

Going Dutch

An aerial night photograph of a Dutch canal scene. In the center, a large Christmas tree stands on a barge, illuminated with warm lights. The canal is bordered by historic Dutch buildings with many windows, some of which are brightly lit. People are visible walking on the sidewalks and near the water. The overall atmosphere is festive and cozy.

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There were lots of smiles along with some hats and even a boa at this year's Prinsjesdag Luncheon



See for yourself what a great success the STAND Up Against Human Trafficking Symposium was



Anne van Oorschot's adventures in China continue with "technical visits" in Shanghai and beyond

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AWC Mission Statement

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.



Prinsjesdag Luncheon



Message from the President

by Becky Failor

I am pleased to announce that **Sabine Crowley**, wife of the Deputy Chief of Mission and Chargé d’Affaires of the American Embassy in The Hague, has accepted the AWC Board’s invitation to become our Honorary President. In this role she will aid in representing our Club to the Embassy and others in the Netherlands. Thank you to Sabine!

This month I thought I would highlight the wonderful things done by the Members of the AWC Board who have served with me. Please do not read any sense of importance into the order I am describing their works.

The Vice President, now **Trena Cormier** and previously **Sue Merrick**, ensures that you have a wide variety of activities to select from. They work with a team including, but not limited to, **Greetje Englesman**, **Seanette Meserole** and **Jane Choy**, to bring back the old standards, retain our ongoing activities, and create new and exciting opportunities. This includes making sure *GroupSpaces* is up-to-date so you can register for the activities that appeal to you. An even harder, more behind-the-scenes job is keeping me on the straight and narrow. These ladies are there when I am away and when I am feeling lost.

The Secretary, now **Ellen Bolick** and previously **Sunita Menon**, takes the minutes of all official meetings, oversees the Membership efforts with the strong support of **Shirley Newlin**, and cares for our library. Thanks to **Holly Savoie** who is bringing our

library check-out system into the 21st century.

Ellen has agreed to help us keep our Policies and Procedures documents up-to-date—a job we have made great strides on this year. Thanks also to

Mallery Clarke who has served as Assistant Secretary this year. Thanks to **Sunita** who last year worked with **Rachel Koppers** and **Dominique Duysens** to refresh the look of the Clubhouse interior.



The Treasurer, now **Kathy DeBest** and previously **Jan de Vries**, manages our money. She watches “all the comes in and goes outta,” as my father used to say. In our Club there are multiple transactions nearly every day. She prepares the budgets for Board and Membership approval, and keeps QuickBooks current so we have a clear picture of our spending and income. She ensures all the payments are made to keep the Club running. The Treasurer is always a big part of any of our fundraising activities, such as the Gala and Holiday Bazaar. A big thanks to **Rebecca Wood** and **Laurie Martecchini** who have been Assistant Treasurers.

The Club and Community Development Officer, now jointly **Mary Ann Nation-Greenwall** and **Susan Cave** and previously **Karla Kahn**, oversee all of our fundraising and community service activities. Most recently and with the longest history is our Holiday Bazaar. This year Mary Ann took on the leadership of the Holiday Bazaar even though she had not been to one before! And, what a big success it was. Thanks to everyone who helped her, from her close team to the large group of volunteers throughout the weekend. Our FAWCO Representatives, now **Julie Mowat** and **Karla Kahn** and previously **Elizabeth Kennedy**, report to the Club and Community position. From the excellent support for the *STAND UP Against Human Trafficking Symposium* to the ever popular

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December General Meeting

by Suzanne MacNeil

Have you ever heard a piece of music and been transported to another time in your life? A place where you can still feel how the music affected your soul? Join us for the December General Meeting as the AWC hosts students from the Royal Conservatory in The Hague and enjoy music that may transport you to holidays past. The performers are all students of AWC Member **Kathryn Cok, PhD**, a talented musician who has mastered the harpsichord and organ, and is a professor at the conservatory. She also performs with the Amsterdam Baroque Orchestra and numerous other ensembles in Europe.

So, will the Netherlands be a winter wonderland in December? Will we be able to make snowmen, snow angels and watch the flakes fall, all while sipping hot toddies and warming our toes by the fireplace? This Currier and Ives-like scene may not play out on our side of



Music expresses that which cannot be said and on which it is impossible to be silent.

~ Victor Hugo

The Royal Conservatory in The Hague is the oldest conservatory in the Netherlands. The students who will join us in December take part in a rigorous academic and professional schedule, all designed to help them perform to the highest standards. As the conservatory’s website states, “Talent is not something that comes with the years. Although every phase of life brings its own unique, characteristic and valuable flush of growth, an early start is the best beginning. We welcome emerging talent from the age of five and afterwards we give those children the opportunity to integrate the breadth of the arts with primary and secondary education, in the School for Young Talent.”

In addition to emerging talent, the conservatory offers university-level classes to encourage musicians to keep learning. “There, and in the succeeding Bachelor, Master and third-cycle courses, up to and including a doctorate, they discover the secret of Lifelong Learning.”

the pond, but we do promise a morning filled with music to make it feel like the holidays, whether the weather cooperates or not!

A catered lunch will be served after the performance. Please sign up for lunch on *GroupSpaces* to reserve your meal of choice.

Thursday, December 8
Coffee and Newcomers Meet & Greet:
10 a.m.

Meeting: 10:30 a.m.

Luncheon: Noon

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Ramblings from the Editor

by Melissa White

One year ago, my article focused on the atrocities inflicted on the city of Paris by terrorists and I invoked the words of John Lennon. Today, nearly one week after the historic US presidential election, I am still left speechless. Thus, instead of rambling on, I will turn again to John Lennon:

*Imagine there's no heaven
It's easy if you try
No hell below us
Above us only sky
Imagine all the people
Living for today... Aha-ah...*

*Imagine there's no countries
It isn't hard to do
Nothing to kill or die for
And no religion, too
Imagine all the people
Living life in peace... You...*

*You may say I'm a dreamer
But I'm not the only one
I hope someday you'll join us
And the world will be as one*

*Imagine no possessions
I wonder if you can
No need for greed or hunger
A brotherhood of man
Imagine all the people
Sharing all the world... You...*

*You may say I'm a dreamer
But I'm not the only one
I hope someday you'll join us
And the world will live as one*

Happy Holidays!
Peace on Earth!

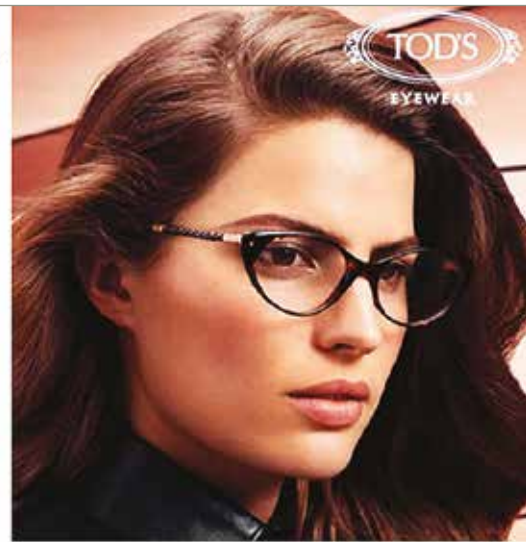
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Philanthropy Projects

by Mary Ann Nation-Greenwall

Sinterklaas Gift Drive

December 5 is a very special day for children in the Netherlands for it is when Sinterklaas surprises them with presents. This holiday season, the AWC will assist Sinterklaas by helping him not to overlook some needy children. In November, we collected gifts and then wrapped them in a special workshop. Now it's time to make our deliveries. If you would like to assist us, please contact AWC Community Service Coordinator **Pamela Pruijs-Bott** at pjpruijs@gmail.com.

Gift Delivery: Friday, December 2

Holiday Toiletry Drive

Pamela has partnered with a local organization on behalf of the AWC to donate toiletries and personal care items to those less fortunate. Last month you assisted us in donating toiletries and preparing the items for delivery. If you'd like to assist with our deliveries, please email Pamela at pjpruijs@gmail.com for further information.

Toiletry Delivery: Friday, December 2

Making Gingerbread Houses

Join us for a fun and meaningful way to get into the Christmas spirit by creating authentic homemade German gingerbread houses. We joyfully mixed and baked the dough last month, and now it's time to complete the construction of the houses with icing and colorful chocolates and candies. The finished houses will be donated to local organizations.

Thursday, December 8

7 – 10 p.m.

AWC Clubhouse

FREE

Min 6 / Max 16

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Welcome New Members!

Sabine Crowley

Mary Ellen Schulze

Karina Talen

December Birthdays

Anita Deal	1
Jane Choy	3
Jan Essad	6
Jessie Rodell	8
Jo van Kalveen	13
Carol Slootweg	15
Michelle Oliel	16
Kay van der Made	19
Karla Kavanaugh	20
Gail van der Feltz	20
Suzanne Dundas	20
Caitie Henry	20
Ada Boer	23
Pamela Schellekens	25
Kathy DeBest	28
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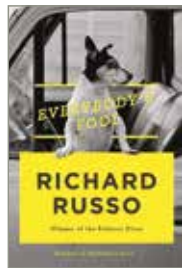
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Ongoing Activities

Book Club: Daytime

The AWC Daytime Book Club is open to all book lovers and is always open to new Members. There is no obligation to attend every meeting or lead a discussion. We take turns bringing a snack. Any questions? Please email **Teresa Mahoney** at awcthehague.bookclub@gmail.com. Happy reading!

