

Fort Leavenworth Spouses' Club Newsletter

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Happy New Year! We hope you all had a wonderful Holiday break. As we start the new year, the activities at the Spouse Club are beginning with a “Bang” offering its membership at half price. The year might be half over, but we are just getting started!

In December, the first FLSC Wreath and Tree auction was a great success! We are grateful for the Fire Truck Ride that Fort Leavenworth Fire & Emergency Services donated for our event. That one donation was able to supply us with the funds needed to help several local Angel Tree families. Thank you to all the members and guests that participated. The gift-wrapping fundraiser at the PX was also a great hit! Thank you to the volunteers who provided their time and wrapping skills.

Now, are your taste buds ready to travel around the world? This month is The International Luncheon on January 24th, from 11am to 1:30pm at the Frontier Conference Center. RSVP by Friday, January 18th at noon. Many countries have already registered. Here is a sneak peak of who will be present: Malawi, Slovenia, South Korea, Germany, Bangladesh, Lebanon and many more. During this event, you will be able to interact with spouses from different countries, learn about their culture & cuisines, while sampling their delicious dishes. You do not want to miss this event! Bring your appetite because there will be great variety of food for you to try.

The organization that will be highlighted this month is The International Loan Closet. Marianne Tennant will present about how her group of volunteers and herself support international families each year. Violetta and I are very excited to participate in this event and are looking forward greeting all of you.



Violetta Kopp & Anne Vaillancourt
FLSC International Liaison



JANUARY

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
31	1 	2	3 Run Club 5:15 AM	4 Bowling Club 12:30 PM	5	6 Bunco 6 PM
7	8	9 Coffee Club	10 Run Club 5:15 AM	11 Knit & Crochet Club 10 AM	12 Coffee Club Breweries & Beer	13
14	15	16	17 Run Club 5:15 AM	18 Retiree Club 6 PM Corks & Boards 6:30 PM	19	20
21	22 Trivia Club 6 PM	23	24 Run Club 5:15 AM INTERNATIONAL LUNCHEON 	25 Book Club 10 AM & 7 PM	26	27
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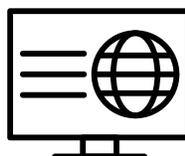
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FSLC Sub Club
Facebook group



VISIT WITH SPOUSES FROM DIFFERENT COUNTRIES, LEARN ABOUT THEIR CULTURE & CUISINES, WHILE SAMPLING THEIR DELICIOUS DISHES AT OUR JANUARY SOCIAL!

FORT LEAVENWORTH SPOUSES' CLUB

International LUNCHEON

JANUARY 24, 2024 | 11AM - 1:30PM
FRONTIER CONFERENCE CENTER
\$25/PERSON



MEAL: SAMPLINGS FROM DIFFERENT COUNTRIES WITH SOUP & SALAD BAR
ATTIRE: CASUAL

[CLICK HERE TO RSVP NOW!](#)

January Community Partners

INTERNATIONAL LOAN CLOSET

The International Loan Closet provides International Military Students and Liaisons at Fort Leavenworth with basic household items. The International Loan Closet is located in the alley off of McClellan & Kearny. Hours Vary.

Visit the Facebook page for more information:

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100064793946909>

or email the director at matennant3@gmail.com

INTERNATIONAL SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM

The International Sponsorship Program commitment to pairs International Military Students with U.S. Military, as well as civilian sponsors. This program helps International Students acclimate to Fort Leavenworth and the United States. Sponsors also develop and nurture a personal relationship with officers and their families.

To learn more about the International Sponsorship Program:

[VISIT THIS WEBSITE!](#)



Fort Leavenworth Spouses' Club

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Featured board members

Each month we feature a selection of our amazing board members in the newsletter!

This Month, we are featuring our two International Liasons, Anne & Violetta! They have been working hard to create a connection between FLSC and the International community! We cannot wait for our International Luncheon to celebrate that connection! Learn more about Anne & Violetta on the next page!!



Hello, my name is
Anne Vaillancourt
International Liaison



About Me

My family and I are from Canada. We are a family of 4. My husband, Phillippe, and I have been together for 27 year, but only married for 5. We have two kids. Our son, Samuel, is in Montreal. He is in the Air Force and studying Aerospace Engineering! Our daughter, Beatrice, is a senior at Leavenworth High School. My husband is an instructor at CGSC!

We have 2 more year at Fort Leavenworth before moving back to Canada



Hello. I'm
Violetta Kopp
International Liaison



About Me

I'm Violetta! My husband and I have been married for 35 years and he is the German Liaison Officer! We have 3 children and 4 grandchildren. We also have a dog, Toto- our Kansas boy! Since moving to the United States, I have developed a passion for quilting! My favorite TV show is Grey's Anatomy and my favorite local restaurant is the Suburban! I really enjoy living in America!

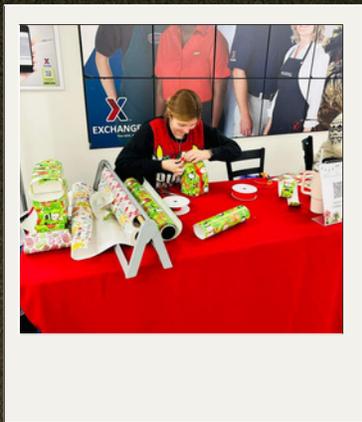


Thank you Volunteers!

We appreciate all our volunteers that helped during December!

We would like to offer a special thank you to the FLSC members that helped during our PX gift wrapping fundraiser:

- Helen Adams
- Rachel Naramore
- Sarah Rivard
- Angela Remington



RETIREE SPOTLIGHT

Barbara HARRISON



Barb was also a first responder volunteer in NYC after 9-11.

