FAWCO Honors Eleanor Roosevelt
by Pam Perraud and Paula Daeppen, FAWCO UN Representatives

As 2018 marks the 70th anniversary of the signing of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR), we look back on how FAWCO commemorated the 60th anniversary and highlighted Eleanor Roosevelt’s key role as the driving force behind the UDHR.

**Eleanor’s Plaque**

FAWCO planned many activities to mark the 60th anniversary of the UDHR. The most notable was working with a group of committed women in Geneva to erect a plaque in her honor in front of the United Nations headquarters, the Palais de Nations.

The idea for the plaque came from Anne Herdt, an American living in Switzerland, who was active on the NGO Committee on the Status of Women (NGO CSW) in Geneva. She enlisted the support of other members of NGO CSW, including Paula Daeppen, FAWCO’s former UN Director. Kathleen Simon, FAWCO’s then President, and FAWCO UN Reps Pam Perraud, Sara von Moos and Alicia Higa also served on the Honoring Eleanor Roosevelt Task Force.

It took a year of hard work to raise private funds, work on the design and get local governmental approvals. The plaque was finally dedicated at a ceremony on December 5, 2008, sponsored by the City of Geneva. The mayor of Geneva, in full official regalia, spoke at the evening ceremony, as did Micheline Calmy-Rey, Swiss Minister of Foreign Affairs, and David Roosevelt, grandson of Eleanor Roosevelt. The Swiss Ministry of Affairs, the Canton of Geneva and the City of Geneva then hosted a reception after the ceremony for all of the participants. The story of the plaque, Eleanor Roosevelt and footage from the plaque dedication ceremony is available on video ([https://youtu.be/w1E5DTMFEaY](https://youtu.be/w1E5DTMFEaY)).

**Other Projects Honoring Eleanor Roosevelt**

FAWCO worked with the Honoring Eleanor Roosevelt Task Force to publish a bilingual guide about Eleanor Roosevelt’s life and involvement with the UDHR which was later distributed to Swiss schools. In addition, FAWCO members worked with the US Mission to the UN in Geneva to publish a 50-page brochure featuring Eleanor Roosevelt and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

From the 60th anniversary of UDHR in 2008 until 2018, FAWCO sponsored a website (designed by FAWCO UN Rep Alicia Higa) devoted to Eleanor Roosevelt and her involvement in the UDHR. It featured a summary of Eleanor’s life and work for social justice, as well as her favorite quotes.

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As I take stock of this Board’s second year, I am pleased to realize just how much FAWCO’s volunteers have accomplished. This issue of The FORUM covers the phenomenal success of the Target Program, the deeply meaningful experiences of the Youth Cultural Volunteers in Berlin, updates on the important work of our UN team, the vibrant celebrations of our member clubs, FAWCO’s continuing advocacy for US citizens overseas, and more.

It’s hard to believe that the current FAWCO Board is in its last few months of our term. We have been working hard throughout and have been able to meet twice since the Interim Meeting last March, thanks to careful planning and prudent stewardship. We met immediately before the Region 5 meeting in November and then most of us stayed on to attend that regional hosted by FAWCO’s newest club, the Heidelberg International Women’s Club. The experience of introducing a new club and its members to FAWCO, and vice versa, is heartwarming. Even after the many years I’ve been involved with FAWCO, there is always something new to learn and there are new, interesting individuals to meet. Moreover, observing people learning about FAWCO gives me fresh perspectives on the organization I know and love so well.

I also visited Edinburgh and the American Women’s Club of Central Scotland in November to get better acquainted with the venue and host club for FAWCO’s 44th Biennial Conference, coming up next March. The Conference organizers are putting together a memorable Biennial with fascinating external speakers and engaging cultural events. If you have not yet registered to attend, I urge you to do so now and encourage your club members to do so as well! It promises to be an exhilarating four days. Along with important FAWCO business, you will hear from the Biennial Conference Committees, Nominating and Resolutions and Recommendations, who have been hard at work preparing for FAWCO’s next Board term, and a host of accomplished speakers from Scotland and beyond.

