

CORONA NORTH NEWSLETTER

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Wishing you all a Happy New Year and looking forward to welcoming you to our first 2020 Meeting on 14 January at Grand Baie Yacht Club.
Doors open at 9.15.

TOPIC

Living with Sharks

SPEAKER

Dr Thomas Vignaud



In his talk, Thomas will give us some interesting facts about sharks and explain what led him to work with them. He will also talk about his last project in Fiji, what he learned from it and how it led to a new project that could take place in Mauritius. His talk will be illustrated with slides and short videos and will be followed by a Q&A session at the end of his presentation. You can see some of Thomas's pictures on

<https://www.instagram.com/thomasvignaudphotography/>

We are opening the meeting to members of the Yacht Club, and of course guests are always welcome.

IMPORTANT

The **Annual General Meeting** will take place on **Tuesday 11 February 2020** with the tabling of the Annual Report, the Treasurer's Report and the nomination and election of a new committee for 2020/21.



AND WHY NOT PUT YOUR NAME FORWARD TO SERVE AS A COMMITTEE MEMBER!

It is important that each member participate in the election. Nomination forms and details will be circulated via email and will also be available at the January meeting.

Please remember that we are always looking for suggestions for speakers, activities or excursions, so please let us know if you have any.

The November Quiz for SOS FEMMES raised Rs 20 380. Once again, we thank Marie-Louise for a wonderful evening, those who gave such generous raffle prizes, and, of course, all the helpers and participants.



Corona Members Christmas Lunch

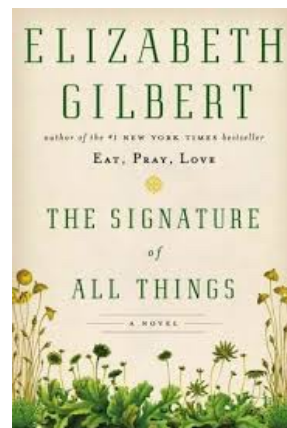


This took place at Gail's Café and was attended by 26 members, and we were delighted to welcome Katy Roberts, a former Corona North member and newsletter editor, who was visiting from the UK. It was a very warm day and the fans were out. We had some lovely salads with a spectacular pavlova and mince pies for dessert. Our thanks to Gail and her staff, to Marie-Louise for acting as bar tender, and to Foxy for organising a lucky draw with lots of lovely prizes.



CORONA NORTH BOOK GROUP DATE FOR YOUR DIARY: The next Book Group meetings will be at 10.30 on **Monday 13 January at Audrey's home** to discuss **The Signature of All Things by Elizabeth Gilbert**.

A glorious, sweeping novel of desire, ambition, and the thirst for knowledge, from the # 1 New York Times bestselling author of Eat, Pray, Love and Committed. In The Signature of All Things, Elizabeth Gilbert returns to fiction, inserting her inimitable voice into an enthralling story of love, adventure and discovery. (Goodreads)



December Book Club review by Sonja Dalais: The Ninth Hour by Alice McDermott

What a beautifully written book! I read it in a few days.

As I attended a convent my whole school career, so much of the story made so much sense: my nuns, however, were never as nice as these Little Nursing Sisters of the Sick Poor! There were similarities, though, like in the way both orders are very direct and not up to offering sympathy where it isn't necessary. And praying, praying, praying. I think all we convent girls still walk around praying with this Catholic guilt, carried like a weight on our shoulders. Like Sally, trying 'to exchange her own immortal soul for her mother's mortal happiness'.

I was so proud of Annie for saying 'no' and never once changing her mind.

As I read, I kept waiting for something to happen, knowing that it was going to happen, and then when it eventually did, it was not how I expected it to be nor by the person who did it.

I also want to tell Sr Jeanne that she, more than anyone, is on a straight road to Heaven!

Corona North's Book Club is now full.

