

The Lady Lee

January 2008

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

From the President...

I hope everyone had a wonderful, peaceful holiday season! I am happy to have a taste of cold weather now that January is arriving!

The holiday has given me a chance to look back at what a wonderful year we have had in FLOCSC so far. I am so proud of our board members. I am also especially proud of our general members who volunteer their time when we ask for your help. Our Board could not function without your support!!

FLOCSC has another month of fun activities! Our luncheon is on the 15th—so dust off your red-carpet couture and flash your pearly whites! For more information, turn to page 4. Also, we have two trips planned, as well as gatherings of our book club, play, bunco, and gourmet groups. If you're a new member and are interested in one of our special interest clubs, ask for information at the Reservations Table at our January luncheon. We'll have a list of the groups and a point-of-contact,

Hope you had a Happy New Year!!!

Theresa

The Retired Officers' Wives

Shirley —Retired Wives Representative

January Luncheon

Tuesday, January 22, 2008

11:30 am

The Bistro

Petersburg—corner of Market and Grove

Hostess: Shirley Barrett, 520-6816

Special Projects

Thanks!!!! The Cookie Walk and the Weather Clothes for the Holiday Helper were GREAT!!

It's so rewarding taking care of our own. A special "award" to Nancy Stevenson, our Honorary President and Cheryl Cross, our Honorary Advisor, who gave us support on the Cookie Walk.

God Bless Thy Year!

Rosa & Maryanne

Happy New Year from the 2nd Vice President!

I would like to thank all of those who participated in the Christmas cookie exchange! My family was very pleased when I arrived home with a variety of cookies! I can say, the cookies disappeared pretty quickly. I hope you enjoyed it as much as I did during the December luncheon. Although, I did get a little dizzy walking around those tables. Oh, wait! That's normal for me! Ha! Ha! From that chatter amongst the tables and laughter around the cookie tables, I can honestly think you all did have fun! Again, I love serving you all and look forward to the January luncheon.

Angie

JANUARY LUNCHEON

FLOCSC PRESENTS. . .

“LET’S GO TO THE MOVIES”

Come walk the red carpet dressed in style or come looking like your favorite movie star. Watch out for that darn paparazzi, don't let them catch you dressed inappropriately! I hear Paris Hilton is making an appearance. Grab those autograph books and come on down and strut your stuff! We will be playing Movie Trivia and will have some “Awards” to present (you've heard of Oscar, right?). So dust off those fancy duds and enjoy the stardom right here at Ft Lee.

When: Tuesday, January 15th

Time: 11 am Social; 11:30 to 1 pm Luncheon and Program

Where: Lee Club, in the Lee Room, Ft Lee, VA

Menu: Grilled Chicken Caesar Salad (Romaine lettuce garnished with sliced breast of chicken, seasoned croutons and parmesan cheese), crackers, hot rolls, Chef's Special Dessert, coffee, tea and water ~ Chef's Salad upon request

Reservations

Please make your reservation **no later than 5:00 pm on Wednesday, Jan 9th**. Call 526-2030 or send an e-mail to reservations@fortleespousesclub.com. Please include your name, telephone number and menu choice ("Meal" or "Chef Salad"). **Late Arrivals:** If you know you will be arriving later than 11:30 am, please tell me so I don't give your meal away as a "No Show."

All cancellations and menu changes for **Permanent Reservations** are also due by 5:00 pm, Wednesday, Jan 9th.

Cancellations

There is no charge for cancellations I receive by the Wednesday, 5 pm deadline. You must talk to me or email me or leave a voice mail at my telephone number. However, **IF**, after the cancellation deadline, you find you will not be able to attend the luncheon, please let me know. I keep a list of the cancellations I receive after the deadline and apply any Walk-Ins against that list, in the order I (not another Board member) receive the cancellation. Remember though, **I cannot guarantee your cancellation cost (\$10.00) will be paid by another member.** It totally depends on whether we have Walk Ins on the day of the Luncheon.