This Board has built on the work of previous Boards to strengthen our organization and keep us moving forward. We have endeavored to be faithful to our Mission Statement and to carry out the Resolutions and Recommendations approved at the 2017 Biennial Conference. The 2019-2021 FAWCO Board will serve until our 90th anniversary, an extraordinary milestone. In Edinburgh in March, we hope to pass on a thriving organization, thinking toward the future, keeping FAWCO a competitive disadvantage by taxing its citizens abroad on the basis of their nationality. The United States should adapt to the international norm and continue application of its tax system to its recognized jurisdiction. We regret the closure of the last IRS offices abroad and strongly support the creation of National Taxpayer Advocate offices around the world.

FAWCO will continue advocating for American citizens abroad when the 116th Congress convenes in January 2019 with an emphasis on the following:

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**FATCA:** While the Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act targets those who evade paying taxes by hiding assets in undisclosed foreign bank accounts, as an unintended consequence, it penalizes American citizens living overseas. In the absence of a shift to Territorial Taxation for Individuals (TTFI), FAWCO continues to support reasonable accommodation to FATCA. Reporting should only apply to 1) US residents with foreign assets and 2) US persons abroad with assets in a country other than the US or their country of bona fide residence.

Throughout 2008 and 2009, local FAWCO clubs around the world joined the celebration by sponsoring “Eleanor Roosevelt Teas” complete with period hats and gloves, where Eleanor’s life and her work on the UDHR were featured.

**Eleanor Roosevelt Girls’ Leadership Program** FAWCO also honored Eleanor Roosevelt and the UDHR by donating to the Eleanor Roosevelt Girls’ Leadership Workshop, which sponsors a summer program in Val Kill, New York, to encourage high school girls to devote themselves to working for social justice. Since 2008, many daughters of FAWCO members have participated in the workshop, with lasting impact.

Pam Parsons (l) and Paula Daeppen (r)

**Banking Services:** Americans living abroad continue to be denied banking and financial services worldwide. We call on legislation to require US banks to provide services for US citizens with a foreign address while satisfying their “Know Your Customer” requirements of the Patriot Act. Legislation is needed to ease the reporting burden on foreign financial institutions and allow Americans to maintain accounts in countries where they reside and to stop US tax discrimination against foreign pension funds.

**Resolutions and Recommendations**

**UN Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women**

**Gender Parity in the Board**

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**Eleanor Roosevelt’s Birthday Celebration in Val-Kill, New York**

**The Eleanor Roosevelt Girls’ Leadership Program**
Socioeconomic Development: Trends, Experiences, Future

At the end of the FAWCO Foundation Symposium on Human Trafficking in October 2016, facilitators Johanna Dishongh and Mary Adams challenged us to stay engaged. How would we continue to stand up against human trafficking? We made a commitment to follow developments as part of my role as UN Liaison.

Vienna is home to the UN Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) and the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE). The UNODC, the UN entity focused on human trafficking and migrant smuggling, hosts an annual conference on transnational organized crime. The OSCE works with member states in the region to develop and implement effective policies for combating human trafficking and managing migration. In October, I attended three events on human trafficking, modern day slavery, migration and migrant smuggling at the UNODC and OSCE.

At the UNODC conference on transnational organized crime, the NGO Committee on the Status of Women in Vienna (where I serve as Chair) co-sponsored an event on “Contemporary Enslavement and Trafficking of Women and Girls”. Speakers from UN agencies, NGOs and academia explored linkages between human trafficking and the enslavement and exploitation of women, with patriarchy, traditional cultural practices, discriminatory legislation, and the gendered dimensions of poverty.

Human trafficking is one of the most profitable and pervasive crimes in the world. An estimated 40 million people are enslaved. More than 70 percent are women, almost all trafficked for sexual exploitation. Trafficking generates profits over $30 billion every year. The OSCE conference “Human Trafficking and Human Rights - Access to Rights for Victims of Human Trafficking” called for protection and services for human trafficking victims that are human rights-based and trauma-sensitive.

Definitions of migrants and refugees, smugglers and traffickers are blurry and can change over the course of a person’s journey. Migrants cross borders with the intent to live and work in another country (like most FAWCO members). During large-scale movements of people, traffickers exploit vulnerable people – often women and girls – who are displaced by conflicts or natural disasters. The Universal Declaration of Human Rights Article 14 assures the right to seek residence within the borders of each state, and the right to leave any country and to return. Article 13 affirms the right to freedom of movement and choice of place of residence. The Universal Declaration of Human Rights, signed 70 years ago, recognizes that “the inherent dignity and equal and inalienable rights of all members of the human family are the foundation of freedom, justice and peace in the world.” How will you stand up for human rights?

