

**Fort Leavenworth Spouses' Club Newsletter**

# *The Sunflower*



**December 2024**



# a letter

## FROM THE PRESIDENT ...

Seasons Greetings,

I cannot believe the holiday season is already upon us. We have had so much celebrating this year and can't thank our members enough for your continued support and participation.

We are thrilled to be hosting our 2nd Annual Wreath and Tree Auction on December 11th. Last year was so successful and such a fun evening. We encourage you to make this a date night and bring your spouse or get a group of friends together and snag a table. We will start the night with live music from the First City Chamber Music Society. We will also have a cash bar and a silent auction with trees and wreaths full of fantastic items. It's the perfect way to pick up some goodies for all those family members on your holiday list this year.

I hope you find time to take in all that Leavenworth and the surrounding areas offer this month. We are lucky to live in an area full of endless holiday activities.

On behalf of myself and the entire FLSC board, we wish you a Merry Christmas and a very Happy Holiday season.

*Karly Gadell*

Karly Gadell  
FLSC President





# December



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1	2	3	4  Bunco 6 pm	5 Knit/Crochet 10 am Deadline	6 	1
8	59	10 	11 Swap 2-4 pm Wreath and Tree 5:30 pm	12 Boozy Snack 6 pm 	13	14
15 Bowling 4 pm 	16	17 Evening Book 6:30 pm 	18 Daytime Book 10 am	19 Retiree 6 pm 	20	21
22	23	24	25 Christmas	26	27	28
29	30	31 New Year's Eve				



The Widow's Husband's Secret Lie  
by Freida McFadden  
"The Widow's Husband's Secret Lie" is an utterly addictive, nail-biting, gripping psychological thriller with a shocking twist that you won't see coming.

## THIS MONTH'S MORNING BOOK CLUB SELECTION



 FLSC January Social - International Luncheon on Wednesday, January 22  
 ODYD Pop Up Shop - Saturday, January 11

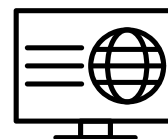
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# FLSC December Social Wreath & Tree



## AUCTION

*Invite your spouses, friends and neighbors!*

Wednesday, December 11th, 2024  
Cocktails 5:30 - 6 pm    Event 6 - 9 pm  
Frontier Conference Center

Cost: \$32.50 per ticket

Wreath, Tree & Centerpiece Auction, Live Music, and a Cash Bar

Attire: Holiday Chic, Festive Casual

Reservations are required.

Reserve your tickets by Thursday, Dec 5 at 11:59 pm.

<https://form.jotform.com/243035859110149>

**Babysitting available for ages 2+ (reservation required)**



## Important Announcement ...

**It's time for our By-Law Review.  
The committee is meeting on January 7, 2025.  
We need one non-board FLSC member to serve  
on our committee. If you are interested,  
please contact Jeannette at  
[parliamentarianflsc@gmail.com](mailto:parliamentarianflsc@gmail.com).**



## Ways and Means



**Looking for a gift? Look no further than the FLSC Ways and Means!  
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Contact Samantha Mans at [waysandmeansflsc@gmail.com](mailto:waysandmeansflsc@gmail.com).**

# COMMUNITY OUTREACH

## December Opportunities

### WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA

Wreath Laying  
Saturday, December 14th 11 am  
Ft Leavenworth National Cemetery

### GIFT WRAPPING AT THE PX

December 3, 17 and 24  
[Click Here to Sign Up](#)

### CHAPLAIN'S CHRISTMAS MEALS

Tuesday, December 17th  
Assemble meals at 8-10 am  
Distribute meals at 2-4 pm  
Ft Leavenworth Commissary Loading Dock

### LITTLE ELVES SHOP

Stronghold Christmas Depot  
Various Dates & Times  
[Click Here to Sign Up](#)

### SALVATION ARMY BELL RINGING

Various Dates & Times  
[Click Here to Sign Up](#)

# FLSC 2024-2025 SOCIALS

## SAVE THE DATE

DEC.  
11

WREATH & TREE AUCTION

JAN.  
22

INTERNATIONAL LUNCHEON

FEB.  
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PALENTINE'S PAMPER PARTY

MAR.  
26

MAKE IT, BAKE IT, FAKE IT

MAY  
10

SPRING FUNDRAISER  
PROHIBITION/GREAT GATSBY THEME

MAY  
14

END OF THE YELLOW BRICK ROAD  
RECOGNITION AND AWARDS NIGHT

Operation Deploy Your Dress

UPCOMING  
*Pop-Ups*

January 11th and February 9th

10am - 2pm

600 Thomas Ave, Bldg 198, RM 106

ODYD is accepting new/gently worn dresses,  
shoes, suits, and accessories.







