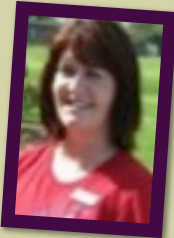


CHIT *chat*

NOVEMBER 2011



President's Pen

Michelle Hausman

president@fortmeadeosc.org

Happy November Everyone!

In getting ready to write this month's letter, I looked at last year's Chit Chat (mostly to make sure that I wasn't repeating myself!). Actually, I still feel the same, so I am going to reprint some of it:

November 2010

Gratitude is a powerful thing, especially when you take the time to write it down. Last November, I accepted a challenge to post something that I was thankful for each day on Facebook. It was humbling to see in print how blessed I am. So I am starting off this month with why I am thankful for our club.

I am thankful for:

- An executive board that has the experience, the creativity and energy to lead this club. We hold fast to traditions, but are not afraid to move forward and try new things. We speak our minds, but treat all with respect.
- Returning members that are the heart of our club – always there with a smile, ready to give time and money when we need it.
- New members who are enthusiastically ready to jump in!
- Special activity clubs that let us interact in smaller groups.
- Committees that give their time and ideas to plan our activities and then follow through to ensure that their plans come to fruition.
- Community members and services that help us with logistics.
- Our advisors, who are always there.
- And our spouses and children, who put up with a lot so we can have our fun (really honey, all of the

stuff will be out of the dining room in a few weeks...) and who also help out with setting up events, cleaning up, and listening to us when we need to vent. I really am such a fan of our club!

Do you have plans for November 12th and 13th? Merry Mart is here! You can support the club by volunteering or by shopping. With over 100 different vendors - it is going to be great! Sarah Young and her Merry Mart committee have been busy for months and I can't wait to see what they have in store for us.

A BIG thanks to everyone who participated in our first annual Trunk or Treat. It was great to see everyone's little goblins!

Growing up in California, Thanksgiving always meant spending the day at my grandparents' place. My mom's side of the family were not really football people, so we would always watch the Twilight Zone Marathon on KTLA. Not sure why they chose that day, but whenever I hear the "do do do do" of the theme song, I start craving gravy. My dad is now very happy to have two sons in law and four grandsons, so he can watch football when we get together for Thanksgiving. He is not stuck in the back bedroom watching it on a tiny TV. Of course, it has been years since we have all been together at my grandma's house. But she did teach me how to make her gravy (the secret is Wondra flour), so I can have the heavenly smell in my house every year.

I would like to wish you and your families a wonderful and meaningful Thanksgiving. To those of you with your service member deployed, thank you for your sacrifices. Holidays apart are rough, but they do make the ones you spend together even more memorable. You are not alone - we are all here for you.

Enjoy the holidays!

Michelle



1st Vice President

Jen Moesner

1stvice@fortmeadeosc.org

What a great October luncheon. Beautiful fall day. Delicious German food. A really fun gathering game. The highlight for me was Elva Hurst's Chalk Talk. What an amazing performance to witness. I also enjoyed hearing her stories. Thank you to Debbie Alexander and Liz Pacileo who recommended having Elva at our luncheon!

Thank you to everyone who brought food for the USO Food Bank, donated an item for our Merry Mart baskets, purchased opportunity drawing tickets, and brought in purses and accessories for Wall of Purses. I am still looking for purses, accessories, and small items to stuff our \$5 purses. You can find me at the Bowling Alley on Wednesday mornings when Bowling Bunch meets, or email 1stvice@fortmeadeosc.org to arrange pick up. Thanks for your support of the OSC!



November's luncheon will be held on Thursday, November 17 at 10:30 am at The Courses. The theme is Fashion Forward, and will include an accessory fashion show in addition to our Wall of Purses & Accessories. I am looking for 6 or 7 members to be a model in our fashion show; contact me if interested.

How does Wall of Purses & Accessories work? Most purses will be \$5 (accessories & other purses will be as marked). When selling opens, you grab (I mean, gently select) your desired purses, pay for your items at the cashier, but DO NOT OPEN YOUR PURSES! Several of the \$5 purses will include an envelope which will win the bearer a new purse or an accessory item. At the designated time, all members may open their purses. Those with an envelope will open it, and see a number, which will correspond to one of our prize items. We will call the number, and that person will come get their prize!

