

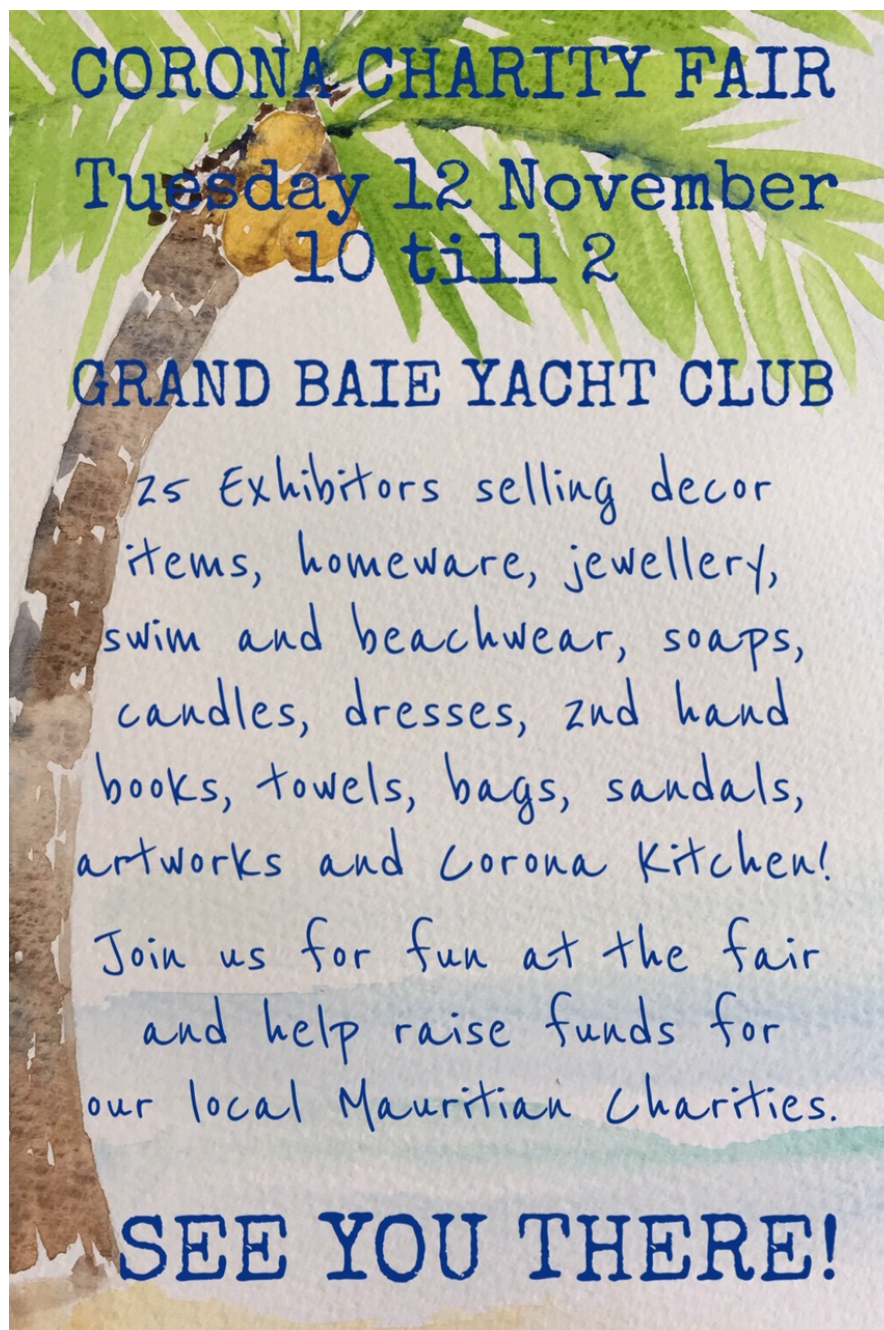
CORONA NORTH NEWSLETTER

November 2019

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Deadline for items for December newsletter: 25 November



**Even BIGGER AND BETTER than last year! Please bring your friends
and start your Christmas shopping!**

**And PLEASE don't forget JAMS, CAKES & PICKLES for Lisa Maurel's
Cuisine Stall - it was very popular last year.**

WHO? WHAT? WHEN? WHERE?

CORONA NORTH QUIZ NIGHT

**FRIDAY 29TH NOVEMBER 2019
19.00 @ GRAND BAIE YACHT CLUB**

**JOIN US FOR A FUN EVENING AND
HELP 'SOS FEMMES' WOMENS' SHELTER**

QUIZ MISTRESS: MARIE-LOUISE

**Rs 1000 PER PERSON
TEAMS OF SIX (MAX) PER TABLE**

MENU

**BBQ FISH OR STEAK OR VEGETABLE RATATOUILLE
+ COUSCOUS & SALAD
CHOCOLATE MOUSSE OR CRÈME BRULEE
CASH BAR**

+ RAFFLE WITH LOTS OF GREAT PRIZES!