UN Protocols and SDGs on Human Trafficking and Migrant Smuggling

The UN Protocol to Prevent, Suppress And Punish Trafficking in Persons, especially Women and Children (2000), facilitates international cooperation to combat trafficking and protect trafficking victims. The Protocol against Smuggling of Migrants by Land, Sea and Air (2004) aims to protect the rights of migrants and reduce the ability of organized criminal groups to abuse migrants.

SDG 5.2: Eliminate all forms of violence against women and girls, including trafficking and sexual and other forms of exploitation

UN member states and agencies, NGOs and academics, spent 18 months negotiating a Global Compact on Safe, Regular and Orderly Migration (GCM). In December, UN member states are gathering in Marrakech to adopt the GCM, a global framework for long-term cooperation and shared responsibilities, bringing the international community together to mitigate the challenges and harness the opportunities of migration. Kenia Guimaraes (AWE Paris) and Daila Nasser (AWC Marrakech) will represent FAWCO at the GCM Adoption Conference.

Two years ago at the FAWCO Symposium, we heard the call to stand up against human trafficking. FAWCO’s Target Programs have supported two projects to improve the lives of vulnerable women and girls: Free the Girls (economic opportunities to survivors of sex trafficking) and Hope Beyond Displacement (education and training for refugee women and girls). FAWCO UN Rep Jane Politi and the NGO Committee on Migration work for the protection of human rights of migrants and refugees. In many local communities, FAWCO members volunteer helping new arrivals integrate into their host countries. The FAWCO Refugee Network supports these efforts.

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Empowering Women and Girls through Knowledge and Skills

By Tricia R. Saur, AWC Cologne, FAWCO Target Chair

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Amanda Lane, Executive Director of CRP, spent early November crossing the Netherlands and Germany meeting members at various club events and attending the Region 5 Meeting in Heidelberg. Visits to several international schools were also arranged by FAWCO members to engage the next generation and build awareness of the refugee crisis in Jordan.

The FAWCO Foundation and FAWCO Member Clubs topped the fundraising goal of $125,000 eleven months before the February 28, 2019 deadline!

Over the summer, we worked with CRP to expand and enhance the Target Project and set a new fundraising goal of $173,100. Our last reported numbers have us at $150,000. We are excited to see clubs continue to hold events in support of Hope Beyond Displacement and are eager to see how high the Book Stack reaches by February 2019.

In addition to our initial goals we have expanded our support to include:

- Doubling participation in the Economic Empowerment Program for hair styling, beauty and self-employment skills
- Expansion of Women’s Empowerment 101 and GBV Prevention and Awareness trainings to CRP’s new community center in downtown Amman
- Renovation of the CRP playground
- Launching the After School Club at CRP’s new community center in downtown Amman
- Translation of the Super Girls curriculum into Arabic to ensure that it can be used by all CRP staff in the future
- Creation of a dedicated space for women to learn and train
- And more!

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Human Rights Team Stresses Gender-Based Violence
by Therese Hartwell, FAUSA, Human Rights Team Chair

Each year the FAWCO Human Rights Team encourages FAWCO/FAUSA groups and individuals to take part in the Rutgers University 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence Campaign, observed between November 25, the International Day Against Violence Against Women, and December 10, International Human Rights Day. To facilitate participation in the Campaign, the team annually suggests activities that fit the theme for the year.

This year’s 16 Day theme, “End Gender-Based Violence in the World of Work”, is especially timely with the recent #MeToo Movement and increased focus on sexual harassment and assault in the workplace. Because of the complexity of this topic and its relevance to all women, the Human Rights Team decided to focus the entire year to raising awareness about workplace harassment and violence, and the roots of gender-based violence. This sustained focus and wider time frame will allow groups and individuals to plan their participation more easily.

The team is recommending that individuals and groups view two films by The Representation Project and share them particularly with young people in their lives. Miss Representation addresses the erroneous message that the value of girls and women lies in their youth, beauty, and sexuality and not in their capacity as leaders. The Mask You Live In focuses on how boys learn that their success is tied to dominance, power, and aggression. The films discuss the way these gender expectations lead to violence against women and men being robbed of a significant part of their humanity.

Throughout the coming year, the Human Rights Team will provide additional resources for raising awareness of the effect of gender norms on gender-based violence (GBV). In particular, we will be sharing resources to teach young people how to have healthy relationships and to protect themselves from unwarranted touching and attention. We also plan to conduct a survey to assess attitudes about these topics among our members.

