



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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*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
February - March 2018 AWCCS President's Letter

Dear Members,

Thanksgiving was a fabulous event, and the Sheraton worked hard for us—thank you, Jana Livermore and Donna Nodson for being our Social Co-Chairs. Thank you, Kathy McGlew, for heading up the AWCCS Crafts table—all homemade crafts by our members.

Thanks to all the members who volunteered a themed basket for the Silent Auction, and thanks to all of you who purchase items in the Silent Auction as well as the Live Auction. Thank you, Okeefenokee Reunion for giving us another great performance of banjo music. Thank you, Joe Goldblatt, for being our auctioneer again this year! The Sheraton even followed Jana Livermore's pumpkin pie tips, and for once, the dessert tasted right. For this year's event, we shall need new Co-Chairs for our Social committee, which plans Thanksgiving. Our current chairs both need to step down for important family reasons, and we are grateful for their two years of service in this capacity.

Our January Tea at the Dalmahoy was fabulous—the snow started just as I stepped onto the bus, and it made for a beautiful afternoon. The Dalmahoy service and food were excellent and bounteous. The inclement weather didn't keep many from attending—we are an intrepid group. Sue Stout even made it through from Glasgow. (She left the day before—now that is planning ahead!)

February and March events include:

Board Meeting on Saturday 3rd February, at 10:30 AM. Let me know if you'd like to attend—it's not just for those who are chairs of a committee, and we always need new volunteers, too. This meeting holds a special appeal because Kathy McGlew is inviting us to her home. RSVP to me at nlynnner@gmail.com

Friday February 16th- 7-9 PM Cookie Exchange at Kathy McGlew's home. Everyone makes 2 dozen cookies and brings them to share. You will take home a selection of a few of everyone's cookies. Thank you, Kathy, for hosting us! Rsvp to Kathy.McGlew@aol.com

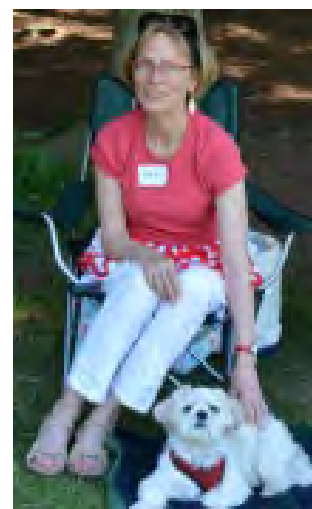
Saturday, February 24th - from 2PM-3PM : "Feel Fabulous with Free Food & Nutrition" Workshop, offered by our own member, Melissa Kaplan, Registered Dietitian and Nutritionist. There is a full article with address, babysitting, Rsvp information

Thursday March 8th - from 6PM- 8PM : International Women's Day 2018 Club Talk by our own member, Dr Karen Gregory, lecturer in Digital sociology at University of Edinburgh. (45 Minute talk to include gender & technology, social media platforms, and digital Sociology. Come for chat, wine & Cheese, and Karen's talk) Location is my flat- Rsvp to me.

In March, several of us are attending the FAWCO conference in The Hague. It is from Friday 23rd - Sunday 25th March. Once we are all back in town, we will have a big event to share information with all of you. Tentatively we thought of the date Saturday 21st of April—Save that Date, and further communications will share the details.

We will soon let you know the June date for the Annual General Meeting at the US Consulate as well.

*Nancy Lynner,
AWCCS President*



AWCCS February Social Gathering

Cookie Exchange!

*Kathy McGlew's House in Edinburgh
Friday 16 February 2018
from 7pm*

Everyone brings cookies to exchange.

Thanks,
Kathy McGlew AWCCS Secretary



RSVP to Kathy McGlew, kathymcglew@aol.com, if you'd like to attend.

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AWCCS February 2018 Monthly Meeting

FEEL FABULOUS WITH FREE FOOD & NUTRITION WORKSHOP THIS FEBRUARY

Increase your energy level and improve your digestive health—
With our AWCCS member: Melissa Kaplan, Registered Dietitian and Nutritionist

Saturday February 24th

2:00 – 3:00 PM

At her home 2/1 Grosvenor Gardens, EH12 5JU

Come for our nutrition workshop and cooking demonstration. We will discuss digestive health and foods which nourish your gut.

The FODMAP diet for IBS will be included.

