

# *The Lady Lee*

September 2008

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

## **Chatting with Rita...**

Summer is drawing to a close. It is hard to believe that it is time to be sending the children back to school. With fall approaching and school routines in place, it is also time to jump-start a new year of fun and fellowship with FLOCSC. The 2008-2009 Board has been diligently working on some exciting plans for the upcoming luncheons. We will begin the year with the membership kickoff on September 16, 2008 at the Housing Welcome Center from 7:00-8:30 p.m.

I am very blessed to have a full board of exceptionally qualified and dedicated ladies. I want to extend a huge appreciation to them for their commitment to FLOCSC. The Board and I look forward to getting to know each of you a little better throughout the year and the friendships that will develop within the FLOCSC family.

Blessings!!

Rita

President

## *WELCOME*

FLOCSC is proud to welcome Mrs. Chambers (our new Honorary President) to the Fort Lee community. Her husband, General Chambers, is the new CASCOM commander for Fort Lee. FLOCSC was honored to host a welcome for her on July 16, 2008 at the home of Mrs. Cross. We had a great evening getting to know Mrs. Chambers. Light desserts and punch was served. Thank you, Mrs. Cross for opening your home to us.

## THRIFT SHOP NEWS

Welcome back! Hope all of you are having a great summer. The Thrift Shop is doing well. We gave to the FLOCSA welfare fund for the month of May and June 2008 a total of 3,000 dollars. Our Volunteers donated 299 hours in May and 279 hours in June. Thank you for that generous gift of your time. A great start for the new board year. For those of you who are new to Fort Lee, the Thrift Shop is a non-profit organization operated by the Fort Lee Officers' and Civilians' Spouses' Club (FLOCSA) and all of our profits go to help soldiers and families in the community. Last year we contributed 18,300.00 dollars to worthy causes such as scholarships for military dependents, AER, Fisher House QM museum, holiday Helper, Women's Museum and many more community organizations. The Thrift Shop provides an economical place to shop for furniture, household items, uniforms, clothes all sizes, toys, books and much more. Consigning is a great way to make some extra money on your unneeded items. Donations are always welcome and needed. A donation bin is located in front of the building for your convenience. The shop is primarily run by Volunteers, you can help support your Thrift Shop by giving a few hours a week. Our hours are Wednesdays and Fridays from 9:30 am until 2:00 pm. (Consignments taken until 11:45 am) and on Thursday evening from 5:30 pm until 8:00 pm. (consignments taken until 7:15 pm). Hope to see everyone at the Thrift Shop. Birthday wishes go out to Alice, Chuck, Susan and Socorro for the month of July and August.

Jutta  
Thrift Shop Chair  
info@fortleespousesclub.com

**Fort Lee Thrift Shop Hours**  
**Building 5105 (Corner of Lee and B Avenues)**

### Hours of Operation

**Wednesday & Friday 9:30 am — 2:00 pm**  
**Thursday 5:30 pm — 8:00 pm**

### Hours of Consignment

**Wednesday & Friday 9:30 am — 11:45 am**  
**Thursday 5:30 pm — 7:15 pm**

**COME  
VOLUNTEER  
AND  
SHOP FOR FUN!**

Attention FLOCSA Businesswomen!

Want to let FLOCSA members know about your  
business?

Bring your business cards or flyers  
to place on the information table  
at the Kickoff Membership Drive  
on September 16th.

You must be a current (2008-09) member to display your information. Not yet a member? Join at the Kickoff!

Questions?  
info@fortleespousesclub.com

## The Retired Officers' Wives

Shirley  
Retired Wives Representative

### September Luncheon

**When:** Tuesday, September 23, 2008

**Time:** 11:30 am

**Where:** Virginia State

in the Doug Wilder Bldg

Meet at Main Post Chapel parking lot to carpool.

**Hostess:** Joyce

**Reservations & Info:**

info@fortleespousesclub.com

**FORT LEE OFFICERS' AND CIVILIANS' SPOUSES' CLUB**

INVITES YOU TO ATTEND OUR FALL

**KICKOFF MEMBERSHIP DRIVE**

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16**

**7:00 - 8:30 pm**

**The Villages of Fort Lee Welcome Center**

Located at 1510 Sisisky Blvd

RSVP not required. Strollers welcome.

Light refreshments will be served.

**Memberships available: Half year (\$10) and whole year (\$20).**

**Student spouses welcome!**

**Stop by and make some friends that will last a lifetime! Enjoy some chocolate and sign up to join FLOCSC. We offer members monthly luncheons; activities including Bunco, Gourmet Club, Playgroup, a Movie & Theater Club and more.**

Membership is open to the spouses of active duty and reserve duty military officers, retired military officers, warrant officers, and civilians GS-7 and above, and foreign officers

**EXECUTIVE BOARD**

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***THE ART OF ETIQUETTE***

*From the Spouse's Handbook*

**Reservations and Responses:**

**Luncheons**

Most Officer Wives (Spouses) Clubs and NCO Wives (Spouses) Clubs have a luncheon or similar activity each month. There may be a social hour before and a program after the luncheon. Reservations are almost always required. A nice dress, suit, or pantsuit is appropriate.

