



NEWSLETTER - January 18, 2021

“Cheers to a new year. And another chance for us to get it right.” - [Oprah Winfrey](#) (1954-2011), American talk show host, television producer, actress, author, and philanthropist

Fingers (and toes) crossed that this year we'll get it right and we have a fantastic year!



**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 12:
MAGIC & ILLUSION SHOW
WITH ERIC WILZIG!**

We are absolutely thrilled to announce a fabulous evening of virtual magical masterpiece and entertainment with illusionist Eric Wilzig!

Join us online and get ready for the "Extreme Magic of Eric Wilzig" show on **Friday, February 12 @ 7:30 PM**, which will be **EXCLUSIVELY** performed for the AWCB! Eric has appeared on NBC's "America's Got Talent" , as well as the Jimmy Fallon and Howie Mandel shows. Eric will perform live from a studio in NYC, and the show will be interactive.

Adults and children alike will be captivated as they watch grand illusions from 360 degree views, learn the secrets to some magic tricks and you may be lucky enough to have your mind read by Eric himself!

Space is limited to 75 registrants, so be sure to [sign up now](#) to secure your place for this entertaining, suspense filled evening!



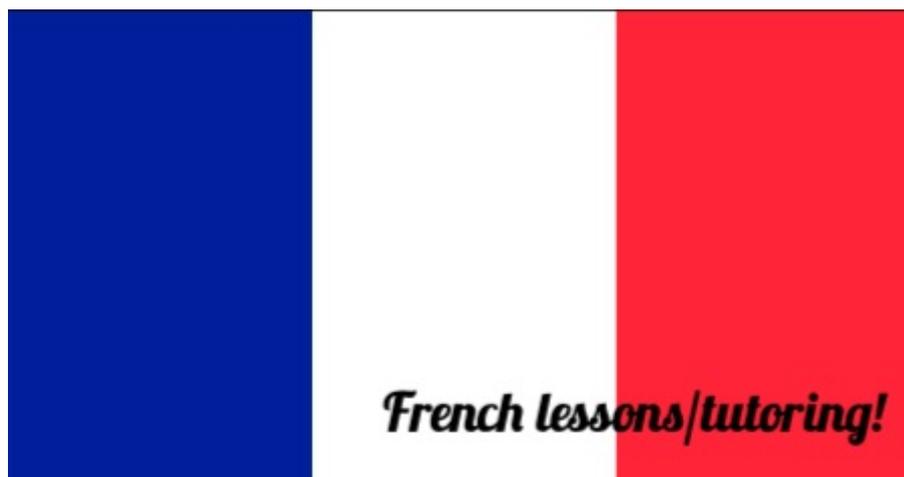
AWCB Chit Chat Sessions via Zoom!

[Thursday, January 21](#) - 5:00 - 6:00 PM

[Wednesday, February 3](#) - 3:00 - 4:00 PM

Great news for your weekdays: our popular Chit Chat sessions continue into 2021! Join other Club members and hostess and Board member Lorraine De Bock at these **fun and informal virtual catch up sessions** to stay connected with fellow AWCB members and friends. Here's a great chance to talk about 2021 plans and dreams, so come for the full 60 minutes or just drop in to say hi - the goal is to reconnect and enjoy each other's company - and keep our Club sense of community going strong!

Make sure you RSVP via the links above to get the Zoom link sent to you!



Info Session from AWCB sponsor Go French

Friday, January 22 - 11:00 - 11:45 AM

Say bonjour to Christian Smets in this [info session](#) and learn about what his company Go French has to offer in terms of lessons, trips and more! Get your game on for a little French vocabulary fun afterwards. A bientôt!



Physical therapy Info Session with Marie DesRochers

Monday, January 25 - 1:00 PM

We are delighted to welcome back Licensed Physical Therapist Marie DesRochers for a **virtual lecture/info session on physical therapy**.

With over 16 years of experience, Marie specializes in working with patients experiencing chronic pain. Her positive energy and knowledge of anatomy and exercise will hopefully help you **reduce any pain** you may be experiencing in your neck, back and shoulders. There will also be a Q&A session available, so [register now](#) and have your questions ready!

Other virtual events!



If you haven't looked at our events calendar lately, get on it now!

We've got a bevy of fun and fascinating [upcoming virtual events/classes](#) just lined up for your participation - and which you are not going to want to miss!