Addressing the effects of GBV is not enough! Unless we can understand the causes of this epidemic, we are doomed to only treat the survivors with no hope of eliminating the violence itself.

### Education Team

by Arandeep Degun, AIWC Cologne, Education Team Co-Chair

The FAWCO Education Team’s mission is to “Increase Awareness of Global Issues in Education” by focusing on Sustainable Development Goal 4. This is achieved by sharing the word through informative articles written by our Team members for the FAWCO website and e-publications. UNESCO update articles are submitted by Pam Perraud. Mary Adams has provided additional resources for raising awareness of the effect of gender norms on gender-based violence (GBV). In particular, we will be sharing resources to teach young people how to have healthy relationships and to protect themselves from unwarranted touching and attention. We also plan to conduct a survey to assess attitudes about these topics among our members.

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We also provide awareness of opportunities to attend UN-related festivals and conferences to our global peers and local schools. We attended the dynamic 2018 Global Festival for Sustainable Development in Bonn - powered by the UN SDG Action Campaign. We encourage our global FAWCO peers to attend and report on the festivals and conferences. The reports and recaps can be found in our e-communications. We continue to work in collaboration with all.

### FAWCO Youth Cultural Volunteers in Berlin

by My-Linh Kunst, AWC Berlin President

In June of 2018, AWC Berlin had the honor of hosting the FAWCO Youth Cultural Volunteers. The purpose of the program is to help youth discover volunteering and develop their cultural understanding, awareness of global issues, and sense of global citizenship. This year’s 12 participants came from AWC Amsterdam, AWC Berlin, AWC Bern, AWC Oslo, AWC Languedoc-Roussillon, AWC Genoa, IWC Torino, and Munich IWC, representing 11 cultures and nine languages.

This year’s group served refugees, homeless, disabled, and severely ill people living in Berlin through their volunteer work at multiple organizations. The group also participated in cultural and educational activities.

"This trip has made me realize how lucky I am, as a teenager, to be so privileged in the life I live. This feeling has given me the need to give back to the community and to those who are less privileged than I." - Kat, AWC Amsterdam

"All these experiences taught me to respect other human beings and to try to do good things on this earth." - Daniel, AWC Bern

"The week in Berlin has been one of the most beautiful experiences of my life." - Federico, AWC Genoa

"...this week was a first for me, a first volunteering and a first discovering so many cultures at once. This week permitted me to see things in a new light. I felt like I was part of something that was making a difference." - Augustin, AWC Languedoc-Roussillon

"This trip has taught me so much about the city, about the social issues, about myself... and has inspired me to do more because I am fortunate enough to have the ability to do so. I want to thank the FAWCO Youth program for helping me find what makes me passionate and makes me strive to be better, not just for myself, but in hopes that one day I do can do better for this world." - Anna, AWC Berlin

Contact fawcoyouth@fawco.org to inquire about upcoming programs or if your Club has an interest in hosting next year’s program.
AWG Paris Builds their Team
by Sharon Nosutter, AWG Paris President

In September, Board members of AWG Paris participated in the FAWCO Club Workshop – Team Building for Boards. Hope Moore, FAWCO 2nd VP Member Clubs, facilitated the workshop working closely with AWG President, Sharon Nosutter, to tailor the workshop towards getting the Board off to a good start at the beginning of their Club year. During the workshop, the AWG Board worked together to solidify their purpose, direction and to understand how to better work together as a unit. The six-hour workshop covered a range of important topics for consideration including getting to know one another in a new light, appreciating differing personality types and reviewing Board responsibilities, roles, and norms, and finally setting Board goals for the coming year. AWG Paris definitely recommends this FAWCO Board Development Workshop for other Club Boards.

Celebrating 90 Years in Mumbai
by Jennifer Jong, ACW Bombay Co-President

ACW Mumbai celebrated a 90th anniversary with a champagne toast and cake cutting at a Gala Celebration on May 12, 2018. More than 100 guests were welcomed to the Trident Hotel in BKC for an evening of dinner, dancing and speeches by honored guests and friends, including US Consul General Edgard Kagan. One of the highlights of the evening was a film put together by ACW Mumbai President Hanifa Haji summarizing the club’s 90 years of history.

