



United Nations Women's Guild-Geneva

January/February 2018



President's Message

Hello everyone,

I would like to congratulate you all on the great success of our Bazaar; despite the obstacles that we faced, we were able to have a well-organised and successful event.

On the 28th of November we had a remarkable Annual Lunch, where we enjoyed an enlightening speech by our guest speaker Ms. Ruth Dreifuss.

You will notice that the format of this issue of the Newsletter is different, we are trying to be more practical, all information needed about Guild activities can be found on our website – www.unwg.ch – please refer to the website address and take a look at it.

I wish you all happy holidays and may the new year bring you happiness and prosperity.

Nehad Sukayri

Please note that the Villa is closed December 25th 2017 and January 1st 2018.



OUR PROJECTS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD

These can be found on our website under Projects. They will be updated monthly.



COFFEE MORNINGS

We would like to thank The Associate Members for hosting the November Coffee Morning 2017 and Indonesia and the ASEAN countries for hosting the December Coffee Morning.

Tuesday 9th January. Hosted by Members of the Guild.

Tuesday 6th February. Hosted by the Swiss Mission.

For more details please contact: Carmen Falaize (Hospitality) or Ghazala Syeddah Nayyar (Welcoming). Their contact details may be found in the Guild Members Directory.

U.N. Hall XIV Price 3 CHF No Guests

Please note there is no parking at the U.N.

Buses 8, 28, V, F, Z Stop Appia

For all coffee mornings, please present to our Welcoming team when paying the coffee morning fee, your 2018 membership card.

LANGUAGES AND ACTIVITIES

Languages and activities are always changing.

For up to date information please visit our website where changes will be updated as they occur.

Information can also be found in the office at the Villa.

If you have any skills that you would like to share with the members of the Guild or if you are able to teach a language please contact Secil at SecilUNWG@gmail.com.

To be eligible to register for any course or activity, you must show your current membership card.

THERE IS NO PARKING AT THE VILLA FOR STUDENTS. The 3 parking places are reserved for the E.C. and leaders of language and activity courses.



THE MONTHLY MEETINGS take place at the Villa on 1st or 2nd Friday of the month at 14:00. They last about one hour.

The cost to each member is 2CHF with which we buy a gift for the speaker in appreciation for his/her time.

To sign up the UNWG secretary will send an e-mail to all our members giving the topic and background about 3 weeks ahead of the talk and ask members to respond to Bilqueece at alimohamed@bluewin.ch

12th Jan: Nadine Lips is a Wellness consultant and Yoga teacher and she will speak about the healing properties of 10 Essential Oils.

9th Feb: Dr Bob Boland is a medical doctor trained in Preventive Medicine at Johns Hopkins University, who worked for the ILO in Geneva. He will give us a talk on Self Hypnosis.

9th March: Anne Hornung-Soukup (President CA) works for the TPG and would like to give a talk on their products and activities to make Geneva a safe and healthy city.



Dear Members,

It is with deep sadness that we announce the death of our dear friend Suzy Mansourian. She was one of the founding members of the United Nations Women's Guild - Geneva. She will be missed.

FAREWELL TO A FRIEND

When I had asked Suzy Mansourian about joining us for the UNWG art exhibition in May 2017, she said no, may be next year. She then said "oh my dear, I'll do it with you". When I think back her words bring tears to my eyes, but I am happy I had insisted upon her participating and she agreed.

Memories are there to remind us of the things that you have done, especially as we count you as one of the founder members of the United Nations Women's Guild – Geneva.

Suzy, rest in peace.

Hema Servansing

Dear Friends, It is with deep sadness that we learned of the sudden death of our friend and member. Francoise Arnaudon. She had an accident as she was doing cross-country skiing. Our thoughts are with her family.

Dear friends,

Let me thank you once again for the beautiful companionship, the many inspiring encounters and the feeling of belonging you have given me during my stay in Geneva. I have just moved back to Vienna and send you my warmest regards and good wishes for the upcoming holiday season from there,

Michaela Hajnoczi



Membership cards and forms for the U.N. access can be picked up at the January Coffee Morning

Please note that the membership for 2018 has increased to 85 CHF.