The December Daytime Book Club selection is *Everybody's Fool* by Richard Russo:



Known for his humorous examinations of small towns, the Pulitzer Prize-winning author returns to the fictional town of North Bath, NY in this sequel to his 1993 novel *Nobody's Fool*. This time the narrative follows the lives of the town's inhabitants for just 48 hours over a

Memorial Day weekend filled with humor, hard times, suspense and heart.

Wednesday, December 14

11 a.m. (Note: different time and venue to celebrate our Christmas party)

Potluck Lunch at Georgia Regnault's House

**RSVP for details
FREE**

Recap of the October Discussion

Big Little Lies: How do you combine a murder mystery, an examination of the effects of violence, and schoolyard politics with the theme of the power of secrets in a snappy narrative that lends itself to an excellent "air-plane novel" format? Lianne Moriarity managed to achieve all of this in this popular novel. A prolific writer who has written five books in six years, she sets her story in a modern-

Daytime Book Club Planning Ahead:

Thursday, January 26: *Brother of the More Famous Jack* by Barbara Trapido

day affluent beach community in Australia. At the opening of kindergarten, a disparate group of mothers and a few fathers gathers in the schoolyard to launch their precocious five-year-olds into their first school year. Almost immediately, hackles are raised, umbrage is taken, and alliances form which will haunt everyone's lives. There are many twists in the narrative with good suspense maintained all the way to the end of the novel. Along the way, different aspects of violence are explored: physical violence, emotional violence, bullying, verbal abuse, and internet dangers. Despite its serious themes, this book is actually quite funny and provides a lively but undemanding read.

Book Club: Evening

Calling all readers! The Evening Book Club would love to have you join us this year. We typically meet on the third Wednesday of each month, with some alternative dates when that is a public holiday or school vacation. Whether you come once, or are available to join us every month, you are most welcome. Interested, want to know more, or get on our

Evening Book Club Planning Ahead:

Wednesday, January 18: *The Sympathizer* by Viet Than Nguyen

Wednesday, February 15: *The Underground Railroad* by Colson Whitehead

Wednesday, March 15: *The Bad Ass Librarians of Timbuktu* by Joshua Hammer

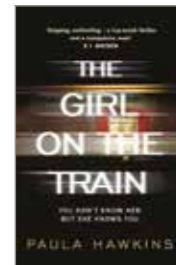
Wednesday, April 12: *Bearskins* by Annie Proulx

Wednesday, May 17: *One in a Billion: The Story of Nic Volker and the Dawn of Genomic Medicine* by Mark Johnson and Kathleen Gallagher

Wednesday, June 14: *Eligible* by Curtis Sittenfeld

mailing list? Please contact **Rebecca Fry** at awcthehague.bookclub@gmail.com. Happy reading!

The December Evening Book Club selection is *The Girl on the Train* by Paula Hawkins:



While riding the train on her daily commute to London, Rachel sees something shocking. Reminiscent of Hitchcock's *Rear Window*, this psychological thriller features intersecting, overlapping, not-quite-what-they-seem lives. The narrative is split between Rachel and two other

women whose lives interlink tragically. Do you dare come along for this fast-paced ride?

Wednesday, December 14

7:30 p.m.

**AWC Clubhouse
FREE**

Recap of the September – October Discussions

A Brief History of Seven Killings: This unique, remarkable, complex voice-driven novel is a worthwhile undertaking. Its graphic descriptions of extreme violence and use of Jamaican dialect may not appeal to everyone, but those of us who liked it, loved it. Students of history will be reminded of Jamaica's role in the 1970s as the CIA's strategic island hotspot between the US and communist hordes, while those with a sociologist's bent will be intrigued by descriptions of Jamaican gangs ruling the mid-1980s drug trade from New York to Miami. This big, bold, intellectual and insightful novel lives up to the critical praise. Add it to your reading list!

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.

My Name is Lucy Barton: Though a moving story, it is a stretch to call this book a novel. It is at best a novella, or better yet, one of a group of short stories. We also don't count it among the best author Elizabeth Strout has to offer. Still, if you are looking for a book to knock out on a short flight or a rainy afternoon hour, you won't be wasting your time with this title.

Chat, Crafts & Cake

Let's get creative! The AWC is open to all crafters. If you've been looking for an open space large enough to lay out that king-size quilt, or need more table space to organize your photo albums or scrapbooks, or just need an excuse to stitch, pack up your supplies and bring them to the Clubhouse so you can chat with fellow AWC Members while you work. You might even be able to pick up some suggestions from a fresh pair of eyes. Each week, a different Member will bring a cake made from a never-before-tried recipe for tasting and critiquing. We're sorry, but

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Tuesdays
10 a.m. – Noon
AWC Clubhouse
FREE

Dinner Club

The next Dinner Club is scheduled for **Saturday, February 25**. Be sure to sign



up so you don't miss out—our November Dinner Club filled up very quickly. Thank you for hosting last month's wonderful dinner **Suzanne & Paul Dundas**. Come and enjoy a fun-filled evening of chats, laughs and great food! If you would like to RSVP or if you have questions, please email **Krishna Thakrar** at kthakrar2000@gmail.com.

Heart Pillow Project

The AWC is in its 9th year of making heart-shaped pillows to support the arms of breast cancer patients in local hospitals. Each pillow is made with tender loving care, wrapped in a plastic bag tied with a beautiful bow and a message signed by a volunteer. No sewing skills are needed; just the ability to cut, stuff or wrap! What a wonderful way to meet new friends while contributing to a worthy cause. The emails we receive are so touching and show that women are linked everywhere to this terrible disease. We are proud to provide women with something not only practical,

but comforting as well. If you can cut fabric, stuff fiberfill, thread a needle or tie a bow, we need you! No sign-up is necessary. For more information, contact **Jan de Vries** at awcthehague.heartpillow@gmail.com.

Tuesday, December 13

Noon – 2 p.m.
AWC Clubhouse
FREE

Visitors Welcome

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Ladies' Night Out at the Movies

What are your plans on the first Monday evening of each month this Club Year? Joining your fellow AWC Members for a fun night out at the movies, of course! We'll meet in the lobby of the theater (either Pathé Spui, Pathé Buitenhof, or Filmhuis Den Haag) and buy our own tickets. **Rebecca Fry** coordinates this activity, and chooses a movie beginning as close to 7 p.m. as possible. There is no need to sign up, and all are welcome. The time and movie listing for that month will be announced through eNews. Questions? Contact Rebecca at fry_rebecca@hotmail.com. Please note that we will skip the busy month of December.

Monday, January 9

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Holiday Lunch Bunch

Last year's holiday lunch was such an enjoyable success, that we decided to return



to The Penthouse to celebrate the holidays with a very special dining experience. Please join us in the Sky Suites of The Hague's tallest building: The Haagse Toren (next to Den Haag HS). We will have a three-course set menu, the cost of which will need to be prepaid to the AWC by December 6. Drinks are not included and will need to be paid at the restaurant. The Penthouse can easily accommodate any special dietary restrictions, so please specify your needs when you register on *GroupSpaces* or contact Kathy at debestjk@comcast.net.

Wednesday 14 December

12:30 p.m.

Rijswijkseplein 786, Den Haag

€ 35 Members

Registration deadline: December 6

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Pilates

Pilates is a form of exercise developed by Joseph Pilates which emphasizes body development through core strength, flexibility and body awareness. Pilates works the deeper, more stabilizing muscles of the spine and the abdominal wall. Doing Pilates makes you stronger, longer and leaner. **Ineke Latour**, certified STOTT Pilates® Instructor and AWC Member, will teach Pilates classes at the AWC Clubhouse. You will be monitored and corrected to enjoy responsible, safe and effective Pilates training. Email Ineke to sign up for these classes and pay her directly. Bring your own towel; Ineke will supply mats and props. All levels are welcome. Participants should arrive at the Club at 10:15 a.m. so class can start promptly at 10:30 a.m.

Wednesdays

10:30 – 11:30 a.m.

€ 15 per class Members

(€ 20 per class nonmembers)

Min 6 / Max 10

Contact: Ineke at

Latour@globalswing.com

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 >> 18



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waiting list to become a regular player or would like to be on the sub list, contact **Molly Boed** at mollyboed@yahoo.com.

Tuesdays
(except specific holidays TBD)
1 – 3 p.m.

Dekker Tennis Courts
Veerpolder 14, Warmond
€ 275 Members (€ 325 nonmembers)

Walkie Talkies

Taking a walk with friends is the perfect way to start your week! Join us for an energetic walk and talk. We meet in front of the Clubhouse each week and then walk to a variety of destinations between the beach, woods and city. Occasionally, we take longer walks which we announce on the AWC Facebook Group. Sign up for this group on GroupSpaces.com to get email updates or email **Emily van Eerten** at vaneerten@gmail.com or **Greetje Engelsman** at awcthehague.newcomers@gmail.com.

prospective Members. **Suzanne Dundas** will provide information as to the hostess of the month and directions to her home when you sign up.

