual FIWAL Presidents' Lunch with a presentation by Nancy Durell McKenna founder and Executive Director of Safe Hand for Children (SHFC).

Please read about Nancy Durell McKenna on page 2.

Date: Monday, 7th November 2011  
Venue: Shelburne Room, The Lansdowne Club  
Time: 11.30 am for 11.45pm  
Cost: £35 for two course lunch  
RSVP: Ayesha Khan at [info@fawal.org.uk](mailto:info@fawal.org.uk)

### FIWAL Christmas Tea

Join us for this popular event at the beautiful home of Salwa Myassi. From 2.30pm we enjoy traditional tea, music, carols and lots of good conversation.

Date: Wednesday, 14th December 2011  
Venue: Private residence in Knightsbridge  
Cost: £25 per person  
RSVP: Hulya Kocu at [REDACTED]

FIWAL WEBSITE: [www.fawal.org.uk](http://www.fawal.org.uk)

## FIWAL PAST EVENTS

### TRIP TO LONGLEAT

FIWAL representatives and guests enjoyed a lovely day trip to Longleat House on June 6th, with a visit through the safari park, and tea with the Marquess of Bath. This was a combined event graciously arranged by Maria-Rita Phillips, President of Chilean Ladies Group. The elaborate tea in the garden with Maria Rita's friend Lord Bath was truly a highlight and appreciated by everyone who was fortunate enough to attend. Many thanks to Luisella Strona for taking wonderful photos during the trip.



*Mona Dahdelah, Neena Dougal, the Marquess of Bath, Maria-Rita Phillips and Cindy Maceda.*

### Speaker at the Presidents' Lunch on 7th November



Nancy Durell McKenna will be joining us at the FIWAL Presidents' Lunch to discuss her work at Safe Hands for Mothers. She is an award-winning photographer and film-maker, has spent most of her professional life documenting the lives, rituals

and traditions of women and families around the world.

In recent years her work has focused on the theme of safe motherhood in developing countries. Her impressive body of work has been produced in many countries in collaboration with international NGOs and Governmental Agencies, including British Council, UNICEF, WHO, Save the Children, OXFAM and the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA).

She has contributed to numerous photographic exhibitions and worked with leading authors on

books about pregnancy, birth, child development and sexuality. The pioneering film 'Birth: Eight Women's Stories', which she filmed and directed, won a Gold Award at the International New York Film and Television Festival in 1993.

In October 2007, Nancy was awarded The Royal Photographic Society's Combined Royal Colleges Medal..."The medal is awarded by The Society in collaboration with the Royal College of Physicians of London, the Royal College of Surgeons of England, and the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists, for outstanding contributions to photography in the service of medicine and surgery."

Nancy, as Executive Director of Safe Hands, is dedicated to reducing maternal and newborn mortality globally through awareness raising, education and training to ensure that every pregnant woman has access to safe and skilled hands.

For more information log onto [www.safehands.org](http://www.safehands.org).

### Special Award to Past President

We are pleased to announce that Eliza Provini Walker (FIWAL past President) has been awarded the Freedom of City of London Award by the Clerk of the Chamberlain Court on 13th September 2011.

She is also receiving the decoration relating to the nomination of the Commander in the Order of the Palmes Academiques to be presented by H.E. The French Ambassador to Her Majesty's Court.

## CLUB ACTIVITIES 2011

Tuesday, 18th October

### **FOCUS: Discover South East Asia**

Join Alex Townsend and her team of destination experts from cazenove+loyd as she discusses how to best explore South East Asia in comfort and style. She will cover Vietnam, Cambodia, Laos and Thailand.

RSVP [www.focus-info.org](http://www.focus-info.org) or 0207 937 7799

Thursday, 20th October 2011

### **Pan Asian Women's Association(PAWA):**

The PAWA Voice with Baroness Flather at Asia House, 63 Cavendish Street London W1G 7LP. £10 (non members)/£8 (PAWA members) which includes a drinks reception.

RSVP [bookings@pawa-london.org](mailto:bookings@pawa-london.org)

Saturday, 22nd October

### **London Ladies Club: The Royal Opera House for La Traviata**

A small group is invited to a private backstage tour, balcony box seats for the performance and 2-course fine dining in The Amphitheatre Restaurant above The Floral Hall. Tour starts at 6pm.

RSVP The Weekend Society at 020 7730 4640 or [info@theweekendsociety.org](mailto:info@theweekendsociety.org)

Tuesday, 1st November 2011

### **Australian Women's Club: Celebrate the 2011 Melbourne Cup**

Watch the Great Horse Race on the big screen in the Edwardian splendour of The Private Rooms at 51 Buckingham Gate SW1E 6AF. Make up a table and join the Australian Women's Club for a great day of sweeps, games, prizes and surprises. From 11.45 to 3pm, tickets £55 includes welcome drink and 3 course meal.

