

AGENDA

Wednesday, March 20

9:15-17:00

Pre-registered
Pre-Conference Tours:
Walking Tour of Edinburgh:
Secrets of the Royal Mile
and Edinburgh Castle

15:00-19:00

Registration open

Hand in Silent Auction
items

17:30-22:00

Dinner on your own –
Suggestions are available

19:30-22:00

Joint Board Dinner:
FAWCO, Foundation,
FAUSA

Wednesday's Reminders:

Please don't forget to
hand in your silent auction
items in the Earl's Room.

Newcomers, please meet
your buddies at the
Newbies Morning Get-
Together on
Thursday at 8:45-9:00 a.m.
in the Dalmahoy Suite
Foyer.

Please arrive promptly on
Thursday at 10 a.m. in the
Dalmahoy Suite to be sure
we have a quorum for the
AGM!

Welcome to Edinburgh

From the President of the American Women's Club of Central Scotland

Dear FAWCO Delegates and Guests,

You have arrived in a wee country of five million people with an intriguing culture, fascinating history, great food and drink, a chilly climate, and a dry sense of humor. As an organization that empowers women, you'll be glad to learn Scotland has women in some top positions. At our opening session, the Principal Officer of the US Consulate General-Edinburgh, Ellen Wong, will welcome you in person. Our Consulate was nearly eliminated by the US State Department in the past, but members of our AWCCS club fought to retain a Consulate in Scotland - and we succeeded!

Scotland's two largest political parties are led by women. The head of the second largest party, the Scottish Conservative & Unionist Party, is on maternity leave - she and her wife have a 5-month old baby. The head of the Scottish National Party is Scotland's female First Minister, Nicola Sturgeon, and she sends regrets that she could not welcome you tomorrow in our opening session. Due to the issues and meetings surrounding Britain's looming departure from the European Union (BREXIT), she has had to decline. I heard her speak to the Edinburgh Chamber of Commerce a few weeks ago, and we chatted afterwards. I asked if I could share some of those remarks with you, our FAWCO delegates, and she smiled and said she hoped I would do so, and that I should welcome you all to Scotland on her behalf.

One focus of her remarks that morning was on society's gender-equity challenges, supported with anecdotes from her own career. For example, directly after her election, she received many letters from girls who were delighted to see a woman was their First Minister. She reflected, "If you can't see it, you can't be it."



The American Women's Club of Central Scotland
welcomes FAWCO to Edinburgh



AWCCS President Nancy Lynner with
Scotland's First Minister, Nicola Sturgeon

FAWCO delegates, your hard work is visible. You are role models. The world is watching, and others are inspired by you. If you wish to hear more about her remarks, find me and we can chat!

The history of Scotland is full of famous male inventors, scientists, kings, philosophers, and writers. In the Sunday FAWCO General Session, you will have the chance to learn about many famous Scottish women, and it will be delivered by renowned Scottish actor, author, director, and poet Gerda Stevenson. She'll be reading from her book *Quines* which is a collection of poems she has written as monologues from famous female Scots.

As for all the Biennial activities that are waiting for you, jump in - literally! We have planned a Ceilidh (pronounced Kay-lee) for you Thursday night, which includes traditional Scottish dancing. Dance lessons are offered ahead of time Thursday afternoon.

On behalf of the 70 members of the American Women's Club of Central Scotland, we are so glad you're here, and we hope you enjoy our version of the Scottish experience.

We welcome you! Thanks for coming!

Nancy Lynner
President of the American Women's Club of Central Scotland



The FAWCO Biennial Conference Silver
Charm – Handmade by AWCCS Members



The American Women's Club of Central Scotland activity -
Silk screening FAWCO Biennial Conference bags.



Jupiter Artland Tour

www.jupiterartland.org

Date: Monday 25th March.

Cost: AWCCS is planning a Private tour and lunch £35 at Jupiter Artland.

Jupiter Artland

Place: Bonnington House Steadings, Nr Wilkieston, Edinburgh, EH27 8BY

Time: 11 AM start tour (it is 1 1/2 hours)

Lunch is at 12:30 and you can leave any time after eating your lunch.

