

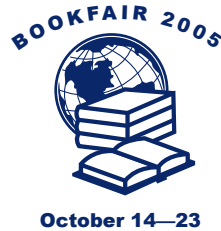
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JOIN THE BOOKFAIR TEAM

In sports, teams need enough players to compete or risk forfeiting the game. AAFSW's annual BOOKFAIR is no different—we need enough volunteers to realize the event or risk losing a 46-year Foreign Service tradition.

Over the years, BOOKFAIR volunteerism has declined due to work, family, and transportation constraints, parking complications, health issues, and retirement. In the last year, we have lost some of the wonderful older women who gave long years of service to the event. As other dedicated workers



move into their senior years, it is imperative to find new volunteers to champion BOOKFAIR.

Membership dues and BOOKFAIR earnings are what keep AAFSW alive. If AAFSW means something to you, please join the BOOKFAIR 2005 team of volunteers! See page 5 to sign up.

Volunteers are needed for all jobs, but especially the important role of Coordinator(s), who assigns volunteers tasks and goes to BOOKFAIR every morning at 8:00am to direct volunteers. Two people can easily share these responsibilities. Sign up today or email bookfair@aafsw.org.

HELLO TO ALL AAFSW MEMBERS!

Judy Felt, AAFSW President

I have the honor and challenge of leading this wonderful organization for the next two years as your President. The last four years have been a time of tremendous growth and outreach under the energetic and visionary leadership of Terri Williams. The new Board of Directors and I will strive to expand the concepts Terri worked for and nurtured, such as:

Increasing AAFSW's visibility with other Foreign Service organizations. By reaching out to our extended community, we can cooperate to effect change and gain increased exposure.

Encourage the special groups within the AAFSW family. The new Board recognizes the importance of the various support groups within the FS community and AAFSW. We will continue to sponsor new and existing groups so that like-minded individuals can find each other.

Take full advantage the Internet. We can be proud of our ever-expanding website,

www.aafsw.org, and Livelines, our email discussion group. Over 1,300 FS employees and family members use this unique communication tool to connect and voice their needs and concerns.

The new Board officially took office at the June 15 turnover meeting, which involved past and present executive officers, as well as other active members who play a vital role in AAFSW's day-to-day functions. We thank the previous Board for their efforts and achievements, and we look forward to working with them and the rest of the great AAFSW team.

If you have ideas, complaints, suggestions, experiences, observations, gifts, or insights to share, please contact me at president@aafsw.org or office@aafsw.org. As members of AAFSW, we all have an important job to do: make the FS a better place to live. I am honored to be leading our efforts, and I hope you will want to take part too.

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FLO JOB-SEARCH ORIENTATIONS

This summer, FLO is offering FS family members returning to the D.C. area and those going overseas orientation sessions to explain employment services, federal guidelines, and other essential job search information. Visit www.aafsw.org for complete information or contact Jenneke Fijn van Draat at FLOAskEmployment@state.gov or 202-647-1076.

FBS GROUP CELEBRATES 25 YEARS

Lisa Wilkinson, FBS Group Co-Chair

A AFSW's Foreign Born Spouses Group recently celebrated its 25th anniversary with a luncheon hosted by long-time member Elisa Freeman (Argentina) at the Normandie Farm Restaurant. This well-attended event gave members an opportunity to share their Foreign Service experiences and reminisce about the early days of the group.

The FBS Group was formed 25 years ago by Mrs. Nancy Asencio, a native of Cuba and wife of now retired Ambassador Diego Asencio. She realized that the many women from different countries married to U.S. Foreign Service men needed an informal organization where they could meet and voice their concerns about living in the United States, a foreign land and culture to them. So the "Washington-bound FBS" was born. While the name has been shortened and members now include male spouses, the group maintains its original goals and is going strong with over 80 members from 34 different countries.

The FBS meets every third Wednesday of the month, 12 times a year from January through December. The common experience of living overseas in many different countries and cultures makes the FBS a very cohesive group. Are you a foreign born spouse? Come and join us! Please contact us at fb spouses@aafsw.org or visit <http://www.aafsw.org/aafsw/fbspouses.htm> to learn more.

At the head table are former chairs of FBS Group". From L to R: Elsa Belew (Bolivia), Midori Lupo (Japan), Keiko Dieterich (Japan), Teresa Weinger (Bolivia), Terri Williams (U.S., AAFSW President Emerita), Elisa Freeman (Argentina, luncheon hostess), Lisa Wilkinson (Philippines, Co-Chair FBS Group), Mrs. Barbara Fitzgerald (guest speaker), Sheila Switzer (Mexico), and Didem Maurice (Turkey). Photo courtesy of Terri Williams.