All proceeds will go toward our Membership Appreciation Luncheon in April.

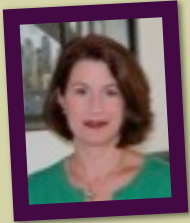
In order to give everyone a fair shot at the purses, we will be following a schedule:

- 10:30-11:00 Check in, coffee, mingle, browse purses
- 11:00-11:20 Wall of Purses & Accessories opens for business (first come, first served for all items). DO NOT OPEN YOUR PURSES.
- 11:20-11:30 Sales stop. OSC business
- 11:30 Lunch
- 11:50-12:00 Final chance to buy purses.
- 12:00-12:15 OPEN YOUR PURSES. Prizes awarded to lucky winners
- 12:15-12:45 Accessory Fashion Show
- 12:45-1:00 Drawing for centerpieces, final announcements

Please note that the deadline to RSVP is Tuesday, November 8. You may RSVP via the OSC website at www.fortmeadeosc.org or email reservations@fortmeadeosc.org. We now have an option to pay for your luncheon via the website (\$1 service fee added to your total). The cost of the luncheon is \$15.00. You must RSVP to attend the luncheon, walk-ins are not available. Thank you for your understanding.

OSC Luncheon Childcare

Carrie Bradke is currently working with CYSS on reserving hourly care slots for this year's luncheons. If you need childcare for the luncheons please post on our facebook site, or email Carrie at cashoema@hotmail.com with the number of children and their age. Carrie will do her best to try to get as many slots that they will give us. There will be a limited number of spots available. Once we have information on how to make a reservation for child care, we will post it on our facebook site, and include information in our weekly OSC email.



2nd Vice President

Sarah Young

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As you are reading this, it is two weeks until we open the doors to Merry Mart 2011! I am not sure that anyone is more excited than I am! We have 106 booths SOLD, and I have started the waiting list. I hope you have started saving your money! We have the Hawkettes (Dancers for the Chesapeake Bayhawks) scheduled to appear. The Archbishop Spaulding Guitar Ensemble is scheduled to appear, and we have two local authors scheduled to appear for signings and reading. We will have several raffles donated by area merchants and, most importantly, by YOU!

Thank for all of the goodies that you have donated! These baskets will surely grant someone a Merry Christmas, but we are still looking for more donations. We can always use more games for the Family Fun Basket, and the Vendor Explosion Basket is to be filled with donations from our members who have any type of home-based business. It does not have to be a catalog business. It can be any items that you sell. We are also looking for any other types of baskets that anyone would like to donate. Would your coffee group, FRG, PTO or social group like to donate a basket? Let me know! All Opportunity Items will be added to the website as they are readied for display.

Lastly and most importantly, we need YOU! We need your help and your smiling face! We need volunteers for all types of jobs! We are glad to have you for any amount of time, and we would love for you to sign up to volunteer. If you just find yourself with some free time that weekend, come on in, and we will put you to work! Just make sure that you leave plenty of time to shop!!!

I just can't thank you enough for helping to make this event happen! We are raising money for a great cause, Our Community! The More...The Merrier! sby

Merry Mart

Nov. 12, 9am - 5pm
Nov. 13, 12pm-4pm



Meade Middle School

\$3

For A Weekend Pass

www.merrymart2011.com



WE NEED YOU!

The Old Joe Golf Tournament Committee is looking for a few more members. If you are interested in joining this committee contact Dana O'Shea at 817-291-7119 or via email danaoshea@hotmail.com.

Special Activities

BOOK CLUB

Thursday, November 10 at 10:30am
at the home of Kathi McMahon

The Girl With The Dragon Tattoo by
Stieg Larsson

To RSVP and for directions:
patandkathi@verizon.net

BOWLING BUNCH

Place: The Lanes at Fort Meade
Date/Time: Every other Wednesday at
9:30 AM.

Info: The cost is \$5.50 for 3 games
and includes shoe rental. Bowling is
usually followed by lunch. This year it
will be drop-in bowling and no official
league. RSVP to Liz Pacileo at
ljpac@gmail.com so that she knows
how many lanes to request.

BREAKFAST CLUB

Monday, November 14 at 9:00am at
the home of Ashley Clark.
Please RSVP to Megan at
megan_freund@yahoo.com by Friday
the 11th.

