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ESL Club & Women Speak: Our Second Home in America

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Ruchina



CHINA
GeGe and
Zoe



PAKISTAN
Hamza

Notes from the officers



Hi everyone! My name is Deborah Ugwu. I am the president of this wonderful club known as the ESL Club. To be honest, this club has been a blessing. Words can't describe how great I feel when we come together. It's always like I know everyone is a part of my family. We have had lots of activities, and we have visited fun places. One of my favorite trips was the one to the Pop Store. It was really amazing; I've never been to such place before in my entire life! ESL Club is really one of a kind, and I hope to see more students come join us and be part of the club. I love you all! We love you guys. ESL Club loves you all!! Stay strong!

Yours sincerely,

Debby, your dutiful president

Hey guys, I'm Ta-an, (Jeremy) Wu from Taiwan! I'm the secretary of ESL Club. It's my pleasure to be one of the officers and participate in lots of fun activities in the club. I never imagined I would meet so many friends from different countries and learn English together! This is my first but also last semester at SWOSU. Time flies when we're having fun. I'm about to take these unforgettable memories back to my home country where I'll share my wonderful experiences with all my friends for sure.



Best wishes,

Ta-an, Wu, Secretary of ESL Club, Fall 2017



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Thanksgiving

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What comes into your mind first when it comes to Thanksgiving?



Ms. Tee and Ms. Verkler are good friends!



Ms. Verkler came to our club with a superb plan. The officers met with her to discuss the activities.



Ms. Verkler brought two students from the English Club. They shared their personal American Thanksgiving experiences with us! Thank you, Ms. Verkler!

How do you make a Thanksgiving turkey design?

1



Trace your hand on the color paper and cut it out.

2



Decorate the turkey.

3



Write what you're thankful for!





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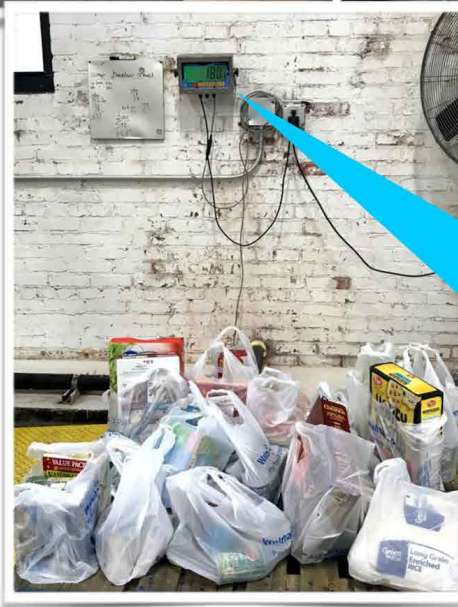
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Has A BIG  , Too

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We donated some non-perishables to the Weatherford Food & Resource Center.



Look at that. It's going to feed many hungry families and make them happy.

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Weather Forecast

Impromptu Speech

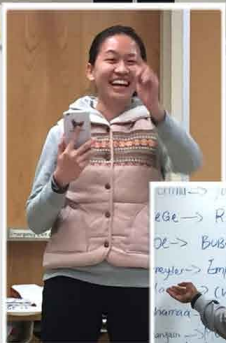
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Meet our international student "meteorologists."
Believe it or not, they've learned about Oklahoma weather.



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Crazy Hairstyle

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Can't wait to dig in! Keep moving, you guys.



Chinese dumplings. Yum!



African jolof rice. Spicy!



Hot-of-the-oven banana bread, chicken pot pie. Down it all with sweet and creamy boba tea. Mmm!



International Delicacies



ESL's Got Chefs





ESL' s Got Talent



You will never believe what our members can do!



Friends forever. See you again!

Notes from the officers



There is a quote by Malala that says, "I speak not for myself, but for those without a voice." SWOSU Women Speak has been an open door for all young female international students. Women's voices should be heard, and this organization has been the perfect outlet for us. Since the inception of this club a year ago, I witnessed what Women Speak represented for each member. At the time, I was a club member. This club introduced me to so many wonderful female international students from different countries around the world. The diversity of languages, cultures, and accents intrigued me and gave me a great sense of belonging. This semester, as a club president, it's the place I enjoy every minute listening and learning about women's issues and success stories. I take great satisfaction with the fact that Women Speak has been successful in helping the most shy and introverted members like me who have always struggled with difficulty expressing ourselves. This is a place where we come together as one to discuss international women's issues, women's education, and the inequalities women still face around the globe. Fall 2017 has been a tremendous success for the club. Hence, I'd like to give credit to my wonderful team who worked and collaborated tirelessly to make each and every meeting successful. This is the kind of solid, effective teamwork that I knew would be the fabric of our small yet strong community. I am especially grateful for the support of our wonderful sponsor, Miss Tee Kesnan. I know that the university and Women Speak are indeed fortunate to have her here. I also appreciate our local leaders like Dean Dougherty, Dr. Christy Cook, and SWOSU Campus Police Officer, Ms. Tracie Lee, for their time, contribution, and support that they have provided to our club. I look forward to seeing you all again in Spring 2018. Happy holidays. Happy New Year!

