



September 2009  
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**DATELINE**

FIWAL THE FEDERATION OF INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S ASSOCIATIONS IN LONDON

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### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I hope you have enjoyed the elusive British summer and are back to your desks with vigour and enthusiasm to start the good work for the Autumn term. FIWAL has three very interesting events lined up. On 14th October, the Chilean Ambassador, H.E. Rafael Moreno and Mrs Gloria Moreno, in conjunction with the Chilean Ladies Group are hosting a morning at their new Embassy with a short film. If you want to know anything about the wines or the country, this is your opportunity as the Ambassador and his Cultural Attaché will be present to answer any queries. On 20th November, the Ambassador of Turkey, H.E. Mehmet Yigit Alpogon and Mrs Bernev Alpogon are hosting a sit down dinner for FIWAL members with a concert by the exceptional and supreme pianist Ms. Gulsin Onay. The number of guests for this event is limited, so please reserve your places, as soon as possible. Thanks to the Association of Turkish Women in Britain who helped to arrange this event. On 23rd November for FIWAL's Presidents' luncheon, Sarah Driver of Vision World will be the guest speaker. She is an expert on Micro Finance. As most of the Clubs are strong supporters of charities, in one way or another, she will have a lot of information that can be most helpful. Thank you for helping to make FIWAL's Spring Luncheon an enjoyable success. The photographs of the event will be on our website. Do check them out as Luisella and Fatimah have done a good job. The biennial FIWAL Conference is scheduled for May 2010. The subject will be "Women of Vision". If you know someone who fits into this framework as a guest speaker, please do let me know. Last but not least a warm welcome to new members Sindhi Nari Sabha.

Neena Dugal

### FIWAL DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

#### FIWAL PRESIDENTS' LUNCHEON - Monday, 23 November 2009

The Guest Speaker, Sarah Driver, will explain how Micro Finance helps women to help themselves. Sarah works for World Vision with a special interest in Armenia and Ethiopia and runs a youth charity. Club Presidents and/or their representatives please reserve by sending a cheque payable to FIWAL accompanied by a stamped self addressed envelope to Ruth Whitehouse, 7 The Park, London NW11 7SS.

**TIME:** 11.45 – 15.00 **VENUE:** The Lansdowne Club, Shelburne Room **COST:** £35 (cash bar)

#### CHILEAN RECEPTION - Wednesday 14 October 2009, 11.30

H.E. Rafael Moreno, Ambassador of Chile and Mrs Gloria de Moreno invite you to a presentation on the country with refreshments including Chilean wines. (Husbands or partners are most welcome)

Please apply by sending a cheque for £5 made payable to FIWAL, giving your club name, accompanied by a stamped self-addressed envelope to Gerda Pope, [REDACTED]

#### TURKISH DINNER WITH PIANO RECITAL - Friday, 20 November 2009

H.E. Mehmet Yigit Alpogon, Ambassador of Turkey and Mrs Bernev Alpogon invite you and your guest to their residence for a dinner and concert by the internationally renowned pianist Gulsin Onay, who has a rich and varied CV and produced numerous recordings of works by Tchaikovsky, Rachmaninov, Chopin, Grieg, Saint-Saens as well as contemporary composers.

**TIME:** 7.30pm **COST:** £60 per person

Please apply by sending a cheque payable to FIWAL, giving your club name, accompanied by a stamped self-addressed envelope to Fatimah Gammage : [REDACTED]

#### FIWAL BOARD MEETINGS

**DATES:** Mon 5 Oct 2009 and 11 Jan 2010

**TIME:** 10.30 for 11.00

**VENUE:** The Lansdowne Club, Shelburne Room

#### FIWAL AGM

**DATE:** Monday 14 June 2010

**TIME:** 10.30 for 11.00

**VENUE:** The Lansdowne Club, Shelburne Room

## FIWAL PAST EVENTS

### FIWAL SPRING LUNCHEON

FIWAL hosted a superb Spring Luncheon for members on Thursday 14 May. The magnificent décor of the venue, Bombay Brasserie on Courtfield Road, provided a perfect ambience for the 190 ladies who gathered, many looking stunning in colourful saris. Even the few who were apprehensive about Indian cuisine remarked on the excellent and interesting menu.

To ensure there was never a quiet moment guests were treated to a fashion show of exquisite jewellery by the Indian designer, Art Karat. FIWAL secretary, Sandra Johnson, choreographed the show and FIWAL Assistant Treasurer, Ayesha Khan, led the 6 young lady models and one gentleman who dazzled the audience in his bridal attire bedecked with fine jewellery. Items were on sale on the day with affordable prize tags.

