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DATES TO REMEMBER

Halloween 2022 – Saturday October 29th, 2022. Wear it to work or school.

Halloween

- When – October 29th, 2022
- Where – Shipshewana Outlets (Parish Church, 10 Main Mayfield, Edinburgh EH9 1TX)
- Time – 10:00 – 16:00

Have fun! Dress to the NINES! Children Welcome!!!

Questions? Contact Us

GREETINGS FROM YOUR AWCCS PRESIDENT

Greetings Spring

As we the people are from Northern Ireland we are used to the ups and downs of weather conditions. We always think that we are just having a mini-summer when we have a few days of sunshine and we are quick to dust off our summer pattern of dressing a Bring Your Own Deckchair picnic at Portstewart Strand. Then back down to the reality of the cold, wet and windy weather. We are used to the ups and downs of life and we have learned to cope with the unprecedented circumstances in a short-term effective manner and we do our independence day event.

This difference place has continued to work well and this year the July 4th weather was on Sunday July 3rd and we had a nice Barbecue, Hotdogs, Cake, Lemonade, Bags, Lawn, Lawn Ball, Frisbee Competition and Cornhole Competition. American flag cakes, good conversation, a lot of laughs and we thank the North Sea!! There do but it welcome rain!

Our Advertiser: Alyssa Dobbie

Alyssa Dobbie is a Senior Financial Planner. Her specialty is family guidance and she enjoys helping people learn about money and how value and staffing to make a difference. Check out her website for more information and to schedule a meeting. Alyssa's office is located in Fort Wayne, Indiana and she is a member of the Indiana Association of Insurance Professionals. Alyssa's contact information is:

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AWCCS CLUB ANNOUNCEMENTS

AWCCS Board Notes

Week AWCCS Board Meeting – 7th September, 2022

AWCCS Chart of Year Income and Expense Report

AWCCS Income Statement Chart of Year Income and Expense - 2022 to 2022	Income	Expenses	Balance
AWCCS CORE ENDOWMENT			
Membership Fees	15,408.00	0.00	15,408.00
Donations	0.00	0.00	0.00
Interest Income	0.00	0.00	0.00
Bank Charges	0.00	0.00	0.00
Grants Grants & Awards	0.00	0.00	0.00
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AWCCS CORE ENDOWMENT TOTAL	15,408.00	0.00	15,408

least five (5) years, two (2) of which must be after the age of fourteen. The application, Form N-600K, must be submitted to USCIS, along with birth certificates, proof of residency of the petitioning adult and the filing fee. The interview will take place in the US, with the exception of a US military dependent, and the process MUST be completed prior to reaching his/her 18th birthday. Processing times may vary, so while it may only take a few months, it is advisable to submit the application and supporting documents with at least a year prior to the child's 18th birthday, or much earlier. Children under the age of 14 will most likely not be required to take the Oath of Allegiance, however, the child will be required to appear for an interview.

The child can apply for a visitor visa once the interview in the US has been scheduled. A certificate of citizenship will be issued and the child will be eligible to apply for a US passport.

Overseas Voting in 2022: Act now to help save US democracy

AWCC Contributor Article

Many news stories, and even a [illegible] warn about current threats to democracy in the USA. While each of us is just one person, we can do much if we act together. But we must act now - **Election Day for overseas voters is October 8**, fewer than 70 days away.

1. [illegible] to maximize your chance of voting successfully.
2. If you have registered/requested your ballot, make a plan to ensure that you cast a valid ballot.
3. Then spread the word to every American you can find, through your FAWCO Club and in your daily life.

Use FAWCO resources: [illegible] and [illegible] Send questions or suggestions to [illegible]

The problem

The concept of voting arises from the US Constitution [illegible] But, as a recent Brookings/Pew Research report showed, news reporting that includes not only the facts but also what people can do about them – called solution focused journalism – reduces feelings of helplessness and spurs action: "When we see that positive change can occur, it helps us to see that our own actions matter and inspires us to become involved in efforts for social change."

So what can we do?

What you can do about it

1. [illegible] lists various Americans' advice about the most useful steps to take to protect US democracy.

1. Vote - in every election at every level that you can.
2. Protest (peacefully) – including writing or phoning your elected representatives to tell them your views (click [illegible] to find out how).
3. Connect. In addition to voting, get involved in a wide range of groups and campaigns for voter registration, for voting reform and for candidates who will protect US democracy; to name just a few.

Voting may be one of the most important things you can do, but time is running out to ensure that you can vote in 2022. **Overseas Election Day is October 8**, not November 8, our ballots have to travel to reach local election officials in time.

1. If you have not yet registered to vote, [illegible] before August 31. Waiting longer than that may mean your form isn't processed, or your ballot is sent out late, and you can't vote.
2. If you have registered/requested your ballot, make a plan to ensure that you cast a valid ballot by receiving your ballot as quickly as possible, filling out completely and correctly, and returning it before the deadline set by your state.
3. Then spread the word to every American you can find, through your FAWCO Club and in your daily life.

FAWCO can help you with all of these tasks. See our advice for [illegible] and on [illegible]

Send questions or suggestions to [illegible]

Answer voters' questions, if you have the knowledge, or direct them to FAWCO (), or the voter help desks or FAQs of the [illegible] or [illegible] (Some US embassy/consulate officials can do this, too, but they are operating with reduced capacity at present.)

