All Attendees:

The purpose of a Region 1 Meeting was sharing information, learning easier and safer ways of communicating with each other and providing the time to exchange ideas. Along with this we wanted to share information about FAWCO, TFF and the Target Program.

Patti Meek and Margaret Hilditch provided us with a vivid look into FAWCO and the FAWCO FOUNDATION with the structure, purpose and goals of each organization. Johanna Dishongh’s presentation and short film on Human Rights for Women affected every woman in the room. It was a great way to introduce the New Target Program.

In the room, we found some truly amazing and inspiring women working on Philanthropic Projects, Club Best Practices and ideas that could be shared by all. Betsy Speer of Surrey shared her son’s experience with the FAWCO Youth Program. Then Cathy Marland spoke about Surrey’s idea to help women, who are victims of Sex Trafficking. The Club collects old bras which are sent to women, who establish businesses selling these items. Thereby, attaining economic freedom and not needing the help of unsavoury characters for employment. We concurred that this is a doable Project for the entire Region. So, save those old bras!

We were fortunate to have some superb speakers that definitely hit a nerve within us. Among them were Tahirhi Danesh was born in Iran and lived during the Revolution. She has travelled the world working in the field of Human Rights for over twenty years. Tahirhi has acted as a mediator and mentor in many horrific situations. At present she is a Professor and Public Speaker, along with her multitude of tasks in regard to Human Rights. She shared her knowledge and experience bringing us back to the inception of Human Rights and the original principles. Her speech ended with challenging us all to begin or continue the discourse on the subject of Human Rights, and to begin teaching three values to our children before the age of 5. Since our New Target Program is about Human Rights her dialogue was fitting for the day.

Since so many attendees wanted information on communication and networking technology, most of the afternoon session was devoted to: computers and business, computer safety and computer links. Patti Shield of the AWCD presentation related to Computers and Business, all participants will be sent a copy of this presentation.

Amy Patrick of NAC pointed out important links to FAWCO and the Foundation. This is to help members attain information more easily. Instead of recreating information, we can utilize information there and improve upon same. Yalda Zand, another guest speaker, who coincidentally has a mother born in Iran, spoke about Security and Computers. Everyone left with information much needed.

Nancy Ward of the AWCD spoke about Volunteerism, and presented everyone with a helpful list, along with an organization chart.

Following our speakers, we had the opportunity to share our thoughts in groups and to network with each other. We ended the day with a spectacular view of the Brussels Conference, presented by Leslie Collingridge.

Everyone left with information, questions solved, new links and friends. And, probably more questions?? It was a perfect Day! The venue at the Buckinghamshire Golf Club created a beautiful ambiance and enhance the day.

Wishing you all the best with your new found friends and information....utilize both....

Cheers,

Eileen Green-Doyle

FAWCO Region 1 Coordinator

Please see below the Meeting Notes.

FAWCO Region 1 Meeting

Eileen: Introduction and Thank You

Thank You to Maureen

Being A Leader is Difficult – Share During Break Out Sessions – Establish better Communication Reg 1

 Must Network and Hold Hands to make things better for this world – essence of FAWCO

 Oct 11 was first day to celebrate the Girl Child

 Introduction of Reps, Presidents, and Speakers

Maureen:

Star – Cambodia Stars from Tabitha Organization – we are ‘stars’

Yalda Zand, Santa Fe Group (Chief Information Officer)

Internet Technology For Our Clubs

Internet Security – Protecting your Membership

FAWCO Security – Orgs and Individuals have always been at risk for exploitation

Online security : https vs http; update security filters, malware, anti-virus, safe

Our job to promote security awareness – instinctive

Safely browsing websites/update browser versions

Social Media – Lock down settings; communicate. Communicate; separate accounts/purposes

Set privacy settings; think about what you say

Social Engineering: be cautious; is it important to share this information; how is it relevant?

 Don’t post it. Available pdfs. Membership should have ‘frameworks of trust’ – Sensitivity test

 Train and reinforce.

Amazing Mind Reader Reveals His Gift

Is it worth it? Risk/Reward Discussion

Patti Meek: FAWCO Presentation

Four Pillars – Global Issues, US Issues, Member Club Support, Philanthropy

Expand access to ideas and resources; support US Issues – forefront of efforts citizenship rights, voting, bipartisan American Abroad caucus.

FAWCO is a UN NGO with consultative status to UN Economic and Social Council. Reps in NY Geneva and Vienna. Member of US Chapter of Women.

Global Issue Task Forces: Education, Environment, Health, and Human Rights

Target Program – Focus on issues of awareness – Tabitha Wells for Clean Water in Cambodia

 Raised over 165,000 and benefited over 1500 families

FAWCO Youth Program – Just launched – cross cultural philanthropy in FAWCO youth (13-18)

Member Club Support: Workshops, website, best practices, conferences, global networking

What’s in it for you??? Global network, advocacy, gravitas, inspiration

FAWCO Empowering Worldwide, Empowering your club, empowering you

Johanna Dishongh, Chair, FAWCO Target Program/Human Rights for Women

FAWCO Clubs working together toward a common goal

Support UN Development Goals – bring a critical global issue to your local clubs

Timeline – Education/Awareness Raising –12 Proposals, 3 Semis in Nov, Club votes Dec-Feb

Will announce Target Project Mar 2014

UNWOMEN – (video on women’s issues; all on the FAWCO website)

Human Rights are Women’s Rights –

 **Empowerment**: Political, Economic, Peace and Security, Ending Violence against women

‘Achievement of equality between women and men; end of all forms of discrimination against women and girls’; Areas of conflict – women are often victims.

