

AMERICAN WOMEN'S CLUBS NEWS

Hampstead Women's Club

The Hampstead Women's Club (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.

Recent Highlights

A great time was had by all at our first annual 'Spring Fling' in May. The rain didn't dampen our spirits as we took over the Stag Pub in Belsize Park for a lovely evening to celebrate our club. Friends and partners joined us for nibbles and drinks and we also raised funds for our chosen charity Age UK and Henderson Court. Also in May, we had a great turnout for a foodies and bar themed walk through Soho with a Blue Badge Guide. We now know where all the cool hidden bars are! Lastly, we launched a new interest group called Made by Mums, where one of our talented members led us in



a crafting/upcycling event. We made jewellery and handbags out of old t-shirts! Look out Etsy!

June highlights included a private tour of the Zabudowicz Collection where we were treated to the art of Bea Bonfini and an interesting photography exhibit. We also launched another interest group called Wellness, which will focus on having monthly speakers and activities all supported around the idea of keeping a sound body and mind. We kicked it off with an event with 3 speakers about different wellness topics: Midlife Diet, Pilates and Meditation. Our hikers also had a great June hike from Sunningdale to Windsor - taking in Virginia Water, Valley Gardens and the (very) Long Walk to Windsor Castle.

Upcoming Events

In addition to our ongoing regularly scheduled activities like our creative writing group, golf, book club, tennis, running, heath walking, hiking and yoga, here are a few fun events lined up for Oct-Dec:

- Kids Halloween Trick or Treat Parade and Cinema showing
- Lunch at the Peers Dining Room in the Houses of Parliament

- Haunted Pub Tour of Highgate and Hampstead
- Art outings to Fahrelnissa Zeid and Cézanne's Portraits
- Our annual Christmas Lunch

The calendar is still getting filled up so these are just a few of the MANY activities we will have this Fall.

If you're interested in finding out more about our club, join us for one of our monthly Link-Up events, which allows you to come and meet some members and get questions answered. We've got one on Thursday, 12th October at 7:30pm and another one on Wednesday, 8th November at 9:30am.

Contact Sumi at linkup@hwcinlondon.co.uk for locations and more details.

To find out more about the HWC in general, visit our website: hwcinlondon.co.uk or find us on Facebook and Twitter.

AWBS International Women's Club

Our club is looking forward to starting our 36th year in operation!!! Last year we had a very successful transition in moving our monthly

meetings to exciting new venues like Wentworth Golf Club and Pinewood Studios and continuing with our wonderful roster of speakers such as Princess Michael of Kent, Eddie the Eagle and Sujo John of *You Can Free Us*.

We are an international club of over two hundred members who have moved to the UK, some for their first overseas assignment, others for their umpteenth; some have settled in, others are on short assignments. Additionally, we have many English members, often who have been expats themselves and feel an affiliation with an international group.

This year we are moving to a new venue again, to Great Fosters Country House Hotel, a Grade One listed building set amongst 50 acres of stunning gardens and parkland in Egham, Surrey. We already have fantastic speakers lined up to educate, entertain and inform! Our varied programme of activities and social events are among the highlights of our coming year.

For further information about the club please go to our website: www.awbs.org.uk or by e-mail to info@awbs.org.uk.

North American Connection, West Midlands

We can't believe it's the Autumn already! Whilst many of our members have been busy this summer either travelling home to the States or entertaining relatives and friends here in our adopted UK home, we still found time to squeeze in some fabulous NAC events for our members, including our very popular 4th July barbecue attended by 90 expats and friends. Held on Sunday, 2nd July, the weather was kind to us and we had a fantastic afternoon complete with American style hamburgers, hot dogs, home made potato salads and coleslaw and a range of delicious cakes and pies. The kids were entertained with face painting and water balloon games. We also invited members from other American expat groups in the Midlands area and it was great having us all get together and also meeting new people.

We are now looking forward to our autumn events where we will be welcoming some of our new members who have arrived over the summer and are just about to begin their adventure in the UK! We have a lot of exciting activities planned including our very popular coffee mornings, lunches out, our evening and day time book clubs, cinema, theatre, pub nights and dinner outings. We also have our charity events and evenings where we combine having fun with quizzes, games and party themed nights whilst raising money for worthy causes. Also in November, our much-anticipated American Thanksgiving dinner is taking place at a lovely hotel near Solihull, Birmingham. Last year we had 80 expats and family members joining us for a delicious sit down lunch with the roast turkey and trimmings provided by the small private hotel, and our own members bringing side dishes and desserts to



share, made from favourite family recipes. We expect this year to be as popular and delicious as ever! If you haven't found us yet, please do visit our website at www.naconnect.com. Our club is open to all women with a particular connection to North America or a specific interest in the club's activities. We are here to provide friendship and support, as well as social, educational and philanthropic activities for our members be they new expats, or long-term/permanent UK residents. We come from all areas of the Midlands but most members reside within an hour's travel radius of Birmingham, including Solihull, Leamington Spa, Stafford, Derby, Worcester and Stratford-upon-Avon. A very warm welcome is always extended to new members! We are happy for you to come join us for a couple of events before deciding to become a member so please do get in touch via our website as we would love to meet you! You can also look us up on facebook, (The North American Connection) and like our page!

