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AUGUST 2011



President's Pen

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Hello! Welcome to our new members and welcome back to our returning members. The OSC Board has been working very hard this summer planning our 2011-12 year. Did you see us at the post Newcomers' Fair? How about National Night Out? Maybe you saw us at The Lanes for \$1 Bowling? We have been all over Ft Meade!



We will be holding our Annual Membership Drive and Welcome Back Brunch on Thursday, August 25th from 10-12pm at the Midway Commons Community Center (across the street from Pershing Hill Elementary).

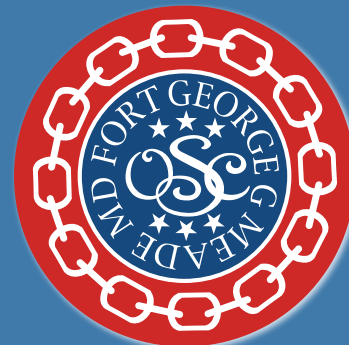
Please drop on by and say hello! You can also join the club, eat some yummy food, and sign up for some of our Special Activities.

We have several openings on our Board this year. The time commitment for each position varies, so please feel free to ask any of the Board members for more information. The openings are: Parliamentarian, Historian, and Ways & Means.

In closing, I wanted to tell you a little about myself. This is my second year as President and I am really looking forward to it! I am married to my high school sweetheart Gary, and we have two boys, Tommy is entering the 10th grade and Ben is entering 6th grade (I am a little sad about saying goodbye to elementary school).

We live in Crofton, and this is our second assignment at Ft Meade (we have also been stationed at Ft Huachuca 2X, Ft Carson, Ft Bragg 2X, and Ft Leavenworth). My favorite special activity last year was the Book Club. We will be PCSing to Colorado next summer so I will be trying to fit in as many touristy visits as I can!

We really do have a great year planned for you! I look forward to working with you and getting to know you!





1st Vice President

Jen Moesner

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Greetings everyone!

I am so excited for the 2011-2012 OSC year. We have lots of great ideas for the luncheons. My goal this year to provide you all with a fun and informative luncheon experience. We are doing some new things this year (October will feature an amazing chalk artist/story teller). We are also bringing back some old favorites like November's Wall of Purses & Accessories. (Start pulling our your gently used purses and accessories to donate. All proceeds will benefit our April Membership Appreciation.) Our luncheons will be held at The Courses this year. Here is our schedule:

Fort Meade OSC 2011-2012 Luncheons September 15

Getting to Know You + Vendor Showcase

October 20

Fall Bounty

November 17

Fashion Forward + Wall of Purses & Accessories

December 15

Holiday Traditions

January 19

How to Stretch Your \$

February 16

Oh the Places You Will Go

March 15

Wedding March

April 19

Membership Appreciation

May 17

Farewell Fiesta

Vendor Showcase

Our September luncheon will include a Vendor

Showcase, featuring local home-based and other businesses & services. We will be accepting one vendor from each home-based company (first come, first served) with priority going to an OSC member with that particular company. The cost for vendors to participate is \$10 for non-members and \$5 for members. Please note that in order to get the OSC member price, you must submit your 2011-2012 OSC membership application and \$30 fee no later than the day of the luncheon. The application is available on our new website www.fortmeadeosc.org.

If you would like to participate as a vendor, please email me at jenmoesner@verizon.net no later than **September 5**.

Luncheon Committee

New this year, I will be forming a Luncheon Committee for help with planning, programs, shopping, set up and clean up of the luncheons. The committee is open to all members. Our first meeting will be **Wednesday, August 17 at 11:30am at The Courses**. If you can't attend, but would still like to help, or have ideas for anything luncheon-related, just email me.

