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Extended versions of some Officer’s Reports are posted on the FAWCO website. Be sure to visit [www.fawco.org](http://www.fawco.org) to read the full reports.

## Parliamentary Procedures

The rules contained in *Robert’s Rules of Order Newly Revised – 10<sup>th</sup> Edition*, shall govern the Conference in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with our Bylaws and Administrative Guidelines.

Each club is entitled to a delegation of 3 which will vote as one – hence each club has **one** vote, which is to be cast by the FAWCO Rep if she is present.

Although the Board of Directors, Counselors, Committee Chairs, Liaisons, Regional Coordinators, FAWCO Foundation, FAUSA and all club participants have no voting rights, they may participate fully in all Conference floor discussions.

Please wait to be recognized by the Chair before speaking and wait for the microphone, then **state the name of your club and your name each time before proceeding.**

Please address all remarks through the Chair.

Discussion by any individual on any question will be limited to **once** for **two minutes**. If a motion is made, it must be seconded before discussion is allowed. Any amendments proposed and seconded must be voted on (in reverse order) before the vote on the original motion. No more than two amendments can be on the floor at the same time. The maker of a motion may answer any questions posed, may withdraw the motion, and may speak again in rebuttal and in conclusion.

For voting purposes, each delegation has been provided with a club sign. **When voting, please raise your sign clearly and wait for completion of the count before lowering it.**

## A Welcome to the Boston Conference

Welcome to the 2010 FAWCO Conference in Boston!

On behalf of all of the FAUSA officers and members through the years, I would like to say how pleased we are that you have come to **Make History** with us on our 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary. FAWCO met in Washington DC ten years ago near the time that FAUSA became a corporation.

Every FAWCO conference has a unique atmosphere. This year, we are in the presence of ghosts of the women and men who created our country. The American citizens among us owe our very identity to these brave people who risked everything to generate a new democracy. The FAWCO Clubs are also fortunate to attract many members who are not Americans by "accident of birth," but who choose to be a part of this organization because it reflects American values, and those members probably understand even more than we who take it for granted just how remarkable a thing happened in Boston over 200 years ago. While we are in Boston, it is OK to take a little pride in our past. It made all of us who we are today.

I must take a moment to thank all the volunteers who made this meeting possible. Working with such a remarkable group of women was the best part of this process. It was challenging since we lived all over the country, but our volunteers all did their parts to make the conference one of the best.

Warm regards,  
Jane Indreland, Boston Conference Chair

### Our team of Boston Volunteers:

Priscilla Dysart – Finance Manager  
Pat Fennel – Registrar  
Dale Koeppenick – Speaker Manager  
Yolanda Henry – Communications Center Coordinator  
Jean Lawrence – Optional Tours Manager  
Marline Holmes – Daily Newsletter, Annual Report  
Debbie Hastings – Graphics Design  
Nancy Thornley – Gala Dinner  
John Thornley – Optional Tour Leader  
Barbara Santoro – Gala Dinner

Eileen O'Duill – Conference Tote Bags  
Linda Crowley – Conference Tote Bags  
Pam Dahlgren – Directory  
Emily Van Eerten – Annual Report, "Tweetie"  
Charlotte DeWitt – All around helper!  
Kay Miller – Registration and Information Desk  
Carol Yee – Agenda formatter  
Paulette Fagen – Conference Photographer  
Terry Indreland – Computer Systems

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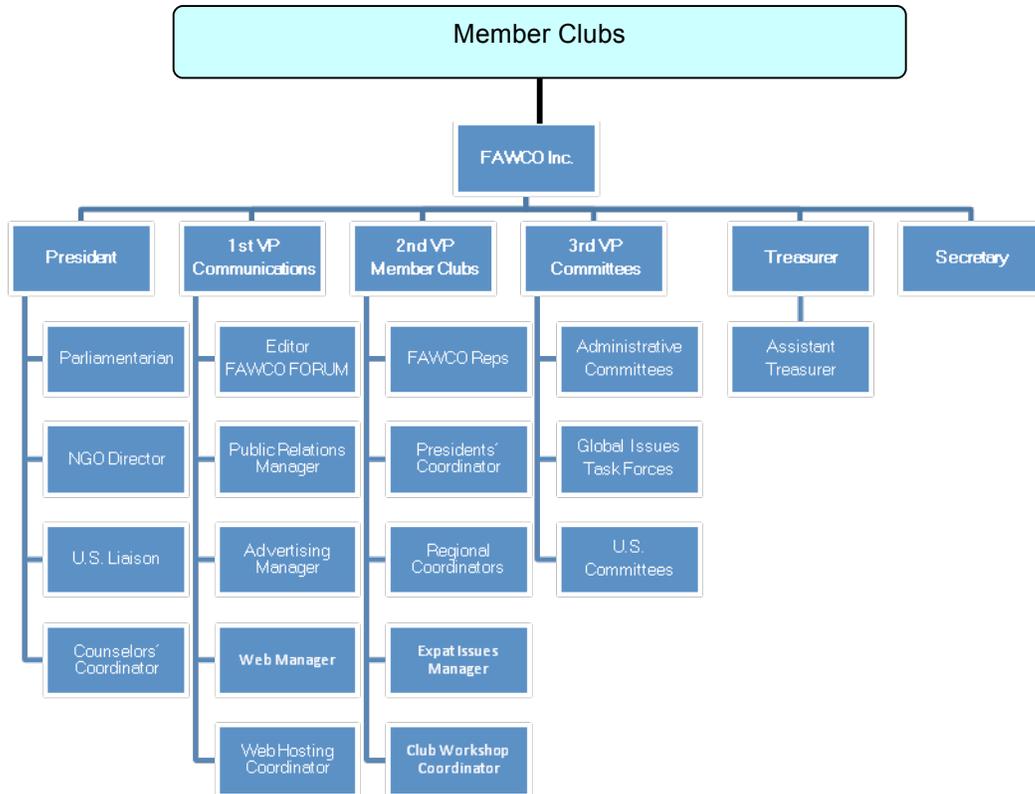
## FAWCO as an Organization

FAWCO was founded in 1931 when seven clubs came together to form the Federation of American Women's Club's in Europe, evolving into the broader-based Federation of American Women's Clubs Overseas in 1935.

### FAWCO Mission Statement

- ☑ To serve as a resource and channel of information among its members;
- ☑ To provide a voice for American women abroad and to support the rights of all Americans worldwide;
- ☑ To contribute actively to the global community with a specific focus on education, the natural and human environment, multicultural understanding and international goodwill.

### Structure of FAWCO



Since May 2008, after an invitation from the FAWCO Board, The FAWCO Foundation President continues to join in all FAWCO Board discussions and meetings as a non-voting participant.

### The FAWCO Board of Directors 2009-2011

President	<b>Kathleen Simon, AWC Bern</b>
First Vice-President for Communications	<b>My-Linh Kunst, AWC Berlin</b>
Second Vice-President for Member Clubs	<b>Janelle Mason, AWC Basel</b>
Third Vice-President for Committees	<b>Michelle Miller, A/WC Cologne</b>
Secretary	<b>Genette Eysselinck, AWG Languedoc Roussillon</b>
Treasurer	<b>Carol Kamphuis, AWC Luxembourg</b>

Board Appointments (non-voting)	
Parliamentarian	<b>Lucy Laederich, AAWC Paris</b>
FAWCO Foundation President	<b>Elsie Bose, AWG Paris</b>

### Board of Representatives

One FAWCO Representative from each Member Club

### Council

Board of Directors  
 Board of Representatives  
 Committee/Task Force Chairs\*  
 Liaisons/Presidents' Coordinator\*  
 Regional Coordinators\*  
 Counselors (Past FAWCO Presidents)  
 President of The FAWCO Foundation  
 President of FAWCO Alumnae U.S.A. (FAUSA)  
 \* Appointed with the approval of the FAWCO President

### Conference Procedures

The FAWCO President, the three Vice-Presidents, the Secretary and the Treasurer are elected at the Biennial Conference and serve for a two-year period, as do their appointees. Elections and terms of office are governed by the Bylaws. All voting that takes place during a Biennial or Interim Conference is limited to one vote per regular (at least 60% American membership) or associate (English the predominant language and consistently active participation of Americans in the leadership) Member Club. The Board of Representatives at a Conference must vote on all changes in dues and amendments to the Bylaws. The financial records of FAWCO are open to inspection by Member Clubs.

### Liaisons and Regional Coordinators

Liaisons and the Regional Coordinators provide a link for FAWCO to international bodies or a link among Club Presidents, FAWCO Counselors, and within Club Regions.

U.S. Liaison(s) (reports to the President)  
 NGO Director(s) (reports to the President)  
 Presidents' Coordinator (works with Second Vice-President)  
 Counselors' Coordinator (reports to the President)  
 Regional Coordinators (works with Second Vice-President)

### Regions

**Region 1:** England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales

**Region 3:** France

**Region 5:** Austria and Germany

**Region 7:** Angola, Egypt, Kenya, Morocco, Nigeria and Spain

**Region 9:** Kuwait, Lebanon and Saudi Arabia

**Region 10:** Colombia, Netherland Antilles, Uruguay and West Indies

**Region 11:** Australia, China, India, Korea, New Zealand, Philippines and Thailand

**Region 2:** Denmark, Finland, Norway, Russia and Sweden

**Region 4:** Belgium, Luxembourg, and the Netherlands

**Region 6:** Liechtenstein and Switzerland

**Region 8:** Greece and Italy

### FAWCO Counselors

Past FAWCO Presidents serve in an advisory capacity.

**FAWCO Committees and Task Forces:** The FAWCO Committees and Task Forces give Member Clubs and individual clubs members a chance to participate in an area of interest on an international basis.

#### Administrative Committees

Archives  
 Bylaws & Administrative Guidelines  
 Finance & Budget  
 Interim/Biennial Conference  
 Membership  
 Nominating  
 Resolutions & Recommendations  
 Sites Selection

#### U.S. Committees – work with U.S. Liaison

ACE Kids  
 Citizenship  
 U.S. Taxation  
 Voting-from-Overseas

#### Global Issues Task Forces – work with NGO Director

Educational Support  
 Effects of Conflict  
 Ending Violence Against Women & Children  
 Environment  
 Health Issues  
 Sharing Cultures  
 Transitions: Growing Older

### Presidential Appointees (non-Board members)

Advertising Manager (under First Vice-President)  
 Public Relations (under First Vice-President)  
 Expat Issues Manager (under Second Vice-President)  
 Web Hosting Manager (under First Vice-President)

FORUM Editor (under First Vice-President)  
 Website Manager (under First Vice-President)  
 Club Workshop Coordinator (under Second Vice-President)

## FAWCO President's Report

My nine years experience with FAWCO and different boards helped prepare me for the demands and excitement of serving as this organization's president. I enjoy being a part of 'something bigger than ourselves' and this wonderful organization champions causes that are important to me. Equally rewarding is the inspiration I derive from working with so many enthusiastic volunteers.

My own board is a very special group of women dedicated and motivated to do their best for FAWCO. I appreciate their willingness and eagerness to increase their internet competence by learning website editorial skills and how to upload documents, making time for tutorials on e-newsletters and converting from paper to Google documents for paperless board meetings. This has been an educational opportunity for all of us.

The 2009-2011 Board set out objectives for our term of office, and we are gradually achieving successes. First was the wish to **increase our member club support**, and this year FAWCO volunteers continued to bring their experience to our member clubs through Regional Meetings, and now our Club Workshop Coordinator will arrange a schedule of workshops by FAWCO members to share their experience with member clubs. Communication with registered members has improved as our e-newsletters and e-bulletins are proving an effective and efficient means of getting the message out.

Our second Goal was to **increase website effectiveness**. Given a solid online presence a Technical Advisory Group (TAG) was appointed to evaluate the FAWCO website and set guidelines for optimizing its use and structure within overall communication channels. Catherine Connor (AWC Hamburg) spearheaded the TAG and the Board greatly appreciated the group's time, energy and support on this project. Their recommendations influenced the dynamic new website inaugurated September 2009, our new advertising rate card, our migration to an alternative web hosting company and a better priced web hosting offer.

The Board also embarked on a **survey for a new tagline**. After a selection process the clear decisive vote was for

**"FAWCO... serving overseas Americans and the international community since 1931"**

Our website showcases a new logo and attractive tagline designed for us by Rachel McNally (AWC The Hague) and we are very grateful to Rachel for her contribution. The blue banner background will be used as FAWCO's web signature and heading for our e-newsletters and e-bulletins while we will adapt the design for our letterhead and business cards.

### Member Club Support, Global Issues, US Issues and Philanthropy

It has been a year of connections: connecting to global issues, US issues, philanthropy and connecting across borders with our community of American and international friends.

Connecting with our member clubs - Our alumnae sister organization FAUSA is hosting this annual conference in Boston and four Regional Meetings were hosted by member clubs. Three new organizations have joined our federation bringing member club total to 75. We welcomed **Munich International Women's Club, American Women's Club of Lagos and American Women's Association of Dubai.**

Connecting to global causes - This has been manifested largely in the UN Millennium Goals which FAWCO strongly supports. We have seen this in our philanthropic activities and in our efforts to raise awareness through our Target Issue campaign. We have seen the creation of an expanding UN NGO Team with club UN NGO Advocates and a UN NGO Youth Coordinator. Our NGO Director, Pam Perraud, addressed a Houston audience on radio about her meeting with the Nobel Prize winner Wangani Maathai; Louise Greeley Copley, an NGO Rep met with Nicholas Kristof, twice a Pulitzer Prize winner for journalism. FAWCO again honored Eleanor Roosevelt through its sponsorship of the Girl's Leadership Workshop.

Connecting to US issues - FAWCO continues to make voting from overseas a priority through our links with Overseas Vote Foundation and actively registers voters around the world; we advocate for America's global population in Washington every year at 'Overseas Americans Week;' and, through our US Liaison, Lucy Laederich, we are closely involved in efforts to draft and pass legislation to facilitate and harmonize procedures for military and overseas voters. FAWCO is a founding member of the Alliance for Military and Overseas Voting Rights and continues to work with military advocacy organizations to guarantee voting rights for overseas Americans.

*FAWCO President's Report continued*

Connecting through philanthropy - The FAWCO Board is very pleased with our close collaboration with The FAWCO Foundation and voted to continue inviting the president to FAWCO board meetings, and with their reciprocal invitation to Janelle Mason our 2nd Vice President Member Clubs to participate in their discussions and meetings. The Board has actively promoted the FAWCO Target Program which will focus on a specific issue where members believe FAWCO can truly make a difference. The Board applauds the important and well researched initiatives submitted by individuals, clubs and FAWCO task forces and awaits the announcement of the winner in Boston. When a major earthquake struck Haiti, the FAWCO Board quickly activated the FAWCO Emergency Relief Fund and agreed that all donations be sent to Oxfam America, a charity based in Boston, with over three decades of experience in Haiti. We set up the details swiftly and appreciated The FAWCO Foundation's help in collecting donations for the FAWCO ERF. I shall report on the amount raised in Boston.

Delegates representing our membership of over 15,000 in 38 countries around the globe will gather at this annual conference here in Boston to discuss FAWCO's work in many domains. It will be only the second time in FAWCO's 79-year history that our members have gathered in the United States. FAWCO is the oldest and largest organization representing private-sector Americans abroad and, appropriately for Boston, our theme is 'Make History', as America is now doing, and as FAWCO has attempted to do since its founding in 1931.

I can only say what a pleasure and honor it has been to work with volunteers who are so committed to FAWCO. I would like to offer my warm appreciation to my colleagues on the board, FAWCO Counselors for their trust and unwavering support, as well as all FAWCO volunteers for the selfless dedication and help in promoting FAWCO ideals throughout our world-wide community.

Respectively submitted, Kathleen Simon, President 2009-2011

## **FAWCO First Vice-President's Report**

Communications

### **New logo with tag line**

FAWCO embarked on a survey for a new tagline and after a selection process "*servicing overseas Americans and the international community since 1931*" was selected and combined with a new logo. Rachel McNally (AWC The Hague) redesigned this attractive combined look. There are now two versions which should be used on all FAWCO communications: blue background for electronic communications (e.g. website, e-newsletters and bulletins) and white background for paper communications (business cards, letters, and presentations). All logos can be downloaded from the website.

### **Advertising**

*Advertising manager: position open*

FAWCO's advertising rate card was revamped to include conference sponsorship options, and redefined sponsorship & advertising levels. Of our „Gold Sponsors“ from 2009, at the time of writing this report, Clements has increased their involvement to become a Platinum Sponsor, while Volvo has increased their ad spending by 35%. Crown Relocations has decided not to renew, and a new Gold Sponsor joined FAWCO, Wells Fargo International Personal Banking. Clements & Wells Fargo are Presenting Sponsors of the Boston Conference 2010. Only half way through the term, advertising income is already at the 2-year 2009-2011 budget.

### **The FORUM**

*Editor: Valerie Briggs, AWC Seoul*

*The FORUM* went paperless! With the Summer 2009 issue, FAWCO began distributing *The FORUM* via PDF to all club presidents, reps and other subscribers, reducing total costs in 2009 by over 60% and helping the environment. This also facilitated timely distribution and almost completely eliminated postage. Interested board and club members have given us uniformly positive feedback; so we plan to stay electronic in the future, printing only the small number of copies needed for PR, for clubs with clubhouses, and on request to members.

Despite reductions in cost, *The FORUM* expanded from eight to twelve full color pages, which our new Editor Valerie Briggs and her husband Richard have used to advantage in reporting all our FAWCO news while adding their own design flair to this semi-annual publication. The biggest thanks go out to all those who contributed articles this past year and we hope to continue the "News from Our Clubs" highlighting member clubs' initiatives.

### **Public Relations**

*PR manager: Madeline Morrow, AWC London*

#### External PR:

- Spring 2009 mailing to US embassies in Germany, France, Switzerland, Luxembourg - announcement of new FAWCO Board sent to US embassies in those countries where the Board members are residing.

*FAWCO First Vice-President's Report continued*

- January 2010 – mailing of Winter 2009 Forum to US embassies in most of our member clubs countries. Mailings to embassies are always addressed to the wife of the ambassador, unless the ambassador is a woman, then it's addressed to her.
- President Kathleen Simon appeared in Clements' online newsletter in Spring 2009.
- Clements asked FAWCO to be part of their jury for their Expat Youth Scholarship because "... FAWCO is particularly active in concerns and issues of overseas Americans, education, environmental awareness, health, human rights and women's and children's rights in particular." Julia Goldsby, child of FAWCO rep Robin Goldsby (AWC Cologne) won first place in the 12-15 age category.
- FAWCO was prominently mentioned in Athens Plus, a weekly publication by the International Herald Tribune. This was a good article to showcase "since it talks 50% of the time about FAWCO & the projects AWOG picked up from FAWCO. It would also give guidelines to other FAWCO member clubs on how to incorporate FAWCO projects on an ongoing basis within their club." (Grace Christovasilil, AWOG).
- FAWCO NGO Director Pam Perraud made an appearance in April 2009 on Houston's PBS station Channel 8 talking about FAWCO's NGO work at Rice University.

Internal PR:

- New PowerPoint presentation "Connecting with FAWCO" highlights the value of FAWCO to member clubs and individuals, available for download from the website.
- In 2010, the PR Manager is planning on internal PR actions to share success stories amongst member clubs.

**Website**      *Website manager: position open*

Our new website was launched in September 2009 with great appreciation from users. Big thanks to Dustin Weber (son of AWC Cologne's member Regina Weber) and Alice Grevet who migrated our website to the new server and redesigned the template. We now have a dynamic slideshow, up-to-date headlines on the homepage, an easier format to subscribe to our many bulletins and newsletters, and easier access to a wealth of resources for individuals and clubs.

After 7 years of unparalleled support of FAWCO, our Web Manager Alice Grevet has decided to step down. We are indebted to Alice for all her hard work to make our website the dynamic virtual clubhouse that it is today. We also appreciate her dedication and patience in helping board members, clubs and members with our technical needs. We have always appreciated the fact that Alice was a volunteer.

FAWCO has offered our web-hosting clubs a new package with a better price and additional technical support. We have appointed Debbie Hastings (FAUSA) as our Web Hosting Coordinator to manage the migration to our new server and to answer web-hosting queries. Kathey Carreiro has volunteered to do upgrades for web hosting Joomla sites.

**Constant Contact**      *CC guru: Alicia Higa (AWC Bern)*

All of FAWCO's email mass-communications went out through Constant Contact with a 99% in-box arrival rate. FAWCO's three newsletters and 12 bulletins have their own templates in Constant Contact, with capability for advertisements. FAWCO highly recommends Constant Contact to our member clubs, who would enjoy a discounted price of just over \$10 per month (with a trial period of 60 days).

**Thank yous**

I would like to give my deepest appreciation to our team of volunteers who worked tirelessly to make FAWCO communications a success: Alice Grevet, Dustin Weber, Alicia Higa, Genette Eysselink, Rachel McNally, Debbie Hastings, Kathey Carreiro, Liz Slaughter-Ek, Dianne Henning, Valerie & Richard Briggs, and Madeline Morrow. And a big thank you to our president, Kathleen Simon for patiently teaching me the ropes.

Respectfully submitted, My-Linh Kunst, 1<sup>st</sup> VP Communications

## **FAWCO Second Vice President's Report**

### **Member Clubs**

Our team of Representatives and Regional Coordinators has made a tremendous effort to improve our communication through the internet, Constant Contact, Facebook, and Skype. The "News-in-Brief" has grown in success from the wonderful contributions from more than just me including the FAWCO Board, several Global and US Issues co-chairs and Target Issues programs, FAUSA and The FAWCO Foundation rounding out a successful e-bulletin of useful information for all member clubs. These forms of advanced technology have taken communicating across the globe to another level and FAWCO is prospering from this success.

Through the experience of our Regional Coordinators, I have been able to channel FAWCO information down the pipeline in a fast and efficient manner. And from the "Vision for the Future" Task Force, two new positions were added to the 2<sup>nd</sup> VP of

Member Clubs team: Expat Issues Manager and Club Workshops Coordinator. Together we are reaching out and making FAWCO flourish through all levels of communication.

Four Regional Meetings were held throughout 2009-2010, as well as two virtual Regional Meetings via Skype and Skype chats helped create a voice of FAWCO from the FAWCO board level to the Reps and RCs. Increased awareness was offered on the newly revamped FAWCO website and the brand new FAWCO Foundation website further enhancing the links between our Member Clubs and FAWCO. There were three recipients of the 2009 FAWCO Rep Appreciation Award in Vilnius, and three more winners will be announced here in Boston.

Working together to make a difference is my goal as I continue to find new ways to promote FAWCO across the globe, region by region. Currently we have 75 clubs and 67 Reps and 10 Regional Coordinators. I strive to add a personal touch when working with the Reps and hear their voice and channel their energies in a positive way proving a very productive year for all of our FAWCO Member Clubs. It has been a pleasure to work with each of you this term and I look forward to continuing the success in the coming term.

Respectfully submitted, Janelle Mason, 2<sup>nd</sup> VP Member Clubs

## **FAWCO Third Vice President's Report**

Administrative and US Issues Committees & Global Issues Task Forces

The main responsibility of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President is to serve as coordinator of the Committee and Task Force Co-Chairs. This includes establishing new committees and task forces, revitalizing established ones, and facilitating communication among Committees, Task Forces and the FAWCO membership. The 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President is also responsible for leading the new FAWCO Target Program. To learn more about the Target Program please see the separate report.

