



Communiqué

Community Spouses' Club
of Fort Benning

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A Letter from our President

Happy New Year CSC Friends,
I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas and Holiday break! I know I did. My family and I traveled to Massachusetts for the holidays and it was COLD! I can honestly say I missed Georgia's strange weather.

I would like to thank everyone for opening their hearts and being so generous at the Wreath and Tree Auction. Vette Ivey did such

an amazing job and I cannot thank her enough for putting on such a wonderful event - for the second year in a row! The winter wonderland theme was perfect and gave Amy Catterton so much room to work with to decorate the room beautifully. I will always be amazed at how things just work out in the end. Thank you both for showing off your talents and making it a fun-filled evening. The CSC netted over \$2,200 at the Wreath and Tree Auction which will be added to the growing account for Scholarships and Community Grants. I cannot wait to see how many people and organizations we can contribute to and impact in the New Year.

Speaking of the new year, I'm sure if you take the time to look back and reflect on the past year, you will be amazed at all the things you were able to accomplish. No matter how big or small the accomplishment was, be proud of yourselves! Moving forward, I'm sure you all have made your New Year's resolutions and you're looking forward to what 2012 has in store for you and your families. Whether it's a PCS move or a new baby or job, I hope you make the best of it.

I hope to see you all at this month's movie trivia luncheon. I am looking forward to what Amy has in store for us. Also be looking for the Annual Tour of Homes date which will be announced soon. If you or someone you know has a home that NEEDS to be seen, submit it for consideration for the tour! Those interested can contact Vicki Colon at csc.tourofhomes@gmail.com.

As always, thank you for being a part of CSC.
Jennifer

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Scholarship Applications are now online!

Military and contract employee dependents can go to our web site at fortbenningcsc.org to download and print the application. Deadline is March 31. Call Christina Gladding at (702) 285-7397 or email her at gladding3@gmail.com.



January Birthdays

Your Ft. Benning CSC wishes you a Happy Birthday! Please enjoy a birthday cake (\$10 value) sponsored by **Columbus Corner Bakery** located at 5727 Moon Rd Ste. K, phone number (706) 568-4455. Please contact Hospitality Chair Andrea Gunter for your gift certificate.

- 1-Monica Box
- 5-Britni Merva
- 6-Kristan Brown
- 7-Christie Lynes
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- 9-Jill Willis
- 10-Christina Gladding
- 13-Elaine Anders
- 20-Sara Donlin
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- 30-Jennifer Parker

The Fort Benning Community Spouses Club

Presents our January Luncheon

Let's Go To The Movies!

January 18

11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The Regimental Room

Fort Benning Conference Center



Menu Choices:



Chicken Caesar Wrap with bowtie pasta salad

Or~

Smoked Beef and Cheddar Brisket served on a warm onion roll with country poppy seed slaw

Or~

Vegetable Lasagna with seasoned cauliflower and broccoli florets

Dessert is Double Chocolate Cake

RSVP Deadline:

January 11, 2012

cscreservationsfb@yahoo.com

Sandra McLean (706) 507-1161

*Members who cancel after the deadline will be responsible for the cost of their admission before attending the next event.

Don't miss the movie
trivia game!



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CSC 2011-2012 Reservations Policy

Reservations/Cancellations are due via e-mail (cscreservationsfb@yahoo.com) or phone (706.507.1161) on or before Wednesday, the week before the luncheon. Example: For our luncheon on Wednesday, January 18, 2012, you must reserve/cancel on or before the deadline date of Wednesday, January 11, 2012. If you cannot attend and do not cancel your reservations, you WILL be responsible for payment of that luncheon. You can only attend one luncheon as a non-CSC Member.

Permanent CSC Luncheon List: It requires a credit card on file. You will not need to e-mail or call each month. We will charge your card each month for the luncheon. If however, you are unable to attend a luncheon, you must cancel your reservation on or before the deadline date, otherwise you will be responsible for the luncheon, and your card will be charged.

Payment: Pre-paid by credit card (preferred), check (payable to CSC) mailed to CSC of Fort Benning; Attn: Reservations; P.O. Box 51978; Fort Benning, GA 31995-1978, or cash, check or credit card at the luncheon.

NOTE: YOU WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL FEES FOR RETURNED CHECKS AND OR IF YOUR CREDIT CARD IS DENIED, WE WILL ONLY ACCEPT CASH PAYMENT FROM YOU FOR ALL FUTURE CSC EVENTS.

All credit card and personal information are confidential and will not be released to any other parties.

The CSC is currently accepting applications for the 2012-2013 board year. Interested applicants can fill out an application and mail it to: Community Spouses' Club of Fort Benning, ATTN: CSC Parliamentarian, P.O. Box 51978, Fort Benning, Georgia 31995.

Applications can also be dropped off at the Bit of Benning gift shop. To see the full job descriptions please go to the CSC website at: www.fortbenningcsc.org/ or Bit of Benning. If any additional information is needed, please feel free to contact Tashanna Arroyo, CSC Parliamentarian, tashanna86@yahoo.com.

