

What's On

Hilton Kuwait resort shines light on the magical festive season



Hilton Kuwait Resort treated guests and visitors to a magical tree lighting ceremony at the Song Bird Cafe to officially celebrate the start of the festive holiday season. The lighting ceremony, which has become a special annual tradition at the resort, began with Christmas carols accompanied by canapes, traditional Christmas treats and drinks. Excited guests were invited to start the countdown to Christmas by welcom-

ing the arrival of Santa Claus, who appeared bringing gifts for the children, creating a truly festive ambience.

Welcoming all to this joyful event, Florian Gruhl, Director of Operations of Hilton Kuwait Resort said: "The annual lighting of the Christmas tree at Hilton Kuwait Resort has become a wonderful tradition to mark the beginning of the Festive Season. It is a simple yet meaningful gesture to show our appreciation to our

valued guests and partners who have made 2017 a truly blessed year."

Hilton Kuwait Resort will be hosting a variety of festive promotions throughout the season. Guests and visitors can celebrate Christmas Eve on the 24th December with friends, family and colleagues with a lavish dinner buffet at Teatro, including the season's special roasted Turkey, or make merry with Christmas

Brunch on 25th December, complete with live festive music and fun activities for the kids. To ring in the New Year with style, guests can enjoy an exquisite dinner buffet at Teatro on 31st December that will be sure to add some festive sparkle to the celebrations. Those looking to continue the festivities can also gather with their loved ones to celebrate New Year's Day at a unique brunch with something for all the family.

Share the joy of the festive season at Sheraton & Four Points

As we start to countdown the last days of the year 2017, Sheraton Kuwait and Four Points by Sheraton Kuwait are thrilled to welcome all of their distinguished guests to celebrate the festive season and New Year in a family atmosphere full of fun and exclusive luxurious hospitality through its diverse restaurants that have been extensively preparing for a remarkable season's holiday dining experience with the most delicious cuisines.

Indulge in any of the specialty restaurants operating in a wide range from Sheraton Kuwait to the Avenues, one of the largest and most prestigious shopping malls in Kuwait and the region. Enjoy the delicious flavors from all over the world through the international buffet served in Al Hambra restaurant or experience the charm of the authentic Lebanese taste at Le Toubouche. For those of you who love the Persian cuisine they can treasure the most authentic grills and many other delicious appetizers at Shahrayar. Explore the spicy and exotic Indian palate at Bukhara; where the dishes are prepared with the finest Indian spices. For those looking to just sit back, relax and enjoy a very calm New Year start, can captivate their taste buds in the most tranquil atmosphere and enjoy the marvelous English Tea and savor the most deli-



cious snacks at the English Tea Lounge.

For a very unique and dazzling Festive season, you can enjoy the most bona fide delicacies of Italy at Riccardo Restaurant, the first fine dining Italian restaurant in Kuwait and a classic atmosphere hidden behind the elegant marbled filled walls of Sheraton Kuwait.

If you are looking for a comfortable, casual and down to earth festive season, the Four Points by Sheraton Kuwait has the best choices for you. Indulge in the most laid back trip across the globe with Asseef offering the most delicious international cuisine, whereas La Mamma Pizzeria serves you the best pizza in town baked in the wood fired

oven in addition to an assortment of mouth-watering appetizers from the countryside of Italy in a rustic Italian atmosphere. Pass by and see our majestic poinsettia tree adorning both hotel lobbies, perfect for memorable photos, we invite you to visit our Cake Boutique for a glimpse of our luxury collection cakes and sweets.

On this joyous occasion, Fahed Abushaar - the General Manager of Sheraton Kuwait, the General Manager of Four Points Hotel - Mounir Amer, the Executive Committee and all the associates wishes the people of Kuwait and all the residents a wonderful holiday season and a very prosperous New Year 2018.

Movenpick Hotels & Resorts VP of operations visits Kuwait

Movenpick Hotel Kuwait - Free Trade Zone recently hosted Marc Descrozaille, Vice President of Operations Middle East & Africa at Movenpick Hotels & Resorts. Along with the hotel General Manager Wajdy ElChaar, he met with Ali Haddad, Director of Hotel Operations at International Trade Holdings Co. - the hotel's owning company. Descrozaille expressed his appreciation for



the long term partnership with ITHC and thanked the hotel team for their passion and efforts towards developing and maintaining the high level of services and facilities. Wajdy ElChaar stated: "Marc's visit here in Kuwait

has been a highlight filled with inspiration and enthusiasm. We are definitely encouraged to keep implementing new experiences and continue creating the type of moments that make a Movenpick stay so special."