Thursday, December 1
9:30 – 11 a.m.

Amy van der Drift
FREE

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Mondays
9:30 a.m.
FREE

Wassenaar Coffee & Conversation

Do you live in Wassenaar and environs and long for the camaraderie of the AWC without driving to the Clubhouse? One of the Members living north of The Hague will host a casual coffee at her home on the first Thursday of each month for Members and

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 waitlist. 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.

Tours

by **Seanette Meserole**

Overnight Spa Trip

Join us for an overnight spa trip to **Thermae 2000** (www.thermae-2000.co.uk), in the hills of Limburg, to drive away those mid-winter blues by relaxing in thermal pools and saunas. In case you're concerned it might be a typical Dutch nude spa...don't worry! Every Tuesday is "swimwear day," so swimwear is required in all wellness areas including the sauna. On Wednesday, the pools will require swimwear, but swimwear will not be allowed in the sauna.

Our package includes an overnight stay at the spa hotel, two days' entrance into the spa, a 2-course dinner, a 25-minute treatment (facial or massage), use of robe and slippers, and breakfast. Transportation is **not** included in the price and will be determined based on confirmed travelers. Any additional treatments to be booked will be paid on your own.

RSVP for all tours directly on
[AWC GroupSpaces.com](http://AWCGroupSpaces.com).
Direct any questions to
meserolefamily@gmail.com

Tuesday, February 7 –
Wednesday, February 8
Thermae 2000
Cauberg 25-27, Valkenburg
Members: € 170 Single Occupancy,
€ 135 Double Occupancy
Guests: € 180 Single Occupancy, € 145
Double Occupancy
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by Trena Cormier

Amsterdam Light Festival Boat Tour

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**Saturday, December 10
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Holiday Ornament Exchange

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Thursday, December 15

10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

AWC Clubhouse

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Picasso by the Sea

January doldrums got you down? Then inject a little warm Mediterranean color into your life with this private English tour of Picasso's post-1947 ceramics and sculptures at Museum Beelden aan Zee in Scheveningen. This exhibition will



display unique examples in ceramics together with exceptional sculptures from the best private and museum collections of Europe. Some works have never been seen before in the Netherlands. We will meet at 10:30 a.m. at the museum café for a coffee (at own expense) and the tour will start at 11 a.m. Afterwards we have the option of enjoying lunch at a local restaurant.

Thursday, January 19

10:30 a.m. – Noon

Museum Beelden aan Zee

Harteveltstraat 1, Den Haag

€ 6 Members (€ 11 guests)

PLUS Museum Entrance Fee (€ 13 or free with Museumkaart)

Minimum 10 / Maximum 20

Cancellation deadline: January 10

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8th Annual Chili Cook-Off

It's time for the 8th Annual AWC Chili Cook-Off! This is serious business as contenders vie for the coveted award of the Best Chili in the AWC. If you think you have the best chili in town, "bring it on!" This is one tasty event you won't want to miss. If you're interested in being a contestant, just let us know mighty quickly. You could be the next to wear the Best Chili Crown! Bring a six-pack of beer or your favorite beverage and a good appetite.

Save the Date: Saturday, January 28

Private Dinner on the Hoftramm

In May 2014, the Hoftramm rumbled into existence (www.hoftramm.nl). Once just a regular tram, it is now a culinary tram, complete with a WC, with seating for 44 diners (8 tables for 4 and 6 tables for 2). The Hoftramm follows a scenic route through The Hague while serving a four-course gourmet meal designed by Dutch celebrity chef Pierre Wind. The Hoftramm is literally a "moveable feast."

The AWC has reserved the entire Hoftramm for a special AWC event. Dinner will include an aperitif, bread, appetizers, a main course, dessert and unlimited drinks (wine, beer and non-alcoholic options). A vegetarian option is available if reserved in advance; please note any food allergies when registering.

We will meet at the Grote Kerk at 5:45 p.m. and board the Hoftramm for a 6 p.m. departure. During our 2.5-hour tour of the city, we will ride through Scheveningen, the Statenkwartier and the Centrum. In order to ensure that Members have a chance to register for this unique experience, registration for nonmembers will not open until January 5. Please note that we have an early cancellation deadline to this activity; after January 20, the fee is nonrefundable unless your spot(s) can be filled from the waiting list.

Saturday, April 1

Meet at 5:45 p.m. for a 6 p.m. departure

Kerkplein, Den Haag

€ 78 Members or Spouses (€ 83 nonmembers after January 5)

Minimum 22 / Maximum 44

Cancellation deadline: January 20

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STAND UP Against Human Trafficking

by Mary Adams

At the conclusion of the FAWCO three-year Target Project and global campaign on Human Rights, we recognized that being “rescued” from human trafficking is not a guarantee of freedom, economic independence or personal empowerment. The positive experience with the FAWCO Target Project association with Free The Girls encouraged us to do further research into the critical success factors for “sustainable rescue.” What we learned is that individuals, communities, the private/public sectors, universities, governments and NGOs are already implementing an impressive human trafficking eradication tool-set. In 2015, a decision was made to make this information public through the joint effort be-

tween FAWCO and The FAWCO Foundation in a symposium: STAND UP Against Human Trafficking. The Hague, city of International Peace and Justice, was selected as the venue.

As Program Co-Chair with **Johanna Dishongh**, we spent one year researching and interviewing different organizations to create a balanced program that highlighted the tremendous efforts under way to fight human trafficking at each level described above. The goal of the symposium was to raise awareness about human trafficking and to motivate and inspire the audience that tools exist at each and every level. The theme of the symposium became: Be an Everyday Hero.



The two-day event was well attended by FAWCO Members from North and South America, Europe and the Middle East as well as the general public. Day One featured the role of government with the keynote delivered by the Dutch National Dutch Rapporteur about her unique independent role for policy recommendations and forming common goals through international knowledge exchange networks. She reminded us that “Behind every policy and statistic is the story of a human being.” A representative from the US Government discussed the Trafficking in Persons Report, an important diplomatic tool that is creating a common language and measurement system for national “trafficking track records.” Lucy

Laederich, FAWCO US Liaison, presented an overview of three US anti-trafficking campaigns and how governmental departments are working together to coordinate, collaborate and build capacity to stop human trafficking. “Each rescue and conviction changes a life.”

The following sessions shifted from government to NGO actions. Three organizations that help stop sex trafficking were highlighted: Free The Girls for their individual retail economic empowerment; Not For Sale with their social enterprise model where a for-profit company funds a not-for-profit foundation for job training in the culinary industry; and The Bijlmer Project’s Bridge2Hope which

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is a unique collaboration between Webster University's Behavioral Sciences Department, Christian Aid & Resources Foundation, social entrepreneurs, students and volunteers for a research and intervention project focusing on the psychosocial needs of victims of sex trafficking. This powerful combination of speakers described solutions in the real world reminding us that "the path to freedom is not the distance from a brothel," using out-of-the-box thinking by fighting human trafficking with business value, and developing a "classroom outdoors" with learning as a tool.

The remainder of the day was devoted to labor trafficking. Stop the Traffik associated the power of consumers with "action heroes" fighting for clean supply chains in the chocolate and fashion industries. We were encouraged to look for the true costs of goods and make purchases from fair trade companies. FairWork described labor exploitation and how to recognize the signs of labor trafficking. One

speaker implored us "Don't do nothing!" If you think that you have seen someone being trafficked, report it. The final activity was a group exercise using an online survey about how to be a conscientious consumer by linking your personal goods with slave trafficking.

Day Two shifted to the transformation of media from reporting and awareness to a proactive anti-trafficking toolset. The CNN Freedom Project delivered a keynote that focused on how their stories have pressed governments to enforce laws, pressured businesses to ensure slave-free supply chains and showing millions of viewers around the world that everyone can make a difference in the fight against modern day slavery. The secret to the success and longevity of the Freedom Project is based on "We tell stories that make people care."

CoMensha, a Dutch NGO, described their collaborative support model that links organi-



zations throughout the entire sustainable rescue chain from shelter to prosecution, health and advocacy, skill training and repatriation. CoMensha celebrates their 30th anniversary with a new campaign called "Open Your Eyes" that shares the stories of 30 men and women rescued from human trafficking.

The Director of La Strada International shared her watchdog role on monitoring governments to comply with their own human trafficking policies by collecting evidence and data and providing feedback on how to improve implementations.

The Deputy Director of the International Victimology Institute (INTERVICT) at Tilburg University described how the victim-centered research conducted by the Institute is applied in criminal courts as well as support organizations. Her presentation focused on busting the stereotypes of the ideal victim for trafficking through enhanced understanding of societal values.



The second part of the day focused on the private and public sectors, starting with how Dutch organizations comply and promote the United Nations Global Compact in the private sector. A filmmaker shared his innovative technique in participatory video when asked to make an awareness film for hotel staff to report suspected sex trafficking by leveraging hospitality staff and police in the scriptwriting and casting. The grand finale was the public-private partnership in the financial sector where a Dutch bank is collaborating with government-led investigations to "follow the money" of traffickers as well as creating a new service offering for their clients to ensure a clean supply chain.

