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The AWC is an association formed to provide social and educational activities for American women living in the Netherlands and to promote amicable relations among people of all nations, as well as acquiring funds for general public interest. Membership in the club is open to women of all nations who are friendly and welcoming to American culture. The association does not endeavor to make a profit. The AWC is a 100% volunteer organization.



**AWC
Board
Installation**



Message from the President

by Mary Ann Nation-Greenwall

It has been a wonderful summer here in the Netherlands. I hope you had the opportunity to travel, spend time with your families and enjoy being with one another. There wasn't much of a break for your **Board** and **Committee Members**, though, but we have enjoyed working together as we prepare for an exciting and fun-filled year. As your **President**, my most important mission is continuing the LEGACY of the AWC The Hague. To do that, I have three goals that focus on the three **Rs**—Retention, Recruitment, and (out)Reach.

Member recruitment is a primary factor, but if we want our club to thrive, membership **retention** is the most important piece of the puzzle. It is key that we retain our members and maintain the legacy of providing the programs and activities that enrich your life and matter to you. You can be certain that your membership in the AWC will bring you ongoing opportunities like **Chat, Crafts & Cake**, a day and evening **Book Club**, a **tennis group**, **Heart Pillow Project**, the **Holiday Bazaar**, and so much more. With that said, these are just a few of the programs on the calendar for September.

Kick-off! This annual event opens our Club season on Wednesday, September 13 and Thursday, September 14. It will be a Club get-together for you and your girlfriends to attend. There will be information, nibbles, bubbles, and prizes to be won, making for a fun and easy way to introduce a friend to the AWC.

For you ladies who are dying to wear a hat to that perfect occasion—we have that perfect occasion. For more than 20 years we have held our **Prinsjesdag** luncheon at the Garoeda Restaurant, and we will be there again on Tuesday, September 19. We encourage you to invite your friends to experience this wonderful event, with or without that special hat!

Our **Welcome Back BBQ** is scheduled for Saturday, September 23. This will give many of you the opportunity to see your friends after the summer, enjoy some music and laughter, sample your favorite good eats, and possibly try something new.

A new activity takes place on the third (and sometimes fourth) Thursday of the month, when we meet for **Thirsty Thursday**, designed for Members who are unable to join us during the day. Thirsty Thursday will be held in different locations each month, for instance, in wine bars or a restaurant. All Members are welcome to attend and I highly encourage you to invite friends and/or potential new members.



Another goal this year is to increase our membership by actively and passively **recruiting**. We need a solid foundation of Members, along with exciting and interesting programs to stimulate new membership growth. As a club, the more diverse the organization, the more it represents our community. Members bring skills, ideas, and experience that can benefit the AWC. More members mean more hands on deck, and more Members to continue the 80 plus years' legacy of the AWC of The Hague. >> 53



Fall Kick Off

by Suzanne MacNeil

Kick Off the new Club year at the AWC during the Open House. This informal event is being held for two days to give Members, and potential Members, the option to pick a day and time to drop in at the Clubhouse.

Committee Chairs, Board members, and volunteers will have information available for upcoming events and activities, giving you the opportunity sign up on the spot for what interests you. To get an early look at what is planned for the upcoming Club year, be sure to review this edition of Going Dutch, including the One-of-a-Kind listings, and those that occur each month.

Please note that space for all activities is limited, so sign up early to avoid being disappointed. Support will be offered for new users of www.GroupSpaces.com, our Members-only website.

Drinks and nibbles will be provided.

Wednesday, September 13
6 p.m. – 8 p.m.
and
Thursday, September 14
10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
AWC Clubhouse
FREE

Did you know that any English-speaking woman may join the AWC?



Invite your English-speaking friends from other countries who have an affinity for Americans to join us today!

AWC new Board Installation (see p 6 for more photos)



Letter from the Editor

by Suzanne MacNeil

The first time I met **Melissa White** was on the AWC bus trip to Westerbork in December 2013. It was my first AWC event. I sat next to **Teresa Braunschweig** (now repatriated) on the bus. I met Teresa at an ASH cooking class and she invited me to join the AWC. We later met for lunch and as a new expat I whined that I missed Skippy chunky peanut butter. Teresa was kind enough to pick up a few jars for me during her travels and handed off the Skippy on the bus. Melissa was sitting behind us and proceeded to tell me all the evils of eating peanut butter with so many unnatural ingredients. I wasn't amused.

The next time I saw Melissa was at an AWC event at the Clubhouse. I told her how much I enjoyed reading the 'newsletter' she edited, to which she replied, "It's a magazine." She wasn't amused.

We're past the *amused* stage and I now consider Melissa a good friend. I admire her relentless drive, her sincere enthusiasm and spirit, and how much she cares about our Club. Melissa helped me transition into the role of editor for *Going Dutch* with her support, wisdom, and guidance about everything from fonts to word counts.

My partner in all things *Going Dutch* is **Teresa Mahoney**. Little did I know that Teresa is an accountant who turned her talents to design and layout. What you may not know is that Teresa spends many hours each month producing our unique magazine and is the brains behind this operation! Teresa is very good at hand-holding and speaking in an inside voice when I need to calm the panic I feel at this early *Going Dutch* stage. As with Melissa, I am pleased to say we've become friends.

While it is a bit overwhelming to replace Melissa as editor of *Going Dutch*, this isn't my first foray into producing magazines. When I worked for Nissan Americas in the internal communications group, I edited a bi-monthly

magazine for the 20,000+ employees in the U.S. When I was the public relations and communications manager at Goodwill Industries of Middle Tennessee I was the editor of two quarterly magazines. One of the magazines was for the 1,600 employees and the other was sent to the organization's 4,500 external stakeholders. But none of those magazines were as voluminous as *Going Dutch*.



I hope you'll consider writing stories to share with the Club, whether it's about your travels, your family, or your life as an expat.

I've been working with Teresa throughout the summer and we have a few updates for *Going Dutch*. I hope you'll enjoy them. For instance, turn to the last page and you'll see the new Proost! interview feature, loosely based on the Proust Questionnaire. Each edition will spotlight a member and this month **Laurie Brooks**, who serves on the board overseeing Club and Community Development, is our first headliner. This month also features several short stories about Members' travels rather than one long article. I hope you'll consider writing stories to share with the Club, whether it's about your travels, your family, or your life as an expat. If it's interesting to you, it will likely be interesting to our Members!

Thanks for reading and supporting *Going Dutch*.

Tot ziens,

Suzanne

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Membership

by Shirley Newlin

Update Your Information

If you have moved recently, please update your address in GroupSpaces. As an FYI, *Going Dutch* magazine is sent to the address listed for each Member in GroupSpaces. You can edit your profile information by going to <http://groupspaces.com/AWCTheHague/updateprofile/>

2017-2018 Membership Dues

If you haven't paid your membership dues yet, please note they are due no later than September 30. Payments will be accepted at Kick-Off, at the Front Desk, or by electronic bank transfer to the AWC The Hague account. Please include your name if transferring electronically.

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Welcome New Members!

Miyoko Mahr
Roberta Brown



New members learning about Dutch products

Newcomers

by Greetje Englesman-Postma

Are you a new AWC Member or know someone who may want to join the Club? Be sure to attend a General Meeting at the Clubhouse on the second Thursday of the month. Meetings start at 10:30, but please do stop in a bit early to meet Members, sip coffee, and get the lay of the land. In addition, if you have questions about how to navigate in your expat country and are frustrated trying to translate Dutch to English in everything from instruction manuals to government forms, the AWC Newcomers team can help. **Greetje Englesman, Holly Savoie** and **Sue Merrick** welcome your emailed questions at awcthehague.newcomers@gmail.com.