REGISTER: MARIE-HELENE OLIVER tamholiver@gmail.com

OR @ CORONA NORTH CHARITY FAIR

GBYC TUESDAY 12TH NOVEMBER 10.00 - 14.00

CHOOSE YOUR MENUS + PAYMENT

CASH/CHEQUES PAYABLE TO WOMEN'S CORONA SOCIETY

DEADLINE: WEDNESDAY 20TH NOVEMBER

SEE YOU THERE!

WHEN? WHERE? WHO? WHAT?

PLEASE SIGN UP and PAY AT THE 12 November CHARITY FAIR!

CORONA MEMBERS' CHRISTMAS LUNCH :

**TUESDAY 10 DECEMBER AT MIDDAY: GAIL'S CAFE,
GRAND BAIE GYM**



COST: Rs 1000

**Please sign up and pay at the November Charity Fair on
Tuesday 12 November or by 29 November at the very latest!**

CORONA will provide the wine

MENU

Ice Tea on arrival

STARTER

Tarte Tatin of Pear with Brie



MAIN BUFFET

Cranberry & Orange Chicken

Or

Vegetable Lasagna (for vegetarians: please state when you sign up)

Roasted cauliflower, Fennel salad with preserved lemon and almond dressing

Roasted Pumpkin & Quinoa Salad

Green Salad

Homemade Bread Sticks

DESSERT

Pavlova with vanilla ice-cream, lemon curd & berries

Coffee/Tea and a plate of Mince Pies per table



WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU THERE!

At our **November Meeting** we had a team of three speakers from the African Leadership College in Pamplemousses led by Dr Stephen Naicken, Director of Academic Programmes, who explained to us the learning strategies they have developed to equip their graduates with the skills they will need to find a job: these include character building, mission driven learning and work experience. In their first year, students are helped by facilitators to develop critical thinking, to communicate for impact, to discover leadership skills. And to illustrate the type of problem solving students are given, we were divided into groups and gradually fed information about a company in Ghana struggling to sell its pineapples before reporting back with our suggested solutions. Finally, Jeremiah, a third-year student told us why he had chosen ALC and what he had learned during his time there. Overall, a most interesting and informative discovery of the work of ALC.

If you would like to learn more about ALC, you can go to <https://www.alueducation.com>
Or join us on A VISIT TO ALU CAMPUS (date to be announced).

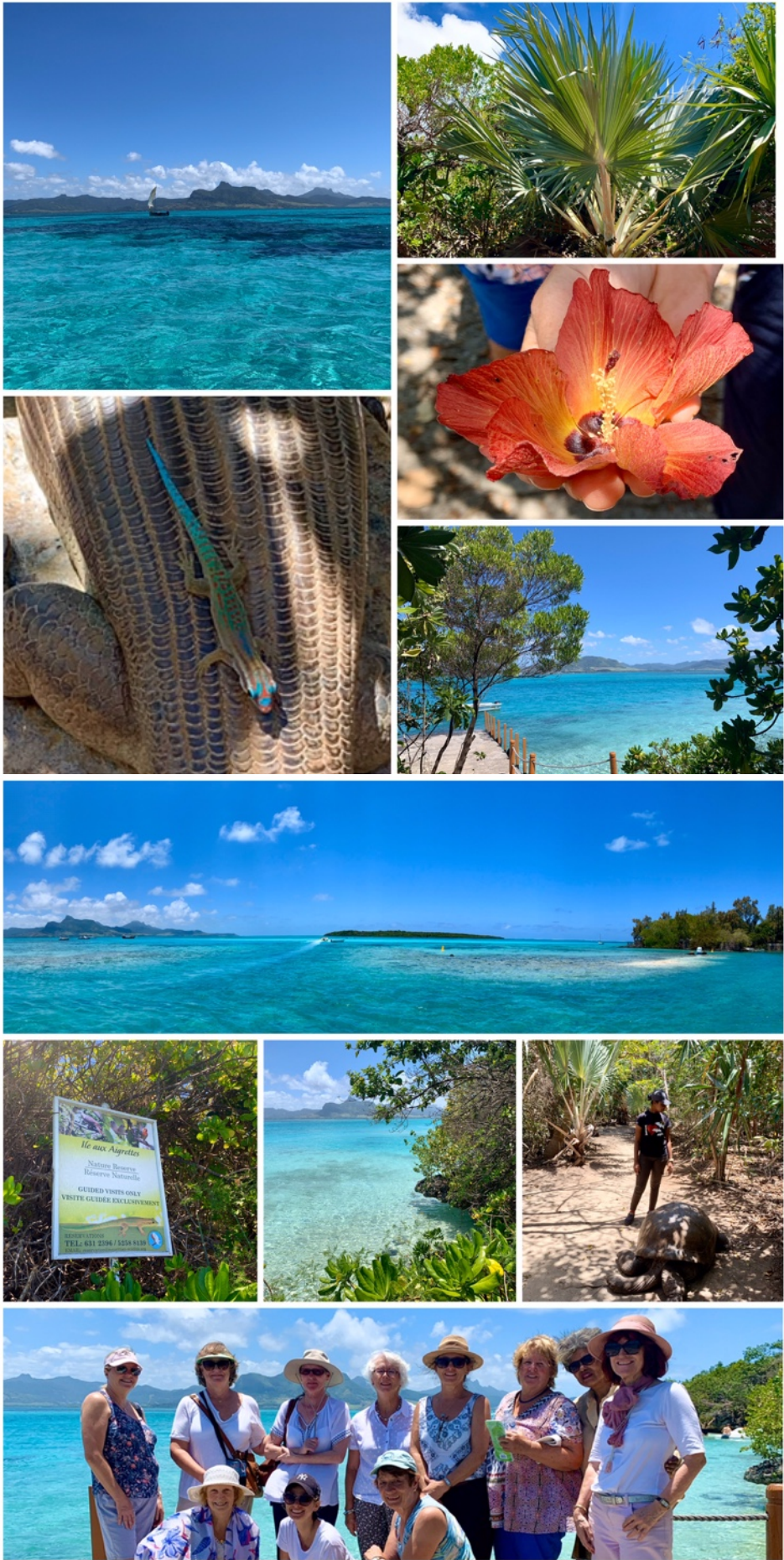
The ALC team kindly donated their speaking fee to Ecole Fatima where some of their students are currently helping to set up coding courses for the pupils.

