

CORONA NORTH NEWSLETTER

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We look forward to seeing you all at our next meeting

On **Tuesday 10 July** at 9.15 a.m.

at **Grand Baie Yacht Club**

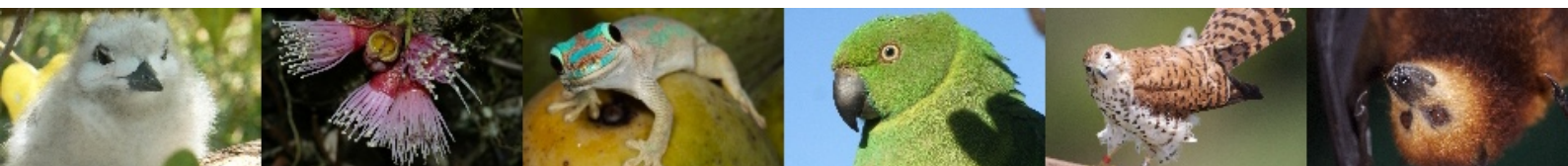
SPEAKER

Tim Taylor

Topic

MWF

As President of the Mauritian Wildlife Foundation, Tim will talk to us about the crucial importance of this NGO in conserving the endangered endemic plants and animals of Mauritius.



June Speaker: Audrey Bracey Deegan spoke to us about the work that StepByStep, the NGO that she founded, is doing in remote rural areas in Haiti, Tanzania, Ghana, and India. She explained how they provide child-centred, community-driven, technology-enabled support. After the Haiti earthquake of 2010, they provided a MOBIKIT: a solar-powered backpack with a tablet, a foetal doppler, a glucose meter, and even a mini-incubator to help reduce maternal and infant mortality rates. In Ghana, they have been working on developing a solar powered cook stove for women who have to stir shea butter for hours on end incurring burns and respiratory problems. In July, Audrey will be training 3000 farmers in Tanzania on how to use their collective power to manage their farms more efficiently. She ended with a sobering fact: there are 223 million hungry people in Africa and yet 500 million tons of food are wasted there because of the breakdown in the supply chain ...

The meeting was attended by 16 members and one guest.



Audrey kindly donated her speaking fee to Ecole Fatima where she now teaches English once a week.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



Thursday 26 JULY: Michele de Gennaro will be hosting a POT LUCK LUNCH at her house in Belle Mare on Thursday 26 July at twelve noon. Please **sign up at the July meeting** and let us know whether you will be bringing a sweet or savoury dish.



LADIES WHO LUNCH: Thursday 9 August at Café Wiener Walzer in Pamplemousses opposite the church.



We are always looking for **suggestions for speakers, activities or excursions**, so please let us know if you have any.

JOINT ANNUAL CORONA LUNCH on Thursday 14 June was hosted this year by Corona Central at the National Tennis Centre. Eleven of us attended from the North, and Central Branch had laid on a magnificent spread for lunch for the forty or so guests and some lovely raffle prizes. As ever, it was good to meet up with members from Plateau and Central, and this year there was a new group of ladies who have started meeting in Tamarin on the West Coast: that might mean four Corona branches on the tiny island of Mauritius, one day!

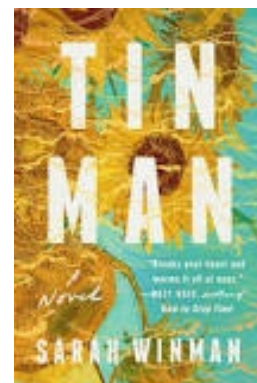
Next year, it will be our turn to host the lunch!

CORONA NORTH BOOK GROUP DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

The next Book Group meeting will be held on 9 July at 10.30 at Isabelle Dumbell's, Pte aux Canonniers, to discuss Tin Man by Sarah Winman.

From the internationally bestselling author of WHEN GOD WAS A RABBIT comes a heartbreaking celebration of love in all its forms, and the moments that illuminate the life of one man.

This is almost a love story. But it's not as simple as that.



June Book Club review of Nineteen Minutes by Jodi Picoult ..*the main theme being bullying and shooting in schools. Picoult once again grabs a razor-sharp issue and uses her brilliantly intricate pen to expose all the shades of grey with perfection. Discussion ranged from parents' and teachers' roles, roots of bullying, security issues in the US where too many people are in possession of arms, security issues globally ... Finally talk drifted off to water supply, recycling of plastics, Kérastase hair care products available in Mauritius, the good news about geckos – they eat mosquitos and cockroaches, the bad news is their indiscriminate depositing of the 'processed' bugs on one's walls, window sills etc. Laughter is so important.* (Bina Leclercq)

New members are always welcome. If you'd like to join the group, do get in touch – it's a lot of fun.

Heather (email: dod.chettiar@intnet.mu or call on 5252 6062

News from Home and Abroad

Together with nineteen other Corona members, I was very pleased to receive an invitation to the Buckingham Palace Garden Party in June. We were all meeting beforehand for lunch at a hotel next to Charing Cross station, so I decided that I would book into the same hotel the day before so as to be able to take my time getting ready.