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Debbie van Hees-Cascio	Sept	1
Anne van Oorschot	Sept	2
Ineke Latour	Sept	2
Diana Diago Pena	Sept	3
Teresa Insalaco	Sept	3
Mary Ann Nation-Greenwall	Sept	11
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Molly Boed	Sept	17
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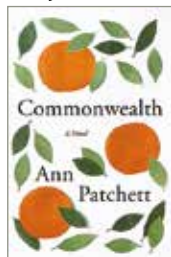
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Ongoing Activities

Book Clubs

The AWC Book Clubs are open to all readers and new Members are especially welcome! There is no obligation to attend every meeting or to lead a discussion and snacks will be provided by a different member each month. There are two Book Clubs hosted by AWC Members—one in the daytime and one in the evening. Questions? **Teresa Mahoney** organizes the daytime group and **Rebecca Fry** handles the evening meetings. awcthehague.bookclub@gmail.com. Happy reading!

Daytime Book Club



We meet on the last Thursday of the month (with a few exceptions) at the Clubhouse. This can be a one-time event for you or on your calendar each month. One participant brings snacks and leads the discussion and the coffee is compliments

of the AWC.

10 a.m. – noon

AWC Clubhouse

FREE

<http://groupspaces.com/AWCTheHague/item/1069670>

Daytime Book Club Reading List:

Thursday, September, 28:

Commonwealth by Ann Patchett

Thursday, October 26: *The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind* by William Kamkwamba and Bryan Mealer

Thursday, November 16: *The Nix* by Nathan Hill

Thursday, December 14 (date subject to change): *Olive Kitteridge* by Elizabeth Strout

Evening Book Club

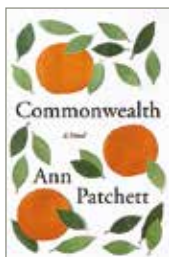
The book group meets on the third Wednesday of the month, with some exceptions to accommodate school breaks and public holidays.

7:30 p.m.

AWC Clubhouse

FREE

<http://groupspaces.com/AWCTheHague/item/1069670>



Evening Book Club Reading List:

Wednesday, September 20:

Commonwealth by Ann Patchett

Wednesday, October 25: *The North Water* by Ian McGuire

Wednesday, November 15: *News of the World* by Paulette Jiles

Wednesday, December 13: *The Year of the Runaways* by Sunjeev Sahota

Chat, Crafts & Cake

Get creative! The AWC is open to all crafters. If you need a space large enough to spread out that king-sized quilt, or need more table space to organize a scrapbook or photo album, or need a space to stitch, Chat, Crafts & Cake members welcome you to join the group. Sit and chat, pick up a few tips, get ideas and suggestions about your project from a fresh set of eyes. Each week, a different Member will bring a cake made from a never-before-tried recipe for tasting and critiques. Babysitting is not available so we can't accommodate children. Questions? Please contact **Suzanne Dundas** at awcthehague.crafts@gmail.com.

Tuesdays

10 a.m. – noon

AWC Clubhouse

FREE

<http://groupspaces.com/AWCTheHague/item/1129152>



Dinner Club

There's nothing better than enjoying an evening with friends over a meal. The AWC Dinner Club Kick-Off is Saturday August 19. Krishna Thakrar is again orga-

nizing Dinner Club and promises interesting restaurants, some meals at Members' homes, and always good company! The first 2017-2018 Club year Dinner Club event is a three-course meal, paired with six wines at Ravi Winebar and Restaurant in the Statenkwartier and is a fitting spot for the first Dinner Club get-together since Ravi is the French word for delighted. If you have particular dietary request or needs, please indicated it when registering through GroupSpaces.

Saturday, August 19

6 p.m.

Ravi Winebar & Restaurant

Jacob Gillesstraat 21 2582 XW Den Hague

€ 35 pp

Sign-up deadline: August 14

Payment to be made to the restaurant after dinner

Please note dietary requests when registering on GroupSpaces

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Heart Pillow Project

This Club year marks the 10th year that Members will make heart-shaped pillows designed to help support the arms of recent mastectomy patients. Each pillow is made with TLC, wrapped, and comes with a note signed by an AWC volunteer. No sewing skills are needed! If you can cut, stuff, or wrap, you are welcome to join us. We are proud to provide women with something both practical and comforting and we know our work helps because we often receive

touching thank-you notes and emails from patients who received a heart pillow. For more information, please contact **Jan de Vries** at awcthehague.heartpillow@gmail.com.

Tuesday, September 5

Noon – 2 p.m.

AWC Clubhouse

FREE

Visitors Welcome

www.groupspaces.com/AWCTheHague/item/1022908

Ladies' Night at the Movies

Who doesn't like going to the movies with friends and a bucket of popcorn! The first Monday of the month marks Ladies' Night at the Movies and each film is chosen based on what's playing at area



theatres. **Rebecca Fry** coordinates each month's outing. For more information, please contact her at fry_rebecca@hotmail.com or (070) 213 9222.

First Monday of the month

Locations are TBD

Tickets at own cost

Out to Lunch Bunch

If you're interested exploring new restaurants in the area with other Members, then this is the group for you! Each month we meet at a different restaurant on varied days to accommodate a variety of schedules. If you have a favorite restaurant in your neighborhood, please contact **Greetje Engelsman** at greetje.engelsman@gmail.com. The first Out to Lunch Bunch for the new Club year will be at Instock restaurant, where surplus food that might go to waste is reinvented by the chefs based on what is provided.

Wednesday, September 27

Buitenhof 36, The Hague

12:30 p.m.

Registration deadline: September 25

www.groupspaces.com/AWCTheHague/item/1125494

Tennis League

The AWC Tennis Group plays doubles every Tuesday in Warmond. Ladies move up and down the courts according to a

ladder tennis system. The emphasis is on having fun! The league is available for all levels except true beginners. If you are interested in being placed on the waiting list to become a regular player, or would like to be on the sub list, contact **Molly Boed** at mollyboed@yahoo.com.

Tuesdays starting September 5

(except specific holidays TBD)

1 p.m. – 3 p.m.

Dekker Tennis Courts

Veerpolder 14, Warmond

€ 275 Members / € 325 nonmembers

<http://groupspaces.com/AWCTheHague/item/1129146>

Thirsty Thursdays NEW!

Had a busy week? Or maybe the entire month has been busier than busy? It's time for a break! Join your AWC friends for a drink at our new event, **Thirsty Thursday**. We'll meet on the third or fourth Thursday of each month starting at 6 p.m. for a casual, no-stress evening. There's no need to RSVP. Just come by when it suits you and stay for a drink or two. Our first-ever Thirsty Thursday will be on September 28.

Thursday, September 28

6 p.m.

Pizza Burrata, Goudenregenplein

No RSVP Needed

Everyone pays for their own drink and/or food

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Cancellation Policy

Members may reserve a spot for an AWC tour, activity or event in advance. Payment is required within five business days of the reservation or before the deadline date (whichever is sooner) otherwise your name will be moved to a wait-list. It is the responsibility of the Member to notify the Club at awcthehague.finance@gmail.com to cancel a reservation prior to the cancellation deadline. Please note that there will be NO REFUNDS (no exceptions) after the cancellation deadline. Members may find a substitute in lieu of cancellation provided that arrangements are made with the tour, activity or event organizer. Members shall be held responsible for their guest reservations in accordance with this policy.

AWC Guest Policy

Guests are welcome to participate in AWC activities and tours on a limited basis. As a nonmember, a guest is limited to attend two functions per calendar year and will be charged an additional nonmember fee. Only Members are entitled to use babysitting services.

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of The Hague will host a casual coffee at her home on the first Thursday of the month for Members and prospective Members. **Suzanne Dundas** coordinates the meeting place with each hostess and will send directions once you sign up on GroupSpaces.

**Thursday, September 7
9 a.m. – 11 a.m.**

FREE

<http://groupspaces.com/AWCTheHague/item/1129154>

Walkie Talkies

Whether you count your steps or just want to walk with friends, the Monday morning Walkie Talkies is a fun way to start the week. The group meets in front of the Clubhouse before heading out for an energetic walk to various destinations in the area, whether in the city, at the beach, or the woods. On occasion, there is a longer walk which is posted on Facebook. Sign up on GroupSpaces to receive email updates or contact Emily van Eerten at vaneerten@gmail.com or **Greetje Engelsman** at awcthehague.newcomers@gmail.com.