The success of the Symposium was made possible through the volunteers and support from our FAWCO Clubs and sponsorship from O3B Networks, London & Capital, and the American Women's Club of The Hague.



The FAWCO Experience

by Mary Adams

The FAWCO Experience was a FAWCO Members-only event in the Netherlands in October. This special program was a precursor to the *STAND UP Against Human Trafficking Symposium*. It was developed to give Members a deeper understanding of the journey within Dutch borders that trafficked survivors take from rescue to empowerment.

Prostitution is legal in the Netherlands. Do the country's prostitution laws really protect and empower women? Or do they create a fuzzy line between legal sex work and human trafficking? The group went to the infamous Red Light District in Amsterdam to visit two brothels. One brothel is now a for-profit museum about the history of prostitution and the other brothel is now a store/soup kitchen as part of a social enterprise model from NGO Not For Sale (www.wearenotforsale.nl), where all net proceeds fund their foundation to stop human trafficking. Walking among the crowd leering at the women behind the red windows, a social worker shared the stark reality of the women behind the windows.

The next stop was to visit a shelter for women rescued from trafficking. The Amsterdam Trafficking Coordination Center provides shelter, counseling and information to victims of trafficking and their children. The Director welcomed the group with a short presentation about the shelter and then a tour of the facility to experience how the center gives tough love with a generous heart.



Dignita (www.eatwelldogood.nl), a Not For Sale restaurant in Amsterdam, provides a unique training ground for trafficked survivors who wish to be trained as culinary workers. Net profits directly fund certifications for trainees. Our group enjoyed dinner as they learned more about the next steps to economic empowerment.

The second day of the Experience took place at one of The Hague's most unusual museums: Humanity House (www.humanityhouse.org). Here the group spent the afternoon in three sessions: a workshop provided by Fair-Work to learn how to detect labor trafficking; testing their knowledge on human rights and FAWCO's involvement; and taking the museum's reality experience into the unknown as a refugee.



Message from the President (cont.)

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Handbag Auction, they ensure we are strong supporters of FAWCO. This month, thanks to **Pam Pruijs-Bott**, our community service efforts are in high gear with collections for Sinterklaas to making and delivering gingerbread houses. Next year expect to hear more about the TLC Dinner and the Friendraiser, and maybe a Gala. What a busy team!

The Clubhouse Administrator has been **Dominique Duysens** during my Presidency. Every time you have coffee or tea at the Clubhouse it is because Dominique ensures there is someone there to open up, set up and have all the supplies available, etc. All the repairs and maintenance are coordinated by her. Every Tuesday and Thursday we have a smiling face working the Front Desk. Dominique, and before her **Siska Datema-Cool**, coordinates the schedule of a number of kind volunteers who do this job. When we rent out our Clubhouse, Dominique manages all the interactions with the renters. Dominique is also responsible for our monthly meeting programs. With her team of helpers, she ensures we have interesting speakers or performers, coffee and snacks in the morning and either a catered or potluck lunch at the end. I am disappointed that I missed the Thanksgiving potluck this year. Thanks to **Suzanne MacNeil** and **Bronia Ichel** for helping with the monthly meetings.

The Communications Officer, now **Teresa Mahoney** and previously **Rebecca Fry**, ensures you get up-to-date information on all of the AWC activities and opportunities. She oversees all the communication mechanisms we use for you, from *Going Dutch* maga-

zine, to the weekly eNews, to our Facebook group. Of course, she has great colleagues, too. **Melissa White** has been our dedicated magazine editor for as long as I have been a Member. **Donna Baxter** and now **Suzanne MacNeil** bring you eNews every week. Teresa is working to give our Club a greater presence in outside publications and to advertise our Club around The Hague. **Julie Otten** has been our Webmaster for as long as I can remember. Working with the Communications Officer and other Board Members, she ensures our website (www.awcthehague.org) is attractive, easy to use, and up-to-date. She creates additional webpages as needed, such as for our Gala, and manages our many email addresses and server system. All that happens behind the scenes and is so vital in today's electronically connected world.

Each Member of our Board is supported by two ladies who give us the aid of history and knowledge of past practices, The Hague how-to, and their wisdom: **Jessie Rodell**, the Board Advisor, and **Georgia Regnault**, the AWC Parliamentarian. I have lost count of how many times we have turned to these ladies and asked them, "What do we need to do now?" I have called them in tears and called them full of joy. Thanks for your guiding light!

Happy Holidays!

Becky

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The AWC Clubhouse will be closed from December 17 to January 8

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	Looking Forward to a Busy Winter: January 11 & 12: Kick Off January 19: Picaso's Ceramics and Sculptures Tour February 7-8: Overnight Spa Trip to Limburg April 1: Private Dinner on the Hoftramm			1 German Christmas Market trip to Cologne 8 a.m. Thursday til 9 p.m. Friday Wassenaar Coffee and Conversation 9:30 a.m.	2 AWC Board Meeting 10 a.m. AWC Philanthropic Activities: Sinterklaas Gift and Toiletries Deliveries	3
4	5 Walkie Talkies 9:30 a.m.	6 Chat, Crafts & Cake 10 a.m. AWC Tennis 1 p.m.	7 Pilates 10:15 a.m. WWDP Dames' Holiday Potluck 6:30 p.m.	8 Coffee 10 a.m. December General Meeting 10:30 a.m. Lunch Noon AWC Philanthropy Activity: Gingerbread House Decorating 7 p.m.	9	10 Amsterdam Light Festival Boat Tour and Dinner 3 p.m.
11	12 Walkie Talkies 9:30 a.m.	13 Chat, Crafts & Cake 10 a.m. Heart Pillow Workshop Noon AWC Tennis 1 p.m.	14 Pilates 10:15 a.m. Daytime Book Club (off site) 11 a.m. Out to Lunch Bunch 12:30 p.m. Evening Book Club 7:30 p.m.	15 Holiday Ornament Exchange 10:30 a.m.	16	17 Clubhouse Closed December 17 to January 8
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AWC and the Arts

by Jane Choy

Guided Tour of Hubert de Givenchy: To Audrey with Love

Givenchy's clothes are the only ones I feel myself in. He is more than a designer, he is a creator of personality. ~ Audrey Hepburn



French couturier Hubert de Givenchy is regarded as one of the leading fashion designers of the 20th century. Although he retired from fashion design in 1995, the Gemeentemuseum has created this prestigious exhibition hand-in-hand with Givenchy himself. This exhibit will give a unique insight into Givenchy's career. The designer has personally selected many of his favorite creations, some of which have never previously been on display in public. Part of the exhibition will focus specifically on the unique friendship and professional collaboration between Givenchy and actress Audrey Hepburn. Their creative partnership began in 1953 and endured for the remainder of Hepburn's life. Hepburn wore Givenchy's creations in some of her most renowned films, such as *How to Steal a Million* and *Breakfast*

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at Tiffany's. In addition to wonderful designs by Givenchy, some of which were worn by Hepburn, the exhibition will include design sketches, drawings, photographs and film stills.

Hepburn was not just a pretty face; her heart was in the right place, too. That's why the Gemeentemuseum also worked with the Dutch branch of UNICEF on this fashion exhibition. The aim was to give a well-rounded picture of the legendary actress. Not only was she Givenchy's muse, but she was a woman who remains, even 23 years after her death, both a style icon and an inspiration to many people. From 1988 to 1992, she served as a Goodwill Ambassador for UNICEF, the organization that works to improve the lives of children worldwide. A complete gallery will be devoted to Hepburn's humanitarian work; the museum will raise funds for UNICEF by donating a proportion of the profits from merchandise sold during the exhibition.

If you don't have a *Museumkaart*, save time by buying your entrance ticket online in advance at www.gemeentemuseum.nl. Lunch (at own expense) will follow in the museum's café for those interested.

Friday, February 3
11:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.
Gemeente Museum
Stadhouderslaan 41, Den Haag
€ 10 Members (€ 15 nonmember) PLUS
Museum Entrance Fee (€ 13.50 or free with Museumkaart)
Minimum 12 / Maximum 20
Cancellation deadline: January 19
www.groupspaces.com/AWCTheHague/item/1090046

The Dutch Daily

by Eileen Harloff

Kijkduin Versus Pokemon

I'm writing this column in the last days of October, so by the time *Going Dutch* reaches you, this story may be just a small part of history. However, as it is an unusual and interesting situation, I thought you might be interested in what is currently taking place between The Hague and a maker of games, a story to which my daily newspaper recently devoted two full pages. As I reported last month, Niantic, the American app maker, chose Kijkduin as a place for Pokémon GO figures to appear and the response has been so great that it is costing the city considerable amounts of money to control the crowds who are virtually living there and in the nearby protected dunes. Residents in the area, store and restaurant owners, and day and casual visitors who have been practically over-run by hordes of players running from one spotting sight to another, are asking for mercy.

