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## Art&BookFair Volunteers Needed

We are now just a few weeks from the opening day of our 2010 version of the Art&Book Fair (ABF), AAFSW's prime revenue generator. There is much good news to report. Because of the earlier starting date for the ABF, Columbus Day weekend, we will have an extra day open to the general public. This should definitely help increase our profits. In addition, we will not have our usual conflict with the Marine Corps Marathon. In past years the marathon frequently caused great consternation for volunteers and the general public when bridges were closed, traffic was diverted, and street parking was restricted.

With regard to parking, most of our Art&BookFair volunteers walk to the C Street entrance at the Department of State from the nearby Foggy Bottom Metro stop on the orange and blue lines. Other volunteers park their cars at the nearby Kennedy Center parking lot which charges \$9 for the day and is only a short walk from the C St. entrance. Because of recent fee increases, Columbia Plaza parking is now prohibitive at over \$20 a day. Street parking is difficult to find and requires frequent trips to the meter to keep it fed during the days that ABF is open.

We still have shifts to fill and encourage all AAFSW members in the greater Metro area to sign up for a day or two assisting us at the Art&BookFair. The calendar for volunteer opportunities is on page 5 of this issue. Please review the calendar, check your personal calendar, and then promptly let us know what days you are available to assist.

You may email the volunteer coordinators, Anne Kauzlarich or B.J. Harrick, at [bookfairvols@aafsw.org](mailto:bookfairvols@aafsw.org) and let them know what dates you are available. Another option is to complete the form and mail it to the AAFSW office, 4001 N. 9th St., Suite 214, Arlington, VA 22203.

We will obtain entry badges for all ABF volunteers from the Office of Diplomatic Security which takes several weeks. So please let us know by September 10th when you are available to assist with set-up, opening day sales, weekend sales, or mid-week sales.

Your assistance is greatly needed and will be most sincerely appreciated by us and by AAFSW management. We look forward to seeing many of you in October when we hope to break last year's \$72K sales record!

*Anne Kauzlarich and B.J. Harrick*

*Art&BookFair Volunteer  
Coordinators*



**October 8-17 2010**



## From the President's Desk

I would like to share a lovely letter from June Byrne Spencer, who was AAFSW's first President beginning in

1960. She attended the 50th anniversary celebration at the Department of State on June 4th and wrote two letters to me and accompanying cover notes all in long hand. This is her second draft. Regrettably I did not receive the letter in time for the summer issue of *Global Link*, so am including it now:

Dear Mrs. Barnes,

Congratulations to you and all who developed and presented the program on June 4th celebrating AAFSW's 50 years of service to its members.

The show was simply marvelous. From beginning to end it was a triumph and caught the spirit of the Service and portrayed its problems and joys with humor and understanding. What a lot of talent. What a lot of hard work.

I think we all left happy and humming.

I was particularly moved at the end of the performance to realize the true extent of AAFSW's contributions to Foreign Service lives in its 50 years. Having been at the beginning and seeing the narrative of its growth, even though condensed into two hours, shows a stunning success.

The women who came after us took our home-spun operation with our good intentions to a truly professional one with clout. It is obvious that the needs we saw in 1960 were real. Today you have met those needs and many others unforeseen at the time (and unbelievable).

AAFSW, your record is sound; your reputation is soaring. The State Department is lucky to have you. I am proud to be associated with you.

I wish you more triumphs by the years.

Sincerely, June Byrne Spencer

Her cover note said

"I am still glowing and in awe of the spectacular celebration of the 50th anniversary of AAFSW presented in the State Department Auditorium on June 4.

The revue caught the essence of the Foreign Service in staging, presentation, acting, singing, humor, costumes, problems, good times, bad times, but not surprising, as talent comes in many forms in the Foreign Service.

P.S.

Helping develop the AAFSW was a wild ride- but joyous."

I think we all need to send June a special note of thanks for her vision for AAFSW.

Faye Barnes  
AAFSW President

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## Oral History Project

The AAFSW spouse oral history training session will be held **Thursday, September 23**, at 10:30 a.m. at the Association for Diplomatic Studies and Training (ADST), on the campus of the National Foreign Affairs Training Center (NFATC), Arlington Blvd. and S. George Mason Drive. To register, call the AAFSW office, 703-820-5420 or email [office@aafsw.org](mailto:office@aafsw.org).

