



AWCCS Newsletter

American Women's Club of Central Scotland



Hi!

Welcome to our bi monthly electronic newsletter. **You will receive it through your email as a pdf file you may wish to save it and the calendar on your desktop to view.** *There are now some live links to information, other websites, and to club forms and payments.* If you would like to submit an article or info for our newsletter, please send it to newsletter@awccs.org by the 10th of the preceding month.

Thank you! Susannah Stout, Newsletter Editor

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Submissions are welcome and should be sent to sus.stout@yahoo.co.uk by the 10th of the month. 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. Our next 3 month summer issue shall be published for June 2018. Please submit info early, thank you!

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Newsletter Editor Susannah Stout

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*Remember to check the website for the latest updates: 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 nlynner@gmail.com and we will start
a Special Interest Group for you.*

AWCCS President's Letter

April - May 2018 AWCCS President's Letter

How I improved my life and deepened my friendships in the last 10 years—

Dear Members,

Ten years ago, Joyce Halsan asked me if I would take on the Advertising Chair position on the board. I am so glad I said Yes! Putting thought, energy, and time into the AWCCS board has really improved my life. I cherish my friendships, and I like helping our club, which stands as a beacon of friendship to others. It is the time of year for nominations to run for the AWCCS Board election to be held at our **Annual General Meeting (AGM) on Wednesday 13th June, 2018 at the US Consulate General Edinburgh.**

The next 12 months are going to be extra exciting for our club, as we plan for and host the FAWCO 2019 International Conference here in our own city. We are creating lots of activities to accomplish all our tasks to enrich the lives of all our fellow FAWCO members who attend the Edinburgh-based FAWCO 2019 Conference.

Participating in the club, whether as a board member, or as an attendee at our events, is a sure-fire way to deepen your friendships and improve your life—it is working for me, and I invite you to join in.

You can nominate yourself! There are already some people running for positions, but that should not keep you from nominating yourself to run for an office. Learn more about the opportunities by reading the list of officers from our By-Laws—the pertinent excerpt is below.

Here is the List of AWCCS Officers, from our By-Laws at <http://www.awccs.org/index.php/member-s-home-page>. Or go to our website www.awccs.org and go to the Members Page. The By-Laws are there.

ARTICLE IV - Board of Directors

Section 1. Officers

The Board of Directors shall be made up of ten elected and those appointed officers as listed below. The Board shall be active members. The office of president shall be exclusive to United States citizens. The officers shall be installed at the Annual General Meeting and shall serve for one fiscal year. The honorary president, or any other Board appointee or members in good standing may attend meetings of the Board of Directors in a non-voting capacity. All of the Board positions, with the exception of the President, may be shared. If two people share the duties of one office, there will still remain only one vote for that position.

A. Board of Directors

President

Vice President

Secretary

Treasurer

Social Chairperson

Charity Chairperson

Membership Chair & Prospective Membership Chair

Newsletter Editor

Advertising Chair

FAWCO Representative

B. Appointed Positions: The president shall nominate appointees and the elected officers shall approved the following positions:

- a. Honorary President: Offered to the Principal Officer, U.S. Consulate General Edinburgh, if female, or the wife of the Principal Officer if in residence.
- b. Glasgow Representative: Helps to Organise activities in Glasgow ...
- c. Web site Manager: Responsible for maintaining the club's web site
- d. Such other positions as the Board of Directors may deem necessary.

UPCOMING EVENTS- not to be missed

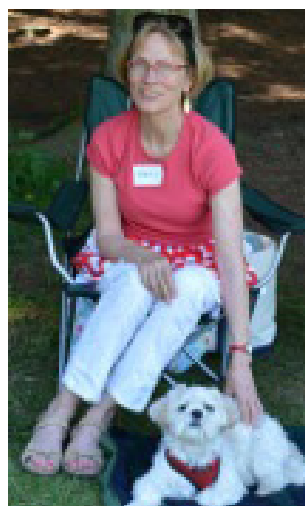
Saturday 21st APRIL, 7:00 PM AWCCS Potluck at Kathy McGlew's house. Come with a covered dish and enjoy camaraderie and homemade cuisine. We'll also learn more about the FAWCO conference and how you can benefit. RSVP to Kathy—look for the article elsewhere within this newsletter. Are you a new member? Don't be shy--Please come! We want to meet you!

Birthday Bashes are listed elsewhere in the newsletter. **SAVE-THE-DATE** for the **Annual General Meeting on Wednesday 13th June**. We'll be voting on a small increase in dues of £5.00 for all members, starting next autumn.

SAVE-ANOTHER-DATE- Saturday 22nd September! **The Aberdeen American Women's Club has invited us to meet them that day in DUNDEE at the newly opened V & A Museum.** The Royal opening for this long-awaited museum is Sunday 15th September, so we'll be amongst the first to visit. We won't be chartering a coach, but the public trains and busses run steady services from Edinburgh-Dundee. Theirs is the only other AWC in Scotland, and they are reaching out to us, so let us make an effort to connect with them.