Monday, November 28 at 9:00am at
the home of Lisa Johns.
Please RSVP to Megan at
megan_freund@yahoo.com by Friday
the 25th.

BUNCO

Tuesday, November 8 at 7:00pm

BUNCO will be held at Lorrie Short's
house. RSVP to Lorrie at
jshort@pol.net by Tuesday,
November 5. The cost is \$5.00 to
play and bring a dish of food to
share.

CRAFTERS CLUB

Wednesday, November 2 at 9:30am

Crafters Club will meet at Michelle
Hausman's house.

Please email Michelle at
michellehausman@yahoo.com for
directions.

DAY TRIPPERS

Email questions and suggestions to
snow29man@aol.com.

DINNER FOR TWO

Dinner for Two is dark
the month for November.

FILMS WITH FRIENDS

Films with Friends will continue
after the holidays!

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. Please contact
Debbie and get on the list.

SPOUSES WHO SIP

Thursday, November 17 at 7:00pm

Spouses Who Sip will be held at
Barbara Sanchez's home. RSVP and
to get directions to
teacherbarb2005@comcast.net.

SUPPER CLUB

Tuesday, November 15 at 6:00pm

Supper club will be at Laura Paes'
house. The menu includes: lasagna,
make your own salad and dessert.

Don't miss out! Please RSVP by
November 11 to
k_luedeke@hotmail.com or
410-305-8412.

Please contact Laura Desena with
questions about the clubs we are
offering this year at
coalmanny@comcast.net.

I hope that you participate in the
great clubs and groups this year!

Garden Club Meeting

The Meade Area Garden Club will hold its next monthly meeting on Friday, November 18, 2011, at 10:00 a.m. at the Jessup Community Hall, located at the corner of Rt. 175 and Wigley Avenue. Joan O'Rourke, a volunteer at Brookside Gardens, will present a program entitled "Getting Ready for the Holidays". In addition to the program, the Club will be holding a bake sale with lots of goodies to take home for the family or to keep for Thanksgiving.

No reservations are required and refreshments will be served. All in the community who are interested in gardening, flowers, decorating, and landscaping, or any related topics are invited to attend one meeting before being asked to join for the low annual fee of \$20. This includes not only the monthly meetings, but also discounts on bus trips and a monthly newsletter. If you have questions about the club, please contact either President Lois Stephenson at 410-740-8024 or Membership Chairperson Pat Loosarian at 410-519-6443.



If your Spouse works for NSA/ US CYBERCOMMAND 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.

Hospitality

Are you, or someone you know, ill, having surgery, having a baby, or just having hard times, without much help at home? Please let us know if they need a meal through our Hospitality program.

You also can sign up to bring a meal, just email me at noellarivers@aol.com or you can message me on facebook... Noella Costa Rivers.

The Fort Meade OSC invites you to our

Fashion Forward Luncheon with the Wall of Purses

Thursday, October 17, 2011

10:30 am

at The Courses

*RSVP at www.fortmeadeosc.org or email to
reservations@fortmeadeosc.org*



Calling all Volunteers!



We need worker elves for the Merry Mart Craft Fair!
Contact michellehausman@yahoo.com to sign up.

Shifts are available:

Friday, November 11th: Set up 4pm-6pm and 6pm-8pm Please come prepared to bend and lift. Spouses and teenagers are welcomed to sign up.

Saturday, November 12th: 8am-10am, 10am-12pm, 12pm-2pm, 2pm-4pm, 4pm-6pm Again, spouses and teenagers are welcome to sign up.

Sunday, November 13th: 11am-1pm, 1pm-3pm, 3pm-4pm, 4 pm - Take Down (again, bending and lifting, spouses welcome!)



VIXEN'S Sweet Shoppe



Calling all Bakers!

We need goodies for Vixen's Sweet Shoppe!
You can send in Nice treats (trail mix, healthy snacks)
or Naughty treats (cookies, pies, fudge).
Please package them for sale.

Contact Michelle Hausman michellehausman@yahoo.com or Lianne Roberts lovesmustangs72@yahoo.com for drop off points.

ROWC December Luncheon

The monthly luncheon meeting for the Retired Officers' Wives' Club will be held Tuesday, December 6, 2011, at 11:00 a.m. at Club Meade. Share the joy of the season with family and friends as we usher in the holiday spirit with seasonal music provided by The Archbishop Spaulding High School Choral Group. There will be entertainment, gifts, prizes, and more! Rather than a set luncheon, this will be a buffet with choices of entrees, sides, and desserts galore! Guests who are eligible to join the ROWC may attend one meeting before they are required to join. Dues are \$25 per year.