RSVP before February 20th to Melissa: [**Melissa@elemental-nutrition.com**](mailto:Melissa@elemental-nutrition.com)
or call or text to 07872 673 223. Call Melissa if you wish to bring your children
and we'll book a babysitter depending upon numbers



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American Women's Club of Central Scotland Event:

INTERNATIONAL WOMENS DAY

A Talk on Digital Sociology, Gender and Technology, Social Media

Join me at my flat for wine and cheese and a talk by our own member,
Dr Karen Gregory, lecturer in Digital Sociology at the University of Edinburgh.

Date: Thursday March 8th 2018

Time: 6:00 – 8:00 PM

(6:00 for chat, 6:30- 7:15 for Karen's talk on Digital Sociology, gender and technology, Social media

Where: 15/ 6 East Parkside

RSVP is necessary – send to Nancy Lynner at nlynnner@gmail.com


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FAWCO Interim Conference at the Hague in March 2018



INTERIM MEETING

A number of AWCCS members will be attending the upcoming Interim FAWCO Conference. **All AWCCS members are welcome to attend.** If you are interested, Amanda Drollinger or Nancy Lynner may have more details about travel from Edinburgh etc.

Here is the Fawco email about The Hague interim conference next March.

“FAWCO’s 2018 Interim Meeting in The Hague is still months away, in late March 2018, but the time

to start planning is NOW! Registration for the IM as well as for pre- and post-IM tours is now open on the FAWCO website.

From now until March, I’ll be sending out monthly bulletins with useful information as well as some “fun facts” about the Netherlands and its beautiful capital city, Den Haag, to the FAWCO community. You’re receiving this first issue of Spotlight on The Hague because you’re already a subscriber to the FAWCO News in Brief. Please share this information with others in your club, as we have designed the Interim Meeting to be as affordable and accessible to as many people as possible. Remember, you don’t have to be a club President or FAWCO Rep to attend!

Please plan to arrive by 3:00 pm on Friday, March 23rd and depart no earlier than 5:00 pm on Sunday, March 25th.

I look forward to seeing you in The Hague!

Sallie Chaballier, AAWE Paris

FAWCO President

president@fawco.org”

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American Citizens Abroad - submitted by Dale Finlayson

From ACA: Tax reform for Americans abroad

Disappointingly, the Tax Reform bill (HR1) just passed by Congress contained no changes in the basic rules for Americans abroad, who will continue to be taxed on a citizenship (CBT) rather than a residence basis, although it did include “territorial” tax rules for corporations – meaning corporations will not be taxed on foreign source income.

However, according to ACA (American Citizens Abroad) there are strong indications that Congress will soon return to the subject of tax law changes, to make corrections in what was done and to address issues that were postponed. ACA has recently highlighted some of the areas of the new law that adversely affect Americans overseas and there are champions in the House and Senate who want to see tax reform for Americans overseas enacted. ACA has called on Congress to hold hearings on the subject, arguing that it is time for Congress to review every aspect of tax reform for Americans overseas: the background, the workings of existing law, the numbers, the real-life stories.

ACA has shown that RBT is revenue neutral, tight against abuse, and makes no one worse off than they are now. It only helps, and it corrects a terrible anomaly whereby Americans living outside the US are treated in a way that no other country in the world, other than Eritrea, treats its citizens.

For ACA’s initial analysis of HR1 – “Tax reform bill and Americans abroad: What happened? What’s next?” – go to their website:

<https://www.americansabroad.org/taxation/>

If you would like to support this important issue – write your Representatives in Congress, urging them to support RBT! There are several links on ACA’s website to help you to contact them. Go to:

<https://www.americansabroad.org/helpful-information/>. Testimonials as to how CBT taxation affects you are particularly effective.

And if you would like to support their efforts financially – maintaining an advocacy presence in Washington does not come cheap! – join ACA (\$70/year) or donate to support their efforts to defend the rights of US citizens living and working abroad (<http://acaglobalfoundation.org/donate>).



Residence-based
taxation (RBT)
taxes Americans
abroad
based on where
their income
is earned.
In the US = Yes,
outside the US = No.
Support our efforts
to enact
RBT today!

DELINQUENT TAXPAYERS AND PASSPORT REVOCATION

In a newsletter last year I wrote about the IRS's intention, under legislation enacted in 2015, to revoke the passports of American citizens who had a seriously delinquent tax debit (\$51,000), although the process of certifying tax debt to the State Department had not been implemented at that time.

On 16 January 2018 the IRS published a Notice explaining the workings of the new rules and an IRS News Release warned "IRS Urges Travelers Requiring Passports to Pay Their Back Taxes or Enter into Payment Agreements; People Owing \$51,000 or More Covered". The first steps are expected to begin on Monday, 22 January, and certification to the State Department will begin around 22 February. Note that such certification will only apply to individuals who have already been served with a demand and penalties from the IRS.