### **Global Issues Committees become Task Forces**

One of the major initiatives of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President this past year has been to revitalize the former Global Issues Committees. Acting on comments received from the FAWCO membership, the FAWCO Board changed these Committees into Task Forces. This name reflects the more fluid nature of FAWCO's work in global issues. Members may join a Task Force permanently or for one project of particular interest to them. The Global Issues Task Force Co-Chairs are to be congratulated. They have taken this initiative to heart, creating a network of FAWCO members interested in their particular area of work. The next challenge for the Global Issues Task Forces will be to determine the most effective way to work with the newly created UN NGO Advocates to further FAWCO's United Nations related work.

### **Status of Committees and Task Forces**

- The Administrative Committees have been busy quietly providing FAWCO with the support needed to keep such a large organization running. The Sites Selection Committee is seeking a new Co-Chair.
- The newly reorganized Education Task Force is currently without Co-Chairs.
- The Environment Task Force has grown greatly since the last FAWCO conference and has been very busy informing the FAWCO membership about environmental issues including water, which is the subject of their Target proposal.
- The Ending Violence Against Women and Children Task Force has also been very busy this year. The active members of this Task Force have coordinated a series of workshops with Paula Lucas, founder of the American Domestic Violence Crisis Center, to raise awareness and train volunteer ambassadors to serve as resources for American women living abroad. This Task Force also found the time to submit a Target proposal to end modern day slavery.
- The Health Issues Task Force, which now incorporates substance abuse issues, has published articles on many different issues on the FAWCO website and also submitted a Target proposal for maternal health.
- The Sharing Cultures Task Force has also become active again, publishing articles and making a presentation at a FAWCO Regional Meeting.
- The Transitions: Growing Older Task Force has unfortunately lost its Co-Chair and needs someone to jump start it again.
- American Cultural Education has joined the US Issues Committees, reflecting its commitment to educate American children growing up abroad about what it means to be an American citizen.
- The US Issues Committees continue to work well together under the leadership of the US Liaison, Lucy Laederich.

A heartfelt thanks goes out to all of the Committee and Task Force Co-Chairs and members. A great deal of the work that makes FAWCO a recognized leader in women's and children's issues as well as an excellent resource for US citizens living abroad comes from our Committees and Task Forces. If you have an interest in becoming part of this dynamic team please contact the 3<sup>rd</sup> VP.

Respectfully submitted, Michelle Miller, 3<sup>rd</sup> VP for Committees

## FAWCO Secretary's Report

The main responsibilities of the secretary consist in taking minutes at all official board meetings and notes relative to Skype conference calls, distributing them and maintaining FAWCO's two major databases: the Member Club Listing and our volunteer database, which contains all contact information for those members who volunteer their time, skills and energy to keeping the FAWCO wheels turning. I depend exclusively on the good will of the Club Presidents and FAWCO Reps to regularly submit revised contact information both for their clubs and themselves to [addresschange@fawco.org](mailto:addresschange@fawco.org). The only way to assure the close contact between the member clubs and FAWCO that is the mainstay of our relationship is for FAWCO to keep this important information about you and your clubs current.

From these two major data sources, every four to six weeks I generate an updated FAWCO Directory, which is published online on the password protected portion of the FAWCO web site and is available for download by all registered members. I also monitor activity within our e-bulletin and e-newsletter database. Here, too, I try to keep essential mailing lists for our volunteers up to date to make sure that club Presidents and Reps are receiving all important FAWCO mailings in a timely fashion.

This year I have helped the FAWCO Board make a step forward in "cloud computing" within the free sector using shared Google documents to prepare our meeting agendas. I simply create an agenda document and share it with all the board members. Then each goes in and enters her discussion points into the online agenda to which we all have access. Similarly we upload documents and refer to them for our meetings without wasting a single sheet of paper. We are also sharing and editing documents online. This means that we are able to interact in real time on a collaborative procedure. Similarly, we share a Google calendar to keep track of board members' whereabouts, which is an enormous aid in planning meetings and conference calls.

I have learned quite a lot as FAWCO secretary, and I won't say it hasn't been work, but it hasn't been all work. It has also been gratifying to work for a fine organization that promotes ideals in which I believe, and it has been fun to share the learning experience with a great Board and our member clubs.

Respectfully submitted, Genette Eysselinck, Secretary

## FAWCO Treasurer's Report

Viewed from a financial standpoint, the first eight months of FAWCO's 2009-10 year have been a series of positive and negative events.

- In Vilnius, we were charged with the task of reducing the cost of the FORUM, and thanks to the work of our 1<sup>st</sup> VP, we have brought that down from \$8500 to \$1950.
- Advertising income is projected to be well ahead of the two year budget.
- In July, we were pleasantly surprised by a check in the amount of €8423 representing an unexpected surplus from the Vilnius conference.
- We issued a check in November for \$6823 to The Community Alliance of Beijing – thanks to your generous donations to FAWCO's Emergency Relief Fund.
- And to date (12/31/09), we're showing an overall surplus of income versus expenses of \$5542.
- But despite these gains, everyday expenses are escalating beyond expectations. Bank charges are spiraling. At the same time, earned interest is nearly nonexistent. Despite our healthy financial picture, our three current/checking accounts have netted us only \$53 year-to-date in interest. Our year end forecast, including interest from our Certificate of Deposit (CD), is \$190. Two years ago, our interest income was at the \$3,000 level annually.

Aside from low interest income and high bank fees, the single most negative effect on our financial status is the weak U.S. dollar. In January 2007, for example, €100 was equal to \$131.35. Today, €100 is equal to \$143.73. We are particularly affected by this high rate of exchange since our largest sources of income -- advertising and membership, are in U.S. dollars, while the majority of operating expenses are in euros.

You can be assured that the Board is continually looking for ways to reduce expenses and increase revenues.

Included in this Annual Report are the Statement of Financial Position for the period May 1, 2009 to December 31, 2009, and the YTD Statement of Income for the same period. Also included is the Annual Report for FAWCO's fiscal year May 1, 2008 thru April 30, 2009, including a statement of review and approval by our outside auditor.

Respectfully submitted, Carol Kamphuis, FAWCO Treasurer

## FAWCO STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

ACCOUNT	May 1, 2009	December 31, 2009
	\$	\$
Bank of America	11,356	10,910
Bank of America-CD	11,389	11,494
UBS	10,373	23,806*
*(€16,563 e/r = 1.4373)		
Wells-Fargo (formerly A.G.Edwards/Wachovia)	81,632	74,320
Petty Cash	0	0
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>114,750</b>	<b>120,530</b>
<b>CONTRIBUTIONS PAYABLE</b>		
UNICEF		508
<b>Total Liabilities</b>		<b>508</b>
<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>114,750</b>	<b>120,022</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; CAPITAL</b>	<b>114,750</b>	<b>120,530</b>

**FAWCO STATEMENT OF INCOME**  
YTD THROUGH 12/31/09 AND EOY FORECAST 4/30/10

	Approved Budget 2009-2011	YTD Through 12/31/09	EOY Forecast 4/30/10	
Income	\$	\$	\$	
Advertising/Sponsorship	13,000	4,000	14,810	
Conference Surplus	0	12,216	12,216	
Donations Designated	0	508	508	(a)
ERF	0	6,823	16,823	(b)
FAWCO Pins	150	0	70	
Interest Income	2,000	158	190	
Membership Dues	31,500	5,276	16,700	
Reserves	25,725	0	0	
Website Fees	14,500	1,492	3,704	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>86,875</b>	<b>30,473</b>	<b>65,021</b>	(c)
<b>Expenses</b>				
Audit	250	0	250	
Bank Charges	600	266	400	
CC & Pres Appointees	3,500	189	1,650	
Conf Supplies & Assist	0	298	950	
Conf Regist Refunds	3,500	0	1,750	
Dues - Prof Org	1,000	0	500	
ERF	0	6,823	16,823	(b)
FORUM	9,500	1,265	2,000	
NGO/CONGO	3,000	0	1,500	
Officers Exp & Travel	26,000	6,054	13,100	
Other/Dsgntd Donations	0	0	508	(a)
Overseas Amer Week	6,000	1,645	3,000	
President's Travel	9,000	1,450	4,500	
President's HQ Exp	3,000	325	1,500	
RC's	2,200	0	1,100	
Training & Dev/Club Wkshps	2,000	0	0	
Tax	125	0	65	
US Liaison	3,200	1,720	1,720	
Website & HQ Admin	14,000	4,790	7,914	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>86,875</b>	<b>24,825</b>	<b>59,230</b>	(c)
<b>Excess Expenses over Revenue</b>				
<b>Excess Revenue over Expenses</b>		5,648	5,791	

(a) UNICEF

(b) 6832-ERF China/10000-ERF Haiti

(c) The large EOY forecast is due to ERF (self-funded in income) and the unanticipated need for pay for technical web expertise.

## Auditor's Report

### ANNUAL REPORT

FEDERATION OF AMERICAN WOMEN'S CLUBS OVERSEAS, INC.  
(FAWCO)  
FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED APRIL 30, 2009

TO: THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE FEDERATION OF AMERICAN WOMEN'S CLUBS OVERSEAS, INC.

FROM: MIKEL ANN BRAATEN

DATE: JANUARY 11, 2010

In accordance with your request, I have reviewed the Federation's statements of Financial Position, Revenue and Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance for the year ended April 30, 2009 as included in this report. All information included in these financial statements is the representation of the Federation's executive committee.

A review consists principally of inquiries of company personnel and analytical procedures applied to financial data. It is substantially less in scope than an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, the objective of which is the expression of an opinion regarding the financial statements taken as a whole. Accordingly, I do not express such an opinion.

Based on this review, nothing has come to my attention that would cause one to believe that these statements do not give a true and fair view of the financial position of the Federation as of April 30, 2008 and of the revenue and expenditure for the year then ended.

*Mikel Ann Braaten*

**FEDERATION OF AMERICAN WOMEN'S CLUBS OVERSEAS  
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION  
AS OF APRIL 30, 2009**

	Year ended April 30, 2008	Year ended April 30, 2009
	\$ US	\$ US
<b>Assets</b>		
Cash	139,379	114,750
<b>Total Assets</b>	139,379	114,750
<b>Liabilities and Capital</b>		
Contributions Payable	11,794	1,954
General Fund	127,585	112,796
<b>Total Liabilities and Capital</b>	139,379	114,750

Auditor's Report continued

<b>FEDERATION OF AMERICAN WOMEN'S CLUBS OVERSEAS</b>			
<b>STATEMENTS OF REVENUE AND EXPENSES</b>			
<b>FOR THE YEAR ENDED APRIL 30, 2009</b>			
		<b>SUS</b>	<b>SUS</b>
		<b>Year ended</b>	<b>Year ended</b>
		<b>April 30, 2008:</b>	<b>April 30, 2009</b>
<b>REVENUE</b>			
Membership dues and fees		16,674	16,796
Donations – fundraising activities			
	ERF	1,780	174
	Networks	655	0
	Pins, Scarves, Globes	33	224
	E. Roosevelt Memorial	8,043	0
	For Foundation	1,316	0
Total Donations - fundraising activities		11,827	398
Bank Interest		4,598	1,562
Conference		14,172	-
Founders's Circle		400	2,210
Sponsorship		9,479	4,777
Website fees		6,397	6,302
Exchange Rate Gain		345	1,472
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>		<b>63,892</b>	<b>33,517</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>			
Audit		0	314
Bank charges		484	456
Committee & Liaisons		315	150
Conference Supplies		1,098	982
Dues - Professional Organization		88	1060
Disbursements to Foundation		1,316	0
Donations-Clubs/Conferences			
	ERF-Dillard University	1,780	173
	Hospice Care	100	
	Networks	655	
	Eleanor Roosevelt Memorial	8,043	
	E. Roosevelt Val-Kill Scholarship	3,300	3,300
Total Donations - Clubs/Conferences		13,878	3,473
Foreign Tax		74	50
FAWCO Forum Newsletter		5,173	3,318
Headquarters expenses		729	2,367
NGO Coordinators		1,572	1,470
Officers' Expense		13,321	12,889
Overseas Americans Week		3,971	1,937
President's travel expense		4,259	3,050
Regional Coordinators		219	600
Registration Refunds/Fees		4,492	7,562
U.S. Liaison		1,807	1,328
Website		6,349	7,300
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>		<b>59,145</b>	<b>48,306</b>
<b>EXCESS OF (EXPENSES) OVER REVENUE</b>		<b>4,747</b>	<b>-14,789</b>

**FEDERATION OF AMERICAN WOMEN'S CLUB OVERSEAS****STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE****FOR THE YEARS ENDED APRIL 30, 2008 AND 2009**

(US Dollars)

BALANCE, APRIL 30, 2007	122,838
Excess of revenue over (expenses) for 2007/2008	4,747
BALANCE, APRIL 30, 2008	127,585
Excess of revenue over (expenses) for 2008/2009	(14,789)
BALANCE, APRIL 30, 2009	112,796

	<b>Year ended</b>	<b>Year ended</b>
	<b>April 30, 2008</b>	<b>April 30, 2009</b>
<b>CASH</b>		
A.G. EDWARDS	91,608	81,632
UBS (€ 7,391 @ 1.40346)	13,103	10,373
BANK OF AMERICA	23,619	11,356
BANK OF AMERICA CD	11,040	11,389
€ Petty Cash (in USD)	<u>8</u>	<u>0</u>
<b>TOTAL CASH</b>	<b>139,379</b>	<b>114,750</b>
 <b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	 <u><b>139,379</b></u>	 <u><b>114,750</b></u>
 <b>CONTRIBUTIONS PAYABLE</b>		
E.Roosevelt Memorial	8,043	
Networks	655	
FAWCO Foundation	1,316	
ERF-Katrina	<u>1,780</u>	<u>1,954</u>
Total Liabilities	11,794	1,954
 GENERAL FUND	 <u>127,585</u>	 <u>112,796</u>
 <b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; CAPITAL</b>	 <u><b>139,379</b></u>	 <u><b>114,750</b></u>

Auditor's Report continued

## REVIEW OF THE RESULTS

The 2008/2009 fiscal year closed with a net loss of \$14,789 compared to a gain of \$4,747 for the year ended April 30, 2008. The loss is the excess of expenditures and liabilities over revenues, as follows:

	Year ended <u>April 30, 2008</u> \$ US	Year ended <u>April 30, 2009</u> \$ US
Revenue	63,892	33,517
Expenditure - Cash	47,351	48,306
Liabilities	<u>11,794</u>	<u>0</u>
Total Expenditure	<u>59,145</u>	<u>48,306</u>
Surplus (Loss) for Year	4,747	(14,789)

## VALUATION AND ACCOUNTING POLICIES

**Foreign currency translation** - Assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated at the average rate of exchange ruling during the fiscal period reported. Exchange rate differences are taken to the profit or loss account.

**Accounting policies** - All transactions are recorded on a cash basis, except for transactions appearing on bank statements after the year-end closing and proven to be concluded in the previous year. Several contributions established as Liabilities in FY 2007/2008 have been paid in fiscal 2008/2009. These liabilities consist of the Eleanor Roosevelt memorial, Networks, and contributions for the FAWCO Foundation – all of which have been paid out the full amount contributed. ERF Katrina – Dillard University must confirm their ability to receive funds designated for a specific purpose again, and will be paid as soon as confirmation is received from them.

**Management Discussion & Analysis** - Representatives from several clubs expressed concern at both the Lyon and Berlin conference that FAWCO was amassing net gains from recent conferences. In response to that concern, the Board looked for ways to use some of the gain from previous years to serve our member clubs. To meet this goal, the Board voted to subsidize the registration fee that every member participant paid to attend the Vilnius conference, for a total fee of \$6,512.05. The Vilnius conference was further costed to generate no net gain. Additionally, no net was gained from the Seoul conference as costs were kept to a minimum for all participants, and were subsidized by AWC Korea, the host club. The Board voted to fund a scholarship at the Eleanor Roosevelt Girl's Leadership Center at Val-Kill, where 5 member's daughters had won scholarships the previous year, with a contribution of \$3,300. Lastly, interest income has dropped from \$4,598 in FY 2007/2008 to \$1,562 in FY 2008/2009, and is expected to remain at these very low rates in the short-term, at least. These one-time adjustments to spending and income leave the FAWCO net worth at approximately the same level as year-end fiscal 2005/2006, and still in healthy fiscal order.



## FAWCO Target Program

At the FAWCO conference in Vilnius last year, FAWCO and The FAWCO Foundation announced the new FAWCO Target Program, a four-year program to bring a critical global issue to the attention of FAWCO Clubs, their members and the world. Created in response to member club comments to the “Vision for the Future” survey, the FAWCO Target Program is a focused strategy of education and fundraising that will help to highlight a problem and look for ways to solve it. Importantly, given that FAWCO values its special consultative status to the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations, the Target Program is designed to contribute to attaining at least one UN Millennium Development Goal.

The FAWCO Target Program has two aspects:  
One is to select the Target issue. In so doing we also want to

- Raise awareness
- Educate ourselves
- Investigate solutions

The second is to hit the Bulls Eye

- The Bulls Eye is to be a FAWCO-wide project
- We will fundraise over a 2-year period
- Then we will measure results

The year since its launch in Vilnius has seen a successful start to the implementation of this unique program. The Co-Chairs of several of the newly renamed Global Issues Task Forces did not even wait to leave Vilnius before they began to introduce FAWCO’s membership to a critical global issue that they think warrants priority as FAWCO’s Target. The Task Forces began by announcing their proposed Target issue in FAWCO News- in-Brief, the FORUM and on our websites. Clubs were encouraged to use these announcements in their own newsletters to raise awareness of the challenge.

In the meantime, a ten-item Target Proposal Submission Form was created and posted on the FAWCO website. At the same time, applications were accepted for the Target Selection Committee. By the deadline of October 15, 2009, nine Target proposals had been submitted by Global Issues Task Forces, clubs and individuals. The six issues for which Target proposals were submitted included: Empowering Women Through Education; Ending Modern Day Slavery; Iodine Insufficiency; Maternal Health; Telomeres Research; and Water.

The Target Selection Committee indeed had its work cut out for it! As a first step, Selection Committee members applied a set of twenty selection criteria to each proposal, for a possible point total of 100. The Selection Committee then discussed their results thoroughly to determine the three finalist Target issues: Empowering Women Through Education; Maternal Health; and Water. On December 1, 2009, all FAWCO member clubs received a link to an Internet survey announcing the three finalists and asking all clubs to vote for their favorite by January 15, 2010. Club participation in the vote reflected the excitement generated by this new program, with 46 clubs casting their vote. The Target, thus chosen by the FAWCO membership will be announced at the FAWCO Conference in Boston in March 2010.

Work will continue on the FAWCO Target Program as soon as the Target is announced. As a next step, the Target Awareness Committee, chaired by the Global Issues Task Force Co-chairs whose area(s) of expertise most closely corresponds to the Target, will work to raise awareness and educate FAWCO members about the Target issue. This phase will include extensive use of both the FAWCO and The FAWCO Foundation websites, networking at regional conferences or enlisting volunteers to make presentations to individual clubs, publishing bulletins and monitoring discussion forums on the FAWCO website.



*FAWCO Target Program continued*

In addition, a request will be made at the Boston conference for specific project proposals (the Bull's Eye) that actively address the Target problem. These proposals may come from individual members, clubs and task forces, and will be submitted to the Bull's Eye Project Committee by the end of June 2010. This Committee will choose three finalists from the projects submitted and announce them on September 1, 2010. It will be the FAWCO member clubs that will make the final selection, voting on their favorite project before October 15, 2010. The FAWCO Bull's Eye will be announced on November 1, 2010 and fundraising will begin!

Between announcement of the FAWCO Target in March 2010 and the announcement of the Bull's Eye project the following November, it is hoped that clubs and committees will already be working actively on the Target issue as part of our awareness raising/education efforts. One of these projects may in fact ultimately become the Bull's Eye project. However, every project counts, since the attempt to contribute significantly to finding a solution to the Target issue will best be realized by a multidisciplinary approach.

Activities for fundraising will be developed with clubs with the assistance of The FAWCO Foundation Vice President of Fundraising. Awareness-raising will also continue with the aim of garnering a larger number of FAWCO clubs and club members committed to finding solutions to the 'Target' problem. At the FAWCO Conference in March 2011, progress made in "hitting the Bull's Eye" will be announced. Throughout this process, clubs will be encouraged to keep their members committed to the target and actively fund raising for the Bull's Eye. These efforts will be featured on the FAWCO and The FAWCO Foundation websites.

During this time, The FAWCO Foundation will solicit for outside sponsorship, highlighting the success of the fundraising campaign as an example of the commitment of more than 15,000 people to this cause. The final results will be announced at the FAWCO Conference in March 2012.

The FAWCO Target Program needs all FAWCO clubs and their members committed to making the program a success. This is a great opportunity for all our organizations around the world to focus on an issue we are all passionate about and to work together within our clubs and communities to make an impact.

FAWCO and The FAWCO Foundation believe that the 15,000 members of FAWCO can be a powerful force for change. FAWCO has illustrated this throughout its history.



## UN NGO Report

FAWCO's UN NGO team was busy last year working on several UN projects as well as attending official UN and NGO meetings in New York and Geneva. Here are some of the highlights.

### Geneva Headquarters

Last year, FAWCO UN NGO activities centered mainly in Geneva. Sara von Moos began the year by attending the celebration for International Women's Day in March. She also attended several subcommittee meetings of the Geneva Committee on the Status of Women (CSW) including working group meetings on "Violence Against Women," "Women, Economics and Gender with the ILO (International Labor Organization)" and the "Women's Right to Health" as well as attending several sessions of the Human Rights Commission in June.

The NGO Director, Sara Von Moos, and Anne Cameron Rutschmann attended the High Level Segment of ECOSOC (the Economic and Social Committee of the UN) in Geneva in July 6-9. There, UN Secretary General, Ban Ki-Moon, introduced the session which had high level dignitaries as speakers including Hans-Rodolf Merz, President of the Swiss Confederation, Margaret Chan, Director General of the WHO, and Pascal Lamy, Director General of WTO. Anne Cameron Rutschmann also attended a workshop on disarmament held in September in honor of "International Peace Day." She later attended a meeting in Geneva entitled "The Global Economic Conditions and the Empowerment of Women."

Both Sara Von Moos and Anne Cameron Rutschmann attended a two day Global Women Leader's Summit in Geneva Dec 9-10 entitled "Courage to Lead" which was organized by Allida Black of the Eleanor Roosevelt Project of George Washington University along with Vital Voices Global Partnership. The program brought together women leaders from 25 nations for intensive workshops and mentoring sessions. The highlight of the summit was the presentation of the "Eleanor Roosevelt Lifetime Achievement Award in Human Rights" to Secretary of State Hillary Clinton.