**Mondays
9:30 a.m.
FREE**

Wassenaar Coffee & Conversation

If you live in or around Wassenaar, join your neighbors for a once-a-month morning gathering without going to the Clubhouse. One Member living north



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One-of-a-Kind Activities

by **Dena Haggerty**

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Payment must be made within 5 calendar days of reserving or your name will be moved to a waitlist. Payment can be made in the Front Office by PIN or by bank transfer to the AWC account NL42ABNA0431421757.

Walk the Route of the Golden Coach (*Gouden Koets*)

Although the Golden Coach is under repair, the route the royals will follow in the Glass Coach on their way to the Binnenhof on Prinsjesdag to open parliament, is one and the same. Join **Greetje Engelsman** for a royal walk from the Noordeinde Palace to the Ridderzaal (Knights Hall) and learn about royalty and democracy in the Netherlands, and about the impressive buildings and institutions along the route. If the walkers choose, the group can stop for lunch after walk at their own expense.



expat, **Carol Sloopweg**, for an all-you-need-to-know activity. Carol teaches cooking classes and is familiar with local products and converting and adapting your favorite home-spun recipes to meet what's available in Dutch grocery and cookware stores. In addition, the book, *Dutch Products*, co-written by Carol and Dutch AWC member, **Greetje Engelsman**, will be on sale for just € 10.

Wednesday, September 20

**10 a.m. – noon
AWC Clubhouse
FREE**

Sign up on GroupSpaces
<http://groupspaces.com/AWCTheHague/item/1126134>

Prinsjesdag Luncheon

The annual AWC luncheon to view King Willem-Alexander and Queen Maxima along the route of the Golden Coach will once again be held at Garoeda Restaurant, giving attendees a bird's-eye view of the festivities. The royals' route from Noordeinde Palace to the Binnenhof in the glass coach (the Golden Coach is undergoing renovation)



Friday, September 15

**10 a.m. – noon
Meet opposite the Noordeinde Palace
Noordeinde 68, The Hague
Maximum participants: 15
FREE**

Sign up on GroupSpaces
<http://groupspaces.com/AWCTheHague/item/1125514>

Dutch Products Class

A Must for Newcomers!
If you're new to The Hague and are confused about what to buy at your local Albert Heijn, be sure to join AWC member, and long-time

One-of-a-Kind Activities (cont.)

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gives us the chance to glance at the royal couple before the king's address to a joint session of parliament. His message lays out the main goals of the Dutch government's policy for the upcoming parliamentary session. The royal family will have a military escort, along with bands, and horse-drawn carriages - all the pomp and circumstance you expect to see at a royal event. The price includes Indonesian rijsttafel buffet, a glass of wine, and tea or coffee. Plan to arrive by 11 a.m. as some area streets are closed for the event.

Tuesday, September 19
11 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Garoeda Restaurant

Kneuterdijk 18A, The Hague

€ 47 Members (€ 52 non-members)

Cancellation deadline: September 15

<http://groupspaces.com/AWCTheHague/item/1106009>



Welcome (Back) BBQ

We're starting our Club year with a tasty BBQ. Come one, come all and join us at this fun event for members and their families. We'll be grilling hamburgers, veggie burgers, and hotdogs. We'll also have side dishes. Soft drinks, beer, and wine will be provided. We've got the food and drinks covered. Just bring your appetite!

Saturday, September 23

6 p.m. – 10 p.m.

AWC Clubhouse

€ 10 for members or spouses (€15 non-members)

Cancellation deadline: September 21

Upcoming Activities

Private Meeting with HMC Doctors Screening, Detection, and Treatment Options for Breast Cancer

The AWC, along with members of the International Women's Club (IWC), are invited to meet with physicians from Haaglanden Medisch Centrum (HMC) to learn about the latest

developments to screen, detect, and treat breast cancer. Dr. Onno Guichrit, MD, Ph.D., and surgical oncologist who represents The Center for Personalized Cancer Treatment (CPCT), one of the beneficiaries of the AWC's Red, White and Blue Gala, will be one of four doctors leading the program. Along with the various options available for screening, detecting, and treating breast cancer, the panel will discuss the Dutch National breast cancer screening program in detail. The event takes place in October, which is Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Please join with members of the



IWC for this important presentation. Space is limited so reserve your spot early.

Tuesday, October 17

10:30 a.m.

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Saturday, November 4

6 p.m.

Molslaan 104, 2611 RP Delft

€ 69 (Include an extra € 5 for rental of smock and beret, if interested)

RSVP by September 20

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Wine Tasting *SAVE THE DATE

Taste your way through the wines of California at a fun evening at the Clubhouse. Wines include some that are difficult to find in the Netherlands, but if they're to your liking, will be available to order.

Saturday, October 14

Clubhouse

Dinner for Stahili *SAVE THE DATE

Haven't had Kenyan food? Now you can at 3Stones restaurant. This culinary safari will benefit Stahili, a beneficiary of this year's Red, White and Blue Gala. More details

Saturday, October 28

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ICTY Tour

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2017 Red, White & Blue Gala

by Jan de Vries

AWC members often ask me why I have been involved in so many AWC gala events. The answer is simple. The galas are opportunities to make a real difference both locally and globally, not to mention the pleasure it is to work with women who have become dear friends. After months of planning and coordinating, the 2017 Red, White & Blue Gala, held on Saturday, May 13, was an event of which we can all be proud.

The beneficiaries, **The Center for Personalized Cancer Treatment (CPCT)**, **SPOSA Child**, and **STAHILI**, are incredibly appreciative of the support from the Club's members, the guests at the gala, and all the sponsors. It was through the generous sponsorship of Hilton The Hague that our 150 guests enjoyed its lovely ballroom with excellent food and service. Wine specialist, Prins Wines in the Statenkwartier, provided delicious wines at cost, effectively donating their profit margin to our beneficiaries.

AWC President **Becky Failor** and the Chargé d'Affaires to the Netherlands, Shawn Crowley, both made moving speeches as they welcomed the guests. The silent auction was a great success, as was the live auction, led by auctioneer Jan-Wolter van den Berg. Before the dancing started, traditional Chinese entertainment, sponsored by the Chinese business

community, entertained the guests. Many thanks to the van Hoytema Band, which provided music during dinner and for dancing. We dined, we laughed, and opened our wallets for our three very deserving beneficiaries.

A heart-felt thank you to the wonderful women who made the gala possible. I never cease to be amazed by the dedication and talent, both individually and collectively, of our Members. Special thanks go to **Jan Essad**, **Sophie Dencher**, **Mary Ann Nation-Greenwall**, **Teresa Insalaco**, **Sunita Menon**, **Krishna Thakrar**, and **Marilyn Tinsay** who worked tirelessly throughout the months leading to the gala. The event itself would not have been possible without the capable assistance of our many AWC volunteers, some of whom were also working guests, and I'm appreciative of the talented friends of the AWC. A special mention goes to **Kristine Racina** and **Sophie Dencher**, both of whom ensured that the evening ran smoothly.

One final note—the gala is the AWC's opportunity to shine in our adopted community. Whether we are here long or short-term, we can all be proud of our Club's contribution to our community and the world at-large. I'm so proud to have been part of this wonderful event. >> 24





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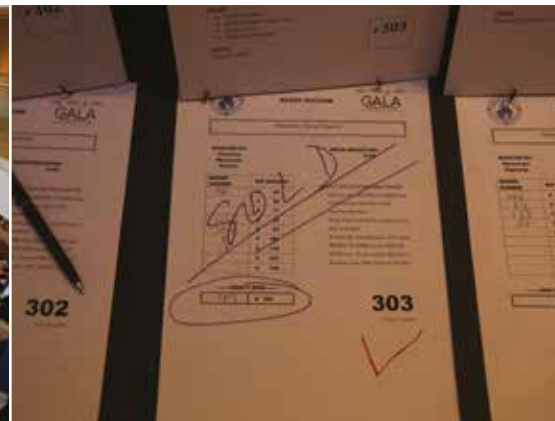
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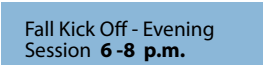

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AWC and the Arts

by Jane Choy

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Tumult in the City: Dutch Artists of the 1880s

George Hendrik Breitner, Isaac Israels, and Willem Witsen, all young painters in the 1880s, made urban life the focus of their drawings and paintings. The Gemeentemuseum presents these tachtigers (artists of the 1880s)—or Dutch Impressionists, as they are sometimes called—in the first major exhibition of their work to be held at the museum for many years. During this guided tour, you'll learn about the artists who painted the city in all its beauty and ugliness during an upheaval in the art world that coincided with major changes in Dutch society, including urban expansion, industrialization, and increased affluence.