Distances: Located 2 miles (walk) from the Dalmahoy Hotel. Also, a short taxi ride to the airport, around 15 minutes.

Payment: If you are interested, you may rsvp by paying for the tour and lunch using our PayPal link. If PayPal doesn't suit you, contact Joyce (joycehalsan@me.com) with your rsvp and we will sort out how you can pay. Hope to see you there.

RESTAURANT SUGGESTIONS for while you are visiting Edinburgh:

- Orocco Pier - **The Antico Café Bar** - Great View of the Railroad Bridge across the Forth, 17 High St, South Queensferry EH30 9PP <https://www.oroccopier.co.uk/>
- **The Sheep Heid Inn**, 43-45 The Causeway, Edinburgh H15 3QA <https://www.thesheepheidedinburgh.co.uk/>
- **Nox Kitchen**, 8 Gloucester St, Edinburgh EH3 6EG <https://www.nokskitchen.co.uk/>
- **The Scotch Malt Whisky Society**, 28 Queen St, Edinburgh EH2 1JX <https://www.smws.com/about/venues/28-queen-street>
- **Chaophraya Thai Restaurant** - Great Rooftop Views, 4th Floor, 33 Castle Street, Edinburgh EH2 3DN <https://chaophraya.co.uk/edinburgh/>
- **The Fish Market**, 23A Pier Pl, Edinburgh EH6 4LP <https://www.thefishmarketnewhaven.co.uk/>
- **Dishoom**: <http://www.dishoom.com/edinburgh/>
- **Howies** (Waterloo Place or Victoria Street) for Scottish fare: <https://www.howies.uk.com/>
- More casual: **Jolly Judge Pub** followed by food at **Deacon Brodies** for a Royal Mile experience
- A fish place is **Loch Fyne** <https://www.lochfyneseafoodandgrill.co.uk/locations/edinburgh>
- **By the Sea** in Portobello: Guild of Foresters <https://www.forestersguild.co.uk>
- **The Ivy**, St Andrew Square, <https://theivyedinburgh.com/>
- **The Dome**, George Street, <https://www.thedomeedinburgh.com/>
- **The Witchery**, by the Castle, <https://www.thewitchery.com/>
- **Outsider**, George IV Bridge, <https://www.theoutsiderrestaurant.com/>
- **Amarone**, George Street, <https://www.amaronerestaurant.co.uk/>
- **Mother India's Cafe**, Infirmary Street, <https://www.motherindia.co.uk/>

BUS TIPS for FAWCO attendees

TIP 1

- A terrific website is www.travelinescotland.com

If you go to this website and put in the postcode of your departure with the postcode of your destination, and the day and time of travel, you will get loads of information. It will be full of details.

FYI, the Dalmahoy Hotel postcode is EH27 8EB. The buses' destinations include the Balmoral Hotel, 1 Princes Street, EH2 2EQ, and this is the best destination if you wish to go into town. It's close to The Royal Mile, for example.

TIP 2

If you are standing at the bus stop by the Dalmahoy, some buses will go by that would require you to change buses in order to get into town. That is going to be tricky, and it's better to WAIT until a bus comes that is going into Princes Street.

- You'll need to wave at any bus you wish to stop. Because there aren't many passengers using the Dalmahoy stop, the bus drivers might speed past you, so be alert, and wave.
- You could flag a bus down and just ask the driver if he/she is going directly to Princes Street.

TIP 3

Cash. Eventually all the bus systems will let you pay with a card when you hop on, but currently some do not do that. No change is given. I got these prices from www.travelinescotland.com :

- The First Scotland bus #23 charges £3.70 one way.
- The Lothian Country #27 and # 28 charge £2.70 one way.

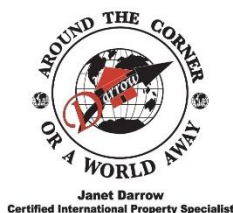
TIP 4

There is more than one bus system... these include Lothian Country Bus, and First Scotland bus and one called Blue Bus which I don't know much about.

TIP 5

Lots of the Dalmahoy employees commute by bus! Ask the people at the front desk for help!

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