*The Fort Meade OSC invites you to our
Getting to Know You BBQ
Luncheon and Vendor Showcase*

*Thursday, September 15, 2011
10:30 am
at The Courses*

RSVP to reservations@fortmeadeosc.org



2nd Vice President

Sarah Young

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I have to tell you that I am really excited about this OSC Year! As Second Vice President, I am charged with making sure that we raise plenty of money to give back to our community, but as a Member of this club, I want us to have fun raising that money. I also want to make sure that the fundraisers we hold are things that we and our families can enjoy. I see you thinking, "How can we do that?" Well, the best way to do that is to have a fundraising committee. The charge of this committee will be to decide what fundraisers we will have for the 2011-2012 year. I hope that you will consider helping us make these decisions. Please email me if you would like to be on the fundraising committee!

Merry Mart 2011 has taken on a life of its own. I am proud to announce that we have received our permit to use Meade Middle School as our venue for Merry Mart 2011. Vendor applications are pouring in, and I am SO EXCITED about our Merry Mart family! If you would like to help with the planning or execution of Merry Mart 2011, please let me know. The More...The Merrier!



See you in September! sby

SPECIAL ACTIVITIES ANNOUNCEMENTS

There will be sign up sheets at the Newcomers Lunch on the 25th for clubs and special activities. There will be opportunities to join a couple new clubs as well as former favorites.



GOLF CLUB



If you want to play nine holes of golf each Monday, contact Debbie at kalexan525@aol.com. We play at 9:30 at the Ft Meade Golf Course. We play for fun...no stress...keep score if you want...don't keep score if you don't want to. Our group is for beginners and pros. So please contact Debbie and get on the list.

BOOK CLUB

Book club will be reading the New York Times bestseller "The Secret Life of Bees" by American author Sue Monk Kidd to discuss at our first meeting in September. Date and location: TBD



Fort Meade Officers' Spouses' Club Newcomers' Welcome Open House

Thursday, August 25th, 2011
1000-1200

Midway Commons Community Center
Questions?

Contact Patty @ pnhembree@hotmail.com

MEMBERSHIP

REFRESHMENTS

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

SPECIAL ACTIVITIES





If your Spouse works for NSA/USCYBERCOMMAND or has a badge to get into the Agency, then you are eligible to join our FABulous family support group. We have monthly lunches, outreach projects, tours of the building, and fun. Plus a Yahoo group where we share information. If you would like more information, please contact Debbie at kalexan525@aol.com.

Community Information

Upcoming Events in the Community:

August 17: Simply Sensational Young Ladies, at 11:00 am at the Potomac Neighborhood Center, open young ladies ages 11 to 18.

August 30: Romp and Stomp moves back to the Youth Center

September 10: Fort Meade's Got Talent from 6 to 8 pm at the McGill Training Center.

September 14: EFMP Organizational Strategies and Visual Supports Fort Meade Community Readiness Center. For information call 301-677-4122.

October 22-25: October Fest

If you know of other events happening in our community please contact the OSC community liaison, Melanie Kohler at communityliaison@fortmeadeosc.org.

ROWC Opening Brunch

The Retired Officers' Wives' Club (ROWC) at Fort Meade will begin its 2011-2012 activities with a brunch at 10:30 a.m. at Club Meade on Tuesday, September 6, 2011. The schedule of ROWC programs, trips, and projects will be announced.

Regular membership in the ROWC is extended to spouses, widows and widowers of retired officers and to retired officers of all branches of the military services. Associate membership may be extended to adult caregivers and relatives of the household. Associate membership is also extended to OSC members, DOD employees who retired at the grade of GS-9 or GGD-9 and above, to local government retirees of the equivalent professional rank as the DOD members, and to veterans who served as officers in the military but separated from the service before retirement. Spouses of associate members are also eligible for membership, as well as special applicants as approved by the executive board. Those eligible may attend one meeting before joining the club. Membership dues are \$25.00.

The cost of the brunch will be \$15.00. For reservations, members may call their area Reservation Committee representative. All others call Betty Wade at 410-551-7082 by noon Thursday, Sept. 1, 2011.