- Interesting in **flower arranging**? (Think spring!)
- How about learning how to **can some homemade goodies**? (Yum!)
- Maybe **street photography** is your thang?
- Since we're spending so much time cocooning at home, why not get some cool tips on **revamping your living spaces**?

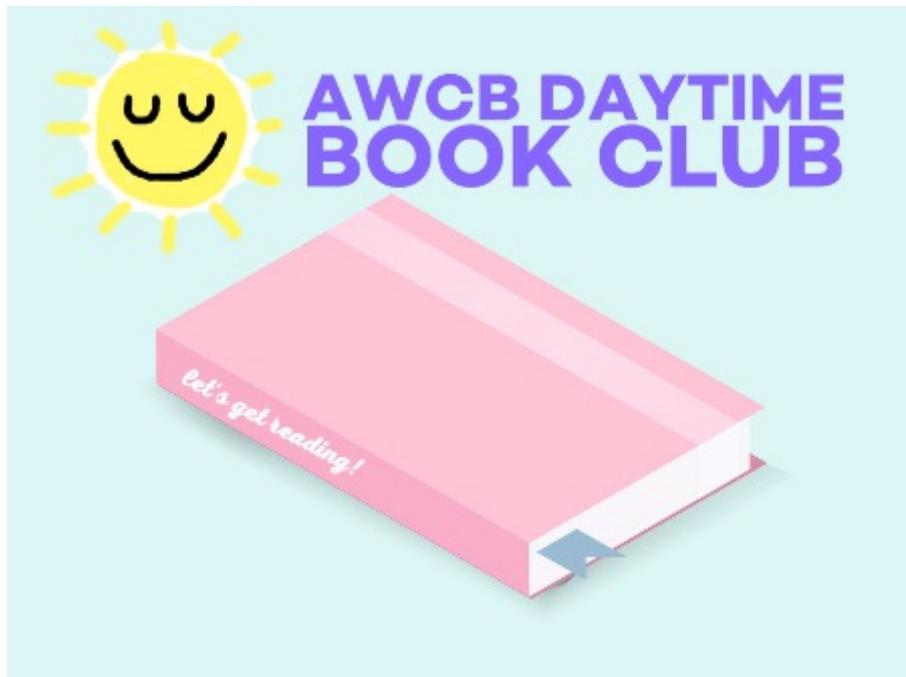
-- Or just take a few well-deserved hours to **pamper yourself with hair, skin care and spa tips?**

We hope there is something right up your alley this month! Check out the events page for the specifics, sign up and enjoy! (PS your feedback is especially welcome on these events! Thanks for [letting us know](#) what you think of them!)



Shout it out, shout it loud! Who doesn't love to communicate and share info with one another? We're happy to announce that we've got a nifty new means to do it: check out our new **Communication section on the AWCB website**, <https://www.awcb.org/Communication>.

You'll find a **community bulletin board** just waiting for your questions and advice, as well as an archive of this very newsletter and our blog page. Have a look, leave a tip and make sure you make this a great way to exchange info between us!