**Types of Responses to invitations**

Nearly every invitation will have request for a response in a lower corner.

**RSVP** is French (Repondez, s'il vous plait) and means "please reply." Call to tell the hostess if you will or will not attend.

**Regrets Only**--Always call your hostess/host when you are unable to attend. Never assume that you will not be missed.

**To Go Or Not To Go?**

**RECIPE OF A MILITARY WIFE**

1 1/2 CUPS PATIENCE

1 LB COURAGE

3/4 TOLERANCE

A DASH OF ADVENTURE

With the above ingredients add two teaspoons of elbow grease. Let it set alone for one year. Marinate frequently with salty tears. Pour off excess fat. Sprinkle ever so lightly with money. Knead dough until payday. Season with international spices. Bake 20 years or until done, and serve with pride.

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

To our FLOCSC Members!

JUNE		JULY		AUGUST		SEPTEMBER	
3	Tereasa	2	Stella	2	Charlene	5	Frances
13	Georgia	6	Jayne	5	Beryl	7	Lydia
16	Phyllis	9	Donna	16	Socorro	7	Charlotte
19	Melanie	13	Luciana	24	Kathleen	11	Nancy
		17	Rose Mary	28	Bertell	26	LaRae
		17	Alice	30	Susan		
		18	Theresa				

## Summer Pudding with Rum Whipped Cream

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1 pint fresh strawberries, hulled and sliced  
1 1/2 cups sugar  
3 half-pints fresh raspberries, divided  
2 half-pints fresh blueberries  
2 tablespoons framboise (raspberry brandy)  
1 loaf brioche or egg bread (1 to 1 1/2 pounds)

Rum Whipped Cream, recipe follows

Combine the strawberries, sugar, and 1/4 cup of water in a large saucepan and cook uncovered over medium-low heat for 5 minutes. Add 2 cups of the raspberries and all the blueberries and cook, stirring occasionally, until the mixture reaches a simmer, and simmer for a minute. Off the heat, stir in the remaining raspberries and the framboise.

Slice the bread in 1/2-inch-thick slices and remove the crusts. In the bottom of a 7 1/2-inch round by 3-inch high soufflé or baking dish, ladle about 1/2 cup of the cooked berry mixture. Arrange slices of bread in a pattern (this will become the top when it's unmolded) and then add more berry mixture to saturate. Continue adding bread, cutting it to fit the mold, and berries. Finish with bread and cooked berries, using all of the fruit and syrup.

Place a sheet of plastic wrap loosely over the pudding. Find a plate approximately the same diameter as the inside of the mold and place it on top. Weight the mold with a heavy can and refrigerate. Remove the weight after 6 to 8 hours. Cover the pudding with plastic wrap and refrigerate overnight.

Just before serving, run a knife around the outside of the pudding and unmold it upside down onto a serving plate. Serve in wedges with rum whipped cream.

Rum Whipped Cream:  
1 cup (1/2 pint) cold heavy cream  
3 tablespoons sugar  
1/2 teaspoon pure vanilla extract  
1 tablespoon dark rum

Whip the cream in the bowl of an electric mixer fitted with the whisk attachment. When it starts to thicken, add the sugar, vanilla, and rum. Continue to whip until it forms stiff peaks. Serve cold.

# COMING SOON AT THE FORT LEE THRIFT SHOP!

Mid-September we will begin accepting fall items such as; long sleeve shirts, sweaters, Halloween items, thanksgiving items and Christmas items for consignment. Do you holiday shopping early!

We still have summer items to help you beat the heat! (Shorts, sleeveless tops, swimsuits, boogie boards and more.) We also have some back-to-school items.

Don't be a stranger, come check us out and find some great buys! If you have the time, come be one of our volunteers and join the Thrift Shop family. We have fun while we work and get to see newly consigned items as they are brought in.

**WE HOPE TO SEE YOU SOON!**



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## September 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	Labor Day 1	2	Thrift Shop 9:30—2:00 Every Wednesday 3	Thrift Shop 5:30—8:00 Every Thursday 4	Thrift Shop 9:30—2:00 Every Friday 5	6
7	8	FLOSCC Board Mtg 9	10	11	12	13
14	15	FLOSCC Fall Sign-up 16	17	18	19	20
21	22	Retired Wives Luncheon 11:30 a.m. 23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				