A TASTY TREAT

Dear AAFSW,

Back in April, we had a wonderful dinner party at home, thanks to the AAFSW raffle to support the Secretary of State's Award for Outstanding Volunteerism Abroad (SOSA). Sandy Taylor surprised me incredibly when she called to say I had won the prize of a Chinese dinner cooked at home by a celebrated Chinese gourmet chef. I couldn't believe it was real; but when I had a planning conversation with Chef Paul Ma, set the date for April 15, and issued the invitations, it was well on its way to happening.

On the big day, we had five guests who all raved about Paul's agar chicken salad,

miniature spring rolls, diced chicken imperial, and Shandong prawns. He presented each dish beautifully, told us about their history, and gave tips on how to prepare them. He even left us with printed recipes, although we knew how far we would be from imitating him when he demonstrated how to chop a cucumber. He made it look easy, but with a knife that sharp and at his speed, we would surely lose a finger or two!

Many thanks to AAFSW and the SOSA raffle committee for offering such a great prize (and to Lady Luck for letting me win it).

Sincerely,
Susan Quinton

AAFSW MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL AND INFORMATION UPDATE

The date next to your name on the address label of your Global Link tells you when your membership expires. If it is 8/31/05, your membership is renewable this year. You can update your member profile, pay membership dues, and make financial contributions to AAFSW two ways: **1.** log onto <http://www.aafsw.org/aafsw/membership.htm> or **2.** complete this form and send it with your check (made out to AAFSW) to **AAFSW Membership, 5125 MacArthur Blvd. NW, Suite 36, Washington, D.C. 20016**

Name _____

Membership

- One-year membership \$40.00
- Two-year membership \$80.00
- Three-year membership \$110.00
- Four-year membership \$135.00
- Five-year membership \$160.00

Contributions *(these are tax deductible)*

- Scholarships \$ _____
- Headquarters \$ _____
- Volunteerism \$ _____
- Other gifts/bequests \$ _____

Total payment \$ _____

Are there changes in your life to report? Help keep our database current!

Address, telephone, and/or email changes _____

New children names and DOB _____

Been evacuated recently? Where and when? _____

Been on SMA recently? _____

Changed jobs? _____

Been involved in AAFSW activities? _____

AAFSW SEES STEADY GROWTH

Statistics show that more and more people are joining AAFSW every year. The numbers are encouraging, and we hope to build on the momentum. Renew your membership today!

	Members in D.C.	Members in U.S.	Members overseas	Total members
September 2001	467	100	115	682
April 2005	484	123	213	820

PIT BUYBACK NEWS

At last! Regulations have been developed to implement the PIT Buyback Legislation passed in September 2002. Go to www.aafsw.org to learn more and see if you qualify.

ACCEPTING 2005 SOSA NOMINATIONS

Nominations are being accepted for the annual AAFSW/Secretary of State's Award for Outstanding Volunteerism Abroad (SOSA). This award recognizes the outstanding volunteer activities of U.S. Government employees and family members over the age of 18 serving overseas.

Nominations must be received by October 7, 2005 and should cover volunteer activities in one or more of the following categories:

Exceptional service to the USG community at post

Outstanding activities directed toward the host country

Exceptional service in emergencies at post

For more on SOSA and how to apply, visit <http://www.aafsw.org/aafsw/awards.htm#sosa> or contact AAFSW at office@aafsw.org or 202-362-6514.

Awards & Accolades

NEW LISTSERV FOR SPECIAL NEEDS FAMILIES

FSSpecialNeeds@yahoo.com is a new listserv sponsored by AAFSW to serve the interests of FS families with special needs kids. "We are a diverse group with children at many levels of development," says the moderator. "The work involved in finding that follow-on assignment is exhausting...this group will help 'lighten the load' by offering insights." To join, send an email to the moderator at fsspecialneeds@yahoo.com.

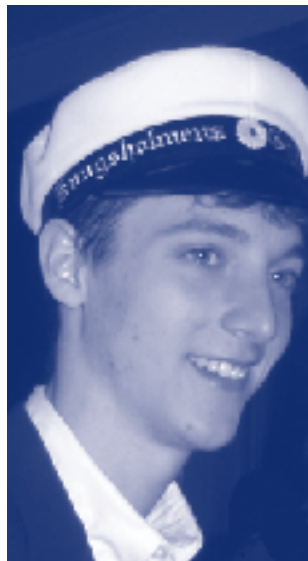
OBC JOB OPP

The Transition Center is seeking a writer-editor for the Overseas Briefing Center, located at FSI. Responsibilities include coordinating all aspects of publication production and transmission of articles and reports relating to resources of the OBC (hard copy, multimedia, and online); initiating and following through on projects to completion; and maintaining and updating existing publications, including web pages. Start date of August or early September. For complete information, go to [http://jobsearch.usajobs.opm.gov/getjob.asp?JobID=31498799&AVSDM=2005%2D06%](http://jobsearch.usajobs.opm.gov/getjob.asp?JobID=31498799&AVSDM=2005%2D06%2D)