### New York City Headquarters

In April, the NGO Director, Pam Perraud attended a special briefing at the UN organized by the Department of Public Information (DPI) office on the International Year of Biodiversity (IYB) 2010 where experts in the field as well as students met to discuss plans for special events to celebrate IYB around the world. She also attended a special lecture and book-signing event at the UN HQ where she met Cheri Blair, wife of the former Prime Minister. Ms Blair has written a book entitled "Stop the Traffik," which is also the name of the NGO she is working with to encourage governments to tackle the problem of human trafficking. The NGO Director also attended a meeting sponsored by the NGO Committee on Disarmament, Peace and Security on "Understanding the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty" (NPT) in preparation for the 2010 Review Conference at the UN on the NPT. Conference organizers reiterated how important the upcoming UN conference on NPT was going to be and urged all NGO's to get involved in the issue now.

In May, UN NGO Representative Sarah Gogel attended a special session organized by the DPI office on Children and Armed Conflict. The main speaker was Radhika Coomaraswamy, the UN Under Secretary General, and Special Representative for Children and Armed Combat, who presented a shocking yet moving presentation about the scope of the problem dealing with children in combat areas.

In October, Marge McGowan attended meetings at the NGO Working Group on Women Peace and Security at the UN. She also attended a meeting organized by the UN Association in New York on "The Child's Right to Health" and the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC).

### Houston Events

In Houston, on April 17, the NGO Director Pam Perraud and NGO Representative Louise Greeley Copley attended a special luncheon of the Houston World Affairs Council where they met Wangari Maathai, first African woman to win a Nobel Prize in 2004 for her environmental work in starting the "Green Belt Movement." Four days later, the NGO Director spoke about FAWCO's environmental activities at Rice University at a special showing of a PBS special on Wangari Maathai's life entitled "Taking Root."

**Current NGO Projects****Honoring Eleanor Roosevelt**

FAWCO continues to honor Eleanor Roosevelt and her work as the driving force behind the UN Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR). FAWCO maintained the website set up in 2008 devoted to Eleanor Roosevelt and the 60th anniversary of the UNDR at [www.erooseveltudhr.org](http://www.erooseveltudhr.org).

FAWCO also continued to encourage FAWCO members' teenage daughters to apply to the Eleanor Roosevelt Girls' Leadership Workshop held every summer at Val Kill, NY, Eleanor Roosevelt's personal residence. Last year, FAWCO was pleased that two girls, Gabrielle Guichard and Scarlett Remlinger whose mothers were both from the AAWE (Association of American Wives of Europeans) Club in Paris, were selected for this honor. The FAWCO Foundation has pledged to continue the tradition next year of giving money to the organization for girls that need financial assistance to attend this outstanding program for young women.

**The New Target Program**

Last year, FAWCO announced plans to initiate a four-year program to support a special project devoted to the UN MDG's (Millennium Development Goals) entitled the "Target Program." During the past few months, the NGO Director worked with the 3<sup>rd</sup> VP, Michelle Miller, to devise a proposal submission form and set up a formal system by which to judge and evaluate the forthcoming proposals. She will be working in concert with the 3<sup>rd</sup> VP, the Global Task Forces as well The FAWCO Foundation as the final Target project is selected and put into operation later this year.

**Joint Actions**

FAWCO continues to speak out and participate on various global issues at the UN and elsewhere by joining petitions and official statements with other like-minded organizations. In 2009, FAWCO signed various statements related to violence against women, racism, gender equality, sexual exploitation of women and girls. It also signed a petition going to the White House to urge passage of CEDAW (Convention to Eliminate All Forms of Discrimination Against Women)

**Reorganization of the NGO Team**

Last fall, the UN NGO Director announced plans to increase the number of FAWCO members working on UN issues. At the present time, the regular UN NGO Representatives are members who live near the UN main offices in New York, Geneva, and Vienna. In an effort to expand the number of members who can work on UN projects who do not live near UN offices, the NGO Director created the position of "UN NGO Advocate." These "UN NGO Advocates" will be the main links with the NGO Team in the local club and will work on promoting UN and NGO projects in their locality. In addition to the "UN NGO Advocate" position, she created another position entitled "UN NGO Youth Coordinator" whose job will be to organize activities that would encourage young people to get involved in UN, NGO or social justice activities.

In addition to the new positions, the NGO Director announced that she would be making changes to the UN NGO website to add more information on how FAWCO members can get directly involved in UN issues. A new section on micro financing has been added and other new sections will be added as the year goes by.

If you would like to have more information about UN NGO activities, please check out the website at [www.ngo.fawco.org](http://www.ngo.fawco.org) and sign up on the FAWCO website for periodic e-bulletins on UN issues.

Respectfully submitted,  
Pamela B Perraud, FAWCO UN NGO Director

## U.S. Liaison Report

The FAWCO U.S. Liaison both represents FAWCO in Washington, reporting to the membership on recent and upcoming changes in legislation important to Americans abroad, and coordinates with other overseas advocacy organizations, fine-tuning joint positions on key issues and collaborating on the organization and activities of our annual Overseas Americans Week.

The most important effort to which FAWCO contributed in 2009 was passage of the ground-breaking Military and Overseas Voter Empowerment (MOVE) Act, which at last set deadlines for sending out overseas ballots, prompting many states to change their legislation and even to move up their primaries in order to be able to comply with the 45-day requirement. It also eliminated certain obligations like witness signatures but did not yet extend the vote to young Americans born abroad who have no U.S. residency.

Alongside the work of the Uniform Law Commission to which FAWCO is also contributing, MOVE set new standards for federal elections which should vastly improve voter success in 2010.

I have had the honor of participating in both efforts, as Co-Vice Chair of the Alliance for Military and Overseas Voting Rights (AMOVVR), the first official grouping of overseas civilians groups and representatives of all branches of the military, including military families and retirees, and as an official observer on the Drafting Committee for a new model law for UOCAVA voters: I have participated in two AMOVVR quarterly meetings in Washington; attended my second meeting of the ULC Drafting Committee in Portland, Oregon, in January; and heard the first reading of the model law before the entire Uniform Law Commission in Santa Fe in July. I will miss the final drafting session which coincides with this conference, but have submitted comments on the draft, and will attend the second – we hope final and successful – reading of the law before the ULC in Chicago this July.

We can hope that what was not accomplished by MOVE (enfranchising non-domiciled young Americans and eliminating postmark requirements for civilian overseas voters) will be achieved in the ULC law, which will then proceed to ratification by the states – the next effort that will be asked of FAWCO's members, in which our FAUSA colleagues could lend valuable support.

Once again in 2010, our partnership with Overseas Vote Foundation, on whose Advisory Board I serve, enables us to offer a dedicated voter registration and ballot request website accessible from the FAWCO home page, a great public service which confirms FAWCO's leadership in the field of overseas voting.

Overseas Americans Week 2009 featured an impressive reception sponsored once again by Clements International, to whom we are tremendously grateful. We were honored to be addressed by Representatives Carolyn Maloney, Americans Abroad Caucus Co-Chair, and Mike Honda and Rush Holt, who had all recently introduced voting legislation, and by Pew consultant Bob Carey who, shortly thereafter, was appointed Director of the Federal Voting Assistance Program, and OVF's Research Director, Dr. Claire Smith.

OAW 2010 will focus more directly on tax- and bank-related issues, which are increasingly plaguing the overseas American population.

I encourage everyone to stay tuned to the FAWCO home page and to subscribe to U.S. Liaison bulletins, for progress reports and late breaking news on these and other issues.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lucy Stensland Laederich, FAWCO U.S. Liaison (AAWE Paris)

## **Administrative Committees**

### **Archives Committee Report**

The work of the archivists of FAWCO stays pretty much the same over the years: to store documents which verify FAWCO's legality, to file and care for important correspondence, reports, studies, photographs and publications, and collect memorabilia, all of which define FAWCO by preserving its history and accomplishments since 1931. Small repairs on the generally well-preserved albums and aging material is sometimes called for and until now, easily made.

However, without the actual help of the FAWCO network, we cannot do a thorough job. Up to now we counted on a general reminder to all sectors of FAWCO, for instance membership, Regional Coordinators, committees and Reps, to supply us with new and updated material. But this year it's become clear that our appeal has only in a few cases brought in what we need. Therefore we are being more explicit: specific needs are told directly to those in charge, which has already resulted in increased input, and in the coming year we expect significant progress.

The inventory of the Archives is kept up to date and storage plans are being followed.

It is imperative to have the administration decide with us what should be kept electronically - and where - in the future. As for archival material in its original state and therefore especially treasured, care has and will be given to preserve them well here in the Archives.

As of now, making archival material accessible to FAWCO's global membership has overcome some hurdles, and will be found on the website. We feel this is a major step for The Archives!

Respectfully submitted, Jackie Isler (AWC Zürich) and Deb Yonker-Hecht (AWC Chilterns), Archives Committee Co-Chairs

## **Bylaws and Administrative Guidelines Committee Report**

### **Bylaws**

There have been no amendments proposed to the FAWCO Bylaws as they were amended in Korea in 2008.

### **Administrative Guidelines 2009**

The AGs were amended to reflect the changes submitted by the Board and posted on the FAWCO Website in December 2009.

Respectfully submitted,

Pamela Dahlgren (AW Surrey/FAUSA) and Nancy Thornley (AWA Rome/FAUSA)  
Bylaws & Administrative Guidelines Co-Chairs, [bylaws@fawco.org](mailto:bylaws@fawco.org)

## **Membership Committee Report**

The responsibilities of the Membership Committee Co-Chairs are to assist applicants in applying for FAWCO membership, provide prospective clubs with FAWCO information and to locate and recruit new clubs.

In 2009, FAWCO acquired three new member clubs; American Women's Association of Dubai, American Women's Club of Lagos and Munich's International Women's Club. The process has been interesting and rewarding. AWA Dubai was a FAWCO member previously and has now rejoined. Munich IWC showed an initial interest in FAWCO by sending their club President to the FAWCO Conference in Vilnius. AWC Lagos becomes our 3<sup>rd</sup> African club and the newest addition to Region 7.

From April, 2009 until the present date, resignations have been received from American Women's Club of Seville and American Women's League of Kuwait.

We have also answered emails from individuals and clubs requesting information about FAWCO or starting a new club and have contacted a few organizations showing interest in the past. These include Budapest, South Africa, Ouagadougou, Ukraine and Jordan.

Plans for the future include following up on contacts received this year and working with Clements International on locating and recruiting new American and international women's clubs overseas.

Respectfully submitted, Terri Knudsen (AWC Aarhus) & Ann De Simoni (AIWC Genoa), Membership Committee Co-Chairs

*Administrative Committees continued*

## Sites Committee Report

Goals set in spring:

1. Revision of the Conference Planning Manual  
The revised and updated version of the Conference Planning Manual was submitted to the Board in early July and then revamped and re-revised by the Board and sites committee during the fall .
2. Support of the hosts of the future conferences  
There was correspondence between the chair of the Boston Conference 2010 and the chair of the Marrakech Conference 2011. They both received the new Conference Planning Manual.
3. Find site for 2012 FAWCO Interim Conference  
Unfortunately, still nobody has shown any interest yet in hosting the 2012 conference.

The former sites committee chairs and I are in touch about old forms, files and such. Will decide in Boston what has to be kept in what form and where.

Respectfully submitted,  
Angelika McLarren (AWC Berlin), Sites Selection Committee Chair

## Global Issues Task Forces

### Educational Support Task Force Report

The current goal of the Education Task Force is to begin building a resource for expats with children who learn differently.

We hope to open a discussion site where people in similar situations can share their experiences and advice. If you are or have a child who learns differently then you probably have found many resources about specific challenges, yet there is very little targeting expatriates. This omission is significant due to the additional complexities involved in finding resources, getting diagnosis, differences in medical systems and evaluation methodology, language, cultural attitudes toward learning difference, etc. that expatriates face outside of their home countries. This site hopes to help link people whose experiences may be aid others expatriate in facing similar challenges. By opening and recording these posts, we hope this site becomes a resource for other people.

Initially we have two discussion forums:

- 1: List of resources, including books, websites, organizations helpful to children who learn differently. Particularly we are interested in resources that have been helpful to expats.
- 2: A Q&A resource site that also allows members to ask questions, post stories, and respond to queries.

Respectfully submitted,  
McClain Percy (AWC Düsseldorf and FAUSA), Education Task Force Co-Chair

## Environment Task Force Report

The last year has been BUSY! In order to take advantage of the tremendous energy and enthusiasm generated at the FAWCO Conference, the Environment Task Force was created: 5 women, from 5 different Clubs who are passionate and serious about the environment. The most immediate area of our focus was the *Target Program*. We hoped an environmental challenge would be chosen as the *Target*, because – seriously – if we don't do better with the environment, it may not matter how well we do anything else! One issue kept floating up...water. Water problems affect half of humanity and the Environment Task Force agreed to support increasing the sustainable access to safe drinking water globally. To convince clubs to support water as the *Target* issue, we wrote articles focusing both on the general importance of water and it's connection with other global concerns (Food Supply, Women's Issues, and Health). These articles were a true group effort, with written contributions from all Task Force members! We were thrilled when *Water* was chosen as one of the 3 finalists and have our fingers crossed for the *Target* announcement at the Conference!

While *Water* is an important issue, it is not the only environmental challenge! Our second goal was to help FAWCO's members increase their awareness on a wide range of environmental topics. We gave them practical information on the problems as well as how they could be part of the solution. Topics included: *Organic foods*, *Eco-friendly cleaning*, *Making the Holidays more eco-friendly* and *Climate Change – Fact or Fiction?* All of our articles were sent out as Environment Bulletins and posted on the website, where they can still be found! We hope that FAWCO and her members have become a little greener in the past twelve months, and we welcome suggestions and input from you!

Anne van Oorschot (AWC The Hague) and Kris Colluro Smith (AWC London), Environment Task Force Co-Chairs

## Ending Violence Against Women & Children Task Force Report

This task force has grown considerably in the last year, from 6 to over 40 members on the listserve. At the 2009 FAWCO conference, Dr. Audra Sipaviciene spoke about human trafficking and sexual exploitation in Lithuania, and at the upcoming conference in Boston, Paula Lucas, executive director of AODVC (Americans Overseas Domestic Violence Crisis Center) will speak about the challenges facing American domestic violence victims living abroad.

We welcomed Diana Smith-Walsh as co-chair in May, 2009. Though she later passed the role to Tonya Teichert, who is leading up our efforts against human trafficking and sexual exploitation, Diana continues to be an integral task force member.

In the fall of 2009, we collaborated with Paula Lucas of AODVC to train over 40 new volunteer outreach ambassadors in Europe, including Tonya and Diana. This program is highlighted in our most recent bulletin, as well as in the FAWCO Forum. These trainings launched AODVC's "Global Campaign to Empower Americans Experiencing Domestic Violence Abroad," which targets 30 cities across Europe, Asia, the Middle East, South America, and Africa. This spring, trainings are being planned in Mumbai, India and Shanghai, China.

For FAWCO's new TARGET program, Tonya spearheaded a proposal on *Abolishing Modern Day Slavery*, which aptly refers to the problems of human trafficking and sexual exploitation as the humanitarian crisis they truly are. While the proposal was not chosen as one of the final three, we look at this as an opportunity to further educate FAWCO members about the Modern Day Slave Trade.

Karen Lewis (AWC Amsterdam) and Tonya Teichert (AWC Taunus)  
Ending Violence Against Women and Children Task Force Co-Chairs

## Health Issues Task Force Report

As noted by our predecessors, the Health Issues Task Force continues to report on a variety of health care topics. A 2009 event calendar detailed world day and international issues of remembrance. In addition to the web site abstracts, bulletins, NIB, and the event calendar; the Health Issues Task Force proposed a United Nation Target Program issue on improving maternal health care. This Target issue responded to the worldwide awareness and accountability for improving the high maternal death rate in developing countries ("No woman should die giving birth"), as well as reproductive health, health services, socio-economic and cultural sensitive factors along with failure to fulfill women's right to health information, education, and services essentially responsible for maternal death.

In addition, the Substance Abuse Task Force has made a transition under the rubric Health Issues Task Force. The Substance Abuse Task Force aims to provide FAWCO members information about the abuse of drugs and alcohol, recognize symptoms of substance abuse, understand the physiological and emotional factors involved, and list resources in the form of website addresses and treatment programs worldwide. The Task Force believes that people, who become addicted to harmful or hazardous use of psychoactive substances, are as much victims of their circumstances as those they interact with. The Task Force further believes that reducing demand, prevention through education and information, and treatment through rehabilitation are crucial factors for a drug free life.

Respectively submitted,  
Sylvia Behrman (AILO Florence) and Regina Weber (AIWC Cologne), Global Health Issues Task Force Co-Chairs  
Jann Mitchell (AWC Stockholm) and Margaret Ghielmetti (FAUSA), Substance Abuse Working Group

*Global Task Forces continued*

## **Sharing Cultures Task Force Report**

Our task force is working on sharing our research knowledge on cultures from around the world, because we believe a better understanding of various cultures is the key to empathy and a more cohesive society.

The Sharing Cultures Task Force has accomplished several things and has put a number of other items in motion. Monthly articles have been written regarding cultural differences, customs and norms. Some the articles have been posted on the website and others submitted to *The FORUM*. Sharing Cultures presentation was made at one Regional meeting in October and we hope to have the opportunity to do more in the future. The website has been updated but additional information is being sought to enhance the Sharing Cultures section thereby making more interesting and useful for the members. For example the reading list includes general materials but also country specific information, if available, for each country in which there are member clubs.

Several items are in the works, specifically the Sharing Cultures Booklet. We are now working with Membership to integrate the "Day in our Club's City" concept with information about the cultures in which our member resides.

The first six months have been a lot about getting familiar with resources and getting plans into place; you can expect to see much more from Sharing Cultures in 2010. We will also be soliciting information from member clubs because we recognize the importance of tapping experts and then sharing this information with everyone within FAWCO.

Faithfully submitted by,  
Diana Smith Walsh (AWC Shanghai) and Elizabeth Vennekens-Kelly (AWC Antwerp)  
Sharing Cultures Task Force Co-Chairs

## **U.S. Committees**

### **ACE Kids (American Culture and Education)**

ACE formerly of Educational Support has moved! It is now listed under the U.S. Issues on the website and is a natural compliment to the other topics listed there: citizenship, taxation and voting. We have only a handful of FAWCO clubs organizing an on-going classroom style program for grade school students: AWC Denmark, AWC Amsterdam and AWO of Greece. What we can find in many clubs are events geared for educating children about a particular American historical or cultural event. For example, in 2009 AAWE Paris had a Thanksgiving Story Hour, to help children understand what Thanksgiving is really about. Learning about the journey of the pilgrims was central to this event. It is exactly events like this that is feasible for almost every FAWCO club and they should be encouraged to offer to it their membership.

Clarice Scott (AWC Denmark), ACE Kids Co-Chair

## **Citizenship Committee Report**

The Citizenship Committee continues its mission to provide FAWCO members with information via bulletins, website articles and direct response to questions. Most of the latter related to how to go about getting US citizenship for a grandchild under Section 322 of the Immigration and Naturalization Act – the so-called grandparent clause. Interestingly, we also had one inquiry from an Italian citizen who wondered if he could still become a US citizen. He had been born in Italy in the 1950s to an Italian father and an American mother. This story underscores the importance of US citizen parents reporting the birth of a child born abroad to a US consulate and applying for a US passport for their foreign-born child as soon as possible.

FAWCO continued to focus this year on voting rights and added banking as a concern for US citizens living abroad. Some US citizens are finding that they cannot open or even retain an existing account at a bank in the US because they do not possess a US address. At the same time, banks in the country in which they live overseas are also starting to refuse to open accounts for US citizens due to onerous reporting requirements. Your US Issues team will stay tuned to these developments, as they are shaping up to create a "perfect storm" for US citizens living abroad. If something isn't done we may have to go back to hiding our money under our mattresses!

Respectfully submitted by  
Kathleen de Carbuccia (AAWE Paris) and Michelle Miller (AIWC Cologne), Citizenship Committee Co-Chairs  
citizenship@fawco.org

*U.S. Committees continued*

## Taxation Committee Report

This fall the priority for the FAWCO Tax Committee was making sure Americans living overseas were not included in the healthcare bills passed on Capital Hill. The house bill that was approved includes a tax on high income individuals and includes a “stacking measure” for those who claim the Foreign Income Exclusion. The house bill also excluded Americans living abroad from being required to have US healthcare. This was initially NOT the case with the Senate bill but in its final version Americans abroad were excluded thanks to the work of American Citizens Abroad, one of our Overseas Americans Week partners.

The Senate Bill which was passed will have a tax on “high cost” healthcare packages. Since European healthcare is often paid through taxes, many living in Europe would have fallen under this obligation which was to be paid by their employer. It appears though that the final bill will require the fee to be paid by the insurer and it is believed this will only cover US based insurers.

We need to be vigilant concerning the final compromise bill which is to be worked on and voted on in January 2010, but it appears the Senate version will be the basis for a compromise bill, and fortunately this bill is more favorable to Americans living abroad.

Otherwise we continue to prepare for Overseas Americans Week 2010 where we hope to talk with Treasury and IRS officials about creating a “functional currency” option for Americans living abroad.

Respectfully submitted,  
Eric Way (AC Lyon), US Taxation Committee Co-Chair

## Voting from Overseas Committee Report

As 2009 was not an election year (nationally), it was a quiet one for the Voting from Overseas Committee. In 2009, the Chair:

- reported to the FAWCO Conference in Vilnius on the Committee’s work in 2007–2008 (March);
- attended Overseas Americans Week (March 30 – April 2), lobbying members of Congress about changes needed to help overseas voters;
- at the request of the Federal Voting Assistance Program (FVAP), commented on the proposed layout and contents of the Voting Assistance Guide for 2009–2010 (22 April);
- sent and encouraged the Committee to send letters to the Committee on House Administration supporting HR 1604 and 2510, draft supplied by U.S. Liaison Lucy Laederich (8 June);
- at the invitation of the Consul at the US embassy in Copenhagen, met (along with the President of Democrats Abroad Denmark) with a staff delegation of the House Rules Committee to describe the needs and views of overseas voters;
- supplied opinions and a document to the attorneys in the suit (in which FAWCO is a plaintiff) opposing New Mexico’s restrictive law on organizations assisting voters to register (6–7 August);
- notified the Committee about the new Military and Overseas Voter Empowerment (MOVE) Act and Overseas Voting Foundation’s offer to update the FAWCO voter registration and assistance site.

MOVE will help overseas voters in a range of ways, and the FAWCO registration site helps us:

- (a) register our own members and other Americans to vote; and
- (b) demonstrate FAWCO’s impact in helping Americans exercise the privilege and duty of voting.

Within FAWCO, particular thanks are owed to U.S. Liaison Lucy Laederich, who has tirelessly promoted overseas Americans’ voting rights in every forum: with members of Congress during Overseas Americans Week, states’ secretaries of state and the Uniform Law Commission, to name just a few. Many, many thanks to Lucy and FAWCO board members for their support – and to all our friends in partner organizations, particularly OVF and in the Alliance for Military and Overseas Voting Rights (AMOVR).

To find out more about MOVE, see:

- FAWCO newflash ([www.fawco.org/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=1177:congress-passes-move-military-and-overseas-voter-empowerment-act&catid=3&Itemid=100584](http://www.fawco.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=1177:congress-passes-move-military-and-overseas-voter-empowerment-act&catid=3&Itemid=100584))
- Alliance for Military and Overseas Voting Rights (AMOVR) press release ([www.overseasvotefoundation.org/press-2009-media-releases-AMOV-MOVE](http://www.overseasvotefoundation.org/press-2009-media-releases-AMOV-MOVE)).

