# **POSTSCRIPTS**



THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE FORT WOOD COMMUNITY SPOUSES' CLUB

# TAG, YOU'RE IT! FWCSC SUPER SIGN-UP BRINGS THE FUN (AND THE MAGNETS!)

New members & new initiatives, FWCSC is growing stronger than ever!

On August 9th, FWCSC kicked off the 2025–2026 membership year in style at Super Sign-Up! With summer jams playing, refreshing mocktails flowing, and lots of smiles, we welcomed new and returning members for a fun-filled start to the year. Shirley Temples, peach and lavender iced teas, and cherry limeade were crowd favorites at the drink bar, keeping everyone cool on a hot summer day.

Members explored sub-clubs, chatted with community partners and vendors, and got in on the excitement of our brand-new magnet flipping game—everyone who signed up received a free FWCSC car magnet to join the ultimate game of member tag all year long.

We're thrilled to share that over 60 members joined at the event, and the energy in the room was incredible. It was the perfect blend of fun, connection, and community spirit—and just the beginning of what's sure to be an amazing year of friendship, service, and impact. Here's to an amazing 2025—2026 membership year!



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# THE PRESIDENT'S PEN

Thoughts From Our Fearless Leader

Hello my dear FWCSC Members,

What an amazing start we had with our very first General Membership Monthly Mixer! I was more than thrilled to see so many of you there, and I truly hope you enjoyed it as much as we did.

Now that our first event is behind us, all of our wonderful subclubs are finally coming to life! We kicked things off this week with Bunco on September 5th. Coming up right away: our Cooking Club and Lunch Bunch with Jutta at Flows66, followed by the Craft Club, and even our Author's Club, which will go Apple Picking on Saturday, September 20th.



And of course, don't miss our second General Membership Meeting on September 18th, where we'll celebrate Cultural Heritage Month together. So many activities - make sure to check our website on the events page for all the details.

I'm also excited to announce our very first Caravan of the year—we'll be heading to Lebanon! We're currently working closely with the Lebanon Chamber to create a beautiful, stress-free day for you to enjoy.

Looking a bit further ahead, please mark your calendars: on December 6th, our Annual Holiday Craft Fair will take place at Waynesville School. Our brand-new Chairperson. Jordan, has already jumped in with full energy to make this event a success and to help us lay the foundation for our philanthropic mission. Maybe you'd like to be part of this? We'd love to welcome volunteers to join the Craft Fair Committee!

For now, let's soak up the last golden days of summer in September. I can already smell the pumpkin spice in the air, and I hope you will enjoy all of our upcoming events just as much as we do.

With love and excitement,

FWCSC President

# MIX& MINGLE:

#### A GREAT START TO THE YEAR!

We hosted our first monthly membership mixer on August 21st and it was a wonderful success as we welcomed new and returning members! Everyone met the new board, heard about the sub-clubs, and voted to pass the budget, and then enjoyed a buffet of homemade finger foods and beautiful charcuterie boards prepared by the Board members, giving everyone plenty of delicious bites to enjoy while they mingled.