Over coffee Lady Mohini Kent Noon, author, playwright and film-maker gave a short address and presented her fascinating film "Tiffen Curry" which portrays a history of India through food. Hulya Kocu of The Association of Turkish Women in Britain donated prizes for a very



*Sandra Johnson with the lovely models wearing Art Karat jewellery*

successful raffle organised by herself, Lena Freeman and Salwa Mayassi and Vee Tee Rice, Noon Products, shu uemuru cosmetics and Asiana Magazine donated items for a parting gift bag.

## WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

### SINDHI NARI SABHA

FIWAL is very pleased to welcome Sindhi Nari Sabha (SNS). The Sindhi Nari Sabha was founded in 1960 by 6 Indian ladies from the Sindh province. Since then, the SNS has grown to a vibrant organization connecting almost 300 women across London. The SNS brings women of the Sindhi community together providing a platform to connect, support and network with each other. The SNS organizes social, cultural and philanthropic activities. It is a great starting point for newcomers to adjust to life in England and to forge long-lasting friendships. Fund-raising is an important aspect of the SNS which subsequently donates financial grants to both UK and overseas charitable organizations.

The Sindhi Nari Sabha social event of the year is the Diwali Ball to celebrate the Indian New Year, which this year takes place on 10th October. See club activities for further details.

## CLUB ACTIVITIES 2009

**Thursday 8 October 09.30am – 12 noon**

**The Kensington Chelsea Women's Club (KCWC)** invites you to their General Meeting at the Royal Geographical Society, 1 Kensington Gore, London SW7 (entrance on Exhibition Road, nearest tube station South Kensington). The Guest Speaker will be **Suzannah Lipscomb**, historian and research curator at Hampton Court Palace. For further information email [membership@kcwc.org.uk](mailto:membership@kcwc.org.uk) or telephone 020 7863 7562

**Friday 9 October 6.00-9.00pm**

**Il Circolo** invites you to **Natuzzi**, at 333-339 Finchley Road, London, NW3 6EP for their 50th anniversary celebrations including champagne and canapés, a fashion show and art display. Partners/guests welcome. For more information contact Elisa Provini Walker email [elisa@ilcircolo.org.uk](mailto:elisa@ilcircolo.org.uk)

**Saturday 10 October 7.30pm till late**

**Diwali Ball – the Sindhi Nari Sabha** invites you to their annual spectacular charity celebration of the "Festival of Lights" to welcome the Indian New Year. Tickets £90 each (Table of 10 £900) to include champagne reception, sumptuous dinner, open

bar and non-stop entertainment. Contact Vandana Sitlani at [vandana.sitlani@gmail.com](mailto:vandana.sitlani@gmail.com) or telephone 07793 148772

**Monday 12 October 12 noon**

**Royal Opera House – Welcome to London International Club** invites you to join them to see behind the scenes followed by a two course lunch (inclusive) at La Ballerina Restaurant. Members £22. Guests £25. Contact Helen [helen@londoninternationalclub.com](mailto:helen@londoninternationalclub.com)

**Saturday 17 October 11.30am-6.00pm**

**The Commonwealth Fair, Kensington Town Hall**, Hornton Street, London W8 7NX – **The Commonwealth Countries League (CCL)** celebrating the 60th Anniversary of the Commonwealth invites you to their fair of exotic foods, handicrafts, music, entertainment and grand raffle. Adults £5 Children £3. not suitable for pushchairs or trolleys/no credit cards. Advanced tickets until 30 September £8 (2 adults) £10 (2 adults and 2 children) from Parveen [parveen@commonwealthcountriesleague.com](mailto:parveen@commonwealthcountriesleague.com)

**Tuesday 20 October 11am**

**The Australian Women's Club International Coffee Morning**

## CLUB ACTIVITIES 2009 - Cont.

at The Downer Room, Australia House. All FIWAL members are invited to a presentation by Guest Speaker Professor Steve Hopper, the first Australian Director of the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew. Contact Jill Berry [redacted] 6420 Admission £5 donation to CCL education fund. For security names must be submitted by 12 October.

### Thursday 22 October 11.30

**Spanish Ladies Club** invites all **Spanish speaking** ladies to a visit of City Hall. For further information contact Carmen Suarez [redacted]

### Saturday 31 October 11am-3pm

**Annual Children's Halloween Party** at Church of St Philip, Earls Court, London W8 6QH Tickets £20 per person and they sell very quickly. Contact Kensington and Chelsea Women's Club by emailing Brittan Chepak at kewekids1@kcwc.org.uk All profits to KCWC new charity

### Tuesday 3 November 10.30am

**London Ladies Club** invites you to an **Investment Seminar** at **Killik & Company** with luncheon at 1pm and a tour of their historic premises, once home of the American Women's Club and The Japanese Embassy. Members £20. Guests £25. Contact London Ladies Club, PO Box 3870, London SW1W 8PY or phone 020 7730 4640

