



CHIT chat



JANUARY 2012



President's Pen

Michelle Hausman

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Hello OSCers! I hope you had the kind of holiday break you were looking for - or at least something close to it! We were lucky enough to have both my parents and my sister's family stay with us. Nothing better than celebrating family traditions and passing them on to the kids.

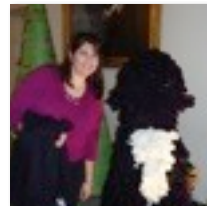
As 2012 starts, my family has so much to look forward to, both personally and professionally. Some of you may know that we will be moving this summer to Buckley AFB in Colorado. We will be the only Army unit there - AF friends, make sure to pass along any insider info that I might need! The boys and I are super excited to get back to Colorado and Gary is excited and humbled about the opportunity to command.

It sounds like a lot of other people will be PCSing this summer as well. For those of you that are moving, there is still plenty of time to get the most out of our OSC. Come to a luncheon! Join a Special Activity! Volunteer to be on the St Paddy's Day Run committee and the Old Joe Golf Tournament Committee! Both will be done by May 1st, so don't use an upcoming move as an excuse (I'll be there!)

For those of you not moving, you can do all of those things, AND MORE! January is the month where we start to look for the next

President, 1st and 2nd Vice Presidents, Secretary and Treasurer. Yes, it can be a lot of work. But the rewards are so worth it! I have learned so much about myself through this position. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

I will leave you with my "Need to Do" list before we leave in June. We have been lucky enough to see so many sights here in the past few years - here is what is left:



- Tour the Bureau of Engraving and Printing
- Tour the Pentagon
- Visit Ford's Theater
- Visit the Holocaust Museum

A BIG thank you to Pat Hagerty for the tour of the White House!

Michelle

Thank you to the OSC Volunteers



A BIG thank you to our gift wrappers - We made close to \$900! Michelle Hausman, Audrey Rothstein, Diane Smith, Noella Rivers and her daughter Corrine, Sarah Parrish, Carrie Bradke, Tracy Snyder, Holly Knoss, Erica Bartley, Laura Desena, Kathleen Rickley, Mona Kinder & Jen Moesner. And to our superstar elves_Kim Legg & Patty Hembree who each worked 2 days and our NINJA elf, Nicole Rodriguez who wrapped all three days!



1st Vice President

Jen Moesner

1stvice@fortmeadeosc.org

Happy 2012! I hope everyone had great holidays! Thank you to everyone who was able to make it to the December luncheon. We had some great vendors, delicious food, and wonderful entertainment courtesy of the Archbishop Spalding High School Guitar Ensemble. I am sure those in attendance will never hear "Carol of the Bells" the same way again!

In January, we are going to focus on "How to \$tretch Your Dollar." We will explore how we can coupon to save money . . . without being "extreme." Our speaker will be local Navy Spouse, Kimberly Pepper-Hoctor. Kimberly is

a 30-year coupon veteran commonly know as "The Girl Loves Coupons." She is also a seasoned communications professional whose community work gained her 2009 recognition as one of ten top military spouses by The Flagship Newspaper and WVEC-TV. Kimberly now spends her time teaching others how to coupon, runs a local forum on Facebook called thegirllovescoupons, is an independent consultant for Stella & Dot jewelry, and volunteers for various community programs in Southern Maryland.

The luncheon will be Thursday, January 19 at 10:30am at The Courses. Cost is \$15. Please RSVP by Tuesday, January 10 at www.fortmeadeosc.org. Please contact reservations@fortmeadeosc.org with any reservation-related questions.

Contact 1stvice@fortmeadeosc.org if you would like to be a vendor, or for any other luncheon-related questions.



January Birthdays

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| Claire Bozarth | 1/03 |
| Amanda Williford | 1/04 |
| Staci Olson | 1/07 |
| Tami St. Louis | 1/07 |
| Sarah Young | 1/10 |
| Nan Lawless | 1/19 |
| Debby Lackley | 1/21 |
| Diane Smith | 1/22 |
| Kate Lacquement | 1/23 |
| Karen Munter | 1/25 |

Happy birthday to ALL our January birthdays!

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.



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.

OSC Welfare

Liz Pacileo

welfare@fortmeadeosc.org

The folks at ACS were overjoyed with our donations for the Angel Tree! They asked that I let everyone in our club know, that we are a special group of people. The children will have a wonderful Christmas because of our generosity. Thank you to everyone for such a giving luncheon!

We would like to change things around and have some silly fun in January. Please bring in a White Elephant item. A "White Elephant" is a gift that you have received, that for some reason was just not "right". It could be something that just wasn't the correct size, or something that is just a nutty gift. (Usually from your Mother-in-Law). Everyone who brings something in will get a ticket for the drawing. I will also be selling tickets for those that want more chances.

