



Fort Gordon Spouses & Civilians Club
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Magnolia News

December 2011

From our President...

Happy Holidays to everyone!

I can't believe the year is almost gone. Christmas, Hanukkah and school vacations are upon us already. I hope everyone is able to take time from their busy schedules just to relax and enjoy family and friends. If family or friends are deployed, contact them and wish them well.

We are looking forward to our second annual Make, Bake and Take on December 14. Please come and join us and have some great fun during this hectic season.

See you soon,
Susie



Be sure to check out page 3 for our Holiday Make, Bake and Take Silent Auction! Bring a friend or two to this exciting luncheon and auction! Holiday shopping with a unique flair!

Check out our Make, Bake & Take activity on page 3!!

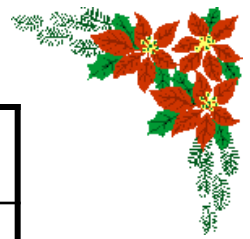




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December



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				1 Thrift Shop 0930-1500	2 Bowling 0930	3 Thrift Shop 0930-1400
4	5	6 Thrift Shop 0930-1500	7	8 Thrift Shop 0930-1500	9 Board meeting	10
11	12	13 Thrift Shop 0930-1500 Golfing 1000	14 Holiday Make, Bake & Take Silent Auction 1130	15 Thrift Shop 0930-1500	16 Breakfast Club 0900	17
18	19	20 Thrift Shop closed	21	22 Thrift Shop closed	23	24
25 	26	27 Thrift Shop closed	28	29 Thrift Shop closed	30 Lunch Bunch 1130 Thrift Shop Opens Jan. 3 & 7	31



Remembering Those Who Serve



This holiday season, let us keep all service members and their families worldwide in our thoughts and prayers. Let us particularly remember our Fort Gordon service members who are deployed in support of our freedoms.

Thanksgiving Day Meal at Fisher House By Francisco Cruz

Thanksgiving meals were provided and coordinated by the Fort Gordon Spouses & Civilians Club on THANKSGIVING DAY for the Fisher House Families, and it was definitely great and very much appreciated; thus, giving meaning to the word Happy Thanksgiving on Thanksgiving Day. On behalf of the Fort Gordon Fisher House, its Fisher House Families and myself, **Thank You** to **ALL** the members of the Fort Gordon Spouses and Civilian Club and Mike & Cathi Hamilton for delivering the meals to the Fisher House and continuing to support in coordinating with Mr. Chris Cunningham (Wife Saver's from North Augusta, South Carolina,) and Mr. Kevin Goldsmith (Pullman Hall Catering) in catering and donating the Thanksgiving meals on Thanksgiving Day for all the Fisher House residents. The EAMC Fisher House's (Fort Gordon) Families and staff greatly appreciate the Thanksgiving meal donation/contribution and thoughtfulness. Our ability to support others in need is contingent upon such acts.





Fort Gordon Spouses & Civilians Club Presents our December Event:



Holiday Make, Bake & Take Silent Auction

What: A festive Holiday Luncheon followed by a Silent Auction with unique wreaths, trees, holiday baskets, home baked items and much more...what will you bring for auction?*

When: Wednesday, December 14

Time: Lunch & bidding at 11:30, auction starting at 12

Where: Gordon Club

RSVP by December 12 for lunch and /or auction to Petra Petrack by responding to your Evite Invitation or by calling her at 706-945-0889.

****Some items donated last year were:** a hand-painted Santa gourd, Italian Gift Basket, caramel apples, a Patriotic tree, Holiday Tea and Coffee Basket, homemade candy and elegant wreaths. Our auction is the perfect place to shop for special and unique holiday gifts! A homemade gift is always special. Join us for our Make, Bake & Take and try your hand at making a creative gift to donate! Please call Christie Wilder at 254-217-1595 with any questions.

Ways'n'Means Update By Ginny Terry & Judi Pitts

Ways and Means will have tables of adorable and unique Christmas items for sale at our December function, "Make, Bake & Take". Come out and buy your special gifts for teachers as well as for friends and family! See y'all there!

Thank You to the following merchants who donated gift cards for our November Bunco Prizes: Carrabbas, Augsburg Haus, Mellow Mushroom, Chili's, French Market Grille, Boll Weevil's, TGI Friday's, Somewhere In Augusta & Pizza Joint.



- Happy Birthday!*
- Michelle Booker Dec. 9*
 - Lorena Wren Dec. 9*
 - Serene Hammond Dec. 11*
 - Jennifer Kreiser Dec. 12*
 - Cindy Pugh Dec. 19*
 - Pamela Edwards Dec. 23*
 - Sandra McKinney Dec. 23*
 - Sonja Vorlander Dec. 26*
 - Ashley Bishop Dec. 31*



We Are Ready For Holiday Wrapping and We Need YOU!!

The Fort Gordon Spouses & Civilians Club will once again be wrapping holiday gifts at the PX as one of its fundraisers on Friday, December 23 from 3-9. It will be a busy day! We will also be on a wait list in the event that other groups cannot wrap and we take their slots. If you can wrap on the 23rd please call or send an email to Tiffany Valenzuela letting her know what hours you are available: 706-798-8433 or email her at magic468@hotmail.com.



