



April 2009

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DATELINE

FIWAL THE FEDERATION OF INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S ASSOCIATIONS IN LONDON

C/O THE LANSDOWNE CLUB • 9 FITZMAURICE PLACE • BERKELEY SQUARE • LONDON W1X 6JD

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Spring signals the renewal of the world, flowers and crops grow, there is precious new life and the blooms that have slept throughout the cold of the winter begin to show again. One can feel and see the excitement in the nature. It is the time when we can start to energize again, "Putting a spirit of youth in everything" (Shakespeare). It is like a new beginning for all of us.

There have been a lot of "hiccups" and difficult times in the recent past, but I am sure that when we help each other we can overcome and pass the test of time. When you give of your possessions, you give little. When you give of yourself, you give all. Time, a sympathetic ear, humour or a helping hand in times of distress is all what more people need to receive and to give.

From a 14-year study of 2700 people in Michigan, USA, it was revealed that giving benefits health - those who did charity work, lived longer, were relatively free from heart disease, had low blood pressure and greater peace of mind. Fulfilment comes from giving, not receiving. We have plenty of sharing, caring and understanding amongst our Clubs and I respect the hard work that the ladies do to help those in need.

To dust away the winter blues, FIWAL is holding its Spring Luncheon on 14th May at the newly refurbished Bombay Brasserie. Let us all get together and enjoy an afternoon in each other's company, exchange ideas and views and also get to know a bit of India. There will be a short introduction and a film "Curry Tiffin" produced and directed by Lady Mohini Kent Noon with a voice over of Sir Ben Kingsley. It charts the history of India through food. There will also be a fashion show of jewellery designed by the famous Asha Kamal Modi in India.

Please get in touch with Ruth Whitehouse for your tickets. I look forward to meeting you soon.

Neena Dugal

FIWAL DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

FIWAL'S SPRING LUNCHEON

The guest speaker, Lady Noon, will present excerpts from her film "Curry Tiffin" which portrays the history of India through food

DATE: Thursday 14 May 2009
TIME: 12.00 for 12.30pm
VENUE: Bombay Brasserie, Courtfield Road,
London SW7 4QH
COST: £38 **early bird price**. Cash bar.
Tickets purchased after **24 April**
will cost £43

Please apply by sending a cheque payable to FIWAL, accompanied by a stamped self-addressed envelope to Ruth Whitehouse, [REDACTED]

CHILEAN RECEPTION

We have been invited to the newly refurbished Chilean Embassy for a presentation on the country and a tasting of Chilean wines.

DATE: Wednesday 14 October 2009
TIME: 11.30am
COST: £5

Please apply by sending a cheque made payable to FIWAL, accompanied by a stamped self-addressed envelope to Gerda Pope, [REDACTED]

FIWAL AGM

DATE: Monday **15 June** 2009 - Note amended date
TIME: 13.00 for 14.00
VENUE: The Lansdowne Club, Shelburne Room

FIWAL CLUB PAST EVENTS

THE ANNUAL ASIAN FESTIVAL



Women's Council invited FIWAL members to a magnificent occasion at the residence of H.E. Ambassador of Indonesia on Thursday 26th February. H.E. The Ambassador gave a welcome address to which Joan, The Lady Kings Norton, President of Women's Council and FIWAL's immediate Past President, replied. Guests were then treated to a magnificent fashion show of traditional dress of 7 Asian countries - Bangladesh, China, Korea, Indonesia, Myanmar, Philippines and Thailand. The colourful and beautiful fabrics created into wonderful garments and modelled by beautiful women from the various countries certainly cheered an otherwise grey English February day. Comprehensive explanations were given of the significance of the various garments and the show was concluded by a traditional Indonesian Dance performed by a masked ornately dressed dancer. The patron countries together with Malaysia, Pakistan and Singapore then served their exotic national finger foods and Women's Council provided a selection of desserts. The occasion raised over £3000 for Women's Council's charitable project in Mumbai to train representatives from South East Asia in the care and inclusion of the disabled.



IMPORTANT NOTICE

The next issue of "Dateline" will be published in September 2009. Please ensure that all club information reaches the "Dateline" editor Gerda Pope,

Friday 11 September. Please mention FIWAL/Dateline in the subject line.

MEMBER CLUB PROFILE

The Kensington Chelsea Women's Club (KCWC) founded over 25 years ago, is a non-profit, volunteer organisation formed to foster friendships and interaction among women of all ages and nationalities living in the Greater London area. More than 1200 members from 46 countries and cultures are currently members of the club. New members are very welcome. For more information on how to join visit www.kcwc.org.uk email membership@kcwc.org.uk telephone 020 7863 7562 or attend one of the General Meetings.