See also:

- FAWCO voter registration site ([fawco.overseasvotefoundation.org/overseas/home.htm](http://fawco.overseasvotefoundation.org/overseas/home.htm));
- Overseas Americans Week 2009 ([www.overseasamericansweek.com/goals\\_2009.htm](http://www.overseasamericansweek.com/goals_2009.htm)).

Respectfully submitted, Mary Stewart Burgher (AWC Denmark), Voting from Overseas Committee Co-Chair



## The FAWCO Foundation Report

### Foundation Board of Directors

President	Elsie Bose	AWG Paris
VP-Communications	Rachel McNally	AWC The Hague
VP-Fundraising	Janet Darrow-Winter	AWA Dubai
VP-Programs	Dolores Cuellar	AWC Bogotá
Treasurer	Liz Hemminger	AW Surrey
Secretary	Suzanne Wheeler	AWC Brussels
Parliamentarian	Arline Coward	BWN

### Special Appointment to the Board (non-voting)

FAWCO 2 <sup>nd</sup> VP	Janelle Mason	AWC Basel
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### Presidential Appointments (non Board members)

Assistant Treasurer	Georgia Regnault	AWC The Hague
Awards Administrator	Nan de Laubadère	AAWE Paris
DG Administrator	Beth Arena	AWEP
Kids Help Coordinator	Ann de Simoni	AIWC Genoa
Leaders Group Coordinator	Lee Sorenson	FAUSA
Web Assistant	Roberta Zollner	AWC Denmark
Best Practices	Judy Treanor	AWC The Hague
Counsellors' Liaison	Roberta Zollner	AWC Denmark
Nominations Chair	Georgia Regnault	AWC the Hague

### The FAWCO Foundation's Mission in the Economic Crisis

The downturn of the financial markets continued in 2009 and impacted most people, forcing them to adapt to a harsher economic environment. The FAWCO Foundation recognized the possibility that FAWCO member clubs would be facing difficult choices between funding their own activities or supporting The Foundation at their previous levels.

The FAWCO Foundation's primary goal this past year was to continue its work in supporting programs important to FAWCO member clubs and decided that the 2010 Foundation Education Awards and Development Grants program would be maintained at the 2009 level and that it would underwrite the shortfall in donations through its reserves.

In addition to supporting The Foundation's core programs that benefit FAWCO member clubs and their members, The Foundation Board's key objectives were:

- Developing a financial plan that supports the current programs and sustains the Foundation's future through donor and fundraising projects
- Increasing The Foundation's operational transparency and professionalism through enhanced management and governance
- Improving The Foundation's communication to the FAWCO community and beyond FAWCO's borders
- Exploring new opportunities to support FAWCO and its clubs' philanthropic endeavors.

### Providing Benefits to FAWCO Member Clubs-The Foundation's Programs

The 2009 Education Awards, Development Grants and Volunteer of the Year recipients were announced at the FAWCO conference in Vilnius. Almost immediately money was disbursed and put to good use. Preliminary feedback indicated these grants and awards have made a significant impact. Based in part on these reports, and to enable FAWCO member clubs to continue their leadership in philanthropic work, Vice President of Programs Dolores Cuellar (AWC Bogotá) recommended, and The Foundation approved, the 2010 Program.

### The 2010 Awards

**Academic Awards**-\$5000 each: open to children of FAWCO Club members:

- Arts Award
- Sciences Award sponsored in part by AIWC Genoa in memory of Frieda Bacigalupo Natali
- Humanities Award sponsored in part by AAWE Paris in memory of Gertrude de Gallaix

**Members Awards**-open to FAWCO Members

- AWC Basel FAWCO Members Award for University Degree Study Programs sponsored by Shirley Kearney-\$5,000
- FAWCO Skills Enhancement Award- \$3,000

**Dual Cultural Award** in memory of Suzanne Erismann sponsored in part by Donna Erismann and AWC Bern-\$3,000  
**Special Challenges Fund**-\$3,000  
**The Counselors “Volunteer of the Year” Award**-\$1,000

**The 2010 Development Grants**- \$4500 each

**Effects of Violence and Human Trafficking** co-sponsored by AWC of The Hague and AWC Hamburg

**The Right to Food and Water** sponsored in part by AWG Paris

**Critical Health Concerns** sponsored in part by AWC Basel

**The FAUSA Hope Through Education** co-sponsored by AWC Zurich

**The Edith Beyer A Place to Learn** sponsored in part by AWC Denmark

**American Women of the Eastern Province Skills for Life** co-sponsored by AILO Florence

**Around the Corner, a World Away** co-sponsored by AWA Vienna and AWA Dubai

**AW of Surrey Ending HIV/AIDs**

The deadline for Awards applications and DG nominations was January 16. All Awards applications were reviewed by the Awards Administrator, Nan de Laubadère (AAWE Paris), and then sent to a committee for review. They selected three candidates for each category. A second committee will meet in Boston prior to the conference to select the final recipients. The Development Grants were reviewed by the DG Administrator, Beth Arena (AWEP), and then distributed to members of the Nomination Review Committee. Once the nominations were checked, a detailed summary of each nominee was included on a ballot and posted on The Foundation’s website in February. Each club may vote for one nominee in each DG category. The recipients will be announced at the FAWCO Conference in Boston.

Dolores continued her work on the Target Program Selection Committee. She assisted in evaluating the proposals submitted by the Clubs and voting for the three finalists. She will coordinate the assembly of the Bull’s Eye Selection Committee and is preparing the draft application. She will present Bull’s Eye guidelines at the Boston Conference.

### **Focusing on the Foundation’s Funding**

The FAWCO Foundation is extremely grateful to all of the FAWCO member club donors, individual donors and participants in our fundraisers for your support in 2009 to fund the 2010 programs. Without your generosity, we would not be able to continue our work.

### **Donations**

Allowing clubs and individuals to designate their donations to specific programs continued to be important to our donors in 2009. By designating their donations, they know that 100% of FAWCO Club and individual donations go directly to the Award or DG of their choice. Sponsorships by Clubs and individual of DGs and Awards continued to be a popular element of our donor program. 70% of the 2010 Development Grants are funded through designated donations and sponsorships, which is an increase of 34% over 2009. 67% of the Awards program is funded through designated donations and sponsorships, which is equal to the previous year. **We thank the FAWCO Reps for working with their boards to make these donations to The Foundation as well our “Friends of The Foundation” for their support.**

For the first time, The Foundation received a full sponsorship donation for a Development Grant from FAUSA, FAWCO’s alumnae organization. The two entities hope to take this partnership even farther in 2010.

A generous donation enabled one of FAWCO’s newest Member clubs, AWA Dubai, to co- sponsor a Development Grant.

The FAWCO Foundation created “the Leaders Group”, consisting of past and present officers of FAWCO, The FAWCO Foundation and FAUSA. We have targeted this group to promote The Foundation’s donation and fundraising drives. Lee Sorenson, a Foundation Counselor, coordinates this project.

Finally, the Richard Hallock Foundation has donated \$21,000 to The FAWCO Foundation enable us to administer the Hallock Foundation awards on behalf of AAWE through 2012.

### **Fundraising**

The “Wild Night” in Vilnius was a great success. Vice President of Fundraising, Janet Darrow-Winter (AWA Dubai), organized a tremendous event for The FAWCO Foundation’s fundraising night at the 2009 FAWCO conference in Vilnius. New activities for the evening included “Wild Women Wear,” a collection of clothing items on a live model. The resulting ensemble became part of the evening’s Live Auction and proved to be very popular with the participants.

Janet created the “Great Wall” fundraising project, which was launched at the conference to raise funds for the Emergency Relief Fund.

This year’s event, “The Extra, Extra Extravaganza,” plays on the journalism theme of the Boston conference. We hope participants will dress in style either in black, white and red, 40’s glam or newshound garb. The evening will include our Silent and Live Auction and a new version of our Wild Women activity called “Stop the Press Dress.” We are encouraging those who can’t attend to have their own “Extravaganza” event with a possible live update in Boston!

Once again, our signature “FAWCO Friendship Quilt” will be a big part of The Foundation’s fundraising activity at the conference. This year’s theme is “Tea Trade”, homage to the historical role of tea in US history and in global trade. The Friendship Quilt would not be possible without the creative force of Roberta Zöllner (Munich IWC) and all of our fabulous quilt square contributors.

The Foundation charm bracelet launched in Vilnius continues to sell. Janet worked with the charm designers to produce a charm that is a fitting souvenir of the Boston conference. The Foundation has already received a number of pre-orders made through our website indicating that this charm could be a sellout.

The Foundation has kept its commitment to be a resource for fundraising ideas. After the initial success of our first “Fund-raiser” tip sheet, four more were added to The Foundation’s website.

### **Strengthening The Foundation’s Financial Position**

In light of the economic crisis, The Foundation has redoubled its efforts to insure that our financial “portfolio” is strategically positioned to make our donations and fundraising proceeds work to maximum result. Foundation Treasurer Liz Hemminger (AW of Surrey) recommended that The Foundation Board take steps to strengthen The Foundation’s Endowment Fund, thus helping to protect The Foundation’s financial future. This endowment is funded through donations, 5% of undesignated donations from the previous year, and any additional funds approved by the Board. In 2009, The Foundation Board determined that the endowment fund should be an amount equal to the sum of two years of The Foundation’s current core programs, which is \$132,000. The Foundation has deposited \$123,500 in a separate CD for this purpose and we hope that the Endowment will achieve this minimum in the near future.

### **Enhancing the Professionalism of The Foundation’s Operations**

In recent years philanthropy has exploded into a global industry. The large variety of charitable organizations and their projects has prompted many individuals to undertake extensive due diligence before making donations. The large increase in charitable and non-profit organizations is also carefully monitored by the US government to insure these groups are compliant with the rules governing them.

The Foundation knows that outside donations will allow us to strengthen and expand our programs. We realized that to take our donor programs and fundraising events outside of FAWCO will require a more transparent view of our operation. To that end, The Foundation made the following improvements to our management and governance.

We continued our extensive review of Foundation Bylaws and Administrative Guidelines (AGs). This activity was coordinated by Foundation Board Parliamentarian Arline Coward (BWN). We more clearly defined the relationship and purpose of the FAWCO Foundation as FAWCO’s philanthropic arm. We further clarified the role of The Foundation Board in its new structure and created appointed positions that support them. We revised eligibility requirements for serving on The Foundation Board to allow more candidates and added instructions and duties of The Foundation for the new Target Program.

We added two significant policies to our AGs, a “Whistleblower Policy” and a “Document Retention Policy”, that make The Foundation more “990 compliant.” They strengthen our position as a 501 (c) (3) non- profit organization.

Former Foundation President Roberta Zöllner (Munich IWC) was appointed as the Counselor Liaison. She is responsible for receiving reports of any fraudulent or dishonest activity or misuse of resources. She maintains communication between the Foundation Counselors and the Foundation Board, along with the Board’s Parliamentarian.

The Foundation has increased its Board meetings from two to ten. We meet “in person” twice a year, and the balance of the meetings are online teleconferences via Skype ®. In addition to recording the meeting minutes, Secretary Suzanne Wheeler (AWC Brussels) has initiated a “motions roster.” This is a detailed account of all motions made at Board meetings, making it easier to follow changes to our operation.

The financial program purchased last year has allowed Foundation Treasurer Liz Hemminger to produce new, highly detailed financial reports, which she presents at all Board meetings. The 2009 year end reports, donor recognition and the 2008 financial review will be available on The Foundation’s website: [www.fawcofoundation.org](http://www.fawcofoundation.org)

In 2008, The FAWCO Board asked The Foundation President to participate in FAWCO Board meetings as a non-voting member. In 2009, The Foundation Board asked that Janelle Mason, FAWCO’s 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, attend Foundation Board meetings as a non-voting member. She is FAWCO’s direct liaison with the clubs, a position that The Foundation doesn’t have on its Board. Her participation aids us in coordinating The Foundation’s activities with FAWCO. She participated in Foundation Board meetings and has provided insight on all topics and their impact on FAWCO clubs.

*The FAWCO Foundation Report continued*

The Foundation has started to apply for ratings from the online charity clearinghouses. Our first application is to Guide Star, a website that has over 8 million visitors each year. We have completed the online dossier and are awaiting their approval for "Valued Partner" status. Once that is achieved (we hope by the end of the first quarter), we will request a review by Charity Navigator. Our original plan to apply for a Better Business Bureau rating was reviewed, but at a cost of \$1,000 per year, we would first try to apply for the ratings without fees. We will recommend that the next Board of Directors re-evaluate that application in their term.

**Communicating our Story-Tools to Elevate The Foundation's Profile in the Philanthropic Arena**

Last January, The Foundation launched its newly designed website. We have received an enormous amount of positive feedback on its great design, availability of information and the ease of navigation throughout the site. The new design was created by Vice President of Communications Rachel McNally (AWC of The Hague). Throughout 2009, Rachel made further improvements to the site. These include:

- Creation of all graphics for the website
- Implementation of online PayPal buttons enabling donors to designate their donations to specific programs
- Design of the online graphics for the "Great Wall" fundraising project for the Emergency Relief Fund
- Adding the Target Program information and updating all of the information.
- Developing the Target Program timeline graphic that is used on The Foundation and FAWCO websites
- Creation of the Reps and RC's Resource pages and adding of all special pages or modules.
- Posting all AGs, Bylaws, Financial Reports and donor forms on the website

The decision to directly manage our website has enabled The Foundation to quickly and efficiently revise information, thus making The Foundation a more dynamic organization. Rachel was assisted with the flow of updates and revisions by Web Manager Roberta Zöllner (Munich IWC).

The Foundation, with the approval of FAWCO, created direct email communication with FAWCO Clubs through the use of Constant Contact, an email marketing service. The Foundation has developed three newsletters: "News You Can Use," a monthly bulletin targeted at FAWCO Club Reps, Presidents and interested parties which highlights the most important things on The Foundation's agenda, a bi-monthly "Friends of the Foundation" newsletter giving donors the latest information on The Foundation's fundraising activities, and "The Leaders Group" newsletter. Rachel designed all of the graphics, formats all of the bulletins and is responsible for mailing them to our subscriber list. The Foundation has used Constant Contact for disseminating time sensitive information such as the deadline announcements for Awards applications and Development Grant nominations. Rachel works with information from our new database which has been developed and maintained by Foundation Secretary Suzanne Wheeler (AWC Brussels).

Rachel also designed our expanded edition of the annual Foundation newsletter, published each August. We added the club presidents to the mailing list increasing our distribution from 125 copies to 210. Our ability to do this was due in great part to Rachel's research on mailing costs.

All of The Foundation's program and event logos, newsletter headers, PowerPoint backgrounds and other graphics that Rachel has developed have created a contemporary, energetic consistency to all of our communication and publications and contributed our goal of becoming a recognizable "brand."

**"We are FAWCO's Foundation"**

During 2009, The FAWCO Foundation supported a number of activities outside of The Foundation's core programs.

The Foundation supported FAWCO's Emergency Relief Fund for the victims of the earthquake in China. FAWCO, its Member clubs, individuals and The Foundation, through donations and fundraising, aided Community Alliance in Beijing to develop a community center to support elderly victims traumatized in the earthquake. A complete report on the Community Alliance project is available on The Foundation's website.

The FAWCO Foundation and FAUSA teamed up to support the Kids Help School Supplies Project, which purchased backpacks filled with much-needed school supplies for children from the poorest neighborhoods in Bogota, Colombia. In 2009, The Foundation made a final donation to the project, which came primarily from the 2008 Dream Cruise II organized by Ann de Simoni (AIWC Genoa). A total of 1,000 backpacks were distributed.

Each year, The Foundation makes a donation to a designated charity that is selected by the host of the FAWCO Conference. In 2009, the Conference committee selected "Mother's and Child's Care Home" in Vilnius, Lithuania. The Foundation donated 20% of the money raised in the "Wild Night" Silent Auction. The Foundation also assisted FAWCO in administering the donation from the Conference Carbon Offset program to the Millennium Forest in Morocco.

The Foundation Board has approved the inclusion on their donation form of the Eleanor Roosevelt Leadership Workshop beginning in February 2010.

**A Final Word from the 2008-2010 Foundation Board**

It has been an honor and a privilege for all of us to serve on The FAWCO Foundation Board of Directors. We have had a wonderful working experience with both the 2007-2009 and 2009-2011 FAWCO Boards, and we believe that our joint efforts have clarified the role of philanthropy in FAWCO.

We thank all of the FAWCO Reps, club presidents, Foundation supporters and volunteers whose amazing talents have enabled us to continue the success of The Foundation's programs and fundraising projects. We are so grateful for how hard you worked on our behalf.

We want to recognize the contribution made by FAUSA and our growing relationship with FAWCO's alumnae.

As president, I would like to acknowledge the immeasurable contribution made by The Foundation's Counselors in helping me see the "the big picture" and advising me on critical issues.

Finally, I wish to give my heartfelt thanks to the members of the 2008-2010 FAWCO Foundation Board. It is impossible to put into words the contribution each made to the goals we achieved. They are talented, generous and courageous leaders. The Foundation is a better organization because of their service.

Respectfully submitted, Elsie Bose(AWG Paris), Foundation President

**The FAWCO Foundation  
Balance Sheet  
As of December 31, 2009**

Dec. 31, 2009

**ASSETS****Current Assets****Checking/Savings****Cash Accounts**

Chase Savings	2,485.44
Chase Checking	36,605.76
First Federal Checking	8,388.43
First Federal Money Market	<u>7,931.51</u>
<b>Total Cash Accounts</b>	<u>55,411.14</u>

**Total Checking/Savings** 55,411.14

**Other Current Assets****Certificates of Deposit**

Chase CD	85,857.86
First Federal CD	<u>125,304.52</u>
<b>Total Certificates of Deposit</b>	<u>211,162.38</u>

**Total Other Current Assets** 211,162.38

**Total Current Assets** 266,573.52

**TOTAL ASSETS** 266,573.52

**LIABILITIES & EQUITY****Equity**

Opening Balance Equity	275,020.12
Unrestricted Net Assets	14,305.68
Net Income	<u>-22,752.28</u>
<b>Total Equity</b>	<u>266,573.52</u>

**TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY** 266,573.52

**The FAWCO Foundation Statement of Activities**  
**January through December 2009**

	<b>Jan – Dec 09</b>
<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>	
<b>Income</b>	
<b>Foundation Donations</b>	
<b>Endowment</b>	
Individual Donations	500.00
<b>Total Endowment</b>	500.00
<b>Program Donations</b>	
<b>Undesignated donations</b>	
Club Donations	3,101.64
Individual Donations	1,794.62
<b>Total Undesignated donations</b>	4,896.26
<b>Awards</b>	
Undesignated Award Donations	1,218.00
Dual Cultural Award	1,449.55
Humanities Award	1,000.00
Science Award	1,000.00
FAUSA Award	3,000.00
Hallock Award	21,000.00
<b>Total Awards</b>	28,667.55
<b>Development Grants</b>	
Undesignated DG Donations	962.00
Hope Through Education	4,500.00
Effects of Violence	2,323.61
Around the Corner	2,000.00
Critical Health Concerns	1,769.91
Skills for Life	8,010.78
Right to Food and Water	1,698.86
A Place to Learn	1,000.00
<b>Total Development Grants</b>	22,265.16
<b>Kid's Help Projects</b>	
<b>Kid's Backpack Donations</b>	
Individual Donations	1,111.00
<b>Total Kid's Backpack Donations</b>	1,111.00
Kid's Help 2009-2011	180.00
<b>Total Kid's Help Projects</b>	1,291.00
<b>Total Program Donations</b>	57,119.97
<b>Total Foundation Donations</b>	57,619.97
<b>FAWCO Project Donations</b>	
<b>FAWCO Committee Projects</b>	
<b>Environment</b>	
One member, One Tree	509.00
<b>Trees/Morocco</b>	
Carbon-offset Vilnius	1,449.83
Trees/Morocco - Other	1,335.00
<b>Total Trees/Morocco</b>	2,784.83
Trees/Scotland	137.00
<b>Total Environment</b>	3,430.83
Malaria Nets Project	400.00
Grandma-to-Grandma	500.00
<b>Total FAWCO Committee Projects</b>	4,330.83
FAWCO Emergency Relief Fund China	5,823.00
<b>Total FAWCO Emergency Relief Fund</b>	5,823.00
<b>Total FAWCO Project Donations</b>	10,153.83
<b>Fundraising Income</b>	
<b>Foundation Evening</b>	
Silent Auction	6,265.00
Live Auction	8,475.00
Vilnius bling 2009	110.00
Lucky Dip 2009	335.00
<b>Total Foundation Evening</b>	15,185.00

## The FAWCO Foundation Report continued

<b>Fundraising Projects</b>		
Pins	22.00	
Charms	3,609.00	
Quilt Raffle	<u>3,505.50</u>	
<b>Total Fundraising Projects</b>		<u>7,136.50</u>
<b>Kid's Help</b>		
Pucci Raffle	165.00	
2008 Cruise	<u>125.00</u>	
<b>Total Kid's Help</b>		<u>290.00</u>
<b>Total Fundraising Income</b>		<u>22,611.50</u>
<b>FAWCO Committee Projects</b>		
Environment		
Tree Cards	<u>36.00</u>	
<b>Total Environment</b>		<u>36.00</u>
<b>Total FAWCO Committee Projects</b>		<u>36.00</u>
<b>Other Income</b>		
Interest Income		
Chase CD	857.86	
Chase Savings	10.44	
First Federal Checking	33.49	
First Federal Money Market	1,303.96	
First Federal CD	<u>2,424.53</u>	
<b>Total Interest Income</b>		<u>4,630.28</u>
Fees		
Award Fees	<u>950.00</u>	
<b>Total Fees</b>		<u>950.00</u>
Other		
Foreign exchange gain or loss	-1,913.17	
Federation		
FAWCO Club Deposits	<u>135.00</u>	
<b>Total Federation</b>		<u>135.00</u>
<b>Total Other</b>		<u>-1,778.17</u>
<b>Total Other Income</b>		<u>3,802.11</u>
<b>Total Income</b>		<u>94,223.41</u>
<b>Gross Profit</b>		<u>94,223.41</u>
<b>Expense</b>		
<b>Foundation Program Disbursement</b>		
<b>Awards and Grants</b>		
<b>Awards</b>		
Member's Award	5,000.00	
Elaine Senigallia Arts Award	5,000.00	
Dual Cultural Award	3,000.00	
Humanities Award	5,000.00	
Member's University Degree Award	5,000.00	
Science Award	5,000.00	
Special Challenges Award	3,000.00	
FAUSA Award	3,000.00	
Hallock Award	7,000.00	
Volunteer of the Year Award	<u>1,000.00</u>	
<b>Total Awards</b>		<u>42,000.00</u>
<b>Development Grants</b>		
Right to Food and Water 2009	4,500.00	
Hope Through Education	4,500.00	
The Effects of Violence	3,500.00	
Around the Corner, A World Away	4,500.00	
Critical Health Concerns	4,500.00	
Skills for Life	4,500.00	
A Place to Learn	<u>4,500.00</u>	
<b>Total Development Grants</b>		<u>30,500.00</u>
<b>Total Awards and Grants</b>		<u>72,500.00</u>

*The FAWCO Foundation Report continued*

<b>Foundation Donations</b>		
Kid's Help Project Donation	4,632.97	
Conference Charity Donation	3,496.18	
Foundation ERF Donation	<u>10,000.00</u>	
<b>Total Foundation Donations</b>	<u>18,129.15</u>	
<b>Total Foundation Program Disbursement</b>		90,629.15
<b>FAWCO Project Disbursements</b>		
FAWCO Emergency Relief		6,823.00
<b>FAWCO Committee Disbursements</b>		
<b>Environment</b>		
Tree Cards	36.00	
Scotland Tree Project	1,280.00	
Pearson Tree Project	1,227.91	
Morocco Tree Project	<u>3,293.83</u>	
<b>Total Environment</b>	<u>5,837.74</u>	
Malaria	400.00	
Grandma to Grandma	<u>500.00</u>	
<b>Total FAWCO Committee Disbursements</b>	<u>6,737.74</u>	
<b>Total FAWCO Project Disbursements</b>		<u>13,560.74</u>
<b>Fundraising Expenses</b>		
ERF	4.50	
Foundation Evening	75.75	
Charm	4,463.75	
Paypal Charges	744.76	
Credit Card Charges	<u>225.35</u>	
<b>Total Fundraising Expenses</b>		<u>5,514.11</u>
<b>Operating Expenses</b>		
Bookkeeping Software	166.08	
<b>Postage, Mailing Service</b>		
FAWCO Committee Mailing	16.50	
Development Grant mailing	11.95	
Admin mailings	<u>496.42</u>	
<b>Total Postage, Mailing Service</b>	<u>524.87</u>	
<b>Print and Copying Services</b>		
Newsletter Printing	397.85	
Award administration	<u>160.12</u>	
<b>Total Printing and Copying Services</b>	<u>557.97</u>	
Telephone, Telecommunications	154.45	
Missouri Registration	<u>10.00</u>	
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>		<u>1,413.37</u>
<b>Conference Expenses</b>		
Conference Speaker	450.00	
Board Reimbursements	<u>3,210.00</u>	
<b>Total Conference Expenses</b>		<u>3,660.00</u>
<b>Contract Services</b>		
<b>Bank Fees</b>		
Swiss Bank fees	329.86	
Chase Bank fees	<u>294.61</u>	
<b>Total Bank fees</b>	<u>624.47</u>	
ACH Disputes	0.00	
Legal	425.00	
Auditor	752.85	
Website	135.00	
Constant Contact	<u>126.00</u>	
<b>Total Contract Services</b>		<u>2,063.32</u>
<b>Other Payments</b>		
FAWCO Membership Fee Transfers	135.00	
<b>Total Other Payments</b>	<u>135.00</u>	
<b>Total Expense</b>		<u>116,975.69</u>
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>		<u>-22,752.28</u>
<b>Net Income</b>		<u><u>-22,752.28</u></u>

## **FAWCO Alumnae USA, Inc. (FAUSA) Report**

### **Louise Greeley-Copley, FAUSA President**

FAUSA is celebrating ten years of incorporation in 2010! What began as a dream and a FAWCO committee back in the early nineties became a reality in 2000. We have just over 200 members located all over the USA and Canada. With many companies cutting back on expatriates, there has been an increase in the number of individuals and families returning to North America.

