Fort Leavenworth Spouses' Club Newsletter The Supposed Vision Club Newsletter

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The 2023-2024 Board Year has been nothing less than extraordinary for the Fort Leavenworth Spouses' Club. Last August, I wrote a short welcome note in our newsletter that quoted our new motto for the year; "Wherever Life Plants You, Choose to Grow!" I then went on to list our goals for the organization, which included growing our membership, growing our relationships within the community, and lastly growing in our philanthropic efforts. I can say without hesitation that as an organization we have exceeded my expectations in all three areas. As of today, we proudly sit at 307 members. Over the course of this year, we have had the honor of partnering with over 20 different organizations in the Leavenworth area, both on and off post. We made an effort to volunteer with at least one organization each month as a board and those have been some of my favorite memories of the year. After hosting our biggest fundraiser event of the year, we can announce that we successfully raised over \$23,000 to give back to our community in the form of grants and scholarships. If that's not what you call an extraordinary year, then I don't know what is.

I have to say that none of the successes we have had this year would have been possible without the dedication and leadership of the entire FLSC Board. I wish I could list every accomplishment that these board members contributed to our team, but the list would be too long for such a short article. Similar to our board members are the amazing humans who run our Sub-Clubs. I am constantly impressed with the way these leaders have gone above and beyond all year for our members. When I say this club has something for everyone, our 20 sub-clubs are a direct testament to that statement. Beyond our board members and sub-club leaders, this club would not be what it is today without the support of our fabulous members. Our members showed up and committed to our organization on a level that is rarely seen anymore within spouses' clubs. To consistently have 70-80 members at every social speaks volumes. We listened to our members and brought back the Mock Dining In this year. Not knowing what to expect, the Dining In ended up being one of our best turn outs of the entire year. Over 100 spouses came together one evening to celebrate the sisterhood (and brotherhood) that can only be found between military spouses. On top of that, we laughed and danced the night away, while quietly raising over \$1,200 in "fines!" What a night!

As this club year comes to an end, I would again like to express my gratitude to the FLSC Board, our Super Star Advisors and Honorary President, the world's best sub-club leaders and last but not least our members for a year I will cherish forever.

I will leave you with a challenge for this coming year. Whether you are staying put or getting ready to PCS, choose to grow.



Kindest regards,

Karly gadell President FLSC





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featured board members

Each month we feature a selection of our amazing board members in the newsletter! This month our featured board members are: Jeanette- Scholarships Paula- Grants



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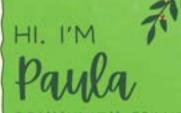
About me

I am a boy mom and a dog mom. I spend my weeks shuffling boys to football practices and all of the things. My husband, Mark and I celebrated our 15th wedding anniversary this year. I love trivia and learning new things. In my spare time, I enjoy reading, hiking and arts & crafts!









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About me

I spent my first 18 years in San Antonio, TX, but I claim North Carolina as my home. I went to college in Greensboro. NC and lived there for years afterward. My husband and I have two boys- a 3 year old and a 3month old. I am also the Coffee Club sub club leader, but I'm not really a coffee drinker. I just love the people and the vibes that it brings together! I'm more of a hot chocolate and specialty drink person. Besides

volunteering, I read as much as I can, which isn't too much currently. I love jigsaw puzzles, podcasts and lifting heavy things in the gym.

fun facts

- I'm really into minimalist/barefoot shoes.
- I can't live without Corrected vision. I once accidently slept in one contact lens and I woke up feeling like SpiderMan because I could suddenly see (kind of since it was only one eye).
- I used to be really into adult rec kickball. I played on two teams and even travelled from NC to Las Vegas for a tournament.





Last FLSC Social of the 2023-2024 Board Year The night will include recognition of scholarship & grant recipients, induction of the 2024-2025 Executive Board and change of our Board and highlighting our community partners from this past year.

> Attire: Luau Beach Vibes Cost: \$32.50/person Cocktail hour 5:30-6:00pm Event Begins at 6:00pm Dinner: Luau Food (Roast Pig & Sides) & Cash Bar









Volunteer ESI Instructors needed

The English Language Support Course is looking for ESL instructors for the 2024-2025 classes which will begin in late August. This is an opportunity to meet international spouses from around the world, learn about each other's cultures, and develop friendships that will continue long after they have returned home.

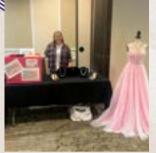
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