

# GLOBAL LINK

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## BOOKFAIR ANTICIPATION BUILDS

**F**or months, volunteers have been working hard to prepare for AAFSW's 45th Annual BOOKFAIR, and anticipation is building! If you would like to help during BOOKFAIR, please complete and send in the volunteer registration form on page 5 by

**September 20.** In addition, we still need to fill three critical volunteer positions: Book Operations Treasurer to oversee the accounts, Volunteer Coordinator to oversee our team of helpers, and Collector's Corner Manager to oversee the sale of more rare and valuable books. For more information, please contact Robin Jones at [bookroom@aafsw.org](mailto:bookroom@aafsw.org) or 202-223-5796.

### Help advertise—it's easy!

Those of you living in the Washington, D.C. area will notice in this issue of the Global



October 14—23

Link a separate flyer with BOOKFAIR dates and information. Help us publicize BOOKFAIR by posting this flyer at the supermarket, gym, apartment complex mailroom, school, coffee shop, or anywhere you can.

### Mark your calendars

State Department employees, their escorted guests, retirees and their spouses are cordially invited to the opening of BOOKFAIR on **Friday, October 14th** at 2:00pm in the Exhibit Hall at Main State (HST). During the week, from October 17th through 21st, this same group of people will be admitted from 11:00am to 3:00pm. BOOKFAIR is open to the general public on two weekends: October 15/16 and 22/23 from 10:00am to 4:00pm each day. The last day, some items are half price. Visa, MasterCard, and checks accepted.

## NEW FACES AND PLACES

AAFSW has been busy this summer moving into a new office (see page 2 for details) and transitioning a new Board of Directors. See page 8 for our complete contact information.

We welcome some new faces: Honorary President Maggie Pearson, 1st V-P Elaine Neumann, Secretary Connie Griffin, and Alicia Sinclair, who will be working with Joan Sitnik Walsh on Membership issues. We are also pleased to introduce Jeff Porter, our new Website Advertising Manager, and Jennifer Joy Bronk, our new Legal Consultant.

Our volunteers are the backbone of AAFSW, and we are grateful for the energy of our entire leadership team. Want to play a more active role in AAFSW? Contact [president@aafsw.org](mailto:president@aafsw.org) to see how you can help.

## SOSA DEADLINE OCT. 7

**F**all is almost here, and with it, the **October 7** deadline for the prestigious AAFSW/Secretary of State's Award for Outstanding Volunteerism Abroad (SOSA). If you know someone at post (or who has recently departed) who has done outstanding volunteer work in the host country or post community, nominate him or her or yourself for SOSA. All family members over 18 years of age and employees attached to the mission are eligible. Posts and individuals may submit as many nominations as they wish.

A winner will be chosen from each geographical bureau—that means **six winners will each receive \$2,500; a trip to the award presentation at the Department of State on December 6,**

**2005; a pin; and a certificate signed by the Secretary of State!** This generous prize is made possible in part by new funding provided by the Green Family Foundation, which was created by Ambassador Steven J. Green and his wife, Dorothea, in 1991 to support groups and individuals working for social change. AAFSW is proud the Green Family Foundation wishes to encourage volunteerism abroad as former Secretary of State and Mrs. James A. Baker and other SOSA donors have done since 1990.

For nominating procedures, go to [www.aafsw.org/aafsw/awards.htm#sosa](http://www.aafsw.org/aafsw/awards.htm#sosa) or contact the AAFSW office. All nominations must be emailed to [office@aafsw.org](mailto:office@aafsw.org) or faxed to 703-820-5421 by October 7, 2005.



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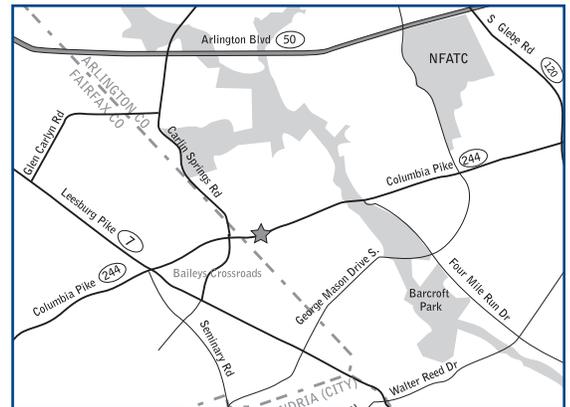
## AAFSW MAKES A MOVE

**A** AFSW is moving up in the world...or at least to Arlington, Virginia. Last month, after 10 years on MacArthur Boulevard NW, AAFSW moved its headquarters to a slightly larger office on Columbia Pike (Rte. 224) just east of Carlin Springs Road. Please note the new contact information:

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The Board is pleased with the new office, which is much closer to the NFATC. It has a meeting room with space for AAFSW's library of Foreign Service resources and plenty of room to attend to the daily administrative needs of the organization.