FAWCO Alumnae USA, Inc. (FAUSA) is a nonprofit 501(c)(4) organization registered in the State of Texas. As the alumnae arm of FAWCO in the United States, FAUSA operates under its own constitution, bylaws, administrative guidelines, Board of Directors and financial responsibilities. FAUSA holds an annual meeting. FAUSA does not pay dues to FAWCO.

The purpose of FAUSA is to facilitate the repatriation experience of its members and to enable them, through continuing education, to maintain an international perspective on world affairs, such purpose being exclusively and directly nonprofit and charitable within the meaning of section 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code. FAUSA is a secular, non-partisan social and charitable organization.

Regular membership is open to members or former members of FAWCO clubs. Associate membership (25% of the total membership) is open to American women who have lived overseas but were not members of FAWCO clubs. Guest membership (10% of the total membership) is open to women who were not US citizens when they lived overseas. The First Vice President is the membership chair.

FAUSA is organized into ten regions within the United States, and there is a region for Canada and one for members living outside the United States or Canada. Each has a Regional Representative. In addition, there are 20 Metropolitan Coordinators in metropolitan areas throughout the US.

#### **FAUSA Communications**

With its membership stretching from coast to coast and abroad, FAUSA relies on the website [www.fausa.com](http://www.fausa.com) and now Face Book as a virtual clubhouse. FAUSA uses Constant Contact for updates and news and publishes the "Highlights" magazine twice a year. In an effort to go paperless and reduce costs, the magazine and directory will be published on our website in a password protected area for members only.

#### **Philanthropy**

FAUSA is proud to be a major sponsor for 2010 for the "Hope through Education" Development Grant. We are working on developing the criteria for a DG specific to the Americas. By partnering with the FAWCO Foundation on Development Grants and Awards, FAUSA members now have the benefit of a making their donations tax deductible and eligible for corporate matching funds.

FAUSA is delighted to have the opportunity to submit a proposal for El Maestro en Casa for consideration of a 2010 Development Grant. "The Teacher in the house" is a new radio-based literacy project for isolated people in Bolivia. FAUSA has given support to this project in the past.

The FAUSA Scholarship Award for the members, children, and grandchildren of FAUSA members is administered by the FAWCO Foundation on behalf of and at the request of FAUSA.

#### **FAUSA Annual Meeting 2009**

"Colorado Calling" was the theme of the FAUSA annual meeting held September 23-26<sup>th</sup> at the Victorian Strater Hotel located in Durango, Colorado. Members and guests from all over the USA gathered for three days of FAUSA business, education, fundraising and the joy of connecting with friends old and new.

Dorothy and Tom Childers did an outstanding job of planning a very enjoyable experience for everyone. Our well-travelled group soaked up the local history and folklore presented by local historians, guides and entertainment. Everyone enjoyed the excursions to Mesa Verde and on the Durango-Silverton narrow gauge train.

Over \$1800 was raised for the FAUSA Education Award fund. Kay Miller made a spectacular quilt for this fundraiser. Liz Hemminger FAUSA's charity fundraising chair organized a beautiful silent auction on the gala night and had some surprise live auction items. The Durango gala set new records for FAUSA fundraising achieving \$5000!

FAUSA elected a new board of Directors. The 2009-2011 board members are: Louise Greeley-Copley (Houston and AW Surrey), President; Yolanda Henry (Ontario, AW Surrey and Singapore) 1<sup>st</sup> VP Membership; Linda Little (Cincinnati and AWG Paris), 2<sup>nd</sup> VP; Nancy Thornley (Cape Cod and AWA Rome), Secretary; and Sue Ripps (Atlanta and AW Vienna), Treasurer.

*FAUSA Report continued***Why join FAUSA?**

FAWCO members returning to the USA are encouraged to join FAUSA. The camaraderie and the ability to share your expat successes and sorrows are priceless. FAUSA is your link to FAWCO and the world outside the USA. If you are already a FAUSA member or have been back in the USA and not joined FAUSA please know returning expatriates and those about to embark on foreign adventures need your wisdom, friendship and guidance. The support and friendship of fellow members, opportunities to travel with FAUSA and FAWCO, and Educational awards for you and your family are benefits of membership. When it is time to come home, you have a friend in FAUSA!

**2007-2009 FAUSA Officers**

President	Louise Greeley-Copley, fausa.president@copley4.com
First Vice President	Yolanda Henry, Yolanda@talkwireless.ca
Second Vice President	Linda Rishel-Little, lindasfausabiz@yahoo.com
Secretary	Nancy Thornley, jthornley@capecod.net
Treasurer	Suzanne Ripps, sripps@gmail.com
Parliamentarian	Pamela Dahlgren, dahlgrenuk1@comcast.net

**Presidents' Coordinator Report**

Last year Melissa Mash, President's Coordinator, reported on the difficulties many Clubs experienced as the economic downturn took its toll on Club memberships and stability. This year that process has no doubt continued as everyone hopes for a turnaround that is not yet evident. All the FAWCO clubs continue to be a source of security for members abroad.

During my term as PC I have set up an email system by which President's could communicate to me their concerns about their roles as Presidents and share ideas with other Presidents. Given all of the new social networking sites and other technologies available for communication, I am not sure this is now the best system for keeping in touch, but rather than imposing new ideas from the top, I suggest that any new systems come from the Presidents themselves. What do they need to better accomplish their tasks in this changing world?

One means of connection which was started by Ms. Mash and which I tried to continue is the monthly Skype call. This worked with varying degrees of success, but I do recommend that it be continued, if more women will realize just how easy it is to install Skype and coordinate with each other, at least with other Presidents in their regions. Highlights from these Skype calls could then be shared through the email system or an online forum.

It is a main feature of FAWCO clubs that there is turnover in the membership and thus in the officers and especially Presidents of the Clubs. This will not change, but it does create a wonderful opportunity for experienced Presidents to share their knowledge, skills and ideas with incoming new Presidents. This could be done in an on-line forum as well as during the various Regional and International conferences. Presidents of long-standing clubs have different issues to deal with (maintaining interest and motivation, for example) while Presidents of newer, or more fluid Clubs have the challenge of keeping everyone informed about Club activities and FAWCO. This could be one focus for the PC and all Presidents going forward—to share the wealth of experience and expertise that you have developed with other Clubs and Presidents.

Wishing you all the best for the projects of your Clubs and FAWCO in the coming year.

Marlene Broemer (AWC Finland), Presidents' Coordinator

## **Expat Issues Manager Report**

The Expat Issues Manager serves FAWCO clubs by focusing on expat Issues and challenges specific to members living abroad as well as issues facing clubs due to global, social and cultural differences. Plans to work closely with U.S Issues and Task Force groups can be beneficial in regard to information exchange and point FAWCO members in the right direction for answers.

Requests from individuals concerning U.S inheritance tax and inheritance tax concerns for American expats married to foreign nationals have been forwarded to U.S Issues. Assisted by “Ending Violence against Women and Children” Task Force, clubs have been encouraged to include contact information from Americans Overseas Domestic Violence Crisis Center in monthly newsletters and on club websites.

Introductory e-mails explaining EIM’s goals and asking for assistance were sent to all Regional Coordinators, FAWCO Reps and Club Presidents. A webpage set up on the FAWCO Website, includes ideas, relevant links and will include articles dealing with club related expat issues and individual requests. It is possible to contact me directly via e-mail. News-in-Brief has been used to promote this new position.

Response from clubs and members has been limited, but e-mails have been encouraging and have expressed a need for an Expat Issues Manager.

Future plans include compiling a country specific list that can help members moving to other countries and finding a club contact to be used if other FAWCO club members/ or children are traveling in their area/country, or if children/grandchildren of FAWCO members are interested in a family exchange. The FAWCO Conference in Boston will give me the opportunity to speak to FAWCO members and find ways to best serve the FAWCO membership.

Respectfully submitted,  
Terri Knudsen (AWC Aarhus), Expat Issues Manager

## Club and Regional Profiles

### Region 1- England, Ireland and Scotland

The close of the first decade of the 2<sup>nd</sup> millennium has proved to be very challenging for FAWCO clubs in Region 1. The assault on 9/11/2001 coupled with the recent economic collapse of the monetary and property markets has led to a rapid decline of membership across the region. Of the 15 clubs originally thriving in our region two have been dissolved: IN in East Anglia and AWC in Wales, furthermore CA in South England and AWC of Hertfordshire are in jeopardy.

Of the remaining 13 clubs, volunteers to man a full Board of Directors is proving challenging and four clubs cannot fill the post of a FAWCO Representatives: AC of Hertfordshire, CA of Southern England, North American Connection, Thames Valley AWC.

Thus, we are looking at ways to be more creative in how we run ourselves. Clubs close in proximity are considering working together in areas they both share. Many are rethinking their charitable giving events and distribution of charity funds. They are also rethinking how they fund and run their interclub meetings and looking at ways to reduce fixed overheads.

So it is not surprising in this difficult climate that we as a region are debating attending FAWCO Conferences on a yearly basis. Clubs will have to choose between attending a Regional/Retreat or the FAWCO Conference.

On October 17<sup>th</sup> 2009 Region 1 opted to help support Karen Lewis (lewis\_karen@yahoo.com) FAWCO co-chair for the Ending Violence Against Women and Children committee and Paula Lucas of the AODVC (Americans Overseas Domestic Violence Crisis Center) and attend their Informational Sessions and Outreach Ambassador Training Programs in London this year instead of a Regional or Retreat. Clubs from Dublin and the greater London area sent representatives.

I would like to thank Janelle Mason for doing an excellent job keeping us informed of FAWCO news and connected through Skype Conference Calls and all my FAWCO Reps for all their hard work during these demanding times.

Respectfully submitted, Sunny Eades, Region 1 Coordinator

#### England

**Club name:** American Women of Berkshire and Surrey

**Website/contact:** www.awbs.org.uk, awbsacommonground@yahoo.com

**Year founded:** 1982 **Year joined FAWCO:** 1995

**Membership total:** 400; **U.S. members:** 70%, **International members:** 30%

**What percentage of current members have joined within the last 3 years?** 85%

**Dues:** \$82

**The club's main activities and goals:** To welcome and assist all newcomers and their families, to promote friendship and interaction among members and to further their knowledge and understanding of England.

**What charities has the club supported during the past year?** AGE Concern Spelthorne received a grant of £2000 to provide funding for house-bound elderly to attend special day programs. Quest Riding for the Disabled will use our grant of £2300 to fund the stabling of their horse Jake, who provides many local disabled children and adults with therapeutic riding sessions. And finally, we were able to make a significant grant of £10,000 to our main charity for the year, Sebastian's Action Trust. Our members were able to vote on the project which they would most like to see the Sebastian's Action Trust donate the funds to. Members chose the redecoration of the isolation rooms at Wexham Park hospital in Slough, to make them more comfortable for the gravely ill children who use them, and their families.

**Club name:** Chiltern American Women's Club (CAWC)

**Website/contact:** www.cawc.co.uk; president@cawc.co.uk

**Year founded:** 1988; **Year joined FAWCO:** 1993

**Membership total:** 118; **US members:** 80%, **International members:** 20%

**What percentage of current members have joined within the last 3 years?** 70%

**Dues:** \$85

**The club's main activities and goals:** Networking for international women through activities such as hiking, book clubs, bunco, and work on Holiday Bazaar which raises money for designated charities.

**What charities has the club supported during the past year?** Our largest portion of funds goes to the National Society for Epilepsy. We also support the FAWCO Foundation annually and choose a different local charity each year for support also. This year, the local recipient is The PACE Centre.

**Club name:** American Club of Hertfordshire

**Website/contact:** AmClubHerts@aol.com

**Year founded:** 1970's **Year joined FAWCO:** 2005

*Club and Regional Profiles continued*

**Club name:** American Women's Association of Bristol  
**Website/contact:** awabristol\_membership@fawco.org  
**Year founded:** 1987 **Year joined FAWCO:** 2002

**Club Name:** The American Women's Club of London  
**Website/contact:** www.awclondon.org, awc@awclondon.org  
**Year founded:** 1899; **Year joined FAWCO:** 1931  
**Membership total:** 250 **US members:** 92%, **International members:** 8%  
**Short-term members (3 years or less):** 33%  
**Dues:** \$135

**What makes your club unique or different from the other FAWCO clubs?** AWC London has always had office space in London with regular hours and office manager to take telephone calls regarding membership, activity sign-ups, etc. We also have an annual Founder's Day luncheon/fundraiser and celebrated our 110th anniversary this year.

**What charities has the club supported during the past year?** We regularly support the Ronald McDonald House which provides housing for families with seriously ill children at Eveline Children's Hospital by preparing dinner once a month. This year we have started the Heart Pillow project which has developed into a Region 1 initiative.

**Club name:** American Women of Surrey  
**Website/contact:** www.awsurrey.org aws.president@yahoo.co.uk or lizpartyka@yahoo.com  
**Year founded:** 1975; **Year joined FAWCO:** 1984  
**Membership total:** 390; **U.S. members:** 85% **International members:** 15%  
**What percentage of your current members have joined within the last three years?** 80%  
**Dues:** \$85

**The club's main activities and goals:** To welcome and assist newcomers and their families; promote friendship and cooperation among members; to further members' knowledge and understanding of England; and to give financial and material support to philanthropic projects.

**What charities has the club supported during the past year?** Each year we select a charity slate through nominations from our club members. These are Surrey-based charities and we aim to leave a permanent philanthropic footprint in the local community. The 2009-2010 Slate includes: Action for Carers (Surrey), Leatherhead Night Hostel, HomeStart Woking and Momentum. In addition, the FAWCO Foundation has been included on our slate since 1997.

**Club name:** North American Connection  
**Website/contact:** www.naconnect.com/info@naconnect.com  
**Year founded:** 1964; **Year joined FAWCO:** 1998  
**Membership total:** 68; **U.S. members:** 78%; **International members:** 22%  
**Short-term members (3 years or less):** 30%  
**Dues:** \$ 37

**The club's main activities and goals:** We celebrate the traditional American holidays and have special interest groups, a Book Club, Pub Club, NAC Ramblers, Craft Club and Mom & Tots. Also, they devote time and energy fundraising for local and national charities.

**What charities has the club supported during the past year?** Members of the North American Connection have volunteered many hours over the past few years for Operation Christmas Child, the world's largest children's Christmas project. Since 1990 the project has brought the joy of Christmas to more than 60 million boys and girls throughout the world. This past year, over 15,000 individual shoe boxes were donated by schools and organizations in the West Midlands area of England. Members of our group volunteered at a local warehouse to check and pack these shoe boxes. The shoe boxes from our local area were then sent on the needy children in Crimea. This year our local charity is Birmingham Children's Hospital. Several members are heading a committee that is putting together a Mardi Gras Black Tie Event in hopes of raising at least 2,500 pounds sterling for this wonderful hospital.

**Club name:** Canadians and Americans in Southern England (CASE)  
**Website/contact:** www.casecommunity.com, contactus@casecommunity.com  
**Year founded:** 1993; **Year joined FAWCO:** 1998

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**Club name:** Thames Valley American Women's Club  
**Website/contact:** www.tvawc.com, president@tvawc.com  
**Year founded:** 1980; **Year joined FAWCO:** 2003  
**Membership total:** 100  
**U.S. members:** 75%, **International members:** 25%  
**Short-term members (3 years or less):** 65%  
**Dues:** \$60

**What makes your club unique or different from the other FAWCO clubs?** All of the members have children in local schools—not American or International schools. We believe it is important to support the members however we can while helping them integrate into their new community.

**What charities has the club supported during the past year?** The current charity is dedicated to a 6-year-old boy who died of brain cancer. The goal is to build a local children's hospice.

## Ireland

**Club name:** American Women's Club of Dublin  
**Website/contact:** www.awcd.net  
**Year founded:** 1972; **Year joined FAWCO:** 1980  
**Membership total:** 140  
**Dues:** \$65

**What makes your club unique or different from the other FAWCO clubs?** Provides a resource to connect with other expats and to foster appreciation of Ireland's rich culture. The philanthropic endeavors help to promote American-Irish relations. There is great interest in learning more about Eastern Europe and the FAWCO Conference in Vilnius and a visit to Poland in the spring are welcome new additions for activities.

**What charities has the club supported during the past year?** "Five Loaves" is a local, non-governmental charity for the homeless. A variety of fundraising events have been held to help, especially because of the difficult economic times.

**Club name:** Association of American Women in Ireland  
**Website/contact:** FAWCO Rep: nellie@heirsireland.com  
**Year founded:** 1992; **Year joined FAWCO:** 1992  
**Membership total:** 13  
**U.S. members:** 93%, **International members:** 7%  
**Short-term members (3 years or less):** 0  
**Dues:** \$34

**What makes your club unique or different from the other FAWCO clubs?** AAWI may be the smallest club in FAWCO, but its commitment to FAWCO is central to our reason for being. AAWI is proud of its contributions and that our small membership includes past FAWCO President (Ellen Rice) and FAWCO Foundation President (Mary Rose Stauder). We are enjoying the social aspects of the club after years of organizing and fundraising and are open to new members and ideas.

**What charities has the club supported during the past year?** The Zambia Mazabuka Life Start Project and the Irish Hospice Foundation.

## Scotland

**Club name:** Association of American Women of Aberdeen  
**Website/contact:** www.awaaberdeen.org  
**Year founded:** 1985 **Joined FAWCO:** 1991

**Club Name:** AWC Central Scotland  
**Website/contact:** www.awccs.org, fawcorep@awccs.org  
**Year Founded:** 1974; **Year joined FAWCO:** 1993  
**Membership total:** 82 **U.S. members:** 87%, **International members:** 13%  
**Short-term members (3 years or less):** 13%  
**Dues:** \$45

**What makes your club unique or different from the other FAWCO clubs?** We have quite a high percent of permanent residents living in Scotland, not connected to any American businesses. Most of our club members now work.

**What charities has the club supported during the past year?** We have just received our Charity Status from Scotland and are now developing a separate Charity Arm of our club. We have three goals to support: (1) FAWCO Foundation, (2) a charity decided upon by the Charity Committee (3) a new Scholarship Fund we have designed to help Scottish Students who plan to study in American and American Students who are studying in Scotland.

*Club and Regional Profiles continued*

## Region 2: Denmark, Finland, Norway, Russia and Sweden

Regional Coordinator: Clarice Scott

### Denmark

**Club name:** American Women's Club of Aarhus

**Website/contact:** www.awcaa.dk

**Year founded:** 1991; **Year joined FAWCO:** 1992

**Membership total:** 34 US members: 56%, International members: 44%

**What percentage of current members have joined within the last 3 years?** 15%

**Dues:** \$34.00

**The club's main activities and goals:** AWCAA consists of women who are well integrated in Denmark. Activities include book club, 4th of July, Beach Party, Thanksgiving, and Christmas Cookie exchange.

**What charities has the club supported during the past year?** Women's Crisis Center in Aarhus and 100% for the Children - FAWCO DG recipient 2009.

**Club name:** American Women's Club of Denmark

**Website/contact:** awcdenmark.org/

**Year founded:** 1934; **Year joined FAWCO:** 1934

**Membership total:** 179 **U.S. members:** 65%, **International members:** 35%

**What percentage of current members have joined within the last 3 years?** 10%

**Dues:** \$35

**The club's main activities and goals:** Fun, friendship and philanthropy. Our vision for the members and quests of AWC Denmark; to deepen our commitment to working and playing together; to share our laughter and tolerance into our daily lives. We invite you to visit our website on a regular basis to check out our latest upcoming events and news. We welcome your suggestions, comments and questions. Enjoy, and thank you for visiting the website of the American Women's Club in Denmark.