Our thanks to Lisa Maurel for hosting October CORONA COFFEE MORNING. It was a most enjoyable occasion with ladies in pink, a delicious array of cakes and raffle prizes in a beautiful setting. We raised just over Rs 7 000 which will go to the cancer support charity, LINK TO LIFE. (photos by M-Louise Letellier Edwards)

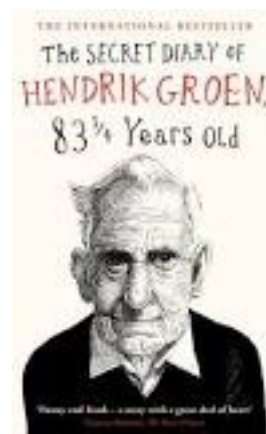




Thursday 24 October: Our visit to Ile aux Aigrettes under the auspices of the Mauritian Wildlife Foundation. Eleven intrepid Corona members met up at Pointe Jerome armed with sun cream, sun hats, sensible shoes, water and cameras ready to embark on the short boat trip to the island that has been a nature reserve since 1965 and on a long-term lease to MWF since 1987. Our very knowledgeable guide Melanie then took us on a walking tour. She pointed out the various endemic trees and plants: ebony, candlewood used for lighting by the early settlers, the blue latanier used to build their houses and thatch their roofs, a beautiful and delicately scented white orchid... We were introduced to Big Daddy aka the Playboy, the 110-year old giant tortoise, and later bumped into a pretty little endemic day gecko. We were very fortunate to see the pink pigeon who sat there contentedly while we all took photos as well as the beautiful Mauritian male fody and his smaller olive mate, and even the elusive tiny olive white eye. We then made our way to La Falaise Rouge for a very convivial Mauritian lunch before heading back north. All in all, a lovely day! (with thanks to Marie-Louise for her photos)



CORONA NORTH BOOK GROUP DATE FOR YOUR DIARY: The next Book Group meetings will be at 10.30 on **Monday 4 November** at Gail's Cafe, Grand Baie Gym to discuss **The Secret Diary of Hendrik Groen 83 3/4 Years Old** by Hendrik Groen - or is it?