The cost of the special buffet luncheon is \$20.00. Reservations must be made by Thursday, December 1, 2011. Members may

call their area Reservation Committee representative. All others call Betty Wade at [410-551-7082](tel:410-551-7082).

Membership in the ROWC is extended to spouses, widows and widowers, and to retired officers of all branches of the military services. Adult caregivers and relatives of the household are eligible for associate membership. Associate membership is also extended to DOD employees who retired at the grade of nine and above (and their spouses), to veterans (and their spouses) who served as officers in the military but separated from the service before retirement, and to Officers' Spouses' Club (OSC) members. For more information on membership, call Lianne Roberts at [301-464-5498](tel:301-464-5498).

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

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
Lowe's, Hot Topic, Jiffy Lube,
Play It Again Sports, Ellicott City
Bead Soup, Savage Mill
Shane's Rib Shack, Laurel
Samsonite store, Arundel Mills

15%: Picture People, Columbia Mall

10%: Home Dept, Charlotte Russe, Wetzel
Pretzels

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.*



OSC Welfare

Liz Pacileo

welfare@fortmeadeosc.org

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

The OSC will be donating \$241 along with 2 huge containers of food to the USO Food Pantry! The money raised was from both the September and October opportunity drawings.

For the November luncheon, our opportunity drawing will benefit the Fort Meade Adopt-An-Angel Tree. The Adopt-An-Angel Program is an Army Community Service program that helps to provide holiday gifts for the children of Families (identified by the units) that are experiencing economic hardship. This program ensures that the children of these Families have gifts at the Holiday.

We have also been asked to help with the Fort Meade Holiday Assistance Program. Each year,

the Fort Meade Army Community Service coordinates a Thanksgiving food program to assist service members and their Families. This is a needs based program that offers support to Families experiencing financial difficulty impacting their ability to enjoy the Thanksgiving Holiday. Last year the program provided Thanksgiving dinner for 381 Fort Meade Families. With the downturn in our economy, it is anticipated that the need may be greater this year. I would like to ask you again for help. If you could purchase an extra Thanksgiving dinner item when you shop for your own family, we will be able to help. Turkeys will be provided by the Fort Meade Chaplain's Office.

The items we have been asked to donate are:

- Macaroni & Cheese
- Gravy Mix, Instant Potatoes,
- Rice,
- Cornbread Mix,
- Stuffing,
- Canned Items: yams, corn, peas, green beans, greens.

Thank you again in advance!
Liz



Calling all OSC Vendors and Members!



We are looking for donations for our **LARGE** "Vendor Explosion" and "Family Fun" Baskets. We are looking for games, movies, vendor items, and anything else you think might apply. We are asking for new items only please. Email Sarah Young to arrange pick up or drop off! Thanks in advance for your consideration! These baskets will be some of the Opportunity Items at Merry Mart 2011. Tickets will be one for \$5 or three for \$10!

Community Events

OSC October Luncheon Photos

Upcoming Events in the Community:

- November 11:** LOL Comedy Tour. Club Meade.
November 12: Merry Mart www.merrymart2011.com
November 12: Turkey Trot 5K/Fun Walk - Canned Food Drive. www.ftmeademwr.com
November 13: Merry Mart www.merrymart2011.com
November 16: Veterans Job Fair at Club Meade.
November 17: OSC Fashion Forward Luncheon with the Wall of Purses. The Courses at Fort Meade.

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



November Birthdays

- Tracy Snyder 11/5
Debbie Alexander 11/7
Kathi McMahon 11/8
Frances Thompson 11/12
Debbie Jones 11/16
Kelly Morris 11/16
Meagan Freund 11/22
Jennifer Nicholas 11/22
Jen Moesner 11/25

Happy birthday to ALL November birthdays!

Pictures of the Chalk Talk Canvas



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

November Luncheon

Thursday, November 17, 2011

10:30 am

The Courses at Fort Meade

Fashion Forward Luncheon & Wall of Purses

*RSVP at www.fortmeadeosc.org
or to reservations@fortmeadeosc.org*

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