Friday, September 29
10:15 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.
Gemeentemuseum
Stadhouderslaan 41, Den Haag
€ 15 Members / € 18.00 nonmembers
Museum entrance fee € 13.50 is not included (free with Museumkaart)
Minimum 12 / Maximum 20
Cancellation deadline: September 15
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Guided Tour of Neighbours: Portraits from Flanders, 1400 – 1700

In what was the Southern Netherlands and is now Belgium, the art of portrait painting came into full bloom from 1400 to 1700. These portraits remain impressive. The Mauritshuis will display the story of Flemish portraiture using a selection of the best Flemish portraits from the Royal Museum of Fine Arts of Antwerp (KMSKA). Major works by Rogier van der Weyden, Hans Memling, Pieter Pourbus, Peter Paul Rubens, and Anthony van Dyck will be displayed. In addition to the portraits, the Mauritshuis will add selections from its collection, along with a portrait of Jacob Jordaens from the Rijksmuseum. Remarkably, almost all those portrayed can be identified, and the exhibition will not only highlight what makes Flemish portraits so special, but also who had themselves portrayed and how they wanted to be seen and remembered.



Thursday, October 26
6 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
Mauritshuis
Museum Plein 29, Den Haag
€ 10 Members (€ 15.00 for nonmembers)
Museum Entrance Fee (€ 14.00 is not included and Museumkaart is not valid)
Minimum 12 / Maximum 15
Cancellation deadline: October 11. It will be possible to sign up after this date if space is available.
<http://groupspaces.com/AWCTheHague/item/1128607>

Walkie Talkies in the News

by Emily van Eerten and Suzanne MacNeil

The Walkie Talkies made headlines in July in the Dutch daily newspaper, *Algemeen Dagblad*. This was thanks to former member Polly Spinnler. When Polly lived in The Hague her neighbor was Nicolette van der Werff, a reporter for the AD. Polly was a dedicated member of the Walkie Talkies, taking part every Monday morning. As **Emily van Eerten** explains: “When Nicolette was asked to find stories featuring summer activities for groups or individuals in The Hague, she remembered Polly talking about her walks with the AWC’s Walkie Talkies. She reached out to the group’s leaders, **Greetje Engelsman** and me, and arranged to meet the group for coffee and a photo session at the beach.”

The morning of July 3 the walkers met Nicolette at the beach in Kijkduin and she joined the group for their stroll. The spirit of the Walkie Talkies is evident the group photo and it was fun to see the printed story the following week. “Please join us on Monday mornings... you never know where our walks will take you!”

Walkie Talkies Always Manage At Least 10,000 Steps

by **Nicolette van der Werff**
Reporter - Algemeen Dagblad

11 July 2017
Translation:

“This is how we start each week,” says **Emily van Eerten** from the American Women’s Club of The Hague, as she orders a cappuccino on the terrace of Beachclub Summertime at Scheveningen Beach. The Walkie Talkies have just arrived at the beach club, which is about halfway along their route. The AWC walking club walks about 10,000 steps every Monday morning. The length of the morning walks is “about 7 kilometers,” guesses Emily. The group starts at the clubhouse of the Hague’s American Women’s Club on the Johan van Oldenbarneveltlaan. From there, they can go in any direction. “We look at the weather and how we feel and the group decides if we want to walk a shorter or longer route that day. Mostly, they choose for long. Because of all the talking, the distance adds up without really noticing.

The women from the Walkie Talkies are a mixed bag. Young, old, fully integrated into the community, or just arrived, they share



the wish to get to know The Hague. “You see a lot more on foot,” says **Ginnie Rempt**, an American living in Bezuidenhout because of her marriage to a Dutch man.

All of the Walkie Talkies have a story of how they ended up in The Hague. Emily met her Dutch husband, a naval officer, at a rodeo. She lived with him all over the world.

Other Walkie Talkies have American husbands with jobs at Shell or at the Embassy. Those who have been here for longer help the newcomers.

Differences

“What is the best school? Who knows a good GP? Where can I find a good plumber? Those kinds of questions bring us together,” says Emily. They also talk about cultural differences. The Walkie Talkies with Dutch husbands were met with raised eyebrows when their mothers-in-law heard

of the purchase of both a washer AND a dryer. “That was very normal for us at the time, but it was pure waste for them,” says Ginnie.

Typical Dutch problems are also discussed. The nuisance caused by seagulls, for example. **Carol Schapira** is harassed daily, despite efforts such as installing fake birds of prey and kites on her flat rooftop. Every day at 05:30 she wakes to the shrieking gulls. “I feel entirely at home in The Hague, but I’ll never get used to that,” she says honestly.



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A Ceremony of Remembrance and Hope

by Roberta Enschede

Monday, September 11

AWC Clubhouse, 5:30 p.m.

All are welcome

David Halberstam, the distinguished American journalist wrote, “There are dates which seem to separate yesterday from today and then from now.” September 11th 2001 is such a date. Each of us knows where we were and what we were doing when the Trade Center imploded, the Pentagon was sliced and seared and the peaceful Pennsylvania meadow burned.

That day must never pass or become “just another day.” For that reason, each year we stop and remember the men and women who lost their lives, and all those affected by the devastation on that blue and golden morning, as well as all the innocent victims of terrorism since then.

The Ceremony of Remembrance and Hope reaches out to the American, Dutch and international communities—to ALL who want to share memories and simply be together.

Shawn Crowley, Chargé d’ Affaires at the United States Embassy in The Hague will share his thoughts. This year, our guest speaker is a man who was there on 9/11. James Hines, a

25-year veteran of the NYPD was at the Trade Center starting at noon that day and spent months at the WTC until the area was finally re-opened. When we asked him to speak, he wrote, “I am honored.” Needless to say, we are honored.

There will be music and a minute of silence and the reading of the names of 12 firefighters from Squad One in Brooklyn, the company the American community in The Hague tried to help. In reading these names, we also remember the 40 people who died at Shankesville PA, the 184 who perished at the Pentagon, and the 2,752 at the Trade Center. We will also read a note from the family of Chris Blackwell, a firefighter who ran into the Trade Center twice that day. He never came out after his second run into the building. Chris was the best friend of a U.S. security officer who was based at the U.S. Embassy in 2001. Last year, his brother Steve Blackwell wrote, “Please extend our heartfelt thanks and appreciation to everyone involved for helping keep Chris’s memory alive. I will pass these (photos of the ceremony were sent the family) along to my family so they can see that he is remembered every year even a half a world away. It means more than I could possibly express.”

There are no official invitations. You are simply invited to come and bring anyone who would like to share and reflect on the 16th anniversary of this date that has “a certain permanence graven on our collective memory.”

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Namaste!

by Julie Mowat, AWC The Hague FAWCO representative



The city of Mumbai was the background for the FAWCO Biennial Conference this past March 30 – April 2. The theme was *The Butterfly Warrior: Learn • Reach • Shine* and the conference was both informative and inspiring. The conference planning team from AWC Mumbai did a fabulous job! It is impossible to cover the entire conference in one article, so I will touch on a few highlights. I encourage you to take some time to read the extensive coverage on FAWCO'S (newly overhauled by our own Laurie Brooks) website, www.fawco.org.