New to this year’s gala was a live auction in partnership with the Habitat for Humanity to sell sponsorships to build toilets which are badly needed in India. Altogether, the club raised almost $25,000, including funds for 20 toilets specifically allocated to regions in India. The event for many of them!

Saturday’s meeting sessions were held in the community room at the Peace Church in the Handschuhheim neighborhood of Heidelberg, where the Heidelberg IWC hosts its Monthly Meeting. Saturday wrapped up with dinner at the hotel where the attendees were staying. Then on Sunday, attendees took a tour of Heidelberg’s Old Town and Castle or went for a walk on the Philosophers’ Path and through the Old Town. A weekend with the women of Region 5 is never enough, but we look forward to seeing each other again in March, and of course, somewhere else in Region 5 next November.

Region 5 Rocks Its First Regional in Heidelberg
by Christine Funke, Heidelberg IWC

The Region 5 Meeting took place in Heidelberg, Germany for the first time ever hosted by FAWCO’s newest Member Club, the Heidelberg International Women’s Club. The organizers, led by President and Founder Christine Funke, took on a huge challenge in the Club’s first year in existence throwing a giant welcoming party for itself by hosting this meeting.

Held on Friday and Saturday, with optional tours on Sunday, the meeting welcomed 48 women from all the Region 5 Clubs (except for Frankfurt), plus women from Amsterdaml, Paris, Denmark, Dublin, and The Hague among others. Eight members from the host club were there - this being the first ever FAWCO event for many of them!

The theme of the meeting was “Connect & Inspire” and the focus was on getting to know the other women in attendance. There were stickers for the name tags for starting conversations, a round of “speed dating” where everyone had two minutes to chat with each attendee, longer lunch time and coffee breaks, and a member directory with attendees’ photos and a short description they provided upon registration. Overall, everyone took the opportunity to reach out to someone they hadn’t met before.

During the FAWCO and The FAWCO Foundation sessions, the majority of the time was spent on hearing from the attendees themselves. FAWCO volunteers, including a counselor, the Inspiring Women editor, the Club Workshops Coordinator and Youth Co-Chair, each stood up and gave a short explanation of their position and why they got involved. Later, we heard from women who had won an Education Award or who have a son or daughter who received one, and from Roxey Lau and Carol Strametz, who had each won Development Grants for a project. Last but not least, Target Program Chair Tricia Saur led a round of Q&A with four women who had participated in the Target Project Site Visit in April 2018. In the afternoon, Collaborative Repair Project Executive Director Amanda Lane spoke with small groups about the Target Project on the ground in Jordan. It was a unique way for attendees to learn more about FAWCO and learn about its impact on the women who are actively involved.

FAWCO Meets Jazz in Bern
by Angie Aebersold, AWC Bern FAWCO Rep

Last May, members of Region 6 (Switzerland and Lichtenstein), FAWCO Board members and club members from other FAWCO Regions gathered together for “FAWCO Meets Jazz in Bern.” This regional meeting took place in the world famous Jazz Hotel, with 18 great speakers, a walking tour of the old town of Bern, an exclusive wine tasting and great food. What a wonderful opportunity to meet FAWCO friends in this interesting, cultural and musical city. A big thank you to Angie Aebersold, Registrar, and Patricia Aeby, Treasurer, and the Region 6 Regional Meeting Planning Team as well as the President of AWC Bern, Brenda Brinkley, and the AWC Bern Board.

Participants were fortunate to hear from a wide range of very talented members of AWC Bern: Susan Alexander, AWCB Vice-President, addressed updates on the UN Sustainable Development Goals; Anne Riz spoke about the FAWCO UN Geneva Team; Stacy Lara, Executive Director of GWI (Graduate Women International), gave insight into her organization; and architect Carol McEwen’s topic was “Women in Architecture: Kitchens, Communities and Creativity.” Monika Teal addressed “Images of Women in the Arts Through the Ages,” Robin Bartlett Rasi gave a very informative presentation about “Informing Voters in the Age of the Internet” and Marianne Gauer introduced us to “History of the Hotel and Jazz Club, Jazz Festival Bern.” We were pleased to hear from Todd Healey, Regional Security Officer of the US Embassy and Jimmy Sexton, CEO of Esquire Group. Participants also heard inspirational updates from Sallie Chaballier, FAWCO President, Suzanne Wheeler, The FAWCO Foundation President, Hope Moore, FAWCO 2nd VP Member Clubs, Tricia Saur, Target Project Chair, Caroline Pekarnek, FAWCO Club Workshop Coordinator and Becca Meurer, FAWCO Target Fundraising Coordinator.

