

The American Women's Club

Uniting American Women in Lagos

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The five Olympic rings represent the five major regions of the world – Africa, the Americas, Asia, Europe and Oceania, and every national flag in the world includes one of the five colors, which are blue, yellow, black, green, and red.

The early Olympics were celebrated as a religious festival from 776 B.C. until 393 A.D., when the games were banned for being a pagan festival (the Olympics celebrated the Greek god Zeus).

In 1894, a French educator proposed a revival of the ancient tradition, and thus the modern-day Olympic Summer Games were born.

The Olympic motto: *Citius, Altius, Fortius* ("Swifter, Higher, Stronger")

The last Olympic gold medals that were made entirely out of gold were awarded in 1912.

Get Up, Get Involved, Get Busy!

Happy New Year! This being the first newsletter of 2014, I welcome you and encourage us all to *get up, get involved* and *get busy*. As you will see below and inside this newsletter, the year is already off to a blazing start with activities lined up from Small World, silent auction, women's luncheons, training classes, couples' date nights, AGM and more. Ladies, there are loads of activities for us to contribute to. Be it in cash, in-kind, personal time and attention, let your impact be felt this year!

Kudos to all members supporting charitable fundraisers. All donations and efforts go a long way in helping our charities achieve their goals. Fundraising for our sponsored charities is not easy but it is an important aspect of our organization. I'd like to extend a huge THANK YOU to all our members who contribute generously such as donating clothing, school and food supplies, warm introductions to corporate contacts, personal time working at events and so much more. The AWC is *amazing* and we are making a great impact because of YOU. We have a few more fundraising events

planned for 2014. Let's continue to exceed expectations of those in need.

Our Scholarship Committee has selected five (5) new deserving students making a total of twenty sponsored students this year. We are indeed grateful to our corporate sponsors for continually helping us make a vital impact in Nigeria through their financial support.

Our Social Programs Office continues to keep our calendar full in 2014. We have heard your request to do evening activities for working women and involve spouses as well. I'm happy to say that your social programs committee have risen to the occasion. Take your spouse out for the evening with galloping gourmets, take a cooking class and much more. Check out our calendar of events and save the dates!

The new membership directory is here! Our Membership Office delivered the 2013-2014 membership directory at the January general meeting. If you haven't received yours, it will be available at the next general meeting. We look forward to

seeing you there.

Finally ladies, please note that our Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held in April. The AWC voting members will elect our 2014-2015 board of directors! We need volunteers to join the nominating committee this month. Please, if you are interested in helping to identify next year's board of directors and present a slate of deserving candidates to the membership this March, volunteer today! Join the nominating committee by emailing us at communications@theawclagos.com.

IMPORTANT: If you are interested in a specific board position, now is the time to let us know. We welcome you!!! The AWC needs great leaders to ensure realization of its vision and mission. For more information about the roles and responsibilities of each board position, see The AWC by-laws.

Dear Ladies, The AWC board has heard your requests and work diligently to coordinate events you desire most. Please continue to share your ideas with us as we look forward to serving you. I wish us

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all a fulfilling and joyful 2014!

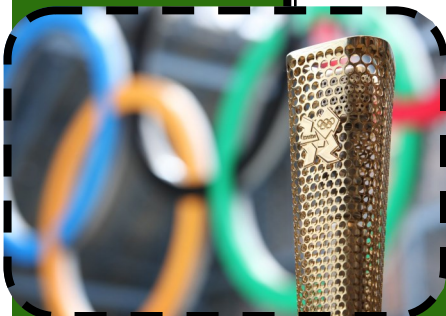
Let's kickoff the year with two quotes this newsletter ;)

"The difference between ordinary and extraordinary is that little extra." -Jimmy Johnson, American football broadcaster, player, head coach & executive

"Determine never to be idle. No person will have occasion to complain of the want of time who never loses any. It is wonderful how much may be done if we are always doing." - Thomas Jefferson, American founding father and 3rd President

Jameelah Sharrieff-Ayedun
The AWC President,
2013-2014

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From the Office of the 2nd VP, Fundraising

November Food Drive
The November Food and Supplies Drive was a success! We collected two "Ghana Must Go" bags filled with rice, powdered milk, pasta, miscellaneous canned goods and oil. We also collected a few boxes of crayons and N 30,000.

The food supplies were donated to Family Care Association to be used in their women's empowerment program. Elene Rich, our Family Care Association contact took the opportunity to remind us of past good works by the AWC. Please see her report attached. The crayons and funds have been allocated to the Cardoso Catholic Project.

