
Classified Advertising

AAFSW now offers free classified advertisements to its members. The *Global Link* is sent by mail and electronically to our members and to Community Liaison Offices worldwide for a sizable total monthly readership.

Do you have a business or service that you would like to advertise to the Foreign Service community? Send a brief notice (100 words or less) to office@aafsw.org for approval with the subject line AD FOR GLOBAL LINK. If you have a business website, it can be hyperlinked in the electronic version of the newsletter, so please include your URL. Advertisements will run on a space-available basis for one month at a time and will rotate in order of receipt.

We also accept classified advertising for real estate rentals and sales, as well as sales of other items (cars etc.) on our website, www.aafsw.org. View or submit ads on the website. Not a member of AAFSW? Join now! Apply online at our website: <http://www.aafsw.org/aafsw/membership.htm>.

New Neighborhood Sponsor Database

Are you currently in the DC area? Are you willing to help others who are transitioning to Washington? If so, please add your name and contact information to the new "Neighborhood Sponsors" list in the Database section of Livelines!

Let's get a good list of people who are willing to answer questions by e-mail and/or phone, and to help newcomers who have just arrived. And, while you're in the Livelines Database area, don't forget to use the new "EFM Businesses" database as well!

New Language Training Option for Family Members

The Foreign Service Institute (FSI) is now offering Mango Languages as an additional beginning-level online language resource for DOS Civil Service and Foreign Service employees, as well as Eligible Family Members (EFMs) and Members of Household (MOHs).

Available on an extended pilot basis, Mango Languages offers online resources in more than 40 languages and also has an accompanying mobile app. To create a Mango account, users must first sign up for the FSI Online Language Resource Library (SR041) on the FSI Learn Center via this intranet link: <http://fsi.state.gov/admin/reg/default.asp?EventID=SR041>.

From the SR041 Learn Center page, there is a Mango link that users will click to create their Mango Languages account. Once users have created and activated their Mango account, they can access Mango Languages anywhere they have Internet access, by visiting: <https://libraries.mangolanguages.com/departmentsstate/start>.

For questions about technical issues with the FSI Online Language Resource Library (SR041), contact FSI LearnCenter's help desk at LearnCenterHelp@state.gov.

Welcome To Our New And Returning Members

Kara B. Babrowski
Benjamin J. Baughman
Jeffrey M. Blander
Juan Manuel Cammarano
Lyric Winona Clark
Scott K. Clayton
Nicola Cloutier
Courtney Burns Cooper
Robert J. Dahlke
Yohanca Delgado
Pamela Farrand
Amy Flohr
Amanda Lynn Fong

Mark O. Gul
Meredith S. Hiemstra
Sarah E. Montague
Michelle M. Morales
David Pernal
Nicole Schaefer-McDaniel
Tim Stultz
Frankie Sturm
Erica N. Thibault
Sergiu Z. Troie
Sara M. Werth

AAFSW Announces New 2013 Merit Scholarship

Eligibility: High school seniors (or gap year students) entering college in Fall 2013, whose families are part of the foreign affairs agency community. An immediate family member must be a current member of AAFSW at the time of application.

Deadline: April 2, 2013.

Amount: \$2,000

Criteria: Academic work, outside activities, test scores and an essay.

Please visit www.aafsw.org or email office@aafsw.org for an application form.

Help Wanted

One or two people are needed to cashier in the AAFSW Used Bookstore on Wednesdays. Start as soon as possible—we will train! Duties may also include shelving and boxing books. The store is open noon to 2:30.

Contact Brian Neumann, Bookroom Manager, at 202-223-5796 for more information.

Mentors Wanted

AAFSW has a program of one-on-one spouse mentoring, created primarily for new A-100 spouses and first-tour spouses. We are trying to match mentoring volunteers from our AAFSW membership with mentoring requests from the "newbies" based on as many points in common as possible: ages of children, languages spoken, areas of professional interest, and the like.

We have already paired 50 new trailing spouses/partners with enthusiastic mentors and we are eagerly awaiting feedback from those involved. Of course, we need lots more volunteers, especially those whose spouses are still active duty, and are still likely to be serving overseas.

This program has the potential to do two wonderful and worthwhile things - help people who are new to the Foreign Service with their many life challenges, and create the next generation of AAFSW leaders.

If you know of anyone who might want or need mentoring, or if you are interested in becoming a mentor yourself, please send an email to mentor@aafsw.org. Thanks!