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Spotlight on Mumbai

Greetings!

Happy New Year! I hope that you all enjoyed the holiday season with family and friends.

Now that 2017 has come, it is time to make your plans for the new year. Registering for the Biennial Conference should be at the top of your list. Although the deadline is February 15th, the deadline to sign up for most of the pre- and post-Conference and guest tours is January 10th. To take advantage of the special FAWCO discount at the conference hotel, the Trident, you need to book by January 15, only ten days away. So be sure to finalize your plans for Mumbai as soon as possible.

The countdown is on, only two and half months before we meet in Mumbai!



Monica

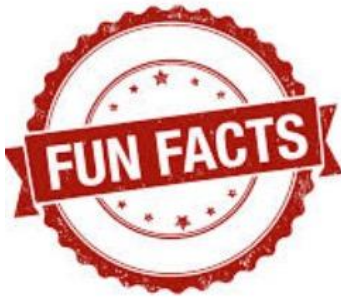
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You can get a discounted ticket on Turkish Airlines, the Official Airline of the Conference. Click [here](#) to get the promo code and book your ticket to Mumbai!

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The world's largest road network is in India - over 1.9 million miles of roads over the country.



Buttons were invented in India, as well as the ruler, the value of Pi, trigonometry, algebra and calculus.



Indian Railways is the largest employer on the planet.

Conference Business

The Biennial Conference Committees have been busy. The outcome of the work of the Nominating Committee and the Resolutions and Recommendations (R&Rs) Committee was sent out in mid-December in a Special Announcement. The Finance Committee is doing its work now to develop FAWCO's budget for next term.

On Thursday March 30 at the first session of the FAWCO Annual General Meeting (AGM) in Mumbai the three committees will present their proposed 2017 - 2019 slate, R&Rs and budget, respectively. There will be a request for nominations from the floor, if any. Following the AGM there will be two open meetings for delegates to discuss the proposed R&Rs and the budget.

At the last session of the FAWCO AGM on Sunday, April 2, the Board of Representatives of FAWCO will be asked to vote on the

Proposed Slate for FAWCO's 2017 - 2019 Board of Directors



President: Sallie Chaballier (AAWE Paris)

**First Vice President for Communications:
Laurie Brooks (AWC The Hague)**



**Second Vice President for Member Clubs: Hope
Moore (Munich International Women's Club)**

**Third Vice President for Committees & Task Forces:
Martha Canning (AWC Amsterdam)**



Secretary: Mary Stewart Burgher (AWC Denmark)

**Treasurer:
Alisa Cook-Roehs (AWC Düsseldorf)**



Please have a look at the [Special Announcement](#) to read their bios.

Proposed 2017 - 2019 R&Rs



1. Resolved: To support, strengthen and expand the FAWCO network.

Recommended:

1.1. Encourage FAWCO Member Clubs' membership to actively participate in conferences, regional meetings, workshops, programs, committees and Task Forces.

1.2. Engage geographically distant FAWCO members and expand the FAWCO network by attracting and retaining American and international clubs.

1.3. Reinforce the value of FAWCO membership by on-going information exchange among member clubs including unique club experiences and best practices. Continue to facilitate communication among Member Club Presidents and FAWCO Representatives - thus providing resources to encourage members to develop and sustain more successful Member Clubs.

1.4. Continue the development of an informative and user-friendly website where club members can access ideas, information and resources for individual and club development.

1.5. Stay current with the latest available technologies and encourage the utilization of blogs, webinars and social media platforms, such as Facebook and Twitter, throughout FAWCO to promote our programs.

2. Resolved: To improve the lives of women and girls worldwide.



Recommended:

2.1. Support the United Nation's Sustainable Development Goals that address women and girls.

2.2. Continue FAWCO's engagement as an accredited UN NGO by working on global women's issues with UN Women and the UN Commission on the Status of Women, sponsoring UN events and actively seeking partnerships with like-minded NGOs.

2.3. Focus Global Task Force efforts to promote the well-being of women and girls worldwide and inform members through regular bulletins focused on global relevance.

2.4. Promote the ratification by the US Senate of the United Nations Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW) and the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC) and advocate for the inclusion of American women living overseas in the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA).



3. Resolved: To advocate for the rights of US citizens who are temporarily and permanently living abroad.

Recommended:

3.1. Serve as a recognized voice in Washington, DC for US citizens living overseas; work with the Americans Abroad Caucus in the US Congress, the Departments of State, Treasury and Defense, and partner organizations to shape US legislation and regulations that address the special needs of US citizens living overseas, including voting rights, citizenship rights, taxation and banking.

