



Fort Gordon Spouses and Civilians Club

A Private Organization not affiliated with Fort Gordon or the US Army

Magnolia News

May 2011



Hi,

Another year for our Club is quickly coming to a close. We have accomplished so much this past year.

Our newest project, the Magnolia Gift Gallery, is in the final stages of coming together. Be on the lookout for our opening. The Thrift Shop continues to do well and is the financial glue that keeps us up and running. Thanks to all of you who work there for all your time and hard work for this great project.

Thank you, Board members, for all your hard work and support this past year. We have had some great programs for our members this year. Thank you again for your support. For all our membership, as summer approaches think about volunteering at the Thrift Shop or the Boutique.

For those of you who are leaving us we wish you well and will remember you fondly. For those who remain we look forward to another great year come the fall. Whatever your plans are for the summer have fun and stay safe.

Susie




May Board Meeting at Susie's House!

Just a reminder! The May board meeting will be a potluck luncheon on May 4 at 11:30 at Susie Waldman's house, 239 Kestwick Dr. West, Martinez, GA.

"Thank You to Our Sponsor!"

A very special "Thank You" to the Fort Gordon Federal Credit Union for their ongoing contributions towards the printing and mailing of our monthly newsletters. We are grateful to them for their many years of support!

May

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1	2	3	4	5 	6 Bowling 0930	7 Spring Flea Market 0900-1400 TS open
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Thrift Shop News!

The Thrift Shop will be open Saturday, May 7. This will be the last Saturday it will be open until October. The Thrift Shop will be closed the entire month of July!

Want to be an AFTB Instructor?

Instructor Training for AFTB, Army Family Team Building, is 31May-3Jun at the Family Outreach Center. To register, please call Lynn Harshman, 706-791-3880 or email her at lynn.harshman@us.army.mil. When you register you will get an email with the class times. It doesn't start the same time each day but childcare is provided if you register before 15May!!

CONGRATULATIONS Welfare and Services and Scholarship Recipients!!

Have you been wondering where the fruits of our fundraising & Thrift Shop labor went? Well, take a look! At our Welfare and Services and Scholarship Award and Recognition Dinner on April 28, we proudly awarded scholarships to nine local high school graduating seniors! In addition, funds were awarded to Welfare and Services recipients both on Fort Gordon and off post.

The Scholarship Committee received numerous applications this year. All the applicants are outstanding students in the Fort Gordon area who have worked incredibly hard to achieve their academic goals. The following students received scholarships:

Benjamin Alexander Stewart
Mary Therese Jackson
Allison Caroline Stanley
Shelby Victoria Berns
Caitlin Louise Capps
Bianca B Franz
Brenna Laine Carlile
Eric James Smith
Cathryn Ann Schrader



Welfare & Services disbursements will go to the following groups/organizations/schools:

Fort Gordon Affiliated

Fort Gordon Fisher House
Fort Gordon Christmas House
Veterinary Services
Youth Challenge Academy

Other Military Affiliated

National Military Family Association
Army Distaff
VA Blue Goose

Schools

Glenn Hills H. S. NJROTC
Westside H. S. NJROTC
Hephzibah H. S. JROTC
Lakeside H. S. JROTC
Butler H. S. Marine JROTC
Evans H. S. JROTC
Greenbrier H. S. NJROTC
Harlem H. S. JROTC

Other Community Organizations

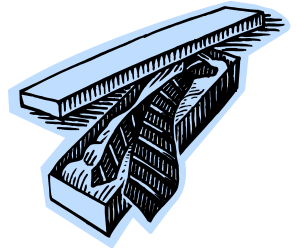
Child Enrichment Inc.
Hope House
Golden Harvest Food Bank
Augusta Rescue Mission
Alzheimer's Association
Rotary Club of West Point
Junior Achievement
Interfaith Hospitality
Julies House
Lydia Project
Safe Homes of Augusta



A special thank you to our membership for making the above disbursements possible...we are an organization of which we can be proud!