PLEASE NOTE: All **CSC board positions** require a commitment to attend Board meetings and functions, in addition to performing the duties of the office.

Community Spouses' Club of Fort Benning (CSC)
Application for the CSC Board
2012-2013

Name _____ Phone Number _____

Address _____

Email Address _____

Elected CSC Board Positions for which you would like to be considered:

- President
- 1st Vice President
- 2nd Vice President
- Treasurer
- Corresponding Secretary
- Recording Secretary

Appointed CSC Positions for which you would like to be considered: (Check and circle one or more)

- | | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Bit of Benning Advisor | <input type="checkbox"/> Hospitality |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communiqué'-Newsletter | <input type="checkbox"/> Membership |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Community Grants | <input type="checkbox"/> Publicity |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fundraiser | <input type="checkbox"/> Reservations |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Benning Bazaar | <input type="checkbox"/> Scholarship |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tour of Homes | <input type="checkbox"/> Thrift Shop Advisor |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Wreath & Tree Auction | <input type="checkbox"/> Volunteer Coordinator |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historian | <input type="checkbox"/> Webmaster |

Current and/or Previous CSC Experience at any post:

Position, Date & Location _____

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Additional Information/Comments:

CSC Membership Survey

The Community Spouses' Club is half way through its 2011-2012 membership year and we need your feedback! In the coming weeks, you will be emailed a survey asking for your opinion on our performance regarding membership, events, communication and your overall experience. In addition to our performance, we would like to invite you to visit the ICE website at www.benningmwr.com/ice.php and click on the link to write a review of the Benning Conference Center. Any comments you have regarding food service or quality as well as the overall facility should be noted there. Your feedback is very important to us and plays an integral part in the success of our organization. Thank you for your participation.



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January 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 HAPPY NEW YEAR!	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11 Luncheon Reservation Deadline	12	13	14
15	16	17	18 CSC Luncheon	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					



The 2011 Annual Wreath and Tree Auction made more than \$2,000, besting last year's numbers. Thanks to all who made it a success and those who just came out to have a good time! Second Vice President Amy Catterton, far left, and MC Steve, left, ensured a festive and fun evening.



Recipe Review

Fort Campbell Dump Soup

A few years ago, I was trying to think of something to serve the FRG Key Callers at our monthly luncheon. I was discussing ideas with my friend when the woman next to us handed me a napkin with the following recipe. She said she made it for her family and everyone loved it, even the “pickiest eaters.” I was a little apprehensive about making a soup recipe written on a napkin and given to me from a woman I didn’t know, but I did anyways. It turned out to be a great decision! The soup was a huge success and everyone asked for the recipe. To this day I still have the napkin in my recipe box and make it often. I call it Fort Campbell Dump Soup, as all you do is dump cans of veggies & beans into cooked ground beef. Simple, fast, and delicious! Happy Cooking!

Tiffany Ann Grimm

Ft. Campbell Dump Soup

2 cans corn, un-drained
 1 can navy beans, drained
 1 can light red kidney beans, drained
 1 can black beans, drained
 1 large can diced tomatoes
 1 large can ROTEL tomatoes
 1 packet taco seasoning (powder)
 1 packet ranch salad dressing (powder)
 1 pound ground beef
 **tortilla chips, Mexican cheese, guacamole, sour cream

Directions:

Brown ground beef & add taco seasoning. Dump all veggies & beans to beef mixture. Stir in ranch salad dressing packet. Bring to a boil & cook for 15 minutes. Garnish with chips, cheese, etc. Can be made a day or two in advance & can be frozen. Makes a lot!

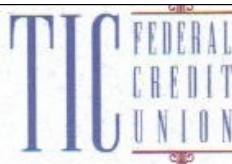


Remember being a newcomer to Fort Benning and wondering: Where are the best salons? Restaurants? Movie Theaters? We want to hear what you’ve found and make a Top 10 of Columbus list for our incoming spouses. Please send your emails to Sara Donlin at walters7133@yahoo.com. We’ll tally the results and post the list in our next issue!

The current topic is: **Hair Salons**

WANNA BE A MEMBER BUT NOT HERE FOR LONG?

Spouses’ of Armed Forces Students stationed here at Fort Benning for six months or less are welcome to join the CSC with a special half price membership. For more information please send an email to Christina Collins at ft.benningcsmembership@yahoo.com



Building the future...together.
Today. Tomorrow. Always.

Wanda A. Rutledge
Community Relations Vice President

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Hours:

Tuesdays, Wednesdays

and Thursdays: 10-3

1st Saturday of every month: 10-2

**Proceeds from A Bit of Benning help support
the Community Spouses' Club Scholarship
and Community Grants**

For more information call 706-225-7436 or email us
at abitofbenning@yahoo.com

**CSC
Thrift
Shop**



Hours:

Tues: 10 ~ 2

Wed: 10 ~ 2

Thurs: 10 ~ 2

1st Sat. of each month from 10 ~ 2!

Located next to Bit of Benning. To shop,
consign or volunteer, call 706-687-4830
or send an email to
ft.benningcsmembership@yahoo.com