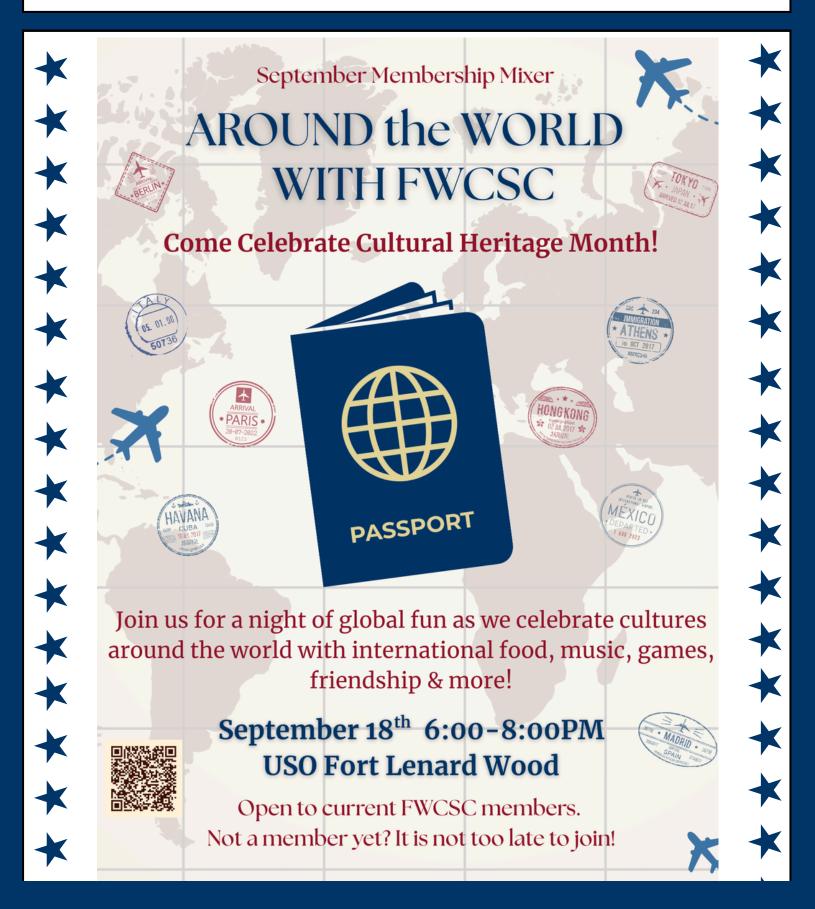
The highlight of the night was the ice breaker speed meeting game, which had the entire room buzzing with chatter and laughter as members rotated through quick introductions and fun questions. It was the perfect way to break down barriers and spark new friendships. With this kind of energy, the 2025-2026 year is sure to be an amazing one. Thank you to all who joined us—we can't wait to see you at the next mixer!











"Good friends are like stars. You don't always see them, but you know they're always there... and when you get together, it feels like no time has passed at all."



### FIND YOUR PEOPLE

JOIN A SUB-CLUB THIS YEAR!

One of the best things about being part of the Fort Wood Community Spouses' Club is finding your circle—and sub-clubs are where those circles start to grow. Whether you're looking to meet new friends, explore a hobby, or just have some fun outside of your routine, FWCSC sub-clubs offer something for everyone.

These groups are led by fellow members and are built around shared interests, activities, and good times. You don't have to be an expert, and you don't have to commit to every single meet-up. Just show up when you can, be yourself, and enjoy connecting with others who "get it."



# NEW VOLUNTEER GROUP ON FACEBOOK

Our goal is to expand our community outreach this year. To support our efforts, we are excited to announce our brand-new Facebook group: FWCSC Volunteers! This is the place for current members to:

- Stay updated on service projects
- Discover opportunities to get involved
- Find fun and meaningful ways to give back to our community

If you're ready to make a difference and be the heart of FWCSC, we'd love for you to join us!



Request to join the Facebook group at:

www.facebook.com/fwcscvolunteers

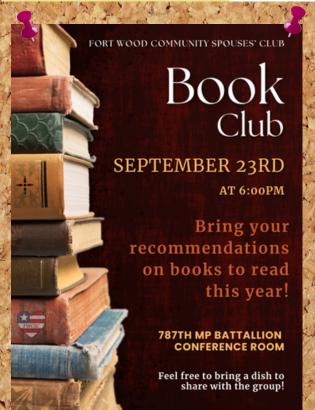


# Sub-Club News & Events











"The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others."

- Gandhi



Perla Rosa

Mary Townend

Paula Tackett

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Aysia Glaspie

Megan Taylor

**Heather Buysse** 

Amanda Vitale

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Waynesville/St. Robert Senior Center

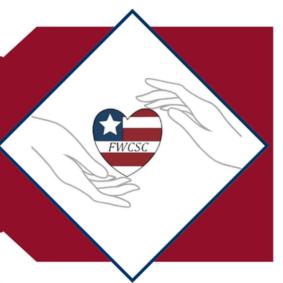


Bring items with you to the monthly mixer to earn tickets for the Sharing is Caring prize drawing at the end of the quarter!