FAWCO Club

2017-18 FAWCO Club Year

The fall kicks off the upcoming club year for the 64 FAWCO clubs around the world. Clubs participate in many newcomer events in their local communities. This allows clubs to actively engage with recent arrivals to their cities, and to be a contributing member of their host community's activities.

FAWCO Target Project Matching Grant

The FAWCO Foundation's Backing Women Campaign announces a \$10,000 Matching Grant Program sponsored by The de Groot Foundation benefiting the FAWCO Target



Project – Hope Beyond Displacement.

Every dollar raised by FAWCO clubs through fundraising events between September 2017 and March 2018, up to \$10,000, will be matched by the foundation until all \$10,000 has been dispersed.

Hope Beyond Displacement offers educational opportunities, vocational training, and leadership training for hundreds of refugee women and girls living in Jordan.

Registration for UN CSW 62

In November registration opens to attend the annual meetings of the UN Commission on the Status of Women at UN Headquarters in New York. FAWCO sends annually a delegation of up to 20 people to participate.

For more information about FAWCO, or to find a local FAWCO Club in the UK, please visit our website at FAWCO.org.

About FAWCO

Founded in 1931, FAWCO is a global women's NGO (Non-Governmental Organisation), an international network of independent volunteer clubs and associations comprising 64 member clubs in 34 countries worldwide, with a total membership of around 12,000. FAWCO serves as a resource and a voice for its members; seeks to improve the lives of women and girls worldwide, especially in the areas of human rights, health, education and the environment; advocates for the rights of US citizens overseas; contributes to the global community through its Task Forces and The FAWCO Foundation, which provides development grants and education awards. Since 1997, FAWCO has held special consultative status to the UN Economic and Social Council.

Fashion show at the Roof Gardens



Jo Malone with President Catia Dal Poz



Duchess of Rutland speaking to members at General Meeting



The Kensington and Chelsea Women's Club (KCWC)

Are you new to London or interested in attending lectures and tours from leading experts, enjoying exclusive and exciting experiences, and meeting new friends? Then The Kensington and Chelsea Women's Club (KCWC) is a great starting point. As one of London's longest established and largest women's organisations, we have more than 800 British and international members from over 52 countries.

Each month KCWC holds a General Meeting with a high-profile guest speaker at a prime London location. Past speakers have included HRH Princess Michael of Kent, Anthony Geffen, Earl Spencer, Anton Du Beke, Alexandra Shulman and Jo Malone.

The meetings are a good way to meet other members, sign up for activities, enjoy listening to a keynote speaker and join fellow members for an optional lunch at a prestigious local restaurant afterwards. The General Meetings are also a great opportunity to know more about discounts and promotions offered by our preferred partners as they display their products and offers at our showcase tables. KCWC members benefit from special discounts on these showcase tables.

In addition to the General Meetings, KCWC also offers approximately 35 activities. These are organised by members who volunteer their time and skills by running a wide variety of weekly and monthly activities. Topics include history, culture, art, design, fashion, music, theatre, local tours, UK and international travel, special events, technology, sports, golf, tennis, languages, arts and crafts, food, dining, wine tasting, book and lecture groups, country walks, bridge, feng shui, and much more.

There are also a variety of evening and weekend activities which working women can enjoy. These include theatre, happy hour, dining out, jazz and music appreciation, evening speakers, and special events. For those interested in making a difference in the

