



# CORONA Plateau Mauritius

*From the Chair ...*

## Annual wind-up....

2020 is well underway and as usual at this time of year, the sitting committee at Corona Plateau branch steps down and members elect a new committee. In preparation for the upcoming AGM, your committee closed out their year of service by donating funds raised during the year to three key charities.



At our February meetings representatives from the chosen entities were invited to receive our cheques. Each organisation was presented with a cheque for Rs 15,000 bringing the total funds donated to Rs 45,000.



### Contact details for each of the recipients:

- Gender Links Mu Safe Haven, Devan Saitee, Tel 58215005
- Mauritius Mental Health Assoc, Jane Delorie, Tel 54216214
- SACIM, Kolam Maureemootoo, Tel 59224529

Even though February is a short month, it is also a busy one and our February meeting was no exception. The date of our meeting was moved forward due to the Maha Shivartree holiday which fell on our normal date. This brought our meeting to Valentines Day and as you can see from the pictures, a large number of our member heeded the call to wear red. Our thanks to Zandre for her "red heart" décor and beautiful message cards. Also thanks to Rosemarie and Lyndsay for our takeaway heart shaped biscuits. In a nod to Chinese New Year we had a taste of dim-sum instead of our usual fare though the expected talk on the Chinese Zodiac sadly did not happen.

Our February raffle raised Rs 1175 with Susan once again the lucky winner. She wasn't there just at that moment to pick up her prize so Dawn (who made and donated this beautiful macramé tree of life wall hanging) accepted on her behalf.



## NEWSLETTER

March 2020

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### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

#### NEXT MEETING

**FRIDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> March @ 10am**

Our AGM agenda:

- Confirm minutes of last meeting and deal with matters arising
- Report from the Chair
- Treasurer report
- Election of new committee
- AOB

#### ACTIVITIES

##### INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

Lunch at Le Sapin D'or in Curepipe on FRIDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> March @ 12 noon

Your committee invites you to our annual lunch to mark International Women's Day and close the year for the serving committee. Corona will meet half the cost of this lunch. If you have not already done so, please urgently confirm your attendance with Sara.

#### APRIL MEETING

**FRIDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> April @ 10am**



What a busy month for birthdays. Four of our members were present to cut the February birthday cake which was baked by Jane.



For all those March babies in our membership, we hope you enjoy your special day.

## AFTERNOON TEA

Sadly our afternoon tea at The Coffee Shop in Floreal on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February was not particularly well attended with only 6 members showing up. There was no pre-arranged menu so participants ordered their own refreshments and paid direct. However Sara had asked them to prepare some vegetarian and vegan treats just for us. I can testify that the crepes and the vegan croissants were delicious.

Those who attended all had a good laugh with lots of banter. However most were committee members who already knew each other quite well. The point of our coffee mornings and afternoon teas is to provide an opportunity for members to meet in less formal circumstances and get to know each other better. They are organized to allow people, who may have seen each other at meetings, to sit together in smaller more intimate groups to share and exchange ideas. This is particularly important for newer members but it even works well for those who have been around longer since we naturally tend to sit with people we already know at our monthly meetings.



A lot of work goes into preparing events and outings and it is disappointing to the organizers when our members do not attend. **Please tell us what we are doing wrong. Do you want only the monthly meeting and nothing else? Do we choose the wrong locations or the wrong times? Do we not communicate enough with you? What would you rather do?**

### REMINDER

*If you have not already paid it, your 2020 membership subscription is now overdue. Please make sure it is paid soonest.*

## Everyone has a part to play

Our March meeting is traditionally our AGM at which we review the past year and elect our committee for the forthcoming 12-month period. It seems to be increasingly difficult to get participation from members with the elected committee becoming smaller and smaller each year. If you would like the club to continue and to grow and prosper, you have to participate. The committee below has worked hard for you during the year but almost all of them have stated their reluctance to continue to shoulder the responsibility for another term. This means we need new volunteers who can help Corona Plateau Branch continue to serve its membership.

Personally, I believe many of the people below could be persuaded to remain on the committee if they received more support (and less criticism) from the membership. Unfortunately it is human nature to be loud with our complaints and quiet with our thanks. Perhaps you could try to be louder with your thanks and let individual committee members know that you appreciate their work. Better still, you could support them by volunteering as a committee member yourself or simply offering a particular skill to help them out. We need at least 6 people to share the workload although our constitution allows for 10. Currently we have effectively only 4 (since Kamini and Neena job share). Check our website [www.coronaplateau.org](http://www.coronaplateau.org) for more information on the roles and responsibilities of committee members.

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