- Food Prep Plastic Gloves
- Fine Point Sharpie Markers
- Avery Large Colored Perm Markers
- Paper Towels
- Dial Foaming Hand Soap Refills
- Ziploc Sandwich Bags
- Kleenex
- 20 oz Seasonings/Spices
- Salt-Free Bouillon
- Cooking Spray
- Vanilla Extract
- Baking Powder, Baking Soda
- Variety of Cake Mixes
- Sugar-Free JellO Mix
- Saltine Crackers
- Coffee
- Iced Tea Bags
- Sugar Free Water Flavor Drink Packets
- Individual condiment packets
- PowerWash Dawn Dish Soap
- Scotch Green Scrub Pads
- SOS Pads
- Sharpie Black Markers
- Dial Hand Soap
- Heavy Duty Silicone Oven Mitts

Fort Wood Community Spouses' Club

# Hearts in *Cetion*



#### CARING STARTS AT HOME

Hearts in Action is a member care initiative of the Fort Wood Community Spouses' Club. Through anonymous giving and confidential assistance, we connect those who want to help with those who need a little extra support—reminding everyone that in this club, no one stands alone.



#### **WAYS TO GIVE**

#### SPONSOR A MEMBERSHIP

for a fellow spouse who might not otherwise be able to join.

#### DONATE A MIXER TICKET

so a member in need can join the fun stressfree.

# DONATE A "HELPING HAND" COMMISSARY GIFT CARD

for a member experiencing temporary food insecurity.

Scan to make a donation:





#### **WAYS TO RECEIVE**

#### REQUEST A "HELPING HAND"

commissary gift card when times are a little tough.

# REQUEST A MEMBERSHIP OR MIXER TICKET

to receive a notification is a mixer ticket or membership is available.

#### SIGN-UP FOR MIXER MEAL SHARE

to receive discreet notifications when leftover mixer food is available for pick-up.

Scan to request a little help:



#### CONFIDENTIAL & COMPASSIONATE

"When Community Means Family"

Your privacy matters. Only designated board members run the program & sign a confidentiality agreement.

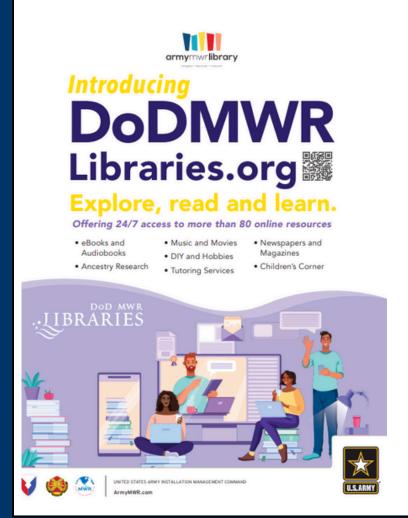
# DISCOVER MORE WITH DOD MWR DIGITAL LIBRARIES

Free 24/7 resources for service members and families—supporting education, growth, and connection for every stage of life.

Libraries offer much more than just books. They serve as an excellent resource for professional growth and education. Additionally, they are perfect for discovering after-school programs for children or finding tutors. You can even acquire skills for home improvement tasks and plan events for the entire family. Enjoy access to these resources and more, around the clock, with the MWR Digital Library.

The DOD MWR Libraries website provides numerous free resources for service members and their families. For kids and teenagers, there are reading guides and homework assistance. For service members and their spouses, there are research and reference materials covering a wide range of topics, from car maintenance to investment options.

You can find the libraries located here: <a href="https://www.dodmwrlibraries.org/">https://www.dodmwrlibraries.org/</a>







#### PUMPKIN PATCH MUFFINS

Nothing says "fall" like the warm aroma of pumpkin and spice! These muffins are quick to make and perfect for breakfast, snacks, or sharing at a mixer.

#### **Ingredients**

- 1 box spice cake mix
- 1 can (15 oz) pumpkin purée (not pumpkin pie filling)
- Optional: 1/2 cup chocolate chips or chopped pecans

#### **Instructions**

- 1. Preheat oven to 350°F.
- 2. In a bowl, mix together the cake mix and pumpkin until smooth (batter will be thick).
- 3. Stir in chocolate chips or pecans if using.
- 4. Spoon batter into a greased or lined muffin tin.
- 5. Bake 18–22 minutes or until a toothpick comes out clean.

That's it! Moist, fluffy pumpkin muffins with only 2–3 ingredients. What an easy way to usher in the fall season!