Special Activities

In addition to our monthly activities, we also provide special activity groups. New groups and ideas are always welcome! Small groups are a great way to get to know fellow members on a personal level and make new friends.

Lunch Bunch – The Lunch Bunch is always a very popular group, as they sample new restaurants each month. On December 30 we will visit Takosushi, 1202 Town Park Lane, Evans, GA at 1130! Guests are welcome! For more info, call Eva Proudfit at 706-863-3306.

Bowling – Need a little exercise to reduce that holiday stress? Need a few laughs? Come out and bowl a few games with us! Call Debbie Windhorn at 706-364-8702 if you are interested. The next bowling date will be Friday, December 2, 0930 at Gordon Lanes.

Breakfast Club - Come on Friday, December 16 at 0900 at Cracker Barrel in Evans. Take a little break from the holiday rush!

Quilting – Linda Yehle is teaching quilting from beginners to pros! Relax with a holiday project! Call Linda if you are interested for dates and times at 706-854-9501.

Trips'n'Tours – There will be no event this month. I think each of us probably has enough on our plates with holiday parties, school events, workshops etc.....

Golfing- Fort Gordon Lakes Golf Course, Tuesday, December 13, from 1000 to 1100...a free golf lesson and from 1130 to 1400 play nine holes. The free lesson includes golf clubs (if you do not have your own) and golf balls. After the lesson, please join the *Ladies Golf Club* for 9 holes of golf. Your greens fees are based on rank and include a golf cart. If you need to rent clubs it is an additional \$5. You will also need golf tees and 2 or 3 balls. Please sign up for Tuesday, December 13 NLT Sunday, December 11. To sign up or for more information, please contact Cathy Ruder at 706-955-8758 or Dallas Cooke at 706-791-2433, ext.3.

Thank You From Christmas House!

Christmas House cheers & “Thank You” to all the volunteer elves who made Christmas House such a joy for so many service members & their families this holiday season! Your gifts of your time & talents were certainly appreciated by all who were served & the community! May your holidays shine even brighter for “Making Spirits Bright” for so many! Also, thank you to the elves who made the Christmas House fundraisers at Chick-fil-a, the Nighttime Golf Tournament, commissary bagging and gift wrapping so much fun!



Karenann Amster and Paula Reese, Christmas House Elves, paused for a photo as they were bagging groceries at the commissary. All donations benefitted Christmas House.



See you in January for our Bowling Luncheon at Gordon Lanes!

The DO NOTs of Email Etiquette

By Christie Wilder

Netiquette [net-i-kit, -ket]

The rules of etiquette that apply when communicating over computer networks, especially the Internet.
(www.dictionary.com)

DO NOT type in all caps

Typing in all caps is considered yelling or screaming.

DO NOT leave the Subject blank

Add a brief and concise description of the content of your email.

DO NOT send to a group of people

When sending email to a group of people put the recipient's e-mail addresses in the BCC: field. The recipient will get a copy of the email while their email address remains invisible.

DO NOT expose your contact's addresses to strangers

Long lists of email addresses at the beginning of any email are a no-no.

DO NOT forward virus warnings

Virus warnings received from others are generally always hoaxes. Only warn friends if you know that *your* computer has a virus that you inadvertently may have passed on to them. Rely only on your virus software and your software provider's Web site for the real scoop. At the very least check the validity of the warning by doing a Google search or using a site such as www.snopes.com.

DO NOT top post

Top posting is hitting the reply button and starting to type. Take a second to edit out unimportant parts and respond point by point to the email. Only keep the entire previous email if it is important to others who may join the conversation.

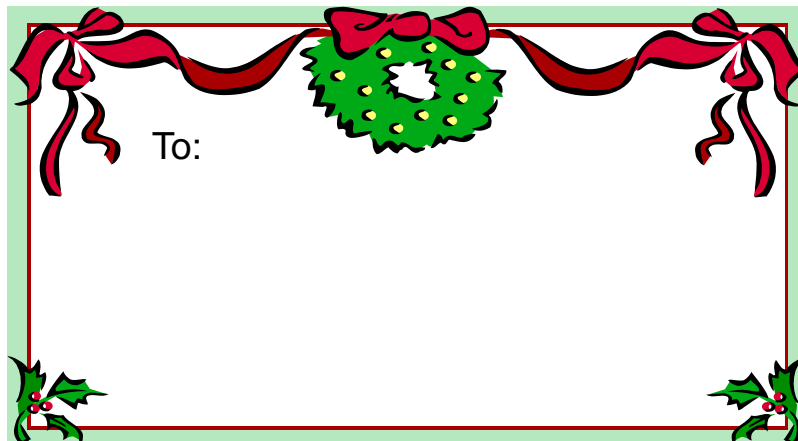
Excerpted from www.netmanners.com. To see more tips and information on all things Netiquette check out this great website.



**Bunko at
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