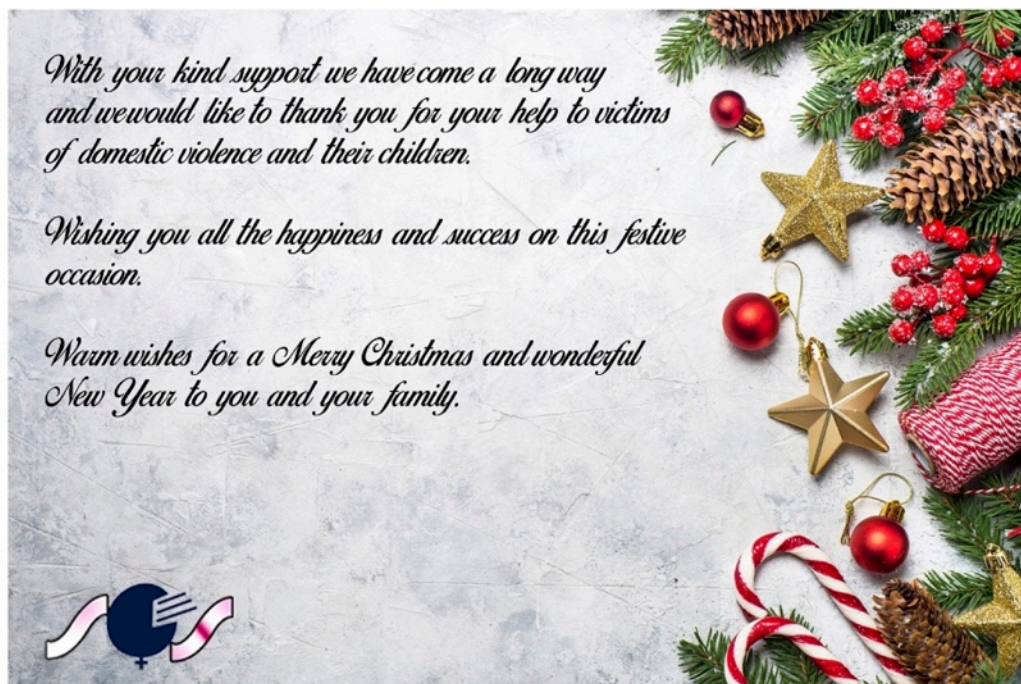
If you would like to join a group and would like your name added to the waiting list, please let Heather know. A new group may be organised with approx. six members. CONTACT Heather Chettiar (5252 6062).

The Mahjong group is always 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.

SEASON'S GREETINGS AND THANKS FROM TWO OF OUR DESIGNATED CHARITIES: Link to Life & SOS Femmes.



PUBLIC HOLIDAYS IN January

Wednesday 1 January	New Year's Day
Thursday 2 January	Day after New Year
Saturday 25 January	Chinese New Year

WEEKLY/MONTHLY EVENTS

BOOK CLUB	Monday 13 January at 10.30 at Audrey's home. Contact: Heather Chettiar (5 252 6062)
BRIDGE	Every Tuesday at 10.15: Grand Bay Gym. Contact: Heather Chettiar (5 252 6062)
COFFEE MORNING	Friday 17 January: 10.30 at Food Lovers, La Croisette. Contact: Heather Chettiar
MAHJONG	Every Monday at 10.00: Grand Bay Gym. Contact: Annamaria Brockes (5 495 2544) Beginners welcome.
PLAY READING	Thursday 30 January at 10.30 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)

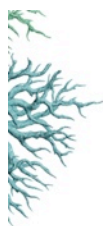
USED:

Oriental passage runner (wool)

Rs 8 000

BRIDGE LESSONS at her home in Belle Vue: please CONTACT Corona member: Carole Robson on 5 924 6059

STUDIO FLAT TO LET in Belle Vue. Rs 14 000 a month, own small garden, near Northfields School. Please CONTACT Corona member: Carole Robson on 5 924 6059.



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Beau Plan, Pamplemousses, Mauritius - Tel: 249 1333 - Mob: 5498 0511

Tried & Tested	By Corona members
Nelly Joganah-Lapp	Podiatrist @ Grand Baie Business Park, speaks English.
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>
Brandon UPHOLSTERY	5810+2615
	<i>Excellent service</i>
	<i>Recommended by Kathleen Law Hing Choy</i>
Isabelle JOSEPH	Veterinary surgeon - pays home visits
5 935 9026	<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>
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
Mariamén Temple Road	Contact Krishini Panjanadum
Cap Malheureux	Nickelnet@live.com
262 7708/5 723 9906	<i>Recommended by Yvonne Mamtora</i>
XTREME Tech Informatique Limited	For your computer problems
La Colombière, 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.
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, Pereybère 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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