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## **Federation of American Women's Clubs Overseas Alumnae USA**

Hello,

Have you lived overseas, or are you about to return to the USA or Canada?

You may be happy and excited to return to family, friends, and your favorite American food, or you may be dreading the thought of not having the world on your doorstep. Most likely you will have mixed feelings about your upcoming move. Your international experience will have changed the way you see the world. Family, friends, and neighbors who haven't had the opportunity to experience life outside the United States may not understand you or choose to ignore your experience. Repatriating can be very isolating even if you return to your hometown. As a "Repat," you and your family will face some challenges. The members of FAUSA understand what you are going through and can come to your assistance in many ways.

FAWCO Alumnae USA, better known as FAUSA has four goals to aid its members:

1. Help them in their repatriation process.
2. Help them maintain international ties.
3. Give them access to education awards for them and their children.
4. Give them the opportunity to "pay back" through philanthropic projects.

Membership in FAUSA will give you the opportunity to network with people who have lived all over the world. There are active social groups in several geographic areas. We keep in touch through our website, Facebook Page, regular email updates, and e-news. In addition, members of FAUSA and their guests have the opportunity to attend a "Getaway" weekend in the autumn each year. This annual gathering is a great way to visit areas of the U.S. you may not know, to meet fellow repatriates and to reunite with friends you knew abroad. FAUSA members may also attend the FAWCO Conference held each March in locations around the world. Members may participate in any FAWCO-sponsored activity, including the conferences, Task Forces, and NGO programs. Additionally, every year, FAUSA members and their families are eligible to apply for Education Awards. FAUSA works closely with The FAWCO Foundation to support our joint philanthropic projects. Do take a look at our website, [www.fausa.org](http://www.fausa.org), where you can find out more about our organization and download a registration form. Please contact us, and we will be happy to answer any questions you may have. Remember, when it is time to return to the United States, "You have a friend in FAUSA."

Warm Regards,

Janet Darrow  
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