

## September/October AWCCS Newsletter



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**This Newsletter will not be linking in PDF format because the website is off line until 15 September 2019.**

## Letter from the Editor

### Greetings! Hope you have enjoyed a great summer!

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## Choose the New Charity

Please send in your suggestions for the the new chosen charity for AWCCS to support 2019-2021 **by Friday 4 October 2019.** [Contact our Charity Chair](#)

## Prepare for the new Website

### The Newsletter:



Welcome to our new electronic newsletter produced five times yearly. The AWCCS Newsletter is in email format, pdf and as a special page on our AWCCS site.

**This month** you have received it as a PDF file which you can download to your desktop and keep handy for reference.

The links to the site on this PDF will not be working because our site is in a transition and will be off line until the new site has gone live. This will all be happening next week and we will notify you by email when it is live. At that time, you will be able to login to your Member's Only page and you will be able to enjoy the Newsletter online with all links working.



### Your New Website:

When you are notified that the new site is live and working, the email you receive will send you to the Profile page.

- To begin, please **change your password**.
- Then go to Security settings and choose who can see your information. This will determine how you will be seen on the Member's Only **Directory** Online. (only members can access the directory)
- If you have any changes in your email, phone or address you can make them here, *Save the changes*, and they will immediately show on the directory,
- At this point we are working on the premise that you are choosing to **Opt In** to allow us to send emails, and notices from the AWCCS. You will have the opportunity to **Opt Out** of this option as

As usual, we have many regular events planned for the next 2 months; the **Birthdays Bash, Coffee Plus, the Morning Book Group, Daunder and Blether,** and the **Glasgow Books and Banter** are communicating by email about potential venues for a few upcoming events.

If you know of an activity which you think club members would enjoy, let a board member know, or better yet, join in! We'd love to have your input!

Susannah Stout, AWCCS Newsletter Editor

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

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### Guided Walking Tour of Linlithgow

When **14 Sep 2019**  
10:30 - 12:00



**What historic Royal Burgh between Glasgow and Edinburgh is the site of the next AWCCS Walking Tour?**

Birthplace of Mary Queen of Scots--but what was it that made Linlithgow a centre for trade and manufacture?--Join us on a

Location  
Linlithgow Cross Well, on the High Street & Kirkgate

Walking Tour of Linlithgow. Led by our member, Karen MacCormick. RSVP: [nlynnner@gmail.com](mailto:nlynnner@gmail.com) This event is free to members. I will be taking a train from Edinburgh Waverley

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### Daunder 'n' Blether

When **17 Sep 2019**  
13:00 - 14:00



Location  
Edinburgh Quay Behind Akva

[Already registered](#)

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### September Birthday Bash Edinburgh

When **19 Sep 2019**  
18:00 - 20:00

**American Women's Club of Central Scotland Birthday Bash**

*Join us for a drink, even if it's not your birthday month.*



Location  
Sheraton's One Square Bar, 1 Festival Square, EH3 9SR

**September Birthday Bash**

When: Thursday September 19

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### September Edinburgh Morning Book Group

When **20 Sep 2019**  
10-15

**Edinburgh Morning Book Group**



well.

#### More Options Coming to You:

As soon as we have completed the transfer to the new website you will notice changes which we hope will become familiar to you.

The *Email Blasts will continue* as before, but the online Newsletter will continue to change when things are added to it, so it is worthwhile checking it often.

You will be *invoiced for renewal* of your membership dues on the month that you made payments this past year. This month may have changed from the past, but it is exactly one year later for your membership dues to be paid. This is an automatic process and you will be sent reminders. You will have options to pay which will be sent to you along with your renewal invoice.

You will be able to *create a Member photo album* which can be viewed by other members. These will be viewed only by Members.

There will be an *instruction page* with details on how to work with your website and how to control what we show about you. It will be a link on your Member's Only Page.

I will always be available to help you sort these out once we begin, so you will have an opportunity to *contact me* for answers to your questions. I've also been known to go to member's houses and go through the site with them to show how to work with it. Let me know.

