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KUWAIT CELEBRATES WORLDWIDE KNIT IN PUBLIC DAY

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More than 40 crafters including those who knit, crochet, do needlepoint, cross stitch, embroidery and other needle crafts gathered to celebrate Worldwide Knit in Public Day (WWKIPD). Begun in 2005 by Danielle Landes as a way to bring knitters together in public, the event is celebrated globally. Thanks to the efforts of Kuwait Crafters and organizer Bharti Chopra, Kuwait has officially taken part in WWKIP Day for the past three years. The Kuwait version of the WWKIPD has grown from eight attendees to more than three dozen who gathered on Saturday, June 10, 2017 at the Boulevard shopping mall to celebrate fiber arts and the joy of crafting with others.

Saturday's event brought crafters of many nationalities and different backgrounds, ages from 8 to 60+, together under one roof for the

love of knitting, crocheting, and stitching. The Knit in Public Day slogan of "better living through stitching together" reinforces the well-documented benefits of crafting such as alleviating stress, anxiety and depression. It is also a means of showing the general public that crafting can be a community activity in a very distinct way.

Children can also benefit from learning needle crafts like knitting or crochet, which have been demonstrated to help with fine motor skills, reducing stress and even learning things like coding due to the ability to read patterns. Each Knit in Public event is organized by volunteers. Kuwait Crafters is proud to host this event and was pleased this year to welcome local entrepreneurs and small businesses Needles and Yarn, Zephyr, Whiskers and Yarn and Made by Mrs Q as prize sponsors. Crafters can learn more by searching for Kuwait Crafters on Facebook or Ravelry.



ABCK CELEBRATES RAMADAN WITH AN IFTAR

The American Business Council Kuwait (ABCK) hosted an Iftar with their members and invited Kuwaitis who had graduated from universities in the United States on Monday evening at the Millennium Hotel and Convention Centre in Salmiya. Dr Juliet Dinkha, Chair of ABCK, welcomed the members and distinguished guests to the Iftar and talked about the long history of Kuwaitis who were educated in the United States.

Alumni from the University of the Pacific, University of Miami, University of Dayton, Arizona State University, University of Chicago and West Virginia University were among the many guests. Representing the alumni from University of the Pacific was Eng. Faisal Al-Ragom, President of the Alumni Club, representing the University of Miami was Dr Anwar Al-Naki, President of the Alumni Club, and Reyadh Alrabeah, and representing University of Dayton was Hussain Al-Barimi, President of the Alumni Club.

ABCK also had the pleasure of having as a guest Jassim Qabazard, graduate of the class of 1972 from the University of the Pacific. Eng. Wael Al-Omar, a graduate of the University of the Pacific, Head of Department of Ministry of Justice was also a distinguished guest.