Goals to mark FAWCO’s 80th Anniversary and beyond

Attending my first FAWCO conference in 2007, I was inspired by a community of passionate women using their voice and action to make a difference in their world every day.

FAWCO celebrates its 80th anniversary in 2011 with a legacy of pioneering change. My mission over the next two years is to continue this legacy and ensure that FAWCO achieves even more relevance to our clubs, to ourselves, and to the world.

**Increased Member Clubs Support:** We need to optimize “knowledge sharing”, if not between all the clubs worldwide, then at least within regions. We can achieve this by:

- facilitating dialogue between the club presidents
- having a best practices library on the FAWCO website
- growing our club workshops into a club development program.

As FAWCO continues to add value to our membership, this should facilitate our second goal:

**Increased Club Membership:** In recent years, we have focused on recruiting international women’s clubs: their benefit from FAWCO association has a history of proven success. Let us not forget, however, that there are a lot of American expatriate organizations who are not part of our network. Let us revisit those and examine how their goals mesh with the FAWCO framework. I’d like to see us reach the “FAWCO 100”: one hundred clubs for our one hundredth anniversary.

**$80,000 Goal**

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— My-Linh Kunst, FAWCO President
The people
FAWCO Washington Liaison Dale Koepenick, Tax Liaison Eric Way and U.S. Liaison Lucy Laederich joined forces with representatives of AARO (Association of Americans Resident Overseas), ACA (American Citizens Abroad) and, for the first time, the AmCham MENA Regional Council (Middle East-North Africa American Chambers of Commerce).

Highlights of the week for the combined groups were a roundtable discussion on tax policy and exports, held with the majority staff of the House Ways and Means Committee, and two receptions. The first, once again hosted by long-time FAWCO sponsor Clements International, was in honor of the Americans Abroad Caucus. Despite the difficult budget negotiations taking place in Washington that week, Caucus Chair Carolyn Maloney, Ranking Member of the House Financial Institutions Subcommittee, took time to address delegates and guests, reaffirming her support for Americans living and working abroad and facing increasing difficulty in maintaining access to financial services.

The second was organized by AmCham MENA in the offices of Baker Botts LLP. Robert D. Hormats, Under Secretary of State for Economic, Energy & Agriculture Affairs, offered his unique and very broad perspective on the importance of American businesses and services abroad for the world economy as well as for America itself.

The issues
Tax legislation
The U.S. is the only industrialized country in the world which taxes its citizens wherever they live. Wanting to attract American expertise, companies based abroad generally cover at least part of the extra tax burden for American employees but increasingly, they are replacing them with less expensive employees from Europe, Asia, and elsewhere, not subject to double taxation. With fewer Americans working overseas to sell U.S. products and services, it is difficult for companies to increase exports, and nearly impossible for small and medium-sized U.S. businesses to set up operations.

During the week, delegates explained the negative impact of the Wyden-Coats bill (S. 727) in the Senate, which would totally eliminate the “Foreign Earned Income Exclusion” preventing double taxation on the first $90,000 earned abroad, and voiced support for the American Tax Fairness Act, to be introduced by Congressman Garret of New Jersey, which, on the contrary, eliminates the cap on the FIEE, making Americans more competitive in international job markets.

Voting Reform
Meetings were arranged with all members of the House Administration Committee and with the Majority and Minority Counsels on the Senate Rules Committee, responsible for voting legislation. The major focus was on continuing to expand electronic transmission of ballot materials to voters (by email or internet download), halving the time needed from ballot request to return, and on enfranchising young Americans born abroad, who have not yet established residency in the United States (currently 18 states allow these citizens to vote at the voting address of their U.S. citizen parent).
Financial services
A large number of meetings during the week focused on the growing urgency of finding ways to correct the unintended consequences of the Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act (FATCA) of 2010. Alongside the move by many American banks, prompted by the Patriot Act, to close down or refuse accounts for Americans with foreign addresses, FATCA is causing foreign banks to refuse to maintain accounts for U.S. citizens abroad. With the understandable intent of preventing tax fraud, FATCA:

- requires Foreign Financial Institutions (FFIs) to provide annual reports to the IRS, starting January 1, 2013, on the account balances and total debits and credits of any account owned by a U.S. person (citizen or green card holder). The U.S. will impose a 30% withholding tax on all U.S. source transfers to non-complying FFIs.
- requires American citizens who have financial assets held by an FFI with a value in excess of $50,000 to complete a new Form 8938 to be filed with their tax return.