What year did your spouse attend CGSC?

1970

What year did your spouse retire?

1990

Favorite Duty Station:

Germany. I met my husband in Germany while she was a speech therapist for the DOD schools.

What do you miss about being active duty?

Camaraderie

What do you do now to keep busy?

I am the music director for Saint Ignacious and at the prison.

Ways & Means

Don't forget to visit Casey and Shanna at our Ways & Means table! They have many unique and classic offerings available at all FLSC events!



Are you looking for event items to rent instead of purchasing? FLSC provides the local community the opportunity to rent items for special event. From Santa suits to center piece items, we offer a variety of rental items to support your needs. For additional information and rental inquiries, please contact propertyflsc@gmail.com



FLSC Property Rental List

ITEM	DESCRIPTION	RENTAL FEE
Backdrops	Various Options (Please ask for more info)	\$10 each
Backdrop Stand	Collapsible with Carrying Case (2 Available)	\$10 each
BINGO Cards	Sliding Shutter Reusable Cards (300 Available)	\$10 per 100
Chafing Dishes	Round with Lid (2 Available)	\$10 each
Chairs	Beige folding with cushioned seats (12 available)	\$2 each
Chargers	Round Plates (18 Red, 18 Black)	\$10 per set
Dispensers	Cold Tea (1 available), Hot Coffee (2 available)	\$10 each
Floral	Assorted Styles (Please ask for more info)	\$10 for all
Flood Lights	Color Changing LED with Remote (8 Available)	\$5 each
Glass Pebbles	Clear Vase Filler	\$5 for all
Leis	Assorted Colors (100 Available)	\$10 for all
Mason Jars	Frosted with Iridescent Glitter (30 Available)	\$1 each
Mini Flower Pots	Pink Silk Flowers in White Pots (8 Available)	\$1 each
Mirrors	12" Square (17 Available)	\$3 each
Metal Buckets	10 Large with Stars, 4 Chalkboard, 4 Plain	\$2 each
Plastic Glasses	Clear Stackable (145 Available)	\$10 for all
Platters	Decorative silver rounds (5 available)	\$2 each
Santa Suit	3 Different Styles	\$20 each
Spring Centerpieces	Silk Flowers in Pots (46 Available)	\$2 each
Table Runners	10 Navy Chiffon, 12 Black Satin	\$10 per set
Table Numbers	20 Metal, 20 Wooden Chalkboard	\$10 per set
Tablecloths	90" Rounds (10 Black, 10 White)	\$4 each
Tables	8ft Folding (8 Available)	\$8 each
Vases	Assorted Styles (Please ask for more info)	\$1 each
Themed Decorations	Bingo, Denim & Diamonds, Football, 4th of July, International, Red Carpet, Spring, Valentine's Day, Wizard of Oz (Please ask for more info)	\$25-\$50 per set

Scholarships & Grants

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Fort Leavenworth Spouses' Club

WHO?

This years scholarship application is open to:
-High school seniors
-College students continuing their education
-Spouses



APPLICATIONS OPEN NOW

Applications open January 1st. Visit <https://fortleavenworthspousesclub.org/community-giving> to access the application.

APPLICATION DUE DATE

Applications are due via email or postmarked by 11:59pm March 1, 2024.



QUESTIONS?

All questions can be emailed to Jeannette Balboni, Scholarship Chair, scholarshipflsc@gmail.com.



GRANT APPLICATION

Helping you make a difference in our community

January 1 - February 29



The 2023-2024 FLSC Grant Application is open and available on our website.

April 24, 2024



Grant applicants will be notified of award decisions.

May 15, 2024



Grant recipients will be recognized at our Awards Dinner.

Application Review Committee



Want to help review our Grant Applications? Contact our Grants Chair at the email found below.

FLSC awards grants to local organizations that support activities and projects dedicated to improving the Leavenworth community.

For information about FLSC Scholarships & Community Grants and to apply, please visit our website at: <https://fortleavenworthspousesclub.org/community-giving>

Wreath & Tree 2023



SUB clubs

Book Club- Leader: Jenna Farquhar
Bowling Club- Leader: Angela Elgin
Bourbon & Spirits Club- Leader: Laura Brown
Breweries & Beer Club-
Leaders: Vince Afaisen & Christina Dieppa
Bunco Club- Leader: Connie Papacek
Coffee Club- Leader: Paula Skandis
Corks & Boards- Leader: Jeanell Hurley
Craft Club- Leaders: Mallory Hill & Maggie VanHassel

Knitting Club- Leader: Jenna Farquhar
Pickleball Club- Leader: Karly Gadell
Retiree Club- Leader: Katie Payne
Restaurant Explorers-
Leaders: Angela Elgin & Rachel McCarty
Run Club- Leader: Maria Duncan
Trivia Club-
Leaders: Catherine Sincere & Connie Papacek
Wine Club- Jeannette Balboni

Sub Clubs of the month

Pickleball

Leader: Karly Gadell



Join Karly and the Pickleball Sub-Club to play this fun, social game! All levels are welcome!

In January, the Pickleball Sub-Club will start meeting the first and last Thursdays of the month at 9 am at Harney Gym!

[Join the Facebook Group for more information!](#)



Knit & Crochet

Leader: Jenna Farquhar

The FLSC Knit & Crochet Sub-Club is a chance to talk about all things fiber arts. All levels of experience are welcome at monthly meetings! Members are willing and able to assist you with a project or teach you basic skills if you are a beginner. Come ready to work on your project along with great company and conversation!

Knit & Crochet Club will meet January 11th at 10 AM!

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