The Fort Gordon Spouses and Civilians Club
Presents Our May Function:
A White Elephant Swap



When: Wednesday, May 11
Where: Gordon Club
Time: Lunch 11:30, Swap Begins at noon

Please bring an unwanted/unneeded item from home, either new or used, gag gift or serious, wrapped so no one can see (no price limit set)! We will then have a laughter-filled “swap” of items.

This is our last function until we start our new membership year in August. We hope everyone can come out and enjoy this event to celebrate the coming of summer!

RSVP by May 9 to Ginny Terry by emailing your response to your Pingg Invitation or by calling her at 803-279-8998.

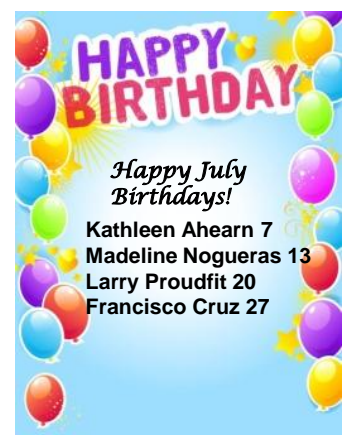
Special Activities

Breakfast Club – If you love to go out for breakfast, and who doesn’t, here’s your chance! We will meet at the Cracker Barrel in Evans at 0900. Our next “date” will be on May 18. Come and have coffee with us (or grits, biscuits, bacon, etc.....). **We will continue thru the summer, too!**

Lunch Bunch – The Lunch Bunch is always a very popular group, as they sample new restaurants each month. On Friday, May 27, meet at 1130 at Boll Weevil’s in downtown Augusta. Bring a guest! For more info, call Debbie Windhorn at 706-364-8702. **We will continue thru the summer, too!**

Bowling – We are having so much fun bowling each month! 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, May 6, 0930 at Gordon Lanes. After bowling, we are going to have our year-end party/Awards Banquet! We will have some fun recognitions and we will use our “dues” to help pay for lunch! **We are planning to bowl through the summer, too.** Bring the kids along! Just for fun! Email Debbie at debwind@hotmail.com if you’re interested.

Quilting – Linda Yehle will once again be teaching quilting from beginners to pros. Call Linda if you are interested for dates and times at 706-854-9501.



Thunder Over Augusta!

Thunder Over Augusta, an event to celebrate Armed Forces Day, is canceled for 2011 due to construction!



**CONGRATULATIONS to our new
Fort Gordon Service Club 2011-2012 Elected Board!**

**President: Susie Waldman
1st Vice President: Jackie Smith
2nd Vice President: Gail Fitzpatrick
Corresponding Secretary: Renita Savage
Recording Secretary: Pam Edwards
Treasurer: Eva Proudfit**

SPICIN' IT UP



Serene Hammond, Madeline Nogueras, Judi Pitts & Debbie Windhorn admire one of the many special items Ways & Means has to offer!



Ann Stephens and Jule Patterson, anxiously waiting for their names to be drawn for a gift basket. Congrats, Ann, for winning a wing party at Hooter's!



Special guest, Lori Strong, and our wonderful Advisor, Brook Lynn

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Ginny Terry, getting ready to show our instructor how to salsa.. Or was it the other way around?



Our wonderful Advisor, Savannah Praymous, and Linda Yehle enjoying lunch and conversation before a little Salsa exercise!



Members ready to treat their feet to a new move!

**Military Spouses are Special!
CELEBRATING THE MILITARY SPOUSE
With Military Spouse Appreciation Week Events**

Friday, 6 May, 2011, has been designated Military Spouse Appreciation Day. The Fort Gordon Military Community will recognize our spouses in a week-long celebration full of events and activities to demonstrate our appreciation of our "heroes at home."

Military Spouse Appreciation began in 1984, when then President Ronald Reagan proclaimed the Friday before Mother's Day as Military Spouse Appreciation Day. Since that time, bases around the world conduct recognition events to honor this extraordinary group of individuals.

