

United Nations Womens' Guild - Geneva



March-April 2019

English Edition



We are the bloom of the same spring

Muhammad Iqbal

Message of the President



Dear members,

I hope you are enjoying this beautiful weather.

Our January Coffee Morning was jointly hosted by the distinguished Missions of India and Bhutan. Dr. Shalini Chander, spouse of the Permanent Representative of India, gave us the opportunity to navigate through the colorful culture of Incredible India, where we were able to travel to different places to have a glimpse of what this beautiful country can offer. The versified rich typical food offered by our two generous hostesses, Dr. Shalini Chander and Mrs. Kesang Singye, spouse of the Permanent Representative of Bhutan, was magnificent. I take this opportunity to extend my sincere thanks and high appreciation to both ladies.

For our February Coffee Morning, we were enchanted by the marvelous dances given by the ladies of the mission of Tajikistan. Thanks to Mrs. Zarina Sharifova, spouse of the Permanent Representative of Tajikistan for giving us the opportunity to see how charming this country is.

The Annual Luncheon which took place on January 18 at the Intercontinental Hotel was a great success. We were honored to listen to a speech by our guest of honor, Madam Michelle Bachelet, High Commissioner for Human Rights and previous President of Chile. A big thank you goes to our Public Relations Officer, Niloufar Rafi Kan Bouabid.

Once again our talented artists were generous enough to display their outstanding pieces of art at the Art Exhibition which was held at WIPO 13-22 February. I thank Manila for the hard work she did in order for us to enjoy it.

I would like to take this opportunity to remind you of the 2019 Annual General Assembly which will take place in the United Nations on April 29 in Room XXII. We will start at 14:00 sharp. You are kindly expected to be there by 13:30.

Looking forward to seeing you all.

Nehad Sukayri

Special Thanks

In January, we had the pleasure of navigating through the magnificent culture of India and Bhutan, we would like to thank Dr. Shalini Chander, spouse of the Permanent Representative of India, and Mrs. Kesang Singye, spouse of the Permanent Representative of Bhutan, for the warm atmosphere and the different culinary specialties we were fortunate to enjoy during the January Coffee Morning.



In February, the Permanent Mission of Tajikistan enchanted the audience with beautiful dances, folk music and typical dishes nicely presented. We thank Mrs. Zarina Sharifova, spouse of the Permanent Representative of Tajikistan, for hosting this Coffee Morning.



Our events

Our Annual Luncheon was held on January 18, 2019. Our guest of honor was Mrs. Michelle Bachelet, High Commissioner for Human Rights and former President of Chile and Executive Director of the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and Empowerment of Women (UN-Women).



UNWG Art Exhibition 2019 at WIPO

From Wednesday February 13, 2019 to Friday February 22, 2019



Art Exhibition at the United Nations

From May 6 to 20 2019

Organizer: Mrs. Manila Paktian

Save the dates

Coffee Mornings

Place: Hall XIV, Palais des Nations

Time: 9:30-11:30

Bus: No. 20: stop Appia

Participation: **CHF 5** members or guests



March Coffee Morning will be held on Tuesday March 5, 2019 sponsored by the Permanent Mission of Iran.

April Coffee Morning will take place on Tuesday April 5, 2019 sponsored by of Arab Ambassadors` Spouses` Group

Contacts: Carmen Falaize, Hospitality (078 761 22 87)
Ghazala Nayyar, Welcoming (022 755 23 77)

Annual General Assembly will be held on April 29, 2019 at 14:00 – Palais des Nations, Room XXII

Book Club



Friday, 29th March 2019, at 2 pm in the Villa, we shall be discussing our book of the month:
A Gentleman in Moscow by Amor Towles

Friday, 26th April 2019, at 2 pm in the Villa, we shall be discussing our book of the month:

When The Future Comes Too Soon by Selina Siak Chin Yoke You can read all about the books we have previously reviewed and discussed at our monthly meetings of the UNWG Book Club and see the list of books we will be reading and discussing in the coming months, at my website:

<http://www.1stbookreview.com>

Chouhrette Bunzl

Education and activities

LANGUAGE COURSES (March-April 2019)				
Day	Time	Language	Teacher	Venue
Monday	10:00 – 11:30	Italian A2	Maria Antonietta Passaro	Room 2
	10:00 – 12:00	French A2	Nadia Mehdi	Room 3
	12:00 – 13:30	Spanish Conversation (advanced)	Beatriz Velo	Room 1
	14:00 – 15:30	French A1	Diana de Peic	Room 1
	14:00 – 15:30	French B1	Annick Aude Buisson	Room 2
	13:00 – 15:00	French A2	Nadia Mehdi	Room 3
Tuesday	10:30 – 12:00	English A2	Karen Ransome	Room 1
	10:00 – 11:30	French-Conversation	Maryse Nicora	Room 3
	12:30-14:00	German	Uta Hornischer	Room 1
	14:00 – 16:00	Spanish B1	Doris Murillo	Room 1
Wednesday	10:00-11:30	French A1	Kavita Sookun	Room 2
	14:00 – 15:30	Japanese	Kayoko Senoo and Noriko Mouri	Room 2
Thursday	11:30-13:30	English Conversation	Ghazala Syeddah Nayyar	Room 3
	13:30 – 15:30	English B1	Bilqueece Alimohamed	Room 3
	15:30-17:30	Persian	Shaghayegh Yasamy Gerrard	Room 3
Friday	10:30- 11:30	Arabic Beginners	Sara Amr	Room 1
	11:30-13:30	Arabic Advanced	Yasmine Omar	Room 1

