



The Lady Lee

November 2007

Officers' and Civilians' Spouses' Club, Fort Lee, Virginia

From the President

October has been a busy month! With the warmer-than-usual weather, my grass still needed to be cut. Luckily, things have cooled off and the fall colors are starting to show! My pansies and impatiens are doing well!

The FLOCSC trip to Berkeley Plantation was a fun event! Despite the threat of rain, we enjoyed a beautiful sunset and some great ghost stories! We're all looking forward to our trip to the White House on December 8th. We will be back in time for ladies to get ready for the CASCOM & QMC&S Holiday Ball.

November will be another busy month! Our luncheon will be on the 20th, and we will decorate the Lee Club on the 26th. There's a Retired Wives luncheon on the 27th, and a book club meeting on the 30th; as well as Gourmet Group on December 4th. Bunco is also in there somewhere! If you're new to FLOCSC and want to join one of our Interest Groups, send an e-mail to info@fortleespousesclub.com or ask at the luncheon. We'll put you in touch with the member who organizes the respective group so you can get more information.

Happy Thanksgiving!

Theresa

From our Parliamentarian—Jeanine

As Theresa announced at our October luncheon, Kim will be stepping down as our Recording Secretary. She got a job in Richmond, and will again be a part of the workforce. We will miss her so much, but look forward to seeing her at luncheons and on trips!

At the November luncheon, Jeanine will nominate Kelly to replace Kim. Then, we will conduct a vote of the General Membership since this is an elected position.

FLOCSC Website: A Bountiful Resource

Do you know all the wonderful things you can do just by going to our website, www.fortleespousesclub.com? You can view our 'socials' page and see what is happening at our next luncheon. Members can see our menu and make reservations or cancel reservations on our 'reservations' page. Our 'calendar' page lists upcoming events and contains a link to our new 'trips and tours' page where you can find information about all the day trips we will take this year. There are links to specific information about each outing and links to the destinations. If you are new to the area, read our welcome message from our president and look at the local and military links on our 'welcome' page. There is also a membership application available for you to print off and give to a friend on our 'join us' page. The 'board and committee' pages contain descriptions of our board positions and links to relevant pages on our website. Our 'newsletter' page, contains current and archived copies of the *Lady Lee*. We have a photo gallery with pictures from last year and this year. We also have pages for our parent co-op, play group, interest groups, special projects, scholarship program, volunteering, and the thrift shop! Our website is updated at least once a month and we know there are at least 150 distinct computers accessing our site on a weekly basis. So far, we have five advertisers with links to their sites. Join us online and see what the excitement is all about! Visit www.fortleespousesclub.com today!

Angie
Webmaster



Trips and Tours – 2007

December 8, 2007

White House Christmas Tour

Ages 9 and up

Fort Lee Civilian and Spouses Club (FLOCSC) is touring the White House Saturday, December 8th, with lunch and shopping at Union Station following. The trip is open to FLOCSC members, family members age 9 and up, spouses and guests (DOD or FED id card required). Cost is \$40.00 per person paid by November 20th. Meet the bus at Memorial Chapel 7:00am and return by 4:00pm (in time for the CASCOM ball).

January 12, 2008

Maggie L. Walker Museum

Kids Welcome

Maggie L. Walker was a progressive and talented African-American and the first woman to found and be president of a chartered bank. The site includes a visitor center and her home, which is restored to its 1930s appearance with original family pieces.

January 26, 2008

Yankee Candle and Outlet Shopping

Adults Only

Fort Lee Civilian and Spouses Club (FLOCSC) will be going to Williamsburg for a tour of the Yankee Candle Company store and Outlet Shopping. A gift or discount will be given at Yankee Candle Company.

NOTE: All tours and trips are suggested by FLOCSC only and set up for your convenience. FLOCSC is not responsible for persons or property or failure by any company to not provide the services intended (for example: but not limited to a tour point is closed or cancelled).