Military spouses sacrifice on a daily basis, missing birthdays and anniversaries; late night dinners due to long work hours; being single parents while waiting for the return of Soldiers after lengthy deployments; not being able to put down roots because they're moving from assignment to assignment; unable to fully enjoy their homes because – they are not "their homes." These extraordinary individuals embrace challenges most would run from and still they smile. Their strength and patriotism is unrivaled. This week the installation will recognize military spouses by offering many events. The weeklong celebration includes the following; for questions call Patricia Martin at 706-791-0795.

Hilltop Riding Stables: 1 Hour Trail Ride

Dates: 9, 10, & 11 May 2011

Times: 0930 and 1300 Each Day (Riders need to arrive at HTRS 40 minutes before ride time)

Accommodation: 10 Riders Per Session

Riders must have closed toe shoes

POC: Heidi Mohr, 791-4864

Gordon Lakes Golf Course: "Hook a Spouse on Golf"

Includes 2 days of free group lesson/range balls/clubs for a two hour window. Billy will supply the days and

Dates: 10 - 12 May 2011

Times: 0900 - 1100

POC: Bill Fumai, 791-2433

Tactical Advantage Sportsman Complex (TASC): Firearm Safety and Instruction

Dates: 11 - 12 May 2011

Times: 1100 thru 1500

Accommodation: 20 Participants Each Day

Firearms and ammunition will be included

POC: Fred Perry, 791-5078

Gordon Lanes Bowling Center: 10 Lanes for 3 hours with Free Shoes

Date: 10 May

Times: 1300 - 1600

POC: Terry Taul, 791-3446/8661

Gordon Fitness Center: Fitness Class/Orientation/Tour

Date: 12 May 2011

Time: 1000 (2 hour session)

Accommodation: 20 Participants

POC: Randy Taylor,

Gordon's Car Care : Routine Car Care Instruction/Class

Dates: 12 & 13 May 2011

Times: 1300 Each Day (2 hr session)

Accommodation: 15 Per Session

POC: Dave Nelson, 791-2390

Gordon Club: \$1.00 Discount for Lunch Buffet at Gordon's Conference and Catering Center

Valid Daily 9 - 14 May 2011

Get Outdoors Gordon: Road Biking (2 hour ride)

Date: 12 May 2011

Time: 1000

Accommodation: 20 Riders

POC: Dov Estroff, 791-2556

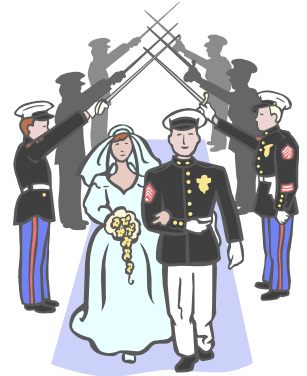
Balfour Beatty Communities: "Lunch On Us"

Date: 13 May 2011

Time: 1100 – 1400

Mini Manicures, Chair Massages, Design Advise, Children's Activities, Door Prizes,

Lunch provided by Shane's Rib Shack



A BIG "THANK YOU" to Debbie and Rick Windhorn, Joanie and Jack Bryant, Debbie and Sam Franco, and Debbie Weisz for all their help in sprucing up the gardens in front of the Thrift Shop!



Our New Advisors Help FGSCC Wrap Up A Successful Year! By Joanie Bryant

FGSCC has had a wonderful year! While there is no doubt in my mind we have the most amazing membership (100 members) and board members any organization could ask for, our success can also be greatly attributed to the support of our two amazing advisors! In speaking with our advisors, Brook Lynn and Savannah Praymous, I posed several questions to them regarding their involvement with our organization and the benefits of membership. Below are their answers:

As an FGSCC Advisor, what was your role in the organization?

Brook: I was here to serve at the pleasure of the Governing Board and the Members of the Fort Gordon Spouses and Civilians Club in some of the following ways: to offer an unbiased outside perspective, to assist with enhanced community and public relations, to act as a sounding board for evaluating new ideas and opportunities and, when the board seconds a motion and votes, I help to connect centers of influence (if/when asked) for the club to introduce the new ideas and opportunities to the community.