**What charities has the club supported during the past years?** Recipients of (annual) philanthropy awards over last few years: Kristen Rådgivning for Incestofre og Seksuelt misbrugte, Dansk Kvindesamfund Krisecenter i Vodroffsvej, the Heart Pillow Project (for breast-surgery patients at Herlev and Rigshospital), Blågård Kirke "Meals for the Needy," Muhabet (center for immigrants with psychological problems), Dry Ind (the oldest day center in Denmark), Support Group for Late Brain-Damaged Children, Alexandra Collegium (for single mothers in education programs), Hjernesagen Copenhagen & Frederiksberg (aphasia center), smoke alarms for elderly people's homes in Vedbæk, Children's Home in Farum and SOVI (workshop for autistic people) We have regular stuffing parties for Heart Pillows and contribute Bazaar leftovers and other items to charities around Copenhagen.

### Finland

**Club name:** The American Women's Club in Finland

**Website/contact:** www.awc-fin.org; info@awcfinland.com

**Year founded:** 1970; **Year joined FAWCO:** 2001

**Membership total:** 250 **U.S. members:** 56%, **International members:** 44%

**What percentage of current members have joined within the last three years?** 25%

**Dues:** \$60

**The club's main activities and goals:** We strive to provide a means for social interaction for women of American nationality/heritage through regular monthly meetings, active interest groups and charity fundraisers.

**What charities has the club supported during the past year?** AWC Finland sponsors two Finnish charities on an annual basis: *Rajaseutulittory* (Union for the Support of Frontier Regions in Finland) and *ALLA* (Leisure time activities for mentally handicapped young people). Additionally, the club supports FAWCO-sponsored efforts and Toys for Tots.

### Norway

**Club name:** American Women's Club of Oslo

**Website/contact:** www.awcoslo.org

**Year founded:** 1934 **Year joined FAWCO:** 1949

**Membership total:** 210; **U.S. members:** 87%; **International members:** 13 %

**What percentage of current members have joined within the last three years?** 10%

**Dues:** \$75

**The club's main activities and goals:** Every other year, AWC Oslo offers a scholarship of \$15,000 to a Norwegian wishing to study in the US. Most of our fundraising goes towards this cause.

**What charities has the club supported during the past year?** In October, we used our monthly meeting to make heart pillows. We finished 60 pillows that were wrapped in cellophane with a card attached to it. These were given to the Norwegian Cancer Society and will be distributed through them. They were extremely happy about receiving them, so we are hoping to make this a yearly event. In November, we have a Thanksgiving luncheon where \$15 per attending member is given to a charity of our choosing. We voted on which charity it should be at a prior meeting and the charity chosen was the

Oslo Crisis Center for women and children. The director of the crisis center attended our meeting and spoke about what the Crisis Center is all about. We also had a purse auction (silent auction) at the meeting and all the proceeds went to the crisis center as well. All in all, we were able to donate around \$1900 to the center. During the December meeting, we had a gift drive where we collected gifts from the members and donated them to the Oslo Crisis Center.

## Russia

**Club name:** American Women's Organization of Moscow

**Website/contact:** awomoscow.org; awomoscowru@gmail.com

**Year founded:** 1993; **Year joined FAWCO:** 1993

**Membership total:** 150 **U.S. members:** 72%, **International members:** 28%

**Dues:** 2000 rubles, approx. \$66

**The club's main activities and goals:** We provide a support group to newcomers from North America. Tri-monthly coffees geared to providing information about the Moscow community; Interest group activities; Crafts Fair; Christmas Cocktails.

**What charities has the club supported during the past year?** Nastenka Pediatric Oncology Hospital of Moscow

## Sweden

**Club name:** American Women's Club of Malmö

**Website/contact:** www.awcmalmo.com

**Year founded:** 1997 **Year joined FAWCO:** 1998

**Membership total:** 160 **U.S. members:** 70%, **International members:** 30%

**Short-term members (3 years or less):** 47%

**Dues:** \$33

**The club's main activities and goals:** The AWC Malmö was founded November 1997 to bring together Americans residing in Sweden and those with ties to America, for the purpose of gaining companionship, support and friendship among their fellow club members.

**What charities has the club supported during the past year?** After two years of doing holiday charity drives for the local Ronald McDonald House in Lund, Sweden, last year the AWC Malmö participated in the Christmas Package program run by Läkaremissionen (Human Bridge) that provides parcels of useful items for underprivileged children in Eastern Europe. The AWC also made a charitable donation to the American Friends Service Committee, earmarked for South America, in the name of one of our members. This year, the AWC Malmö is doing a holiday charity drive for Stadsmissionen, an organization which helps homeless and needy people in Skåne, the southernmost region of Sweden. The Mission has a special program just now for girls ages 13-20 called Enter Mötessplats and the club is collecting money as well as new and gently used goods and furniture for donation. In addition to this charity drive, the club has made a donation to Cancerfonden in the name of one of our members.

**Club name:** American Women's Club of Stockholm

**Website/contact:** www.awcstockholm.org

**Year founded:** 1911 **Year joined FAWCO:** 2001

**Membership total:** 380; **U.S. members:** 85%, **International members:** 15%

**Dues:** \$40

**The club's main activities and goals:** The AWC exists to provide fun, warmth and support to American women living in Sweden, as well as assist their assimilating into Swedish life.

**What charities has the club supported during the past year?** Sending letters and care packages to US military troops based overseas and supporting the AWC Scholarship Foundation. Scholarships are given to American women wanting to study in Sweden, based on academic excellence and commitment to improving humankind.

**Club name:** American Women's Club of Gothenburg

**Website/contact:** www.awcgothenburg.com contactus@awcgothenburg.com

**Year founded:** 1948 **Year joined FAWCO:** 1987

**Membership total:** 61 American members

**Dues:** \$24

**What makes your club unique or different from the other FAWCO clubs?** Meetings are held at the Emigration House in the center of Gothenburg, which has proven very beneficial: same place, same time every month. Thousands of Swedes departed to the U.S from the EH in the 1800-1900's. The EH sees our club as a completion of the circle. "Social with a Cause" would best describe AWC Gothenburg.

**What charities has the club supported during the past year?** A "fundraising/philanthropy team" provides better focus on fundraising. In 2008, AWCG focused on "Pink Ribbon," by making 'Heart Pillows' for cancer patients.

*Club and Regional Profiles continued*

### Region 3: France

This is my first year as regional coordinator, and it is really exciting to work with four dynamic French clubs! In the capital we have AWG Paris, and AAWE Paris. These two clubs are a major social and philanthropic FAWCO wonder. In the center of France, we have AC Lyon, which reaches out to the community with huge cultural events. Down in the South of France, AWG Languedoc-Roussillon is totally hands-on with their local charity support and fundraising.

To make this year even more exciting, our region has two new FAWCO Reps: Donna Willis, AC Lyon, and Kim Mousseron, AWG L-R. They quickly caught the FAWCO fever, and it is fantastic to hear what they are doing to keep up the FAWCO fever in their clubs.

Region 3 clubs continue to support FAWCO and the Foundation through education, charity fundraising, sponsoring and motivating NGO's to apply for a Foundation Grant, and inspiring members to apply for the Educational Awards. Also, we are a very creative region. All year long we entertain, cook, and produce handmade crafts to raise money. All the clubs willingly support the Foundation by making quilt patches to send to Roberta Zollner.

In January 2010, AWG Languedoc-Roussillon will host a FAWCO Regional Meeting, "Mediterranean Currents." AWG L-R would like to share their Mediterranean lifestyle, cultures, and cuisines. Montpellier, the laid-back University town in the South of France, is a perfect setting to meet FAWCO members from other clubs and regions and to reconnect with friends.

AWG L-R is thrilled to bring together women from different areas in France and neighboring countries for a weekend of networking and discussion. The meeting will include FAWCO's movers and shakers to share information about what FAWCO is doing, what it can do for you and your club and why we are all proud to belong to FAWCO. On the top of our list will be how to best focus our combined resources for our four year "TARGET" to help reach FAWCO's United Nations Millennium goals.

AWG L-R is very honored and privileged to have Elsie Bose (AWG Paris), FAWCO Foundation President; Janelle Mason (AWC Basel), 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President; Lucy Laederich (AAWE Paris), US Liaison (and FAWCO Parliamentarian), and Genette Eysselinck (AWG L-R), FAWCO Secretary at the regional meeting. The Barcelona Women's Network's head FAWCO cheerleader, Region 7 Coordinator and Foundation Parliamentarian, Arline Coward, is successfully getting their members to come for the fun weekend.

Friends on the FAWCO and Foundation boards have made it very easy to plan an inspiring agenda. The regional is attracting members **from all regions** to attend by offering in-home hospitality, and an affordable weekend package (Friday night welcome cocktail, Saturday meeting with lunch) for 40 euros. Kim Mousseron, AWG L-R FAWCO Rep, will be able to tell you all about the fantastic regional at the Boston Conference!!!

Respectfully submitted, Linda Laval (AWG Languedoc Roussillon), Region 3 Coordinator

#### France

**Club name:** American Women's Group of Languedoc Roussillon

**Website/contact:** www.AWGLR.org awg.grapevine@gmail.com

**Year founded:** 1986 **Year joined FAWCO:** 1987

**Membership total:** 72 **U.S. members:** 61%, **International members:** 39 %

**What percentage of current members have joined within the last 3 years?** 35%

**Dues:** \$65

**The club's main activities and goals:** AWG-LR is a friendly network of American and Anglophone women integrating into French society, using our joint skills to enrich our lives. We read, hike, cook, garden, blog, learn about France and the Languedoc Roussillon, discuss life issues and work with local charities. We always organize events in alignment with topics and issues that are hot with FAWCO. We aim to have *fun* fundraising and are always trying out new fundraising ideas. This year we have had success with some new fundraisers which included a greeting card sale, participation in a local town tag sale, and our new service bank where members provide services for one another in exchange for a donation to our fundraising bank. We always rely on some old favorites such as our raffle of a basket filled with American goodies raffled off at our Thanksgiving luncheon and this year we are bringing back another club favorite: in-house dinners.

**What charities has the club supported during the past year?** AWG-LR chooses a local charity to support every year and we often continue to support the same charity for more than one year. This past year we have continued to support a local charity, *Restos Bébés*, which helps pregnant women and mothers of infants under the age of 12 months who are in need. In addition to a financial contribution made to this charity, members of our club volunteer at the Restos Bébés center and we regularly donate clothing, toys and baby equipment that we have collected. AWG-LR has also continued to support *The Unity in Diversity Foundation* which builds schools and trains teachers to teach children in remote areas of Sumatra, Indonesia. Again, in addition to financial support, we are working on creating exchanges between the children in Sumatra and our AWG-LR members' children.

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**Club name:** American Club of Lyon

**Website/contact:** www.americanclublyon.org; webmaster@americanclublyon.org

**Year founded:** 1987; **Year joined FAWCO:** 1996

**Membership total:** 105 **U.S. members:** 60%, **International members:** 40%

**What percentage of current members have joined within the last 3 years?** 35%

**Dues:** \$100

**The club's main activities and goals:** The club in Lyon is different from other FAWCO clubs in two distinct ways, 1) many of our members are dual nationality professional couples who come to Lyon for 2-5 years and 2) 55% of our membership base are young families.

**What charities has the club supported during the past year?** Sport dans la Ville was founded in March 1998 in Lyon (France) with the goal of creating a sports activities program that could be used to help underprivileged children who live in difficult neighborhoods. The program uses sports as a means to encourage young people to avoid antisocial behavior, teaching them the importance of teamwork, leadership and social integration. Around 2000 children are currently involved. Sports and activities offered include soccer and basketball while two long summer camps and one winter camp take place each year involving 130 children. An international exchange program also operates every summer involving 25 children and is run in conjunction with similar charities in Brazil (Gol de Letra) and the USA (Harlem RBI). www.sportdanslaville.com.

**Club name:** American Women's Group in Paris

**Website and e-mail address:** www.awgparis.org, awgparis@wanadoo.fr

**Year founded:** 1947 **Year joined FAWCO:** 1953

**Membership total:** 236 **U.S. members:** 90%, **International members:** 10%

**Short-term members (3 years or less):** 33%

**Dues:** 95 euros / \$140

**The club's main activities and goals:** Strong purpose of AWG Paris is to foster and encourage social, educational and cultural activities among American Women in France and to assist in furthering Franco-American relations. A principal activity is to support organizations which benefit women and/or children.

**What charities has the club supported during the past year?** AWG works closely through monetary contributions and in-house volunteering with "L'Envol" (Children's camp/part of Paul Newman's Hole in the Wall camp) and "Coeur des Femmes" (a Paris based women's shelter) and supports the FAWCO Foundation.

**Club name:** Association of American Wives of Europeans (Paris)

**Website and e-mail address:** www.aaweparis.org, aawe@wanadoo.fr

**Year founded:** 1961 **Year joined FAWCO:** 1966

**Membership total:** 572 **U.S. members:** 94%, **International members:** 6%

**Short-term members (3 years or less):** almost none

**Dues:** \$113; New members pay a \$20 registration fee.

**What makes your club unique or different from the other FAWCO clubs?** Members are mostly Americans living in France for the long term. Members are integrated into European society and have grouped together around common issues of concern and interest, such as citizenship, bilingualism, work, intercultural marriage, life changes and life as a senior citizen.

**What charities has the club supported during the past year?** Being almost exclusively long-term, the members tend to give privately in their own communities. Proceeds from our annual Christmas Bazaar raffle go to support carefully selected local and foreign charities. AAWE has contributed to the FAWCO Foundation's Gertrude de Gallaix Award every year.

## Region 4: Belgium, Luxembourg and The Netherlands

### Who is Region 4?

Region 4 consists of six clubs: AWC Antwerp, AWC Brussels, AWC Amsterdam, AWC The Hague, ANCOR Rotterdam, and AWC Luxembourg.

### New Communication Tools: Skype Calls

In September, Region 4 Reps had a skype call together with 2<sup>nd</sup> VP Janelle Mason to discuss how each club was dealing with the economic downturn. Different points of views and solutions were shared, and it was a great way to keep the communication going with everyone instead of email. This is something that Region 4 would like to continue to do with periodic Skype calls.

### Regional Meetings

In October, the AWC Antwerp hosted a Regional Meeting in combination with the 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of their club. During this meeting, only 4 clubs from Region 4 were represented and also from other regions Diane Walsh-Smith from AWC Shanghai, Janelle Mason from AWC Basel and Elsie Bose from AWG Paris. The meeting was a great time to share and learn from each other's experiences during this past year of difficult financial times. Both AWC The Hague and Brussels have clubhouses that have been a burden to keep up with but also a blessing to have. All clubs shared the fact that numbers in membership have dropped; this was a common topic throughout the weekend. Another major topic discussed was Volunteerism and what it is

that club members need from a club. These brainstorming sessions, one of which I led myself on Volunteerism, were most helpful in coming up with solutions to these problems.

In November Leslie Collingridge and I attended the Region 5 meeting in Aachen. I once again had the opportunity to lead a brainstorming session on Volunteerism during the weekend. Region 5 organized a wonderful meeting and warmly welcomed Region 4 to this event.

#### **Region 4 Clubs Support FAWCO & The Foundation**

The AWC The Hague continues to have a large representation in FAWCO and will be celebrating its 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2010! I serve as both Representative for the club as well as Region 4 Coordinator. Just recently I have been assigned as Club Workshop Coordinator and will be working closely with Janelle to arrange workshops that can be offered at all FAWCO clubs. Rachel McNally is Vice-President of Communications for The Foundation Board. Georgia Regnault is Assistant Treasurer for The Foundation and Anne van Oorschot is one of the FAWCO Environment Task Force Co-chairs. Leslie Collingridge, who is also the club president, is currently serving as an overseas ambassador for the American Domestic Violence Crisis Line (ADVCL). In addition to the club's enthusiasm for FAWCO, the AWC The Hague is active in sharing The Foundation's goals and does a "Helping Handbags" auction every year to raise funds to donate to The Foundation. Last year I brought back from Vilnius different souvenirs and made a nice goody bag which I raffled off at a general meeting. It was such a success that I raised \$500 dollars in one morning and donated it to The Foundation to support the ERF. AWC the Hague is also active in supporting the Heart Pillow Project through its Stitching Group. They make pillows and donate them to local hospitals. Even the members that do not sew have donated fabrics and other materials needed to make this a successful project for our club.

AWC Brussels also has representation on The Foundation board by Suzanne Wheeler, who is serving as The Foundation Secretary.

The AWC Luxembourg raised funds via a number of activities, mostly tombolas, to continue their support of the DG: Around the Corner a World Away. In January 2010, a local charity spoke on violence towards women including sex trafficking, sexual abuse and domestic violence and what is being done in Luxembourg and the EU to stop these acts. The club will promote FAWCO's task force on this subject in unison with their local charity. The AWC Luxembourg also has a member on the FAWCO board, Carol Kamphuis, as Treasurer.

Region 4 continues to be very active within FAWCO and is looking forward with much enthusiasm to the conference in March.

Respectfully submitted, Elizabeth Kennedy (AWC The Hague), Region 4 Coordinator

#### **Belgium**

**Club name:** American Women's Club of Antwerp

**Website/contact:** awcantwerp.org Amy Bourne (amymbourne@gmail.com)

**Year founded:** 1929 ; **Year joined FAWCO:** founding member, 1931

**Membership total:** 149 ; US members: 61%, International members: 39%

**What percentage of current members have joined within the last 3 years?** 52%

**Dues:** \$115/year

**The club's main activities and goals:** Our purpose is to create a center for social, cultural, and philanthropic activities for American women in the Antwerp area.

**What charities has the club supported during the past year?** De Luchtbalen, Lucia, Breast Clinic, St. Augustine's hospital.

**Club name:** American Women's Club of Brussels

**Website/contact:** www.awcb.org awcb@awcb.org

**Year founded:** 1949 **Year joined FAWCO:** 1950

**Membership total:** 366 **U.S. members:** 75%, **International members:** 25%

**Short-term members (3 years or less):** 68%

**Dues:** \$240

**The club's main activities and goals** The Club's priorities are to organize a center for philanthropic, social and cultural activities, foster Belgo-American understanding, and to foster fellowship for the American women.

**What charities has the club supported during the past year?** We have continued our support of our three main charities which include a Battered Women's Shelter, a Refugee center and a home for elderly residents. We also hosted a very successful brunch for a Breast Cancer charity.

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## Luxembourg

**Club name:** American Women's Club of Luxembourg

**Website/contact:** www.awcluxembourg.com

**Year founded:** 1959 **Year joined FAWCO:** 1962

**Membership total:** 345 **U.S. members:** 40%, **International members:** 60%

**What percentage of current members have joined within the last 3 years?** 60%

**Dues:** \$72

**The club's main activities and goals:** The goals of AWC Luxembourg are to foster and encourage social, educational, cultural and philanthropic activities among its members and to assist in furthering American-Luxembourg relations.

**What charities has the club supported during the past year?** Unicef, American Stand, International Bazaar, Toys for Tots, Foundation Luxembourgeoise Contre le Cancer, Spangdahlem OCSC, Relay for Life, Mary Elvinger Scholarship, FAWCO DG (co-sponsor), Kaiserslautern Toy Drive, Ile aux Clowns, Fisher House.

## The Netherlands

**Club name:** American Women's Club of Amsterdam

**Website/contact:** www.awca.nl, infomation@awca.nl

**Year founded:** 1927 **Year joined FAWCO:** 1971

**Membership total:** 307 **U.S. members:** at least 63%, **International members:** about 37%

**Short-term members:** 198 new members in the last 3 years

**Dues:** \$116

**What makes your club unique or different from the other FAWCO clubs?** Versatility - This past year, the Newcomers Group has been extremely busy with programs. AWCA's strength is welcoming and aiding in newcomer integration.

**What charities has the club supported during the past year?** At a Fall Book Sale, 1303 euros were raised for the Leeftinghuis Shelter to purchase winter clothing for ten children at the shelter and to go on a field trip. "One Member, One Tree" Challenge - cards sold for 5 euros to pay for one tree raising 1244 euros. FAWCO Reps have been selling "Earrings for Emergencies" to support FAWCO Emergency Relief Fund raising 150 euros.

**Club name:** American Women's Club of The Hague

**Website/contact:** www.awcthehague.org info@awcthehague.org

**Year founded:** 1930 **Year joined FAWCO:** 1931-1966 and rejoined in 1981

**Membership total:** 172 **U.S. members:** 85%; **International members:** 15%

**Short-term members (3 years or less):** 51%

**Dues:** \$250

**What makes your club unique or different from the other FAWCO clubs?** The AWC The Hague has their own clubhouse therefore allowing the club the largest English library in The Netherlands and a permanent art gallery. The library and gallery have both been a part of the club since its beginnings 80 years ago. The AWC The Hague is one of 6 founding members in 1931. Four of the club's members have been past Presidents of FAWCO making the AWC The Hague a strong presence in FAWCO.

**What charities has the club supported during the past year?** Since 2002, the AWC has been working together with American and Dutch businesses in order to combat breast cancer. Nearly one million Euros has been raised and contributed to breast cancer research in The Netherlands.

**Club name:** American Netherlands Club of Rotterdam (ANCOR)

**Website/contact:** www.ancorrotterdam.com, www.ancorrotterdam.com/contact.html

**Year founded:** 1955 **Year joined FAWCO:** 1976

**Dues:** \$88

## Region 5: Austria and Germany

Region 5 has a new member, of whom the region is very proud: the **Munich International Women's Club (Munich IWC)** with President Mary Lynne MacKay and FAWCO Rep Roberta Zöllner, well-known FAWCO member. One club changed its name: the AWC Cologne is now the **American International Women's Club of Cologne e.V. (AIWCC)**.

The now seven member clubs of Region 5 are, in Germany, AWC Berlin, AIWC Cologne, AWC Duesseldorf, AWC Hamburg, AWC of Taunus (Frankfurt Area) and IWC Munich, plus one club in Austria, the AWA Vienna.

The key goal of Region 5 in 2009 was again to bring the FAWCO world and FAWCO's work closer to all club members, especially to members who cannot attend the annual FAWCO conferences for time, job or personal reasons. For that purpose Region 5 invited all clubs and the neighboring regions to a regional meeting in Aachen, Germany in November 2009. The AWC of Hamburg hosted our FAWCO Region 5 meeting titled 'FAWCO and FUN'.

Everyone had a fabulous time Aachen. Thirty attendees from Hamburg, Berlin, Cologne, Düsseldorf, Munich, the Taunus, Amsterdam and The Hague enjoyed learning about the latest FAWCO news as well as touring the town. The meeting kicked

off on Friday evening. During dinner, My-Linh Kunst presented "Bringing FAWCO into Your Club." Old and new friends enjoyed chatting and catching up with one another.

Bright and early Saturday morning we got down to business. Michelle Miller from Cologne started off with some information about banking for Americans Overseas. The topic raised several questions. The main focus of the morning was The Target Program – our four year FAWCO program designed to choose one global issue for all of the clubs to work on. Worldwide clubs submitted nine proposals and we heard from four of them: Water, Maternal Health, Iodine Deficiency, and Abolishing Modern Day Slavery. All of the presentations were moving and eye opening; too bad we cannot do all of them! Elsie Bose, FAWCO Foundation President, reminded us of all of the Development Grants and Educational Awards which are available for us to apply for and provided some great fundraising tips.