See you on Saturday 21st April! (Rsvp) And please nominate yourself for an office, or call me and I can share more information with you about the positions on the Board. You won't be sorry!

Nancy Lynner,
AWCCS President



AWCCS April Events:

Pot Luck Supper at Kathy's house will be Saturday 21 April, 7pm for feedback on the Hague Conference and planning the 2019 FAWCO Conference. Come with a covered dish and enjoy camaraderie and homemade cuisine. We'll also learn more about the FAWCO conference and how you can benefit. RSVP to Kathy. kathymcglew@aol.com



Chick-fil-A Pop-Up will be in Edinburgh on 5 April 2018. You were asked to reserve a place in your March Reminders, and unfortunately it has filled up. If you are interested in putting in a request to have a reservation in case it opens up, please link here: <https://prelude-uk.ovh/> and fill out the form under "Walk-up Registration". Enjoy!

AWCCS Upcoming Events:

AWCCS MAY 2018 Meeting

A Weekend Walk on Portobello promenade--

Spouses, partners, children, babies-in-buggies, dogs welcome

Date: Saturday 12th May

Time: 10:30 for a 10:40 Start time

Meeting location: the beach end of King's Road, EH151DX

The Plan: We'll meet in front of the coffee shop at the beach end of King's Road, and we'll walk 45 minutes. Then we'll turn around and walk back. We'll get coffee, etc, at the end of our walk.

There is a coffee shop at our meeting place that is being renovated, and we're not sure if it's open yet. If it's not, we'll find another coffee shop. We're not sure if dogs will be welcome but many locations along the promenade do welcome dogs.

Street parking is often available along King's Road.

Please Rsvp to Nancy Lynner nlynnner@gmail.com by May 10th.



Bag Printing Event at Edinburgh Printmakers

Sunday, June 3rd, 1-4pm(23 Union Street, Edinburgh EH1 3LR)

Join us for a special bag printing event hosted by AWCCS member and artist, Kristina Royer at Edinburgh Printmakers. In preparation for the **2019 FAWCO conference in Edinburgh**, we'll be screen-printing the conference tote bags that will be handed out at the event. It's a unique opportunity to tour the private studios of Edinburgh Printmakers, learn about what classes they have to offer, and get some hands-on experience screen printing on textiles.

Space is limited to so please sign up by email to:

kristina.bilonick@gmail.com



U.S. Consulate General Edinburgh Principal Officer Susan Wilson
and
The American Women's Club of Central Scotland
cordially invite you to attend the

AWCCS Annual General Meeting

Wednesday, June 13, 2018

6:00-8:30 p.m.

U.S. Consulate General, 3 Regent Terrace, Edinburgh, EH7 5BW

RSVP to nlynnner@gmail.com



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FAWCO Conference in Edinburgh in March 2019



FAWCO

Inspiring Women Worldwide

Some of your Board members have been at the FAWCO Conference during the last week of March as your representatives: Amanda Drollinger, (FAWCO Rep), Tara Scott (Treasurer), Nancy Lynner (President) and Sue Stout (Newsletter Editor).



They made a presentation proposing that the March 2019 FAWCO Conference be held in Edinburgh, and the proposal was accepted. Please join us on **Saturday 21st APRIL, 7:00 PM AWCCS Potluck at Kathy McGlew's house** to find out more about how we can be involved and hear about this year's FAWCO meeting as well. Thanks much to our Board members for their professionalism and dedication to bringing news of the world to us through Fawco.



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American Citizens Abroad - submitted by Dale Finlayson

U.S. Voter Registration

2018 is an interim election year, when the entire House and a third of the Senate will be up for (re)election. All U.S. citizens living overseas have the right to vote in all U.S. federal elections, but you must re-register for every election. Some, but not all, Voting Registration Officers will contact you if you were registered for the last election - but don't count on it.

You can register and request your absentee ballot either on the Overseas Vote Foundation (OVF)'s online voter registration tool (<http://www.oversseasvotefoundation.org/>) or on the Federal Voter Assistance Program (FVAP) website (<http://fvap.gov/>). Download and print a registration and ballot request (FPCA), fill it in, and post it to your country clerk's office – be sure to look up the information on your state's requirements by clicking on your voting state at: <http://www.fvap.gov/pubs/vag.html>.





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Edinburgh Morning Book Group



Friday, 13 April

10:15

Home of Marily MacVicar
marilymacvicar@gmail.com

Curriculum Vitae
by **Muriel Spark**



Friday, 18 May

Home of Pamela Blackley
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The Shoemaker's Wife
by **Adriana Trigiani**



Friday, 15 June

Friday, 20 July

Check the Monthly Reminders
for details of books and venues

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AWCCS Glasgow Books, Banter and Beverages (BBB) April

A dinner/drink get together at The Raven bar/restaurant in the city centre for 6.00pm - it's BBQ and other American goodies. You can find out more at <https://www.theravenglasgow.com/> and it's gotten really good reviews. I thought getting some American food down us might be welcome!