The Book Group met on Monday 7th October and there were just five of us this month. We discussed Paris Echo, the latest novel by Sebastian Faulks - a favourite author of mine and hence my choice! The book traces the experiences of two very different protagonists, whose contrasting worlds collide during their two separate stays in Paris over the same few months. Both are searching for evidence of the past: Tariq, a 19 year old of mixed 'pied noir'/Algerian/Moroccan who is on a personal quest to discover his late mother's early life - and himself! - while Hannah, a 30 something American academic is more specifically researching the lives of French women in Paris during the Second World War - as well as laying the ghosts of her stay in the city ten years before. Faulks also introduces several ghostly episodes - which we found somewhat baffling and not very successful. Two horrific historical events in the city are revealed in the process of their searches, while an insight into how people survive under occupation is also given. Altogether the group found the book interesting and thought-provoking if not a 'must-read'! It was great to share some of our own experiences of Paris 'this wonderful, difficult place' (Faulks) and we had fun too setting the world to rights! Two other quotes resonate with me: 'What haunted me was the sense that their secrets had left a permanent void in my life.' and Faulks views on patriotism, as conveyed in an interview about the book, 'I'm a patriot, to an extent. That's a very British answer, isn't it? I cheer the England football team like crazy, but am wary of Nigel Farage and that nonsense. I'm proud of British achievements in arts, science and discovery. But there will always be this slight reservation you won't find in France because the so-called elite believes France to be unique with a mission to teach the world. This is not what the British intellectual class thinks about Britain. I'm not in any way sneering at the French, but it is a profound difference.' (With thanks to Amanda Pike for her review).

Corona North's Book Club is now full.

If you would like to join a group and would like your name added to the waiting list, please let Heather know. A new group may be organised with approx. six members. CONTACT Heather Chettiar (5252 6062).

The Mahjong group is looking for players. Please contact Annamaria Brockes (5 495 2544) if you are interested. They meet every Monday at 10.00: Grand Bay Gym. BEGINNERS are also welcome!



If you are visiting or returning to the UK and want to join or visit a Corona U.K. Branch, please contact Sarah Randall directly by email - Sarah.randall@outlook.com or via Corona head office corona@coronaworldwide.org.

And don't forget that we are **twinned with the London Jubilee Branch** which meets on the first Thursday of the month at 11am for coffee & lunch at a central London restaurant. Corona North members always welcome.

PUBLIC HOLIDAYS IN NOVEMBER

Friday 1 November	All Saints
Saturday 2 November	Arrival of Indentured Labourers
Thursday 7 November	ELECTION DAY

All Saints Day is a public holiday on alternate years, in 2020 it will be Assumption Day: 15 August

BEWARE: no sale of wine/beer/spirits in shops and supermarkets on 6, 7 and 8 November because of the ELECTIONS and that restaurants are also banned from selling alcohol on these days.

THIS DOES NOT APPLY TO HOTELS



WEEKLY/MONTHLY EVENTS

BOOK CLUB	Monday 4 November at 10.30 at Gail's Cafe, Grand Baie Gym. Contact: Heather Chettiar (5 252 6062)
BRIDGE	Every Tuesday at 10.15: Grand Bay Gym. Contact: Heather Chettiar (5 252 6062)
COFFEE MORNING	Friday 15 November: venue to be decided Contact: Heather Chettiar
MAHJONG	Every Monday at 10.00: Grand Bay Gym. Contact: Annamaria Brockes (5 495 2544) Beginners welcome.
PLAY READING	Thursday 28 November at 10.00 at CocoBeanies (Endemica). Please contact Madhvi Ivain (5 257 4212) for further details.
SCRABBLE	Every Thursday at 2.30 chez Foxy Pitcher in Calodyne. Contact: Foxy (5 722 4834)
WRITERS' CIRCLE	If you are interested in joining this group, please contact: Gisela Dörflinger (5 948 9356).

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.

ITEMS FOR SALE: Please contact Corona member Elaine Schorn (5 839 4295)

USED:

Oriental passage runner (wool)

Rs 8 000

BRIDGE LESSONS at her home in Belle Vue: please CONTACT Corona member: Carole Robson on 59246059

FOR SALE : PARTY /COCKTAIL/SPECIAL OCCASION DRESSES



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5 709 7430	<i>Recommended by Kathleen Law Hing Choy</i>
O'chado	Dog groomer Royal Rd Pte aux Canonniers
5 923 0498	<i>Recommended by Kathleen Law Hing Choy</i>
Isabelle JOSEPH	Veterinary surgeon - pays home visits
5 935 9026	<i>Recommended by Sarah Taylor</i>
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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 www.mhash.com	For a run/brisk walk in convivial company every 2 nd Sunday morning <i>recommended by Pat Knox</i>
Nickelnet Company Limited	Carpets/Upholstery Cleaning - Bring Beauty back to your Carpets and Sofa
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Cap Malheureux	Nickelnet@live.com
262 7708/5 723 9906	<i>Recommended by Yvonne Mamtora</i>
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La Colombiere, Royal Road Grand Baie	Contact Jonathan Maurer Masson on 5 918 5321
	<i>Recommended by Elisabet Dent & Heather Chettiar</i>
GRAND BAY STUDIO	Call Kawsar Banon on 5 729 7005 or kawsar19@intnet.mu : learn to paint on material, wood, ceramic and canvas.
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FLOWERS OF PARADISE	<i>Recommended by Jean and Ben Fourie</i>
Beach Lane, Pereybere Tel: 5 934 5320/0204	<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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