Have a save Holiday and see you all in January!

Liz

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
\$10 for a quarter of a page
\$20 for half of a page
\$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, 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.

Special Activities

BOOK CLUB

Date & Location: TBD
Cold Mountain by Charles Frazier

Bring a dish to share.

To RSVP to Laura Desena:
coalmanny@comcast.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, January 9 at 9:30am
 Breakfast Club will be held at Panera in Laurel.

Breakfast Club will NOT meet on the 23d because it is an Anne Arundel County School holiday.

RSVP to Megan at megan_freud@yahoo.com or 410-305-8543.

BUNCO

January Bunco information has not been released yet. Please check out the OSC website for updates.

DAY TRIPPERS

Check out the upcoming NEW YORK TRIP. Information on page 8.

Email questions and suggestions to snow29man@aol.com.

DINNER FOR TWO

January Dinner for Two information has not been released yet. Please check out the OSC website for updates.

GOLF CLUB

The OSC Golf Club has finished for Fall. Debbie will resume making tee times in the Spring.

Thank you all for your participation.

SPOUSES WHO SIP

Thursday, January 12 at 7:00pm

This will be the last time Barb can host as, her son, Logan will be coming home.

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

SUPPER CLUB

Monday, January 9 at 6:30pm

Dinner at Pasta Plus in Laurel

They have wonderful pasta and brick oven pizza. It is located at 209 Gorman Ave, Laurel MD 20707. Please RSVP to Suzanne Luedeke at k_luedeke@hotmail.com.

OSC MOVERS

****New OSC Special Activity****
See write up on page 6

Friday, January 6 at 1:30pm

Fort Meade Parade Field
 at the flag pole.

Questions to chitchat1@gmail.com.

GOLF TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE

The next Golf Tournament Committee meeting will be held directly following the January luncheon at The Courses.

Questions, contact Dana at contact Dana O'Shea at 817-291-7119 or via email danaoshea@hotmail.com.

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!

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.

Community Events

Upcoming Events in the Community:

January 9: MWR's "Dump Your Plump" Competition Begins

January 19: OSC 'How to Stretch Your Dollar' Luncheon

January 20: Garden Club

****NO ROWC luncheon in January****

COMPASS

SPOUSE TEAMS MENTORING SPOUSES

COMPASS IS A NAVAL SERVICES FAMILYLINE PROGRAM

Join the Upcoming DC Session

January 10th and 11th from 9:30am to 1:30pm.

The COMPASS Course Curriculum

- Navy History and Traditions
- Local insights
- Personal finance
- Getting along with others
- Moving in the Navy
- Anchors Aweigh
- Deployment
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Registration Required:

FREE FOR ALL NAVY SPOUSES

Register online – www.gocompass.org

Lunch is provided and childcare is reimbursed.

Call for directions – 202-433-2333 – 1-877-673-7773
– nsfamline@aol.com

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Thursday, January 19, 2012

10:30 am

at The Courses

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Garden Club

The Meade Area Garden Club will hold its next meeting on Friday, January 20, 2012, at 10:00 am at the Jessup Community Hall located at the corner of Rt. 175 and Wigley Avenue.

Carrie Engel of Valley View Farms will present a program titled " House Plants for Healthy Living".

No reservations are required and refreshments will be served. In case of bad weather, the Garden Club meeting will be cancelled if Anne Arundel Schools are closed or opening 2 hours late. If you have questions regarding our next meeting or joining our club, please call membership chairman, Pat Loosarian at 410-519-6443.

OSC Movers

Did you make NEW YEARS RESOLUTIONS?

Is one of your goals to get in shape for the new year? Let us help motivate you!

Join other OSC members for a walking/jogging/running club!

Don't think you can do it?

We can help, you just have to take the first step and join!

The group will start holding workouts twice a week and you can attend as many workouts as you would like. OSC Movers will be holding a March Madness Contest! More information will be available at the first group meeting.

For more information, check out the clubs page on the OSC Website at

www.fortmeadeosc.org/osc-movers.

7th Annual

Player and Sponsorship Registration Online

www.fortmeadeosc.org



Golf
Tournament



"Be Man's Best Friend"

Supporting Scholarship & Welfare Programs
of the Fort Meade Military Community

**It's not HARD
if you SCRAMBLE!**

You don't have to be a great golfer to participate, just a team player! Our tournament is a golf "scramble" or best ball event!

Don't miss the fun!

Friday, April 27, 2012

The Courses at Fort Meade

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
Sponsorships Available

The Courses reserves the right to reschedule due to inclement weather. Sorry, no refunds.