RSVP by 24 October 2011 to Jan Merry: [REDACTED]

Cheques payable to Australian Women's Club

Wednesday, 2nd November

### **FOCUS: Travel Photography- snap your way to beautiful images**

Join renowned travel photographer, Chris Caldicott, for this hands-on workshop where you will learn to take full control of your camera, be able to visualise your photo and know how to capture it. Learn some of the secrets to creating images you will cherish. RSVP [www.focus-info.org](http://www.focus-info.org) or 0207 937 7799

Thursday, 3rd November

### **FOCUS: Practical Tips to Starting your Own Business in the UK**

Have you ever considered working for yourself? If you are interested in starting your own business, join us for this programme with Marcelle Fletcher of Coaching Potential, who will be outlining the challenges and opportunities you need to consider in order to create your own business. RSVP: [www.focus-info.org](http://www.focus-info.org) or 0207 937 7799

Thursday 3rd November

### **KCWC Monthly General Meeting**

from 9:30 am to 12:00 noon at the Royal Geographical Society, No. 1 Kensington Gore SW7 2AR. Guest Speaker is the author Juliet Nicolson discussing her book "The Great Silence". Ms. Nicolson comes from the highest literary pedigree, being the granddaughter of the flamboyant Vita Sackville-West and her diarist husband Harold Nicolson and sister to author/TV presenter Adam Nicolson. Her book explores the period between the "war to end all wars" and the beginning of the "Roaring Twenties".

RSVP [REDACTED]

Wednesday, 9th November

### **FOCUS: Six Steps to Building a Portable Career**

Have you relocated to London and want this move to benefit your career? In this interactive workshop Claire d'Aboville, founder of Partners in Coaching, will present a six steps methodology to help you build a portable career. You will leave with an overall strategy, as well as practical advice and suggestions. RSVP [www.focus-info.org](http://www.focus-info.org) or 0207 937 7799



Saturday, 12th November

### **Hampstead Women's Club: Holiday Marketplace**

The 6th annual Hampstead Women's Club holiday market will be held on November 12th from 12:00 - 5:00pm at Rosslyn Hill Unitarian Chapel, Rosslyn Hill NW3 1NG. This fun and unique holiday market will have vendors on hand selling jewellery, artwork, stationery, homemade baked goods, adult and children's clothing, children's toys, and much more! Open to all. For more info contact Christine Balzano at [programs@hwcinlondon.co.uk](mailto:programs@hwcinlondon.co.uk)

## CLUB ACTIVITIES 2011—Cont.

Saturday, 12th November

### **The Commonwealth Countries League: The Commonwealth Fair**

From 11.30am until 6.00 pm, at Kensington Town Hall, Hornton Street, London W8. Music, food and crafts from throughout the Commonwealth

Monday, 14th November

### **FOCUS: The Network Effect**

Do you dread networking but know you need to do it? In this workshop, we'll be discussing the book *The Network Effect* (which you'll need to read prior to attending) and coming up with some strategies on how to meet people, learn something and have fun!

RSVP [www.focus-info.org](http://www.focus-info.org) or 0207 937 7799

Monday, 14th November

### **London Ladies Club: Selfridges' Food Hall and Avista Luncheon**

The famous Food Hall is preparing for Christmas and we are invited to share the experience! After a tour and talk, enjoy a leisurely luncheon at the nearby Millenium Hotel Mayfair in The Avista Restaurant where Chef Michele Granziera will prepare a special festive two-course menu. From 10.45 am. Members £38 and guests £45.

RSVP The London Ladies Club 020 7730 4640 or [membership@londonladies.co.uk](mailto:membership@londonladies.co.uk)

Monday, Tuesday 14th-15th November

### **Il Circolo: Italian Christmas Bazaar**

The most sought after Italian Bazaar in London comes back with its colours, flavours and original objects at Chelsea Town Hall. Seventy vendors will be involved in two-days of this lively and fun fair, as rich as a Renaissance horn of plenty, where all tastes will be satisfied and where chances to find a special present are high.

For information log onto [www.ilcircolo.org.uk/christmasbazaar2011.html](http://www.ilcircolo.org.uk/christmasbazaar2011.html)

Saturday, 19th November

### **London Ladies: Ascot Raceday and Christmas Fair**

Join us for this exciting day at Ascot, including a 3-course luncheon in the private rooms overlooking The Grandstand, when a magical Christmas Fair comes to Ascot.

We will be greeted with morning coffee, an introduction to this historic racecourse, and an optional tour of the grounds. Members £125 and guests £135.

Coach departs from Sloane Square 10.30am, return coach from Ascot at 4.30pm.

RSVP The Weekend Society at 020 7730 4640 or [info@theweekendsociety.org](mailto:info@theweekendsociety.org)

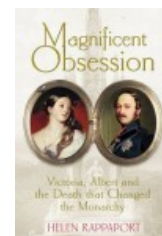
Thursday, 8th December

### **KCWC Monthly General Meeting**

from 9:30 am to 12:00 noon at the Royal Automobile Club's Mountbatten Room, 89 Pall Mall SW1 5HS.

Guest Speaker is Helen Rappaport the author of "*Magnificent Obsession*". This highly respected historian examines the "iconisation" of Prince Albert, the Prince Consort who died unexpectedly in December 1861 at the age of 42. The book has been written to commemorate the 150th anniversary of Prince Albert's untimely passing.

RSVP [REDACTED]



Tuesday, 26th January 2012

### **Pan Asian Women's Association(PAWA):**

An evening with Shirin Ebadi, Nobel Laureate at the Asia House starting with a drinks reception at 6.45pm.

Cost is £14 (non members) and £10 (members)

RSVP [bookings@pawa-london.org](mailto:bookings@pawa-london.org)

### **Upcoming FIWAL 2012 Events: Mark your Calendars!**

The FIWAL Fashion Show on 8th February 2012.

The Biannual FIWAL Conference on 30th April 2012.

More information to follow in the 2012 Datelines.

### **IMPORTANT NOTICE**

The next issue of "Dateline" will be published in January 2011. Please ensure that all club information reaches the "Dateline" editor Barbara Rees, email [reesbarbara@yahoo.com](mailto:reesbarbara@yahoo.com) no later than 21 November 2011