Date: 24th of April. Tuesday

Can you let me know by the 11th of April and I'll make reservations for us. Enjoy the sunshine!

Check your inbox and monthly reminders for updates and we look forward to seeing you there!

Questions: Sue Stout sus.stout@yahoo.co.uk or Tahitia McCabe tahitialynn@netscape.net

April and May BIRTHDAYS:

April

Amanda Kirkpatrick	13
Susannah Stout	28
Lise Tole	29
Diana Easley Montador	30

May

Kristina B. Royer	7
Karen MacCormick	12
Amanda Drollinger	17
Oksana Olkhovyr	29



Have a fantastic Birthday, gals!

AWCCS Birthday Bashes

*Come join us, even if it isn't your birthday!
Remember to Rsvp so Nancy can book the right size table-*

April Birthday Bash

WHEN: Thursday 19th APRIL 2018
TIME: 6:00 – 8:00 PM
WHERE: The Principal Hotel at Charlotte Square. EH2
4HQ
MEET IN THE GARDEN BAR.
<https://www.phcompany.com/principal/edinburgh-charlotte-square/eating-drinking/garden/>



Our Oct 2017 and Feb 2018 birthday bash attendees loved this location!

RSVP – Nancy Lynner nlynnner@gmail.com

May Birthday Bash

WHEN: Thursday 10th MAY 2018
TIME: 6:00 PM – 8 PM
WHERE: COPPER BLOSSOM – A charming restaurant—we met here in 2016 and enjoyed it.

There are fun drinks, and a few appetizers but it's more of a café than a bar. It's always crowded so RSVP so I can increase the reservation.

<http://www.copperblossom.com>

107 George Street. (It's around the corner, on North Castle Street.)
RSVP – Nancy Lynner nlynnner@gmail.com

Coffee Plus (Edinburgh)

When and Where for April and May will be decided later. You will see these items on the Mid-Month News Reminders, so stay tuned...



Welcome New Members

Welcome to four new members in the past two months.

Carole Herbstritt, Pam Judson, Pat Price and Diana Easley. We welcome you and hope to see you at our events. They will be listed on the Membership Directory which will come out next week.

March for Our Lives in Edinburgh

On Saturday, March 24, several of our members attended the March for our Lives demonstration in support of tighter gun control in the USA. We felt honored to be able to support our young Americans in asking for a safe environment in which to live.



About our AWCCS Chosen Charity: Friends of the Earth Scotland

Since 1978, Friends of the Earth Scotland has been promoting its vision of a world where everyone can enjoy a healthy environment and a fair share of the Earth's resources. They have become Scotland's leading environmental campaigning organisation and have worked to create new laws and regulations aimed at tackling climate change, pollution and other vital environmental issues that we face every day.



Visit their website at www.foe.scot and learn more about what they do, sign up to their mailing list and get involved! You can even become a member for as little as £3 per month.

This year, we hope to do more for our chosen charity than ever before. We will begin to incorporate more fundraising aspects into our events and hopefully plan a fundraiser or two. We will be placing donation buckets at some events but donations will not be a requirement. If you have any ideas for fundraisers or any concerns, please contact **Charity Chair, Alanna Kibiloski** at alannakib@gmail.com.

Calendar of Upcoming Events

April

Saturday 7th April, 10:30 a.m.

Board Meeting at Kathy McGlew's in Edinburgh

Friday 13th April, 10:15 a.m.

Edinburgh Morning Book Group, Home of Marily MacVicar

Thursday 19 April, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Birthday Bash, The Principal Hotel, Garden Bar, at Charlotte Square. EH2 4HQ

Saturday 21 April, 7pm

Potluck Dinner. Feedback on the Hague Conference and planning the 2019 FAWCO Conference at Kathy McGlew's home, Stockbridge, Edinburgh.

Thursday 24th April,

Glasgow event at the Raven (Books Beverages and Banter)

May

Saturday 5 May, 10:30am

Board Meeting at Kathy McGlew's in Edinburgh

Thursday 10th May, 6-8 p.m.

Birthday Bash, Copper Blossom, 107 George Street, Edinburgh.

Saturday 12 May, 10:30am

May Meeting--Walk on the Promenade in Portobello

Friday 18th May, 10:15 a.m.

Edinburgh Morning Book Group, Home of Pamela Blackley

June

Saturday 3 June, 1-4 p.m.

Edinburgh Printmakers Bag Printing Activity (23 Union Street, Edinburgh EH1 3LR)

Saturday 9 June, 10:30am

Board Meeting at at Kristina's, 58 Broughton St, 1st floor, Edinburgh

July

Saturday July

Look for our 4th of July picnic news in the Summer Newsletter

September

Thursday, 13th September

AWCCS autumn evening welcome event the hosted by Susanne Hathon in Stockbridge, Edinburgh

Saturday 22nd September!

Get together with AWC Aberdeen to visit the new V and A Museum in Dundee