In response, the City of The Hague contacted Niantic and requested that they reduce the number of new Pokémon GO figures in the area, that no figures be let loose on Deltaplein between the hours of 11 p.m. and 7 a.m., and that no more figures be placed in protected dune areas. There was no written or oral

response from Niantic; instead, more figures were let loose, and extra items were offered at the various stops, namely balls with which the finders could use to help them capture the virtual figures. At last, in October, Niantic finally removed figures from the protected dune area, and apologized to the city. They also said that they are seeking technical possibilities to stop the appearance of figures during the night. Now the city is waiting for the company to act on their promises. In the meantime, Niantic set up another stop for Pokémon GO figures.

Not only the city of The Hague, but also ProRail is in conflict with Niantic. They have been trying for months to get the software company to place less figures along the railroads, to which the only reply has been that they are working on the railroad's complaints and requests for change. For now, it appears, Niantic is falling far short of meeting its social responsibilities. Incidentally, it was just reported that Pokémon GO, which is the game of choice in Kijkduin, earned \$600 million in just 90 days, thereby becoming the fastest mobile game ever to do so.

And the Winner Is: Delft TU

In 2015, Delft Technical University won the SASOL Solar Challenger Race held in Australia with its solar car Nuna8. This year's 2,390-mile (4,717-kilometer) race was held over 8 days in South Africa, and the TU Delft team entered with an improved Nuna8s. Not only did the TU Delft team win again, but the team now holds the world record of most distance covered in a solar race. The race had its nail-biting moments, however. Not only did the car have a minor crash one week before the race,



it crashed on a wall and damaged the nose on the second day. However, the team recovered and continued on its way from Pretoria to Cape Town and onto victory. The closest competitor was Tokai University in Japan, whose distance was 108 miles (173 kilometers) less than that of the winners. According to the team manager, the team's success is laid in large measure to the functioning and cooperation of the team members. The team is planning to enter Nuna8s in a similar race in the US in the near future.

Van Gogh and the Camorra

In December 2002, some bold thieves used a ladder and sledgehammers to break into the roof of the Van Gogh Museum in Amsterdam and made off with two very valuable paintings by Vincent van Gogh: *Entrance to the Church at Neunen* and *View of the Sea at Scheveningen*. With the recent recovery of the two paintings in Italy, the dark world of crime, drugs and murder has been partially opened to the public. The paintings were found by chance by the Italian police who were investigating two Camorra (a large criminal organization based in Naples dating back to the 16th century) figures prominent in the drug trade between Italy and Latin America; the investigation netted \$20 million in goods and property. When one of the gang members talked (can't help but wonder what will happen to him), the police learned of the existence of the paintings. They were eventually found wrapped in cloth in a safe in a house in the seaside town of Castellammare di Stabia near Pompeii; they are reported to be in relatively good condition, but it is unclear when they will return to Amsterdam. One year after the theft of the paintings, the thieves were apprehended and sentenced to four years

in prison. Prior to their apprehension, they had offered the paintings to a known Dutch criminal shortly before he was liquidated, and then to a member of the Italian Camorra, in whose home it was eventually found.

According to the police, stolen goods are seldom found in the possession of Camorra or Mafia bosses; instead, ill-gotten items are used to whitewash illegal money. Art treasures are stolen, but because they cannot be documented and therefore cannot be sold openly, they disappear into criminal circles and are used as objects of exchange. The Italian Mafia is accused of carrying out many art thefts, and among their favorite artists is Van Gogh. One of the most famous of these thefts was from the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum in Boston in 1990 when 13 masterpieces were stolen and have yet to be recovered. Also still missing is Van Gogh's *Poppy Flowers*, which has been stolen from the Khalil Museum in Cairo on two separate occasions. Then, in 1991, 20 paintings were stolen from the Van Gogh Museum in Amsterdam; fortunately, these were later found, fittingly, in a stolen automobile. Prior to that, three Van Gogh paintings were taken from the North Brabant Museum in Den Bosch; one was later found in a bank safe in Belgium, the other two were in the possession of a Dutch criminal who was killed in 2005. The thieves then used these two paintings as bargaining tools when they were on trial in 1994 for drug trading and sentenced to four years in prison. When they offered to hand over the paintings, their sentences were rescinded and they were set free. Poor Van Gogh, unrecognized in his lifetime, renowned in his death and a favorite of criminals.



Can't We Go Any Faster?

by Dena Haggerty

Dutch Drivers: Observations from a Repatriated Expat

I left the Netherlands ten years ago and was excited to zoom back into my new “home-land” this year. One of my first observations upon my return was to wonder when everyone got so darn slow! The gas pedal is on the right side, people. After “enjoying” the German autobahn with its unlimited speed for several years and the absolute disregard for speed controls by the Turkish, I was flabbergasted to return to a Netherlands where the Dutch seem to religiously adhere to the speed limit.

When I first landed in the Netherlands nearly 20 years ago, I could not wait to try out driving on the highways. The speed limit in my home state at the time was 55 mph (88 km/h) almost everywhere. If you were lucky, you’d hit a patch of 65 mph (105 km/h) on a section of interstate. Unfortunately, the interstate was mostly riddled with patches and cracks, making driving faster than 55 mph a dangerous endeavor. The speed limit on the Dutch highway at the time was 120 km/h, which translates to just under 75 mph. That’s enough to make this non-Texan yell, “Yee-haw!”

I assumed that, with a speed limit of 120 km/h, the average driver would be hightailing it along the roads at a steady 140 km/h (87 mph), because it’s really not speeding if it’s just 10 miles (16 kilometers) per hour too fast. To my utter shock, that just wasn’t the case. Turns out traffic cameras are a better deterrent to speeders than the threat of an actual

policeman. The worst part? You don’t even realize you’re getting a ticket until it lands in your mail. A few of those in your mailbox in a month and you’ll start slowing down, too.

While I was away (in 2012 to be exact), the speed limit on the Dutch highways was increased from 120 km/h to 130 km/h (80 mph). I assumed this meant that I could finally motor on down the road at 140 km/h. Again, I assumed it’s “technically” not speeding if you’re only going a few miles over the limit. Wrong again. In reality, if you look on the map provided by Rijkswaterstaat (the Ministry for Infrastructure and Environment), the speed limit of 130 km/h clearly only applies to those highways less traveled. There are in fact only three patches of road within the Randstad which have the higher speed limit.

Even if you manage to find a stretch of highway where you are allowed to drive faster than 100 km/h (62 mph) and it is not bumper-to-bumper with cars, you have to once again deal with traffic cameras. Even worse? *Trajectcontrole* has become the norm on the busiest highways. *Trajectcontrole* (section speed control) was introduced in 2002. I totally get why the government introduced this type of speed control. The police were obviously sick and tired of hearing drivers whine, “I was just passing that slow dude.” However, the amount of section control has increased at such a “speedy” rate that it seems like there’s hardly anywhere you can drive where Big Brother isn’t watching.

Between my disappointment at the lack of stretches with a speed limit of 130 km/h and my horror at the increase in section controls, I feel like everyone is crawling instead of driving. As with many things in life, however, perception does not equal reality. Although I’m utterly and totally convinced that the Dutch drive slower than that tortoise racing a rabbit, the number of traffic violations has

actually increased. In May to August 2016, there was an increase of nearly 20 percent in speeding tickets over the same period in 2015. The number of speeders caught by section control increased as well. Surprisingly only around 30 percent of speeding tickets are the result of section control; regardless, section controls continue to increase (three more were added in 2016).

The Dutch are nothing if not ingenious. They’ve developed an abundance of ways to know where the cameras are. This way, should you chose to do so, you can motor on at a speed over the limit. The radio news includes a list of where the “working” traffic cameras are located. You can even check your local police website for the location of other cameras. Even better? My lease car actually beeps whenever there is an active traffic camera. In fact, there are different beeps for “normal” cameras and those dreaded section control areas. Luckily, the car also tells me what the speed limit is. I’m often confused about that.



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Women Economic Forum

by Sukai Ceesay

The ALL Ladies League (ALL: www.all.in) is a non-profit organization established in 2011 in India that now has more than 40,000 members in 150 countries. The organization promotes women's leadership and acts as an active agent for social change by boosting education and empowerment for women. ALL is the only chamber in the world to offer completely free membership to women. The only eligibility is to bring in positivity and uphold a culture of helpfulness. ALL believes that through more engaged, vibrant and supported women's leadership, our shared humanity can regain its lost vision, balance and purpose. The 500+ global local chapters of ALL collaborate in an open-hearted and non-competing way with other women's organizations and chambers in their countries. These collaborations provide mutual support and become the springboard to success for all women and their businesses to grow beyond borders and boundaries.



ALL Ladies League, Netherlands

I started the ALL Ladies League, Netherlands chapter in June 2016. I got involved in ALL after being invited by Global Chairperson and founder of ALL, Dr. Harbeen Arora. After being bitten by the global sisterhood bug in May 2016 in New Delhi, I realized that there is a need for such an organization in Europe. I decided to start a chapter in The Hague representing the European Union (EU), where ALL women's initiatives will focus on the "economic" impact to ensure financial independence and wealth creation for the business owners and their employees as well as the commitment to uplift another woman to her next phase in life/business. This combination is what will make a positive change in the world, therefore allowing many women to explore passions that can give them financial freedom. For those women who wish to work on a career, they can be uplifted to their next phase with a sponsor in their organization or industry to achieve their full potential in roles that benefit their company from their skills, talent and inclusion in decision making. Our organization's network and connections are vast, and we want to create a great web of support for anyone who dares to dream big, and support others who are "ready" to move up. Being a part of ALL Netherlands is to be a part of a solution that improves lives, promotes sustainable wealth creation, and uplifts societies and communities where men and women operate as a team by nurturing our combined strength.