Office Manager Debbi Miller and others have worked hard to make this move as smooth as possible. Now that we are settled in, you are welcome to stop by for a visit. Office hours are Monday through Friday 11:00am until 3:00pm. There is free parking for visitors, and the AAFSW office can be accessed directly from the upper (rear) parking lot.



## POTATO CHIP CONNECTION

**Y**ou cannot make this stuff up...a board member of the American Employees Recreation Association (AERA) in Lagos, Nigeria recently contacted AAFSW to help solve a rather unique situation. In an effort to keep snackers at post happily munching on their favorite Frito-Lays, the commissary in Lagos ordered 520 bags of potato chips to be shipped via the diplomatic pouch so that they would arrive quickly, economically, and—most importantly—fresh. Unfortunately, this shipment was well over size and weight restrictions, and the additional shipping charges would have pushed the price of one bag of potato chips to about \$10. Even an American in Nigeria is not that desperate.

Before considering the whole order a loss, AERA Lagos asked AAFSW if we could help them donate the potato chips to a D.C.-area

charity. AAFSW Membership Co-Chair, Joan Walsh, suggested giving the chips to Food for Others, the largest distributor of free food to people in need in Northern Virginia. “I make sandwiches for [Food for Others] once a month,” said Joan. “We sometimes deliver 800 sandwiches after only an hour of work!”

Calls were made, people connected, and the chips were delivered within days. “The pouch people were very understanding, and they decided to drive the 500 pounds or 73 boxes or 4 pallets of chips over to Fairfax rather than see me make numerous trips back and forth with my van,” said Joan. A happy ending for all: Lagos got a tax deduction; Food for Others got to feed some hungry people; the pouch facility got their space back; and AAFSW got to the satisfaction of helping others. **Thanks Joan!**

## AAFSW MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL AND INFORMATION UPDATE

The date next to your name on the address label of your Global Link tells you when your membership expires. If it is 8/31/05, your membership is renewable this year. You can update your member profile, pay membership dues, and make financial contributions to AAFSW two ways: **1.** log onto <http://www.aafsw.org/aafsw/membership.htm> or **2.** complete this form and send it with your check (made out to AAFSW) to **AAFSW Membership, 5555 Columbia Pike, Suite 208, Arlington, VA 22204-5852**

Many members make donations when they renew. If your membership does not need renewing this year or you have already renewed this year, please consider using this form to donate to AAFSW.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

### Membership

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

### Contributions *(these are tax deductible)*

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

**Total payment** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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

Address, telephone, and/or email changes \_\_\_\_\_

New children names and DOB \_\_\_\_\_

Been evacuated recently? Where and when? \_\_\_\_\_

Been on SMA recently? \_\_\_\_\_

Changed jobs? \_\_\_\_\_

Been involved in AAFSW activities? \_\_\_\_\_

### HELP WANTED

#### Book Operations Treasurer

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

#### BOOKFAIR Volunteer Coordinator

AAFSW is looking for one or two people to coordinate BOOKFAIR volunteers. Assign tasks and meet volunteers at BOOKFAIR every morning at 8:00am to direct activities. This is a busy but fun job that ends when BOOKFAIR does. No experience is necessary.

*For more information and to apply, please contact Robin Jones at [bookroom@aafsw.org](mailto:bookroom@aafsw.org) or 202-223-5796.*

## CYBERSPOUSE RENOVATES

The Cyberspouse has observed that her husband has exactly four advantages over herself as a handyperson. He can:

1. lift heavier things
2. reach higher things

3. bang harder on things
4. curse at things more expressively

Otherwise, there is nothing about being a male, or an FSO, that qualifies one to repair or renovate houses. And remember that old saw about men not wanting to ask for

directions? The Cyberspouse can tell you that simply asking for directions is the most important home improvement skill...*Read more DIY tips from the Cyberspouse this month on [www.aafsw.org](http://www.aafsw.org).*

# Member Activities

## FSYF'S ANNUAL WELCOME BACK PICNIC

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

There will be activities for all ages, including a discussion on the re-entry process for parents by the FLO's Education and Youth Officer, Becky Grappo. If you know of any A-100 or returning FS families in the area, please invite them to attend.