Membership cards will be delivered at the Villa on presentation of proof of payment fee on:-

Monday afternoons 14:30 – 16:30

Thursday mornings 10:00- 12:00

Telephone 022 917 25 30 during these hours

Or 'exceptionally' by appointment with Sibyl de Peic - 079 202 26 11

Or Diana de Peic - 079 302 17 06

membership@unwg.ch

PLEASE NOTE THAT U.N. PARKING BADGES WILL NO LONGER BE ISSUED
(Except in 'exceptional' cases ie: Disabilities)

CONTRIBUTION DEADLINE



It is imperative that information for the Newsletter arrives on the dead-line to ensure prompt delivery.

The deadline for January/February Newsletter will be 15th January.

Contributions in text should be in word and photos in .jpg.

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These days more and more information is found on websites. This includes us. Information is updated regularly and is the best source for information.

You can access UNWG Guild information on the unwg website: <http://www.unwg.ch/> .

Please follow us on: [Instagram-@unwggeneva](#)

[Twitter-@unwggeneva](#)

Facebook- Unwg Guild

It would be really helpful if you send pictures of the Guild activities to our new social media email: unwgsocialmedia@gmail.com.

UNITED NATIONS WOMEN'S GUILD

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Monday and Thursday 2.00 – 17.00

Bus: 5,8,22, 28,F,V,Z Tram: 15 Bus and Tram stop: Nations.

UNWG - Nominating Committee 2017-2018

Dear Members,

Listed below are vacancies for positions on the UNWG Executive Committee. If you are interested in a post please send us your Curriculum Vitae along with a Letter of Motivation.

All members elected must participate in the monthly meetings of the Executive Committee and submit a report at the request of the President and for the following AGA.

1. President (2 years: 2018-2020) Acts as the UNWG Geneva representative at all activities appertaining to the Guild within the UN community and the wider Geneva community.
 - Presides at all meetings, shall chair the Executive Committee (EC), and be member ex-officio of all Standing Committees with the right to vote.
 - Presents a report on the year's activities at the Annual General Assembly.
 - Signs all minutes of meetings of the EC after adoption, and must initial any alterations made.
 - Signs occasional letters of congratulations and condolence.
 - Signs all letters of acceptance and refusal of assistance which are presented to her by the Vice-President - Projects.
 - She also signs the final letters when sending the donation.
 - Prepares an annual report or summary of Geneva activities for the UNWG - New York for subsequent publication by them.

2. Vice President - Activities - (2 years: 2018-2020)
 - In the absence of the President, the Vice-President must act on her behalf.
 - Assist the President in all her duties.

3. Co-Treasurer - (2 years: 2018-2020)
 - Assists the Treasurer and acts on her behalf if necessary.
 - Collects annual fees and all funds of UNWG; pays the bills according to the instructions of the EC.
 - Transfers the amounts destined for projects.
 - Ensures the bookkeeping of revenues and expenditures and prepares an annual financial report for the AGA.
 - Knowledge of accounting and/or finance highly desirable. • Should have good IT skills especially Microsoft Excel.

4. Membership Secretary (2 years: 2018-2020)
 - Keeps up to date the membership list, including Associate Members list.
 - Prepares labels for different mailings to members.
 - Prepares statistics of membership information for the EC.
 - Prepares membership cards.
 - Cooperates with the Treasurers for the compilation of the Telephone Directory.
 - Good computer literacy required.

5. Recording Secretary - French (2 years: 2018-2020)
 - Attends meetings of the EC and takes minutes.
 - Sets the agenda for all meetings of the EC.
 - Ensures the preparation of the Annual Report for the AGA.

6. Newsletter Editor - English (2 years: 2018-2020)

- Gathers information from activity leaders.
- Works in close cooperation with the French Editor.
- Prepares the Newsletter every 2 months as well a list of events.
- Coordinates with the team/person responsible for uploading the Newsletter on the UNWG website and the mailing of the “Listing of Events”.
- Must be English mother tongue with good knowledge of French. • Must have excellent computer skills.