Each year, ALL hosts a *Women Economic Forum* (WEF: www.wef.org.in) in New Delhi in early May. WEF is much more than just a "Business Conference." As its primary function, women are connected with other women and organizations to help grow their businesses internationally. The goal of WEF is that all women through education, togetherness and partnerships can make themselves completely economically inde-



pendent, dependent on no one but themselves for their wellbeing and survival, providing freedom from any abuse or oppression in advancing the progression of their personal and professional growth.

Women Economic Forum EU 2017

Regional WEFs are held in different countries around the world based on the initiatives of the local chapters. I am pleased to announce Europe's first WEF on January 27–28, 2017 at the World Forum in The Hague (www.wef.org.in/wef-european-union-2017): *EU Reinventing Itself – Women Empowerment & Inclusion*, which will focus on the current challenges facing the integration of the EU. We believe the way forward for the EU is to reinvent itself into a more collaborative, inclusive and flexible Union where the interests of all are taken into account and their aspirations highlighted—a truly plural European identity honoring and celebrating respective identities, cultures and aspirations. Sessions will also include issues of women leadership, business opportunities

in emerging markets and elsewhere, focus on start-ups and sustainability. We are proud that our WEF is sponsored by The City of The Hague and will be attended by some of the best in government, entrepreneurs, investors, university professors, diplomats, corporate executives, sponsoring male mentors, and many amazing women ready to take a leap. We are so happy to have been warmly welcomed by almost all of the women's organizations already established in The Hague, due to our non-competing mission. I believe that by hearing a mission and vision that Harbeen started in India, which resonates with my life philosophy, and deciding to join ALL and bring the mission with a focused twist to the EU, by adding local needs, is one of the ways we can all become positive change agents for our communities.

Please don't hesitate to contact me at sukai.ceesay@aall.in if you want to learn more about WEF or how you can help as a volunteer. I hope to see you at the World Forum on January 27–28.

AWC Newcomer Sukai Ceesay was born in the Gambia, West Africa. She later became an American citizen, but describes herself as a "citizen of the world." She gained world views in theory from an international education and literally by travelling the world. She attended Eastern Michigan University where she earned a Bachelor's Degree in Urban Design and Planning. She did a bridge study for her Master's Degree with EMU and the University of Michigan in Industrial Engineering, and then gained business acumen at Harvard Business School during her Executive MBA. She credits her better awareness of the world to her childhood fascination with human interactions, a thirst to learning and travelling. She is now contributing her knowledge and background to help formulate a foundation for practicing medicine using emotional intelligence at Harvard Medical School.

FAWCO Corner

by **Karla Kahn and Julie Mowat**

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Thank You!

STAND UP Against Human Trafficking Experience and Symposium was a big success. Thanks to everyone who was able to attend and/or volunteer. Please read this month's article by Mary Adams for more on this extraordinary event.

Mumbai 2017 FAWCO



Conference

Everyone may attend!
March 30 to April 2, 2017
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Look on the FAWCO website for registration information and special pre-conference and post-conference tour info: www.fawco.org/home/conferences/mumbai-2017

FAWCO Foundation Night

During the 2017 Biennial Conference in Mumbai, our own **Mary Adams** is organizing the FAWCO Foundation Night. The Foundation's 50 years of giving have been propelled by the generosity of conference delegates and guests and their participation in the Foundation's many "fun-raising" initiatives through the years. The goal is to continue with this grand tradition by offering something for

everyone during the Mumbai Conference. Foundation Night is not only known as a fundraiser but also a great party! Help The FAWCO Foundation support your projects and your passions by donating to the live and silent auctions to be held on Foundation Night at the 2017 FAWCO Conference in Mumbai, India. Find out how to participate by contacting Mary at vpfundraising@fawcofoundation.org.



New FAWCO Target Project

We are excited that our Club submitted a project proposal for consideration for the FAWCO Target Project. AWC Member **Michelle Oliel** presented her project proposal to our Members at our November Annual Meeting. If you missed that meeting, look for further details of her proposal in next month's issue of *Going Dutch*.

In total, 18 project proposals were received for the Target Project. Participation was fantastic. Applications were received from:

- 4 continents
- 7 regions & FAUSA
- 8 countries: Colombia, England, Germany, India, Italy, the Netherlands, Switzerland, USA

The Selection Committee has begun its work to evaluate the proposals. The committee is made of a cross section of FAWCO with Members from four regions and FAUSA rep-

resenting interest areas of the UN, Education Task Force, The FAWCO Foundation and FAWCO. The Target Project proposal winner will be announced in Mumbai at the Biennial Conference.

Repatriating?

Returning home to the US? Keep your global view by joining FAUSA (FAWCO Alumnae). Memberships are only \$25 and you can continue your FAWCO connection through social and philanthropic activities in your local area and beyond. FAUSA is committed to providing support to FAWCO Members and American expats returning to North America by providing information and resources, sharing experiences and socializing at regional meetings and the FAUSA Annual Meeting and

Getaway. FAUSA also supports The FAWCO Foundation with a yearly sponsorship of both a Development Grant and FAUSA Skills Enhancement Education Award, as well as awarding an annual FAUSA Philanthropic Grant. Go to the website for more information: www.fausa.org



WWDP Holiday Event

by **Celeste Brown**

It's time for the Women with Dutch Partners (WWDP) annual holiday get-together! Once again, we will meet at my home in Oegstgeest for our traditional merrymaking. What to bring? A tray of "heartly appetizers" to serve on our food buffet is appreciated, and don't forget your wrapped funny or "gag" gift for our gift exchange. Drinks will be provided. Carpooling is recommended.

If you are a WWDPer who hasn't attended this event in the past, you've been missing some serious fun and we look forward to

seeing you. Haven't received your personal invitation to this event? Be sure to send your email address to me at celeste@russchenberg-brown.eu.

Come share the fun! The *Twelve Days of Christmas* are coming!
**Wednesday December 7
6:30 p.m. until ?
Celeste Brown's home in Oegstgeest**



Announcements

Winter Fair

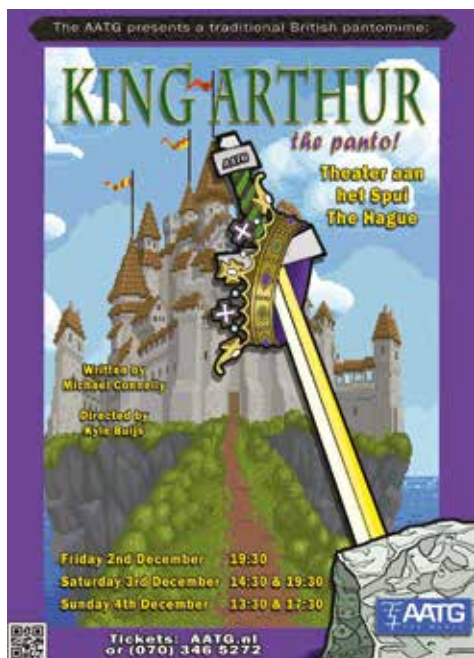
From November 30 to December 4, the Ahoy in Rotterdam will be transformed into a winter wonderland. In a cozy atmosphere, you can be inspired by specialists or get in the mood for the holidays with booths featuring home decorations, wellness and travel. There



will also be fashion shows, workshops and an extensive entertainment program. www.winter-fair.nl

King Arthur, a Pantomime

Distinctively British, a panto is a popular form



of family entertainment incorporating song, dance, slapstick comedy, cross-dressing and audience participation. This holiday season, the Anglo American Theatre Group (AATG) welcomes us to Camelot where Merlin the Wizard tries to keep things running smoothly, but Morgana has her eyes on the throne and will stop at nothing to claim it. Using her witchy powers, she plans to get rid of King Uther and his son Arthur. Will Morgana seize the throne of Camelot for her own cruel and selfish reign or will Arthur vanquish her evil and claim his rightful place as King? As part of the audience, you can help the heroes save Camelot.