3.2. Advocate for more effective representation in Washington by providing reliable statistics on US citizens living overseas.

3.3. Work to mitigate the impact of FATCA on US citizens living overseas; collect information on its unintended consequences to be provided to Washington policy-makers; actively lend support to FAWCO members in situations of particular distress due to non-willful noncompliance, "accidental" citizenship, or excessive financial hardship.

3.4. Disseminate information on overseas voter registration, promote and facilitate voting from overseas, current immigration policies and encourage active citizenship.

3.5. Provide workshops, webinars and other resources to empower US citizens living overseas to more effectively manage the tax, banking and legal complexities of living abroad.

3.6. Keep FAWCO members informed on issues arising in the US that may

impact US citizens living overseas.

4. Resolved: To practice good global citizenship and work towards a better and more peaceful world, especially in the areas of education, the environment, health and human rights.



Recommended:

4.1. Provide opportunities for FAWCO members to become involved in FAWCO's work on global issues - education, environment, health and human rights. Promote awareness and action on global issues through active participation in the Target Program, the focus of which rotates among the four global issues.

4.2. Encourage FAWCO members to be informed about customs and legislation in their country of residence that affect their rights and responsibilities as international citizens living abroad. Encourage FAWCO Members to participate actively in their communities and to collaborate with other civic organizations.

4.3. Promote issue awareness and cultural understanding in our youth to help them develop into responsible and caring global citizens.

4.4. Promote a culture of giving through philanthropy to those in less fortunate situations.

Proposed 2017 - 2019 Budget

To be presented at the first session of the AGM at the Biennial Conference in Mumbai.

Proposed Slate for The FAWCO Foundation's 2017 - 2019 Board of Directors



President, Suzanne Wheeler (AAWE Paris)

**Vice President Communications:
Janet Munger Davis (AIWC Cologne)**



Secretary: Louise Greeley-Copley (FAUSA)

**Treasurer:
Jodi Gentilozzi (AWA Qatar)**



There are two additional Vice Presidents which are elected by the outgoing Board of Directors. The candidates for those positions are

Vice President for Programs: Tracy Moede (AWC Hamburg)



Speakers' Corner

You will see some familiar FAWCO faces at the Workshop on **When Displacement Becomes Personal, Having a Plan.**

What is Personal Displacement and how does this happen? Who is prepared? By being prepared we cannot stop a crisis from happening, but we can try to mitigate the damage or harm by having a plan of action. How to create a plan? What tools, information, documents are necessary? Learn how to take action with the tools you have prepared when a crisis strikes.

Two of the speakers will take you through their experiences:



Paula Lucas (FAUSA) escaped a harrowing domestic violence situation and went on to found the organization *Americans Overseas Domestic Violence Crisis Center (AODVC)* to help others reach safety. Paula lived as an American expatriate for 14 years. Since her escape from domestic violence in 1999 back to the USA with her three sons, Paula has founded two global programs to serve American victims of interpersonal violence abroad. She serves as a consultant to the US Department of Justice, Office for

Victims of Crime, and trains on interpersonal violence and prevention, as well as on personal empowerment and how to turn life's obstacles into opportunities.

Despite being severely wounded in a terrorist attack, **Diane Reed's (FAUSA)** optimism has seen her through a long healing process with grace and determination to remain compassionate. Dianne began her overseas experience in the Eastern Province of Saudi Arabia in June of 1997. During her 8 years in Saudi Arabia, Dianne led women's tour groups and served two terms as President of the American Women of the Eastern Province (AWEP) as well as other board positions. She was also a substitute teacher at the American School in Ras Tanura and Dhahran. She continues to be involved in FAWCO as well as volunteer work.



The two presenters will guide you through the preparations needed to plan for a crisis:

Louise Greeley-Copley (AW Eastern Province) has a degree in International Marketing. After a disabling accident, Louise turned her attentions to volunteering in community organizations whenever health allows. Louise has



volunteered with many community organizations including human trafficking and refugee groups She has served on the boards of parent teacher groups, arts and music, and philanthropic organizations including the Long Beach Symphony, League of Women Voters Houston, FAWCO Board 2003-2005, FAUSA president 2009-2011, American Women of Surrey, and American Women of Eastern Province. Louise is currently the FAWCO Region 9 Middle East Coordinator.

Tosin Arowoloju (Individual Member) grew up in Nigeria and moved to the United States in 1990 to pursue a Master's degree in Civil Engineering. She was a construction manager for the Bureau of Engineering when in 2005 she decided to spend more time with her growing family. In 2009, she moved to Bahrain with her husband Andrew and two sons where she was the president of the American Women's Association in Bahrain, an organization of over 200 members from more than 41 countries, from 2011 - 2013. She is a certified coach, speaker and trainer with the John Maxwell Group an internationally recognized leadership expert. In her spare time, she enjoys photography, swimming and dancing.