The Conference

We had a packed four-day agenda filled with workshops, speakers, and programs. One issue addressed was that of Indian women in the workforce and opportunities for India's women and girls. Despite the enormous growth in India's economy, the number of

women in the workplace has fallen in recent years. The primary reasons are mind-set and cultural norms. Many families do not support women leaving home or enrolling in higher education. However, one company, General Electric in India implemented the *Bring Your Mother in-Law to Work* day with the goal to showcase the important role of women in the workforce. We learned the concept has been successful and there are hopes the program will continue. FAWCO members also presented several workshops including, *When Displacement Becomes Personal*, *Women and Leadership*, and seminars addressing *Reversing Culture Shock*, fundraising, and how to make each home club stronger.

Hearts of Gold Fundraiser

The FAWCO Foundation celebrated its 50th Anniversary with the Hearts of Gold fundraiser on Saturday April 1. Our own Mary Adams, the FAWCO Foundation Vice President of Fundraising, organized the evening while the host club, AWC Mumbai, dished up regional tastes of India with a buffet. The host club sponsored the silent and live auctions, raising \$35,000 for The FAWCO Foundation. The proceeds will be used for future educational awards and development grants, awards that are available to all Members. For **Anne van Oorschot**, **Mary Adams**, **Laurie Brooks**,

Lauren Mescon, and me, the evening will remain a golden memory!

FAWCO General Board Meeting

During the FAWCO Annual General Meeting, delegates elected a new Board of Directors. Two new members of the board come from our Region 4. We are proud that Laurie Brooks, Chair of Club and Community for AWC The Hague, was elected 1st Vice President (responsible for Communications), and Martha Canning, President of AWC Amsterdam, was elected 3rd Vice President (responsible for Task Forces, Committees, and the Target Program).

In addition to the meeting, FAWCO presented **Mary Adams** and AWC The Hague's former president, **Johanna Dishongh**, with the Caroline Curtis Brown Spirit Award. The award recognized their dedicated work organizing the first-ever joint FAWCO and FAWCO Foundation Symposium, *Stand Up Against Human Trafficking Experience and Symposium*, held in The Hague in 2016.

Mumbai, previously called Bombay, has a population of more than 20 million people,



with the total population of India topping 1.35 billion. India skews young, with more than 50 percent of Indians below the age of 25. Although the country faces challenges, including unemployment, educational opportunities, and environmental issues, from what I saw during my 10 days in the country I am confident the people of India will thrive. This was an incredible experience and I'm appreciative of FAWCO and our club! Please contact me at jjbbmow@msn.com if you want to learn more or see additional photos.

Namaste!



FAWCO Corner

by Julie Mowat



Handbag Auction – FAWCO Target Program

It can be a handbag, purse, satchel, or bag, and its primary purpose is to make it easy to carry ‘stuff’ during our day-to-day running around town! Whether you are a minimalist or like designer logos, the 2017 AWC Handbag Auction on Thursday, October 12 is a not-to-miss event, but we need your help.

If you have handbags tucked away that you no longer need, want, or use, consider donating them to the Auction. Conversely, if you need or want a new bag, bid high for a must-have, new-to-you, and one-of-a-kind bag donated by our Members. Buy with confidence because the money raised goes to FAWCO’s 2017-2019 Target Project, “*Hope Beyond Displacement*,” chosen at the Biennial Conference in Mumbai, India.

“Hope Beyond Displacement” is a grassroots initiative of the Collateral Repair Project (CRP) in Amman, Jordan. Its goal is to help women and girls who are refugees in Jordan to build better futures through education, and vocational and leadership training. Refugees in Jordan are not allowed to work and many refugee children are denied access to education.

For more information about the Target Project, please visit www.fawco.org/global-issues/target-program/education/target-project and/or subscribe to the Target Program newsletter.

Thursday, October 12 (following the General Meeting)

1 p.m. – 3 p.m.

AWC Clubhouse

RSVP to Julie Mowat jjbbmow@msn.com

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FAWCO Friendship Quilt 2018 – Butterfly Brigade

The FAWCO Foundation funds educational and development grants for AWC members around the world. Everyone in the Club is eligible to apply and many of our AWC The Hague Members have been grant recipients. Each year a quilt made by FAWCO members is auctioned at the annual conference and brings in thousands of dollars that are used to help fund the grants. The auction of the 2017 quilt of houses raised \$2,700.

The 2018 quilt continues the “Butterfly Brigade” theme started at the 2017 convention in Mumbai. As Roberta Zollner (IWC



Munich), who is sharing the pattern for this year’s quilt said, “After the amazing FAWCO Conference in Mumbai with the beautiful Butterfly Warrior logo, I have butterflies on the brain. So, let’s do a butterfly quilt!” The deadline for sending squares to Roberta is October 10, 2017. The quilt will be auctioned in March 2018 at the FAWCO Interim Meeting that will be organized in The Hague. Be a part of this important fundraiser.

The information provided is a brief run-down from Roberta about the project: “Please use 100% cotton fabric. I’m hoping to get enough green stripe background squares similar to this example to make up 2/3 of the quilt.”

“I also want 1/3 of the quilt to be butterflies, each on a 6.5” square. You can also applique a butterfly or find a 6.5” square of butterfly fabric. The link to this website is an example of butterfly patterns, but the pattern needs to be enlarged to 6.5”.”
<https://lillyella.com/2015/09/02/butterfly-charm-block-paper-piecing-patterns/>

Please contact Roberta Zollner (rl.zollner@gmx.net) for quilt instructions, or if you have any questions. The deadline to mail your pieces is October 10 and Roberta requests that you email her when your work is in the mail so she can let you know when your package arrives.

FAWCO Dates to Remember

Sept 22 – 24: Regional conference in Antwerp. All AWC The Hague Members are invited. Please contact Julie Mowat at jjbbmow@msn.com if you’re interested in attending.

Oct 10: Quilt square deadline

Oct 12: Handbag auction. The auction starts after the October general meeting and lunch. Money raised will go to “Hope Beyond Displacement,” the new Target Project.

American Women's Club of The Hague

Handbag Auction!

AWC The Hague's Clubhouse
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Johan van Oldenbarneveltlaan 43
The Hague

Once again the AWC the Hague will be having the popular handbag auction to raise money for Hope Beyond Displacement.

Please come, see friends, meet new people, have some nibbles, bubble/laughs, and bid on wonderful handbags.

RSVP to Julie Mowat at jjbbmow@msn.com

The Dutch Daily

by Eileen Harloff

Library Revival

Membership at Dutch public libraries started to decline in 2005 and the loss of members dealt a blow to numerous neighborhood branches which had to close. That trend reversed in 2015, today libraries are becoming increasingly popular, especially



with younger people. This has come about because libraries have expanded activities far beyond loaning out books by providing a number of other activities and services. In Gouda, for example, the city library has joined forces with a café, a regional archive, and a craft printer workshop, and all are now located in a former chocolate factory. This new venue has become so popular that it was chosen as the country's best library in 2015. Facilities available to the public are meeting rooms, study cells and work areas. In addition, there are classes in subjects such as foreign languages and computer literacy. There are even debates held about public topics, or discussions about art, dance demonstrations, music revues, and other activities of interest. Some libraries even have comedy evenings! These activities are free of charge, with a modest membership fee required for the loan of books and associated printed material, CDs, films, audio books, and films. The day of the library is on the rise!

Tijn in the Sky

Do you remember the story in the May/June Dutch Daily about Tijn Kolsteren, the six-year-old who suffered from incurable brain cancer? And how he wanted to raise funds for an organization that grants last wishes to sick children by polishing people's nails for



a small fee? And how this idea caught on throughout the country and raised € 2.5 million? In the spring, Tijn went through his last series of radiation treatments, after which his wish of going to Disneyland Paris was fulfilled. Sadly, Tijn died in early July. But before his death, he was honored by the naming of a planetoid after him. Planetoid (6327)1919 GP1, which circles the sun, is now known as planetoid Tijn. Tijn joined an esteemed group of Dutch men and women who also have been honored, including Vincent van Gogh, Anne Frank, and national football hero Johan Cruyff.

When Tulips Bloom, Can Spring Be Far Behind?

