



# FAUSA and The Digital Move

Returning Home with a Global View

# FAUSA (FAWCO ALUMNAE USA)



- Members across North America/Join or renew by mail
- Individuals rather than clubs join--for as little as \$25/year
- Associate membership available for repatriating North Americans who did not belong to a FAWCO club
- Also open to citizens of other countries who move to the US and whose goals are compatible with those of FAUSA
- Yearly Getaway and Annual Meeting in cities around North America



# Goals of FAUSA



- Support our members during repatriation
- Help maintain our international ties and friendships
- Foster the opportunity to make new friends and maintain previous friendships with those who have had similar experiences and who speak our "language"
- Improve the world through philanthropic activity
- Participate in activities of FAWCO and the FAWCO Foundation.



# Challenges of Repatriation



- Adjusting to differences between current country and US
- Advantages and disadvantages of returning
- Practical adjustments
- May have other changes going on in your life like retirement
- Relationships may have changed



# More challenges



- People may not “get it”
- Missing the global connection/living in and learning about another culture/opportunity to travel
- Change in the opportunity to be involved with contributing to a better life for people around the world



# How Does FAUSA Help?



- Practical resources for repatriation
- Network of other repatriated North Americans who “speak your language”
- Chance to maintain global connection through FAWCO/FAUSA activities
- Active groups in some areas, such as Boston/New England, Washington DC, Florida, Detroit, Houston, Montana, Colorado and more!
- Two online book clubs
- New travel Facebook page



# Connect Through Philanthropy



- Contribute to the FAWCO Target Project
- Fund the Effecting Change for Women and Children Development Grant
- Fund the Skills Enhancement Education Award
- Support our own annual Banner Project, currently Direct Service to Victims of Sexual Assault Abroad, a project of Pathways to Safety International
- Can nominate organizations FAUSA supports for Development Grants



# Staying a Part of FAWCO



- Members maintain access to FAWCO publications
- Members have the opportunity to participate on FAWCO Global Issues Teams, the UN team, Committees, etc.
- Members and their children are eligible for Education Awards
- Members can continue international travel by attending FAWCO conferences and explore North America by attending the FAUSA Getaway and Annual Meeting

