

# What's On



Some photos from the event.

## New president Baldocci details events, activities for new season

# IWG holds first meeting of 2021-2022 cultural season

KUWAIT CITY, Sept 26: The International Women's Group-Kuwait held its first meeting of the 2021-2022 cultural season on Sunday, Sept 19 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel. The Executive Board were delighted to welcome members with white roses and sweets to mark the return of in-person gatherings.

In an opening speech, Mrs. Laila Boulos, public relations coordinator, introduced Mrs. Ambreen Mustafa, wife of the ambassador of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan and current



IWG members at the meeting.

IWG Presidential Advisor. In her welcome speech, Mrs. Mustafa thanked the IWG Board members for their support during the difficult period of the pandemic and added that this meeting was the first physical meeting after a year of online meetings. Mrs. Mustafa then introduced Mrs. Cristiana Baldocci, wife of the Ambassador of Italy to the State of Kuwait, as the new President of the International Women's Group 2021-2022.

Mrs. Baldocci welcomed members and guests and ex-

pressed her thanks for their participation in the event. She also extended her thanks and gratitude to Her Excellency Sheikha Hanouf Badr Al-Mohammed Al-Sabah, Honorary President of IWG, for her role in supporting the group.

The celebration continued with several recreational activities, including a presentation about activities and events held during the past year, followed by short film of members each expressing their concept of happiness. The 'Laugh Out Loud' project which

was suggested and prepared by Mrs. CletheGubler, wife of the Ambassador of the Swiss Federation, and IWG Advisor, in partnership with Ms. Manar Alamat, Website and Social Networks Coordinator, was a very popular project that involved the entire membership.

To mark the end of their tenure, Mrs. Hoda Al-Zahem, Procurement Coordinator, and Mrs. Kawthar Saad, Media Coordinator, were thanked and honored for their many years of service.

Ms Nancy Al-Safadi per-

formed some delightful musical pieces on the violin that radiated joy and happiness.

Four prizes were drawn for the attendees, and everyone enjoyed an array of special canapes and pastries prepared specifically for the occasion by the chefs of the Crowne Plaza Hotel.

Wishing everyone a successful year ahead, Mrs. Cristiana Baldocci, in closing, reviewed with members the details of the agenda and proposed cultural & social events and activities for 2021-2022.



A group photo from the beach clean-up campaign.

## Bilfinger Engineering & Tech organizes beach clean-up

Bilfinger Engineering and Technologies GmbH Kuwait recently held Beach Clean-up initiative at Marina Beach as part of Corporate Social Responsibilities. The initiative has been taken up to create awareness that the world is creating more plas-

tic trash each year and much of it is ending up in landfills or in the environment and ocean.

Garbage such as cans, plastic water bottles, plastic bags and other containers from beach visitors contributes more to beach pollution. The

aim behind this initiative was to protect the environment and prevent trash pollution as well as to create awareness in the society about the crucial issue of trash pollution at beaches disturbing the aquatic life at large.

## With toastmasters, learning never stops

# Timbre Toastmasters mark 11th 'versary

KUWAIT CITY, Sept 26: Timbre Talkers Toastmasters Club, a well-known toastmasters club in Kuwait, celebrated its 11th Anniversary on Sept 23, its first physical meeting with a bang at District 20 Director Distinguished Toastmaster Dr. Alifiya Lakdawala's residence to celebrate with all members. The new members met with the old and realized how crazy, addictive and passionate we are as a family.

Toastmaster Balamurugan, Vice President Education is a man of perfection, as he brought along printed agendas which were strewn over sofas, arm rests and chairs. The word of the day was 'Prevention' neatly typed out and pasted/posted on the wall, doors and cabinets for all to see and use. The meeting was opened with full elan and flair by Toastmaster Vikram Joshi who read out the mission statement and made us aware of the ground rules. He invited the President Distinguished Toastmaster Rohaina Aqueel who was feeling a bit lost standing in stage after 19 months! She introduced the theme and welcomed the District Director - lovely hostess Distinguished Toastmaster Dr. Alifiya Lakdawala. Sadly some of the officials including District Administration Manager Toastmaster Biji Gittens and Area Director Toastmaster Mariam Rangot could not make it. District 20 Public Relations Manager DTM Allen Paul could not get tickets either but he sent his wishes. So did Toastmaster Faisal Jameel and Distinguished Toastmaster Mannan Sanjeliwala.