CURTIS WINS AAFSW SCHOLARSHIP

Each year, AAFSW contributes earnings from our October BOOKFAIR to the AFSA scholarship fund. While our money goes to several scholarships that are awarded to deserving young people in the spring, we have one named after us—the AAFSW Academic Merit Scholarship of \$1500—and it is always given to a child of one of our members. This year, the winner is Aaron Curtis, the son of Keith and Bert Curtis, our dedicated Livelines Moderator.

Aaron has lived in Virginia, Tokyo, Brasilia, and most recently in Stockholm. He plans to study Geography at Cambridge University or Earth Science, Biochemistry, Music, or any number of other subjects at the University of Virginia as an



Aaron Curtis in a traditional Swedish graduation cap.

Echols Scholar. He plays cello and jazz French horn in community orchestras, has worked as a personal computer consultant, and is spending the summer in southern Spain volunteering with a group that finds low tech solutions to problems caused by desertification.

In a thank-you letter to AAFSW, Aaron writes, "I would like to express my gratitude to AAFSW for providing the merit scholarship...It is inspiring that an event like BOOKFAIR, wonderful enough in its

capacity as a book fair, generates

money that supports other community services and will help me pay for college. AAFSW has provided me a helping hand just when I needed it."

AND THE DORMAN GOES TO...

During AAFSW's May 17 program, the annual Lesley Dorman Award for outstanding service to AAFSW was presented to President Emerita Terri Williams. Like past winners, Terri has demonstrated unwavering dedication to AAFSW and has been an extremely active member of the organization, most notably as our president for the past three years.

Terri has known AAFSW and its mission to improve the quality of life in the Foreign Service since her family joined the FS in 1974. She witnessed AAFSW Forum surveys and ground-breaking FLO initiatives, like the launch of the CLO program.

Terri went on to work four years as the FLO's CLO Support Officer and then five more years as the OBC's Family Training Coordinator. Her professional experience and personal affiliation with AAFSW inspired

Terri to give back to the organization that had been such a fundamental part of her lifestyle. Every member of AAFSW can be glad she did. Congratulations Terri!

Photo by Debbi Miller.



Yes, I want to help at BOOKFAIR 2005!

Please sign up by September 20, 2005 to allow for scheduling and obtaining special BOOKFAIR identification from Diplomatic Security.

Name: _____

Do you have a DOS pass? Yes No

If no, please give date of birth: _____

Social Security Number: _____

BOOKFAIR 2005



October 14–23, 2005

Please circle the times that you wish to work:

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun
10 Columbus Day	11 9-12 set-up 12-3 Set-up Day	12 9-12 set-up 12-3 Set-up Day	13	14 9-12 12-5:30 Family Day	15 9-1 12:30-4:30 Open to the Public	16 9-1 12:30-4:30 Open to the Public
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Remove the form, fold and place a stamp in the designated spot and return promptly.

If you do volunteer, please do your best to honor your commitment. It is disruptive and very difficult to insure volunteer coverage if people drop out at the last moment.

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Rave Reviews

A GRAND FINALE

Debbi Miller, AAFSW Office Manager

The final AAFSW program of the 2004-2005 season was a delight to the ear, the heart, and the palate. Mr. Neale Perl, President of the Washington Performing Arts Society, spoke to us about the remarkable changes in the Washington, D.C. arts scene over the past 40 years and the contributions that WPAS has made to this renaissance. The WPAS, which is celebrating its 40th anniversary season, has helped create and improve several wonderful local performing venues. It also supports the Embassy Adoption program, through which D.C. embassies send music emissaries into public schools.

Mr. Perl told some delightful "behind the scenes" stories about well-known artists and the process of launching new world-class

performers. He described the present period as "the golden age" of fine arts, not because today's artists are so much better than those of the 20th century, but because there are so many truly great performers in the world. He estimated that in China alone there are 10 million people studying piano! There are, he says, a multitude of gifted young artists worldwide, and he feels we must actively create and educate audiences for these performers of the future.

The real treat of the program came when Mr. Perl played his cello for us, with Ralitz Patcheva accompanying on the piano. Their thoughtful renditions of Bach, Brahms, and Rachmaninoff favorites were truly captivating and greatly appreciated by all.