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Celebrate the New Year!
(Minimum order of \$100 required before specials can be applied. Limit one set of spacers purchased per order)



"FAITH" Spacer
10mm \$24
8mm \$18

"HOPE" Spacer
10mm \$24
8mm \$18

"LOVE" Spacer
10mm \$24
8mm \$18

Buy ALL 3 "FAITH, HOPE, LOVE" 10mm for \$65 (retail \$72)
Buy ALL 3 "FAITH, HOPE, LOVE" 8mm for \$50 (retail \$54)



Red Wine Chapter Charm
\$37 (retail \$42)



White Wine Chapter Charm
\$37 (retail \$42)

Launch a charm program
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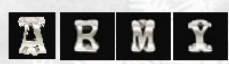
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Share your story...


January Hostess Specials 2012
Spelling it out in the New Year!
(To be eligible for hostess specials, hostess must have a qualifying party at charming event and all rewards used prior to receiving hostess specials.)



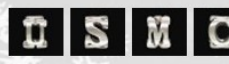
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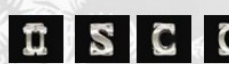
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ROWC

The Retired Officers' Wives' Club will hold its next monthly luncheon on Tuesday, February 7, 2012, at 11:00 am at Club Meade. The program will be an informal fashion show of jewelry to exhibit your unique style in a collection provided by Cookie Lee and demonstrated by our own ROWC models. The luncheon is \$15 and reservations are required by Thursday, February 2, 2012. Call Betty Wade at 410-551-7082 or your area representative with your reservation.

Donation Request

At the JANUARY OSC luncheon we will be accepting donations for NEXT year's gift wrapping.

Shop the CHRISTMAS CLEARANCE SALES!

Items needed: clothing boxes (ALL sizes), boxes to wrap jewelry in; To/From tags; Bows (Green, Red Gold, White); Tissue Paper.





Day Trippers



Queen Anne's County Trip: What a wonderful time a group of us had on Tuesday, November 29th. Even with the cold weather and driving rain nothing seemed to dampen our trip! We especially appreciated all the hard work that the staff of the Queen Anne's County Tourism Board and the Chesapeake Exploration Center did for our group and especially for going way beyond in accommodating us and making the day so memorable. We went back to nature to see geese, bald eagles and swans in the wild marshes of the Chesapeake Bay. The director of the Center even brought on our walking tour a high powered telescope so that we could see the wildlife up close (real close), I think that one of the bald eagle actually winked at us! We also were treated to a rare in-sight info session on two types of live owls by the director of the Center which was very hands-on and most informative. What can we say about eating great crab cakes, crab soup, etc. at a well know local restaurant directly on the Chesapeake Bay for our lunch stop! After filling ourselves it was onto a nature park where we all put on our rain gear with boots to wade in the shallow water looking for sea glass. What an experience. After filling our little bags with our sea glass bounty we then went back to an old ferry landing station. Again one of our hosts who is an avid sea glass expert looked at our bounty and told us about each piece. We had pieces from old 7-up bottles, cream jars, coke bottles, etc. Talk about a group of kids at that time. During the month of March the Tourism Board is hosting weekend events relating to the Chesapeake Bay including sea glass tours. I have asked them to e-mail me the details when they become available and I will pass the info along to you. Great day was had by all.



White House Tour: On December 16th approximately 30 ladies headed to Washington, D.C. to see the holiday decorations at the famous

Willard Hotel, do a little shopping at the White House Tourist Center and then take in the beautifully decorated White House. The theme for the 2011 holiday session was 'Shine, Give, Share' which offered an opportunity to pay tribute to our troops, veterans and their families throughout the White House. The tour features 37 Christmas trees, and a gingerbread model of the White House made of 400 pounds of gingerbread, white chocolate and marzipan and five different representations of the First Dog Bo. Each room was decorated beyond anyone's imagination. It was truly like being in a magical castle. Will definitely put this on my list for another tour next year!

New York Tour: Put this date on your calendar NOW - Saturday, May 5, 2012. Full day, departing at 5:15 a.m. and returning at approximately 11:00 p.m. Have extended the time to give us the opportunity of taking in a fantastic dinner stop! I will have sign-up at the FEBRUARY LUNCHEON. There are 52 seats and it will be limited to OSC members on a first come basis with full payment upon signing up. I will be accepting cash or a check made payable to OSC. If for any reason you cannot make the trip after your have paid there will be no refund of money unless you can find a person to take your place. After March 1 if we have available seats, members will be allowed to take one guest. Full payment is due again upon signing up your guest. The price of the trip will be \$45.00 per person and this includes transportation via a deluxe coach bus, the services of a walk on tour guide in NYC and the bus driver's and tour guide's tip. Want to take a group to see the Broadway production of "Spiderman". The cost of the production is \$40.00 per person!! Keep this in mind and save your money now. Looking forward to having you on the trip. Any questions please e-mail me at www.snow29man@aol.com.



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

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