Joyce Halsan, Website Manager

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## AWCCS Board Officers

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Ellen Wong

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#### Website Manager

Joyce Halsan

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#### Glasgow Representative Susan St. Denis

## Special Interest Group Coordinators

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## September Coffee Plus Edinburgh

When **25 Sep 2019**  
10:00

COFFEE PLUS . . .

Location  
Mimi's Bakehouse  
and City Art  
Centre

City Art Centre and Mimi's Bakehouse Café  
Exhibit: *Victoria Crowe: 50 Years of Painting*

Entrance charge: £6 / £4.50 (Season ticket: £10 / £7)

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## Daughter 'n' Blether

When **16 Oct 2019**  
13:00 - 14:00

Location  
Edinburgh Quay  
Behind Akva



Register

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## October Edinburgh Morning Book Group

When **18 Oct 2019**  
10:15

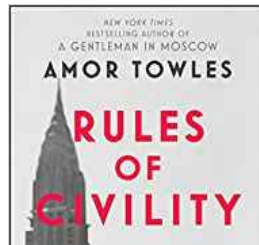
Edinburgh Morning Book Group

Location  
Home of Dale  
Finlayson

Friday, 18 October

10:15 am

Home of Dale Finlayson



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## October Birthday Bash Edinburgh

When **24 Oct 2019**  
18:00 - 20:00

American Women's Club of Central Scotland Birthday Bash

Location  
Tigertilly, 125B  
George Street,  
Edinburgh EH2  
4JN

Join us for a drink, even if it's not your birthday month.

October Birthday Bash

When: Thursday October 24



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## Daughter 'n' Blether

**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

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## Member News

### Welcome to all the new members for this past year!

Harshadha Balasubramanian  
Jennifer Cooney  
Morgan Currie  
Charlotte Holmes  
Jacquelyn Kerr  
Susana McCune  
Diana Montador  
Judy Norkin  
Lindsay Oliver  
Kate Pearson  
Pat Price  
Patricia Ramaer  
Tracey Rosenberg  
Diedra Turner  
Lisa Vahradian  
Ellen Wong  
Juli Zanetta

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## Birthdays

Happy Birthday to the following members for September and October!

### September

Jana Livermore	4th
Renee Grieve	12th
Tracey S. Rosenberg	15th
Aly Stewart	15th
Olivia McLaren	25th

### October

Lisa Vahradian	4th
Katharyn Cross	20th
Morgan Currie	24th
Tahitia McCabe	27th
Caroline Graves	29th
Melissa Kaplan	29th
Alanna Brady Kibiloski	30th

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### November Birthday Bash Edinburgh

**When** 14 Nov 2019  
 18:00 - 20:00

**Location**  
 To be determined

**American Women's Club of Central Scotland Birthday Bash**

*Join us for a drink, even if it's not your birthday month.*

**November Birthday Bash**

When: Thursday November 14



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### November Edinburgh Morning Book Group

**When** 15 Nov 2019  
 10:15

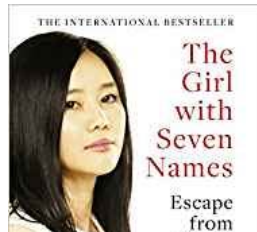
**Location**  
 Home of Marily MacVicar

**Edinburgh Morning Book Group**

**Friday, 15 November**

**10:15 am**

Home of Marily MacVicar



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### AWCCS, Thanksgiving 2019

**When** 23 Nov 2019  
 14:00 - 18:00

**Location**  
 BRAID HILLS HOTEL 134 Braid Road, Edinburgh, EH10 6JD

**THANKSGIVING DINNER 2019**

SUNDAY, 24th NOVEMBER  
 2:00 PM CHECK-IN \* 2:30 PM SEATING

*Spaces left* 100



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## AWCCS Final End of Year Income & Expenses

