



# AWCCS Newsletter

## American Women's Club of Central Scotland



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Welcome to our electronic newsletter. You will receive it through your email as a pdf file. There will be live links to information, to different parts of the newsletter, other websites, or to reply to email and to club forms. If you would like to submit an article or info for our newsletter, please send it to [newsletter@awccs.org](mailto:newsletter@awccs.org) by the 20th of the preceding month.

Thank you!

Susannah Stout, Newsletter Editor

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Submissions are welcome and should be sent to [newsletter@awccs.org](mailto:newsletter@awccs.org) by the 20th of September. Please accompany submissions with images if you have any! Contact the Editor by phone or email for details. Late submissions may not be included. Although material may be edited for clarity or space, contributions should be submitted ready for print. The next issue will be published in October 2015.

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Newsletter Editor Susannah Stout

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### Edinburgh

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### Glasgow

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### Fife

<b>Fife Dinner Club</b>	Pat Peters	fifedinner@awccs.org
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*Remember to check the website for the latest updates: [www.awccs.org](http://www.awccs.org)  
You will need to register in order to log in to the Members Only Section.*

*If you've got a favourite activity and would like others to join, please let  
Nancy Lynner know at [president@awccs.org](mailto:president@awccs.org) and we will start  
a Special Interest Group for you.*

## AWCCS President's Letter September 2015

Dear Members,

One of the best things about August in Edinburgh is that we see so many visitors falling in love with our city. And sometime in August a new Principal Officer arrived at our US Consulate Edinburgh—let's hope she and her family fall in love with Edinburgh as well. Her name is Susan Wilson, and I have written to ask if she will agree to be our Honorary President, just as the previous female Principal Officers have. (The last eight have been women.)

September marks new beginnings as we feel the agenda-free summer slip away. Hopefully you and your family have had a healthy, happy summer. Our club July 4th event was at Portobello Beach. All ages showed up, everyone brought their own BBQ picnic, and the weather switched from stormy rain in the morning and early afternoon, into a beautiful late afternoon and evening—perfect for the 4th of July in Scotland.



**Have you made any new female friends from North America?** Make sure you tell them about the Club, and give them our web site, so they can decide if they want to increase their social life by joining AWCCS. Remember, our by-laws define those entitled to membership to be women from North America, which includes Canada, Mexico, and all the countries in what my public school teachers called Central America. Also, a woman can join as an associate member if she is not from North America but has an affiliation with the U.S.

This year the club's first big Autumn event is the **SUSHI DEMONSTRATION at Redwood Bistro**—Annette Sprague is our long standing member and is an excellent chef and teacher. (She taught us Thai cooking several years ago to a standing room only crowd.) Check your diary for **Monday, September 21st, 6:30 – 8:30 PM**, and the fee of 15.00 (members) includes wine and appetisers of sushi, and other Japanese cuisine. Rsvp to me, and payment needs to be in advance. You can use Paypal, or contact me if you wish to pay by cheque.



**Do you want to nominate a Scottish charity for the members to consider as our Club Charity for 2015-2017?**

We select one every two years. The amounts we raise over the next two years then goes to the Scottish Charity. Additionally, we raise funds for the current FAWCO charity, which is currently "Free The Girls". Whenever we have a fundraising element at a club activity, we designate in advance which of the charities for which we are raising funds. Some charities we have chosen in the past include: Edinburgh Women's Rape and Sexual Abuse Centre, and Sense Scotland.

In **October** the **National Library of Scotland** is offering a talk on their rare and unique collection of items from the American Revolution. Check out the article and Rsvp right away, as the room only holds 14. It will be Monday 12th October at the main National Library of Scotland building.

For those of you who are new, the **Birthday Bash** is a monthly chance to meet up during Happy Hour, regardless of who has a birthday that month. Thursday 10th of September at the classy Peacock Lounge at the Waldorf Astoria Caledonian hotel. Do let me know if you can make it— so I can make a reservation. This is also where our Thanksgiving is being held on 29th November.

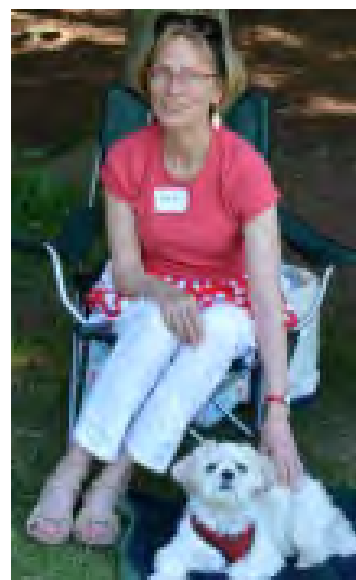
**THANKSGIVING** is our flagship club gathering. Sign up now! We may never get a better price for a delicious Thanksgiving dinner that this one at the Waldorf Astoria Caledonian Hotel. The newsletter has a large article, with **REPLY** information for the organisers.