Submitted by Lois Stephenson

Hospitality

Know an OSC member who is expecting a baby, having a trying time with deployment, having surgery, or is grieving ... Hospitality wants to help! But, we can't help unless we know there is a need – please contact Noella Rivera at hospitality@fortmeadeosc.org and let us know how we can help.

Garden Club Opening Meeting

The Post Garden Club will hold its opening meeting on Friday, Sept. 16 at 10:00 a.m. at the Community Hall in Jessup at Route 175 and Wigley Avenue. Mrs. Sarah von Pollaro of Urban Petals in Washington, D. C.. will present a program and demonstration on combining fresh flowers with cuttings from houseplants to create arrangements. The arrangements she makes will be included in the opportunity drawing prizes.

Reservations are not required to attend the meeting. Refreshments will be served.

Membership in The Post Garden Club, also known as the Meade Area Garden Club, is open to all military and civilian members of the Fort Meade community. The club provides programs about gardening, plants, flower

arranging, and landscaping. .It also plans several trips throughout the year to places of interest to its members. One of the objectives of the club is to support Fort Meade by assisting in Post beautification projects, such as providing judges for the annual Yard-of-the-Year Competition.

Guests who are eligible to join the club may attend two meetings before they have to join. Yearly dues are \$20.00.

The club meets the third Friday of each month September to May, except December. For information about the club and its activities, call Lois Stephenson, President, at 410-740-8024.

Submitted by Lois Stephenson

Advertise in Chit Chat and the new OSC website

Spread the word about your business in our monthly newsletter and our new OSC website!

Members' prices for advertising in Chit Chat are:
\$5 for a business card-sized ad (3.23" x 1.8")
\$10 for a quarter of a page (5" x 3.75")
\$20 for two-thirds of a page (5" x 7.5") \$40 for a full page

****FALL SPECIAL****

Purchase one month of Chit Chat advertising and get one month of free advertising on the Fort Meade OSC's new website.

Contact Chit Chat at chitchat@fortmeadeosc.org (indicated rates include 50% member discount.)

OSC Member ads are marked with the OSC seal.

Please support our members with businesses.

Military Discounts

20%: Champs Sports Store in Columbia Mall
Home Depot, Lowe's, Hot Topic, Jiffy Lube,
Play It Again Sports, Ellicott City
Bead Soup, Savage Mill
Shane's Rib Shack , Laurel

15%: Picture People, Columbia Mall

10%: Charlotte Russe

Not confirmed for this area: Michael's, Pac Sun, Bass Pro Shop, Bath & Body Works, Footlocker, Dell, Apple, AutoZone, Nike Store, Quiznos, Pizza Hut, KFC, Wilson's Leather

Not all locations may offer the discount. When in doubt, just show your ID and ask if the store offers a military discount.



Membership Application

2011-2012
MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Fort Meade OSC to foster a feeling of friendship among its members and preserve the ideals and traditions of our community through social and charitable activities. We work to unify the interests and activities of our members for the betterment of Fort Meade and our surrounding community.

OSC President

president@fortmeadeosc.org

Please complete and return with your annual dues of **\$30.00** to:

Fort Meade OSC
PO BOX 280
Fort Meade, MD 20755

Name _____ Birthday _____

Spouse's Name and Rank _____

Branch of Service: Air Force Army Coast Guard Marines Navy DOD

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Cell _____

Email _____

Permanent Luncheon Reservation? YES NO

Office Use Only

Dues: \$ _____ Cash _____ Check # _____ Date _____

Permanent Reservation: Y/N

Chit Chat Weekly Email Luncheon Reminder



The Fort Meade OSC invites you to our

September Luncheon

Thursday, September 15, 2011

10:30 am

The Courses at Fort Meade

***Getting to Know You BBQ Luncheon
and Vendor Show***

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Fort Meade Officers' Spouses' Club
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**P.O. Box 280
Fort Meade, MD 20755**

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