Resources

For all these tasks, use the regularly updated information and resources provided by FAWCO; get them from:

- the [illegible] section of the FAWCO website, and its monthly [illegible] and
- FAWCO publications, such as the quarterly [illegible] and the monthly *News in Brief* [illegible].

We also offer three videos on FAWCO's YouTube channel:

1. [illegible] (1 hr 34)
2. [illegible] and [illegible] (1 05)
3. [illegible] (30 min)

All three date from 2020, but are still accurate in general terms. Soon we expect the US Vote Foundation and FVAP to offer outreach materials, too.

The above information was supplied by FAWCO Liaison Bulletin, Johanna Dishongh, FAWCO's US Liaison

DEMOCRATS ABROAD

Did you know that you can now set up an IRS account online?

Until the end of last year, Americans living outside the US were blocked from accessing and setting up an online account on the IRS website. Many people have successfully set up an online account, although others have reported that they struggled to do so.

If you want to set up an online IRS account, here are some resources that you can use:

- "Ain't it's like sausage": Here's how to set up an online IRS account This article explains the steps and documents required to set up your online account. You don't need to set up an online account, but it helps with having visibility of what the IRS has on file for you. It's especially useful for viewing when your economic stimulus payments and child tax credit payments have been sent.
- [illegible] What if I don't live in the United States? You shouldn't need a US address or a US phone number to sign up for an online account, you should be able to use your UK address and UK phone number if that's all you have. If you have any problems setting up your account, read this article and hopefully it'll point you in the right direction to get your account set up.

On Thursday, February 10th at 6pm Democrats Abroad will hold a free [illegible] including a talk on "Why US Taxes Aren't A Barrier To Voting in US Elections". RSVP to attend this event and all of the sessions at the online summit by clicking here.

Thanks to Dale Finlay for this update

MEMBER PUBLICATIONS

Kathy McGlew has sent us a recipe for Kulfi

For those who love making Indian meals I have for you a brilliant recipe for Kulfi, that wonderful ice dessert flavoured with cardamom.

I make mine in silicon ice lolly molds so you can serve them from the freezer at the last minute and they come out looking like the authentic Mattki molds.

Kulfi

Ingredients: 2 cups heavy cream, 14oz can condensed milk, 1 teaspoon cardamom ground, ¼ cup pistachios .

Whip the cream to soft peaks about 90 seconds. Stir in condensed milk and cardamom and then whip for 30 seconds. Pour mixture into molds or into a loaf shaped pan which has been lined. If using a loaf pan simply serve slices of the kulfi and sprinkle with the nuts to serve.

Links to recent publications below

Trees: Planting, Reforestation and Rewilding

by Amanda Drollinger, AWC Central Scotland

Originally published by FAWCO: https://www.fawco.org/global-issues/environment/environment-articles/4679-trees-planting-reforestation-and-rewilding

Bridging the Gap – Overcoming Academic Disruptions on the Road to Higher Education (SDG Targets 4.3 & 4.4)

by Lindsay Nygren, AWCC Scotland

Originally published by FAWCO: https://www.fawco.org/global-issues/education/education-articles/4655-bridging-the-gap-overcoming-academic-disruptions-on-the-road-to-higher-education-sdg-targets-4-3-4-4

INDIGENOUS WOMEN WORKING FOR A BETTER TOMORROW

By Tara Scott, AWC Central Scotland

Originally published: https://docs.google.com/document/d/e/2PACX-1vSDuSYvMCPQ_0NdDwRQ0ZUVwXSTX2YWCS1L6nNKnqJmq_bQDeHGzvoNABw/pub?gid=1664283042#heading=h.6tf24ebwcqf3 and https://docs.google.com/document/d/e/2PACX-1vSDuSYvMCPQ_0NdDwRQ0ZUVwXSTX2YWCS1L6nNKnqJmq_bQDeHGzvoNABw/pub?gid=1664283042#heading=h.6tf24ebwcqf3

Notes from the Field: How to Be a Global Citizen (SDG Target 4.7)

by Nancy Lynner, AWCCC Scotland

Originally published by FAWCO: https://www.fawco.org/global-issues/education/education-articles/4714-notes-from-the-field-how-to-be-a-global-citizen-sdg-target-4-7

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Special Interest Group Coordinators

Although we will not be meeting in person, some of these groups may be meeting online. Contact us if you would like to participate.

Edinburgh: Dale Finlayson for Morning Book Group, Coffee Plus Edinburgh and Voting Coordinator

Glasgow: Books Beverages and Banter hosted by various individuals.

Fife: Pat Peters for Fife Dinner Club

***Join us as a Board Member** or work as a Team*

Interested in joining us as a board member? We would love to hear from you. We are meeting online at the present, but still very active in the club. We have the following openings:

Communications Convenor is looking for members who would like to help as a team in the following areas: Newsletter writing on line, Advertising/PR and working on the website. Expertise is helpful, but training is available if you want to learn a system. Please notify Joyce of your interest.

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If your communication from us is going to your Spam folder, all you need do is to place our email (the 'reply to' on the email you receive from us) into your Contacts and it will recognize us as a "friend."

Please Update your Profile

Did we miss announcing your birthday in our Newsletter? We want to make sure to include you in our good wishes, but sometimes we just don't have the information we need.

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Going Home Soon?

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 for "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. Learn all about FAUSA, contact someone in your region, and download an application at www.fausa.org. We would love to hear from you.
Jane IndelandPresident, FAUSA

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