

# AMERICAN EXPATRIATE CLUBS & NEWS

## AWC London

Fall is a busy time for The American Women's Club of London. The AWC London hosts various activities throughout the year as a chance for all members to get together, mingle, and experience everything unique that London has to offer. This fall, we have several exciting member events, and we'd love to have new faces join us.

### Special Guest Speaker

On 23 October, we are excited to welcome Steve Pateman, the real-life inspiration behind the popular Broadway and West End musical, *Kinky Boots*. He'll share stories of his life starting as a shoe factory managing director leading his company from every day footwear and fashion into the kinky boot market. His stories and anecdotes of this fascinating move tell how he went from the back streets of Earls Barton, to a BBC2 programme, *The Kinky Boot Factory*, which millions of people have watched worldwide, to the film *Kinky Boots*, and then to the subsequent Broadway and West End musical of the same name.



The real-life Charlie Price will have you in fits of laughter and cringing with his stories, as you follow his embarrassing moments in a life he never knew existed, as he meets a new and secret world surrounding kinky boots and all that come with it. Details: 23 October, 10am-12pm at the Royal Thames Yacht Club.

### The Wallace Collection & Clarence House

We are hosting a private tour and lunch at the Wallace Collection in late October. The Wallace Collection is a national museum which displays the wonderful works of art collected in the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries by the first four Marquesses of Hertford and Sir Richard Wallace, the son of the 4th Marquess. It was bequeathed to the British nation in 1897. Displayed at Hertford House, one of the family's London properties in the nineteenth century, the Wallace Collection presents its outstanding collections in a sumptuous but approachable manner which is an essential part of its charm.

On 5 November, the AWC have been graciously invited for Highgrove Christmas Shopping at Clarence House. Clarence House is a royal residence in London, situated on The Mall, in the City of Westminster. It is attached to St. James's Palace and shares the palace's garden. For nearly 50 years, from 1953 to 2002, it was home to Queen Elizabeth, The Queen Mother. It has since been the official residence of the Prince of Wales and the Duchess of Cornwall. Their Royal Highnesses, The Prince of Wales and The Duchess of Cornwall very kindly invite the women of the AWC and their guests to shop their Christmas Market.

The purpose of the shop is to raise much needed income for the Prince of Wales's Charitable Foundation - a grant-making trust that aims to transform lives and build sustainable communities by supporting a wide range of causes from culture and heritage to young people and education.

Finally, December brings our annual Christmas party. We will host the party at Ronald McDonald House, one of our dedicated charities. We'll gather to celebrate the season, share delicious bites, and mingle with friends old and new.

### Community Service & Giving Back

The members of the AWC regularly serve their community, and we support three organisations on an ongoing basis. We are closely affiliated with the Ronald McDonald House in London, which offers accommodations for families whose children

are receiving medical treatment at nearby hospitals. Monthly, our members meet to provide a home-cooked meal for current guests, complete with decorations and treats for young siblings. The Soup Kitchen at the American International Church provides breakfast and lunch for homeless and economically disadvantaged individuals in central London. Our members assist with cooking and serving the food, and we also staff a donation closet from which Soup Kitchen guests can select needed clothing and personal items. Lastly, the AWC supports London's Doorstep Library. This excellent community resource sends volunteers into public housing estates armed with books to foster literacy and a love for reading among young residents. Our members can participate on an ongoing, weekly basis, or as substitutes allowing them to be guest readers as their schedules permit.

AWC London members are generous with their time, and through various fundraising events during the year, giving of their resources as well. In addition to giving back to our home-for-now, participating in Community Outreach gives AWC members the opportunity to forge friendships with other expats and feel a bit more connected to life outside their home country.

### About the AWC

Founded in 1899 as the "Society of American Women," the American Women's Club of London has provided a welcoming atmosphere to American women living in London for over 100 years. The American Women's Club of London is a founding member of the Federation of American Women's Club Overseas (FAWCO) and is a member of the Federation of International Women's Associations in London and the greater London area (FIWAL).

We welcome all US citizens as well as persons with close ties or affinity to the United States. We look forward to welcoming you as a New Member. Please visit our website at [www.awclondon.org](http://www.awclondon.org) to learn more!

## The American Society in London

The American Society in London is the oldest American society in the UK, pre-dating the Pilgrims, American Aid and The Harvard Club in England to name a few. Founded in 1895 to promote good fellowship between the USA and UK, it has a rich history including Gordon H. Selfridge as a past chairman and



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## Texas Exes

Let's brush off all our costumes, because it's nearly Halloween again! Calling all Kardashians, athletes, 90's video games, or perhaps even Supermen.

On 27 October, the Texas Exes will be celebrating Halloween in true American style - from costumes (not just your scary fare of witches and goblins), to pumpkins burning bright and a monster mash dance off!

Those who come best dressed will take home prizes! We will have music and dancing, special drinks and good company! So, mark your diary friends - we hope to see you there.

You won't want to miss the Halloween party of the season - buy your tickets now or beware!

The Bolton Pub  
326 Earls Court Road  
London, SW5 9BQ  
27 October  
8 pm to Late

£10 on tickets purchased online by 26 October; £15 at the door. Visit: <http://buytickets.at/uktexasexes/187804> (as this is a charity event, please note that there are no refunds on tickets purchased).



Jacqueline Kennedy as a past event attendee. The society is extending a warm invitation to Americans in the UK to join our upcoming events - a drinks gathering at the Tower of London in September and our Black-Tie Thanksgiving Dinner at Plaisterers' Hall in November.