Foreign financial institutions are increasingly balking at the idea of these burdensome reporting requirements and turning away “U.S. person” clients, with the result that some could cease to have access to any normal banking services, in the U.S. or abroad.

Like the Foreign Bank Account Report (FBAR) already required on accounts abroad whose aggregate value exceeds $10,000 at any time during the year, FATCA reporting will apply to all those with signature authority over the accounts. Individuals will therefore be required to report to the IRS all accounts held jointly with a spouse or a business partner, as well as the accounts of organizations of which they are the treasurer or president.

“Remember the ladies!”
The unintended consequences of this on American women living abroad, married to foreign nationals, in business partnerships with foreign nationals, or in leadership positions in foreign associations, have become all too evident. Unwilling to be subject to reporting to the IRS, foreign spouses and business partners are closing joint accounts, transferring assets and leaving many women in potentially serious financial jeopardy.

The prospects
Many staffers were surprised and concerned by the FATCA situation and agree that its impact on legitimate overseas residents needs to be addressed. FAWCO has one powerful and potentially helpful ally in GFWC (General Federation of Women’s Clubs) and can benefit greatly from its legislative expertise and broad and deeply committed membership base to better educate both its own members and Washington legislators. It is also to be hoped that all members of the Americans Abroad Caucus can be convinced of the potential danger, both to American women abroad and to American business and services. It seems clear that for FAWCO, FATCA is shaping up to be the U.S. Issue of the Year.
Empowering Women: Solutions to Addressing the UN’s MDG3
By Marge McGowan, FAWCO UN NGO Rep. New York City (FAUSA)

FAWCO UN/NGO NEW YORK
New York, March 8, 2011
In the US, there was once a time when women could not vote for their president. Now, women cannot only vote for the President but can run for that office.

This unprecedented leap in gender equality was just one of the topics at the recent plenary sessions conducted as part of the United Nation’s Forum on “Investing in Women and Entrepreneurship: Solutions to Addressing MDG 3”. The purpose of this high-profile Forum was to address the issues of the UN Millennium Goal #3 (MDG 3) on empowering women.

Marking the 100th anniversary of International Women’s Day, the Forum provided an inter-active platform for UN top officials and business leaders to share and announce actions taken towards increasing Women’s Empowerment. It was the opportunity for interested companies to connect with UN Agencies and NGOs (such as FAWCO).

Empowering women from boardrooms
The women who participated in the forum sit on the Boards of Directors or have high profile positions in companies (such as Estee Lauder, Goldman Sachs, Merck, Save the Children and Phillips-VanHeusen). Keynote speaker, Dermalogica Founder Jane Wurwand, was particularly inspiring describing her new campaign FITE – Financial Independence Through Entrepreneurship – aimed to help women entrepreneurs worldwide grow their business and improve their communities (http://dermalogica.com/fite/index.html).

They believe that empowering women in the boardrooms will have the long-term benefits of not only improving the health of children worldwide, but will encourage the spread of economic opportunities to women.

Successful women influence young girls
Exporting successful female images to young girls is the first step toward their economic empowerment and towards greater gender equality.

In the United States and in most western countries where women have had access to economic opportunity, there has been a corresponding rise in the overall quality of life for the entire society. Companies with women in significant positions say that it is “good for the bottom line”. Even more important than the bottom line, however, is the overall well-being of women and children in countries like Africa, where the empowerment of women will have the beneficial trickle down effect of improving the quality of life for all.

