

In our third year after relaunching the club, we maintained our membership at 270 and continued to add more structure in our administration. American members (which includes US passport holders, and wives and children of US citizens) still make up 70% while the remaining 30% come from nearly 30 different countries. We successfully implemented Wild Apricot for membership management.

Philanthropy was formalized with the naming of a Chair, Stephanie Biery, and a documented strategy: globally, supporting the FAWCO Target Project, and locally supporting the Ronald McDonald House and a local Berlin charity helping women & girls, to be nominated and voted on by our members each year. In February 2018, AWC Berlin produced for the third time the V-Day performance of The Vagina Monologues raising €5000 for Ban Ying e.V., one of Berlin's oldest projects for women who have been victims of violence, exploitation, or human trafficking. We donated 3200 Euro to the FAWCO Target Project this year with several fundraising initiatives (Robin Goldby Charity Concert, live auction at Amanda Lane's visit, Pluck the Turkey at Thanksgiving, and raffle at the Holiday Party). This would bring our total donation to FAWCO Target Program 2016-2019 to 11,200 Euro.

We continued with quarterly cooking for the families at the local Ronald McDonald House, and increased our financial support by sponsoring one of their apartments. At Christmas, we packed Christmas Shoe Boxes for young single mothers and their children and collected for the Mittens Tree, gifting three large bags of hats, gloves and scarves to the Berliner Stadtmission.

Besides philanthropy, our membership enjoyed the American holiday celebrations, monthly general meetings with interesting speakers, special events such as Members Showcase and Storytelling Night, and ongoing activities such as creative writing classes, book clubs, cultural outings, women's salons, and walking tours.

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