

CORONA NORTH NEWSLETTER

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We look forward to seeing you all at our next meeting

On **Tuesday 12 June** at 9.15 a.m.

at **Grand Baie Yacht Club**

SPEAKER

Audrey Bracey Deegan

Topic

StepByStep Worldwide

StepByStep was founded by Audrey Bracey Deegan based on the notion that an integrated series of interventions that give children a healthy start in their first three years of life can jumpstart the well-being of a whole community. After years working in corporate and government roles, engaging in development largely through board and client activity, Audrey decided to go back to her roots in international development and meld her experience in program, strategy and community-based change to rethink how services are delivered in the last mile. It was from that shift in thinking that StepByStep was born.

She worked most recently with tomato farmer associations in Tanzania to improve profitability and growth; a health and education NGO in Haiti to expand and deepen its impact in remote locations; and a global youth organization to bolster its fundraising skills and capacity. She is an honors graduate of Princeton University with a bachelor's degree in international politics, and holds a joint J.D./Masters in Foreign Service degree from Georgetown University, where she is also an adjunct professor in international business strategy.

Our May speaker

Thomas Meur spoke to us about Mauritius's disappearing heritage: not only buildings, but also the skills associated with them. He deplored the lack of vision of so many Mauritians who are keen to demolish the old to build Smart Cities when even places like Singapore now realise the importance of protecting not just historic buildings but also the countryside and coastline from ever-encroaching development, much of it not in harmony with its surroundings. There are the beginnings of a movement to protect our beaches from more hotels, and to maintain those few historical buildings that are left, but it is still an uphill struggle and time is of the essence.



Two associations that you might be interested in:

Société de l'Histoire de l'île Maurice: <http://www.soc-histoire-maurice.org>
WARNING! Talks are in French!

Royal Society of Arts and Sciences: rsasmauritius.org
Some of their talks are in English.

The meeting was attended by 17 members, 5 guests, and we welcomed one new member: Pat Scott.

A REMINDER to renew your annual Corona membership of Rs 780 at the June meeting if you haven't already done so. Thank you.



We are always looking for **suggestions for speakers, activities or excursions**, so please let us know if you have any.



A reminder for the **JOINT ANNUAL CORONA LUNCH** on Thursday 14 June at noon, hosted this year by Corona Central at the National Tennis Centre.

CORONA NORTH BOOK GROUP DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

The next **Book Group** meeting will be held on **Monday 18 June at 10.30** at **Isabelle Dumbell's home, Pte aux Canoniers** to discuss **Nineteen Minutes** by **Jodi Picoult**.

May Book Club

The Book Club met on Monday, 21st May at Lisa's home to discuss "Hum If You Don't Know the Words" by Bianca Marais. Set in 1976, the book relates the experiences of a little white girl, Robin, and an older black woman, Beauty, during apartheid South Africa. It is a story of how their lives come together after the historic Soweto Uprising and the close bond they forge in the aftermath of their loss and grief. Though the subject matter includes loss, grief, racism and prejudice in all its forms, there is a balance throughout between the humorous scenes and the weighty topics. As the author pointed out in a recent interview, South African people, regardless of race, language or religion, are very humorous people who love to laugh. It was her experience that the poorer and more deprived the community, the more they laugh.

The author, who was born in South Africa, was a baby in 1976 and being looked after by a black caregiver, Eunice, whom she loved. Although the plot is fictional, much of the interaction between the two characters is based on her own experiences growing up and being taken care of by Eunice.

Well received by members, we were extremely fortunate to have Lisa's valuable input since she lived in South Africa during that time. The book is recommended as an interesting read.

Scrumptious snacks were provided by Lisa and Audrey, which sustained us through later conversations covering HIV, health and social considerations in both Kenya and Tanzania. We also heard of Lisa's participation in Moonwalk, the breast cancer charity night walk in London, braving the cool weather in bra and raincoat – Lisa did not walk alone, she was accompanied by her husband, Francois, also sporting an interesting bra and raincoat! A worthy cause - well done Lisa and Francois.

If you'd like to read Hum If You Don't Know the Words, you are welcome to borrow my copy. Heather

New members are always welcome. If you'd like to join the group, do get in touch – it's a lot of fun.

Heather (email: dod.chettiar@intnet.mu or call on 5252 6062

News from Home and Abroad

On a sad note, Heather passed on the news that **Jackie Bisnauthsing** died on 19 May, following a long battle against cancer. Jackie was a member of Corona for a number of years; a physiotherapist - she was the speaker at the AGM in 2009. Jackie and family returned to the UK about 8 years ago.

And we also remember **Veronica Murphy**, an indefatigable committee member, who died in May and whose funeral will be in Sevenoaks on 4 June.

Lisa Maurel and the Moon walk

I decided to join The London Moonwalk this year for the first time, it raises money for Breast Cancer awareness, research and charities, a cause close to my heart. It takes place every May with a marathon, or half-marathon, wending its way through central London in the middle of the night. Every year it is on a different route. It is a walk, running not allowed, and the reason it takes place at night is that it would be extraordinarily expensive to block the central London traffic...so the traffic continues and there were volunteers on every crossing to direct the walkers, and volunteers dispensing water, collecting rubbish, cheering the walkers on. The organization was impressive. The idea is that you walk in a bra, men too...they get breast cancer too! My husband bravely joined me and our walkers' kits, including our bras, were despatched from London to Mauritius. The theme this year was Wild West and everyone was expected to decorate the bras accordingly, some were in full scale costume, inflatable horses, cowgirl outfits, even cow outfits! My bra was easy but as I had ordered a 42DD for my husband, thinking he could put sandwiches, gloves, torch etc in there, his was much more difficult!

