February/March 2025 Newsletter

Meeting People

Over the last year, the number of events the club holds has continued to increase giving ever more opportunities to get out there and meeting people.

Looking forward to even more events in 2025.

Greetings from your President

Greetings American Family!

It was such fun at our Halloween Party, at least we have each other. We are a unique family of people embracing life in Scotland with uncommon grace. Our diverse backgrounds converge with a shared pulse: finding inspiration in our overseas journey. Amid the challenges of modern times, I hope life has treated you with the kindness you deserve. We are a beacon of hope, a sanctuary of caring, and a haven of joy. It is my honor to lead this dedicated team, ensuring your vibrant participation remains vigorous.

How was your holiday season? Whatever you were celebrating, or if you were simply enjoying a well-earned rest, I hope it was a cozy time! The club has already received our gatherings from every corner and we look forward to hearing about events, stories, big and small and we hope to see you at the upcoming.

Looking Ahead

As we navigate winter, we anticipate a plethora of exciting events on the horizon. Keep a close watch on our website for updates. We have activities and meetings happening across Edinburgh, Glasgow, and the surrounding Scottish countryside. Scotland is a beautiful place, and it is time to start further exploring as a special gathering in our American family. Let's make the most of our time together!

One of the most anticipated events this year is by far upcoming **Generation Regency Grand Ball @ Gladis Castle in Lugar on Friday, June 27th to Monday, June 30th.** Whether you want to help behind the scenes or simply enjoy the journey, we invite you to be a part of this unique and memorable experience.

Additionally, mark your calendars for an **AGM at the Consulate** in the coming months. Space is limited, so be sure to register promptly. It's an excellent opportunity to come together, discuss the club's future, and celebrate our achievements.

Leadership Transition

As we look ahead, I believe that fostering leadership, and I will be stepping down as President. It has been an absolute honor to serve you all, and I look forward to seeing each our new successor! President Emerge or Rise Up, if you feel called to step up and take greater reign over I am sure good luck to them from you.

A handed thank you to each of you for your unwavering support and contribution to our family and culture. If you need our support, please let us know—we are here to assist. Let's continue to foster a vibrant community where everyone feels valued and supported. Your dedication to our shared journey and embracing this spirit is of immeasurable value.

Remember this: When you truly want to do something, you find a way. When you don't, you find an excuse. So what you want and the belief about it!

With warmest regards,
Cynthia Haslam
President

Upcoming Events

February

February Birthday Bash, Thursday 6 Feb 2025
Dry Dock Bar, Our Grandmother Hotel
6 February 2025 @ 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM
RSVP

Another February Event - Coffee Morning, Edinburgh.
at Jackson's Restaurant at Fountain
12 February 2025 @ 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM
RSVP

LIMITED Glasgow Coffee Joy in February Coffee morning.
at Hunter Chocolate
12 February 2025 @ 9:45 AM to 12:00 PM
RSVP

Join all dinner and chat for Glasgow Book Group and book Talk with Ally Griffiths
at Ampersand
13 February 2025 @ 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM
RSVP

Ally Griffiths Book Launch (Glasgow)
at Ampersand
14 February 2025 @ 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM
RSVP

2nd Another February Event - Lunch, Edinburgh
at Ivy Bistro
18 February 2025 @ 12:00 PM to 1:00 PM
RSVP

Save The Date

Dear Members: See our lengthy list of further upcoming activities available for all our AWCCS members - this is for all our per Central Scotland, you can go to any activity irrespective of where you live

Edinburgh Based | **Glasgow Based** | **Virtual Activities**

February
Thursday 6th | Birthday Bash - The Pass Bar at the Scotsman Hotel
Wednesday 12th | Days - Edinburgh Coffee morning, National Museum
Wednesday 12th | Days - Glasgow Coffee morning, Hunter Chocolate, Kelvinbridge Street
Monday 17th - Friday 21st | Glasgow Book Group, Join for the Dinner at Ampersand, Sauchiehall Street
Thursday 27th | Another February Event - Lunch, Edinburgh
Thursday 27th | Book Talk - Ally Griffiths, Book Launch and Book Signing at Ampersand
Sunday 2nd, Walking group - Location to be confirmed
Thursday 27th - Sunday 30th | Generation Regency Ball

March
Thursday 13th - International Women's day to be arranged in Glasgow
Thursday 20th | Birthday Bash, location to be determined
Thursday 20th | Another March Event - Lunch, Edinburgh
Thursday 27th | Book Club Discussion, in your own home
Sunday 6th Walking Group - location to be confirmed

April
Dates to be arranged in Glasgow
May Annual General Meeting at HK Consulate - Jake pending on approval from the Consulate.

Recent Events

Thanksgiving 2025 Glasgow

We'll be celebrating at Edinburgh, Glasgow Non-Catholic Thanksgiving kindly hosted by Kate St Dennis.

Thanksgiving 2024 Edinburgh.