Next Steps: Get Involved, bring to your clubs, make a difference!!! Vote on your target program!!!

Target Bulletin – can subscribe on the FAWCO website. Foundation will provide info as well.

Violence Against Women/Domestic Violence Toolkit – when it comes out get it on your website

Paula Lucas, Harvesting Stones, founder of Americans Abroad Domestic Violence (information)

Not just about fundraising it is about awareness and education with our members

Human Rights: Tahirih Denesh

From Iran; grew up during Shah’s Revolution

Human Rights Researcher – 17-18 years; Come across worst realities of the world

First Int’l Day of the Girl Child – Make Forced marriages known! Viral Facebook Campaign

Encouraged by ExPat women – Internationally involved in everyday life

Americans and Human Rights – underrespresented

Conversation at a dinner table – Eleanor Roosevelt and Mildred Motahilde

 Document of Human Rights – United people around Universal Human Rights – 300

 Participants

We are in Second Age – Shifting values – advancement but horrific events, inefficiency in meeting; redefining power – women are shifting the definition of politics….redefine process! Gender equality.

Quotas don’t work – world consciousness of Gender Equality – move beyond symbolic recognition – Spirit of the law is designed to protect human life and dignity (genocide)

Women are first educators of the next generation – Who do we value? What do we value?

SHIFTING UNIVERSES....Role of women as mother’s not just educators.

Women – power. If all girls decided not to have children – then we would not continue to exist.

Women lose balanced perspective when they get into power – do not continue to lead, shift values. Need to keep values and it will all fall into place.

What can we do to help transformation/shift? Latest research said we missed a step – need to shift and elevate our discourse as women – process of discussion and exploration – off nail polish but onto ideas to explore with our children – aware of the realities; build conversation.

American Foreign Policy – introduced implementation of underlying principles of Core Human Rights: Oneness of Humankind – ‘Melting Pot’ – part of founding fathers – Asset and foundation of society....became a global concept. Explore oneness in discourses – change your conversations. Make it something that is a life long journey.

No seat at the table, redefine the table!

Women’s Suffrage – Tahirih (who she is named after) – similar East and West changed dynamics about progression – Individuals make things happen – people/role models and personal example

Value Tales – for children -- wrote life history in valuable way – foundation of ideal education Johnson/Johnson

Margaret Hilditch: FAWCO Foundation, Foundation Board Secretary

Foundation is the Philanthropic Arm of FAWCO, own Board of Directors

Responsibilities: To fulfil our mission to aid charitable, scientific and educational programs; to support the rights of children worldwide; fundraise and administer funds to ensure the sustainability of the foundation; to listen to our members to see what they want and need from the Foundation

Four Core Programs: Education Awards, Development Grants, NEEED Scholarships, FAWCO Target

Four areas of Focus: Education, Environment, Health and Human Rights

**Education:**

EAs (Our Children)– Education Awards $16000 (5 Awards)

Two Member Awards $9000 FAUSA Skills Enhancement, UWC Basel Study University Degree

**Development Grants:**

8 Development Grants each worth $4500 (Education, Environment, Health, Human Rights)

Awarded over 325K since 1967

**NEEED Scholarships:**

**Nimbus, Enfance, Environnement, Education et Developpement**

Based in Burkina Faso. Ends in 2015. Post Secondary Education for Young Women.

Total support 24K (Tuition, accommodation, books, fees)

**FAWCO Target:**

Human Rights for Women – Only donations made to the FAWCO foundation specifically for the Target Foundation will be counted to the total (Local support won’t be counted unless you tell them at the Foundation). Coming soon – an exciting Campaign

How do we fund the Foundation Programs? Contributions, Foundation Night,

Club dues do not go directly to the foundation. IGive link on website (note); Vonage cards.

How to help? Donate Auction Items – Places to go. Around the world in 80 bids: Region destination package….Tell your coordinator. Things from silent auction. Buy Raffle tickets!

Or Volunteer! Target Fundraising, Corporate Sponsor, Website Assistant, Grant Writing Team, Assistant Treasurer – all needed……

**FAWCO Youth Program: Betsy Cook Speer**

Son Peter participated in the FAWCO Youth Program; Engagement with foreign country; seen what a difference they can make/treat with kindness/make a difference in everything they tough. Educating boys and girls on FAWCO. Develop Youth Volunteer Group in your own club!

**Club Charity: Catherine Maryland**

Free the Girls – Sex Trafficking – Safe houses, get out of the environment – help the survivors Set them up in business to sell clothing (bras and undergarments); donate bras and undergarments; operate a shop. Gets them out of the trafficking business. Hung bras around the room – almost 100 bras. Trying to set up in the UK – helping around the worlds