For more information and an Alert by ACA's Legal Counsel, go to the ACA website: <https://www.americansabroad.org/news/irs-issues-passport-denial-revocation-rules/>.



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Edinburgh Morning Book Group



Friday, 16 February

Home of Pamela Blackley

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Open Secret by **Stella Rimington**



Friday, 16 March

Home of Jenny Gibb

jenny@jgibb.plus.com

A Week in December
by **Sebastian Faulks**



Friday, 20 April

Book and venue not yet chosen –

details in future Newsletter and/or Monthly Reminder

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AWCCS Glasgow Books, Banter and Beverages (BBB)

It's good to see our little group growing in popularity and numbers, year by year! This winter, we have been out for Sunday breakfast at Eusebi's in the West End in November; to see the Cinderella Panto plus dinner, and just this week in January, a dozen of us to a local Glasgow tapas restaurant!

Plans are being made for outings in upcoming months, with a tentative late February plans to go for a German style dinner at 'WEST On The Green' restaurant and brewery at the in the iconic Templeton Building on Glasgow Green. There were suggestions at our last get together of going to see the Highland Fling by Matthew Bourne at the start of April, if it can be arranged (it is very popular, and tickets may not be available). If you are interested in any upcoming events but are not already on our email list, let us know, via our Glasgow Rep, Susan St.Denis, (msusan448@aol.com) or myself, and we will add you to our contacts!

Sue Stout, Newsletter Editor

Winter BIRTHDAYS:

Febraury

Heather Anderson	10th
Tess McNatt	28th

March

Roseline Marshall	16th
Nancy Walker	18th
Jess Frampton	25th
Erica Judge	28th
Kathy McCarthy	30th
Michelle Wirt	30th



Have a fantastic Birthday, gals!

AWCCS Winter Birthday Bashes

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

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAY BASH

WHEN: Thursday 22nd FEBRUARY 2018
TIME: 6:00 – 8:00 PM
WHERE: The Principal Hotel at Charlotte Square. EH2
4HQ
MEET IN THE GARDEN BAR.
Our Oct 2017 birthday bash attendees loved this location!

RSVP – Nancy Lynner nlynnner@gmail.com



MARCH BIRTHDAY BASH

WHEN: Thursday 29th MARCH 2018
TIME: 6:00 PM – 8 PM
WHERE: Sheraton's One Square bar
1 Festival Square, EH3 9SR

RSVP – Nancy Lynner nlynnner@gmail.com

APRIL BIRTHDAY BASH -

SAVE THE DATE- Thursday 19th April, 6:00 – 8:00 PM

Coffee Plus (Edinburgh)

Wednesday, 28 February

Queen's Gallery

Holyrood Palace

Meet at 10am in the Café at the Palace for coffee (and nibbles) before going to view the splendid new exhibition of some of the Queen's treasures.

Splendours of the Subcontinent: A Prince's Tour of India, 1875-6

In October 1875 the Prince of Wales (later Edward VII) set off on a four-month tour of the Indian Subcontinent, visiting over 21 localities, which today encompass India, Sri Lanka, Pakistan and Nepal. During his travels the Prince was presented with a wide array of beautiful gifts ranging from brooches to swords and from military figures to an articulated golden fish. Each item was intricately wrought, often in precious metals with jewel-encrusted details. Not only did the presentation of these pieces forge a personal link between the Prince and the gift-giver, but, as a collection, these exquisite objects proved to be highly influential on European taste and design. Developed in collaboration with Cartwright Hall, Bradford, and New Walk Museum & Art Gallery, Leicester, the exhibition tells the story of this grand tour through some of the finest Indian treasures from the Royal Collection that were presented to the Prince during his visit.

There will be a charge for this – tickets are:

Adult - £7.00

Over 60/Student (with valid ID) - £6.40

Under 17/ Disabled - £3.50

Under 5 – Free

If you have a validated ticket for visiting the Palace within the past year, you can get in free. If you do have to purchase a ticket, remember to have it validated so you can visit as often as you like for the coming year (including the next two exhibitioBs) – free!

It is not necessary to book, but it would be helpful to know if you're coming, so we can look out for you.

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Model of a Jaipur house

The venue for Wednesday, 28 March, is yet to be decided. Put the date in your diary and check the Monthly Reminder or phone me for further details.