Jewell Fenzi, chair of the AAFSW Spouse Oral History program, will demonstrate interviewing techniques with an audio digital recorder and a Flip video camera.

Enter NFATC via the access road at 4000 Arlington Blvd. Present a photo ID at the guard booth and park in one of the lots. Check in at the visitor's entrance on the circle and get directions to ADST, located in a white cottage on the hill behind the main buildings.

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## In Memory

Susan Donnelly, AAFSW President from 1987-1988 died July 12, 2010 from cardiac arrest. She was 63. In addition to her life as a Foreign Service spouse and mother, Susan developed an unconventional but delightful career choice: she worked as a professional clown. Our condolences to her husband Shaun and family on their loss.

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# Welcome!

We would like to welcome Tatiana Schafer as our new Office Manager. Tatiana, who is from Russia, has been married to a Foreign Service Officer for over ten years.



Together, they have been posted to Georgia (Tbilisi), the USUN Mission in New York City, Switzerland (Geneva), and Tajikistan and have a son and daughter. Previous to her employment with AAFSW, she provided administrative and financial support to the USAID Office in Geneva. Welcome, Tatiana!



## Welcome Back Picnic

Please join the Foreign Service Youth Foundation for a picnic in honor of U.S. Foreign Service families that recently returned from overseas to be held at Nottoway Park in Vienna, Virginia from 4-6:30 p.m. on Sunday, September 19, 2010.

The event offers food and fun for the entire family. FSYP will provide hamburgers, hotdogs and drinks. Please bring a salad, side dish or dessert to share.

All U.S. Foreign Service families are invited. Come make new friends, reconnect with old friends, and welcome home your colleagues. RSVP to [fsyf@fsyf.org](mailto:fsyf@fsyf.org) by September 17.

Questions? Email [fsyf@fsyf.org](mailto:fsyf@fsyf.org) or call 703-731-2960



## We're on Facebook

Yep, that's right. We have a Facebook page that we use to post occasional updates about our activities and events.

In the future the page may include photos, videos and discussion boards. Plus, it's another great way to network with other members of the Foreign Service community. So, what's not to "Like?" Become a fan of AAFSW on Facebook today by clicking the Like button on the front page of our website, [www.aafsw.org](http://www.aafsw.org), or going directly to <http://www.facebook.com/aafsw>. We thank you for your support!

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## SOSA Awards

Final call for 2010 SOSA award nominations! The deadline is **September 10, 2010**.

Check out state cable 44615 at <http://www.aafsw.org/sosa.htm> for details on how you can nominate a member of your community!

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## Membership Renewal

Please check the expiration date on the address label of this *Global Link* to see if you need to renew your AAFSW membership. If the expiration date is 2010 you are overdue as of September 1st! You may renew online at [http://aafsw.org/forms/renew\\_online.htm](http://aafsw.org/forms/renew_online.htm). Thanks!

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## Connecting the Foreign Service Blogosphere

One of the most popular features on the AAFSW website is our Foreign Service Blogs page. Clearly, there is a lot of interest out there in what life is like for members of the Foreign Service community. If you have a personal or professional blog that you would like to list on the site, email [webmaster@aafsw.org](mailto:webmaster@aafsw.org) with the URL and a brief description.

In an effort to further connect Foreign Service bloggers and increase our own visibility we've designed a widget that you can put on your blog's sidebar which directs readers to our Foreign Service Blogs page.

Check out dozens of Foreign Service blogs and get the code to add our widget to your own blog at <http://aafsw.org/overseas/blogs.htm>.

Read more Foreign Service blogs at [www.aafsw.org](http://www.aafsw.org)!



# AAFSW's September Program

AAFSW cordially invites you to a program that will enhance your knowledge and appreciation of American History. "The Celebrated Mrs. Macaulay" will be held on Tuesday, September 21 at 10:00 a.m. in the Benjamin Franklin Diplomatic Reception Room on the 8th floor of the Department of State. The program will feature a performance by Laurie Kittle, co-founder and current co-coordinator of Gunston Hall's living history group, the Gunstonians

Meet the well-known English historian and friend of American independence, Mrs. Catharine Macaulay Graham (1731-1791), portrayed by first-person interpreter Ms. Laurie Kittle.

