



AGENDA

Thursday, March 30

8:00-18:00

Registration
Communications Center open

8:00-9:00

Breakfast meetings

9:00-10:00

Welcome and Orientation

10:00-11:00

Annual General Meeting - 1st Session

11:00-11:15

Networking Break

11:15-12:15

Annual General Meeting -
1st Session (continued)

12:15-13:30

Lunch
Regional Meetings

13:30-14:00

Conference Photo

14:00-15:15

Session 1 (Choose One)

Stocking Your FAWCO Rep Toolkit
A Focus on Presidents' Achievements
and Goals for Club Presidents
Target Fundraising: Get an
Education!
Open Finance Committee Meeting

15:15-15:30

Networking Break

15:30-16:45

Session 2 (Choose One)

*When Displacement Becomes
Personal, Having a Plan / Surviving
and Thriving*

Mumbai Heritage Tour

The Mumbai Heritage Tour yesterday was fascinating. We went to the Hanging Gardens at the top of Malabar hill. We continued to the Gateway of India, which was constructed to commemorate the visit of King George the V and Queen Mary in 1911. British troops passed through the gateway on February 28, 1948, when the British left India. The gate is 85 feet high and its architecture is spectacular.

We also saw the Victoria Terminus, which has been renamed Chhatrapati Shivaji Terminus Railway Station. Its Gothic revival architecture is fabulous from the outside, but if you get a chance to go inside the station there are many other interesting architectural features at which to look.

We learned about the Jain religion, which was founded in the 6th century and began as a rebellion against the caste system.

Dhobi Ghat is a huge open air laundry in southern Mumbai. Dhobis collect laundry from their customers. They return laundry in one week during warm months and in two weeks during the monsoon season when laundry needs to be dried indoors.

There were many other highlights of the tour including the towers of silence, Mumbai University and interesting facts about Mumbai.



The Gateway of India on the Mumbai Heritage Tour
Photo credit: Randi Debourg

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*Women in Leadership: Leading from
Within*
Open Resolutions &
Recommendations
Committee Meeting
Closed Strategic Planning Task Force
Meeting

17:30-19:00

Optional Happy Hour

19:00-22:00

Mumbai Masti

Opening Dinner - American Desi

The FAWCO Foundation at 50

We've been talking to various members of FAWCO and The FAWCO Foundation (TFF) in conjunction with the Foundation's 50th anniversary. Specifically, we asked if there was anything the Foundation Board would like the membership to know about the work they do for TFF? And on a more personal level, what inspires, motivates, and gives them hope for the future of the organization? We received some great answers, which we'll be including in future issues of this newsletter. Let's begin today with TFF VP Programs, Tracy Moede, from AWC Hamburg. Tracy tells us:

"I support and oversee all the Education Awards and Development Grants. That means, with the help of Jen Todd, the EA Administrator, and Nan de Laubadère, the DG Administrator, I create and/or revise the awards, I oversee of the selection teams that determine the award and grant recipients... the fun part of the whole position is that I get to announce the recipients at the FAWCO conferences! I also work with a group of dedicated, smart, committed and eager women who enjoy seeing the fruition of their hard work. It is truly satisfying to see how your work can help so many students (through the Education Awards) and organizations (through the Development Grants) achieve success and help others.

"The importance of fostering peace through knowledge and the belief that education is essential to developing peace-loving attitudes in children are cornerstones of The FAWCO Foundation Education

TFF in a Nutshell

As part of our ongoing look at the work done by various members of The FAWCO Foundation Board, we spoke with Mary Adams from the AWC The Hague. Mary was able to give us a very clear idea of some of the nuts and bolts of The FAWCO Foundation, beginning with the financial structure and disbursement of funds. As Mary reported:

"The FAWCO Foundation is a US non-profit corporation, registered in the state of Missouri as a 501 (c)(3) tax-exempt organization. The organization consists of a Board of seven women who are FAWCO members. Our mission is to support the philanthropic goals of FAWCO by developing, administering and fundraising for programs that improve the lives of women and children worldwide.

"Since 1967, The FAWCO Foundation has raised approximately \$1.5M for FAWCO awards and grants programs. Since 2009, we have raised over \$300,000 for two Target Programs. We didn't receive money through corporate sponsorships: we received it through the generosity of FAWCO members who deeply care about making the world a better place by educating ourselves and our families, and helping communities achieve United Nations Sustainability Goals. This year in Mumbai, the Foundation will celebrate our 50th anniversary. The theme is "A Heart of Gold – 50 years of giving" to celebrate your generosity."

"FAWCO Member Clubs have been aiding worthy and reputable charitable projects throughout the world through the

Correction

The silent auction team will be accepting donations upstairs on the rooftop on both Thursday and Friday from 8 AM until 12:30 PM and from 2 PM until 5 PM. They will NOT be collecting in the hotel lobby at registration. Sorry for any inconvenience.

Thursday's Reminders

Orientation for newcomers and their buddies begins at **9:00 am in The Rooftop**.

The first session of the Annual General Meeting for all delegates begins at 10:00 am.

Have questions? Ask a Butterfly Buddy! AWC Mumbai volunteers are on call to help you.

TFF at 50, cont.

Awards Program. The FAWCO Foundation hopes to promote international understanding and goodwill by giving annual awards for study in the U.S. or abroad at high school, undergraduate and graduate levels.

"The FAWCO Foundation Development Grants Program reflects the passions and interests of FAWCO Member organizations. Many clubs support charitable organizations and the Foundation gives them that little push that allows them to obtain just a bit more to help those in need.

"I personally joined the TFF board because both my daughters were recipients of the Dual Cultural Award (2012 and 2015) and I thought it was time to give back. I enjoy being part of a large organization of women who are trying to make a difference in the lives of women and girls around the world. This is my place to shine as Tracy-the-woman, not 'Tracy-the-wife,' 'Tracy-the-mom' or 'Tracy-the-teacher.' Here I get to follow my passion."

Thanks, Tracy. You've clearly found a place to shine!

TFF in Nutshell, cont.

Foundation for over 45 years. All FAWCO clubs work 'hands-on' with their local philanthropy projects; but they are also passionate about supporting projects that improve the human condition throughout the world.

Finally, we asked Mary this: What does Your Passions, Your Projects, Your Foundation really mean on Foundation Night? She responded: "It means that, through your generosity, five children of FAWCO and FAUSA members will continue their academic education based on merit. It means that one student will be able to study abroad. It means that four FAWCO and FAUSA members will acquire new skills in technology, undergraduate and graduate programs. Seven projects nominated by FAWCO clubs will come one step closer in achieving a Sustainable Development Goal. It means that you have been a part of making the world a better place.

"As VP Fundraising, my primary responsibility is event management and fundraising on Foundation Night to replenish the general fund for the next year's projects. If you want to support our programs, consider entering the raffle for the Friendship Quilt lovingly quilted by 38 donors from 21 FAWCO clubs. Enter the raffle for the emerald ring donated by an anonymous member. Send 'Small & Precious' items with your club delegate for the Silent Auction. Download the Live Auction catalog and see the fabulous destinations and adventures waiting for you."

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