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# *Little Elves Shop at the Stronghold Christmas Depot*

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE STRONGHOLD  
CHRISTMAS DEPOT: [CLICK HERE](#)

TO VOLUNTEER: [CLICK HERE](#)



## FLSC January Social *International*

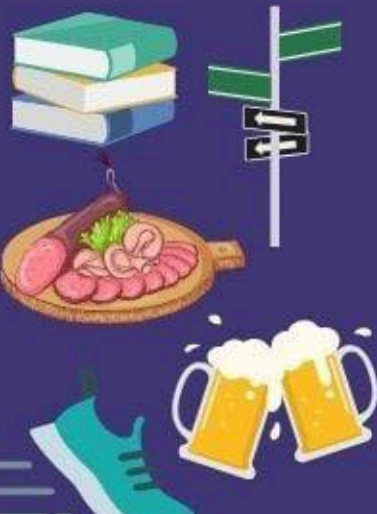


LUNCHEON

Jan. 22nd, 2025 | 11:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. at the Frontier Conference Center

FORT LEAVENWORTH SPOUSES' CLUB

# Sub Clubs



**Book Club**

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**Boozy Snack**

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**Bourbon Club**

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**Bowling Club**

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**Bunco Club**

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**Coffee Club**

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**Cooking Club**

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**Craft Club**

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**Home Based/Small Business Club**

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**Hiking/Walking Club**

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**KC Tourist Club**

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**Knitting & Crochet Club**

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**Painting Club**

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**Pickleball Club**

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**Restaurant Explorers Club**

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**Retiree Club**

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**Run Club**

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**Swap Club**

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**Volunteer Club**

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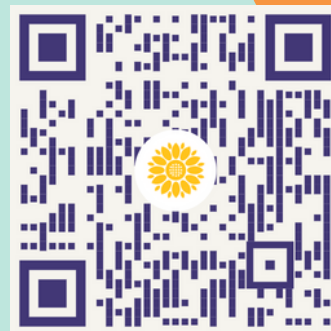


Retired spouses gathered at Willcott Brewing

Scan the QR code to learn more about our Sub Clubs!

Or email Angela at  
[SubClubFLSC@gmail.com](mailto:SubClubFLSC@gmail.com)

[www.FortLeavenworthSpousesClub.org](http://www.FortLeavenworthSpousesClub.org)



# SUB CLUB

## Spotlight



### BOOZY SNACK

Led by Jeanell Hurley.

The next Boozy Snack Night is Thursday, Dec 12 at 6pm. Bring a \$10 wrapped gift, a charcuterie tray to share and wear an ugly sweater.

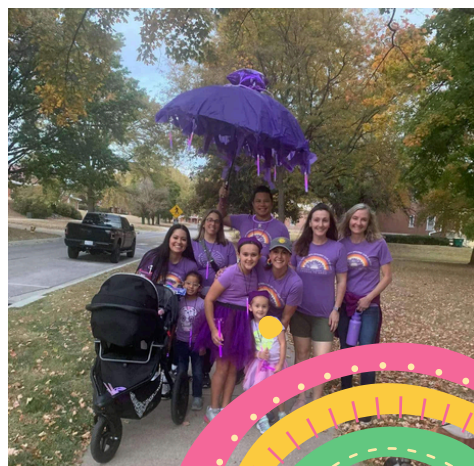
### KNIT/CROCHET

Led by Jenna Farquhar

The next Knit/Crochet meeting is Thursday, Dec 5 at 10am at Burr Roasters. Bring your latest project, enjoy a cup of coffee, and visit with us!









# Board Spotlights



## JENNA FARQUHAR

- ♥ A graduate of University of Nebraska and a Cornhusker Marching Band Alumni
- ♥ Married to Cale and a mom to 1 daughter
- ♥ Loves to knit/crochet and read (and lead both of those sub clubs) and volunteers for the Fort Leavenworth Girl Scouts and Cornhusker Boys State



## RACHEL RASMUSSEN-NARAMORE

- ♥ Hails from Illinois
- ♥ Military spouse of 19 years and mom of 3 kids
- ♥ Volunteer extraordinaire: FLSC Historian and Bowling Sub Club Leader and PWOC Historian
- ♥ Loves S.L.A.M., signing and hugs
- ♥ Plays the violin



## PATTY TAGUBA

- ♥ Hails from El Paso, Texas
- ♥ Married to Sean with 2 girls and 1 dog
- ♥ I work full time remotely and enjoy spouses sub-clubs when I have the time!
- ♥ I also enjoy getting nostalgic with my Nintendo Switch and playing super Mario games.



# Meet THE BOARD



## *Executive Board*

President: Karly Gadell  
1st Vice President: Liz Smith  
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Treasurer: Pauline Heath  
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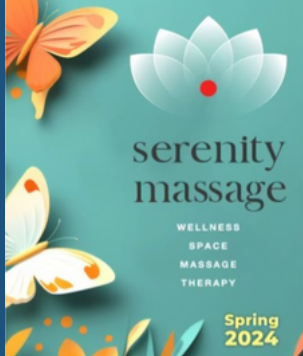


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