Participants enjoyed dinner and musical entertainment with “Sing in Thun” directed by Phoebe Fuller Spichiger. Thanks also to Denise O’Gorman of AWCB who guided participants on a very fascinating tour of old Bern and Jenny Nezirevic of AWCB for the “Chair Yoga sessions. All in all a very packed and inspired two days in Bern – a great weekend at FAWCO FAWCO Met Jazz!!

AWOG - 70 years of Growing and Giving!
by Stacey Harris-Papaianniou, AWOG President

More than 150 guests attended the AWOG 70th Anniversary “Celebration of Giving” on September 27th at “Jefferson House,” the Athens residence of the US Ambassador to Greece. Members with 50 plus years of service were on hand for the event, as well as many past club presidents, Greek dignitaries and generous sponsors for the organization. The committee produced a commemorative yearbook, edited by Jane Rice, that generated funding for three AWOG charities, as well as the purchase of 95 masks for the Athens Firefighting Squad.
By Suzanne Wheeler (AAWE Paris), The FAWCO Foundation President

The FAWCO Foundation, through the generosity of our sponsors and donors, is once again proud to be able to offer in 2019 a total of seven Development Grants and nine Education Awards to clubs and their members. The value of the 2019 Grants and Awards has been increased to mark a notable achievement in the history of the Foundation – to date, $2 million has been disbursed through the various programs the Foundation has supported throughout its almost 52 years of existence - a true testament to the synergistic effect of FAWCO clubs banding together for the greater good.

Do you have a child interested in applying for an EA, a child or grandchild who is Dual Cultural, or are you interested in furthering your studies? Has your club been supporting a charity over the last year that needs ongoing support? Are you interested in applying for a DG for a specific organization or project? Deadlines are on January 27. To access Information on eligibility requirements and terms of study for EAs and nomination requirements for DGs, visit our website www.fawcofoundation.org.

Development Grants Make a Big Impact

Testimonials from three of our 2017 Development Grant recipients show that these disbursements are definitely having a positive effect in diverse ways.

An excerpt from Youth Transforming Galtare-Dhavari-Paris (an American Women’s Group Paris charity): In 2017, for the first time, we ran two youth forums, one in Mumbai and one in Galtare, India, for International Youth Day. The FAWCO Foundation Grant gave us the opportunity to create a documentary on this experience which can be visualized at the following website: https://www.updater-drones.fr/?p=9779. Thanks in large part to the FAWCO grant in 2017, we sponsored our 15 travelers from France this past summer for the trip, as well as helped sponsor our Indian participants from the slums of Dhavari (via the youth empowerment program “Reality Givers”). The 2017 Youth Leadership Conference provided a forum for youth to solve their own challenges affecting their communities in India. These forums, mobilizing over 150 youth in Galtare and Mumbais with participants from India, France and Senegal, provided invaluable training in leadership, community engagement and cross-cultural exchange.

The American Women’s Club of Bern reports (Fausto Parisi, the FAWCO Foundation President): “The FAWCO Foundation’s Development Grant supported a focused effort of professionals who provided invaluable training in leadership, community engagement and cross-cultural exchange.”

FLOGA (Organization of Parents of Children with Cancer) sponsored by the American Women’s Organization of Greece, writes: FLOGA maintains two facilities in Athens as “homes away from home” for parents without the means to stay where their children are receiving treatments (similar to Ronald McDonald houses in the US). Patients and their parents stay in two-bedded rooms sharing a communal kitchen where meals are prepared specifically for the patients’ dietary needs. The oil purchased for this purpose has been instrumental in helping these children maintain a healthy diet. There are few meals served in Greece without olive oil, one of the factors of the super healthy Mediterranean Diet. An average daily serving can be anywhere from 1 to 5 tablespoons per person. At a time when a parent’s main concern is their child’s health, The FAWCO Foundation development grant assisted in ensuring a health diet for young cancer patients. All of the oil has been purchased at one time to create a stock for incoming families during the next 24 months.

