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FAWCO

Chilterns American Women's Club Hosts FAWCO Region 1 Meeting

FAWCO (Federation of American Women's Clubs Overseas) Regional Meetings are a great way for FAWCO club members to get to know FAWCO and network with sister clubs. It is open to all FAWCO clubs (also from outside the region).

October 11-13, 2013 the Region 1 Meeting will be hosted by Chilterns American Women's Club. The meeting will focus on getting member clubs to work more closely together, sharing club resources and "going digital" with social media. FAWCO member clubs from England, Scotland and Ireland are invited to attend. Visit the FAWCO Region 1 Facebook page or contact rc1@fawco.org for more information.

Call for Applications - Target Project - Human Rights for Women

For the new Target Programme Human Rights for Women, FAWCO and The FAWCO Foundation are seeking to identify a project which protects the rights and improves the lives of women worldwide. FAWCO is seeking applications for projects which focus on women's rights as human rights, including but not limited to those which promote peace and end gender-based violence, increase civil and/or political participation, increase economic opportunity or promote social change.

Project applications are due September 30th and may be submitted by FAWCO Global Task Forces, FAWCO Member Clubs and individual members, and FAUSA and its members. For more information about Detailed Target Project Guidelines and Selection Criteria as well as The Target Project Application, go to the FAWCO website (FAWCO website) or contact Johanna Dishongh, Target Chair, at target@fawco.org



FAWCO Youth Cultural Volunteers in Dubai

The inaugural programme for the FAWCO Youth Cultural Volunteers - hosted by AWA Dubai has just concluded. The week-long programme (July 16-23, 2013) was attended by seven FAWCO teens from Germany, the Netherlands, Ireland, Switzerland, and the United Kingdom. The teens were hosted in AWA Dubai members' homes and had the opportunity to do hands-on volunteer at three different local charities. Participants also made new friendships with Emirati youths who were volunteers from the Sheikh Mohammed Centre for Cultural Understanding. In the words of Julia Goldsby (AIWC Cologne): A plaque inside the Burj Khalifa states this: "I am the life force of collective aspirations and the aesthetic union of many cultures. I stimulate dreams, stir emotions, and awaken creativity." For cross-cultural teenagers everywhere these words inspire us to work together. Please contact fawcoyouth@fawco.org for more information.



kcwc

Having just celebrated our 30th anniversary year, kcwc is charging ahead with a full Autumn schedule of activities. Our members, who come from over 50 countries around the world, bring a special richness, diversity and energy to our club. We provide so many wonderful things to enjoy: inspiring lectures, opportunities to learn about art and antiques, art history and

literature, science, politics, current events and different cultures. And then there's so much to do: adventurous trips, learning and sharing different languages, exploring London, going on walks, or playing tennis, bridge and golf. In short, we provide an abundance of intellectual and social delights! For women who are either new to London or who have lived here for a while, kcwc is a great way to enhance our lives and develop new friendships.

We will be holding our first General Meeting of the year on Thursday, 12 September, from 9:30am-12 noon at the The Lansdowne Club, 9 Fitzmaurice Place, Mayfair, W1J 5JD. Traditionally, our September General Meeting is a Social and Signing-up coffee morning where we get to meet and catch up with our friends, greet and meet new members who are just joining our club, and sign up for some of the wonderful activities planned for the year. Our guest speaker in September will address what may seem to be primarily a men's issue: Prostate Cancer. Professor Paul Forster will outline the key facts about the disease, the latest developments in research and treatments, the role of women in prodding their men into action, and the ambitious plans that Prostate Cancer UK, together with its partner The Movember Foundation, have put in place to make up for lost time.

At our October General Meeting, on the 10th of the month at the Royal Geographic Society at 1 Kensington Gore, London, SW7 2AR, Professor Fawaz A. Gerges will be speaking to us about one of the most important current events on the international political scene - the Arab Spring, or, more poignantly, "The End of the Arab Spring?" Back by extremely popular demand, Professor Gerges is a Professor of international relations at the London School of Economics and Political Science where he directs the Middle East Centre. He earned a doctorate from Oxford University and an M.Sc. from the London School of Economics and Political Science, has taught at Oxford, Harvard and Columbia, and was a research scholar at Princeton and chairholder at Sarah Lawrence College, New York. He has written several books, including *The New Middle East: Social Protest and Revolution in the Arab World* (Cambridge University Press, 2013), articles that have appeared in numerous international journals, and given scores of interviews for various media outlets throughout the world. We are looking forward once again to hearing his views on the current happenings in the Middle East.

Our November meeting, also at the Royal Geographic Society, will feature Sir Robert Rogers KCB, the Clerk of the House of Commons. As the chief executive of the House of Commons in Parliament, Sir Robert remains the principal adviser to the Speaker on the House's privileges and procedures. His other responsibilities relate to the conduct of the business of the House and