Friday, December 2 – Sunday, December 4
Theatre aan het Spui
Spui 187, Den Haag
www.aatg.nl

DFAS Art Lecture Step into the Christmas Card

For the last 150 years, Christmas cards have been adorned with nativity scenes or holly, ivy and mistletoe, a rotund Santa and trees. Sacred and profane, plant symbolism and carols that echo the sacred magic of the nativity scene, the lowing animals popularized by St Francis of Assisi, the shepherds and kings, all playing their part and foretelling the future. What is the profanity of decking our halls with holly and ivy or kissing under the Druidic mistletoe? So what on Earth do Christmas cards portray? This informative topic will be explored by lecturer Caroline Holmes, a garden historian, design consultant



and author. Non-DFAS member fee is € 12. www.dfas.nl

Tuesday, December 13
Doors open at 7:30 p.m.
Lecture begins at 8 p.m.
Cultural Centrum Warenaar
Kerkstraat 75, Wassenaar

Lighting of Christmas Trees



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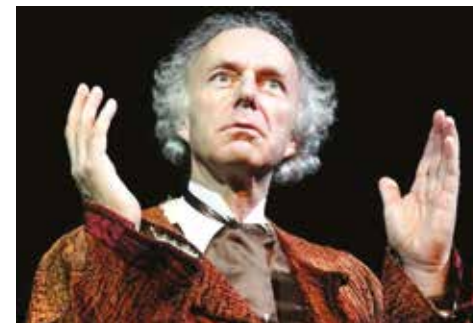
Delft: From 4 p.m. on Tuesday, December 13, there will be Christmas stalls and musicians in the main square. At 7 p.m., the Christmas tree will be lit to give light to the Dark Days of Delft. You can get warmed up with hot chocolate, *gluhwein* (spiced mulled wine) and *erwtensoeep* (split pea soup). www.delft.nl

Gouda: During the impressive illumination festival Gouda by Candlelight on Friday, December 16 at 7 p.m. over 1,500 candles will be lit in Gouda's historic city hall, while thousands more are aglow behind the windows of the picturesque buildings surrounding Market Square. Street and shop lighting are switched off, lending a fairytale quality to this spectacle. Various choirs will be performing Christmas carols and the audience is encouraged to sing along. www.goudabijkaarslicht.nl

A Christmas Carol

Ashley Ramsden, the world famous storyteller from Great Britain, returns to perform this Christmas favorite on multiple dates between December 9 – 14 at the Paradijs in the Koninklijke Schouwburg in The Hague. He performs all 23 characters single-handed, which shows his formidable talents as a storyteller and actor. The program embraces the original

masterpiece, transporting audiences back to Victorian England and conjuring up the sinister back alleys, cobblestone streets and ghostly apparitions that are the story's hallmarks. Expect to be mesmerized by a story that is still relevant today in a world where there is a gulf in the distribution of wealth, influence and knowledge. www.theenglishtheatre.nl



Christmas Concerts

Cecilia International Choir: This mixed voice group of 80 singers, will perform two Christmas Carol Concerts on December 15 and 16 in The Hague. The theme of *A Winter Walk* includes a mixture of traditional carols as well as some special items for the choir and soloists. A selection from John Rutter's *Magnificat* will also be performed. For tickets, go to: www.cecilia-choir.com

American Protestant Church of The Hague: In celebration of the church's 60th Christmas Concert, the church choir will be joined by soloists from the Royal Conservatory of Music in The Hague to perform the sacred cantata *Bethlehem* by J.H. Maunder. There will also be singing of Christmas hymns by the congregation. The entry is free, but donations are always welcome. www.apch.nl

Sunday, December 18 at 4 p.m.
American Protestant Church of The Hague
Esther-de-Boer van Rijklaan 20, Den Haag

Royal Christmas Fair

After the success of the second edition in 2015, the Royal Christmas Fair is back this year. The twinkling lights and 50 charming stalls along the Hofvijver in The Hague are sure to help get you in the >> 42

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Christmas mood. Enjoy some *gluhwein* and *flammkuchen* while shopping for unique items. Entertainment will include performances by children's choirs, theater groups and storytellers.

Thursday, December 15 – Friday, December 23

Noon – 9 p.m.

Lange Vijverberg, Den Haag

www.royalchristmasfair.nl



Elvis – Christmas with the King

From December 16 – 18, the World Forum in The Hague will come alive with the sounds of Elvis in a new Christmas show set in a fairytale backdrop featuring Elvis performer Grahame Patrick accompanied by a live orchestra and the legendary Stamps Quartet. Enjoy seasonal songs like *Blue Christmas*, *Holy Night* and *White Christmas*, as well as unforgettable hits like *Suspicious Minds*, *Jailhouse Rock* and *Blue Suede Shoes*.

www.eventim.nl



Dickens Festival

A 19th century English city of Charles Dickens' days will live again in full glory during the 26th edition *Dickens Festival* in Deventer the weekend of December 17 – 18. Some 950 characters will come to life from Dickens' celebrated books, including Scrooge, Oliver Twist and David Copperfield. Even Queen Victoria attends, along with Christmas carolers, orphans,



drunkards and distinguished citizens. Over 135,000 visitors are anticipated for this free festival, so expect to wait approximately 1.5 hours at the entrance.

www.dickensfestijn.nl

Amsterdam Light Festival

A unique experience in the darkest months of the year! Amsterdam will host this festival for the fifth year. Created by international artists especially for this festival, works include projections on historical buildings, installations on the street or in public parks, or works that require visitor participation. *Water Colors*, the boat route running through January 22 with a theme of *A View on Amsterdam*, takes place in the canals of Amsterdam and lets visitors experience the artworks from a water perspective. *Illuminade*, the self-guided walking route from December 15 through January 8 with a theme of biomimicry (the science where the logic and structures of nature are applied to



solve human problems), winds through the city center past 20 light artworks. www.amsterdamlightfestival.com

Amsterdam Ice Sculpture Festival



With over 100,000 visitors, the Dutch Ice Sculpture Festival has become the Netherlands' biggest winter event. Previously held in Zwolle, it will be held this year from December 10 – February 5 in Amsterdam near the Arena Boulevard, close to the Bijlmer Arena railway station. The festival features over 100 sculptures of ice and snow up to 20 feet (6 meters) high made of 606,275 pounds (275,000 kilos) of both ice and snow created by the 42 best ice artists in the world. The theme this year is *Music Inspires*. Whether you're into classic or modern, Dutch hits or world music, Michael Jackson or Justin Bieber, disco or the latest techno ... all types of instruments and genres will be included in the biggest ever edition of this festival. You will encounter lost heroes such as David Bowie, Prince and Amy Winehouse as well as see John Travolta demonstrate his dance steps on the illuminated floor. To keep the ice sculptures in top condition, it is 14°F (-10°C) in the large cooled warehouse where

the statues are on display, so be sure to dress warmly. Although it is difficult to avoid long lines into the hall, you can avoid queuing at the box office as well by purchasing tickets online in advance. www.ijsbeelden.nl

Christmas Markets

Keukenhof Castle: This free Christmas fair at the castle next to the Keukenhof Gardens in Lisse takes place over December 8 – 11. Enjoy the cozy atmosphere, the open stage, the Christmas market, children's activities and much more. www.kerstoplangoedkeukenhof.nl

Leiden: From December 16 – 28, Leiden hosts the only floating Christmas market in the Netherlands. Entrance is free into the Winter Wonderland Village on the water of the Nieuwe Rijn with 70 attractively decorated chalets filled with winter products, delicacies and fun Christmas gifts as well as snacks and warm drinks. You will also find an ice skating rink on the canal. www.visitleiden.nl

Dordrecht: From December 16 – 18, Dordrecht will host the largest Christmas market in the Netherlands with nearly 300 stalls. In addition, there will be hot treats, live entertainment and an ice skating rink. www.kerstmarktdordrecht.nl

Valkenburg: Running until December 23, the Christmas Market in the Velvet Cave is the Netherlands' most popular indoor Christmas event. This unique experience is a shopper's delight with fairytale decor, seasonal music and a large variety of handmade local and international gifts. www.kasteelvalkenburg.nl

Countrywide: During December you will find other various Christmas markets throughout the Netherlands. For listings, go to www.hollandsemarkten.nl and click on Kerstmarkten.

Christmas Circuses

There is no doubt that Christmas Circuses must be quite popular in the Netherlands as our region hosts two. Both feature spectacular acrobatics and hilarious clowns; for those curious, circuses are no longer allowed per Dutch law to feature wild animals.

Rotterdam: December 24 through >> 44

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December 30 at the Ahoy.

www.kerstcircus.nl

The Hague: December 24 through January 8 at the Malieveld.

www.kerstcircusdenhaag.nl



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Alice in Winter Wonderland

This Christmas, De Dutch Do not Dance Division presents a world premiere of this full-length narrative tale. While you might be familiar with the famous story of Lewis Carroll, this version is set in the wonderful world of the work of Dutch graphic artist M.C. Escher. The mysterious and unreal Alice stories are set to music by Tchaikovsky played by the Residentie Orkest.

Sunday, December 25 –

Wednesday, December 28

Zuiderstrandtheater, Den Haag

www.ddddd.nu



New Year's Dive

The Netherlands boasts more than 135 locations where you can jump into the sea or a lake on New Year's Day at Noon. The largest dive is held at the beach at Scheveningen, where



10,000 people plunge into the sea each year. This spectacle is also great to watch from the sidelines. Which of our AWC Members will brave the cold waters this year? Unlike previous years, tickets can't be reserved and must be purchased for € 3 starting at 10:30. www.unox.nl/nl/event/nieuwjaarsduik

Save the Date: MLK Dinner

Mark your calendars to bring the whole family to the annual Dr. Martin Luther King Tribute and Dinner. Look for further details in the January issue.

Sunday, January 29

5:30 p.m.