The Dam in Amsterdam was filled with 200,000 tulips in February, and were offered to the public in honor of the opening of the tulip season. According to the Royal Association of Flower Bulb Culture, growers this year will be producing at least two billion bulbs, which is twice the amount produced just 10 years ago. The public relations department of the Association has done a tremendous job over the years in promoting tulips as a Dutch icon. Gifts of tulip bulbs are given

on visits abroad by businessmen, family and friends—and even royalty. Tulips are also generously supplied for public displays—think of the tulips that bloom each year in the garden at the White House in Washington, for example. About 90 percent of the tulips grown in the Netherlands are exported, with more than half going to Germany. Russia also imports a considerable number, especially near Women's Day in March, when warm colors such as red, yellow and orange are favorite gifts.

But why are tulips the Netherlands such favorites for bouquets and flower beds? The growers' association has a ready answer. In the past years, tulips have become a favorite flower that are even sold in supermarkets and flower stalls. They are easy to transport, come in a variety of colors and forms and, they are inexpensive. The growers' association prizes the looks of tulips in vases, so I am now examining the 20 tulips I currently have in my living room. Half are a lovely yellow color, while the others half are red and yellow. At first, they all stood up straight in the vase (it's probably too full). Now, the dual-colored are thrusting their stems outside the vase, perhaps in supplication for more open space? They have been beautifying my living room for almost a week, and look like they have a have several days left, not bad since they were only € 2.50 a bunch. I'm off to buy more tomorrow.

Tattoos Hit the Hospital

Wouter Keizer is director of a creative bureau in Rotterdam that produces advertising videos. Using his creative spirit, he organized a one-day pop-up tattoo shop in a hall at Rotterdam's Sophia Children's Hospital. He recruited several tattoo artist friends and they offered to decorate the plaster casts of young patients. They also went onto the wards and offered their services, to bed-ridden cast



wearers. At the end of the day, Keizer realized that casts are often not just a one-time remedy, but are part of a treatment that has to be continued, sometimes over a substantial period of time. Now the tattoo shop is a fixture at the hospital, even for patients who do not wear casts, but must come regularly to the hospital for treatments. One non-cast-wearing eight-year-old boy requested a butterfly on his one-day cast to show off the next day at school.

In Short

- A Hague funeral home has been so inspired by the current exhibition of Piet Mondrian paintings at the Gemeente Museum that it is offering a Mondrian-style casket for an extra € 800 euros. This offer, it is said, is part of a "growing request" for unusual caskets. The home reports that a handful of people have indicated they would like to be buried in this definitely Dutch casket.
- The Netherlands has a register of twins—both identical and fraternal—that currently numbers 70,000. This is not the total number of twins living in the country, however, but only those who are taking part in a scientific study of the biology and psychology of twins.
- Pooh is a lovely big tom cat living in Bulgaria who lost both his back legs. In a new technique that is not often used in Europe, he now happily frolics about with his new bionic legs.



Sole Searching

by Mary Adams

When my mother visits me each summer, she usually focuses on contemporary art exhibits in Europe. This year she had a new goal. She wanted to visit the Pikolinos shoe factory in Spain. She started wearing Pikolino loafers and sandals about three years ago and every time she comes to Europe she buys more shoes because the brand is only available in the U.S. via online sales. We were on a pilgrimage and flew to Elche, Spain in search of size 40 Pikolino shoes in June.

Elche is located near Alicante on the Valencian coast and is an easy flight from Rotterdam/The Hague Airport. I was astonished to learn almost 50 percent of Spain's shoemakers are based in and around Elche including brands like Panama Jack, Pura Lopez, Ana Roman, Garvalin, and Salvador Artesano. Everything from children's shoes to ladies footwear, and even orthopedic shoes, are produced in the area. The nearby inland town of Elda, about 34 kilometers north of Elche, also has an impressive shoe-making industry and now boasts a shoe museum with more than 15,000 items celebrating the history, tradition, and culture of shoes.

As we packed for the weekend, we pledged a vow of consumerism and paid the additional fee for extra luggage to house our new shoes. When we landed we headed inland to Elche and our hotel. The taxi dropped us off in front of the hotel. The reception area didn't look very user-friendly and as we continued, it seemed abandoned and the restaurant was roped off. But what a surprise when we went through the back door on the way to the room – Hotel Huerto del Cura is nestled next to a UNESCO Heritage site with more than 200,000 palm trees. It was an unexpected paradise. The Palm Grove of Elche is the largest in Europe. When the Arabs settled in this area of Spain in the 8th century, they planted palm trees and built an extensive network of irrigation channels that are still in



existence. The hotel is a facade that conceals a palm garden jungle with 81 freestanding bungalows.

The walk to our bungalow was an enchanting garden path overflowing with carefully manicured vegetation and colorful flowers. The bungalow was recently redecorated and, to my delight, had a new air conditioner. First order of business – cool the room.

The next morning, we hailed a taxi for our 10 a.m. free tour of Pikolinos and visit to the Industrial Park shoe factories and outlets. When we spotted Pikolinos, my mother actually squealed with pleasure. We were a bit early, so we had the opportunity to meet another tour-goer, a woman from Australia who was there to observe and learn so she could start her own shoe design and sales business.



Soon the factory door burst open and our guide and other tour guests, a group of 35 students from the University of Missouri studying business at Alicante University, joined us. Since my mother was wearing a pair of her Pikolinos loafers, she was happy to answer the students' questions about comfort and care!

The tour provides an opportunity to see the path of a pair of Pikolinos, from design, cutting, sizing, stitching, to sales. We then watched an interesting film and waltzed through the exhibits at the company's museum and outlet and we were then ready to purchase a *passel o'* Pikolinos. However, my mother's excitement slowly turned to despair as there was a severe shortage of size 40. Alas, she only bought one pair. She did convince me that I needed to try on a few pairs and in the end, I bought some sensible flat sandals and some lovely heels, which I am sure I will regret once I walk in them for more than 30 minutes, but hey – life is short and these soles were ready to ride.

I know that life shouldn't be ALL about shoes, but good shoes take you to good places! Shoe lovers unite: Pikolinos is one of the



many factories and outlets you can visit in the area. Once you've satisfied your sole searching, there's history, food, wine, gardens, and art to discover! Planning to visit? Check out the tourism website, Hotel Huerto del Cura, and book a table for great seafood at Altamar restaurant. Your feet will appreciate it!



Kraków – Third Time’s the Charm

by Suzanne MacNeil

Sometimes we’re in the right place, at the right time, with the right people. It happened to me when I was in Kraków recently. My husband was there on business and I tagged along. It was my third visit to the city. The first visit was just for a day and I explored the Main Square, one of the largest medieval town squares in Europe. The second time I went was somber as I toured Auschwitz and Birkenau. For my third trip, I wanted to understand more about the city, how it survived the war almost untouched, and to explore the Jewish Quarter, so I booked tours.

We arrived in Kraków on a Saturday night and my first tour was the following afternoon. I was in a large group and we walked from the main square to the Wawel Castle, built for King Casimir III the Great. It is beautiful and made me appreciate the city even more.

The following morning, I had a 10 a.m. tour booked for the Jewish Quarter and ghetto. I try to visit what’s left of the Jewish quarter in each European city I explore and Kraków’s is considered one of the best preserved in post-WWII Europe. It had been the center of Krakow’s Jewish life for more than 500 years but was neglected for much of the second half of the 1900s until Steven Spielberg’s homage to Oskar Schindler in the movie, *Schindler’s List*. Schindler’s factory is in Kraków and it’s there that he saved 1,200 Jews during the Holocaust.

The previous day’s tour group was 28 strong. I was expecting the same for the tour of the Jewish Quarter. And I kept waiting for people at our meeting spot at the main market. And I kept waiting. When the guide arrived, he said it was just him, a new staff member of the tour company, and me. For a moment I was disappointed it was a small group. But only for a moment. The young woman, Ola and the guide, Eugene, were gracious and friendly and our threesome allowed for deep conversations about the city, the war, Judaism, and a chance to see sites that aren’t conducive to large groups.