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Ann De Simone, AWC Danos FAWC Exp and Region 8 Coordinator, escorted 55 guests on Cruise for a Cause sailing the Mediterranean, Adriatic and Aegean Seas and raising both awareness and funds for the Hope Beyond Displacement.
The 2018 FAUSA Annual Meeting and Getaway, held October 4-7 in Washington DC, had a record attendance which also led to record fundraising totals at the Gala night! The weekend brought FAUSA’s “virtual” club members face to face, with 67 members and guests from 20 states, as well as Spain and Canada. The exceptional fall weather provided a weekend of fabulous dinners and tours, inspirational guest speakers and great fellowship and fun. The Getaway Planning Committee, co-chaired by Judith Treanor and Dale Koepenick, did a stellar job planning this event, and Rick Chizmadia, FAUSA First VP, Communications, ably stepped in for President, Therese Hartwell, who had to leave suddenly due to a family death.

The Getaway began with a welcome reception followed by a stunning “Monuments by Night” tour of Washington, DC. On Friday, attendees visited Hillwood Estate, Museum & Gardens, the former residence of Marjorie Merriweather Post, American businesswoman, socialite, philanthropist, and collector. The Museum displays a priceless collection of pre-Bolshevik Russian decorative art objects, contemporary art, dazzling jewelry and historic fashions. Post began collecting these items when her husband served as the second US Ambassador to the Soviet Union in the mid-1930s, exploring commission shops and state-run storerooms for items that the Soviet government had seized in order to finance the new government’s industrialization plans. Attendees were also treated to an optional guided tour of the National Museum for Women in the Arts.

At the Annual Meeting, Patricia Wirth, Executive Director/CEO of the Turning Point Suffragist Memorial Association, https://suffragistmemorial.org, gave a fascinating presentation on the struggle of American women to win the right to vote. TPSM is “a national memorial to American suffragists with a special focus on those imprisoned at Occoquan, VA, who endured harsh conditions and abuse to win voting rights for American women. The memorial will honor these brave women and provide awareness and education about how their courage, methods and commitment led to the passing of the 19th Amendment and our ever-evolving Constitution.” FAUSA was pleased to make a $1,000 donation to the organization and will have its name on the memorial wall, to be dedicated in August 2020 on the centennial anniversary of the ratification of the 19th Amendment.

The FAUSA Annual Meeting also included a presentation by Suzanne Wheeler, President of The FAWCO Foundation, about the Foundation’s programs. FAUSA Treasurer, Kathy Coughlan, presented a video and recap of her experience with the April FAWCO Target Project site visit to Collateral Repair Project (CRP) in Amman, Jordan to see firsthand the work funded by the Target Project, Hope Beyond Displacement.

The Gala evening included speaker, Iain Guest, founder and Executive Director of The Advocacy Project. Through its partnership with groups such as CRP’s Hope Workshop, The Advocacy Project helps marginalized communities use embroidery as a tool for therapy, human rights and advocacy. The Advocacy Project funded the materials and payment to Hope Workshop members for production of the squares used in this year’s FAUSA quilt (allowing the entire amount raised from the drawing to go to the Target Project). The beautiful quilt features squares embroidered by refugee women in the Hope Workshop reflecting their hopes for the future. The finished product was pieced and quilted by FAUSA members Kay Miller and Leslie Nelson (Board Secretary). FAUSA member Carol Lalani donated back to the FAUSA Live Auction, the wall hanging (also made from squares embroidered by the Hope Workshop) which she had won at the FAWCO Interim Meeting in March.

Fundraising at the Gala evening raised a record total of $14,451: $3,310 to the Target Project from the quilt drawing, $3,560 from the Silent Auction (including $1,710 from a Handbags for Hope sale), $6,300 from the Live Auction, and $1,281 from an effort to fill envelopes with donations of varying progressive amounts. Congratulations to Director of Philanthropy, Marilee Watts, on her hard work to make FAUSA’s FUNdraising so successful.

FAUSA members also chose ‘Domestic Service to Victims of Sexual Assault Abroad,’ as the recipient of our Annual Grant. This project is a part of Pathways to Safety International, formerly AODVC, founded by longtime FAUSA member, Paula Lucas https://pathwaysotosafety.org/#/. FAUSA’s donation will provide myriad life-saving sexual assault response services for Americans overseas.

FAUSA promoted the Target Project at their Annual Meeting and Getaway by raffling a quilt made from squares sourced from CRP’s Hope Workshop.

FAUSA Getaway attendees