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FAWCO Treasurer Carol Kamphuis was pleased to present a check representing FAWCO's commitment to aiding Oxfam America and Oxfam Ireland in the relief effort in Haiti. Lucy McGovern and Kim Williams gratefully received the over \$14,000 which has been raised with donations still coming in.

Lucy explained that Oxfam is serving over 200,000 people in Haiti with water and sanitation. They have also supplied tents and tarps, hiring local people to work on their projects thus stimulating the local economy. For more information, check out oxfamamerica.org.

FAWCO Club Interaction

In the Rep Parallel Meeting, Janelle Mason, FAWCO 2nd VP for Clubs, offered her enthusiasm and willingness to support Reps through communications (email, skype, telephone) and improve dialogue with clubs in understanding the support that FAWCO provides. The interaction is just as important as Reps are requested to feed information back to FAWCO which can be shared among clubs showing how clubs can support FAWCO and its work.

AGENDA

8:30-10:00	Annual General Meeting – Second Session	Georgian
10:20-12:00	Panel Discussion - Journalism: History's First Draft	Georgian
13:10-14:40	BOOST Sessions (Be Open Organized & Successful Today) How To Double Your Membership Wiki (website), Forums, and Social Media: Useful Tools to Connect and Collaborate with Family, and Your Ancestors	White Hill Whittier
15:10-16:40	Workshops US Voting Assistance International Banking and the Economic Crisis Online Social Network	Whittier White Hill St. James
16:45-18:00	UN NGO Interactive Session	Whittier
19:00	Reception	Arlington, Berkeley, Clarendon
20:00	FAWCO Foundation Dinner, Silent & Live Auction	Gregorian

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PARALLEL MEETING: Privacy – It’s your secret

Robert Ellis Smith, journalist and lawyer, has been studying threats to our personal privacy. With the growth of social networking websites, databases, and the internet in general, the right to privacy is disappearing. Robert Smith emphasized that we need to take responsibility for our privacy protection.

Your social security number is an unsecure number. We should refuse to give our social security number except in connection with taxes. Cell phones providers routinely ask for it when buying a phone...refuse, threaten to go to a competitor, and if you must, only give out the last four digits.

Another practical tip that Robert gave was how to protect important numbers you find necessary to carry with you. The solution: encryption! A simple method of encryption is to add “one” to each digit in the number. Voilà! It’s not your number any more.

Using your credit card on an internet secure site is most likely more secure than using it in a restaurant. But if you send your credit card number through the internet, send the expiration date in a separate message. Both are needed to make a transaction.

Run for the Foundation

Cynthia Smith-Ayed and Gwen Dellar (AIWC Casablanca) are taking marathon running to the extreme! On April 2nd they will trek into the desert, and on April 4th they will embark on a seven day marathon race covering 250 kilometers in the Sahara Desert. The race is called, “Marathon des Sables” and it is an unbelievable test of endurance. Each participant carries their food and sleeping bag on their backs. Race sponsors provide only water.

Cynthia and Gwen have offered to run on behalf of The FAWCO Foundation to help raise funds for the Member’s Skills Enhancement Award. For a minimum donation of \$10.00 at the Foundation evening, you will also receive The FAWCO Foundation patch that Cynthia and Gwen will wear (while quantities last).

FAWCO WELCOMES 3 NEW CLUBS!

Founded in 1961, **AWC Lagos** currently has 180 members – 85% U. S. and 15% international members. Besides being a source of information, support companionship and fun, AWC Lagos provides scholarships to nearly thirty Nigerian students and sponsors fifteen different charities in various ways.

The United Arab Emirates is a country made up of 85% expats and this is reflected in the multi-cultural and ever changing membership of **AWA Dubai**. Founded in 1991, the membership has grown, keeping up with the pace of booming Dubai. Among the philanthropic projects, AWA Dubai supports the children of expat women who have no means of financial support and have fallen through the cracks.

The **Munich IWC** was founded 20 years ago and now has about 200 members, 25% American. The main charities are the battered women’s shelter in Munich and girls’ schools in Bukina Faso. Munich IWC will be hosting a Regional Meeting, November 5-7, 2010. Everyone is invited!



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