Nancy Lyman

We had a lovely, warm celebrating Thanksgiving in Edinburgh with a dinner at the Kinloch Rifle Hotel, as organised by Cynthia Henderson, Kathy McGlew, and me. The group chatting, drafting, negotiated, and sometimes raised voices delicious. This year we made 20 the delicious pumpkins, and Alice ended our feast in Fabulous fashion with her delicious pumpkin pie, and Cynthia's delicious apple pie. Thanks to everyone who participated in the pumpkin carving and pie baking!

Second behind Christ-ianity, the Non-Christ-ianity Group also carried on our traditional holiday celebration.

We honored Amanda Stallings who organized so many important events in 2024! 2024 including work on the October 2024 Classic Region I meeting, the Franco Scottish Dinner, and the Scottish Dinner Dance, and the Scottish Ball.

For 2025 we are looking for some volunteers to manage the start of Thanksgiving Coordinator, so we can move it up to a Wednesday!! or something on a day.

Quiz Charity! Commoderate!

By Nancy Lyman

Thanks to our LOVER and our first DAY2 Commoderate Pub Quiz, raising funds for our FAMILY Target Project.

In Glasgow, we met at Hanoman and Sons in Edinburgh we met at Sunday Charities Bobbin Bar! We offered a Zoom Room but everyone chose to participate in person. (Was it Hanoman's dangerous chai ideas the crowd?)

The quiz questions were Monopoly Edition, so teams travelled and had to, with Pass Go Money and Jail Time, and Free Parkings. We had eight categories and a total of 30 possible points.

Our thanks to the attendees, the teams, and everyone another with determination to come up with answers.

We had a terrific time and on 27th Jan get ready, we raised a lot of money for our worthwhile FAMILY Target Project we have supported since 2021. However, we have a lot of money to raise for our Project. Our Project Partner for FAMILY is getting ready to be a physical and should you want to contribute anything further let us know at the AWCCS Event Registration.

Clyde Valley Walk

Members from a group of the Clyde Valley walk, enjoying its varna wildernesses afternoons.

Club Announcements

AWCCS AGM 2025

Please save the date for the AWCCS 2025 AGM to be held at the US Consulate on Wednesday May 6th from 6-8pm.

The Food Train

Now in our 2 yrs, the AWCCS contact charity to support. We can offer the Food Train more than financial support. Volunteers are needed to join the Food Train. Many people are unable to do their own shopping. We are looking for people, drivers, shop or support our Food Train through a week shopping to complement in Glasgow grocery stores. The Food is provided in boxes and needed to Food Train delivery vans where our volunteer's delivery to each person who have signed up for the service. Please contact Cynthia or Kathleen. Please see the website for the Food Train's info.
https://foodtrain.co.uk/

International Women's Day and You

By Nancy Lyman

Asked to let you know about Take a moment and pick a time you enjoy - that is International Women's Day. Might you call or reach out to a woman you like or find that might you need about a member in history - maybe she is not well known, maybe she should be. She is think about my women amazeen - 100s of years ago Venus worries her, she knows, she knows she is long over, and her footsteps is there, whatever they are, she knows.

Do you find name or feeling a calendar year, so please let us know in our Facebook Group or Instagram, or reach out and join in and offers.

Member News

February

Cybill Johnson
Ann Pinkerton Clark
Kaleb Dylan Taylor

March

Beth Ryan
Trisha Lanyi
Kathleen Haslam
Alexandra Kirchhoffer
Anastina Marshall
Tara Scott

Welcome New Members

Marjolein Fiddiecus
Kathleen Haslam
Kaylin Dunn
Cynthia Henderson

Edinburgh Book Group

Contact: alice.hickman@gmail.com

Friday, 31 January
Let The Great World Spin
By Colum McCann
Location: TBD
Start time: 19:30

Friday, 21 March
TBD
TBD
Location: TBD
Start time: 19:30

FAWCO

Inspiring Women

Our last discussed topic of inspiring Women magazine, Women Working With Words from 2 Fro Fellow: up to our May 2024 issue highlights more FAWCO and Global public address, editing, proofreading and contributing articles or updates on FAWCO's Women's Issues category celebrations.

Please share the magazine link with your family and friends and post on your social media feeds, too!

Joy of January: Cooking Kenyan Style FAWCO Target Project Awesome Blossoms Virtual fundraiser

Louise Gibson, Amanda Stallings, Sue Kaur, Helen Kennedon, and 27 other FAWCO members joined a team cooking demonstration for Joy of January: Cooking Kenyan Style on Sunday, January 26, 2025 to increase money our social media reach promote the call-out Kate Kingdon's Kenyan Project Awesome Blossoms Gifts Specials. Amanda's chef-host led the cooking demonstration of Sukuma Wiki of Kirsh Wiki.

Kate Kingdon's Kenyan Project Awesome Blossoms Gifts Specials: Kenyan Handmade Jewelry, gifts, and Kenyan Coffee and Tea – not really something anyone wants to wear in the Northern Hemisphere in the dark.

With our Let's Cook Kenyan Style events, we made legal and Kashura Wiki – delicious if you use coconut, collards are in your dessert! Enjoy the photos below of some of our dishes.

We also listed a lot about the tasty from different regions in Kenya. It was really fun to cook with everyone and to actually taste how what we are trying is impacting the Kenyan women's Project Awesome Blossoms.

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