



CORONA Plateau Mauritius

NEWSLETTER

June 2016

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

NEXT MEETING

FRIDAY 17TH JUNE, 10 AM

FLOWER ARRANGEMENT DEMONSTRATION



You will be able to purchase the flower arrangements after the meeting with proceeds going to our charities.

COFFEE MORNINGS

FRIDAY 3RD JUNE, 10 AM

AT JANE DELORIE'S HOME,
RAMGUTTY LANE, FLOREAL

(email janedelorie@gmail.com if you would like a map or download from website)

FRIDAY 1ST JULY, 10 AM

AT LUX, TRIANON

POTLUCK LUNCH

WEDNESDAY 27TH JULY

AT PAM'S HOME, FLOREAL

CORONA

JOINT LUNCH

FRIDAY 10TH JUNE

Le Fangourin Restaurant, at
L'Aventure du Sucre,

THEME: Queen's 90th Birthday

DRESS: Hat and handbag optional



A minibus has been arranged and 15 members have already signed up with Fifi to attend. Let us have some fun with this and dress the part.

BREAKING THE SILENCE...



Susan Falatko, Charge d'Affairs, US Embassy to Mauritius and Seychelles, spoke to members on domestic violence. She pointed out that this was not only a *WOMEN'S* issue and that the impact of such violence (both physical and emotional) is felt throughout society and across generations. This highly emotive subject elicited wide participation from members who shared stories and experiences.

Susan called on all of us to lobby our leaders for change in legislation and funding and, much closer to home, to "break the silence" by talking about (and encouraging others to talk about) incidents that affect our families and our neighbours. She encouraged us to give voice to the problem not just amongst women but stressed the need to recruit men as allies.

Originally from Chicago, Illinois, Susan joined the Foreign Service in 1999 as an Economic officer, and has served overseas in Bamako, Havana, Sarajevo, Geneva, and Kigali in both Economic and Public Diplomacy positions, as well as in Washington.

THE MAY CAKE RAFFLE RAISED RS 1650 AND THE SALE OF DVDS/BOOKS YEILDED A FURTHER RS 250

The cake in May was donated by Ruth and won by the solitary male attendee at our meeting, Marcel. Benita kindly agreed to donate the cake for June.



Despite the heavy rain, the May meeting was well attended by 38 people. To celebrate our members who are amazing mothers and grandmothers, a Mother's Day cake was shared by all. In recognition of his bravery, the cake was cut by our solitary male guest.



MEMBERSHIP MATTERS



During May our committee visited a number of Corona members who have been under the weather and when appropriate took them some flowers. If you know of any members in need of some extra care, please contact Lyndsey.

33 members attended the May meeting. We also had 5 visitors and guests, 2 of whom signed up for membership at the meeting.

FINANCES

Petty cash – 18,827.50

Current account – 44,523.72

Savings account – 49,179.16

Total funds – 112,530.38

A WARM WELCOME TO OUR 2 NEW MEMBERS:

- Neelam Singh
- Radihika Chooramun

Ruth passed round a sample of the Corona Worldwide lapel pins that can be ordered at a cost of Rs 300. If you would like one please order directly with Ruth before our next meeting so that she can bring some back from her trip to the UK in June.

EVENTS



Our **Coffee Morning** on Friday 6th May was a little different. Held at Food Lovers Café in Bagatelle, the café provided the Corona members with free food tastings. Over a 2 hour period we were presented with a range of different foods (including quiche, toasties, pita, salads and salmon) and towards the end the chef came out to ask for our feedback. With 14 Corona ladies attending, there was plenty to say. Members had a good time and only had to pay for their drinks.

Bearing in mind comments from some members that Coffee Mornings can be expensive, the committee has decided to hold alternate coffee mornings at member's homes. Committee members will provide the goodies and there will be a charge of RS 100 per attendee. This money will go into the Corona kitty.

Our trip to **Curious Corner** on Friday 25th May was indeed curious and a great day out for the 14 ladies who attended. Our minds were stretched by the puzzles and optical illusions and we had great fun. Our thanks to Sara and Fifi for organizing it.

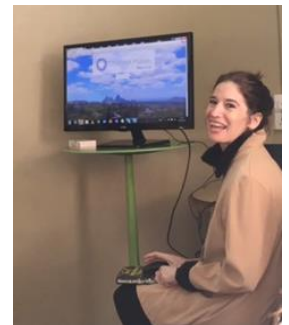


WEBSITE

www.coronaplateau.org

Corona Plateau Branch is pleased to launch its new website.

Our member, **Zandre Latimer** of *DotMouse web design*, very kindly developed this new website free of charge. We hope you will visit the site regularly to keep track of our news and events and of course upload photographs of CORONA activities (past and present). Your newsletter will be available to download each month from the website and you will be able to view previous newsletters. You will also be able to check the 'calendar of events' and even book your place on trips and activities. Our sincere thanks to Zandre.



Birthday Wishes



to Binita and Mary who both celebrate their birthday in June

NOTICES

WHAT'S ON

We need the help of every member to inform us of events well in advance so that we can circulate the information. Please email Jane or Sara with information.

OPERA MAURITIUS

are screening a season of operas from the Met and the Opéra de Paris at the cinema in Trianon. The next screening will be Puccini's Madame Butterfly on 23rd June followed on 21st July with Fetez la Danse with Ballet de l'Opera de Paris. info@operamauriti.us

REQUESTS FOR DONATIONS

The committee is currently considering what needy causes should be included in our list of approved recipients of donations. This is the list from which our monthly speakers select a cause to donate their Rs 1000 speaker's fee. If you would like to have a cause close to your heart included contact Lyndsay.

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