Hotel Den Haag - Wassenaar

Zijdweg 54, Wassenaar

Marilyn Monroe Special Exhibition

In the year that Marilyn Monroe would have turned 90, De Nieuwe Kerk in Amsterdam presents an exhibition about her life and legacy through February 5. After her death, her belongings were stored in their entirety by her heirs and remained unmoved for decades. The auctioning of her belongings began 37 years later. The items presented in this exhibition were purchased by Monroe collector Ted Stampfer. The private objects, including



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clothing, accessories and personal documents, together with photos and film clips, afford a unique and intimate view of the woman, both in and outside the camera's gaze: the successful and glamorous external appearance

as well as her often lonely inner world, full of setbacks, as well as her witty, creative and progressive personality. Determined to make an extraordinary career in her own way, she gained prestige that still captures the imagination of many. www.nieuwekerk.nl

Grab Your Running Shoes

The Hague's Biggest Race: If you like to run, be sure not to miss The Hague's 43rd CPC Loop on Sunday, March 12 starting at the Malieveld. There will be 45,000 runners including professionals and amateurs for distances ranging from 1K for kids to a half marathon. Don't hesitate to register, as this event fills up every year: www.cpcloopdenhaag.nl

Ladies' Run: Grab your girlfriends for the 11th edition of Ladiesrun, starting at the Ahoy in Rotterdam on Sunday, June 11 to benefit the Pink Ribbon Foundation. www.ladiesrunrotterdam.nl



AWC The Hague Reunion in Houston



“Technical Visits” in China

by Anne van Oorschot

In last month's issue of *Going Dutch*, I shared my recent trip to China with my husband Hein and our first days spent in Beijing. My story today begins when Hein and I boarded the high-speed train to Shanghai. The train is comfortable, ultra-modern, and very fast, going about 185 miles (300 kilometers) per hour. We watched out

the window as the countryside sped by—there were huge apartment complexes being built everywhere—and we made the 819-mile (1,318-kilometer) trip to Shanghai in less than 5 hours. We were met by contacts from Hein's university and drove the rest of the way to our destination: the tourist city of Hangzhou.



The next morning, a city guide took us to visit the home of Hu Xueyan, a Chinese businessman who had been prosperous in the late 1800s. The residence complex was surrounded by a plain white plaster wall, but inside the opulence and beauty of the rooms, carved decorations and inner garden were stunning. Some of the furnishings were Chinese, but others were decidedly western. Hu founded China's first shipyard and naval academy and set up various other businesses, ranging from banks to pawnshops. His best known contribution was the Hu Qing Tang Medicinal Hall, known for its uncompromising quality in traditional medicine, ethical treatment of customers and inexpensive healthcare. Hu invested heavily in the silk trade and went bankrupt when it failed, suffering severe depression and dying a year later. His story seemed so familiar and western that it was a surprise to see a photograph of him in traditional Chinese clothing at the end of the tour. Later in the afternoon, we walked around the city center, stopping at the Hu Qing Tang Medicinal Hall—still in operation and doing brisk business as a pharmacy for traditional medicine.



“Technical visits” were again on the schedule for the next day, so perhaps a word of explanation is called for here. The University of Applied Science (NHTV) where Hein works has faculties for Tourism, Leisure and Hospitality; when they work with other universities and organizations, projects are

usually tourism-related. In Hangzhou, the goal of the visit was to set up a cooperation to advise the Hangzhou Tourism Association on the development of their tourism infrastructure. I soon discovered that “technical visits” were visits to different tourist sites to evaluate how they were set up and how they could be improved. While these technical

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visits were “work” for the members of the university delegation, they were definitely sightseeing for me!

In spite of the gray and rainy weather that morning, we were dropped off for a small boat ride on West Lake, the main tourist feature of the city. There was a beautiful park around the lake and while it wasn’t crowded, we saw a number of people with umbrellas out for a stroll. A lovely restaurant on the shore of the lake was our destination for lunch and we were treated to a delicious and extensive Chinese meal served in an interesting manner. We were seated at a round table with a thick rotating glass circle in the

center. Various dishes were brought from the kitchen and placed around the edge of the circle. Empty dishes were removed and new dishes were added throughout the meal. When I saw something I liked, I turned the glass circle until the dish was in front of me and served myself. The only problem was that serving was done with chopsticks and I was pretty unhandy and slow, with the dish I was trying to serve often rotating away before I had any.

In the afternoon, we boarded another boat and travelled along a section of the Grand Canal. Stretching 1,104 miles (1,777 kilometers) from Hangzhou to Beijing, it’s



the longest “artificial river” in the world and sections of it date back to the 5th century BC. We visited the site of a former cotton mill that has been transformed into a handicraft area with shops, restaurants and a demonstration center for traditional Chinese handicrafts: fans, umbrellas, pottery, wood carving and basket weaving.

Our last technical visit of the day was at Wuzhen Water Town, which is along the Grand Canal. The town’s history goes back 6,000 years and while it preserves the ancient appearance, it positively oozes charm. We visited a brand new museum which focused on grain production, linked to the city due to the transportation of grain along the Grand Canal. While there was a lot of English information in the museum, I often questioned its accuracy: China is the largest grain producing country in the world, far surpassing the USA...?

The next day the delegation had meetings at the Hangzhou Normal University, so I was free to make my own program. Since our hotel was on the shore of West Lake, I decided to rent a bike and cycle around the lake, a 1.5-hour journey. There were many others in the park walking or biking and enjoying the beautiful scenery and lovely weather. I stopped for a cup of tea at a Starbucks and enjoyed many sights, so different from what I see cycling in Holland. Such a treat! I reconnected with the rest of the group in



the afternoon and the remainder of the day was spent traveling to Shanghai.

There were meetings at the nearby university the next morning, so I was again free to make my own plan and decided to have a look at the big shopping center next to our hotel. I found a huge grocery store. I absolutely love wandering around grocery stores in other countries—it is fascinating to see very different foods as well as different packaging and how a variety of items are grouped together. The many varieties and huge bags of rice were to be expected, but other things were surprising: the many kinds of nuts sold by bulk, the big variety of fresh greens (most being unfamiliar to me), and lots of fresh fish and seaweed. My favorite were the eggs sold by bulk, counted out and given to customers in plastic baggies. Hopefully the egg buyers weren’t cycling home!

I walked to the university to meet the group for lunch and saw surprising things along the way as well. Most remarkable was the mail order pick-up point I passed: the packages were all arranged on the sidewalk and a customer stopped on her scooter to pick up an item which was electronically recorded by the employee, of course. Certainly saves on building rent. We were free in the afternoon and made our way to the Longhua Buddhist Temple, >> 50



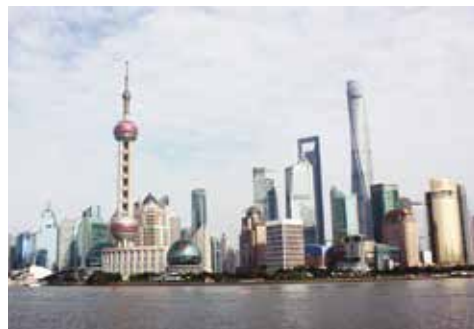
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dating from 242 AD. It was very busy with services going on in several buildings, monks busy in others and a lot of Chinese busy with incense and prayers.

The next day was a technical visit to downtown Shanghai. The city is huge and busy. While there are a few areas with smaller old buildings, they are surrounded by skyscrapers. I have never seen so many big, de-



lux, designer stores packed together, or so many people shopping at them. A new Apple iPhone had just come out and there was a line leading out of the store, down the street and around the corner of people waiting to get in to buy one ... as if they could not wait to have the newest model. The biggest contrast between old and new was along the Huangpu River that runs through the city: known as the Bund, the historical banks and trading houses



from the colonial period are along one bank with gleaming modern buildings across the river. What an amazing city!

While that marked the end of our trip with Hein's colleagues from the university, we were picked up the next morning and brought to the city of Yangzhou where we joined the delegation from the city of Breda (where the NHTV is located). Yangzhou, a sister city of Breda, was celebrating their 2,500th anniversary, and we were guests at their celebrations. On our first morning, we visited beautiful Slender West Lake in the middle of the city and enjoyed a peaceful boat ride, going under and by a number of graceful bridges and pavilions. We enjoyed a lovely dinner that evening which was followed by a spectacular theater show tracing the history and development of the city through the ages. There was an exhibit and seminar of a more official nature the following day and I laughed to see a few of our Chinese hosts checking email on their phones during some of the speeches.

The next morning, we visited the historic city center and an area where booths had

been set up to demonstrate handwork and crafts. One of the specialties of the city is a kind of photographic hand embroidery that is absolutely amazing. There was also a stage set up for some small acts in martial arts, dancing and magic, with some of the performers joining the honored guests for photo opportunities at the end. We wandered through the small shopping street before lunch, and ended our afternoon with a visit to Geyuan Garden. One of the things Yangzhou is known for are the many beautiful private gardens in the city and our visit to one of them was well worth the time. While I knew that the Japanese were very keen on creating beauty and harmony in gardens, I didn't know that the creation and appreciation of natural beauty was also something the Chinese strive for.

We travelled back to Shanghai that evening, had dinner at a trendy "penthouse" restaurant on the Bund and enjoyed the spectacular neon filled view of the modern skyscrapers across the river. What a spectacular end to my Chinese adventure!



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