Angela Mizner, former Chairman of Corona Plateau, and now Organiser of Corona Jubilee in London, co-hosted the lunch and so we were able to have a lovely catch up, and the lunch was a great way to break the ice. I shared a taxi with 4 ladies who all live in Saudi Arabia, which meant it only cost us £2 each to get to the Palace!

Everyone became quite excited when we arrived, and we loved looking at everything as we proceeded through to the garden at the rear. After tea with beautiful cakes, we saw the Royal party come down the Palace steps and then separate to walk down avenues formed by the guests. I went to Prince Charles's first and he spoke to two Army girls next to me, so I thought, O.K he's not going to speak to me, so I moved on to Camilla. I stood next to a very nice lady in a wheelchair and when Camilla came over and spoke to her, I saw her close up too. Right, now on to the next one: Princess Anne. This time I just waited, and lo and behold she came and spoke to me!! She asked if I had travelled far and I replied from Mauritius. She frowned and said, 'Don't people usually go in the opposite direction? I hope it was worth the journey!'. After that, I thought "Right, job done" and left Prince Michael's avenue to others and went to get another cup of tea.

Just as I was leaving, we spotted Karen Gibson, Kingdom Choir conductor at Prince Harry's wedding, so I stopped and chatted to her as well.

By the time I got back outside the palace, I was exhausted, and I was so pleased that I had decided to spend another night at the hotel, so whilst the other ladies went to the Underground I took a taxi back to the hotel, but this time it cost me £26 because roads were closed for the Trooping the Colour rehearsals!!

All in all, a very nice day was had by all the Corona ladies that attended. (with thanks to Kathleen Law Hing Choy)



BIRTHDAYS in July

Annamaria Brockes	1 st July
Sue Pitcher	1 st July
Jean Fourie	6 July
Edwina Macdonald	12 July
Sue Ring	19 July
Janine Robinson	22 July

PUBLIC HOLIDAYS: None until Wednesday 15 August!

WHAT'S ON?

Blue Penny Museum: 6 July to 8 September: an exhibition of contemporary paintings and old photos and objects illustrating the role of the BAZAR in Mauritian culture



La Bohème from the Met at MCineTrianon cinema: Thursday 12 July at 19.30: Rs 500.
A complimentary glass of wine from Le Connoisseur before the performance.
Booking: 464 1900 or 59 48 99 88 or at the door.



MONTHLY EVENTS

BOOK CLUB	Monday 9 July at 10.30 chez Isabelle Dumbell in Pte aux Canonniers Contact: Heather Chettiar (52 52 6062)
BRIDGE	Every Tuesday at 10.15: Grand Bay Gym. Contact: Heather Chettiar (52 52 6062)
COFFEE MORNING	Friday 20 July at 10.30 at COFFEE GARDEN, Food Lovers, La Croisette.
LUNCH CLUB	Thursday 9 August at Café Wiener Walzer in Pamplémousses opposite the church.
MAHJONG	Every Monday at 10.00: Grand Bay Gym. Contact: Kathleen Law Hing Choy (57 11 8015)
PLAY READING	On Thursday 2 AUGUST at 10.00 at CoCo Beanies at Endemika . Please contact Madhvi Ivain (52 57 4212) for further details.
SCRABBLE	Every Thursday at 2.30 chez Foxy Pitcher in Calodyne. Contact: Foxy (57 22 4834)
WRITERS' CIRCLE	If you are interested in leading this group, please contact: Heather Chettiar on 52 52 6062

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.

Tried & Tested	By Corona members
Nelly Joganah-Lapp	Podiatrist @ Grand Baie Business Park, speaks English, good
57 09 74 30	<i>Recommended by Kathleen Law Hing Choy</i>
O'chado	Dog groomer Royal Rd Pte aux Canonniers
59 23 04 98	<i>Recommended by Kathleen Law Hing Choy</i>
Isabelle JOSEPH	Veterinary surgeon - pays home visits
59 35 90 26	<i>Recommended by Sarah Taylor</i>
ijoseph.dvm@gmail.com	

Exotic Dream Tour Operator & Car Rental	Airport pick-ups, day trips: flexible and punctual, great staff <i>Recommended by Veronica Murphy</i>
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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	For a run/brisk walk in convivial company every 2 nd Sunday morning
Www.mhash.com	<i>recommended by Pat Knox</i>
Nickelnet Company Limited	Carpets/Upholstery Cleaning - Bring Beauty back to your Carpets and Sofa
Mariamen Temple Road	Contact Krishini Panjanadum
Cap Malheureux	Nickelnet@live.com
262 7708/5723 9906	<i>Recommended by Yvonne Mamtora</i>
XTREME Tech Informatique Limited	For your computer problems
La Colombiere, Royal Road Grand Baie	Contact Jonathan Maurer Masson on 59 18 5321
	<i>Recommended by Elisabet Dent & Heather Chettiar</i>
GRAND BAY STUDIO	Call Kawsar Banon on 57 29 70 05 or kawsar19@intnet.mu : learn to paint on material, wood, ceramic and canvas
Sottise Rd roundabout near La Croisette	<i>Recommended by Foxy Pitcher</i>
FLOWERS OF PARADISE	<i>Recommended by Jean and Ben Fourie</i>

Beach Lane, Pereybere Tel: 59 34 53 20 34	<i>Cuisine: European, French, Mediterranean, seafood</i>
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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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