



WHAT'S ON in December

8th AAA Holiday Reception
Australian Consulate, 6:30-9pm
Members: \$25 / Non Members: \$35

14th AWNY Christmas Brunch
Australian Consulate, 11am
RSVP December 7th

22nd Childrens Christmas Party
2-6pm - Function Room, 50 Murray St
RSVP December 16th, \$10 p/family

24th Christmas Eve

25th Christmas Day!!

31st New Years Eve

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Australian Women in New York is a program of the



New York Living Tip: In search of the City's best HOT chocolate...

GROM - cnr Bleecker & Carmine St
<http://www.grom.it/eng/index.php>

THE CITY BAKERY - W 18th St
<http://thecitybakery.com/hot-chocolate.html>

LA MAISON DU CHOCOLAT - various locations
<http://www.lamaisonduchocolat.com/en/boutiques.php?c=newyork>

DESSERT TRUCK WORKS - 6 Clinton St
<http://dt-works.net/>

SHAKE SHACK - various locations
<http://www.shakeshack.com/>

EDITORS' NOTE:

We are always looking for fresh new content for the newsletter... if you have a story, event or restaurant review or details of something going on around the city, please drop us a line, we would love to hear from you!

Newsletter content needs to be submitted by the 20th of each month to be included in the following months newsletter and can be emailed to: lcrawford81@gmail.com or to any of the committee members listed on the last page of this newsletter.

Merry Christmas & Happy Hanukah to all!



AWNY XMAS BRUNCH

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A CASUAL POTLUCK BRUNCH TO
CELEBRATE THE HOLIDAYS WITH FELLOW AUSTRALIAN WOMEN
LIVING IN NEW YORK

date

**WEDNESDAY
12/14/11**

time

**11 A.M TO
1.30 P.M**

location

**Australian Consulate
Monash Room
150 E 42nd St,
34th Floor
Bring photo i.d**

Secret Santa

Please bring a small gift of \$10 value to be placed under our tree and taken home by a guest on the day.

RSVP

To Megan Brown at;
meganbrown10@gmail.com
by Wednesday Dec 7th

Potluck

Please rsvp to Megan indicating if you will bring a small sweet or savory plate, soft drinks and/or wine so that we have all the bases covered.

Small finger foods make it easy to mingle and chat while we eat.

WHAT'S ON IN December?



Holiday Reception

Thursday, December 8, 2011

6.30pm - 9.00pm

Australian Consulate General New York
150 East 42nd Street, 34th Floor

*Celebrate the holidays with the
American Australian Association*

Network and mingle with new and familiar faces from the American Australian Community and enjoy the musical delights of our carolers and Ray Hartley on the piano.

Sample Australian wine and beer, pies and sausage rolls from **The Australian** & hors d'oeuvres catered by **Moo Life Group**.

Lucky door prize is a hamper from **Australian Catalogue Company**

Exclusive

QANTAS RAFFLE

for attendees only!

Members \$25 / Non-members \$35

For more information or to register please contact Marcia Callaghan

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NEW YORK LIVING: AUSSIE EVENTS

Pam Ann: Australian Comedienne at Joe's Pub

Price: \$30, December 11 -13, 21-23.

Buckle Up! Pam Ann, the original queen of the skies - who has toured with Cher and crewed private jets for Elton John - is back in New York and this time, she means business. She aims to knock the plastic smiles off the imposter hostesses on TV's Pan Am in her raucous new production. Lock your seats in the upright position and prepare to take off for the ride of your life.



"What has happened to the airline industry?" wonders Pam Ann. "Qantas is grounded, Ryan Air is considering offering porn on board, LOT airlines has no landing gear, and British Airways is encouraging its cabin crew to hug a pilot. American Airlines may have nine lives but unfortunately Jack the cat didn't. He was lost for two months at JFK only to die when he finally got home. Sounds like what happens to passengers everyday waiting on delayed flights."

Such is Pam's influence on the golden age of travel; she inspired the new ABC-TV series Pan Am. "I've been fighting to reclaim the glamour in the skies for years and now these Christina Ricci gals think they're going to move in on me?" she laughs. "You can't beat the real thing. It's Pam Ann, not Pan Am!"

Performances poke fun at air travel, identifying the individual quirks of some of the biggest international airlines and their stereotypes; mixing it with a generous dose of camp, humor and fabulousness. Passengers embark on a journey from security check-in to boarding to, hopefully, landing.

Pam Ann is the alter-ego of Australian comedienne Caroline Reid. Reid's portrayal of the outrageous air hostess has been featured in advertising campaigns for British Airways and Sky Team. In fact, she is the celebrity spokeswoman of Sky Team Terminal 4 at Heathrow; featured on all in-flight video programming and seen on CNN and CNBC. Pam Ann has appeared in promotions for KLM/Air France, JetBlue, Lufthansa, British Airways, Qantas, SAS and even low cost British carrier EasyJet uses her videos in their training.