ACTIVITIES (March-April 2019)				
Day	Time	Activity	Activity Leader	Venue
Monday	10:15-11:30	Pilates	Sibyl De Peic	ITU Gym
	15:30-17:00	Healthy Nutrition (Nosh Rocks)	Rowana Statham	Room 3
Tuesday	10:00-11:00	Zumba	Andrea Silva	ITU Gym
	13:15-16:30	Open Bridge at ILO	Zofia Eda Bankowski - Padma Srivastava	ILO
	13:00-16:00	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
	14:30-17:00	Painting	Nadine Salembier	Room 3
	12:30 - 15:30	Mah Jong	Sonia Woolcock	Room 1
Thursday	10:00 - 11:00	Yoga	Mala Singh	ITU Gym
	9:30 – 13:30	Social Bridge	Rosaleen Nassif	Room 1
Friday	10:00-11:00	Full Body Workout	Claudia Nonninger	ITU Gym
	3rd Fridays of the month 13:30 - 15:00	Cooking	Leili Kaweh	Room 3
	First Friday of the month 09:30 - 12:30	Jewellery Making	Manila Paktian	Room 3
	Every Friday, except the last Friday of the month 14:00 - 16:00	Arts and Crafts	Caroline Scudamore	Room 1
	Last Friday of the month 14:00 - 16:00	Book Club	Chouhrette Bunzl	Room 1

*All participants must present their 2019- Membership cards to the teachers/activity leaders for registering and participating the courses.

The Nominating Committee 2019

Listed below are vacancies for positions on the UNWG EC. All members elected must participate in the monthly meetings of the EC and submit a report at the request of the President and for the following AGA.

1. Vice President - Projects (2 years: 2019-2021)

- Collects the project and scholarship proposals submitted by members.
- Ensures projects and scholarships meet UNWG requirements for funding "to help disadvantaged children around the world" before submitting them for consideration by the Executive Committee for approval/rejection
- Ensures transfer of funds and implementation of projects or scholarships.
- Fluency in French and English is a requirement.

2. Treasurer - (2 years: 2019-2021)

- Collects annual fees and all funds of UNWG, pays the bills according to the instructions of the Executive Committee.
- 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.
- Excellent IT skills especially Microsoft Excel.

3. Co-Membership Secretary (2 years: 2019-2021)

- 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 Executive Committee.
- Prepares membership cards.
- Cooperates with the Treasurers for the compilation of the telephone directory.
- Good computer literacy required.

4. Recording Secretary - English (2 years: 2019-2021)

- Attends meetings of the Executive Committee and takes minutes.
- Sets the agenda for all meetings of the Executive Committee.
- Ensures the preparation of the annual report for the AGA.

5. Newsletter Editor - English (1 year 2019-2020)

- Gathers information from activity leaders.
- Works in close cooperation with the French Editor.
- Prepares the Newsletter every 2 months.
- 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.

6. Newsletter Editor - French (2 years: 2019-2021)

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

7. Monthly meetings (2 years: 2019-2021)

- Prepares monthly meetings by arranging for a speaker.
- Ensures that the theme of the presentation is approved by the Executive Committee.
- Associate Members may apply for this post.

8. Hospitality (2 years: 2019-2021)

- Ensures with her team the service and drinks for coffee mornings.
- Cleaning after service.
- The transportation of goods.
- Collects the money paid by members at the entrance.
- Ensures monthly search of a host country contact for the coffee mornings.
- Associate Members may apply for this post.

All regular (full) members who have paid their membership fees before 31 March, can vote in the elections

Do not hesitate to contact us:

THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE 2019: nc@unwg.ch

Kajori Massé Basu (Chairwoman)

Zeinab Farag

Rosaleen Nassif

Jeannie Taylor

Nourane Doyen

Membership Renewal 2019

The membership office hours:

Mondays: 14:30 – 16:30

Thursdays: 10:00 – 12:00

You may pick up your membership card at the villa upon presentation of your payment receipt.

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Bus: No. 5, 8, 28, F, 20 Tram: 15 stop: Nations.

Newsletter

The deadline for the next Newsletter is March 31, 2019. Please ensure that all information is sent to the newsletter email: newsletter@unwg.ch

The Executive Committee Team wishes you an excellent spring