Timbrels had fun with table topics, an unique and most interesting session of any toastmaster session, which had things to do or say imitating someone in the room. And then some more members walked in and there was more excitement in the room! So much of camaraderie, follow ups, introductions and yes as they were getting hungry. As they were laying the table, the biggest surprise of the evening came in the form of former Toastmaster Farhan Kardame, who was incognito for 2 years. The evening had gotten better!

With a great display of yummilicious, finger licking snacks and food, the table was set. New Toastmaster member Jamshed clicked the picture of the food layout and sent it on the



Timbre Talkers Toastmasters Club members pose for a group photo.

group with a lovely caption 'Table Topic'. They were the real table topics which each and everyone wanted to know, try, eat and savour! Everything was enjoyable and delicious.

During the bites, Distinguished Toastmaster Rajshakar remembered a beautiful ghazal and the sher o shairi (poetic couplets) began its round. And then romantic members who were reminiscing or missing someone, started off in various languages. Communication does not need any one language. Each and everyone enjoyed. Then a game was planned by Toastmaster Javed Majid who actually made everything think, got everyone's grey cells to work and their knowledge expanded through pictures, questions and answers. It was totally involving and thank God everyone had their minds alert due to all that lovely food!

Toastmaster Srinivas started off old melodies and beautiful songs like 'kh-wab ho tum ya...' and 'mere sapnon ki rani....' were sung. A round robin of antakshiri was fun where everyone sang melodious and lovely numbers, filling the air with music, happiness and joy! They who say Music is the soul of life, made the evening melodiously so!

Some members had to leave, so cake cutting was on the agenda before we

let them go. Toastmaster Balamurugan got a lovely cake printed with all the Timbre Talkers family adding the icing on the cake! Everyone relished the mix of vanilla and chocolate. As a few left, bidding them adieu was sad but with a promise to meet up again.

### Personalities

It was nice to meet in person the likes of Toastmaster Dr. AnilKumar Singh, Toastmaster Laxman and Toastmaster Binu Jacob, new Timbrels but ones with great personalities.

Later a round of dumb charades was conducted, which was fun and the acting was superb se bhi upar!

Some masti (fun) and magic was definitely in the air and the keenness to lesson social distancing and meeting in person got in demand.

Zoom definitely cannot give you this and the hope for zoom to hybrid to physical is on the cards. InshaAllah Soon! To know more about joining as a member in Toastmasters please contact Sana Fatima, Vice President Membership 502 10544 or President of the Club Distinguished Toastmaster Rohaina Aqueel 6663 4224.

Members who could not make it and were truly missed: Distinguished Toastmaster Annadatha Murali Manohar, Toastmasters Sana Dalvi, Sana

Fatima, Neha Jaithlya, Bhaskar Krishnamurthy, Keyur Pandya, Sahla Abdu-rahiman and Sriram Ramadas.

Let the light glow from within as we shine out,

We shall glimmer the baton of hope for all.

Conquer our fears within and sail the waves smoothly, Timbre Talkers shall stand strongly and not take a fall!

Toastmasters International is a non-profit educational organization that teaches public speaking and leadership skills through a worldwide network of clubs. Headquartered in Englewood, Colo., the organization's membership exceeds 300,000 in more than 15,800 clubs in 149 countries. Since 1924, Toastmasters International has helped people from diverse backgrounds become more confident speakers, communicators, and leaders.

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What will replace *Mirrored Nature: The Full Circle* at the Amricani Cultural Centre (ACC)?



What will fill this empty space?

We don't know what, but we do know WHO: Participants in CS26's Children's Art Workshop!

Starting Saturday, 23 October, at 9:30 AM, at ACC, children ages 7 - 11 (in October 2021) will spend Saturdays planning and executing an exhibition of objects from The al-Sabah Collection.

If you want your child to have this probably once in a lifetime opportunity, email: education@darmuseum.org.kw

NOTE: Spaces are limited, so social distancing requirements can be met. Also, participants will be required to wear a mask throughout the programme.

Storytime is BACK

or will be in October. That means we need readers; we need YOU!



We need volunteers to spend about an hour reading to kids on Saturday and Wednesday afternoons, starting Saturday, 2 October at 3:30 at Amricani and Wednesday, 3 November at 4:00 at Yarmouk.

If you would like to volunteer, please email: education@darmuseum.org.kw

In compliance with government requirements, all participants over the age of 12 will have to show proof of vaccination (Hawati). Everyone must wear a mask.

Flyers of the events