To learn more about these events and/or joining the American Society in London, please email [info@americansocietyuk.com](mailto:info@americansocietyuk.com). And please follow us on Facebook: @americansocietyinlondon Twitter: @ASL\_1895.

## The Hampstead Women's Club (HWC)

The HWC is a multinational, social organisation for women living in the London area. Our purpose is to provide a sense of community through social, educational and charitable activities.

The HWC offers many activities to its members, from Arts & Antiques to Theatre, Hiking, Book Club, Speakers Series, Creative Writing, Wellness, Dining Out, Charity Volunteering and much more.

For more information about the club in general, visit our website: [www.hwcinlondon.co.uk](http://www.hwcinlondon.co.uk)

TEXAS EXES  
16TH ANNUAL  
**AMERICAN STYLE  
HALLOWEEN BASH**  
Saturday October 27th, 2018  
The Bolton, 326 Earls Ct Rd, London SW5 9BQ  
Doors open at 8pm - Late

**TICKETS**  
Early bird (if purchased online until October 26th) £10  
Latecomers (after October 26th and at the door) £15

Where to buy tickets:  
<http://buytickets.at/uktexasexes/187804>

All proceeds go to the UK Texas Exes Scholarship



## The Society Of Mayflower Descendants In The UK And Europe

The year 2020 will mark the 400th anniversary of the sailing of the Mayflower. Plans to commemorate this important historic event are underway in the UK, the US, and the Netherlands. The Society of Mayflower Descendants in the UK and US is the official branch of the General Society of Mayflower Descendants. In addition to expatriates who reside in the UK and Europe, the Society welcomes US residents. We offer options to transfer US membership to the European Society or to hold dual US/Europe memberships.

If you might be a descendant of a Mayflower passenger and are interested in becoming a member or learning more about the organisation, please contact mayflower.europe.info@gmail.com. Reach us on our public Facebook page: European Society of Mayflower Descendants. Or just send a personal email to Nancy Naro, Governor (nancy.naro@gmail.com) or to Molly J. Wagner, Historian (mollyjwagner\_gsmd@yahoo.com). Please let us know how you heard about the Society.



## Junior League Of London

### It's A Wrap

We wrapped up the 2017-2018 year in May on a high note, with our annual gala fundraiser, this year held at the historic Churchill War Rooms.

Overall throughout the year, we directly impacted over 6800 people in the London community through our outreach, including:

- Serving more than 2400 meals to the homeless
- Providing clothing to over 215 homeless people
- Sorting, ironing, steaming and hanging over 3100 items of clothing
- Putting together 3000 letters for charity mailings
- Packing over 5200 kg of food at food shelters (equating to 2600 meals).

Thank you to all of our member volunteers and supporters for helping us achieve this!

### Leading and Learning

Our 2018-2019 year has been busy so far with volunteering, learning and fun. Our General Meeting in July featured Susan Treadgold and a workshop on "The High Performing Woman." Her vision is to empower women to

level up without burning out or opting out so they can bring their best selves to their work, homes and communities. She is passionate about helping people create sustainable peak performance and success by helping them increase their confidence, energy, executive presence and productivity. It was a highly informative session!

The focus of our September General Meeting was "What Does It Mean To Be A Civic Leader?" featuring an impressive panel of government and civic leaders.

### Summer Fun

We had two great over-subscribed events in August to get together for a good cause, build connections within the League and kick off the year in true London style. Thanks to everyone who came out to support us!

On 10 August, the sun emerged just in time for our JLL garden party at the Beautiful Allotment!

And on 18 August, we spent a great day exploring the Maltby Street market and the Bermondsey Beer Mile.



### Strike Out Poverty Bowling Event

Back by popular demand! On Wednesday, 17 October, we will be hosting our second JLL Strikes Out Poverty event in the private Kingpin Suite at Bloomsbury Bowling Lanes! Please mark your calendars and invite your friends, colleagues, and partners for a great evening of bowling, karaoke and more (pool, ping pong, indoor cricket, vintage video games and dancing) – all for a good cause! You won't want to miss it! Get your tickets here.

### Boutique de Noel

Save the date of Tuesday, 27 November 2018, to get a kick start on your holiday shopping and join the Junior League of London for a soirée at Chelsea Old Town Hall! Now in its 39th year, Boutique de Noel 2018 will offer an afternoon of shopping with our carefully curated exhibitors, followed by an elegant evening event and of course more shopping with our exhibitors. What you can look forward to:

- Unique gifts from some of London's best vendors
- Exciting raffle prizes
- Seasonal entertainment
- Drinks and canapés
- Lively evening of Christmas fun with JLL members, family, friends and the London community.

Funds raised at Boutique de Noel support the Junior League of London's mission to promote voluntary service, develop the potential of women and improve communities, through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers. Tickets go on sale soon so check our website - jll.org.uk - for further details.

If you are interested in becoming an exhibitor at this year's event, please register your interest by contacting us.

### Join Us

Since 1978, the Junior League of London has been an active and welcoming home for women who want to incorporate volunteering into their busy lives. We offer an average of 15-20 volunteers shifts each month across daytime, evening and weekends. There's something for everyone, ranging from serving food at homeless shelters, to sorting clothing, stuffing letters for charity mailings, gardening and teaching English.

We accept new members in September and February, so if you interested in volunteering, developing and gaining new leadership and volunteering skills, making new friends and making a difference in your community, check out our website for more information and come to one of our information sessions!