After our lunch break and FUN part, exploring the city of Aachen with its wonderful historic jewels, we took a pause from FAWCO and heard two presentations on energy. Our guest speaker, Jacey Rogers from Areva NP GmbH, taught us about CO2 free nuclear energy. We learned how a nuclear power plant works, that the power is 100% reliable, and that the plants themselves are safer than you would think. (See also our report on the Region 5 meeting on the website). Our own Chris Lorenzen then presented Wind Energy to us. We learned that the technology originated in Denmark hundreds of years ago.

The workshop on Sunday focused on volunteerism and fundraising. Elizabeth Kennedy from The Hague led us in a discussion of what kind of groups of volunteers do we have in our club and how do we get them involved? During brunch we started a general discussion of club issues such as Information Management: best practices and club processes. Ideas ranged from a member database to transfer of data on a USB stick to club publications.

All clubs in Region 5 are active in sharing the Foundation's goals. This is in addition to the other individual activities supporting philanthropically causes. Please see the individual club reports on their programs.

All seven clubs communicate with each other by sharing their newsletters. Joint visits take place among clubs by sharing activities and festivities.

Respectfully submitted, Frauke Rademacher-Heidemann (AWC Hamburg), Region 5 Coordinator

## **Austria**

**Club Name:** American Women's Association of Vienna

**Website/contact:** www.awavienna.com, aw@awavienna.com

**Year Founded:** 1924 **Year joined FAWCO:** 1931

**Membership total:** 295 **U.S. members:** 46% **International members:** 54%

**What percentage of current members have joined within the last 3 years?** 60%

**Dues:** \$132 regular, \$82 senior/students, \$172 family

**What makes your club unique or different from the other FAWCO clubs?** AWAV holds a Gala Musical Evening every 3-5 years benefiting American or non-EU students studying music in Vienna. The Hannah Adler Music Scholarship has been awarded since 1988 in memory of Hannah Adler, former AWA President. For 25 years, AWA has published the indispensable resource guide "Living in Vienna." Appointed members of AWA have been able to attend sessions at the UN in Vienna.

**What charities has the club supported during the past year?** The charities Menschen Leben and Oasis at the Traiskirchen refugee camp outside of Vienna which use psychologists to offer ways to cope with trauma including self-expression through painting. AWA and the International School raised 1,000 euros at a live-auction of paintings painted by children from the refugee camp.

## **Germany**

**Club name:** American Women's Club of Berlin

**Website/contact:** www.awcberlin.org president@awcberlin.org

**Year founded:** 1931 + 1994; **Year joined FAWCO:** 1994

**Membership total:** 15; **U.S. members:** 90%, **International members:** 10%

**What percentage of current members have joined within the last 3 years?** 30%

**Dues:** \$34

**The club's main activities and goals:** Its purpose is to further social contact, to provide information about the community, to reach out to their German hosts and to promote charitable programs.

**What charities has your club supported during the past year?** Ronald McDonald Haus Berlin, JFKSchool Berlin

## Club and Regional Profiles continued

**Club name:** American International Women's Club of Cologne  
**Website/contact:** www.aiwccologne.org  
**Year founded:** 1961 **Year joined FAWCO:** 1970  
**Membership total:** 193 **U.S. members:** 40.9% (60% of voting members),  
**International members:** 17.6% (40% of voting members)  
**International members:** 37.3% (non-voting members)  
**What percentage of current members have joined within the last 3 years?** 53.8%  
**Dues:** \$73

**The club's main activities and goals:** To serve members through cultural and social interaction. To promote friendship and good will within the local community. As a philanthropic organization, to support charities locally and abroad.

**What charities has the club supported during the past year?** Diankonie Michaelshoven: Beratungs Bus (Womens' Mobile Crisis Counseling Bus serving under-served communities); Kinderhospiz Balthasar (Children's hospice); Frauen helfen Frauen (Women's shelter); Schule Lindweiler Hof (school for mentally/physically challenged); Bonner Zentrum für Essstörungen (Eating disorder clinic); HimalAsia (nunnery in Nepal); Volunteer in local schools to support English language teachers.

**Club name:** American Women's Club of Düsseldorf  
**Website/contact:** www.awcduesseldorf.org  
**Year founded:** 1959 **Year joined FAWCO:** 1971  
**Membership total:** 256 **U.S. members:** 59%, **International members:** 41%  
**What percentage of current members have joined within the last 3 years?** 55% (70 new members in 2009 alone!)  
**Dues:** \$116

**The club's main activities and goals:** helping newcomers adjust to life in Germany, focusing charity work with local women and children's charities, hosting events that highlight American culture.

**What charities has the club supported during the past year?** Our main recipient last year was the Kinderhospiz Regenbogenland, a hospice for dying children. We raised 10,000 Euros (\$14,500) for them. We also donated funds (total 2400 Euros or \$3484) to nine other local charities. This coming year, our main recipients will be Frauenhaus Düsseldorf, a shelter for abused women and children, and KnackPunkt, a shelter for homeless women, many of whom are dealing with substance abuse.

**Club name:** American Women's Club of Hamburg  
**Website/contact:** www.awchamburg.org, webwoman@awchamburg.org  
**Year founded:** 1956  
**Membership total:** 130; **U.S. members:** 80%, **International members:** 20%  
**What percentage of current members have joined within the last 3 years?** 20%  
**Dues:** \$125

**The club's main activities and goals:** The AWCH organizes social, cultural, and volunteer events highlighted in our bi-monthly newsletter, *Currents*. We support our English speaking community offering book, film, walking groups, etc.

**What charities has the club supported during the past year?** In 2009, the AWCH supported the FAWCO Development Grant program. We supported The Americans Overseas Domestic Violence Crisis Center founded and run by Paula Lucas. We also donated to the Hamburger Tafel, a local food bank.

**Club name:** Munich International Women's Club  
**Website/contact:** www.internationalwomensclub.org  
**Year founded:** 1990: **Year joined FAWCO:** 2009  
**Membership total:** Variable! about 200 **U.S. members:** 25%, **International members:** 75%  
**What percentage of current members have joined within the last 3 years?** 70%  
**Dues:** \$65 (€45)

**The club's main activities and goals:** Providing a framework for making friends for English-speaking international women in Munich. Activities include; monthly guest speakers on topics of present day news, travel logs and specific subjects of interest.

**What charities has the club supported during the past year?** Munich Frauenhaus (women's shelter) 4500 euros, plus clothing and food drives, plus planting a vegetable garden; NEEED (organization building schools for girls in Burkina Faso, for library books) 500 euros.

*Club and Regional Profiles continued*

**Club name:** American Women's Club of the Taunus  
**Website/contact:** www.awctaunus.org, awctaunus@hotmail.com  
**Year founded:** 1971 **Year joined FAWCO:** 1978  
**Membership total:** 462 **U.S. members:** 60%, **International members:** 40%  
**What percentage of current members have joined within the last 3 years?** 67%  
**Dues:** \$99, but in January new members can join for \$53

**What makes your club unique or different from the other FAWCO clubs?** Our club has a great resource for members in our CARES (Crisis Assistance Resources Emergency Services), which is a group of member volunteers who will listen, provide resources, information and give general support to members. We also hold an annual Fall Market where members and the German community can get a taste of American food favorites and baked goods while getting a jump start on their Christmas shopping.

**What charities has the club supported during the past year?** This year our club is supporting the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit at the Children's Hospital Hoechst in Frankfurt. At our annual Charity Event in March 2010, we plan to raise enough funds (approximately 25,000 euro) to purchase a sophisticated Giraffe incubator, which is desperately needed in the neonatal unit. In December, our club kicked off the fundraising effort with a 1,500 euro cash donation to the hospital. We also organized a toy drive in order to provide a special gift to each child in the children's hospital at Christmas. In March 2009, our club raised more than 21,000 euro for the German charity "Vita Assistenzhunde, e.V." or "Vita dogs," an organization that trains assistance dogs for disabled children.

## Region 6: Liechtenstein and Switzerland

Region 6 consists of five clubs: AWC Bern, AWOT Ticino, AWC Zurich, AWC Basel and AWC Liechtenstein. Communication with Region 6 Reps has proved challenging for me this year because of my busy family life. However, I am happy to report some activities. AWC Zurich, always our busiest FAWCO Club, has organized FAWCO related activities in April, May and June in 2009. AWC Bern donated monies for a tree planting in a new Park in Bern.

Unfortunately, the Regional Meeting scheduled in January 2010 had to be cancelled, but we are busy working on an alternative meeting later in the coming year.

Respectfully submitted, Ramona Nussbaum (AWC Bern), Regional Coordinator Region 6

### Liechtenstein

**Club name:** American Women's Club in Liechtenstein  
**Website and e-mail address:** www.awcliechtenstein.org, lomatrom@sn-mail.li  
**Year Founded:** 1994  
**Membership total:** 18 **U.S. members:** 89%, **International members:** 11%  
**Short-term members (3 years or less):** 22%  
**Dues:** \$82

**What makes your club unique or different from the other FAWCO clubs?** We celebrate all the usual American holidays, hold White Elephant and monthly coffee mornings, movie and bowling nights.

**What charities has the club supported during the past year?** AWCL supports a home for abused women and children through financial donations.

### Switzerland

**Club name:** American Women's Club of Basel  
**Website and Email address:** www.awcbasel.org  
**Year founded:** 1947 **Year joined FAWCO:** 1952  
**Membership total:** 176 **U.S. members:** 78% **International members:** 22%  
**What percentage of current members have joined within the last 3 years?** 30%  
**Dues:** 80 Swiss France, approx. US\$ 93.00

**The club's main activities and goals:** The AWC of Basel celebrates the diversity of our members as well as embraces the Swiss culture. We offer a variety of events and activities that appeal to adults and families. i.e., fall and spring luncheons, "Give a Little Piece of Your Heart," FAWCO Tea, Halloween and Christmas parties for children, bridge, and book groups. A major focus is the American Women's Club Library with a collection of over 5,000 books.

**What charities has the club supported during the past year?** Three charities were supported. A donation of 7500 CHF was given to Tageszentrum Dorneck, a daycare center which provides care, support and relief for adult persons with debilitating and/or disabilities. The Bridge-A-Rama group donated 900 CHF to Frauenhaus-Basel, a shelter for women. The FAWCO Initiative, "Ending Violence Against Women and Children," received a donation of 550 CHF.

*Club and Regional Profiles continued*

**Club name:** American Women's Club of Bern

**Website/contact:** www.awcbern.org

**Year founded:** 1949 **Year joined FAWCO:** 1989

**Membership total:** 126 ; **U.S. members:** 84%, **International members:** 16%

**What percentage of current members have joined within the last 3 years?** 15%

**Dues:** \$58

**The club's main activities and goals:** The AWC Bern is a nonpolitical organization sponsoring social, cultural, and charitable activities in and around Bern, Switzerland. Major programs include luncheons, teas, holiday celebrations, speakers, tours, family events, charity fund raisers, and more.

**What charities has the club supported during the past year?** The AWC has supported in the last year our local charity, The Pension Villa Maria. Our newest charity project is Women's Hope International. We ended in summer 2009 our two year project, the FAWCO one tree per member, with the planting of our tree in a local park and we have also supported the FAWCO Foundation with our yearly donation.

**Club name:** American Women of Ticino

**Website and e-mail address:** www.awot.ch

**Year founded:** 1990 **Year joined FAWCO:** 1991

**Membership total:** 100 **U.S. members:** 75%, **International members:** 25%

**What percentage of your current members have joined within the last three years?** 10%

**Dues:** \$50

**The club's main activities and goals:** AWOT's focus has remained the same over the years – to function as a strong support group for members and the American community in Ticino Switzerland.

**What charities has the club supported during the past year?** AWOT does not pursue charity projects throughout the year. At Christmastime we collect for enhance holiday food boxes which are distributed to needy local families.

**Club name:** American Women's Club of Zurich

**Website and e-mail address:** www.awczurich.org

**Year founded:** 1931 **Year joined FAWCO:** 1931

**Membership total:** 415 **U.S. members:** 82%, **International members:** 18%

**Short-term members (3 years or less):** 20%

**Dues:** \$175

**The club's main activities and goals:** Zurich has a modern 600 square meter club house in the center of Zurich with a full-service library.

**What charities has the club supported during the past year?** This past year, we provided donations to the American Military Hospital at Landstuhl, Germany. We host an annual Christmas Bazaar including photos with Santa, and this past year hosted a number of musical-themed fundraisers showcasing the unique musical history of America.

## **Region 7: Angola, Egypt, Kenya, Morocco, Nigeria and Spain**

Region 7 includes the AWA of Angola, the Women's Association of Cairo (WA of Cairo), AWA Kenya, AIWC of Casablanca, AIWA of Rabat, the Barcelona Women's Network (BWN), the AWC of Madrid, and the International Newcomers Club of Madrid (INC Madrid). Our members speak English, Arabic, Spanish, French, Catalan, Portuguese, Bantu and Swahili, as well as a number of regional dialects. Our diverse memberships include Americans and over 40 other nationalities.

Getting together in our region is a challenge, but fortunately there was an opportunity last October for a few of us to meet face-to-face. INC Madrid President Anne Morris, AWC Madrid President Linda Comella, a few AWC & INC club members, long time FAWCO supporter Jane Cabanyes and I enjoyed a lunch meeting graciously hosted by INC FAWCO Rep Rosalind Williams in her home in Madrid. It was rewarding to be able to talk about our shared goals in person.

Philanthropic efforts in our region mainly focus on local programs and organizations. AWA Kenya, AIWC Casablanca, AIWA Rabat and AWC Madrid have all benefited from The FAWCO Foundation Development Grant (DG) Program by receiving DGs on behalf of programs and projects in their countries and local communities.

On-going Club business, philanthropic efforts and activities keep our member busy. The following programs and activities are examples of our active region, with detailed information in each Club Report: INC Madrid's positive attitude helps newcomers adjust to their new community; AWC Madrid and AIWA Rabat maintain lending libraries; the WA of Cairo center and the AWC Madrid clubhouse offer welcoming environments where members connect, relax, attend activities and conduct club business; AWA Kenya's members volunteer at orphanages and support food programs; AIWA Rabat donates school uniforms and musical instruments to a center for deaf children; AWA Angola helps their members assimilate into the community thus fostering a positive living experience in Angola and a positive image of American women within the local community; BWN's charity committee oversees annual donations of funds, food, and other items to three local charities; and AIWC Casablanca and Peace Corp volunteers plant fruit and olive trees in the FAWCO Millennium Forest in remote areas of Morocco.

FAWCO Fever is alive and well and contagious in Region 7. This year BWN launched the BWN Tree Project in support of the AIWC Casablanca FAWCO Millennium Forest in Morocco and AIWC Casablanca will be meeting with American and other English speaking women living in Marrakech to help them organize themselves as a club. Our Region is thrilled to learn that AIWC Casablanca, which hosted the 1993 FAWCO Conference in Casablanca, will be hosting the 2011 FAWCO Conference in Marrakech. Mark your calendars now, the 2011 Marrakech Conference will be a memorable experience you will not want to miss!

Region 7 Clubs serve as a support network for their members, foster friendship among the membership and goodwill within the local community, and provide their members with a wide variety of social, cultural, educational, artistic and professional networking activities, as well as special events and interest groups. In Region 7 there is always something for everyone!

Submitted by: Arline Coward (BWN), Region 7 Coordinator

## Angola

**Club name:** American Women's Association of Angola

**Website/contact:** dntsimon@aol.com

**Year founded:** 2003 **Year joined FAWCO:** 2008

## Egypt

**Club name:** Women's Association of Cairo

**Website/contact:** wac@intouch.com

**Year founded:** 1978 **Year joined FAWCO:** 2004

**Membership total:** 166 **U.S. members:** 20%, **International members:** 80%

**Short-term members (3 years or less):** 20%

**Dues:** \$36

**What makes your club unique or different from the other FAWCO clubs?** The WA Center is a spacious ground floor apartment with office space, rooms for member activities and kitchen. It's a welcoming environment where members participate in bridge, book discussions, art classes, crafts and lectures.

**What charities has the club supported during the past year?** Association de la haute Egypte. Franciscaine Missionaries and Abul Reesh Hospital for Children.

## Kenya

**Club name:** American Women's Association of Kenya

**Website/contact:** www.awakenya.org awaofkenya@Gmail.com, FAWCO Rep: Jan Carmony: KenyaTraveler@Gmail.com

**Year founded:** 1958 **Year joined FAWCO:** 1969

**Membership total:** 19 **U.S. members:** 54%, **International members:** 46 %

**What percentage of current members have joined within the last 3 years?** 83%+

**Dues:** \$25-30, depending on exchange rate

**The club's main activities and goals:** funding/assistance; food-aid programs, women's self-help projects, clean water collection, women's remand (i.e. held in prison before trial – could be years!!), orphanages and schools. Social/support programs for members.

**What charities has the club supported during the past year?** Orbit Village (School/Orphanage), Africa H.E.A.R.T., Soweto Slum Good Samaritan Orphans & Destitute Children's Centre, Langat Women's Prison (remand), Kariobangi-Cheshire Home (old folks), Thigio Primary School, Amka Health Center, St. Francis Day Care Centre, Comboni Missionary Sisters-HIV/AIDS Home Hospice & Community program, Oloserian Academy, to name just a few.

## Morocco

**Club name:** American International Women's Club of Casablanca

**Website/contact:** www.casablancaaiwc.org aiwccasablanca@fawco.org

**Year founded:** 1962 **Year joined FAWCO:** 1977

**Membership total:** 82 **U.S. members:** 20% **International members:** 80%

**Dues:** \$40

**The club's main activities and goals:** AIWCC Members are liaisons to the various charities and organizations that the club supports providing assistance and feedback locally.

**What charities has the club supported during the past year?** Community Service – Millenium Tree Project: planting of various species of trees such as olive and fruit trees, in Morocco, to provide a source of income and independence to women's groups in rural areas and to assist with deforestation. Many of these projects are with U.S. Peace Corps Volunteers working with small cooperatives in rural areas. We have also assisted with development projects to assist with building of schools, environmental projects with Peace Corps and rural communities. Funds Donated to: Association de Lutte Contre le SIDA (AIDS testing and education), ANIT 21 – center for mentally handicapped children, Amicale des Handicappes-Rehabilitation hospital for physical disabilities, Ligue Moroccan pour la Protection des Enfants, (Child Protection Services) ANAIS, a school for mentally retarded children, OAPAM, a school for blind children, Goutte de lait, a center for premature

babies and undernourished infants, L'Heure Joyeuse (training of young girls, center for undernourished babies, AMES, a school for deaf children, Les Missionnaires de la Charities (Sisters of Mother Teresa) providing support to various organizations, Solidarite Feminine – supporting single mothers to keep their children, INSAF – Also supports single mothers to keep their children, Lalla Hasna Orphanage, AMARDEV- supports visually impaired children with games and training after school, Amis des Ecoles – supporting rural schools around the country with classrooms and supplies.

**Club name:** American International Women's Association of Rabat

**Website/contact:** aiwa.rabat@gmail.com

**Year founded:** 1962 **Year joined FAWCO:** 1996

**Membership total:** 126 **U.S. members:** 23%, **International (and Moroccan) members:** 77%

**Short-term members (3 years or less):** 25%

**Dues:** \$50

**What makes your club unique or different from the other FAWCO clubs?** AIWA has maintained an English library for three decades with best sellers, CD's plus a beautiful collection of Moroccan history books. A children section and a selection of other international languages have just been included.

**What charities has the club supported during the past year?** AIWA has several projects including providing school uniforms and instruments for a center for deaf children, working with the International School's Honor Society students to help young students from rural areas who have come to Rabat so they can continue their education, funding to refurbish a school for handicapped children and purchasing equipment to be used in training women to be self-supportive.

## Nigeria

**Club name:** American Women's Club of Lagos

**Website/contact:** awclagos@gmail.com

**Year founded:** 1961 **Year joined FAWCO:** 2009

**Membership:** **U.S. members:** 60% **International members:** 40 %

**Short term-members (3 yrs or less):** 20%

**What makes your club unique or different that other FAWCO Clubs?** We work closely with our local charities to make a difference in our host country as Americans living abroad.

## Spain

**Club name:** Barcelona Women's Network – BWN

**Website/contact:** www.bcnwomensnetwork.com , webwoman@bcnwomensnetwork.com

**Year founded:** 1998 **Year joined FAWCO:** 1999

**Membership total:** 200 **U.S. members:** 20% **International members:** 80%

**What percentage of your current members have joined within the last three years?** 50%

**Short-term members (3 years or less):** 35%

**Dues:** \$100

**The club's main activities and goals:** The purpose of the BWN is to foster friendship, goodwill and understanding among women of all nationalities in the Barcelona area.

**What charities has the club supported during the past year?** The majority of BWN's philanthropic donations are for local community organizations that focus on the aging and elderly, children, education and health issues, literacy, poverty reduction, and women's right. Current donation recipients for a two-year period are Avismon (home for elderly), Residencia Emmanuel (children's home) and ARED (a vocational/skills for life training center for women recently released from prison). This year BWN participated in the following FAWCO initiatives: part sponsorship of The 2009 FAWCO Foundation A Place to Learn DG; the 2009-2010 BWN Tree Project in support of the FAWCO Millennium Forest in Morocco; a donation to The FAWCO Foundation; co-signature on a FAWCO Target Program nomination.

**Club name:** American Women's Club of Madrid

**Website/contact:** www.awcmadrid.com, awcmadrid@awcmadrid.e.telefonica.net

**Year founded:** 1954 **Year Joined FAWCO:** 1956

**Membership total:** 175

**U.S. members:** 63%, **International members:** 37%

**Short-term members (3 years or less):** 18%

**Dues:** \$117

**What makes your club unique or different from the other FAWCO clubs?** The club's most important asset is the ownership of a centrally located, 150 sq.mt., club house with kitchen, meal services, 3,000 English book library and monthly second-hand sales. Two big events are held each year – a Holiday Bazaar and Fundraising Dinner Dance in the spring.

**What charities has the club supported during the past year?** For several years, AWCM has supported San Simon de Rojas soup kitchen. Breakfast is provided for about 300 people daily, as well as food and clothing to take home. The club's support consists of sending regular shipments of non-perishable food, used clothing and periodic visits.

*Club and Regional Profiles continued*

**Club name:** International Newcomers Club of Madrid

**Website/contact:** www.incmadrid.com, info@incmadrid.co

**Year founded:** 1988 **Year Joined FAWCO:** 2008

**Membership total:** 225

**U.S. members:** 40%, **International members:** 60%

**Short-term members (3 years or less):** 30%

**Dues:** \$96 Full membership; \$64 ½ year (for new members); \$70 Senior (over 65); \$26 'Members at Large' (Former members who have moved from Madrid)

**What makes your club unique or different from the other FAWCO clubs?** INC is very international with members from 38 countries. The most significant characteristic of the club is its energy and positive spirit. The monthly general meeting, featuring a speaker, is impressively attended by well over 50% of the membership—sometimes as much as 80%!

**What charities has the club supported during the past year?** INC is a social club, so it does not do charity work directly. INC's 2007-08 season funded 259 mosquito nets. FAWCO allows members to satisfy their desire to "give back" to various causes and projects.

## **Region 8: Greece and Italy**

Region 8 has six member clubs in Italy and one member club in Greece. AWA of Naples, AWA of Rome, AIOL of Florence, AIWC of Genoa, Benvenuto Club of Milan, IWC of Torino and AWOOG of Greece.

