

Fort Leavenworth Spouses' Club Newsletter

The Sunflower



January 2025



a letter

FROM THE PRESIDENT ...

Happy New Year, Fort Leavenworth Spouses' Club!

Welcome to 2025 and to the second half of the FLSC club year. As we embark on a new year filled with possibilities, we are thrilled to have each of you as part of our vibrant and supportive community. Your involvement and enthusiasm continue to make the FLSC a place where friendships flourish and memories are made.

We are excited to kick off the year with one of our most cherished traditions—the International Luncheon! This year, the luncheon will take place on Tuesday, January 22nd, so mark your calendars and get ready to enjoy a wonderful afternoon celebrating the incredible diversity of our community. Stay tuned for more details about this event!

Looking ahead to March, we are thrilled to announce that the 2025 FLSC Mock Dining-In is on the horizon! We'll be revealing the date and theme for this highly anticipated event very soon. It will be an evening to remember, and we can't wait to share it with all of you.

Here's to a fantastic start to the year! Let's make 2025 unforgettable together.

Karly Gadell
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FLSC President

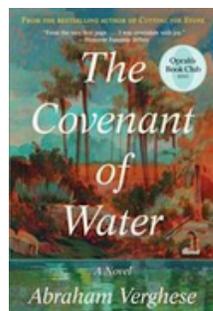


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19	20	21	22 International Luncheon Bourbon 6:30 pm 	23 	24	25
26	27  Craft 6 pm	28 Coffect 9 am 	29 Boozy Snack 6 pm	30 Daytime Book 10 am 	31	



THIS MONTH'S MORNING BOOK CLUB SELECTION



The Covenant of Water by Abraham Verghese
The book tells the story of a Malayali family living in southwest India with the narrative spanning three generations. In each generation, some members of the family die by drowning because of an affliction they refer to as "The Condition"



-  FLSC February Social - Palentine's Pamper Party on Wednesday, February 12
-  Operation Deploy Your Dress Pop Up Shop - Saturday, February 9

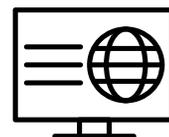
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FLSC Sub Club Facebook group

FLSC January Social

International



LUNCHEON

January 22, 2024 | 11:00 a.m. - 1:30pm

Frontier Conference Center

Don't miss this event! You'll learn about different cultures and taste a variety of foods from the Philippines, Belgium, Peru, Germany, Chile, and many more. If you'd like to showcase your country at this event, we have space for you! Email Anne and Lea at internationalflsc@gmail.com.

Cost: \$26.06

[Click here to RSVP before January 16 at 11:59 PM.](#)

Community Outreach: OISS International Loan Closet

See the list on the following page for donation requests.

Bring your donations to the January Luncheon and receive extra opportunity tickets!

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

January Opportunities

OPERATION DEPLOY YOUR DRESS

Friday, January 10 and Saturday, January 11
Click [here](#) to help with our Pop Up Shop.

INTERNATIONAL LOAN CLOSET

Wednesday, January 15 & January 22: 4 - 7 PM
Monday, January 27: 9 AM - 12 PM
Located in the alley of 634 McClellan Ave; Park on Kearny Ave
Click [here](#) to volunteer.

WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA

Saturday, January 18th, 9 AM - 12 PM
Wreath Retrieval, Ft Leavenworth National Cemetary
Click [here](#) to volunteer.

STOCK THE INTERNATIONAL LOAN CLOSET

The following donations are needed and can be brought to the
International Luncheon on January 22nd:

Winter Coats (especially middle school children and mens),
Winter Gloves (especially for adults),
Snow Pants (especially for middle school children and adults),
Bike Helmets (children and adults), Blenders,
Luggage/Suitcases (larger than 24"), Throw Blankets,
Space Heaters, Humidifiers, Blow Dryers, Flag Poles

FLSC 2024-2025 SOCIALS

SAVE THE DATE

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PALENTINE'S PAMPER PARTY

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END OF THE YELLOW BRICK ROAD
REGOGNITION AND AWARDS NIGHT



Pop-Up Shop

January 11th and February 9th

10 - 11:30 AM Reservations Only. Noon - 2 PM Walk-Ins

[Click here to reserve your shopping spot.](#)

600 Thomas Ave, Bldg 198, RM 106

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

Important Announcement ...

Nominating Committee -
We need 2 General Members
(who do not want to run for the
Executive Board) to help select
the new Executive Board slate.

We'll meet in February and
March. If you are interested,
please contact Jeannette at
parliamentarianflsc@gmail.com.