We did the half marathon though the walk was actually 15.1 miles, an extra 2 miles for some reason, and unfortunately it was a very cold night with temperatures down to 7 degrees so, though there were a few brave souls who wore just the bra, most of us covered up as much as possible leaving just our cowboy hats visible. We started at 11.15

pm and arrived, cold and tired, at 5.15 the following morning, saying never again...however, after a good English breakfast and on a high, next year is a distinct possibility! We raised a good sum in sponsorship and with 15 000 walkers this must be a good boost for the Charity.

Bravo, to Lisa and her husband - a wonderful achievement for an excellent cause!



BIRTHDAYS in June

Angela Razwadowski	1 June
Foxy Pitcher	2 June
Maria Coralie	16 June
Isabelle Dumbell	17 June



PUBLIC HOLIDAYS:

Saturday 16 June Eid-UI-Fitr (to be confirmed)

DID YOU KNOWBANANAS?

Cavendish bananas were named after William Cavendish, 6th Duke of Devonshire. He received a shipment of bananas from Mauritius from the chaplain of Alton Towers. His gardener, Joseph Paxton, then cultivated them in the greenhouses of Chatsworth House. These were then shipped off to various places in the Caribbean around the 1850s. Between 1998 and 2000, Cavendish bananas accounted for 47% of global banana production, and the vast majority of bananas entering international trade. (Wikipedia)



MONTHLY EVENTS

BOOK CLUB Monday 18 June at 10.30 chez Isabelle Dumbell in Pte aux Cannoniers
Contact: Heather Chettiar (52 52 6062)

BRIDGE Every Tuesday at 10.15: Grand Bay Gym.
Contact: Heather Chettiar (52 52 6062)

COFFEE MORNING Friday 15 June at 10.30 at COFFEE GARDEN, Food Lovers, La Croisette.

LUNCH CLUB Usually 1st Friday of the month. Check Facebook pages for details closer to the time

MAHJONG Every Monday at 10.00: Grand Bay Gym. Contact: Kathleen Law Hing Choy (57 11 8015)

PLAY READING On Thursday 28 June at 10.00 at CoCo Beans at Endemika . Please contact Madhvi Ivain (52 57 4212) for further details.

SCRABBLE Every Thursday at 2.30 chez Foxy Pitcher in Calodyne.
Contact: Foxy (57 22 4834)

WRITERS' CIRCLE If you are interested in leading this group, please contact: Heather Chettiar on 52 52 6062

AND DON'T FORGET that if you wish to **ADVERTISE**, you are welcome to do so free of charge in the newsletter if you are a Corona member.

Tried & Tested	By Corona members
Nelly Joganah-Lapp	Podiatrist @ Grand Baie Business Park, speaks English, good
57 09 74 30	<i>Recommended by Kathleen Law Hing Choy</i>
O'chado	Dog groomer Royal Rd Pte aux Canonniers
59 23 04 98	<i>Recommended by Kathleen Law Hing Choy</i>
Isabelle JOSEPH	Veterinary surgeon - pays home visits
59 35 90 26	<i>Recommended by Sarah Taylor</i>
ijoseph.dvm@gmail.com	

Exotic Dream Tour Operator & Car Rental	Airport pick-ups, day trips: flexible and punctual, great staff <i>Recommended by Veronica Murphy</i>
Route Royale (opp. Pereybere Beach)	Tel: 263 53 59 Email: office@exoticdream.mu
Car Connexion, Circle Square, Forbach	Service Centre; Body Shop from September Ask for quote for servicing
Tel: 244 3888	<i>Recommended by Heather Chettiar</i>
Mauritius Hash House Harriers	For a run/brisk walk in convivial company every 2 nd Sunday morning
Www.mhash.com	<i>recommended by Pat Knox</i>
Nickelnet Company Limited	Carpets/Upholstery Cleaning - Bring Beauty back to your Carpets and Sofa
Mariamen Temple Road	Contact Krishini Panjanadum
Cap Malheureux	Nickelnet@live.com
262 7708/5723 9906	<i>Recommended by Yvonne Mamtora</i>
XTREME Tech Informatique Limited	For your computer problems

La Colombiere, Royal Road Grand Baie	Contact Jonathan Maurer Masson on 59 18 5321
	<i>Recommended by Elisabet Dent & Heather Chettiar</i>
GRAND BAY STUDIO	Call Kawsar Banon on 57 29 70 05 or kawsar19@intnet.mu : learn to paint on material, wood, ceramic and canvas
Sottise Rd roundabout near La Croisette	<i>Recommended by Foxy Pitcher</i>
FLOWERS OF PARADISE	<i>Recommended by Jean and Ben Fourie</i>
Beach Lane, Pereybere Tel: 59 34 53 20 34	<i>Cuisine: European, French, Mediterranean, seafood</i>

ADVERTISEMENTS	
HOLIDAY APARTMENTS Beach Lane, Pereybere	One & two bedroom apartments with private balcony, Aircon in bedrooms, bathroom with shower, living area equipped with microwave, oven, stove and TV
Contact Heather Chettiar on Mobile 5252 6062	Maid service, safety box, alarm system (response) Clean and reasonably priced
Dod.chettiar@intnet.mu	Only a few minutes walk from Pereybere Beach. Owner lives on site
JUST BREATHE PILATES	Small group & private Pilates classes
http:// www.justbreathe-pilates.com	Contact Michele de Gennaro Tel: 57 66 43 53

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