In Australia, Pam Ann starred in her own television talk show, "The Pam Ann Show" on the national Foxtel channel. She also hosted Australia's live broadcast of Mardi Gras that aired in over two million households. Even Madonna is a fan, describing Pam as "cruelly funny".

OLMA NEWTON-JOHN IN CONCERT:

<http://www.ticketmaster.com/Olivia-NewtonJohn-tickets/artist/735752>

NEW YORK LIVING: WHAT'S ON



SLEEPING BEAUTY (AUSSIE FILM)

<http://www.filmlinc.com/films/on-sale/sleeping-beauty>

Opens December 2!

Dec. 2 – Dec. 3: 11:00am, 1:20pm, 3:40pm, 6:00pm, 8:20pm, 10:40pm

Dec. 4 – Dec. 8: 11:00am, 1:20pm, 3:40pm, 6:00pm, 8:20pm

Sleeping Beauty is a fascinating depiction of a young woman's reckless descent into a shocking world of erotic desires. Lucy (Emily Browning) is a young university student possessed by a kind of radical passivity. She lets a flip of a coin decide the outcome of a random sexual encounter and she displays an uncomplaining patience when facing the repetitions of her various menial jobs that fund her studies. One day she answers an ad in the student newspaper and interviews for a job to be a lingerie waitress. But she is secretly being initiated into a world of strange new work; one where she will have to give into absolute submission to her clients by being sedated; becoming a Sleeping Beauty. Eventually this unnerving experience begins to bleed into her daily life and she finally develops the will to break the spell by discovering what happens to her while she sleeps. With a fearless performance by Browning, Leigh creates a bold cinematic vision; one where Lucy, both in her clandestine sexual adventures and in her mundane daily existence, lives with the same unflinching and brutal honesty. Distributed by IFC Films.

THE COLLECTION OF ELIZABETH TAYLOR

<http://www.christies.com/features/auctions/1211/elizabeth-taylor-collection/>

New York – Christie's is proud to announce details of the first in a four-day series of landmark sales devoted to the iconic collection of Elizabeth Taylor, the celebrated film star, fashion icon, and humanitarian. On December 13, 2011, Christie's New York will present 80 of Ms. Taylor's most iconic jewels in a special Evening Sale, followed by 189 additional jewels in two Day Salesessions on December 14. Widely celebrated as one of the greatest private collections ever assembled, this dazzling array of jewels includes Elizabeth Taylor's most iconic diamonds, gemstones, historic jewels, and one-of-a-kind creations, as well as a treasure trove of personal mementos and beloved gifts. The total selection of 269 magnificent jewels from this storied collection is estimated to achieve well in excess of \$30 million.

Radio City Christmas Spectacular

[Radio City Music Hall](#), 1260 Sixth Ave., nr. 50th St.; 212-247-4777

The gam-tastic Rockettes wait all year to get in formation for you. This year, they're kicking the show up a notch, incorporating 3-D animation, which puts them in a video game (!) and other technological wonders for our eyes to behold. It's truly a Christmas miracle.

Dates: Nov. 11–Jan. 2

Price: \$45–\$250

Greenwich Village Caroling Walk

[Judson Memorial Church Assembly Hall](#), 55 Washington Sq. South, nr. Thompson St.; 212-477-0351

Have the music in you? The West Village Chorale is organizing a caroling stroll through the Village, where song books are provided and the conviviality is free. Stellar pipes aren't required, but maybe you want to practice your blending. You are trying to spread cheer.

Dates: Dec. 16, 7 p.m.

Price: Free

Annual Riverside Christmas Concert Candlelight Carol Festival

[The Riverside Church](#), 490 Riverside Dr., nr. 122nd St.; 212-870-6700

Riverside Church's in-house cadre of soloists, instrumentalists, chamber singers, children's choir, and more provide the tunes for two spiritual holiday shows, with a prelude on the massive 74-belled Laura Spelman Rockefeller Memorial Carillon, which (fun fact!) was the first carillon to surpass five musical octaves.

Dates: Dec. 18, 3:30 and 6:00 p.m.

Price: \$10–\$25

NEW YORK LIVING: GIFT IDEAS



HOLIDAY FAIRS

Stuck for gift ideas? Hopefully some of these websites might provide inspiration....