Region 8 had two main events in 2009. We are very proud of the participation of our clubs and their support of both events.

First was a joint fundraising effort to rebuild a playground in the new housing area for the children of the L'Aquila earthquake victims here in southern Italy. I would like to thank Elizabeth Abbot the Rep of AWA Rome for heading the project, researching and keeping our clubs in the loop of all developments. She has done an excellent job on our behalf.

Second was our Regional Meeting which was held in February of 2010. The first regional meeting in more than 20 years. The distances between our clubs go from the shortest of 200 km. to the longest of 1200 km. or across the seas to Greece. We had more than one representative from each of the Italian Clubs including all club Presidents and Reps. We were very pleased to have members from AWC The Hague, AW of the East Province and INC Madrid join us.

All of the clubs continue to support the FAWCO projects to which they are committed and many clubs have taken on new projects as well.

During my travels with my work I was able to visit with Grace Christovasilis the Rep of AWOOG Greece. Joan Barsotti of A.I.O.L. Florence joined me on a visit with Angie Palmisano Treasurer and Aldina H. Beganovic Todocovic Vice President of IWC of Bari. I was also able to meet with Celeste Brown, Ramona Nussbaum RC of Region 6 and other members of AWC Bern.

I also had a fun visit with Janelle Mason FAWCO 2ndVP when she passed through Genoa last May.

The success and strength of Region 8 comes directly from the wonderful FAWCO women who continue to give of themselves. I am thankful for their support and friendship.

Respectfully submitted, Ann De Simoni (A.I.W.C. of Genoa), Region 8 Coordinator

### **Greece**

**Club name:** American Women's Organization of Greece

**Website/contact:** www.awog.gr, info@awog.gr, awoggives@yahoo.com

**Year founded:** 1948 **Year Joined FAWCO:** 1952

**Membership total:** 176 **U.S. members:** 80%, **International members:** 20%

**What percentage of your current members have joined within the last three years?** 20%

**Short-term members (3 years or less):** 2%

**Dues:** \$85

**The club's main activities and goals:** AWOOG welcomes you! Our motto: Consider what the club can do for you, what you can do for it and let's see what we can all do together!

**What charities has the club supported during the past year?** Our 2009 highlight is again our Annual Christmas Bazaar, which raises funds for various charities—a Community Services Evaluation Committee recommends distribution to approximately half of the 50 institutions which AWOOG supports throughout the years. We also supported 24 institutions which benefited in 2009 from the 2008 Christmas Bazaar proceeds of 18000 Euro. The AWOOG continues to participate in tree planting at The American Farm School in Thessaloniki, donating in memory of AWOOG members, as well as our members also donating a tree in memory of their loved ones. This option is available to all FAWCO members thru FAWCO's

Environment link. The Heart Pillow Project in Greece entered its third year this Thanksgiving, donating 40 pillows monthly to the Agios Savvas Hospital's Breast Cancer Centre. The ACE program enters its 3<sup>rd</sup> year for our members' children. AWOG attended the October 2009 AODVCL Ambassador Training Program in Paris.

## Italy

**Club name:** The American International League of Florence

**Website/contact:** www.aioflorence.org ailo@aioflorence.org

**Year founded:** 1975 **Year joined FAWCO:** 1977

**Membership total:** 200 **U.S. members:** 40 %, **International members:** 60 %

**What percentage of current members have joined within the last 3 years?** 20 %

**Dues:** \$114

**The club's main activities and goals:** Fundraising for local charities; cultural; social; community service. Main activity is the Christmas Bazaar which this year grossed over 42,000 euro, proceeds going to 10 varied charities targeting the poor, elderly, handicapped, medical assistance and animal welfare.

**What charities has the club supported during the past year?** Artemisia, furnishings for a safe house for battered women; Insieme ONLUS, heating for rehab center; Pantagruel ONLUS, setting up a website for women prisoners trying to make a living through their handcrafts; Aurora ONLUS, industrial pasta cooker for soup kitchen; Centro Recupero Rapaci del Mugello, anesthesia equipment for wounded birds and animals; P.A.M.A.P.I., learning and leisure materials for seriously handicapped center; INSIEME, non invasive colonoscopy for children; Residenza Sanitaria Beato Angelico, partial cost of a minibus; Amici del Cane e del Gatto, medication and veterinary services for abandoned dogs and cats.

**Club name:** American International Women's Club of Genoa

**Website/contact:** www.aiwcgenoa.org

**Year founded:** 1957 **Year joined FAWCO:** 1976

**Membership total:** 78 **U.S. members:** 17%, **International members:** 83%

**What percentage of current members have joined within the last 3 years?** 13 %

**Dues:** \$129

**The club's main activities and goals:** AIWC of Genoa is an international group of women who have been extending friendship and charity for over 50 years. Membership comes from 19 different nations and this gives the club a fantastic resource of ideas and manpower. Our annual calendar includes: Monthly General Meetings, Christmas Bazaar, Spring Gala, Thanksgiving and Christmas parties, Monthly Book Club, and Monthly Lunch Bunch.

**What charities has the club supported during the past year?** Spina Bifida Department, Gaslini Children's Hospital, Patronato San Vincenzo, Le Piccole Sorrelle dei Poveri, Aquila Earthquake Victims.

**Club Name:** The Benvenuto Club of Milan

**Website/contact:** www.benvenutomilano.net, benvenuto@fawco.org

**Year founded:** 1967 **Year joined FAWCO:** 1978

**Dues:** €65

**Membership:** 300 **U.S. members:** 15%, **International Members:** 75%

**The club's main activities and goals:** We have both social and charitable components. We explore Italy's culture, history and food. We learn about our members' cultures. Our many groups include Americans In Milan, Orientals Abroad, international marriage, language exchange, wine, quilting, a Mom's group, power walking, gardening and bridge.

**What charities has the club supported during the past year?** Padre Beccaro for Immigrant Children, IDEA VITA for Disabled adults, and Kolbe Association for mentally disabled adults.

**Club Name:** American Women's Club of Naples

**Website/contact:** : No website: Email address: Reynolds@itb.it (President)

**Year founded:** 1970 **Year joined FAWCO:** 1972

**Membership total:** 25 **U.S. members:** 40%, **International members:** 60%

**Dues:** \$34

**Short term members (3 yrs or less):** 40%

**The club's main activities and goals:** Differences include where we are (our vibrant, lively city is quite unique), our sight-seeing book club, and our Inter-Club relationships with our Region 8.

**What charities has the club supported during the past year?** Kids Help Project, Anglican Christ Church and volunteering at American Children's section at the National Library.

*Club and Regional Profiles continued*

**Club Name:** AWAR – American Women’s Association of Rome  
**Website/contact:** www.awar.org, office.09@awar.org  
**Year founded:** 1955 **Year joined FAWCO:** 1963  
**Membership total:** 250 **U.S. members:** 75%, **International members:** 25%  
**Percentage of current members that have joined within the last three years:** 30%  
**Short-term members (3 years or less):** 30%  
**Dues:** \$90

**The club’s main activities and goals:** AWAR’s mission is to promote friendship among its members and understanding between Italy and the United States. It is a non-political, non-sectarian and non-profit organization.

**What charities has the club supported during the past year?** L’Aquila Region 8 FAWCO project (providing playground equipment for the new housing development) 2,500 euro; Roberto Wirth Foundation (foundation for the deaf) 2,500 euro; Celestina Donati (an oasis for children in need) 2,000 euro; Casa di Kim (providing temporary housing and support for families of terminally or chronically ill children who come from developing countries, www.associazionekim.it) 1,600 euro; Casa Famiglia S. Giuseppe e S. Teresa (an oasis for children in need) 1,000 euro. AWAR also contributes funds to the US consulate in Rome to provide for Americans with emergency needs – 800 euro. In addition, individual AWAR members contribute their time and organizational skills to a wide variety of community services: The Italian Association for Alzheimers, The Torre Argentina Cat Sanctuary, The Santa Susanna Lending Library, Komen Italia (breast cancer research), The Center for American Studies (library), Girls’ Town (housing for teenage girls without homes), The Peter Pan Association (for children with cancer), Sant’Egidio Community and the Caritas (for the poor).

**Club Name:** International Women’s Club of Torino (IWCT)  
**Website/contact:** www.iwct.it, president@iwct.it  
**Year founded:** 1960 **Year joined FAWCO:** 1978  
**Membership total:** 136 **U.S. members:** 21%, **International members:** 79%  
**Short-term members (3 years or less):** 47%  
**Dues:** \$75

**What makes your club unique or different from the other FAWCO clubs?** IWCT serves both international and Italian women who call Torino home, whether on a long or short term basis. IWCT has a long history in the regal city of Torino and is working towards a perfect balance of stability that embraces new technology and a blend of established members and young newcomers.

**What charities has the club supported during the past year?** We donated \$4000 to the Carlo Alberto Senior Center located in Torino. Board members accompanied the Senior Center staff to select an electric wheel chair that has a scale to weigh patients as well as essential clothing items that often are neglected. Our choice supported the increasing number of older adults who are in need of out-of-home care.

## **Region 9: Dubai, Lebanon and Saudi Arabia**

Region 9 covers the Middle East. The member clubs are American Women’s Association of Dubai, American Women’s Club of Lebanon and American Women of the Eastern Province of Saudi Arabia.

As the world knows sometimes it can be difficult, to say the least, living in our region of the world. However, what we have accomplished in the last year shows what a group of committed women can do. The Region 9 clubs are small in numbers but have women with big hearts whom are giving of their time, energy and talents for making a difference for people less fortunate.

We were sad to say good bye to the American’s Women’s League of Kuwait but wished them well in all their endeavors.

A heartfelt welcome was sent to AWA of Dubai and we look forward to spreading “FAWCO Fever” in another Middle East country.

Some of the projects that benefited from our efforts over the past year were: supporting the Avon Foundation, the Fistula Foundation, the Aziza Foundation, Nyakabungo Girls Secondary School in Uganda, donating “Heart Pillows” to local hospitals and sponsoring FAWCO Foundation Grants.

We also found time to socialize with luncheons, game nights, teas and a Mardi Gras dinner dance.

Respectfully submitted,  
Beth Arena (AWEP), Region 9 Coordinator

*Club and Regional Profiles continued***Lebanon****Club name:** The American Women's Club of Lebanon**Website/contact:** AWC\_Lebanon@hotmail.com**Year founded:** 1953 **Year joined FAWCO:** 2000**Saudi Arabia****Club name:** American Women of the Eastern Province (AWEP)**Website/contact:** awepksa@yahoo.com**Year founded:** 1993**Membership total:** 23 **U.S. members:** 83%, **International members:** 17%**Dues:** \$25 & \$40 initiation fee**What makes your club unique or different from the other FAWCO clubs?** Our group is a fully functioning American women's organization in Saudi Arabia!**What charities has the club supported during the past year?** AWEP has supports the Heart Pillow Project as well as the AVON Foundation. We annually donate money to charities suggested by our membership. Some of our charities include the Fistula Foundation, Nyakabungo Girls Secondary School Dormitory in SW Uganda, Aziza Foundation and the Susan G. Komen Foundation.**United Arab Emirates****Club Name:** American Women's Association of Dubai**Website/contact:** www.awadubai.org, awacomunications@gmail.com**Year Founded:** 1991 **Year joined FAWCO:** 2009**Membership total:** 216 **U.S. members:** 80 %, **International members:** 20%**Short-term members (3 years or less):** 80%**Dues:** AED 300= US\$ 82**What makes your club unique or different from the other FAWCO clubs?** Our club has a high member turnover due to the transient nature of the Dubai ex-pat experience. Our members are from diverse backgrounds making for an inspiring multicultural mix.**What charities has the club supported during the past year?** Just one of several groups that the Philanthropy Committee works with is the Angel Appeal (Mission to Seafarers). They donate gift bags to men working on ships out in the Gulf who are not allowed onshore. These bags are filled with toiletries and necessities, including a 20 dhs (\$5.50) phone card sponsored by AWA in each of the bags.**Region 10: Caribbean and South America**

I have enjoyed making contacts throughout Region 10 over the past year. We have a very active and charitable group of clubs here in Region 10: AWC of Bogotá, AA Uruguay/AWC Montevideo, IWC Antigua & Barbuda, and AWC Curacao. The cultures here in Region 10 are very international and our clubs are very diverse. We would love to see a FAWCO conference in this Region in the future as we are very proud of our beautiful culture, people and land. I look forward to working with my Reps in the coming year.

Agnes Meeker (IWC Antigua & Barbuda), Region 10 Coordinator

**Colombia****Club name:** American Women's Club of Bogota**Website/contact:** www.awcbogota.com**Year founded:** 1947 **Year joined FAWCO:** 2003**Membership total:** 294 **U.S. members:** 49%, **Colombian members:** 31%, **International Members:** 20%**Short-term members (3 years or less):** 55%**Dues:** \$50**The club's main activities and goals:** Our club is well known throughout the Colombian community for its fundraising and its charity activities.**What charities has the club supported during the past year?** Its hallmark program provides bi-monthly milk and groceries to 15 organizations in Bogotá helping babies, children, the physically and emotionally challenged, and the elderly. In 2009 the Club began what it hopes will become an annual fundraising event—a classical music concert in the U.S. Embassy residence. 150 attended the gala evening highlighted by music of renowned international pianist, Roberto McCausland-Dieppa. The evening began with cocktails and a sit-down dinner followed the concert. Mr. McCausland-Dieppa has played concerts throughout the world, most recently to a sellout audience at Carnegie Hall. One of the charitable organizations benefitting from the AWC Bogotá's charitable giving program is Fundación FE (The Faith Foundation) which was founded in 1968 by a group of mothers seeking alternative care options for their children with cognitive disabilities, specifically Downs Syndrome. Its professional staff consists of psychologists, speech and occupational therapists, physiotherapists, educators and social workers. They provide basic health care, educational and vocational training and child protection services, when

necessary. Training and workshops are also given to family members involved in the care of those with cognitive disabilities, ranging from mild to severe incapacity. FE serves 218 participants from infancy to adulthood in its various programs representing all socioeconomic levels. The AWC sponsors 4 children on an annual basis who would not otherwise be able to attend. In this same regard the AWC sponsored 8 athletes at the III Iberoamerican Special Olympics which were held in Bogota in August. Approximately 3,000 athletes from across Colombia and 15 other countries participated in this 5 day event which included competitions in swimming, soccer, basketball, tennis, cycling, bowling, gymnastics, softball and horseback riding.

### **Netherlands Antilles**

**Club name:** The American Women's Club of Curacao

**Website:** www.awc-curacao.com

**Year founded:** 1989 **Year joined FAWCO:** 1989

**Membership total:** 60 **U.S. members:** 50, **International Members:** 10

**Short-term members (3 years or less):** 5 %

**Dues:** \$40

**What makes your club unique?** We focus on a tremendous amount of education for our members and our community.

**What charities has your club supported during the past year?** We focus our charity work with the Elderly and also adult education. We also work to help the environment and local children's hospital.

### **Uruguay**

**Club name:** American Association of Uruguay and/or AWC Montevideo

**Website/contact:** www.awcmontevideo.org americanassociationuruguay@gmail.com

**Year founded:** 1917 **Year joined FAWCO:** 2006

**Membership total:** 60+ **U.S. members:** 80%, **International Members:** 20%

**What percentage of current members have joined within the last three years?** 15-20%

**Short-term members (3 years or less):** 15% or so

**Dues:** \$20

**The club's main activities and goals:** Our Association's objective is to group persons who wish to honor, promote and celebrate the culture and values of the US of A, especially the spirit of friendship and philanthropy.

**What charities has your club supported during the past year?**

CEPRODIH, Aldeas Infantiles, Programa de Alfabetización de Mujeres Rurales y Biblioteca Circulante Juana de Ibarbourou and Rural School in Maldonado.

### **West Indies - Antigua & Barbuda**

**Club name:** International Women's Club of Antigua & Barbuda

**Website/contact:** awc@candw.ag

**Year founded:** 1986

**Membership total:** 62 **U.S. members:** 50%, **International Members:** 50%

**Short-term members (3 years or less):** 5-10%

**Dues:** EC\$50 - \$20

**What makes your club unique or different from the other FAWCO clubs?** Our club has opened the membership to expatriate women of countries other than the US - including Antiguan & Barbudan women.

**What charities has your club supported during the past year?** We have two annual charity projects - the Christmas Food Hampers for the needy and shut-ins and Scholarships for deserving young Antiguan & Barbudan women who are pursuing a post-secondary education (in fields such as Law, Education, Medicine & Science).

## **Region 11: Australia, New Zealand and Asia**

### **Australia**

**Club Name:** American Women's Auxiliary in Melbourne

**Website/contact:** www.awamelbourne.org, president@awamelbourne.org

**Year founded:** 1931 **Year joined FAWCO:** 2000

**Membership total:** 207 **U.S. members:** 90%, **International members:** 10%

**Short-term members (3 years or less):** 53%

**Dues:** A\$50=US\$33

**What makes your club unique or different from the other FAWCO clubs?** Major fund raising activities include a 4th of July ball and Thanksgiving dinner. Extensive group activities catering to a wide range of interests including an Angel network (assisting members in times of difficulty).

**What charities has the club supported during the past year?** The AWA only supports one charity - the Royal Children's Hospital in Melbourne. Last year we raised over \$160,000 towards the purchase of ventilators for the pediatric ICU.

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**Club name:** American Women's Club of Perth

**Website/contact:** www.awcperth.org, membership@awcperth.org

**Year founded:** 1968 **Year joined FAWCO:** 1966

**Membership total:** 170 **U.S. members:** 81%, **International members:** 19%

**Short-term members (3 years or less):** 33%

**Dues:** \$70

**What makes your club unique or different from the other FAWCO clubs?** Monthly meetings rotate between days and evenings and are held in members' homes, local restaurants, or venues of interest.

**What charities has the club supported during the past year?** Royal Flying Doctors! Donations to local charities vary from year to year.

## China

**Club Name:** American Women's Club of Shanghai

**Website/contact:** www.awcshanghai.org, FAWCO Rep: expatdiana@aol.com

**Year founded:** 1996 **Year joined FAWCO:** 2000

**Membership total:** 585 **U.S. members:** 85, **International members:** 15

**Short-term members (3 years or less):** 85%

**Dues:** \$36

**What makes your club unique or different from the other FAWCO clubs?** We are always greeting new members and we are always saying goodbyes. Each year we hold an "Arts Gala" and a "Spring Bazaar" to bring members together while raising funds for charity.

**What charities has the club supported during the past year?** Heart to Heart – we raise money for children needing heart surgeries.

## India

**Club name:** American Women's Club of Bombay (Mumbai)

**Website/contact:** www.awcbombay.com, admin@awcbombay.com

**Year founded:** 1954 **Year joined FAWCO:** 1954

**Membership total:** 200 **U.S. members:** 60%, **International members:** 40%

**Dues:** \$8 **Joining fee:** \$12

**What makes your club unique or different from the other FAWCO clubs?** Enrich members stay in India by supporting, assisting and promoting friendship throughout both the American and the ex-pat communities. AWC Bombay has put together a Survival Guide for the international community.

**What charities has the club supported during the past year?** There are many NGO's in the area and plenty of opportunity to help financially and through volunteering.

## Korea

**Club name:** American Women's Club of Korea

**Website/contact:** www.awcseoul.org/ www.awcseoul.org/ www.awcseoul.org/ www.awcseoul.org/

**Year founded:** 1964 **Year joined FAWCO:** 1987

**Membership total:** 140 **U.S. members:** 85 %, **International members:** 15%

**Short-term members (3 years or less):** 35%

**Dues:** \$48

**The club's main activities and goals:** AWC Korea serves a dual role in Seoul. AWCK is a community for expat Americans providing social, familial and daily living support.

**What charities has the club supported during the past year?** Second Hand Rose contributes on a monthly basis to charitable requests which meet specific criteria. Two agencies which were the recipients of the AWCK Christmas Gala were AeRan Wan Social Agency (to train unwed mothers with life skills to raise their children themselves), the other recipient was "Another Home" for abused teenage girls in Seoul. Scholarships are also given by the organization to worthy students selected by stringent requirements.

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## **Philippines**

**Club name:** American Women's Club of Philippines

**Website/contact:** www.awcphilippines.org

**Year founded:** 1979    **Year joined FAWCO:** 1979

**Membership total:** 213    **U.S. members:** 91%, **International members:** 9%

**What percentage of your current members have joined within the last three years?** 33%

**Dues:** \$53

**The club's main activities and goals:** We are a strong community based philanthropic club who support over 30 local charities with enthusiasm and joy helping others.

**What charities has your club supported during the past year?** We normally support over 30 charities a years: Assumption Educational Development Fund (AEDEV), Scholarship assistance for 10 high school students from Assumpta Technical High school in San Simon, International Deaf Education Association (I.D.E.A.), Family Farm schools, American Association of the Philippines, Gabby Bata, Concordia Children's Services, Inc., Gabriel Taborin, St. Anthony's Boys School, E.R.D.A. Technical School, Sikat T'Boli School-Nutritional Program, Missionaries of Charity Home for the Dying and Destitute, Missionaries of Charity Home of Joy, and Philippine Christian Foundation, Inc. Worked with Nestle to donate milk products. Assisted relief goods to victims of Typhoon Ondoy. Christmas Bizarre charity donations also include Philippine National Red Cross, Bukas Palad (Pasay), Kaibigan Outreach Services (Metro Manila), Muntinlupa Development Foundation, Friendship Home (Malate), Cribs (Quezon City), St. Hannibal Multilevel School Foundation Inc. (Metro Manila), and Saglolo At Gabay ng Ina At Pamilya (SAGIP).

## **New Zealand**

**Club name:** American Women's Club of Auckland

**Website/contact:** www.awcauckland.com

**Year founded:** 1942    **Year joined FAWCO:** 1991

**Membership total:** 95    **U.S. members:** 60%, **International members:** 40%

**Short-term members (3 years or less):** 20%

**Dues:** \$24

**What makes your club unique or different from the other FAWCO clubs?** In addition to the normal support for members, we also support local charities and a Samburu Massai community in the Great Riff Valley in N. Kenya.

**What charities has the club supported during the past year?** Westpac Helicopter Trust (emergency services).

## **Thailand**

**Club Name:** American Women's Club of Thailand

**Website and e-mail address:** www.awcthailand.org, awc@awcthailand.com

**Year founded:** 1955    **Year joined FAWCO:** 1974

**Membership total:** 250    **U.S. members:** 73%, **International members:** 27%

**Short-term members (3 years or less):** 90%

**Dues:** \$86

**What makes your club unique or different from the other FAWCO clubs?** About 420 scholarships (\$70,000) are offered to needy Thai girls for completion of high school. Forty-three schools in 35 provinces are sponsored by individual and corporate sponsors and AWC alone covers the cost of 45. The dedicated and passionate committee volunteers make it possible to continue supporting education. In 2008, \$13,000 was given to 10 worthy charities targeting women and children.

**What charities has the club supported during the past year?** The 2008 Gala raised \$27,000 for the Chaiyapruk Children's Home which cares for more than 40 orphans ages 3-21. The donation will fund a 20-year project to plant income-generating palm trees and tapioca plants that will sustain the home for years to come.