AWCCS End of Year Income & Expenses (Final)  
 June 30, 2019

*Final September 3, 2019*

American Women's Club of Central Scotland - 2018 to 2019	<i>Income</i>	<i>Expenses</i>	<i>Balance</i>
<b>2017 to 2018 CASH BALANCE</b>			£1,913.52
MEMBERSHIP DUES	£1,880.24		£1,880.24
ADVERTISING	£150.00	(£25.00)	£125.00
NEWSLETTERS		(£19.99)	(£19.99)
FAWCO DUES & WEBSITE		(£178.19)	(£178.19)
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING		£0.00	£0.00
SOCIAL EVENTS	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
CHARITY CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED / (MADE) (1)	£1,730.01	(£2,595.54)	(£865.53)
THANKSGIVING DINNER (2)	£1,697.06	(£1,487.00)	£210.06
FAWCO (3)	£4,496.79	(£1,080.42)	£3,416.37
<b>2018 to 2019 TOTAL INCOME &amp; EXPENSES</b>	<b>£9,954.10</b>	<b>(£5,386.14)</b>	<b>£4,567.96</b>
<b>2018 to 2019 ENDING CASH BALANCE</b>			<b>£6,481.48</b>

Respectfully Submitted,  
 Susanne Hathon

- (1) **Income** - Member Donations £24; Thanksgiving Auction £1,441.54; Raffle £264.47  
**Expenses** - US Consulate Fund £100; FAWCO Target Project £1,274.77; Friends of the Earth £1,220.77
- (2) **Income** - Guest dinner payments    **Expenses** - Meal payment, Room Hire, Gratuity, Complimentary Drinks, Band
- (3) **Income** - FAWCO Conference Fee Assistance raised at Thanksgiving Auction £400; Share of Conference Profits £4,096.79  
**Expenses** - 2019 Conference Fee Assistance £252; Unreimbursed Conference Expenses £828.42  
*FAWCO Conference Fee Assistance Funds remaining £148 to be carried over to next year*

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## American Citizens Abroad

Submitted by Dale Finlayson

### U.S. Taxation Issues

IRS Newswire recently issued a bulletin advising U.S. taxpayers filing from overseas of various deadlines and reporting requirements. To read more, go to:

[https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/USIRS/bulletins/2496363?reqfrom=share&mc\\_cid=2c9e572a4f&mc\\_eid=9bcd865074](https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/USIRS/bulletins/2496363?reqfrom=share&mc_cid=2c9e572a4f&mc_eid=9bcd865074)

### Tax Fairness for Americans Abroad Act (TFAA)

The bill (H.R. 7358), introduced on 20 December 2018 by Representative Holding (R-NC), would change the approach to taxing US citizens living and working overseas to a residency-based – some call it territorial – taxation approach. Americans overseas would no longer be taxed on income that is not earned in the United States, bringing the U.S. in line with the global norm for taxation and alleviating problems of double taxation and compliancy costs for millions of Americans overseas. The proposed legislation would work off the Foreign Earned Income Exclusion (FEIE) and would create an exclusion for income earned outside of the United States by qualified non-resident U.S. citizens. Some of the “trickier issues” include how to define personal property and how to tax gains related to foreign property before the taxpayer qualifies as a foreign-based resident. The next steps will be to re-introduce the bill in the 116th Congress and assign a new bill number and to request the Chairman of the House Ways & Means Committee to hold hearings on the bill. The hearings will help to define issues such as whether failing to file a foreign bank and financial account report would disqualify someone from receiving the exclusion for not being fully compliant with the requirements.

Two ACA webcasts to update the community on Rep. Holding's bill were broadcast on 13 and 14 March, featuring Matt Stross, Tax Counsel for Representative Holding; ACA Legal Counsel Charles Bruce; and several tax professionals. For full audio of both webcasts, go to [https://www.americansabroad.org/?mc\\_cid=c45ae4a41f&mc\\_eid=9bcd865074#TFAAWebcasts](https://www.americansabroad.org/?mc_cid=c45ae4a41f&mc_eid=9bcd865074#TFAAWebcasts).

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