Small World

As we go to press, Small World is upon us, on Saturday, February 15, 2014. The AWC sold out its original allocation of tickets... and then sold some more. The event is completely sold out! Congratulations to our AWC and Small World team, particularly **Sarah Meyer** and **Susan Hunt**. Thanks too to all the volunteers who have come forward to organize food, help with logistics, cook or bake, work on a shift, decorate, donate items, choreograph, perform, sell tickets or in any other way support the event. Your efforts have not gone unnoticed!

Breaking News

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project and N 500,000 for a charitable lunch to raise funds for our women's charities. Heartfelt thanks to Stanbic IBTC as we start to work with them on these projects. We would also like to acknowledge the discussions underway with Halliburton through our members to support our charities.

The office of the 2nd VP welcomes warm introductions to contacts at the companies with which our members are associated to discuss additional opportunities to raise funds for the AWC's charities. Please contact me at Memuna@avantgardetranslations.com, 0706 885 6400. I look forward to hearing from you!

Memuna Williams
2nd VP, Fundraising

Membership Gals Say:

THE DIRECTORY IS HERE! The 2013-2014 directory is now available to current members. You can pick yours up at the coffee or at the general meeting. You can also contact Nancy Weppler at wepplerlagos@gmail.com

or
Dorisanne Adaralegbe at doris_anne2002@yahoo.com to arrange an alternate pick-up.

If there are additions or corrections, please contact us at one of these emails so that we may note changes and distribute them to membership.

Please join us in welcoming new members Gladys Charles & Unique James.



From the Keyboard of Communications

Hopefully by now you have gained access to the website. If you have not and want to check out the Members Only section of the website, please send me Communications an email (communications@theawclagos.com).



Many of the photos on the website are outdated. If you have photos from the AWC events and want to share, please email them over.

“The General Meeting is Tuesday, February 25th at the GQ. See you there!”

A pasta making class will take place on February 18th. Check your email for details. A couples Mexican cooking class is also being planned. Watch for more information.

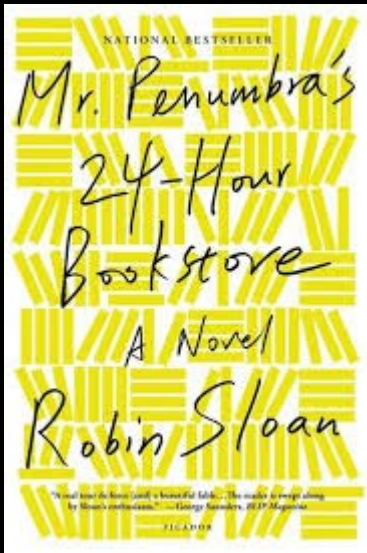
The General meeting will be Tuesday, February 25, at the GQ. We plan to have a professional chef present the program for February.

Continental at the GQ still continues to meet on Friday mornings at 10:00. Members stay and have lunch after playing cards. Contact Amanda Crook for more information.

amanda.crook@yahoo.com

Efe Adefulu gave a presentation for Junior Achievement at our January meeting. She was looking for volunteers to volunteer Wednesdays to teach in the area schools. Training and materials would be provided. This is a short term commitment. You can also go to: <http://ja-nigeria.org/get-involved/sign-up> for a volunteer form.

Join us for a discussion of Mr. Penumbra's 24-hr Bookstore by Robin Sloan on March 4th. Meeting location TBD. Please note that the book choice for March has changed due to availability issues of Anna and the King.



“The Great Recession has shuffled Clay Jannon away from life as a San Francisco web-design drone and into the aisles of Mr. Penumbra’s 24-Hour Bookstore. But after a few days on the job, Clay discovers that the store is more curious than either its name or its gnomish owner might suggest. The customers are few, and they never seem to buy anything—instead, they “check out” large, obscure volumes from strange corners of the store. Suspicious, Clay engineers an analysis of the clientele’s behavior, seeking help from his variously talented friends. But when they bring their findings to Mr. Penumbra, they discover the bookstore’s secrets extend far beyond its walls. Rendered with irresistible brio and dazzling intelligence, Robin Sloan’s *Mr. Penumbra’s 24-Hour Bookstore* is exactly what it sounds like: an establishment you have to enter and will never want to leave.”-Picador Publishing

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507	Café Supreme (20 sachets)	\$ 44.00	₦ 7,100
508	Royal Brewed (10 filter packs)	\$ 68.00	₦ 10,900
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