Savannah: As the Advisor of the club, I tried to attend all meetings and functions to show my support and interest in the club. An advisor to any organization is a knowledgeable, trusted partner who listens attentively to all discussions and comments only when necessary. I brought my experience as a Soldier, retiree, Army spouse, and a former board member of the club to assist with the outstanding job the club was already doing



In your opinion, what are the benefits of membership in a spouses' organization such as FGSCC?

Brook: Where do I begin, as there are so many?!! For a very small annual fee of \$15/year (to cover overhead cost), membership brings with it several activities, events and programs each month to have FUN with your neighbors and community members and to have a constant opportunity to meet new people of all ranks and military status!! Personally, the lasting friendships are what I have found to be of the greatest benefit of being a part of the club, as well as the access to all types of fun folks and experiences. It's a great way to become quickly knowledgeable about your new home and all that the surrounding area has to offer!

Fun, laughter, camaraderie, common interests with a diverse group here at Ft. Gordon!

Great opportunity to support the community through Scholarships and Welfare funds!

Special interest groups, monthly luncheons, special events and day-trip-travel opportunities planned!

Contributing your volunteer talents to the Thrift Shop and annual fundraisers!

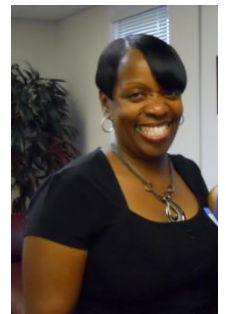
Coming together to positively impact our Ft. Gordon and CSRA Communities and have fun while doing so!

Savannah: The benefits of membership in the FGSCC are the comradeship among the members and the wealth of experience and exposure available within the membership. The FGSCC provides an atmosphere where the spouses can go to "be themselves." This is necessary for those spouses arriving to a post who are not yet familiar with the life of the "military spouse."

What was your main goal for the club this year?

Brook: As a FGSCC Member, if I had to select one collective goal, it was to meet new people, learn from other members about all that the area has to offer (shopping, where the good deals around town are, restaurants, travel opportunities, things to see and do and all the "best" that our home of Ft. Gordon and the surrounding communities and States have to offer)! As a FGSCC Advisor, my one collective goal was to be supportive (and help out where I am able) towards the hard work, time, care and love that our Board Members and Club Members dedicate towards making our Ft. Gordon Community a place that makes it feel more like HOME for everyone who is tied to this beautiful and wonderful place!

Savannah: I wanted to see the membership continue to grow because the club has a myriad of things to offer to spouses (Lunch Bunch, monthly functions, trips, and etc.) that are very beneficial.



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Our New Advisors Help FGSCC Wrap Up A Successful Year! (continued)

Brook, what are some of the ways that your wives' organization in Hawaii influenced soldiers and their families?

Brook: The influence at the Ft. Shafter, Hawai'i Spouse Club, which was named the Hui O'Wahine", reached far and wide into many facets of the community, both on and off post, just as it does here at Ft. Gordon with the CSRA. "Hui O'Wahine" is a historical name, given to the club, that is reflective of the times, since in Hawai'ian it means "Club of Women" and our Spouse and Civilian Clubs in current times have both male and female active Board Members and Volunteers! Some of the specific ways the "Hui Club" influenced Soldiers, Spouses and their families are very similar to the ways in which our club here at Ft. Gordon does, such as:

- * Providing college scholarships and grants to individuals and organizations that serve our local area
- * As a people-centered club, we work to increase the Southern Hospitality and sense of sisterhood/brotherhood amongst our membership and throughout our neighborhoods.
- * Creating opportunities to meet new friends, work together to improve our community, attend FGSCC-sponsored activities, as well as gather once each month on the second Wednesday for a luncheon program that is fun and interactive. We also have a variety of vendors for you to choose from, for gifts, through Ways and Means (who doesn't love shopping?!?!).
- * Whether you are new to the installation or you've been around a bit, if you have been a member in the past or are just now able to make time in your schedule, I sincerely hope you will return to the Ft. Gordon Spouses and Civilians Club...we'll look forward to seeing you in the fall!!