This Spring, the KCWC will have another exciting season of monthly General Meetings featuring first-rate guest speakers on diverse topics.

CLUB ACTIVITIES 2009

Thursday 16 April 12.00 for 12.30pm

Women's Council invites FIWAL members to join them for a lunch at The Embassy of Turkey. Tickets £25. Contact Mrs Celia Brown at [REDACTED]

Tuesday 21 April 9.30am

Celebrity Chef, Charita "Momma Cherri" Jones - The American Women of Surrey invites you to their General Meeting with the only American Chef on UK Television. A morning of cooking, laughter and tastings as Momma Cherri shares her delicious foul food recipes and stories of her life in England. Contact Elisabeth Partyka [REDACTED]

Wednesday 22 April 2.00-4.00pm

Women's Council Annual General Meeting at The Ismaili Centre, London SW7. Contact Caroline Muir [REDACTED]

Friday 24 April 1pm

The Spanish Ladies Association invites Spanish speaking FIWAL members to join them for a Tapas lunch at Casa Lucio, 257 Fulham Road. To book send a cheque for £33 before 17 April payable to the Spanish Ladies Club to Andrea Geser, 18 Cadogan Square, London SW1X OJS

Wednesday 6 May 2.45pm

Chinese Tea Ceremony - London Ladies Club invites you to The London Fo Guang Shan Bhuddist Temple near Oxford Circus to taste and learn about the history and Zen of tea. Members £18 Guests £25. Contact London Ladies Club, PO Box 3870, London SW1W 8PY or phone 020 7730 4640

Thursday 7 May 9.30-12.00

The Kensington Chelsea Women's Club invites you to their General Meeting at The Royal Geographical Society, 1 Kensington Gore, London SW7. The entrance for the venue is on Exhibition Road about 8 minutes from South Kensington tube station. Guest speaker will be Richard Mullender, Hostage/Crisis negotiator, on "How can we survive a terrorist attack".

Saturday 16 May 7pm till late

Turkish Women's Philanthropic Association of England invites you to their Mother of the Year International Mother's Day Ball at The Imperial Hotel, Russell Square, London WC1B 5BB. Send cheque for £60 each payable to TWPA to Ayse Osman, [REDACTED]

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Monday 18 May 11.00-2.30pm

Unique private exhibition at Mayfair dealer, Wartski, of their Roman to Renaissance collection of 35 rings dating from 300-1600. London Ladies Club invites you to a talk with a glass of champagne followed by a 2-course luncheon at The Lansdowne Club. Members £45. Guests £50. Contact London Ladies Club, PO Box 3870, London SW1W 8PY or phone 020 7730 4640

Friday 5 June 1.45pm

The London Philharmonic Orchestra rehearsal at The Royal Festival Hall. London Ladies invites you to join them for a rehearsal of Debussy's La Mer, Elgar's Cello Concerto and Beethoven's Symphony No 5 with tea and a talk by one of the performers in the interval. Members £25. Guests £30. Contact London Ladies Club, PO box 3870, London SW1W 8PY or phone 020 7730 4640

Thursday 18 June

Royal Ascot Ladies Day - The Turkish Women's Philanthropic Association of England invites you to join them. Please apply before 15 April when the cost will be confirmed

Thursday 9 July 12.00 noon

Garden Party - TWPA invites you to a lunch of Turkish cuisine at TWPA Centre, 4 Willoughby Road, Turn Pike Lane, London N8 0HR. Cost £15. Contact Ayse Osman

Wednesday 22 July 2.30pm

Heatherley's School of Fine Art - London Ladies Club invites you to join them for the Summer Exhibition and a tour of the wonderful premises with a talk about the Open Studio and Summer courses for mature students. Contact London Ladies Club, PO box 3870, London SW1W 8PY or phone 020 7730 4640

Sunday 26 July lunch

Thames Boat Party. For further information contact Contact Ayse Osman

CONGRATULATIONS

To former FIWAL President 1998-2000, Haifa Al-Kaylani, on being named one of the 20 leading Muslim women in the UK when The Equality & Human Rights Commission recently announced The Muslim Women Power List 2009. This was in recognition of her work and leadership as Founder and Chairman of the Arab International Women's Forum and her other contributions to the UK community.

OBITUARY

It is with much sadness that we announce the passing of former FIWAL Executive member Nafeesa Nasser and convey our deep condolences to her family and friends. She represented Women's India Association and will be greatly missed.

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