Sincerely,

Smeyder Silvera President of Women Speak

Joining Women Speak Club had been one of the best decisions I made this semester. Becoming the secretary of this club has been one of the greatest privileges I have had. I have been able to work with wonderful ladies, and it was the contribution of each and every one of the members that made me look forward to each successful meeting. Just as the name of the club goes, each member who attended the meetings had a voice. If I was asked if I wanted to become a secretary of this club again, without any hesitation, I would happily say "Yes!"

Joyfully,

Ruthi Egbom Secretary of Women Speak



Women Speak

What does beauty mean to you?

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Jocelyn

I think beauty is a characteristic that everyone has. Sometimes it is about your appearance, the way you act, and talk. Beauty is a reflection of your heart; it is not a trait that you can create. It is just the way you are!



Beauty? It means everything to me. Being beautiful within is more important than being beautiful without. Nevertheless, I love to decompress by lying down once a week and relaxing with a facial mask. Taking care of my skin and hair has always been my priority. It's something I learned from my mom when I was growing up as a child.



Shamaa

Our Women Speak Hero

Dr. Christi Cook



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Melissa

Dr. Cook told us about what it was like to raise her child as a single mom while studying for her PhD at the same time. She taught us that nothing can stop us if we have a dream. We women, just like men, can be anyone we want to.



Our Women Speak Hero
Dean of Students, Cindy Dougherty



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Judy

I learned about a successful woman's story from Dean Dougherty. She said she doesn't like Taylor Swift's new song "Look what you made me do." She said that no one can make you do something you don't want to do. That's a powerful message for us women.





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Our Women Speak Hero
SWOSU Campus Police Officer
Ms. Tracie Lee



Shamaa

I was very excited to have her in our club. Hearing about her work in a male-dominated profession was interesting. She is brave, ambitious, and hard working. I was amazed by her life experiences. She was very friendly and kind to take our questions and answer them without any hesitation. Thank you very much, Ms. Tracie Lee!



Cool Facts



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Did you know that Mecca and Medina are the holiest cities in Islam? Non-Muslims are not allowed to set foot on these holy grounds.

Taiwan has an area of 36,197 km² (13,976 mi²), but there are 193 night markets in Taiwan.



In Korea, babies are considered one year old at birth.

Pakistan is the second largest Muslim nation in the world.

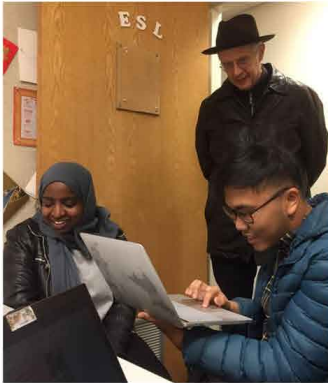


Nigeria is the most populous country in Africa, and the 8th most populous in the world with a population of more than 160 million people.

China is about the same size as the continental USA, but it only has one official time zone.



Paraguay's nickname is "Corazón de América" (the Heart of America). The name refers to Paraguay's location in the center of the South American continent.



A Word from the Newsletter Crew



As the newsletter crew, we met almost every day in the library, and from time to time in Ms. Tee's office. I think the most important thing I learned was to be patient and collaborate with other members. Different people have different talents. Since we knew each other's strengths, we worked efficiently and made the newsletter unique and artistic. The process made me appreciate my partners, Jeremy and Melissa, my club and myself! Hope you guys enjoy our hard work!
Zoe Wu

Being one of the newsletter crew, I enjoyed working with Jeremy, Zoe, and the club members. We discussed what activities we had this semester, which pictures we should choose, and which format we should use in our newsletter. The best part of working as a newsletter crew was to communicate and collect the opinions from others. In the course of it, I learned the facts of many countries. I am really proud that we created this beautiful newsletter. Teamwork pays!
Melissa Lin