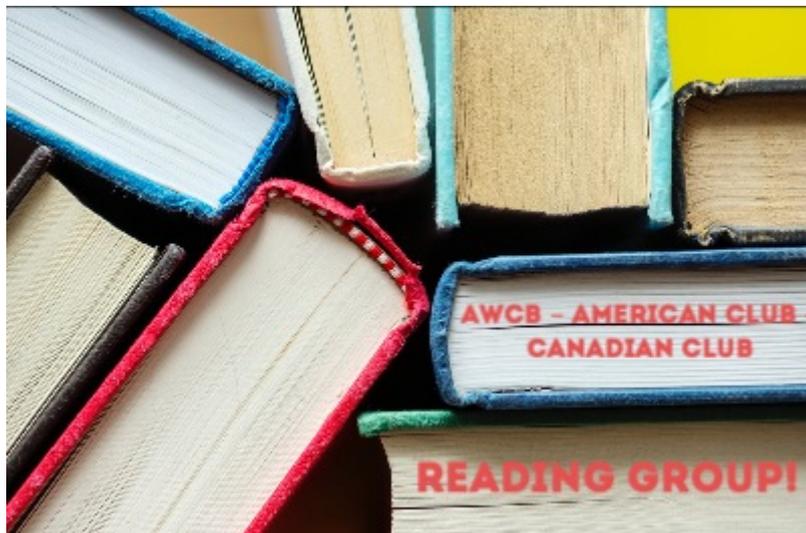


AWCB Daytime Book Club

Reminder! Meeting on Tuesday, February 2

Was one of your resolutions for the new year to read more? We can help you with that! Join your fellow bibliophiles in the **AWCB Daytime Book Club** and tuck into ***The Enchanted April***, a 1922 novel by British writer Elizabeth von Arnim which follows four dissimilar women in 1920s England who leave their rainy, grey environments to go on holiday in Italy. The four women experience interpersonal tensions but eventually come together at a castle and find rejuvenation in the tranquil beauty of their surroundings, rediscovering hope and love. (And who doesn't appreciate hope and love, especially in these times?!)

It's still planned as a Zoom meeting , but subject to change (and possible meeting spot at Woluwe Cook and Book). More info will be available closer to the date, but Board Member [Cate Napier](#) can fill you in on any details in the meantime!



AWCB - American Club - Canadian Club Book Club Meeting in February!

The Reading Group is having taking January off, but keep in mind that starting in February, it will be up and running. Mark every 2nd Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m. as your date to discussing selected titles with other avid readers from the AWCB, the Canadian Club and the American Club of Brussels. Please contact [Genevieve Bergiers](#) for more info! Check the AWCB online [calendar](#) for future scheduled titles and to sign up every month.



Did you know that our Club members are staying active in our **philanthropic endeavours?**

Yes a **BIG Thank You** is due to all of the ladies who cut, sew, stuff and wrap up with a bow the beautiful **Hearts for HOPE pillows**. We are a small, but fiercely active group with a big drive (and big hearts) to help others, despite this pandemic and its limitations.

We are delighted to announce that this month another **50+ completed pillows** will be delivered to the Breast Cancer Ward of UZLeuven!

If you are new to the Club, we'd love to welcome you to this group - just [contact us](#) for more info!

Fabric donations still needed!

We are also **always looking for donations of 100% cotton material**, clean and free of markings and of course as beautiful as those we help are recovering from a mastectomy.

If you would like to donate, just let us know how we can arrange a pick up of materials.

We know this COVID-19 lifestyle will not last forever. As soon as we are able, we will gather in person again to share stories and make pillows together. Until then, THANKS AGAIN to our dedicated ladies who literally go the extra mile to make these hearts and get them to the people who need them most.



FAWCO Foundation Educational Awards - still a few weeks to go before that **January 27 deadline!**

You've still got the time to get your (or help your child or grandchild get their) applications ready and sent in for the FAWCO Foundation Educational Awards!

Check out the [available grants](#) offered by Don't miss out on this wonderful opportunity!

And three things TO DO to until FAWCO's *Inspiring Women's* next virtual Issue

1. [Subscribe to *Inspiring Women*](#). It's free and it's easy!
2. **Follow *Inspiring Women* on Facebook!** FAWCO has opened a special page that allows us to share special features and stories from the magazine, [follow it!](#)
3. **Mark your calendar for February 18 for the new issue of *Inspiring Women*: "Tech Savvy Women" – stay tuned!**

More info about FAWCO activities can be provided by our fabulous FAWCO rep [Heather Bloemperk](#)



Hey everybody! Got something to share with your fellow members? Just [let us know!](#) We hope you find this section interesting and a great way to stay even more connected, informed and part of the AWCB Community!



from Club member Nancy Evans...

*"I would like to thank the many AWCB members who contributed to **my food drive for Nativitas!** Because of the lockdown and the major COVID-19 restrictions, it was a challenge to be able to bring anything to the Club. But **where there's a will, there's a way**, and many of you certainly found a way! I delivered the coffee, sugar, and drinks plus a few other non-perishable items at the end of November. There are at least 90 homeless people who come to Nativitas every weekday, so you can imagine how happy the volunteers are to be able to*

*provide them with hot coffee and another drink along with their sandwiches. Thank you so much for helping to make a difference in their lives! I wish you all a very Happy New Year! Hopefully in 2021 we will be able to meet up again in person and enjoy one another's company!
Till then, stay safe and healthy!
Best regards,
Nancy"*

(PS. Navivitas also confirmed how happy and appreciative they were with our contributions. So thanks once again!)

Thank you as always for your involvement!

Have something to include in the newsletter? We love your news so just **e-mail us** with the details.
Ditto goes for your **events**! Thank you for your input!



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