

Our History

Founded in 1927 by four American women married to Dutch men, the American Women's Club of Amsterdam has a long tradition of helping American women feel at home in the Netherlands.

Affiliation

AWCA is a member of FAWCO, the Federation of American Women's Clubs Overseas.

FAWCO is a worldwide, non-partisan organization that strives to bring together more than 17,000 women in 35 countries (including FAWCO Alumni USA) to inform them on matters of common interest and to work out their particular challenges of living abroad. FAWCO also has status as a non-governmental organization (NGO) with the United Nations. For more information on FAWCO, visit their website at www.fawco.org.

Meetings

General Meetings are typically held the first Thursday of the month, September to June in the center of Amsterdam. We also have a range of monthly activities in our four geographic areas: Amsterdam, 't Gooi, Haarlem, and Lakeland.

Membership

It's simple! Come to the next AWCA meeting as our guest. In order to be considered for membership you must be an American, or have an American partner, or have a demonstrable link to the USA, or have been a member of another FAWCO member club.

Contact our Membership Director for more information.

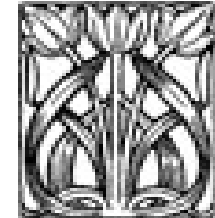
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Who We Are

The AWCA is a non-profit, volunteer organization providing friendship and support among American women living in the greater Amsterdam area. Membership averages 450 and includes women from throughout the United States. Some members have come to the Netherlands directly from the US while others from any number of foreign countries. In addition, many members have Dutch partners.

At our monthly meetings you will find women of all ages, signing up for book clubs, philanthropic work, and wide-ranging committees and activities that reflect our diversity. Within each of our four geographic areas, members can stay close to home while enjoying coffee mornings, "Moms and Tots," hiking, evening groups, and numerous other activities.

Why Join?

Friendship

Being away from home can make finding a friend even more important. At the AWCA, you'll find hundreds of interesting and friendly women who have experienced the transition to Dutch life.

Information

Each gathering offers newcomers and long-term members the chance to exchange tips and ideas about how and where we live. Our monthly magazine, *Tulip Talk*, is filled with information about upcoming activities and meetings. There are special articles about life in Holland, such as cooking, ecology, law, finance, fitness, travel, education, and voting. Our website, www.awca.nl, is a repository of information on life in Holland. Throughout the club year we have top-level speakers on information topics at our General Meetings.

Fun

AWCA committees and members organize various exciting activities throughout the club year. One of our most popular activities, "Art on the Move," offers a monthly guided tour of a special exhibit or a museum's regular collection. There are other activities available such as: book clubs, night group, family events, excursions, philanthropy, and many more. Whatever your interests, you'll be sure to find many day and evening activities, as well as worthwhile projects throughout the year.

Membership Includes

- Issues of *Tulip Talk* magazine September through June
- Monthly General Meetings
- Access to all AWCA activities
- Access to the Members Only section of the website
- Discounts at various businesses including: American Book Center and Waterstone's

And More

As our group is simply a reflection of our members, the list of our activities grows and changes as our membership does. Bring your ideas with you – we welcome your participation!