See the article within the newsletter for **HOW TO NOMINATE A CHARITY.**

We do have board positions open for Advertising/PR representative, Social chair, and Charity Chair so if you are interested in learning more about these posts, speak to a board member. Feel free to attend any of the monthly board meetings—September 5th we are meeting at 10:30 at the Starbucks on the Waverley station steps, within Princes Mall.

Hoping to see you soon,

Nancy Lynner, AWCCS President



## Join us this month!

on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> September for

### September Sushi Sampler & Demonstration

At Redwood Bistro, 6:30 – 8:30 PM

Learn from **Annette Sprague, renowned Le Cordon Bleu chef,**

long-standing AWCCS Member, originally from California, as she demonstrates sushi-making!

- Enjoy a glass of wine, platters of Sushi, and Soba noodle salad.
- Time permitting, she will also demonstrate how to make Soba noodle salad
- Recipes included to take home!
- £15.00 per member, £18.00 per non-member, **all to be paid in advance** using Paypal
- **RSVP required by Friday 18<sup>th</sup> September** — Rsvp to Nancy Lynner at [president@awccs.org](mailto:president@awccs.org).

*If you wish to pay by cheque, let Nancy know when you reply and she'll give you her postal address.*

- 30 people maximum so reply and pay early.

Redwood Bistro is at Meadow Place Road, Edinburgh EH12 7RY.

(This is on a corner with Corstorphine Road.)

Bistro phone is 0131 281 2576

Parking: Redwood Bistro has 6 parking spaces. Across the street at PC World parking for 2 hours is allowed. After 6:00 PM neighborhood parking on yellow line is allowed. Many buses go right by Redwood Bistro.

## AWCCS Final Budget Report, 2014-2015

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Final Budget Report  
2014 July 1 to 2015 June 30

<b>American Women's Club of Central Scotland - 2014 to 2015</b>			
	<i>Income</i>	<i>Expenses</i>	<i>total</i>
<b>Balance Forward 2013-2014:</b>			
<i>(£2003.15 minus Region One income -239.56)</i>			<b>1763.59</b>
Membership	1,447.62		1,447.62
Advertising	£289.57	-£79.99	£209.58
Charity Income	£432.33	-£432.33	£0.00
Social	£523.70	-£1,011.09	-£487.39
Newsletters		-£42.93	-£42.93
Thanksgiving	£1,899.15	-£2,045.00	-£145.85
FAWCO Dues & Website		-119.84	-£119.84
Fawco Conference Last Year		-£613.00	-£613.00
Fawco Conf this year		-£958.92	-£958.92
Region One Meeting	£1,155.77	-£1,152.78	£2.99
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>£5,748.14</b>	<b>-£6,455.88</b>	<b>£1,055.85</b>
Respectfully Submitted,			
Joyce Halsan, AWCCS Treasurer, 30 June 2015			



*Californian Chef & AWCCS Member,  
Annette Sprague, has opened Redwood  
Bistro, a family friendly restaurant in  
Corstorphine.*

*We are taking bookings for Thanksgiving,  
Christmas lunch & dinner as well as  
Hogmany.*



*For more details visit:*

*[www.redwoodbistro.com](http://www.redwoodbistro.com) / [info@redwoodbistro.com](mailto:info@redwoodbistro.com)*

*0131.281.2576*

*1 Meadow Place Rd, Drumbrae Roundabout, EH12  
7TZ*

## Calling for 2015 Club Charity Nominations!

Do you want to nominate a Scottish charity for the members to consider as our Club Charity for 2015-2017?

We select one every two years. The amounts we raise over the next two years then go to the Scottish Charity. By choosing a Scottish Charity we support the community within which we live.

