



LOIS ROTH
FOUNDATION
FOR CROSS-CULTURAL DIALOGUE

Dear Friends,

2022 is our 35th anniversary year... and what a year has been!

We began it with a new look, a new website and our inauguration as the Lois Roth Foundation. The celebration then expanded as three new Project Support collaborations, organized by Board member Marti Estell, started becoming a reality: so far, awardees have been selected in concert with the Fulbright Commissions in Morocco and Uruguay, and our able Selection Committee is expecting to review candidates from the Comisión Fulbright del Ecuador soon. The year is also ending on a particularly high note, with both a Fulbright Distinguished Lecture by John Kerry at Kings College London and the recognition of an inspiring group of recipients of our Awards for Excellence in Cultural Diplomacy, organized by Board Secretary Anne Barbaro. For the first time in over three years, we were even able to hold an in-person luncheon for those recipients who were present in the DC area!

All in all, it has been a very creative and forward-looking time since I last wrote you. Of course, the economy has unfortunately not been thriving the way we would have liked. Shawn O'Reilly and Emily Ferry, our trusted advisors at RBC Wealth Management's Columbia Group, have been managing the challenging climate as skillfully as possible, but our holdings have not been immune. Over the course of the 2021-22 fiscal year, we suffered an overall loss of 14.88%; there is perhaps a glimmer of hope, however, in the fact that the rate of loss has improved since early 2022.

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In the face of all this, it is wonderful to know that we can count on old friends and new to help keep our programs going and growing. This year, we are particularly grateful to donors who have gone above and beyond. We thank Iraj Rastegar, for example, for his generous support and faith in our mission over the last two years. And this holiday season, we are especially grateful for the support of Jodie Lewinsohn, whose donation will guarantee our Gill Jacot-Guillarmod Awards far into the future. A former Foreign Service Officer and one of Lois's best friends, in 2012 Jodie banded together with other FSOs to establish these awards, which recognize excellence in cultural diplomatic service on the part of local employees at US embassies and missions around the world. It is enormously gratifying to know that these awards are now safeguarded in perpetuity.

As the end of the year approaches, I ask you to join the ranks of our hard-working Board members and donors like Jodie and Iraj in support of nurturing and deepening cross-cultural dialogue. Please consider making a first gift, or a larger gift than usual to the Lois Roth Foundation today!

Wishing you a warm and joyful holiday and winter season,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. Arndt-Briggs', with a stylized, flowing script.

Skyler Arndt-Briggs, Chair