Janet

Trips & Tours Chair

FLOCSC Cookbook Recipes of the Month

Cinnful and Comfortable Chicken Soup

Joyce

1 c. cooked chicken breast, cubed
 1/2 c. noodles (wheat or egg)
 3 1/2 c. chicken broth
 2 med. potatoes, cubed
 1 (10 oz.) pkg. frozen peas and carrots
 1 med. yellow onion, chopped
 2 cloves garlic, chopped
 1/2 tsp. salt
 1/2 tsp. pepper
 1 tsp. sage
 1 tsp. poultry seasoning

1 tbsp. oregano (dried or fresh)
 1 tbsp. ground cinnamon

In a large pot, combine all ingredients EXCEPT the noodles and cinnamon. Bring to a boil. Cover, lower the heat and simmer for 10 minutes. Add noodles at end of 10 minutes, cover and let simmer for 15 to 20 minutes. When cooked, open top and add cinnamon. Serve in bowl with side of toasted thickly sliced bread. If desired, top bowl with freshly chopped green onions.

Gluhwein

Nancy

1 liter dry red wine
 2/3 c. water
 1/2 c. sugar (or to taste)
 1 stick cinnamon
 4 slices lemon
 4 cloves, whole

Stick cloves into the lemon slices. Combine water, sugar, cinnamon and lemon slices and bring to a boil. Add wine and heat to almost boiling. Remove from heat. Take out spices and serve.

NOVEMBER LUNCHEON

Create-A-Craft & Wreath Silent Auction

Come and create a beautiful winter shovel. The cost is \$8 per shovel. It makes a great gift for housewarming, a teacher or neighbor who is hard to buy for. It's easy to assemble and looks great on your door! Speaking of doors. . .

FLOCSC is also holding a silent auction consisting of a variety of wreaths of all seasons. So please bring your extra money and checkbooks, as these are one-of-a-kind. Guests are always welcome at our luncheons. However, you must be a FLOCSC member to participate in the bidding.

WHEN: Tuesday, November 20th
TIME: 11:00 am to 1:00 pm
PLACE: Lee Club, Lee Room
COST: \$10.00 per person
MENU: Turkey Wrap (fresh tortilla wrap encompassing thinly sliced turkey breast, with Swiss cheese), **Fresh Fruits, & Pasta Salad, Hot Rolls, Crackers, Chef's Special Dessert, Iced Tea, Coffee & Water**
(Chef Salad may be substituted upon request)

Reservations

Please make your reservation no later than **5 pm, Wednesday, November 14**. Call 526-2030 or visit www.fortleespousesclub.com. Please include your name, telephone number and menu choice (meal or chef salad). **Cancellations (including Permanent Reservations) must also be received by 5 pm, Wed, Nov 14.**

Reservations for the luncheon are required. And, though walk-ins are welcome, we cannot guarantee a meal. We had many walk-ins at the October luncheon and we were fortunate that Setsuko and the Lee Club staff, because of the particular menu, could accommodate everyone.

Special Projects for November Rosa, Chairperson

We are collecting coats for the Holiday Helper Program (organized by Army Community Service). Please buy a gently-used coat at our Thrift Shop or a new coat and bring it to the luncheon so we can donate it to this program that benefits Ft. Lee soldiers and their families.

We'll have our Cookie March again! This harkens back to the time after September 11th, 2001 when we baked cookies and took them to the gate guards on Fort Lee. We are asking that you bake 1 dozen (or more!) cookies to donate to the Security Forces who protect us while we live, work, and volunteer on Ft. Lee. Please put a few cookies in a baggie or a clear bag with a ribbon or string to tie it closed.

Child Care Co-Op is not available for the luncheon. At this time, we do not have enough people to keep it going. Ms. Riley, from CYS, would teach a training just for FLOCSC spouses—which would be about 1 hour long. If you are interested in participating, please contact Theresa and we'll see about keeping it afloat!

Membership is open to:

- spouses of active duty, reserve duty, retired or deceased officers and warrant officers of Army, Navy, Air Force and Marines living in the Fort Lee area
- retired officers and warrant officers living in the Fort Lee area
- spouses of GS-7 and above (presently employed, retired or deceased)
- Civil Service employees who are GS-7 and above (presently employed or retired)
- spouses of active duty foreign officers assigned to Fort Lee

Welfare

At the October meeting, the FLOCSC Board of Directors approved two requests for funds. The first was to support the US Army Logistics Management College's Outstanding Instructor with a \$25 gift card to Ruby Tuesday. Congratulations to Major Jordan for her efforts.

Another request was granted to support the National Military Family Association and its efforts to defend our existing family benefits like the commissary, health care, and to continue to address key issues facing our families as the War on Terrorism continues.