Here are the steps to write down and email to club member, Tracey Rosenberg, at [charity@awccs.org](mailto:charity@awccs.org)

**Name of Charity:**

**Brief description of its mission:**

**Website of Charity:**

Any personal involvement you may have had with this charity: (optional)

Deadline: October 1, 2015



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## Black Medicine Book Group

Meeting at Black Medicine Coffee Shop in Bruntsfield

Time: 6:30pm

Date: 9th September 2015

Book: Lewis Carroll in Numberland by Robin Wilson

*Lewis Carroll's books have delighted children and adults for generations, but behind their exuberant fantasy and delightful nonsense was the mind of a brilliant mathematician.*

*Now his forgotten achievements in the world of numbers are brought to light by acclaimed author and mathematician Robin Wilson. Here he explores the curious imagination of a man whose pioneering work at Oxford University included investigations into voting patterns and tennis seeding, who dreamt up numerical conundrums in bed at night and who filled his writings with problems, paradoxes, puzzles and teasing games of logic*

(Excerpt from Amazon)

We are reading the same book as the morning group as a first book after the summer. Please join us for a lively literary chat whether you've read this month's book or just want to discuss other books or ideas. New members are always welcome.



## Birthday Bash

Thursday 10th of September

The Peacock Lounge at the  
Waldorf Astoria Caledonian Hotel, Edinburgh

The Birthday Bash is a monthly chance to meet up during Happy Hour, regardless of who has a birthday that month. We are gathering this month on Thursday 10th of September at 6 pm at the classy Peacock Lounge at the Waldorf Astoria Caledonian hotel in Edinburgh. Do let me know if you can make it— so I can make a reservation.

Nancy Lynner



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## Edinburgh Morning Book Group

**Friday, 11 September, 10:15am**  
**Home of Dale Finlayson**  
**0131-667-9369**  
**dale.finlayson@which.net**

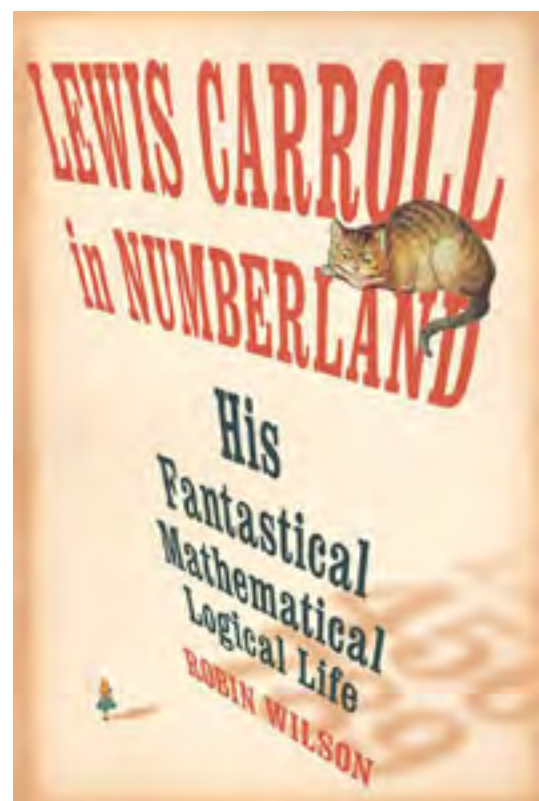


### ***Lewis Carroll in Numberland: His Fantastical Mathematical Logical Life by Robin Wilson***

It's been a long time since we last met, so for this month we're meeting on the second Friday of the month rather than the third. Our book has been chosen in honor of the 100th anniversary in 2015 of the publication of *Alice in Wonderland* – and this book seemed to be a bit different from the usual emphasis on Carroll's life and his relationship with Alice Liddell.

Carroll was first and foremost a mathematician, teaching at Oxford University. But he delighted in puns and brain-teasers and numerical conundrums, many of them dreamed up for children. He also investigated voting patterns and tennis seeding, and filled his writings with numerical puzzles and games of logic. A mathematician and author, Wilson is well qualified to introduce us to this aspect of Carroll's life.

For Friday, 16 October, we will read *The Miniaturist* by Jessie Burton.



## Florence's Drinks Party Reception invitation to the AWCCS

7pm on Friday September 18, 2015  
The Golf Tavern, Bruntsfield, Edinburgh

Our longtime AWCCS friend, Florence Grant, shall be visting from the States and has invited us to meet at a drinks party at 7pm on Friday September 18, 2015 at The Golf Tavern, Bruntsfield, Edinburgh, in the upstairs private function room.

"All are invited to meet my husband Will Forbes (William C. Forbes). Would love to see you all."

Florence Grant Forbes



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## Coffee Plus Edinburgh

Welcome back to Coffee Plus! For those who have not joined us in the past, we meet at 10am for coffee and a natter (there's always lots to talk about!), and then those who have a bit more time go to an exhibit at one of Edinburgh's wonderful galleries and museums – a great way to see a current exhibit while meeting up with other AWCCS members. (We meet at a café in or close to the selected exhibit.) Everyone welcome – to meet new friends or catch up with old ones. If your time is limited, you are welcome to come just for coffee or just for the exhibit, which we head off to around 11/11:30. We usually meet the last Wednesday of the month, though very occasionally I change the date to suit my calendar or the dates of a particular exhibit. No change this month, however, so do come along.