FLSC February Social

Valentine's Pamper Party



LUNCHEON

February 12, 2025

11:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

at the Frontier Conference Center

Ways and Means



Looking for a gift? Look no further than the FLSC Ways and Means!
We have ornaments, pottery, jewelry, shirts, and more!
Contact Samantha Mans at waysandmeansflsc@gmail.com.

SAVE THE DATES

FOR THESE UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS!

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DINING IN

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MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW, BUT MARK
THESE DATES ON YOUR CALENDAR!



GRANT APPLICATION

Helping you make a difference in our community

January 1 - March 1



The 2024-2025 FLSC Grant Application is open and available on our website.

April 16, 2025



Grant applicants will be notified of award decisions.

May 14, 2025



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.



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2025 SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

- High School Seniors
- Continuing Undergraduate Students
- Spouse Education

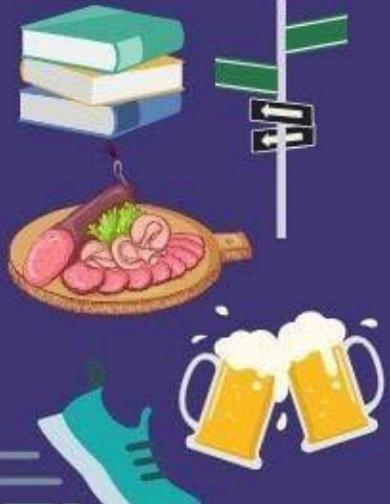
APPLY NOW!



Application deadline 3/1/25

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Sub Clubs



Book Club

Boozy Snack

Bourbon Club

Bowling Club

Bunco Club

Coffee Club

Cooking Club

Craft Club

Home Based/Small Business Club

Hiking/Walking Club

KC Tourist Club

Knitting & Crochet Club

Painting Club

Pickleball Club

Restaurant Explorers Club

Retiree Club

Run Club

Swap Club

Volunteer Club



Bourbon Club Monthly Tasting

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

Or email Angela at SubClubFLSC@gmail.com



SUB CLUB

Spotlight



BOURBON

Led by Laura Brown

The next Bourbon Night is Wednesday, January 22 at 6:30 PM. The theme is Bourbon on a Budget: A Spirited Start to the New Year. The cost is \$15.



RESTAURANT EXPLORERS

Led by Rachel McCarty and Angela Elgin

The next Restaurant Explorers meet up is January 15 at 6 PM at El Potro in Bonner Springs. Please RSVP on the Facebook event by the 12th.



Board Spotlights



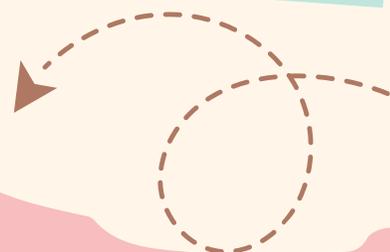
ANNE VAILLANCOURT

- ♥ Born in Montreal, Canada, and from the French part of Canada in the Province of Quebec
- ♥ Military spouse for 28 years with children
- ♥ Loves to cook, learn new things, volunteer and hike



JACKIE WILLIAMS

- ♥ Mom of two teenage boys
- ♥ Loves attending all of their activities
- ♥ Born in and lived in Germany until age 10
- ♥ Second generation on my mom's side to live in the US - her sons are the first to be born in America.
- ♥ Loves all things University of Alabama, where she earned a Bachelors in Public Relations



LEA POST

- ♥ Hails from Herborn, Germany
- ♥ Married to Tobias with two daughters, Lara and Leonie
- ♥ Hobbies include painting, reading, spending time with family, and cooking



Meet THE BOARD



Executive Board

President: Karly Gadell
1st Vice President: Liz Smith
2nd Vice President: Vince Afaisen
Secretary: Jacqueline Boyle
Treasurer: OPEN
Assistant Treasurer: Liz Smith
Parliamentarian: Jeannette Balboni
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Community Grants: Paula Skandis
Community Outreach: Jackie Williams
Historian: Rachel Naramore
Hospitality: Bethany McWhirter
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Newsletter: Angela Durham
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Publicity: Jenna Farquhar
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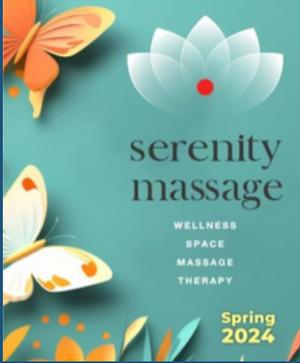


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