### Tuesday 3 November 11.30am

**Welcome to London International Club** invites you to join them on a visit to the Silver Vaults a discretely located building in

Chancery Lane, the heart of the historic legal district. Lunch after at Chez Gerard to own account. Free. To book contact Helen by 23 October [redacted]

### Thursday 5 November 9.30-12noon

**The Kensington Chelsea Women's Club (KCWC)** invites you to their General Meeting at the Royal Geographical Society, 1 Kensington Gore, London SW7 (entrance on Exhibition Road, nearest tube station South Kensington). The Guest Speaker Zac Goldsmith (ecologist, organic farmer, environmentalist and prospective parliamentary candidate) will speak on climate change and the possible solutions to this global issue.

### Thursday 5 November 7pm

**Lykion Ton Hellinidon** invites you to an illustrated lecture by Mrs Fotini Papadopoulou on **The Leventis Municipal Museum of Nicosia** at Great Hall, Hellenic Centre. For further information email enquiries@lykiontonhellinidon.co.uk or telephone 0207 224 1969

### Saturday 7 November

**Association of Turkish Women of Britain** invites you to a signing of the book "A Designated Man" by the author Moris Fahri at Troy Hotel, Bayswater. For details contact Hulya Kocu at [redacted]

### Saturday 7 November 1.00-4.00pm

**The Kensington Chelsea Women's Club (KCWC) Nearly New Sale** of children's clothing, toys, books, etc. at The Brompton Oratory Church Hall, Brompton Road, London SW7 2RP Next

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to the V&A Museum) Entrance £1. For more information contact Nona [REDACTED]

### Saturday 7 and Sunday 8 November 10.00am-5.00pm

**Lykion Ton Hellinidon** invites you to a week-end seminar on traditional **Greek Dance** at **Great Hall, Hellenic Centre**. To reserve email enquiries@lykiontonhellinidon.co.uk or telephone 07973 752881. Dance classes are available throughout the academic year for children and adults at all levels at The Crypt, St Sophia, Moscow Road, London W2. For information telephone Mrs A Williams [REDACTED]

### Tuesday 10 November 09.00-3.00pm

**The American Women of Surrey** is having its annual Gift Fayre at The Hilton, Cobham (just off A3 Painshill exit on Seven Hills Road South, Cobham KT11 1EW. Perfect gifts including designer clothes, home décor, pottery and home bakes. Further information at AWSGiftFayre@yahoo.co.uk

### Monday 16 or Thursday 19 November 6.00-7.30pm

**London Ladies Club** invites you to join them for Christmas shopping at Kiehl's, King's Road, creators of bespoke gifts and purveyors of fine quality skin and haircare preparations since 1851. Members £10. Guests £15 (includes refreshments and gift bag). Contact London Ladies Club, PO Box 3870, London SW1W 8PY or phone 020 7730 4640

### Friday 20 November 10.30am

**The Canadian Women's Club** invites you to a **coffee morning** at **The Athenaeum**, 107 Pall Mall, SW1Y 5ER. Louisa Service O.B.E., one of the first women members will share her stories about the history of this prestigious gentlemen's club. Please apply by sending a cheque for £14 to Canadian Women's Club, 1 Grosvenor Square, London W1K 4AB by 11 November. Appropriate dress required (no denim or trainers)

### Sunday 29 November

**Bayram Dinner – Association of Turkish Women of Britain**. For details contact Hulya Kocu [REDACTED]

### Sunday 6 December

**Association of Turkish Women in Britain Christmas Bazaar**. For details contact Hulya Kocu [REDACTED]

### Monday 7 December 3pm

**Welcome to London International Club** invites you to **Christmas Afternoon Tea** at **Institute of Directors**, 116 Pall Mall, London SW1Y 5ED. Tickets £15. Please apply by sending a cheque payable to Welcome to London Int Club to Mrs Regine Thelwell, [REDACTED] by 1 December.

### Tuesday 8 December 12noon-5pm

**Lykion Ton Hellinidon Christmas Bazaar** at Boardroom, Hellenic Centre. For further information email enquiries@lykiontonhellinidon.co.uk or telephone 020 7224 1969

### Wednesday 9 December 12.30 for 1.00pm

**The Women's Council** invites you to their annual **Christmas Luncheon** at **The National Liberal Club**, Whitehall Place, London SW1A 2HE. Tickets £30. Reserve with Mrs Thelma Akrawi email [REDACTED]

### Saturday 1 May – Wednesday 5 May 2010

**Welcome Clubs International** invites you to join them on their 2010 Conference at Porto Alegre, Brazil. Any member wishing to attend should contact Dee Medawar [REDACTED] 1 December.

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