**Date: Wednesday, 30 September**

**Time: 10am**

**Venue: City Art Centre Café, Market Street**

**Exhibit: The Artist & the Sea**

Scotland has a long and complex relationship with the sea – its landscape, history and culture have been shaped by proximity to the North Sea and the Atlantic Ocean. Over the centuries artists have responded to this influence in various ways. Some have portrayed significant maritime events or the day-to-day experiences of coastal communities. Others have sought to capture the more elemental character of the sea, depicting its rich natural environment and unpredictable changes in mood. For many artists, the tensions inherent in our understanding of the sea, as a simultaneous source of beauty, industry and danger, are a recurring motif.

The Artist & the Sea explores these themes and their interpretation by different artists. Selected from the City Art Centre's collection of historic and contemporary Scottish art, the exhibition contains examples of painting, drawing, printmaking and sculpture. Featured artists include John Bellany, William McTaggart, and Joan Eardley.



Detail from The Arrival of George IV at Leith Harbour, 1822 - Thomas Buttersworth

## AWCCS Member Announcements

### September Birthdays:

Josy	Perelman	13
Tracey	Rosenberg	15
Donna	Brannigan	18
Anna	Tapay	27



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## Save the Date!

### Country Living Magazine Christmas Fair

Christmas may well be the last thing on your mind but with a fantastic early bird 241 ticket offer from the Country Living Magazine Christmas Fair, it's well worth thinking about in advance.

This year's Fair will bring the pages of the magazine to life at Glasgow's SECC from 19 – 22 November. Come along to meet makers, designers, artisans and growers and discover unique gifts to delight your loved ones, as well as inspired ideas and decorations to bring that magical Christmas sparkle to your home.

And if, like us, you think that handmade and homespun are the most important ingredients for creating a magical Christmas, the Fair's lively programme of talks, demonstrations and hands-on workshops will prove to be a great source of practical inspiration.

To take advantage of the early bird 241 offer simply book your tickets before midnight on Monday 7th September, quote offer code CLEB15X online at [www.countrylivingfair.com/glasgow](http://www.countrylivingfair.com/glasgow) or call 0844 848 0150.



## Online Auction!

At our March Board meeting, we brainstormed how to raise more funds for our collective charities: the US Consulate, the Edinburgh Women's Rape and Sexual Abuse Centre, and FAWCO. We decided to try an online auction. Nothing ventured, nothing gained, right?!

The auction is set to go live on our American Women's Club website (thank you Joyce!). Before this, we need your help with collecting auction items –nearly new treasures from your home, donations from local businesses, services (dinner prepared for a party of 6, window cleaning, home organization, etc.) You name it, we'll consider it! We think this will be a lot of fun and hopefully you do too. So if you have an item or service that you would like to donate, please email either myself, [charity@awccs.org](mailto:charity@awccs.org) or Joyce at [treasurer@awccs.org](mailto:treasurer@awccs.org) with a picture and description.

We would also like to include more live raffles at our club events so keep an eye out for that in the future. And as always, if you have an idea that you would like to share, please feel free to send it my way or come along to one of the Board meetings and tell us in person!

### **Tess McNatt**

Charity Chairperson  
[charity@awccs.org](mailto:charity@awccs.org)

## JOIN FAUSA

**Are you returning to the US any time soon?**

Whether you are being dragged back kicking and screaming or if you can hardly wait to return home, you will probably find that as a "repat" you and your family members are different sorts of Americans from those who stayed behind. This can be a jolt, but there is help out there for you.

Membership in the FAWCO Alumnae, USA, better known as

FAUSA keeps you in touch with others who understand the life changing experience of living in other cultures. Besides the pure psychological support of being a part of this network, there are other benefits, too. The Quarterly magazine carries articles of interest to "repats," and you may apply for the FAUSA Education Award for yourself or a child. In addition, FAUSA members may attend the FAWCO conferences overseas and the FAUSA Annual Meeting, which is in a different part of the US every fall.

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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GupJKnBwnr0&feature=youtu.be>



**www.FAUSA.org**

**Are you returning to the USA soon?**  
**Maintain your international connections with other "repats" by joining FAUSA.**

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**For information, speak to your FAWCO Rep or visit [www.FAUSA.org](http://www.FAUSA.org)**