FLOCSC received *The Flagpole*, the newsletter of the U.S. Army Women's Foundation.

Cindy
Welfare Chairperson

"Welfare Watch"

Welcome to the first edition of Welfare Watch. It is here that you will learn about the many different organizations that the FLOCSC's welfare fund supports.

The first organization to be in the spotlight is the National Military Family Association or NMFA.

NMFA was started in 1969 by a group of military wives and widows working to obtain financial security for survivors of uniformed service members and retirees. This association now aids "programs that educate the public, the military community, and the Congress on the rights and benefits of military families and to advocate an equitable quality of life for those families." NMFA sponsors a military spouse scholarship program and *Operation Purple* Camps for the children of deployed service members along with several other award programs for individual and family volunteers. NMFA has been tagged "The Voice for Military Families" and FLOCSC's Welfare Committee is proud to support this important voice. Check out www.NMFA.com for more information.

Decorating the Lee Club for the Holidays!!

I would like to invite all of the FLOCSC members to come and decorate the Lee Club for Christmas on November 26, 9:00 AM. If you can only come for a short time, we would love to have you! Lunch will be provided by the Lee Club. RSVP by Nov. 20 to Licia, 1st Vice President.

The Retired Officers' Wives Shirley—Retired Wives Representative

November Luncheon
Tuesday, November 27, 2007
11:30 am
Boulevard Flower Gardens
2100 Ruffin Mill Road, Colonial Heights
(their new location off I-95)
Hostess: Jean

Book Club

November meeting will be held
30 November, 10:45 am, at Java Mio's. We will be discussing Louis L'Amour's book "The Haunted Mesa." Anyone who would like to join us is welcome!

Linda

Hospitality News:

Please keep the family of Claire in your thoughts and prayers. Claire, one of FLOCSC's longtime members, recently passed away.

A tip passed onto us from Alice:

Fisher House will welcome donations of frequent flyer miles. More information can be found on their website www.fisherhouse.org

A Note from our 2nd Vice President

I just wanted to say thank you to everyone who participated in our October Bingo luncheon. I was racing around and didn't get a chance to speak with many of you. So I apologize. I had so much fun (considering I didn't win a thing! Ha Ha!) and I hope you did too! If you have any comments, suggestions or concerns, you can always reach me via email, phone or grab me at the luncheons. I would love to know what you all are thinking!

Hope to see you all in November!
Angie

Thrift Shop News

Hi All!

September profits to the FLOCSC Welfare Fund were \$2,000!! Our Thrift Shop volunteers donated 278 hours—a heartfelt thanks to all of you. Congratulations go out to Andy and Dean, our Volunteers of the Month.

The Fort Lee Thrift Shop helps so many organizations not only by raising money for our Welfare Fund; we also donate clothing to the Disabled American Veterans. Toys and stuffed animals that we don't have space for in the shop, our Volunteer Andy takes them to Cares, A Wonderful Organization. It's a good feeling knowing we all help so many in need.

Christmas is just around the corner. We have many decorations such as trees, lights, garland, angels and much more! We will be stocking our shelves in November. We are also happy to take any holiday decorations as a donation or on consignment.

At the November's luncheon Aimee will have holiday items for sale. The Thrift Shop table at the October luncheon made about \$112.00 for the Welfare Fund. Aimee did such a great job!!! We would like to thank her and the members for making it a success.

A thank you to everyone that helped us clean up the Thrift Shop on October 29th. It was time well spent. Just a reminder, we have coats available for purchase to help Rosa with the Holiday Helper Program.

We appreciate your continued support!
Have a great month everyone.

Jutta
Thrift Shop Chair

Thrift Shop Holiday Schedule for November 2007
The Thrift Shop will be closed on the 21, 22, and 23 for Thanksgiving.

Shop Hours:	Wednesday & Friday	9:30 am — 2:00 pm
	Thursday	5:30 pm — 8:00 pm
	(Corner of Lee and B Avenues)	

Thrift Shop Table

Hello ladies!

The Thrift Shop would like to thank all of you who purchased items from our table at the last luncheon!! This month we will be having more fall/winter items and will have lots of things for Christmas. Please come over to the table and check out all of the bargains! All of the proceeds go back into our community through FLOCSC's Welfare Fund.

Thanks again. Jutta and I will see you soon!!

Aimee