Deputy Secretary-General Asha-Rose Migiro closed the Forum by stressing the role that both the commercial and private sector have in promoting gender equality and women’s economic empowerment, through the effective use of popular culture, media and positive role models.

Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon delivered the Opening Remarks drawing special attention to the importance of providing business opportunities for investment in women. His inspiring speech was followed with remarks by Geena Davis, Academy Award Winner, Philanthropist and the Founder of Geena Davis Institute of Gender in Media.

In 1997, FAWCO was granted special consultative status with the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations (ECOSOC) and as such we are required to file a report every four years on our activities. In 2000, we joined the Conference of Non-Governmental Organizations in Consultative Relations with the UN (CONGO). This is an independent not-for-profit membership association that facilitates our participation in UN debates and decisions giving us a stronger voice at UN meetings. FAWCO has UN NGO Reps who attend UN meetings in Geneva, New York and Vienna. For further information please contact ngo@fawco.org.
Women, Disarmament, Arms Control and Non-Proliferation

By Anne Cameron Rutschmann, FAWCO UN/NGO Rep. Geneva

FAWCO UN/NGO GENEVA
Geneva, March 7, 2011

In honor of International Women’s Day, the Women’s International League for Peace and Freedom (WILPF) organized a seminar at the UN Headquarters in Geneva drawing women activists from Costa Rica, Democratic Republic of Congo and Pakistan, as well as speakers who were international and grassroots disarmament experts. These testimonies highlighted the importance of implementing UN Resolution 1325, which reaffirms the important role of women in the prevention and resolution of conflicts, peace negotiations and peacekeeping and in post-conflict reconstruction. There is an old saying “war begins in the heads of men, and ends in the heads of women.”

Everyone needs to be involved
You cannot expect change if 50% of the global citizenry is excluded from processes that set agenda and policies. It was suggested that to have a more comprehensive discussion and to implement a real vision on this issue, various key players need to come together. First, security council members must be involved because disarmament is a security issue. Second, human rights groups must be involved – peace is certainly a human right. Third, disarmament groups must be involved and lastly, women’s groups who focus on general equality and the protection of women and children should be in the forefront.

One panellist offered her opinion that non-nuclear states have to take a lead in civil society in the disarmament and arms control movement similar to the non-smokers campaign to ban smoking.

The militarization of society
Another panellist, however, stressed the importance to portray women as agents of change and not as victims. She offered that it is important to address the root cause of violence and not just the products of violence – i.e. the militarization of society and the inequality of women.

Not just women’s job
How do we get a mechanism to ensure safety for local women – the normal women who are victims of violence? How does a resolution really offer security to the local women? This is the problem with paper resolutions – women are still getting raped.

The response from one of the panellists was brief but straightforward. Resolutions are the first step. A resolution is a tool. However, if we want to build a security framework, men must also support disarmament, arms control and must stop the violence. It cannot be just left only to the women.

Women and Girls – Physical and Mental Health:
Marketing, Media, Advertising, Dignity, Human Rights

by Elizabeth Abbot (AWA Rome)

FAWCO FORUM SUMMER 2011
FAWCO and Water...  
Changing the Flow with the Target Program

By Anne van Oorschot - Target Water Program Chair

The FAWCO Target Program is a unique opportunity for FAWCO member clubs to work together towards the goal of clean water worldwide. With FAWCO’s global reach, the Target Program distinguishes FAWCO clubs from other international clubs by giving them the opportunity to pool their efforts and contribute together to a UN Millenium goal.

FAWCO and WATER: It was in March 2010 that “Water” was announced as the global issue for the focus of FAWCO’s Target Program, our specific goal being to increase the sustainable access to safe drinking water globally. The next step was our selection of Wells for Clean Water (Cambodia) from the Tabitha Foundation as our partner organization.

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Clubs have begun fund-raising with a vengeance, and to date, $34,536 has been raised to dig wells in Cambodia!