All the guests thoroughly enjoyed



From L to R: Mrs. Perl, Mr. Perl, Barbara Gordon, and Ms. Patcheva. Photo by Debbi Miller.

the scrumptious food provided by our new caterer. Thanks to Barbara Gordon for a wonderful program season! We look forward to September when Barbara will once again employ her usual wizardry to find fascinating people to share with us.

CHINA IN THE 21ST CENTURY: THREAT OR OPPORTUNITY?

Jane Griffin, AAFSW member

Dr. Banning Garrett, Director of Asia Programs at the Atlantic Council of the United States, posed this and other provocative questions on Chinese human rights and energy and trade issues at the AAFSW's April 19th program. Dr. Garrett focused on the benefits of trade in changing Chinese foreign policy, pointing out that with the build-up of trade networks with surrounding Asian and Southeast Asian countries, China has cultivated a friendly face and is making new alliances with a wider world (Taiwan aside).

Dr. Garrett divides the world into two camps: failed states that are closed and isolated and globalized countries that are open and reaching out to the world. Trade is the binding element. China's strong ties with the U.S. and the Middle East have produced a new climate of international openness, although posing a number of problems for the U.S. The trade imbalance has to be addressed, as well as our vast debt, which China has been buying up to continue trading with us. Oil from the Middle East is vital to China's growth, as it is the second largest oil consumer in the world. China has also been looking to Africa to supply its oil.



Photo by Debbi Miller.

Dr. Garrett did not touch on China's many internal problems, but rather emphasized the positive role of China's increasing interdependence produced by globalized trade policy. He did note that the greatest dangers come from failed states, like North Korea, that are the sources of weapons of mass destruction, terrorists, and humanitarian crises. To manage these problems, Dr. Garrett believes the U.S. and China should work together as partners rather than as adversaries. Perhaps cooperation in trade will lead to transformation in their foreign policy and mutual understanding. Everyone attending this interesting program was full of questions and a lively discussion ensued.

MORE ADS, MORE MEMBERS

AAFSW's classified ads on www.aafsw.org are putting Foreign Service buyers and sellers and renters together like no cafeteria bulletin board can. Anyone in the FS anywhere in the world can shop our online classifieds to find used cars and other items for sale, services for hire, and properties for rent by other members of the FS community. The numerous ads are updated weekly, and are especially useful to those transferring in or out of the D.C. area.

Only AAFSW members can post ads, so the increased popularity of our classifieds is

helping drive up membership numbers. People realize they will reach more people advertising online, and know AAFSW's website attracts just the type of audience they seek. And it works! Says Debbi Miller, AAFSW Officer Manager, "I most enjoy the emails I get saying 'please remove my ad; I've sold/rented/bought/found what I needed.'" The benefits of AAFSW membership just keep getting better and better! Tell your friends and log on to http://www.aafsw.org/classified/classified_main.htm.

SAVE THE DATES

Mark your calendars for these upcoming AAFSW programs:

September 20

October 25

December 6

JOB OPENINGS AT AAFWS

Web Advertising Manager

Earn a generous commission and help AAFSW support its online presence. Web Advertising Manager responsibilities include finding new advertisers, negotiating contracts, and coordinating with the AAFSW webmaster and office manager. No experience is necessary, and you can do this job from anywhere in the world.

Book Operations Treasurer

The AAFSW Board of Directors seeks a D.C.-area resident to serve as Book Operations Treasurer. Responsibilities include collecting receipts, depositing, and accounting for all revenue generated by BOOKFAIR and BookPlace and serving as a member of the Finance Committee. No experience is necessary.

For complete details on both positions, visit www.aafsw.org or contact president@aafsw.org to apply.

Fun & Games

FSYF'S ANNUAL WELCOME BACK PICNIC

Join fellow FS parents and kids of all ages at a potluck picnic at Lubber Run Park on **Sunday, September 18, 2005** from **4:00pm to 6:30pm**. The park is at North Columbus St. and Second St. North in Arlington, Virginia. FSYF will provide hotdogs and drinks. Please bring a dish to share with six people. RSVP by **Wednesday, September 14** to fsyf@fsyf.org.



JULY 4TH FOREIGN SERVICE BBQ: FUN FOR ALL!

A AFSW's 7th-Annual BBQ was a hit with everyone. Although competing with numerous events throughout the region, it drew several FS families. The adults enjoyed comparing notes on travel, while the children did crafts and played games to their hearts' content. They delighted in the fun crafts and prizes the FS Youth Foundation provided. AFSA donated a scrumptious chocolate cake, juicy watermelon, cool lemonade, and hot dogs. Special thanks go to all who helped to make this event possible.

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