RSVP to Melanie Newhouse at 301-404-6655 or [fsyf@fsyf.org](mailto:fsyf@fsyf.org) by Wednesday, September 14.

## FBS GROUP DE-STRESSES

**Lisa Wilkinson**, FBS Group Co-chair

**E**arlier this year, the Foreign Born Spouses Group met at Anna Maria Taylor's residence to hear guest speaker, Marietta Amatangelo, MS, RD/LD, discuss combating stress through positive nutrition. Ms. Amatangelo is an Integrative, Holistic Nutritionist and Registered Dietitian with over 20 years experience.

Attendees of the lecture learned that stress is the body's reaction to a change or threat, real or imagined. Ms. Amatangelo explained in detail the various kinds of stress and how to positively cope with them while avoiding pitfalls like overindulging in junk food and alcohol.

Ms. Amatangelo recommendations included doing yoga or another contemplative practice; exercising 30 minutes a day; eating four or five mini-meals instead of three squares a day; cutting back on sugar, white flour, and French fries and eating more fruits, whole grains, nuts, and beans; taking nutritional supplements such as multi-vitamins and antioxidants; and sleeping at least six hours a night. With this wealth of information, the many participants of the FBS Group are sure to be the most tranquil members of AAFSW.



L to R: Maria Baier (Colombia), Cristina Naughton, (Argentina), Ms. Marietta Amatangelo (guest speaker), Marta Muller (Argentina), and Janine Bland (France). Photo by Lisa Wilkinson.

*To learn more about this interesting lecture, go to <http://www.aafsw.org/aafsw/fbspouses.htm>. To join the FBS Group, please contact [fbsgroup@aafsw.org](mailto:fbsgroup@aafsw.org).*

**AAFSW Playgroup always welcomes new and returning Foreign Service families. For more information, contact [playgroup@aafsw.org](mailto:playgroup@aafsw.org).**



## TRASH TO TREASURE



**R**uby Carlino, AAFSW Post Representative Coordinator, raised \$130 for AAFSW and helped her friends and colleagues at post declutter their closets by coordinating the second El Salvador AAFSW Yard Sale. The event was well-attended and helped publicize our organization. Thanks Ruby! To become an AAFSW representative at your post, please contact [postrep@aafsw.org](mailto:postrep@aafsw.org).

# Yes, I want to help at BOOKFAIR 2005!

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

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

Do you have a DOS pass?  Yes  No

If no, please give date of birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Social Security Number: \_\_\_\_\_

BOOKFAIR 2005



October 14–23, 2005

Please circle the times that you wish to work:

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun
<b>10</b>          <b>Columbus Day</b>	<b>11</b>  9-12 set-up  12-3  Set-up Day	<b>12</b>  9-12 set-up  12-3  Set-up Day	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>  9-12  12-5:30  Family Day	<b>15</b>  9-1  12:30-4:30  Open to the Public	<b>16</b>  9-1  12:30-4:30  Open to the Public
<b>17</b>  10-3:30	<b>18</b>  10-3:30	<b>19</b>  10-3:30	<b>20</b>  10-3:30	<b>21</b>  10-3:30	<b>22</b>  9-1  12:30-4:30  Open to the Public	<b>23</b>  9-1  12:30-4:30  Open to the Public
<b>24</b>  9-12  12-3  Clean up	<p>I would like to assist as a:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Cashier</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Reader</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Restocker/Floor Person</p> <p><i>Please note: The times given are for periods when volunteer work is scheduled, <b>not</b> for hours when the BOOKFAIR is open to customers.</i></p>					

Remove the form, fold and place a stamp in the designated spot and return promptly.

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

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# Support

## FSYF DIPLOKIDS COORDINATOR

The Foreign Service Youth Foundation (FSYF) is accepting applications for its Diplokids Coordinator position. FSYF is looking for a Foreign Service parent to plan and participate in fun activities for Foreign Service families with elementary school-aged kids living in the Washington, D.C. area. The job is flexible and fun, and is a great way to meet other Foreign Service parents. Please contact Melanie Newhouse at [fsyf@fsyf.org](mailto:fsyf@fsyf.org) or 301-404-6655.