As we meandered, we stopped in the center of what was the Jewish Quarter, an area called Kazimierz dating back to the 14th century. It is now a UNESCO World Heritage site, filled with cafes and restaurants, including a restaurant called Klezmer Hois, or Klezmer House. Klezmer is Eastern European Jewish folk music performed by musicians playing clarinet, violin, flute, and accordion. As we wandered into the Klezmer Hois, the guide inhaled deeply and had us walk quickly past the entrance to the restaurant. “That’s Leopold Kozłowski sitting there.”

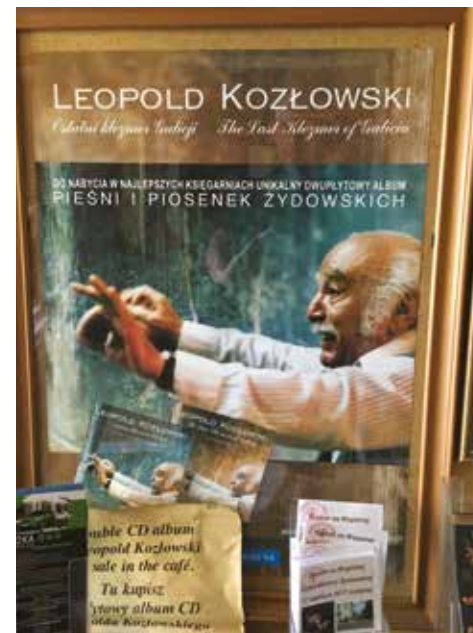
Kozłowski is 98, a Holocaust survivor, and an internationally renowned Klezmer composer. He grew up in Przemyślany, a Polish town that found itself part of the Soviet Union when Poland was divided by Germany. His family was filled with klezmer musicians, including his brother and father. When the Germans invaded Przemyślany, Leopold, his father, and brother fled while his mother stayed behind. When the three returned home, Leopold’s father was part of a group of 360 Jews who were marched into the nearby forest and shot and killed. His mother was later found hiding in a barn and killed and his brother was stabbed to death two years later. When the war was over, Kozłowski only had his music left from his previous life.



Kozłowski is known in Poland as *The Last Klezmer* and sits at the same table at Klezmer Hois every day. He oversaw the music in the ghetto scenes in *Schindler’s List* and is seen onscreen with Liam Neeson, who played Schindler, as the two were making an investment deal in a car. He also composed the music for several other movies and continued to teach and compose for many years. In an interview with the Israeli news site, Haaretz, he said, “Music saved my life. I was in a concentration camp, in a ghetto and in the forest. Music gave me strength. Hitler destroyed Judaism, but not its music. It lives forever.”

That Monday morning when I was in Kraków, and found myself within arm’s reach of a man I had only just learned about but immediately felt a kinship toward, I knew I had to meet him and he motioned me over. I sat with him for a few moments, I got a photo of us, and then our little group left.

When the tour was over I went back to Klezmer Hois for lunch because it offers Jewish soul food; matzo ball soup and gefilte fish. Kozłowski was still at his table and eventually got up and came over to sit with me. His English is only marginally better than my Polish so we didn’t have a long conversation. But I was honored that he cared to make himself available to the stranger who disturbed his lunch. Sometimes it takes being in the right place, with the right people, to meet someone



so special. There’s a Yiddish word for such an encounter, *bashert*, or meant to be. This was truly *bashert* for me.

Leopold Kozłowski is the subject of the documentary, *The Last Klezmer: Leopold Kozłowski, His Life and Music*, which can be purchased by going to <http://www.notowitz.com/LastKlez.html>

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Summer School for Science Journalists

by Chelsea Wald

I loved school. That's one reason why I became a science journalist--so I could keep learning a wide variety of new things at a breakneck pace. And I do! But school was so much more organized, supervised, and full of positive feedback than journalism is. These days, when I'm deep in the muck of a complex story (as I have been this summer), I still miss that.

In June, I found a way to get my fix. The Marine Biological Laboratory (MBL) in Woods Hole (a village located in the southwest corner of Cape Cod in Massachusetts) hosts the Logan Science Journalism Program, which treats journalists as scientists for 10 days. I applied for and was accepted to the biomedical program, which aims to show journalists how the basic research that underlies biomedical discoveries happens. Under the careful watch of two scientists and two teaching assistants, six of us got to know a couple of popular model organisms--fission yeast and sea urchins--very well. We pipetted, centrifuged, looked through microscopes, and made PowerPoint presentations.

It was all the things I used to love about school and, in some ways, it was better. Classroom labs usually try to lead students to an answer that is already known, which makes them anticlimactic. But in our MBL labs, we didn't know what we would find, and neither did our teachers. It was as if they had moved their labs to Woods Hole for two weeks and hired us as lab assistants. As a result, the results thrilled us.

One of our teachers complimented us at the end of our two weeks, saying that we would make good scientists.



We took part in the lab because we enjoy science so we weren't surprised by the comment. Most of us chose journalism because that's what we want to do, not because we think we couldn't hack it in other fields. This program didn't make me doubt my choice of career, but it did give me a new appreciation for the thrill of the scientific hunt, which is not so different from the thrill of the journalistic hunt, after all. We're after the truth, just with different tools.



Community Development

by Laurie Brooks

Holiday Bazaar 2017

Please save the weekend of November 11 - 12 for our annual AWC Holiday Bazaar. The AWC invites you, your family, and friends to support and enjoy this fun event. Shoppers will find products at more than 40 vendors, featuring high-quality goods from all over the world including handmade jewelry, artwork, clothing and scarves, pottery, olive wood items, home decorations, gift items, children's items, fresh baked goods, and holiday decorations.

This year's Holiday Bazaar will also feature a wide variety of international gifts, a renewed focus on handmade and unique gift ideas, health and wellness vendors plus wine tasting. In addition to children's activities, designed to keep your children entertained while you shop, Santa will be available for photos with the kids. All you need is to plan for a fun shopping experience. Payments may be made with cash, PIN, or credit cards.

AWC Community Calendar Fall 2017

Thursday, September 14 - 15 Kick Off and recruitment of volunteers for all philanthropic events

Thursday, November 9 - Presentation of checks to 2017 Gala beneficiaries

Holiday Bazaar

Saturday, November 11: 11 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Sunday, November 12: 11 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Children's Gifts & Clothes

November 1 - 29: Collection of tagged gifts
Friday, December 1: Wrap gifts and clothes
Saturday, December 2: Gift pickup

Toiletry Donations

November 6 - 29: Collect toiletries
Friday, December 1: Package toiletries
Saturday, December 2: Donations pickup

Gingerbread Houses

Thursday, November 30: Daytime decorating
Thursday, December 7: Evening decorating
December 11: Deliver gingerbread houses

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Announcements

40th World Port Days Rotterdam

Wereldhavendagen (World Port Days) is a large, annual free maritime event that will appeal to your whole family. During this festive weekend, you can get a glimpse behind the scenes of Europe's busiest port through a wide range of activities, such as ship tours, demonstrations, excursions and exhibitions. Port companies demonstrate exactly what their ships and other sailing equipment are capable of in a continuous program of spectacular presentations with breathtaking stunts and nautical expertise. You can experience it all from the Erasmus Bridge or near the grandstand on the Wilhelminakade. This year's theme is *Worldwide*, allowing a celebration of global proportions.

Rotterdam Europort

Friday, September 1 through

Sunday, September 3

www.wereldhavendagen.nl

Embassy Festival

You can take a cultural trip around the world at this free festival which spotlights the many different cultures of The Hague through music, art, dance and culinary delights. The musical program includes pop, jazz, folk and classical. Activities geared towards children will allow them to experience various cultures and open their eyes to different ways of playing. The international market features global delights. The Embassy Festival is organized in close co-operation with the Municipality of The Hague's Department of International Affairs and the city's many embassies, spotlighting the different cultures



that reside in the Dutch administrative capital.