Out and About in Scotland- Events of interest to AWCCS members
FEbruary Mardi Gras in ABERDEEN

Jeanne from AWA Aberdeen has invited us to their Mardis Gras event. She notes: If you opt to pay by BACS, please send an email melissaplain@icloud.com letting Melissa or Sandra know they have paid and are members of your group. This will assist when we check folks off of the list. Thank you!

Keep Calm & MARDI GRAS

The AWA Aberdeen's social committee's Mardi Gras event is less than a month away!

When- **Saturday 10 February, 7 pm**

Where- DoubleTree by Hilton Treetops

Tickets- £40 for AWA Members & Guests. This includes welcome drink, cajun food, door prizes and mardi gras music!

Attire- Traditional Mardi Gras, dress & suit - come in your most fabulous mask!

RSVP- Please RSVP by JANUARY 27th to either Melissa or Sandra or on our Facebook Event Page

Accommodation: There are special rates available if you would like to spend the night at the hotel, £80 Bed& Breakfast (double occ.) and £70 Bed& Breakfast (single occ.) please contact the hotel directly on 01224498390 quoting GMARDG

This event is open to members & guests

PAYMENT - £40 per ticket. Cash or check (made out to AWA Aberdeen) you can send it to the below address noting your name:

AWA Aberdeen
PO Box 11952
Westhill, Scotland
AB13 0BW

(BACS - email Nancy Lynner for details)

If you have any questions, or need any more information please let either Sandra or Melissa know.

Sandra - nstep17@aol.com

Melissa- melissaplain@icloud.com

Out and About in Scotland - Events of interest to AWCCS members

AN INVITATION FROM THE IWCE

The International Women's Club of Edinburgh invites AWCCS members
to a Fashion Show
by C'Est Si Bon
to celebrate International Women's Day

Wednesday, 7 March

3–5 p.m.

The Synagogue, Salisbury Road, Newington

Tickets £15 to include afternoon tea
with sandwiches and cakes
All Welcome

C'Est Si Bon is a boutique ladies clothing store
in Bruntsfield Place

All profits will be donated to the IWCE's current charity –
The Yard, an adventure play centre for disabled children

For tickets, contact:

Dale Finlayson

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Out and About in Scotland - Events of interest to AWCCS members

Help support our Charity of the Year!

Friends of the Earth Scotland Ceilidh
Greyfriars Kirk, Edinburgh
10 March 2018 at 7pm



Friends of the Earth Scotland will be hosting a ceilidh to celebrate their 40th anniversary.

The ceilidh will be held at Greyfriars Kirk on 10 March 2018 at 7pm. Enjoy three hours of dances, multiple bands, a full bar and a raffle while supporting a great cause!

All ages are welcome and tickets are now on sale on their website, www.foe.scot/40th-anniversary-ceilidh/



Calendar of Upcoming Events

February

Saturday 3rd February, 10:30 a.m.

Board Meeting at Kathy McGlew's in Edinburgh

Saturday 10 February, 7 p.m.

Event of Interest to AWCCS members held by the American Women's Association (AWA) in Aberdeen. Mardi Gras Event. DoubleTree by Hilton Treetops Hotel, Aberdeen

Friday 16th February, 10:15 a.m.

Edinburgh Morning Book Group , Home of Pamela Blackley

Friday 16th February, 19:30 – 22:30 p.m.

Cookie Exchange at Kathy McGlew's home.

Thursday 22 February, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

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

Saturday 24 February, 2:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Food and Nutrition Workshop At the home of Melissa Kaplan, Registered Dietitian and Nutritionist. 2/1 Grosvenor Gardens, EH12 5JU

Wednesday, 28 February, 10 a.m.

Coffee Plus, Queen's Gallery, Holyrood Palace, Edinburgh

March

Friday 16th March, 10:15 a.m.

Edinburgh Morning Book Group , Home of Jenny Gibb

Wednesday, 7 March, 3–5 p.m

Event of Interest to AWCCS members held by the The International Women's Club of Edinburgh. Fashion Show by C'Est Si Bon to celebrate International Women's Day. The Synagogue, Salisbury Road, Newington

Thursday March 8th, 6–8 p.m.

International Women's Day Talk: 6:00 for chat, 6:30- 7:15 for talk on Digital Sociology, Gender and Technology, Social media

Saturday 10 March, 7 p.m.

Event of Interest to AWCCS members held by our Charity: Friends of the Earth Scotland . Ceilidh , Greyfriars Kirk, Edinburgh

Wednesday, 28 March, 10am

Coffee Plus Edinburgh, event/venue to be decided

Thursday 29th March, 6-8 p.m.

21 Birthday Bash, Sheraton's One Square bar, 1 Festival Square, EH3 9SR