## Dear Tales from a Small Planet fans,

Good news first: Tales from a Small Planet has had a great year. We've won a Best of the Web award from Forbes Magazine (read more at <http://www.forbes.com/bow/b2c/review.jhtml?id=7345>), we've recruited more staff and volunteers, and we feature more Real Post Reports than ever before. We have a new editorial panel in place so that the quality of our literary magazine has risen. Our message boards are now monitored and are busier than ever.

What's the bad news? We'll be blunt: If Tales does not raise a substantial amount of money, we're going out of business. Please click on the Support Us button at the top of our home page at [www.talesmag.com](http://www.talesmag.com) to find out how you can keep us going. Any amount will help, and it's tax-deductible. You've let us know, by your frequent visits to our site, that you need us. Now we really need you.

If you are as poor as we are, you can still help us by updating our Real Post Reports. Many have terrific and current information, but others are getting a little outdated. If you're in a city that needs an update, please fill out a new Real Post Report questionnaire for us today.

Quite a few AAFSW members have had a hand in founding or helping out with Tales from a Small Planet. Kelly Midura, aka The Cyberspouse, designed our very first website. Patricia Linderman and I took on the literary portion of the site, and Victoria Hess single-handedly set up the Real Post Reports. Current board members Shawn Dorman and Fatimah Mateen are AAFSW members. So you see, Tales and AAFSW have a lot in common.

We want to be there for you this year, next year, and the years to come. Thank you so much for your help.

Sincerely,

**Francesca Kelly**, Founding Editor  
[www.talesmag.com](http://www.talesmag.com)  
...what it's really like to live there...

## CENTRAL AMERICA: CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES

Barbara Gordon, AAFSW Programs Chair

We are pleased to launch AAFSW's new program series with guest speaker Dr. Kent Hoadley, a widely known and respected expert on Latin America. He will discuss the poverty and progress in Honduras, the second poorest Central American country. While this small country suffers an extreme disparity between the rich and the poor, there are important signs of development in agriculture, industry, and especially education.

For example, the Canahuati family of San Pedro Sula, Honduras' second-largest city, has developed a successful textile industry that values good labor conditions and education. Their progressive leadership provides employment for hundreds of people who have been trained, work in air-conditioned buildings, and enjoy rest periods and food breaks. This family also recognizes the importance of education for children of low income families. They have started a full-scale primary school using modern books and teaching methods adapted from

the U.S. Classes are taught in both English and Spanish, thereby reinforcing understanding and good relations with their neighbors, including the U.S.

Another case in point: Zamorano, a private, multi-disciplinary university founded in 1942 to raise the standard of living among the rural poor through education and training, has seen its numbers grow. Although it started with only 140 students, this university near the capital of Tegucigalpa now attracts 800 students a year from all over Latin America and even Africa. Over 5,000 students have graduated and obtained important positions, where their efficiency and entrepreneurship, along with their honesty and integrity, are having an effect on their societies.

What is the importance of this educational program to Central American countries? How does it affect relations with the U.S., the rest of Latin America, and even Japan and China? Dr. Hoadley is sure to enlighten us.



Dr. Hoadley is currently President of Zamorano. He earned his MBA and his DBA from Harvard Business School, and is a co-author of 60 management case studies on agribusiness in Latin America. Dr. Hoadley has served as a consultant to many international organizations, including the World Bank, the Inter-American Development Bank, and USAID, and has been a visiting professor to business schools and executive development centers worldwide. He also has served as Dean of the Arthur D. Little School of Management, and was Director of the Center for International Business Education and Research at the Kenan-Flagler Business School of the University of North Carolina.

Please join us on **September 20, 2005** for a fascinating discussion on Honduras and what the future may hold. Reserve your place today!

### SEPTEMBER 20 PROGRAM

#### Central America: Challenges and Opportunities

**PLEASE REPLY NO LATER THAN  
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2005.**

Coffee & tea at 10:00am, program begins 10:30am on the 8th floor Diplomatic Reception Rooms, Main State (Please use the C Street entrance of the State Department.)

Please send form and check made out to AAFSW for **\$15** per person to:

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Name of guest(s) and SSN(s)

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