▲ NYC Go

<http://www.nycgo.com/slideshows/2011-nyc-holiday-gift-guide/?a=1&b=1&pid=hp-hero-drgbl-3>

▲ Daily Candy

<http://www.dailycandy.com/new-york/gifts/>

▲ NY Mag

<http://nymag.com/guides/holidays/vintage-gifts/>

▲ Time Out New York

<http://newyork.timeout.com/shopping-style/2232129/holiday-gift-guide-2011>

TIP: Looking for a fun (& delicious) host/hostess gift? Check out the beautifully packaged Macarons from Maison Laduree, straight from France...

<http://www.laduree.fr/en/maisons/monde-details#135>



★ The Holiday Shops at Bryant Park

Sixth Ave., at 42nd St.; 212-768-4242

Dates: Oct. 27-Jan. 8; Mon.-Fri. 11 a.m.-8 p.m., Sat. 10 a.m.-9 p.m., Sun. 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

There are over 125 retailers for this year's outdoor market, and the free ice skating is a family-friendly mainstay. If that doesn't sound appealing, try singing karaoke with friends in a seven-foot freezer while testing out a Columbia Omni-Heat jacket. theholidayshopsatbryantpark.com

★ Grand Central Holiday Fair

87 E 42nd Street, nr. Park Ave; 212-532-4900

Dates: Nov. 14-Dec. 24; Mon.-Sat. 10 a.m.-8 p.m., Sun. 11 a.m.-7 p.m.

Can't stand shopping in the cold? The Grand Central Holiday Fair is the city's longest-running indoor holiday market. This year's 76 artisanal vendors are selling everything from hand-blown glass ornaments to jewelry made from recycled materials, all in the festive (and warm) Vanderbilt Hall. grandcentralterminal.com

★ Columbus Circle Holiday Market

Central Park S., at Central Park W.; 212-529-9262

Dates: Nov. 30-Dec. 23, Mon.-Sun. 10 a.m.-8 p.m.; Dec. 24, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.;

If you want to avoid mall madness at the Shops at Columbus Circle, check out the goods from boutique vendors and craft purveyors right outside their door. Munch on seasonal treats while you browse the selection of handmade clothing, jewelry, toys, and food.

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★ Holiday Gift Shops at St. Bartholemew's

St. Bart's Outdoor Plaza, Park Ave. nr. 50th St.;

Nov. 14-Dec. 24, 8 a.m.-8 p.m.

Doing your holiday shopping in the plaza of a historical landmark sounds a lot better than fighting the crowds at chain stores. This outdoor fair specializes in apparel, leather goods, jewelry, and views of St. Bart's stunning architecture.

★ Brooklyn Holiday Bazaar

70 N. 7th St., at Wythe Ave., Williamsburg; 917-301-5765

Pop-Up: 15th St. at Tenth Ave.

Artists & Fleas opens a pop-up shop in Chelsea Market this year, in addition to their existing Williamsburg space. Both locations will sell crafts and gifts from independent designers, artists, and vintage collectors, all from Brooklyn.


• Dates: Dec. 3-4, 10-11, and 17-18, 10 a.m.-7 p.m.; Dec. 23, noon-7 p.m.; Dec. 24, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Dec. 31, 10 a.m.-7 p.m.; Jan 1, noon-5 p.m. Pop-Up Dates: Dec. 16-31, 10 a.m.-8 p.m. (closed Christmas); artistsandfleas.com

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As we head into the craziness of the Silly Season, everyone is very busy with all the events that it entails during December. We have booked in a date for the Annual Christmas Party which conveniently is when most schools have broken up for the break so should be a good outing for many of you to break the 'cabin fever'. Many thanks to Daleen Kupsch for organizing the party room in her building in Tribeca - I hope to see many of you there.

I am very sad to be farewelling one of my best New York friends, and a core member of our Australian Mums & Bubs Group, Angie Black and her family this month. I know of a few more families leaving our shores, so wish them well in their next adventure. Please send through a photo and some words reflecting on your Big Apple experience if you have time.

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ANNUAL CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY



When: Thursday 22nd December, 2-6pm
Venue: Function Room - 50 Murray St
 (btw Church St & West Broadway)
Organiser: Megan Brown & Daleen Kupsch
Rsvp: to awnymumsandbubs@gmail.com by
 Thursday 15th December, with what you intend
 to bring (kids and/or adults food or drinks)
Cost: \$10 per family
Bring: A plate/drinks or both and a \$10 gift with
 your child's name on it to be given out by Santa
 when he calls in!

Close to the 1,2,3 & A,C subway. 5 min walk from the 4,6.

Please rsvp as early as possible as an idea of numbers is
 needed to ensure costs are covered.



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AMB GOES TO 'THE VIEW'

Last month, 4 of our Mums Group ventured to the ABC studios on the Upper West Side for a live audience experience of the popular daytime talk show 'The View'. Myself, Allison Jurjens, Ana Ferrer and Johanna Rigg-Smith had a wonderful time experiencing the witty repartee and engaging dynamics between the hosts - Whoopi Goldberg, Joy Behar, Sherri Shephard and Barbara Walters.