# RECIPES WANTED

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Have a favorite recipe you want to share? We would love to feature your favorite fall favorites in the next issue.

Send your recipes to Delinda at fwcscpublicrelations@gmail.com

#### SUGAR & SPICE BAKED APPLES

Looking for something fun to do with your apples this fall? Try this amazing treat!

#### **Ingredients**

- 4 apples (Honeycrisp, Gala, or Granny Smith work great)
- 1/4 cup brown sugar
- 1 tsp cinnamon
- ½ cup chopped nuts or raisins (optional)
- 1 tbsp butter, cut into small pieces

#### **Instructions**

- 1. Preheat oven to 350°F.
- 2. Core the apples, leaving the bottoms intact to form little "cups."
- 3. Mix brown sugar, cinnamon, and nuts/raisins (if using). Spoon mixture into each apple.
- 4. Top each with a small piece of butter.
- 5. Place apples in a baking dish with  $\frac{1}{2}$  cup water in the bottom.
- 6.Bake 30-40 minutes until apples are tender.

Serve warm as-is, or add a scoop of vanilla ice cream to take it to the next level!

# **IMPORTANT EVENT!**



Save the date for one of our favorite events of the year and one that the community looks forward to... the FWCSC Annual Holiday Craft Fair!

Friday, December 6th Waynesville High School

Last year we had over 1300 people attend and this year we want to go even bigger!

#### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Our annual Craft Fair is one of FWCSC's biggest and most exciting events of the year—and we can't do it without an amazing team of volunteers! We are looking for helping hands (and creative minds!) to join the Craft Fair Committee and help us bring this event to life.

Here's what's involved in prepping for a large event like this:

- Planning & Organization
- Promotion
- Logistics
- Day-of Support

Whether you have a knack for organizing, decorating, or just love being part of something fun and impactful, there's a role for YOU on this committee!

Please reach out to the Craft Fair Chair to volunteer for this event: craftfairfwcsc@gmail.com



## STAY TUNED FOR MORE INFORMATION!



# LOCAL EVENTS TO CHECK OUT

Get out and explore all the great local events happening this season—supporting our community is one of the best ways to give back to those who support FWCSC!

## Pulaski County Farmer's Market

Every Saturday 8:00 AM-12:00 PM

Farmers Market Pavilion in Waynesville



#### First Friday

Fri. September 5<sup>th</sup> 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Local Art, Shopping, & Food in Downtown Lebanon



#### **Patriot Day Festival**

Sat. September 13<sup>th</sup> 10:00 AM-4:00 PM

Vendors, Face Painting, Live Music at Roubidoux Park in Waynesville



#### **Fall Nature Festival & Plant Sale**

Sat. September 13th 8:00-2:00 PM

Audubon Trails Nature Center in Rolla



#### **Celebration of Nations**

Sat. September 20<sup>th</sup> 10:00 AM-4:00 PM

Parade & Entertainment in Downtown Rolla



#### Ozark Hooli-Git Down

Sat. September 20<sup>th</sup> 11:00 AM-6:00 PM

Music & Food at the Phelps County Fairgrounds



#### **Citywide Rummage Sale**

Sat. September 20th 10:00 AM-4:00 PM

Community Rummage Sale at Osage Beach City Park



## **Extremeicon - The Comicon Event**

September 26-28<sup>th</sup>

Comic books, Cosplay, and Panels at the St. Robert Community Center



# Save the Dates! \*\*\*\*\* September 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3 10:00 AM Decorate Senior Center for Fall	4	5 BUNCO! 7:00-9:00 PM @ FLW USO	6
7	8	G Cooking Club 6:00-9:00 PM @ Main Chapel	Parent-Child 10:00-12:00PM @FLW Public Playground LUNCH BUNCH 11:30-1:30 PM @ Flo's 66 Diner	11	12	13
14	15	craft Club 16 10:00-12:30 PM 6:00-8:30 PM @ Woodlands Community Center	17	18 Monthly Member Meeting & Mixer 6:00-8:00 PM @ FLW USO	19	20
21	22	23 Book Club 6:00-8:00 PM @ 787 MP BN	24	25	26	27
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5	6	7	Parent-Child 10:00-12:00PM	9	10	11