Walk-Ins

Members who do not make a reservation by the Wednesday, 5 pm deadline and come to the Luncheon are Walk-Ins. While we may have some late cancellation meals available, **Walk-Ins are not guaranteed a meal.** As a Walk-In, you will be placed on the reservation list in the order you **ARRIVE** at the luncheon. If there is no cancellation meal available, you will receive a "No Meal" ticket to place at your seat. As the luncheon progresses, if a meal becomes available for you, you will then be charged for the meal. Walk-Ins will receive the meal originally ordered by the "cancellation" or "no show" member.

Thrift Shop News

Happy New Year! I hope everyone's Holiday was full of Joy. The Shop is ready to start 2008. We were able to give a check to the FLOCSC welfare fund in the amount of \$2,000 for November. Aimee took in about \$120.00 at November's luncheon with wonderful Christmas items at the Thrift Shop table. Be sure to look for us at the luncheon this month.

Our Volunteer of the Month is Jeanie. All of us are so happy to have her back, after her absence during the summer months.

I would like to thank all the members for donating coats, hats and mittens for Holiday Helper. Thanks again for your generous giving.

A big welcome to Ibani, she has accepted the cashier position that Aimee has vacated. Ibani is also a FLOCSC Board Member. Aimee will continue to volunteer at the Shop when time allows.

The goody bags were well received, thank you for taking the time to bake for our volunteers.

The TSP holiday decorations will be marked down this month—now is the time to stock up for this year's holiday season.

Your continued support of your Thrift Shop is much appreciated. Our hours of operation are Wednesdays and Fridays from 9:30 am. until 2:00 pm (Consignments taken until 11:45 am) and Thursdays from 5:30 pm until 8:00 pm. (Consignments until 7:45 pm.)

Hope to see everyone at the Shop.

Jutta

Thrift Shop Chair

Happy Birthday from all of us to

Nancy, Hilde, Andy, and Anne.

Trips and Tours – 2008

January 12, 2008

Maggie L. Walker Museum

Kids Welcome

January 26, 2008

Yankee Candle and Outlet Shopping

Adults Only

For more information, go to www.fortleespousesclub.com; to sign up, contact Janet, Trips & Tours Chair.

“Welfare Watch”



If you have school-aged children, especially those in middle and high school, then this month's highlighted organization is one you need to look into- Military Child Education Coalition or MCEC.

The goal of this non-profit organization “is to level the educational playing field for military children around the world”. With our children making multiple moves throughout their K-12 career and with standards varying state to state, meeting those standards have been very difficult and have caused frustrations for our children to graduate high school on time. MCEC aids the parents, the children, the installations, and the school systems with pertinent information to help everyone meet the necessary school requirements.

The MCEC website, www.militarychild.org, has an enormous amount of information and I urge you to check it out at some point even if your children are in preschool. The organization and website offers information on homeschooling, state by state vaccination requirements, and a Space Camp Scholarship for one 6th-9th grader to name just a few items. One link that I think is especially beneficial during the moving process is the schoolQuest link. It is safe and secure site that can help a parent make choices about future schools for their children.

Again, please check out www.militarychild.org. It might just save you a lot of time and heartaches!

Cindy
Welfare Chairperson

Book Club

The book we will be discussing in January 2008 is "Under the Sabers" by Tanay Biank (it's the book that the show "Army Wives" is based on). We will meet at Java Mios coffee shop in downtown Old Town Petersburg on Friday Jan 25 at 10:45 for a lively informal discussion of the book. The group is open for anyone who would like to attend. Join us!

Linda

UPDATES TO THE DIRECTORY

Corrections, updates, and new members are available in the printed edition of this month's Lady Lee. If you didn't receive yours, contact Angie, our Membership Chair for a copy of the list.

If you have any corrections, please contact Angie, Membership Chair

FLOCS C Cookbook Recipe of the Month

Quick Chicken Pot Pie

Helen

- 1 2/3 c. frozen mixed vegetables, thawed
- 1 can cream of chicken soup
- 1 c. cubed chicken
- 1 egg, beaten
- 1/2 c. milk
- 1 c. buttermilk Bisquick mix

Combine vegetables, soup and chicken. Transfer to ungreased 9-inch pie plate. In bowl, combine egg, milk, and Bisquick mix until moist. Pour over chicken mixture. Bake at 400 degrees for 35 minutes or until golden brown.

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