Below is a sample of the creative things being done to raise funds for water:

• AWC Bogota held “A morning of Health and Handbags”, which included a presentation on stem cells, as well as an auction, raising $972 for the Target Program.
• AWC The Hague sold “Star of Hope” Christmas tree ornaments at their Holiday Bazaar. With a follow-up auction, the club raised $3,861!
• February was “Water Month” for the American Women’s Group of Languedoc Roussillon and included many water themed activities including a “Soup Tasting Fundraiser” with all profits going towards the Wells for Clean Water project.

At the FAWCO 2011 Conference in Marrakech, attendees were asked to donate to “Help us Fill our Well”, with each donation being added in blue to fill the long well pipe. At the end of the five-day event, our well was overflowing with $4,110 in donations!

Has your club initiated a Target Water Project fundraiser yet?
It is not too late to do your part, large or small, in helping us reach our goal. Water is a human right and every donation “drop” counts.

Fund-raising ideas?
In Marrakech, the FAWCO Foundation launched the “Well” Deserved Desserts campaign to fundraise for the FAWCO Target Water Project. The campaign will include detailed information for fundraising ideas on the Foundation website (www.fawcofoundation.org). The FAWCO Foundation hopes to extend this campaign to include corporate support.

To date we have contributed a total of 258 wells:

98 Family Wells:
Tube or open wells provide water for household use and kitchen gardens for three families. ($100 - $150)

160 Field Wells:
Field, shared by two families, provide clean water for both household use and irrigation ($250).

Field well (in Kandal)  
Family Tube Well (in Svay Rieng)
Students Who Learn Differently Overseas

What are your options when you find yourself away from your country of origin with its familiar support systems and confronted with unexpected challenges regarding the education of your child?

What if you are an educational professional who finds yourself tasked with the education of a child or children who learn differently in a school system that offers you little or no support in this endeavor? What if you are such a learner yourself? Where can you turn and what can be done to help the family, the school and the student?

Students Who Learn Differently Overseas was researched and created with these questions in mind. It provides suggestions and options for families, schools and students as well as delving into some current research on the neurology of how we learn, how nutrition impacts behavior and learning, and the importance of metacognitive thinking skills. In truth, it offers important information to all people involved in the education of any student.

Today in the West, we live in societies that hold out the greatest prizes to those who can function successfully in a literate medium. Those who cannot are often regulated to subservient positions. Often some of the people who cannot find any success in the way the system is constructed go outside of that system to find gratification and acceptance. Unfortunately, but understandably, this behavior can lead to substance abuse and anti-social actions. This can lead to prison. And sobering statistics regarding prison populations have revealed that 50 % to 90% of prisoners are dyslexic. Many of these persons could have been helped to avoid incarceration by early recognition of literacy problems and an education that taught them in a manner in which they could learn most effectively.

But while proper education can go a long way towards alleviating, and even in some cases, correcting the problem, it can’t do it alone. Perhaps even more important is proper nutrition. If we don’t feed ourselves and our children to the best of our ability, how can we expect the machine that is our body to give us its optimal support?

They are what you feed them

Extensive research in this field has been done by Dr. Alex Richardson, Senior Research Fellow at Oxford University. Dr. Richardson is one of the world’s leading experts on the effect of nutrition on psychological phenomena. Her book, They Are What You Feed Them, shares her discoveries on how diet can affect children’s behavior, learning and mood. Although relevant to all children, she has found that these findings may be especially important to those with autism, ADD/HD, dyslexia and dyspraxia.
FAWCO Fever

I spoke at FAWCO 2011 this year because I wanted to see for myself what “FAWCO fever” was all about. I was not disappointed: such great camaraderie and so many fantastic women – each busy with their own lives, yet still volunteering their time both for FAWCO (a global organization) and also for their local club. Americans and non-Americans, expatriates and repatriates, we were all welcomed when we arrived and inspired by the time we departed with sessions such as:

- **No Excuses – Why Running is a Metaphor for Life**, by Gwen Dellar, AIWC Casablanca, a marathon runner who completed the Marathon des Sables (a six day, 243 km endurance race across the Sahara)
- **FAWCO and US Issues (Q&A session)** by Lucy Laederich, U.S. Liaison, and Mary Steward Burgher, Voting from Overseas Committee Chair
- **Follow the Leader Within: Be the Best of Whoever You Are – Wherever you Are** by Elizabeth Abbott (AWA Rome)
- **American Overseas Domestic Violence Crisis Center (AODVCC)** presentation by Paula Lucas, Repatriate, Founder of AODVCC
- **Investing for Fun and Profit: Understanding the Importance of Financial Planning** by Sheila Ohlund, (AWC Zurich).