Friday, September 1 and

Saturday, September 2

Lange Voorhout, Den Haag

www.embassyfestival.com

Comic Con in Amsterdam

Lovers of movies, TV shows, gaming, comics, superheroes and pop culture can meet their heroes and participate in a variety of activities, such as photo shoots or signing sessions with Hollywood stars (at additional charge), Q&A panels, workshops, demos and live acts. Last year sold out, so check to see if there's any tickets left at www.comiccon-europe.com before venturing to Amsterdam.

Saturday, September 2 and Sunday,

September 3

RAI

Europaplein 2-22, Amsterdam

Food Truck Festival

Whereas once food trucks were referred to as "roach mobiles," they are now very trendy and offer a wide assortment of gourmet foods. See what all the fuss is about when Westbroekpark is transformed into one large attractive open-air restaurant during this festival with free admission. In addition to a large variety of tasty foods, there will be live music and other entertainment.

Thursday, September 7 –

Sunday, September 10

Westbroekpark

Kapelweg, Den Haag

www.festival-trek.nl



Open Monument Days

Open Monumentendag (European Heritage Days in the Netherlands) is designed to bring people into historical buildings in an effort to rally support for the preservation of historical monuments. About 4,000 historical buildings and sites across the country will be open to the public free of charge. Here's your chance to enter some buildings that are not normally accessible to the public. This year's theme is *Farmers, Citizens and Foreigners*.

Saturday, September 9 and

Sunday, September 10

Countrywide

www.openmonumentendag.nl

Closing of Storm Surge Barrier

Once a year, the Maeslant Storm Surge Barrier in Hoek van Holland is closed as part



of an annual test of the system in preparation for hurricane season, which runs from October 1 to April 15. Opened in 1997 as part of the Delta Works to protect Rotterdam Harbor and surrounding cities, it is one of the largest moving structures on Earth. Check the website for timing if you want to witness this unique engineering marvel. Tours in English are available; reservations are strongly encouraged. Please note that there is currently no train service between Schiedam and Hoek van Holland, but replacement buses will be running.

Saturday, September 9

Keringhuis

Maeslantkeringweg 139, Hoek van Holland

www.keringhuis.nl

River Days Festival (Vlietdagen)

From Saturday, September 16 to Sunday, September 17, the waterway the Vliet comes alive in Voorburg and Leidschendam with old timer boats, markets, crafts, food, music and more. www.vlietdagen.nl

38th International Kite Festival

Scheveningen is ideally situated for kite-flying with consistent prevailing winds blowing along the beach. During this annual free festival, international kite builders and enthusiasts come together to show their skills along the beach surrounding the pier. The skies will be filled with Megabyte, the world's largest flying monster, as well as a huge variety of kites of every shape and color including teddy bears, dragons and fish.

Saturday, September 23 and

Sunday, September 24

Scheveningen Beach

www.vliegerfeestscheveningen.nl



World Statues Festival

The World Statues Festival in Arnhem on Sunday, October 1 is one big party with 200 living statues and plenty of street theatre. Street artists, made up to look like spec- >> 52



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tacular statues, flock to Arnhem from around the world. Although a small movement here and there is allowed as part of the act, the skill is mainly in standing perfectly still. www.worldstatues.nl

American Photography Exhibition



From September 16 until the end of the year, the Nederlands Fotomuseum in Rotterdam will be presenting a retrospective exhibition of the works of legendary American photographer Bruce Davidson. The exhibition includes more than 200 images, including unique photographs from a personal perspective of major themes such as civil rights, violence, poverty, racism and immigration.

Diversions at Den Haag HS

Due to a project to replace the tram rails in front of Hollands Spoor Station, trams and

buses are being diverted around the station until at least mid-December. If you frequent this area, you might be interested in downloading the Rndom Hollands Spoor free app with the latest information about the diversions and walking routes to the temporary tram and bus halts.

Free Walking Routes

The City of The Hague has added links on their website for walking routes in English to hidden hotspots as well as well-known highlights. Each of the four routes, with distances ranging from three kilometers to 14 kilometers, has a different theme and includes descriptions of the carefully chosen sights. There's no need to download an app; you or your visitors merely need to download the route onto a mobile phone from their website at www.denhaag.com/en/routes.



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Message from the President (cont.)

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We need your help to implement both the direct and passive recruitment plans. Most of our Members joined the Club because a friend or someone they met invited them to attend an event. I remember **Jane Choy** inviting me to the Spring Kick-Off and I joined right on the spot.

You may be wondering how you can further assist in these recruitment efforts. Your communication and membership teams have designed an informational postcard for potential members. Just follow these steps:

- Pick up the postcards from the clubhouse
- Carry postcards in your purse to give to potential members
- Give a postcard to someone you think will be a great member and invite them to an event at the Club

It is truly that easy!

The last of the **Rs** is (out)reach. We would like to continue our work in The Hague and globally with FAWCO via philanthropic endeavors while expanding through stronger business partnerships within the community. Our AWC has improved the lives of many people we will likely never meet, giving them a more certain and brighter future through the donations from the funds raised at the May 2017 **Red, White & Blue Gala**. The hard work of the Gala committee, the generosity of those attending, and our business partnerships, raised €30,000.

The €10,000 given to each of the three organizations, Antonishove Hospital's CPCT program, Stahli Foundation, and SPOSA Child, will be a boost to their missions. If you are interested in getting involved in our philanthropic activities, please contact **Laurie Brooks**, the Club and Community Development Officer, at awcthehague.community@gmail.com.

One organization that the AWC has had a long relationship with is Overseas Americans Remember (OAR) which is again hosting the annual **Ceremony of Remembrance and Hope**, commemorating 9/11 at our Clubhouse (see page 36 for more details). The event brings the American community together to share memories of the attacks, personal stories, and music to honor those who died, along with those who worked tirelessly to save the injured. I encourage all Members to attend.

I mentioned that I had only three goals, well, I forgot to mention one more...to have FUN! FUN is the main reason many of us are Members. Please enjoy your Club by building new friendships, attending programs and activities, and/or getting involved with a committee. BECOME THE LEGACY.

Regards,

Mary Ann



FAWCO Group photo (see p 38 for article)



Summer activities collage



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www.oosthoutadvocatuur.nl

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Proost! Questionnaire

by Laurie Brooks, Chair, Club and Community Development

Why are you living in the Netherlands? I married a Dutchman who has two boys here.

What is it about the AWC you most enjoy? Learning about the amazing and varied backgrounds of all the awesome women.

What advice do you have for newbies? Embrace your new surroundings but never forget yourself.

What do you consider the most overrated virtue of being an expat? Adventurousness.

What is your greatest travel extravaganza? So far, my trip to China. Standing on the Great Wall was quite humbling.

Which travel experience made you the happiest? Tough call. It's between Grand Tetons National Park and seeing the Taj Mahal. You can't really help but be happy when you're staring at something so beautiful.

Which locations have yet to be ticked off your bucket list? Egypt and Venice.

What is your favorite travel purchase? A leather rolling backpack/laptop case. I was in Boston on September 11, 2001 and wasn't able to go home for a long time. It was a miserable time for me. I saw the bag at the airport when I finally got a flight and instantly knew I had to have it.

Which Dutch word or phrase do you most overuse? "Echt?" and "Echt waar?" because before I knew any Dutch my younger stepson would come home and start talking and talking to me. I discovered that even though I didn't understand him, if I just kept saying those words he would say, "JA!" and continue talking.

Where would you most like to live? Colorado. I've been to nearly every continent and many, many countries and I keep getting pulled back to the majestic Rocky Mountains.

What is your idea of perfect happiness? Just being alive and appreciating that fact.



Which living person do you most admire? I don't know about most, but I like Mike Rowe.

What is your current state of mind? Active ;-)

What is the quality you most like in a friend? Willingness to travel to Houten! But, seriously, I'd have to say honesty.

What or who is the greatest love of your life? My cat, Cleo, who passed away in 2014 – oh, wait! I meant my husband, of course!

Who are your favorite writers? Shakespeare, Charles Dickens, and the Brontë sisters. Basically, I read a lot from dead English people.

Who are your heroes? Every single person who volunteers their time to help others in some way and every person I see performing random acts of kindness.

What is your motto? Live like there's no tomorrow.

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