Hotel Information

Did you book your hotel?



As a reminder, the Trident has held rooms at a great rate with super add-ons (free wifi throughout hotel, breakfast buffet included, discounts on food and beverage and spa treatments) for Conference Delegates and Guests. The deadline to book these rooms at this special rate is **on January 15, 2017**. Please be sure you have booked before that date. Your credit card will only be charged upon check out.

If you are a latecomer to Conference Registration, please contact [Dottie Wagle](#) and she will assist with hotel bookings and best rate available.

Did you advise the hotel of your airline information?

Please be sure you advise the Trident Nariman Point of your arrival and departure information. This will help the hotel be better prepared for your arrival and for the registrars to cross check information to ensure all goes smoothly!

SIGN UP TODAY!

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and the resulting cash crunch.* We are advised that this will be cleared up by the time of the Conference and, if not, we will let you know what to do in a future *Spotlight on Mumbai*. In the meantime, the below advice on ATMs is valid and worth noting!

- Many bank ATMs will accept your foreign debit or credit card to get cash in Rupees.* Also, some banks will exchange cash or travelers checks.
- The hotel can help you with the nearest ATM, foreign currency kiosk or applicable bank.
- Most importantly, if you plan to use your ATM or Credit Card in a place as far-flung as India, give your financial institution a heads-up. Travelers' cards have been frozen in the past because card companies assumed the card had been stolen.



*See the [December issue](#) to read more.

The FAWCO Foundation Night

The FAWCO Foundation is celebrating 50 years of giving. Join us in Mumbai on Foundation Night to commemorate your generosity to women and girls all over the world.

Your Projects, Your Passions, Your Foundation



Date: Saturday, April 1, 2017

Time: 7 p.m. Cocktail Reception, 8 p.m. Dinner

Place: Foyer and Regal Room, The Trident Hotel, Nariman Point, Mumbai

Dress Code is Festive: Delight us with your selection of *elegant* golden attire, golden accessories, or show us your heart of gold.

Golden Memories: Live Auction Donation Requests

We still need live auction items that will reflect our theme of Golden Memories. Need more information? Please contact Laurie Brooks at liveauction@fawcofoundation.org.

Small and Precious: Silent Auction Donation Requests

Have you thought of something that is "Small and Precious" for the silent auction? Have questions? Please Contact Barbara Buhling at silentauction@fawcofoundation.org.

JUMP START Foundation's Fundraising RAFFLES!

This year we are raffling two items we are sure will touch your heart. Why wait until March to buy your tickets? Please note that you do not need to be present to win.

FAWCO Friendship Quilt 2017: *Four Walls with Tomorrow Inside*

This quilt celebrates the theme of Education - Empowering Women and Girls Through Knowledge and Skills. It is based on a schoolhouse square that is sure to warm the heart of its winner, as their toes. Buy your tickets now at [QUILT](#).



Ring Raffle: This year, we have a beautiful emerald and diamond cluster ring with a central oval emerald surrounded by 10 brilliant-cut diamonds and a small baguette-cut diamond at each shoulder. The dimensions of the emerald are 6 x 7.8 x 4.4 = 1.14 cts. Estimated value of the ring is \$2830. Buy your tickets now at [RING](#).

THE FAWCO FOUNDATION Benefactor Program

Many people enjoy giving a little bit more and improving their chances with the raffles by becoming a Foundation Benefactor. For more information, please contact Mary Adams at vpfundraising@fawcofoundation.org.

\$50 - \$99	Golden Apple	Receives 2 quilt raffle tickets plus 1 ring raffle ticket
\$100 - \$199	Golden Ring	Receives 3 quilt raffle tickets plus 3 ring raffle tickets
\$200 - \$299	Golden Key	Receives 5 quilt raffle tickets plus 5 ring raffle tickets
\$300 - \$399	Golden Egg	Receives 7 quilt raffle tickets plus 7 ring raffle tickets <i>and express check-out if attending Foundation Night</i>
\$400 - up	Heart of Gold	Receives 10 quilt raffle tickets plus 10 ring raffle tickets <i>and express check-out if attending Foundation Night</i>

The heart that gives,



gathers.

-Marianne Moore

- **January 10, 2017** for booking most of the tours
- **January 15, 2017** for FAWCO rate hotel bookings
- **February 15, 2017** for registration



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