EDA elects office-bearers

Ernakulam District Association (EDA), Kuwait held its general body meeting on December 8, 2017 which was chaired by President Abdul Rahim. General Secretary Baburaj Palluruthy welcomed the gathering and presented the bi-annual report of the association. EDA Treasurer Jino M. Kunju presented the account for the year 2015-2017. Advisory Board Chairman Roy Yoyaki, Gen Coordinator Babu Chully and Mahila Vedi Chairperson Sheena Jeevan gave facilitations speeches.

Office-bearers were elected under the supervision of Chief Election Commissioner Sabu Paulose and Election commissioners Anil Kumar P K and Reji George. The AGM unanimously elected the following office-bearers for the year 2017-2019.

Geo Mathai - President



Satish TK - General Secretary
Balakrishnan Mallya - Treasurer
Johnson K J - General Coordinator
Mini Kishore-Mahila Vedi Chairperson
Varghese Paul, Roy Yoyaki and Saji Varghese were elected as Patron of EDA.
Babu Chully (Advisory Board Chairman) Biju M Y, Joy Manadan (Advisory Board Members) Jino M Kunju (Vice President) Babu Abraham, Anil Kumar P K (Joint

Secretaries) Jiju Paul Vithayathil (Joint Treasurer) Vishal (Joint Co-ordinator) Baburaj Palluruthy (Arts Secretary) Joseph Raphael, Romania Payton (Joint Arts Secretaries) Dhananjayan (Sports Secretary) Shojan, Francis K M (Joint Sports Secretaries) Sabu Paulose (Welfare Convener) Jomon Koikkara (Welfare Secretary) Abdul Rahim (Public Relations & Media Convener) were elected by EDA Executive Committee.

Women Tech-makers Kuwait completes second workshop

The Women Techmakers (WTM) group held a web development workshop for beginners on the period from 25 Nov till 13th of Dec, 2017 for beginners. The workshop took place at the Promenade Cultural Center in collaboration with the Information Science ClickIT club from Kuwait University, Arab Women in Computing and the Promenade Cultural Center. 50 participants fulfilled the 12-hour workshop requirements, of whom 84% were women. The attendees of the workshop were from varied backgrounds either students, IT professionals mainly engineers or computer scientists, biologists, other scientists as well as retired women successfully completed the workshop. The highlight of the workshop featured the introduction of participants to three new programming, modeling, bootstrap and web hosting at a beginners level.

Women Tech-makers mission is to drive developer success and contribute towards a healthy technology ecosystem in Kuwait. The target technologies involved include Google tech from Android, Chrome, Drive, Google Cloud platforms and APIs like Cast API, Maps API, and YouTube API. Dr. AlMeraj then highlighted that by becoming a member, both women and men have access to multiple Google and Udacity scholarships and certifications. The yearlong events by WTM were then listed these included two programming training workshops (Android study Jams for beginners), and an International Women's Day conference event and Hackathon competition on 8 March 2018. Dr. AlMeraj stressed the importance of diversity and equal representation of women in higher-level tech positions to drive

performance and innovation.

The Website Development workshop covered topics mainly on "how to be a programmer", "build your own website", "and learn the latest programming SDK" and "basic programming commands HTML, CSS and JavaScript". The event started with an introduction on the Women Techmakers / Google and Google Developer Group by Ms Latifa (KU ISC ClickIT Club member), followed by a discussion on the importance of empowering women in technology through creating a community, and prompting visibility and resources. The sessions included topics like "how to be a programmer" and "CSS" by Ms Alfaresi; "Intro to HTML and SDK" by Dr Al-Hilal; and "Intro to Javascript, bootstrap and hosting" Engr. Saqiba Sulaiman.

The speaker bio are as follows: Sundus Alfaresi is a specialist in computer science and a certified programmer from IBM and ITIL, Eng Saqiba Sulaiman is an online information systems professional with more than nine years experience in web development and management, and Dr Maryam Al-Hilal is a PhD graduate in Nutrition and Full Stack Web Developer (Python, Django, Java Script, HTML5, CSS3, Intro to Swift).

On the last day of the workshop, the participants presented their website project to the audience in the presence of the judges and three winners were announced. The judges were two external, Ms Arwa Aljaser and Mr Ayoub K, and one internal, Ms Sundus Alfaresi. Ms Arwa Aljaser is a business graduate in finance and currently working as full stack developer. She has three years' experience in web development in Python, Django, HTML, CSS, Laravel, PHP and JavaScript. She has developed three websites and worked as full time developer at "Ajar". Mr Ayoub K is the Founder and Director of Emstell Technology Consulting. He is a certified project management specialist with over 13 years of experience in Middle East, Europe and North America in implementing IT Solutions for large and small enterprises in various domains. Ayoub is active in the startup circles in Kuwait and GCC offering technical consultation and mentoring.



Announcement from Indian Embassy

The embassy of India shall remain closed on Monday, 25th December 2017 on the occasion of Christmas and also on Monday, 1st January 2018 for the New Year. However, emergency consular services will be available.