Mrs. Macaulay Graham visited the U.S. in 1784-1785 and was fêted in Boston, New York, and Philadelphia. She was the guest of George Washington at Mount Vernon for 2 weeks in 1785. She was the author of an 8-volume history of England, numerous pamphlets supporting the American cause, and a highly prescient book on education.

Ms. Kittle has degrees in history from George Washington University and the University of Virginia. For three years, she was a research assistant on a project concerning the documentary history of the

first Federal Congress. She has lectured at Gunston Hall, Carlyle House, and Gadsby's Tavern on one of her favorite subjects: horses, carriages, and horseback riding in the 18th century. She has also lectured on the clothing of the Mason family, George Mason and the Constitution, and the women of the Mason family.

In 2008, Ms. Kittle attended the Attingham Summer School, an intensive course in England on the decorative arts, architecture, archeology, and history of the English country house. This is a professional summer school for curators, architects, and museum professionals.

She has more than 20 years of experience in the field of technical publications and is currently a contractor for the Department of State: Consular Affairs, and Citizenship Systems.

Please come and enjoy this interesting program and invite your family and friends.

I look forward to seeing you.

Sheila Switzer  
AAFSW Program Chairperson  
programs@aafsw.org

P.S. Save the the date for an amazing AAFSW Halloween party on October 30! Details to follow on our website and in the October *Global Link*.



## SEPTEMBER 21 PROGRAM: THE CELEBRATED MRS. MACAULAY

Please reply no later than Tuesday, September 14. The event takes place on Tuesday, September 21st from 10:00 a.m. to 12 noon at the Department of State (23rd Street Entrance.) The cost for this event is \$15 per person for members and guests. Send this form with payment to:

AAFSW Reservations  
4001 North Ninth Street, Suite 214  
Arlington, Virginia 22203

You may also reserve and pay online at [www.aafsw.org](http://www.aafsw.org).

## SEPTEMBER 21 PROGRAM

Name (as you wish it to appear on the name tag)

Date of Birth and Passport or Driver's License Number

Telephone

Name of guest(s), D.O.B.'s and Passport or Driver's License Numbers

# Yes, I want to help at Art&Bookfair'10!

**October 8-17, 2010**

Please sign up no later than September 10 in order to allow time to have special Diplomatic Security badges prepared and to schedule volunteer shifts. *Thanks in advance for any support you can provide! We can't do it without you!*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Telephone number(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have a Department of State badge?

Yes  No

If you do not have a Department of State badge, please provide the following information:

Date of birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Driver's License (with state) or Passport #: \_\_\_\_\_

*This information is required by Department of State Security.*

If you volunteered last year, we should have your address and security information. Your name and days/times you are available are all we need.

**Please circle the shifts that you are willing to work.**

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17 OPEN TO PUBLIC 9-1 1-4	18 CLEAN UP DAY	<p><b>I WOULD LIKE TO ASSIST:</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> CASHIERING <input type="checkbox"/> GENERAL DUTIES AS ASSIGNED  <input type="checkbox"/> NEED A SEATED JOB <input type="checkbox"/> VAN DRIVER - PUBLIC DAYS</p> <p>Please note: The times given are for periods when volunteer work is scheduled, not for hours when the Art&amp;BookFair is open to customers. Early morning volunteers are also needed to watch over ABF from 6:00-9:00 a.m. (Oct 5-8 and 12-15) when the thoroughway must be open for employees. If you have a State Dept. badge, please consider volunteering for this early shift.</p>				

Please mail this form to AAFSW, 4001 North Ninth Street, Suite 214, Arlington, VA 22203. You may also email your name, volunteer days, and hours to [office@aafsw.org](mailto:office@aafsw.org) or [bookfairvol@aafsw.org](mailto:bookfairvol@aafsw.org). Please try to honor your commitment because we really do depend on you!

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# Register Now to Vote in November!

In 2010, every seat in the House of Representatives and 36 Senate seats will be contested. Midterm congressional elections are federal elections, open to overseas voters. Register for an absentee ballot now to make sure your vote is counted!

The Federal Voting Assistance Program (FVAP) administers the federal responsibilities of the Presidential designee (Secretary of Defense), under the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act (UOCAVA) of 1986. The Act, which was updated in October 2009, covers more than six million potential voters.