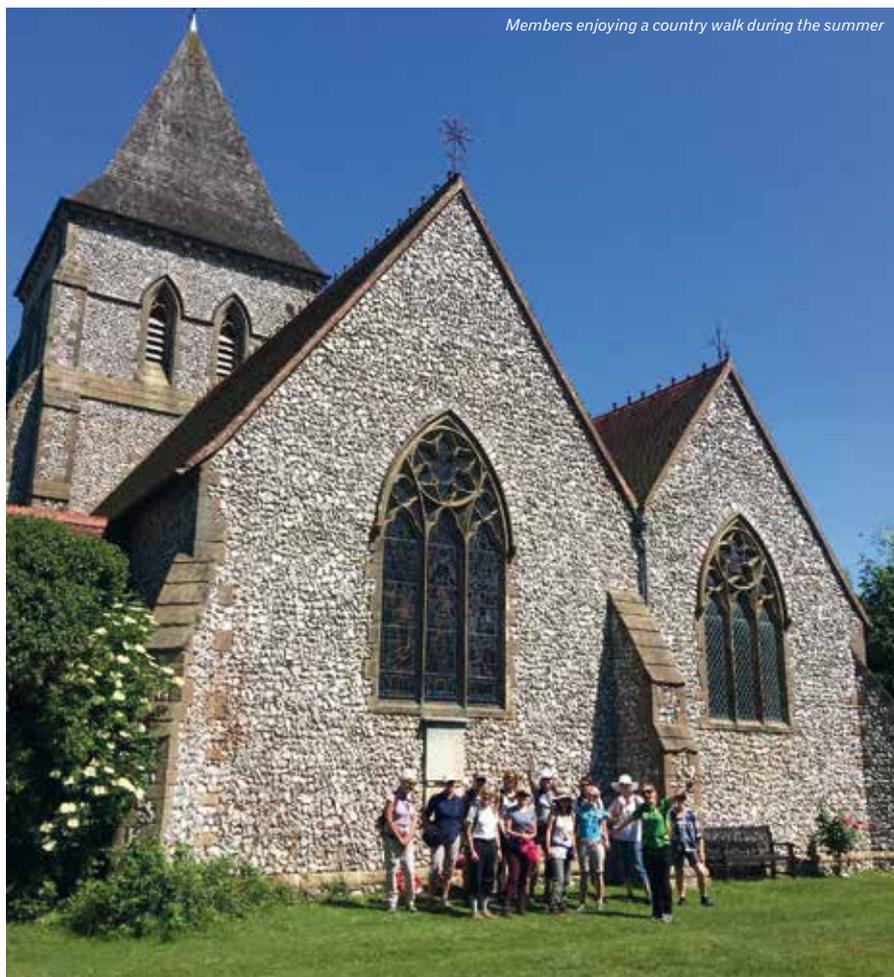
community, KCWC's Volunteers for Charity group works with several local charitable organisations. There is so much on offer at KCWC and members get to discover London while making new friends at the same time.

Recent Highlights

After a year of unique and interesting General Meetings with extraordinary guest speakers – April with former Editor of British Vogue Alexandra Shulman, May with the inspirational and scent maverick Jo Malone and June with the fascinating Emma Manners, Duchess of Rutland to name a few – KCWC gets set for another exciting year of equally interesting General Meetings.

Every General Meeting is followed by an optional lunch for Members in a great London venue and the conviviality among the members has made these events more and more sought-after. None more so than the special June luncheon which closes off the KCWC year before summer holidays. This year KCWC had the wonderful opportunity of being able to host the annual luncheon at The Roof Gardens in Kensington with a fashion show with the Summer Look.

Last year, before their well-deserved summer break, the KCWC volunteer Activity Leaders worked hard to put together an array of events and activities in their respective domains, be it history, art, culture, sport, beauty or fashion.



Members enjoying a country walk during the summer

TEXAS EXES
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AMERICAN STYLE HALLOWEEN BASH

Saturday October 28th, 2017
The Bolton, 326 Earls Ct Rd, London SW5 9BQ
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In addition to the ever-popular Art History and British History tours and lectures other highlights of the year included a private fashion preview of Liu Jo's Summer 2017 Collection, evening talks and conversations at the Victoria & Albert Museum marking 150 years of Harpers' Bazaar Magazine and Seven Decades of Dior, walks from London Bridge to Rotherhithe, in the Jewish East End of London and Hampstead, trips to Portugal and Italy.

A special exclusive evening at the Urban Retreat Salon in Harrods during which members were treated to drinks, canapés, beauty treatments, discount vouchers and gift bags was another note-worthy highlight of the spring which was very well-received among the members and had some excellent feedback.

Members were also treated to beautiful presentations of the English National Ballet, making this a very special year for the art lovers in the club.

Upcoming Events

For our upcoming General Meeting on Thursday 12 October, we welcome multiple award winner, CNN Senior International Correspondent Clarissa Ward. She will share details of her impressive career as a war correspondent in Syria and other areas of conflict around the world.

The new KCWC year will once again see a rich offer of varied activities that is guaranteed to leave its members spoilt for choice. After Six in the City hosts dinners at the BBar and Da Mario, Antiques and Design will host an introduction to the iconic House of Fabergé, Art History will host lecture series on London Masterpieces and Surrealism. They will also explore exhibitions of Cézanne's portraits, Jasper Johns and Jean-Michel Basquet.

British History will conduct its final year of the long-running, extremely sought-after History of London Course. Following the success of the Mozart Concert last year the Classical Music and Opera Group offers us a unique opportunity to listen to the award-winning British soprano Louise Alder with the Mozartists.

