

BBG Business Networker

In a new initiative suggested by Committee Member David Gray and fully supported in usual generous style by the British Consulate, the BBG Jeddah hosted an informal business networker evening with buffet supper on the 11th June 2002 at the Consulate poolside.

Our Chairman, Nasir Pasha speaking on behalf of the Committee and the Membership present, in a short opening address, welcomed leading businessmen from the Canadian, Australian, South African, and New Zealand communities.

It is hoped that this first successful initiative will lead to other such events in the future.

BWG/BBG Golden Jubilee Dinner/Dance

In patriotic splendour the British Women's Group (BWG) and British Business Group (BBG) held a joint dinner/dance in Jeddah on Thursday 20th June 2002 to celebrate the Queen's Golden Jubilee.

A sumptuous hot buffet provided in grand style by the ever supportive Marriott Hotel was faultlessly coordinated by the BBG's events supremo, Dawood Taylor. Over 150 people sat down to dine. Afterwards,

following a resounding loyal rendering of the National Anthem lead by Jeddah's finest tenor, Dr Bill Scott, the BWG's Chairlady, Jan Lauchlan followed by BBG Chairman, Nasir Pasha gave short addresses.

During the course of the evening, raffle tickets had been sold for many fine prizes generously donated by Lufthansa, Unilever, Marriott Hotel, Intercontinental Hotel, Saudi British Bank, Avon, UPS, Naghi, Johnson & Johnson, Al Hamrani, Harry Ramsdens, and several other private Saudi and British donors.

The ladies of the BWG efficiently arranged the raffle draw and excitement mounted as the winning tickets were announced, egged on by BBG Chairman's commentary, leaving the star prize of a return ticket to a European destination donated by Lufthansa, until the end. The proceeds of the raffle including a generous individual donation from Unilever produced a wonderful SR 6,500 which the ladies of the BWG will proudly present to one of Her Majesty's nominated Golden Jubilee Charities, 'ICAN', which helps children with learning difficulties.

The popular Jeddah band 'Under Control' led by the talented singer Bridget Tyson (giving her last public performance in Jeddah) then took to the stage and the diners danced into the small hours.

Congratulations to all who helped to make this a most memorable and successful evening.

Jeddah News



from
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The Jeddah BBG had the great pleasure to host a breakfast for Baroness Symons of Vernham Dean - Minister of International Trade and Investment and Deputy Leader of the House of Lords.

The breakfast meeting took place at the Intercontinental Hotel in Jeddah on the morning of Wednesday June 12th and was very well attended by BBG members, given that the arrangements for her visit changed a number of times due to her appointments with senior Saudi dignitaries changing at last moment. Given these circumstances, Baroness Symons was most gracious with her limited time and spoke on some interesting and topical subjects.

The venue was quite superb for her visit and the hotel unveiled a big screen TV after Baroness Symon's departure for those interested (and able!) to stay on to watch the England-Nigeria match. It is rumoured that those who stayed on attacked the breakfast bar with gusto!

All in all a wonderful breakfast reception for a most gracious guest of the Jeddah BBG.



Visit of Baroness Symons to Jeddah

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