The absolute highlight of the show was



Diane Keaton, who was talking about her life, loves and experiences in the show business world over the past 40+ years. Diane was promoting her new autobiography 'Then Again' which we all took a copy home of, and discussed a lot of key moments in her career explored in her book. She was extremely funny in a very self-deprecating way, which was amazing to see in such a big celebrity, and very honest about her fears, foibles and adopted family which she considers her 'greatest achievement'.

I was lucky enough to meet Whoopi when they got me up to introduce Diane's segment - nerve-racking but worth it to meet such a great woman. The girls all went home with 2 tickets to the upcoming Broadway musical 'Newsies' coming in the Spring, so a great day had by all. Special thanks to the AWNY patron, Julie Scanlan who organized our 2nd row seats and VIP experience.



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FAREWELL

On Christmas Eve, the Black family will be departing New York after an adventure that began in October 2008, and making their way back to set up home in Sydney after just over 3 years in the States. Angie arrived here at a similar time to me so we have been through pregnancy (and the nausea that entailed), all the challenges and triumphs involved with relocating your family in a new country, and many "co-parenting" moments as we built such a strong friendship together and between our kids. I have rarely experienced more positivity (and energy) in one petite person!



'When we arrived here in 2008, we thought we would have a fun 3 years seeing Broadway shows, enjoying good food and traveling around America. We never imagined we would find a home here, fall in love with this crazy city and meet people that would become dear, dear friends. It is harder to leave than we ever imagined, but also so exciting to go home to family and friends. We have loved our time here but, as they say "I still call Australia home!" Farewell and we hope to see you soon on the other side!' - Angie

Harry, Charlie & Grace playing 'Pass the parcel' at the AMB Halloween Party

I can't begin to outline how integral and involved Angie has been with the Mums & Bubs group over the years, hosting many a playdate in her apartment, joining us under the trees at Turtle Pond with the kids in the summer, gathering around the table on a Girls Night Out, and renting out her building's function room for more parties than I can count.



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It's with a huge mixture of sadness and excitement that I farewell Angie, Aaron, Harry (6), Charlie (4) and Grace (2) as she will be so dearly missed by all of her NYC friends. The excitement is that the Black family is heading back to so much family love, space and sunshine that they have craved of late. I think their back door will be permanently thrown open with the kids running in the backyard for the first 2 months they are home! We wish them all the very best on their next adventure back in Sydney.

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Making the boys 'Pinky Swear' to behave at Turtle Pond, and hanging under the trees with Gracie and the gang.



THERE'S AN APP FOR THAT...

Living in NYC — there's an app for that. In fact, there are thousands. Though we have yet to find one that eliminates rats and cab snatchers, we've found some we can't get on without.

[Instagram](#) (iPhone)

We're pretty good with words, but as they say, a picture is worth 1,000. Follow us (@dailycandynyc) for insider shots of our HQ, food, editors, outfits, pets, and the occasional article preview.

[East Village Radio](#) (iPhone, Android, BlackBerry)

In the world of music apps, only one comes at you live from the EV. Stream in real time, browse shows, and check out photos, news, and videos. Slices from Lil' Frankie's not included.

[Immaculate Infatuation](#) (iPhone)

Where do you want to eat? The boys at Immaculate made answering that eternal question easy with the launch of their restaurant review and locator app last month.

[Central Park](#) (iPhone)

Wandering around the park is fun; getting lost is not. Navigate the trails, find bathrooms, look up events, and learn some history with an app that's almost as pretty as the park itself.

[Eat St.](#) (iPhone, Android)

We prefer to track our favorite food trucks on Twitter, but Eat St.'s map of quick bites in your vicinity works wonders when indecisive cravings hit.

[iTrans](#) (iPhone)

After testing just about every NYC subway app, we're sticking with iTrans. What it lacks in bells and whistles, it makes up for with easy-to-use directions and accurate train times.

[MoMA](#) (iPhone, Android)

A modern way to consume modern art. Search the museum's collection, check out current and upcoming exhibits, and take guided tours.

[Etsy](#) (iPhone)

The Brooklyn-based website recently launched an in-house app allowing you to securely browse, sell, and buy knickknacks, clothing, decor, and koozies made by local designers and artists.

[SpotCheck](#) (iPhone)

Send photos of questionable moles to local dermatologist Dr. Bobby Buka and his team of certified skin docs, and within 24 hours, they'll let you know if everything looks normal or if you should book it to an MD.

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The NYC Aussie Expat Meetup

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We welcome your submissions and ideas.
Please contact us!

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