My Top Five Insights from FAWCO 2011

1. **We can all shine.**
   What never ceased to surprise me was the number of times I met very lovely, humble women who would later “wow” me when they facilitated one of the sessions, or performed at one of the dinners.

2. **We can turn negatives into positives.**
   This was indeed one of the themes of my own presentation, as I showcased the stories of a few dozen women from our Expat Women “Success Stories” and “Business Ideas” sections who had reinvented their careers after losing their identity by moving abroad.

3. **Most of us are so very fortunate.**
   Former critical care nurse in the United States and long-time activist against gender violence, Tonya Teichert (AWC of the Taunus in Germany) presented a very disturbing session, Kicking the Habit of Gender Violence, which made me really sit up and count my blessings.

4. **It is important to remember both short-term and long-term expats.**
   Many of the women at FAWCO 2011, if not the majority, were in fact long-term expatriates married to nationals of their current country. FAWCO 2011 was a great reminder that neither group should forget the other when discussing all things related to the “expat experience”.

5. **FAWCO volunteers put in a lot of work.**
   No volunteer organization would operate as effectively as FAWCO if it were not for the tremendous dedication by the many FAWCO volunteers on the many FAWCO committees.

…and on to FAWCO 2012

The stage for next year’s FAWCO conference has been announced as Dublin, Ireland. If you are interested in attending the conference and becoming involved in FAWCO, I encourage you to visit the official FAWCO website and/or talk to your local club.
Another beautiful quilt was created by Roberta Zollner using squares sent from our clubs around the world. They all truly captured the feel of Marrakech in their zillij tile pattern. This work of art raised an additional $4,700 for The Foundation! The lucky winner of the raffle was Jan de Vries, from AWC of The Hague., who is a quilter herself. Congratulations Jan and thank you to all of our quilters and Roberta!

CAROLINE CURTIS BROWN SPIRIT AWARDS
The Caroline Curtis Brown Spirit Award was established in 2005 in appreciation of service exemplifying the spirit, inspiration and dedication of Founder Caroline Curtis Brown (AWC London) who believed that enlightened women, working together throughout the world, could do much to achieve international peace.

DOLORES CUELLAR (AWC BOGOTA)
Dolores Cuellar deserves recognition for her dedication, spirit and inspiration, both with FAWCO and the FAWCO Foundation. She served as FAWCO Health Committee Chair moderating the Panel Discussion on Heart Care at the FAWCO Conference in Birmingham in 2005.

In 2006, she chaired the FAWCO Foundation Education Awards and subsequently supervised both Education Awards and Development Grants when she was elected to the FAWCO Foundation 2008-2010 Board as Vice President of Programs and a member of the “Philanthropic Strategy and Focus Committee” establishing philanthropic procedures.

SUNNY EADES (NORTH AMERICAN CONNECTION)
Sunny Eades has served as FAWCO Rep for North American Connection in 2002, followed by a move to Regional Coordinator for the same Region in 2003. We have her to thank for planning the 37th Biennial FAWCO Conference in Birmingham in March 2005. She was elected FAWCO’s 3rd Vice President from 2005-2007. She designed FAWCO’s 75th birthday scarf in 2006 and we have her to thank again for the 80th anniversary scarf design. She was our designer for the “Vision for the Future” Task Force logo and also the 2009 “Target Program” logo.

ANGELIKA MCLARREN (AWC Berlin)
In 2006, Angelika McLarren mobilized the German clubs to host FAWCO’S 75th Anniversary conference in Berlin. She became Sites Committee Co-Chair and three years later, organized the FAWCO Conference in Vilnius in 2009, our first in Eastern Europe and without the help of a local host club.