7. Education (2 years: 2018-2020)

- Responsible for organising and coordinating the activities of the Guild including the language classes, which start from September.
- Works in close cooperation with the Vice President - Activities.
- Informs the Newsletter Editors (English and French) of the Activities program.
- Must have knowledge of English and French.

8. Visits and Culture (2 years: 2018-2020)

- Prepares every month a meeting or a cultural visit of interest to members.
- Must obtain the approval of the President and/or the EC before launching a monthly meeting.
- Associate Members may apply for this post.

9. Welcoming (2 years: 2018-2020)

- Works closely with the Hospitality team to prepare the coffee morning.
- Welcomes new members and organises the New Members Coffee mornings to introduce the members of the EC and the leaders of Activities.
- Responsible for the collection of attendance fees at Coffee Mornings.
- Associate Members may apply for this post.

10. Public Relations (2 years: 2018-2020)

- Develops the UNWG image through the creation and distribution of general information.
- Coordinates activities of the Guild with international organisations in Geneva.
- Maintains contacts with the media.
- Provides new activities to publicize the UNWG.
- Coordinates the management of the Kiosk. • Associate Members may apply for this post.

Do not hesitate to contact us:

THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE 2017-2018

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LANGUAGE COURSES (2018)				
Day	Time	Language	Teacher	Venue
Monday	10:00 – 11:30	Italian	Maria Antonietta Passaro	Room 2
	10:00 – 12:00	French A2	Nadia Mehdi	Room 3
	14:00 – 16:00	French A1	Emmanuelle Terrettaz	Room 1
	13:30 – 15:30	French B1	Hassiba Oulhaci	Room 2
	13:30 – 15:30	French A2	Nadia Mehdi	Room 3
Tuesday	10:30 – 12:00	English A2	Karen Ransome	Room 1
	9:30 – 11:00	Chinese	Junling Zhang	Room 2
	14:00 – 16:00	Spanish B1	Doris Murillo	Room 1
Wednesday	08:30-10.00	French-Communication	Nadia Zenagui	Room 2
	10:00 - 12:00	Persian	Shaghayegh Yasamy Gerrard	Room 1
	13:30 – 15:00	Japanese	Kayoko Senoo and Noriko Mouri	Room2
Thursday	10:00 – 11:30	Spanish A1+	Connie Pilo Pais	Room 2
	9:30 – 11:00	English A1	Ghazala Syeddah Nayyar	Room 3
	13:30 – 15:30	English B1	Bilqueece Alimohamed	Room 3
Friday	13: 30- 15:00	Korean	Seunghee Yung	Room 2

ACTIVITIES (2018)				
Day	Time	Language	Activity Leader	Venue
Tuesday	3rd Tuesday of the month	Sing Song	Bertha Dubois	
	13:15-16:30	Open Bridge at ILO	Zofia Eda Bankowski - Padma Srivastava	ILO
	14:00-16:00	Handicrafts	Manila Paktian	Room 3
Wednesday	10:15-11:30	Pilates	Sibyl De Peic	ITU Gym
	Different meeting times and venues	Hiking	Mahrooghe Mary Kazazi - Denise Maertens- Edith Mayer Wallin	Outdoors
	1st, 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month 10:00-12:30	Painting and Artistic Techniques	Chantal Andersen	Room 3
	14:30-17:00	Painting	Nadine Salembier	Room 3
	12:30 - 15:30	Mah Jong	Sonia Woolcock - Chantal Andersen	Room 1
Thursday	9:30 – 13:30	Social Bridge	Rosaleen Nassif	Room 1
	14:00 –15:00	Pilates	Sibyl De Peic	ITU Gym
Friday	10:00-11:00	Full Body Workout	Claudia Nonninger	ITU Gym
	3rd Fridays of the month 09:30-12:30	Hat and Fascinator Making	Sandra Realpe	Room 3
	3rd Fridays of the month 13:30 - 15:00	Cooking	Leili Kaweh	Room 3
	Last Friday of the month 14:00 - 16:00	Book Club	Chouhrette Bunzl	Room 1