The FVAP has three distinct goals. These are to: inform and educate U.S. citizens worldwide of their right to vote; foster voting participation; and protect the integrity of, and simultaneously enhance, the electoral process at the Federal, State and local levels.

AAFSW reminds our overseas members to be prepared to vote absentee in this year's Congressional and local elections.

## The Basic Absentee Voting Process

### *Step 1*

Citizen completes and mails the Federal Post Card Application Form (SF-76), The registration and Absentee Ballot Request Form can be found on <http://www.fvap.gov>.

### *Step 2*

Local Election Official approves Registration request or requests further information

### *Step 3*

Local Election Official mails absentee ballot\*

### *Step 4*

Citizen votes and mails the absentee ballot to the Local Election Official in time to meet state deadlines.

\* In order to receive an absentee ballot in a timely manner, it is imperative for citizens to keep their local election official informed of address changes.

Here are a few more online resources to help you complete your registration and ballot.

<http://www.overseasvotefoundation.org>

This useful site features a secure voter registration wizard provided by the non-partisan Overseas Vote Foundation. Also included: OVF's Voter Help Desk and the OVF Election Official Directory.

<http://www.americanoverseasnetwork.net/>

This organization seeks to encourage Americans overseas to vote, and researches the political views of expatriate Americans. Several voter FAQs are provided, including links to individual state voter information sites and links to various political webzines and blogs.

<http://www.cnn.com/POLITICS/>

In each election year, CNN provides comprehensive coverage of national candidates and races. The Election Center, found at the right side of the page, offers a clickable map of races by state, an overview of major issues, and a glossary of election terms.

<http://www.npr.org/politics/>

NPR offers extensive election coverage in blog and podcast format. For even more podcast political coverage, visit NPR's Podcast Directory and click "Politics."

<http://www.politico.com/>

For serious political geeks only, this site covers news from a political perspective and has detailed information on elections and polling in its "2010" section.

For more information on overseas voting, including links to political party websites, visit our voting resources page at <http://aafsw.org/overseas/voting.htm>.

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## Spread the Word About AAFSW!

Sadly, many people in the Foreign Service community have never heard of AAFSW. Or, if they have heard of our organization, they do not know about everything that we do. Help us raise our profile! Tear out the flyer on the opposite page and ask your Community Liaison Office Coordinator to post it on his or her bulletin board. Or, post it on the bulletin board in your office, Embassy cafeteria, or Commissary. Or, print out several copies and pass them your to friends and co-workers.

A printable color version of this flyer is also available as a PDF document at <http://www.aafsw.org/flyer.pdf>. Thank you for your support!



## *We connect the Foreign Service community at home and abroad!*

### **Who are We?**

AAFSW is a 501 (c) non-profit organization and an advocate for the Foreign Service community. While we are an independent organization, with lobbying access to Congress, we work closely with Department of State offices to effect positive change. Since 1960, we have been working to promote a higher quality of life for the Foreign Service community.

We aim to connect the Foreign Service community through Washington DC-based activities as well as online discussion groups which include the global Foreign Service family.

We provide a conduit for essential information through our newsletter, website, interest groups, and more.

We recognize the contributions of Foreign Service family members to their communities through awards such as the Secretary of State's Award for Outstanding Volunteerism Abroad (SOSA), professional fellowships and scholarships.

And finally, in our role as a voice and advocate for family members, we provoke institutional change such as the establishment of the Family Liaison Office and Overseas Briefing Center (yes, those exist because of AAFSW!)

### **Why Should I Join?**

Spouses, partners, and active and retired employees of all U.S. foreign affairs agencies are invited to join AAFSW. The membership fee includes:

- 10 yearly issues of our information-packed *Global Link* newsletter.
  - Worldwide access to the members-only section of our website.
  - Free advertising for your business, rental property, or other goods and services in the public classified ads section of the site.
  - Membership in our Washington, D.C. area interest groups: Foreign-Born Spouses, French Conversation, Playgroup and more.
  - Invitations to monthly programs in the Washington, D.C. area including guest speakers in the Benjamin Franklin room at the Department of State and the annual AAFSW Awards Ceremony.
  - Interesting and meaningful volunteer opportunities in Washington, D.C. and abroad.
  - Many more opportunities to network with a community of people who have been there, done that, and understand where you are coming from!
- Please consider joining AAFSW today! Apply online at [www.aafsw.org](http://www.aafsw.org).

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