FRAUKE RADEMACHER-HEIDEMANN (AWC Hamburg)
As regional coordinator, Frauke Rademacher-Heidemann has enjoyed support and respect from her Region 5 (Germany & Austria) clubs for organizing informative and fun regional meetings. We appreciate her continued commitment to FAWCO even through personal health challenges in the last 6 years.

FAWCO CIRCLE OF HONOR
The “Circle of Honor” is the highest award given by FAWCO. The Circle of Honor recognizes distinguished years of service and dedication to the goals and ideals of FAWCO in both elected and appointed positions.

In 1998, Pam Perraud became FAWCO’s first NGO representative at the UN headquarters in New York. There, she raised FAWCO’s profile at the UN while advising FAWCO on the direction and focus of its NGO activities. She also served as Vice President of the FAWCO Foundation from 2004 to 2006.
FAWCO Fellowship Award

The Fellowship Award recognizes distinguished service and dedication to the goals and ideals of FAWCO by persons outside FAWCO.

Clements International

The 2011 FAWCO Fellowship Award was given to Clements International in recognition of the company’s support and friendship with FAWCO for more than 15 years, enabling us to fulfill FAWCO goals and ideals. Clements International believes in FAWCO and believes that FAWCO does make a difference. They have showed their support of our work by sponsoring receptions in honor of the Americans Abroad Caucus during Overseas Americans Week in Washington.

FAWCO, specifically would like to recognize Chris Beck, President of Clements International, who joined Clements in the year 2000 and has been responsible for positioning Clements as a leading global insurance provider for expatriates and international organizations.

FAWCO Honors Club Representatives

FAWCO Representatives shape the relationship and put a face on FAWCO for our clubs and members. Initiated in 2008, the FAWCO Rep Appreciation Award honors “Reps” who have shown exceptional leadership and strong support of FAWCO. This year we honored:

- Tracy Moede (AWC Hamburg)
- Monica Jubalyi (AWA Dubai)
- Denise Rollins (AWA Angola)

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Upcoming FAWCO 2011 Regional Meetings
- September 2-4, Malmo, Sweden
  Region 2 - Scandinavia
- October 7-9, Brussels, Belgium
  Region 4 - Benelux
- November 11-13, Berlin, Germany
  Region 5 - Germany & Austria
- December 8-10, Dubai, UAE
  Region 9 – Middle East

FAWCO welcomes its newest member clubs:
- AWC Augsburg
- St. John woods Women’s Club
- AWA Marakesch
- AW of Amman

FAWCO Endowment Fund for Tomorrow

Elaine Senigallia (pictured, AWA Rome), FAWCO President from 1981-83, remembered FAWCO with a generous bequest of $95,000 at the time of her death in January, 2008. Per recommendation from the FAWCO Finance Committee, her gift will be used to start FAWCO’s first endowment fund to be called FAWCO Endowment for Tomorrow.

The Endowment will be used to continue the core activities of FAWCO (see About FAWCO). Elaine’s dedication to FAWCO, both during her life and after, has left a valuable mark on our organization’s history and we are truly grateful for this generous bequest.

The new FAWCO 2011-2013 Board of Directors was elected at the biennial conference in Marrakech, Morocco: Leslie Colingridge, Secretary (AWC The Hague); My-Linh Kunst, President, (AWC Berlin); Elizabeth Abbot, 2nd Vice President, (AWA Rome); Monica Jubayli, 3rd Vice President (AWA Dubai), and Cora Lee Findley, Treasurer, (AW of Easter Province). 1st VP Pam Showalter (AWC Brussels) stepped down due to personal reasons and we are actively looking for her replacement.

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FAWCO EMERGENCY RELIEF FUND

Food for all people

There is still time to help! FAWCO has activated an Emergency Relief Fund (ERF) in support of Second Harvest Japan. To donate, go to FAWCO homepage and click on the PayPal button (put ERF Japan in the “description” line of your payment) or contact treasurer@fawco.org if you’d like to use Euro transfers or US checks.