With the Evening Speaker Series, members get a chance to spend an evening with famous Notting Hill Mummy Isabella Davidson at a private launch of her book *The Beta Mum, Adventures in Alpha Land*. And Foodies cook up a sweet start to their year baking Capri's traditional cakes with chef Serena De Filippis from Le Cordon Bleu, London.

Coffee Mornings and Happy Hour activities with the Hospitality team or one of the several language specific conversation groups with the Languages team are also a good way to meet other members and make new friends. For those who would rather play a game, there is Bridge, Golf or Tennis to choose from and for those who prefer to walk, Stamford Hill and Euston – Somers Town organised by London Walks and Treasures are on the table. And then if one were to fancy something outside the UK, a walking holiday in Minorca and a trip to Bruges and Antwerp from the Travel Group

may be tempting. Another great opportunity to socialise are the events hosted by Wine Society and this autumn, members can choose either The Spectator Magazine Wine Luncheon or the Decanter Fine Wine Tasting with Steven Spurrier, Decanter Man of the Year.

For a bit of entertainment, the Theatre Group proposes plays such as Queen Anne, Comedy about a Bank Robbery and Motown – The Musical. And finally, but in no way less important than any of the other activities, Volunteers for Charity continue their good work at the Wandsworth Food Bank and Befriending Plus.

Learn More About KCWC

KCWC General Meetings are open to non-members for a guest fee of £10, redeemable if joining on the day. The meetings are usually held on a Thursday of each month between September and June. Prospective members are welcome to attend a Coffee Morning or a Happy Hour, where guests can come along for an informal chat over coffee or a drink and enjoy the company of other international women. For further information, please on how to register please contact potential@kcwc.org.uk or visit the website: www.kcwc.org.uk. To join KCWC, please visit www.kcwc.org.uk and click on Join Us or email potential@kcwc.org.uk.

Save The Date:

October General Meeting: Thursday, 12th October 2017, British Academy of Film and Television Arts (BAFTA), 195 Piccadilly, London W1J 9LN, 9:30am – 12pm. £10 to non-members.

November General Meeting: Thursday, 16th November 2017, Royal Geographical Society, 1 Kensington Gore, London SW7 2AR, 9:30am – 12pm. £10 to non-members.

December General Meeting: Thursday, 7th December 2017, Royal Geographical Society, 1 Kensington Gore, London SW7 2AR, 9:30am – 12pm. £10 to non-members.

Junior League of London

The Junior League of London is a charitable organisation of women bound by one goal: to help women, children, and families throughout London break the cycle of poverty. Founded in 1985, we are a member of the Association of Junior Leagues International, which is one of the oldest, largest, and most effective women's volunteer organisations in the world. Within Junior League of London (JLL), we are committed to promoting voluntary service, developing the potential of women and improving the community through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers.

Some examples of the impact we've had on the London community in the past year include:

- Served 1,765 meals to homeless men and women
- Helped 105 women learn English during Literacy Lunches
- Hosted 285 children for Arts & Crafts at the Venture Centre

- Removed 800 litres of leaves in a Garden Clean-Up
- Spent 36 hours helping the elderly with their computer skills at Kensington & North Kensington Libraries.

We have several activities in the next few months and look forward to having you participate!

Our signature and our longest-running community programme is Holiday Hampers. Each year the Junior League of London provides hampers filled with gifts, food, books, toiletries and other essentials to some of London's most vulnerable populations during the holiday season. For many of these families, these are the only gifts they receive, and give parents self-worth by providing presents to their children when they wouldn't have this opportunity otherwise. We request donations of goods and/or corporate sponsorships to ensure an abundance of supplies to fill our hampers. Learn more here: www.jll.org.uk/holiday-hampers/.

To support our community activities, we host a holiday market fundraiser, Boutique de Noel, now in its 38th year. You will have access to bespoke vendors not available on the high street throughout the afternoon, followed by an elegant evening event featuring a Giving Tree, silent auction and signature cocktails. This is a great opportunity to get a kick start on your holiday shopping while having some fun at the Chelsea Old Town Hall, on Monday, 13th November 2017! Learn more about it here: www.jll.org.uk/support/boutique-de-noel2017/.

Further to the core of our mission is to promote and develop women's skills through training and mentorship. We'd love to speak to women that want to join the League and receive leadership coaching to support your professional and civic goals. Learn more here: www.jll.org.uk/join-us/. We'd love for you to get in touch!

The Society of Mayflower Descendants In 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 Europe is the official UK and Europe branch of the General Society of Mayflower Descendants. In addition to Mayflower descendants who are members in the UK and Europe, a growing number of US residents are joining us. We offer options to transfer US membership to the European Society or to hold dual US/European 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 Molly J. Wagner, Historian (mollyjwagner_gsmd@yahoo.com).