Brook's final thoughts: Thank you to all our FGSCC Board Members who have given so much in the ways of leadership sacrifices, heartfelt time and energy towards making 2010/2011 a great year for the FGSCC!!

-- I thoroughly enjoyed our last event, learning to Salsa Dance, and I'm very much looking forward to closing out this year with the upcoming "White Elephant" luncheon/event on 11 May!

-- The FGSCC Board's dedication towards our Fort Gordon Community is outstanding!

-- Thank you to all those who give of their time and talents, as it is greatly appreciated by both my husband and I, for the impact that it makes for our entire Military Community! We are seeing and enjoying a true spirit of 'Southern Hospitality' here on Fort Gordon! I applaud the FGSCC Members for making a difference each and every day!

Savannah's final thoughts: The role of an advisor is a very important one and should not be taken lightly. I am honored that the FGSCC allowed me the privilege of serving as one of your advisors and my hope is that I served you well. I know the club will continue to do wonderful things for the community and it has been a distinct pleasure serving with you all. Again, thank you for the honor and I will cherish it for many, many years. God bless!

THANK YOU, BROOK AND SAVANNAH, FOR ALL YOUR DEDICATION AND SUPPORT!

Cookbook On The Move!

Please remember to submit your favorite recipes to one of the following committee members for our new cookbook, coming in the fall! No special format is needed; just send the title, your name, specific list of ingredients and instructions (please double check spelling and measurements). You can submit more than one recipe, too! The success of our cookbook depends on your amazing recipes!

Jackie Smith, jackiesmith@yahoo.com

Debbie Windhorn, debwind@hotmail.com

Debbie Weisz, debweisz@yahoo.com

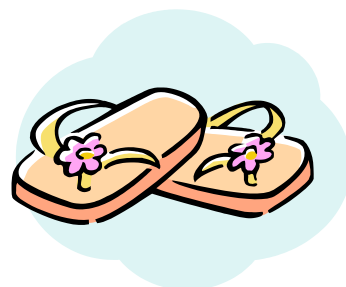
Joanie Bryant, JBryant428@aol.com

Or drop off recipes to Judi Pitts at the Thrift Shop!



Calling All Night Owls!

If you would be interested in having evening events for the upcoming 2011-2012 FGSCC year, please email Gail Fitzpatrick at Veliarosariofitz@yahoo.com and let her know your ideas! Watch for our annual Kickoff Event in the fall! Watch for your August 2011 newsletter!



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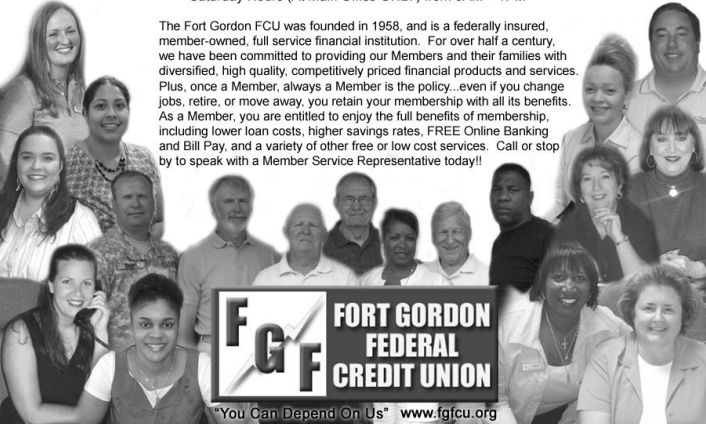
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Main & Belair Office – Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday from 9AM – 5PM, Wednesday from 9AM – 2PM
*Every 3rd Wednesday of the month we close at 12:30PM for training.
*Saturday Hours (At Main Office ONLY) from 9AM – 1PM

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