Award and Grant Recipients 2011

EDUCATION AWARDS RECIPIENTS

- **ARTS AWARD**, $3000 ~ Suzanne Ayshe Itani, her mother is a member of AWC Lebanon
- **SCIENCES AWARD**, sponsored in part by AIWC Genoa in memory of Frieda Bacigalupo Natali - $3000 ~ Carla Canepa, her mother is a member of AIWC Genoa
- **HUMANITIES AWARD**, sponsored in part by AAWE in memory of Gertrude de Gallaix - $3000 ~ Katarina McLarren, her mother is a member of the AWC Paris
- **SPECIAL CHALLENGES FUND**, sponsored in part by Chilterns AWC - $3000 ~ Marshall Ketron, his mother is a member of the AWG Paris
- **DUAL CULTURAL AWARD**, in memory of Suzanne Erismann sponsored in part by Donna Erismann and AWC Bern - $3000 ~ Celine Douet, her mother is a member of AWC of the Taunus
- **AWC Basel FAWCO MEMBERS AWARD for UNIVERSITY DEGREE STUDY PROGRAMS**, sponsored by Shirley Kearney - $5000 ~ Deborah Hofer, a member of AWC Zurich
- **FAWCO MEMBERS SKILLS ENHANCEMENT AWARD**, $3000
- Sponsored by Marathon des Sables runners Cynthia Smith-Ayed and Gwen Dellar AWC Casablancas, Teresa Beth Hough, a member of AWC Brussels
- **SHIRLEY VAN OOIJEN FOR TEACHERS**, $5000 ~ Gillian Edeus, her mother is a member of AWC Sweden

DEVELOPMENT GRANT RECIPIENTS

- **CRITICAL HEALTH CONCERNS**, sponsored in part by AWG Paris - $4500 ~ The Little Wings Foundation, proposed by AWA Dubai
- **AIWC OF COLOGNE 50TH ANNIVERSARY THE RIGHT TO FOOD AND WATER**, $4500 ~ Water for Mentawai, proposed by AWG Languedoc-Roussillon
- **A PLACE TO LEARN IN MEMORY OF BARBARA WHEELER**, sponsored in part by the Wheeler family and AWC Denmark - $4500 ~ Proyecto DeVida - Nunkui Project, proposed by AWC Bogota
- **AW SURREY PAM DAHLGREN HOPE THROUGH EDUCATION**, - $4500~ Hodi Peace Center - Shoot to Score not to Kill, proposed by AWC Bern
- **AMERICAN WOMEN OF THE EASTERN PROVINCE SKILLS FOR LIFE**, sponsored in part by AWC Florence - $4500~ Eden Women’s Ministry, proposed by AWC Shanghai
- **AROUND THE CORNER, A WORLD AWAY**, $4500 ~ Coming Home, Morning Tears, proposed by AWC Shanghai
- **THE COUGHLAN FAMILY FOUNDATION PREVENTION AND TREATMENT OF HIV/AIDS, Malaria and Tuberculosis**, - $4500~ Katosi Women Development Trust, proposed by AWC The Hague

It is with both great sadness and pride that we announce the creation of a new Development Grant. Pam Dahlgren, past President of FAWCO who passed away in January, left The Foundation a bequest of $50,000. Born in South Africa, Pam requested that a DG be set up in her name to “be used for the aid of children in a third world country, preferably one located in Africa”. We are pleased to announce our newest DG “The Pam Dahlgren Educating Africa’s Children”.

Burkina Faso

Last year, due to contributions from members who asked for donations in lieu of gifts at their “big” birthday celebrations and a retirement party, we financed 9 girls in Burkina Faso to continue their education. We have had the results of their first semester grades and all did well – the highest achiever being Aoua (pictured). They are well on their way to fulfilling their dreams of becoming teachers, nurses and midwives thanks to the generosity of FAWCO!