

The Briefing

The Maxwell-Gunter Officers' Spouses' Club Newsletter

October 2014

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boo!

JOIN US FOR THE MGOSC SOCIAL
"BOO"ITFUL BUNCO
OCTOBER 15, AT 10:30
AT THE MAXWELL CLUB
CHOICE OF CHICKEN SALAD ON A CROISSANT OR
VEGETARIAN COBB SALAD
\$13.50, \$2 LESS FOR CLUB MEMBERS
FEEL FREE TO WEAR A COSTUME
BRING A FRIEND AND YOUR MEAL MIGHT BE FREE
OUTREACH IS THE THRIFT SHOP, PLEASE DONATE BATHROOM
SUPPLIES, HAND SANITIZER, PAPER TOWELS
PLEASE RSVP BY OCTOBER 8TH
PLEASE PUT YOUR MEAL CHOICE IN THE COMMENT BOX
WHEN RSVPING

the spirit of the event



HONORARY PRESIDENT'S LETTER

It's October! That means that autumn is officially here! It's a time for mums and pumpkins on the front porch, falling leaves, cozy cups of spiced tea and hot apple cider. I have to say though, that here in Montgomery the afternoon temperatures don't really feel much like fall; especially for those of us that have lived in more northern climates. However, the cooler morning temperatures do "hint" at the promise of cool crisp air to come!

I do hope you were able to join us at the September social, where the theme included all things "birthday party." Our programs chair, Amy Rachal, along with help from Marlie Sherer and several of our very creative fellow-club members, decorated each of the tables in very imaginative and colorful birthday themes. Attendees also participated in some pretty exciting party games. In the future (just in case there is a next time), I'll be sure to stock my purse with a few more items for the scavenger game! "Does anyone have a paperclip?!? How about a toothbrush?"

The birthday party theme was especially fitting with the commemoration of the Air Force's 67th birthday in September. To help celebrate the occasion with us, Maxwell-Gunter Air Base Wing Commander, Col Andrea Tullos joined us for the birthday festivities. She, along with our youngest member in attendance, Amanda Schupbach, cut the Air Force birthday cake!

We also welcomed several new members, and even presented a \$500 donation check to the Alabama Shakespeare Festival representative, Kate Perkowski. Kate also happens to be one of our newest members! Speaking of donations, I must put in a word or two here about our absolutely incredible Thrift Shop.

The Thrift Shop here at Maxwell provides our club's charitable dollars. We thank all of you who contribute your time and treasure to that amazing endeavor. If you haven't stopped in to the Thrift Shop lately, you owe it to yourself to check it out! SHOP, DONATE, CONSIGN, VOLUNTEER....all are ways you can directly contribute to the benefit of our airmen, their families, and our community!

If you weren't able to make it to the fun-filled September function, not to worry. We have another great social scheduled for this month! Don't forget to mark Wednesday, October 15th on your calendar, and plan to join us for the ever-popular "Bunco" event. For more details look for the advertisement in this edition of "The Briefing," or check us out on our website, Facebook, or Twitter. You will also want to check out our list of special activities. There is a little something for everyone, and it's definitely not too late to sign up. I only wish I could do it all!

While you're making plans to join us for Bunco, why not invite a friend to the October function? As part of our outreach to introduce eligible newcomers to our club (so that they too can meet new friends and enjoy all the fun!), we are offering an incentive to you, our active members. For every new person you bring to a social, who then goes on to complete a membership form, you will have an opportunity to receive your lunch completely free of charge! One free lunch will be awarded each and every month that members participate in this opportunity. Share the fun; bring a friend!

With that, I am off to enjoy a cup of spiced tea.....
See you at Bunco!

Joni

October 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Book Club 10:00 a.m.	2	3	4
5	6 MahJong 6:00p.m.	7 Tennis 8:30- 10:30 a.m.	8	9 Gourmet Club 9:30 a.m. Bunco 6:00 p.m.	10	11
12 Columbus Day	13 Navy Day MahJong 6:00p.m.	14 Tennis 8:30- 10:30 a.m.	15 October Social 10:30 a.m.	16	17	18
19	20 MahJong 6:00p.m.	21 Tennis 8:30- 10:30 a.m. Garden Club 9:00 a.m.	22 Lunch Bunch 11:30 a.m.	23	24	25 Wine Club
26	27 Trips & Tours 9:30 a.m. MahJong 6:00p.m.	28 Tennis 8:30- 10:30 a.m. International Dance 9-11 a.m. Antique/Thrift shop 9:00 a.m.	29	30	31 Halloween 	

Maxwell-Gunter Officers' Spouse' Club

Reservations Policy

Name _____

Please indicate if you would like to have either a Permanent or Monthly Reservation for MGOSC socials. The collection of credit card information is strongly recommended and will be securely maintained for both types of reservations.

Complete only one section below.

Permanent Reservations

With a permanent reservation, you do not have to RSVP for each MGOSC social. You will be an automatic 'YES' RSVP unless you cancel your reservation by 5pm on the Wednesday prior to the social. ***If you fail to cancel your reservation by this date, you will be liable for the cost of the meal.***

Your credit card will serve to guarantee your reservation and will be used as payment for each social. The menu item you choose on this reservation form (main course or alternate vegetarian option) will be your appointed meal unless you contact Reservations for a menu change. Permanent reservations will be in effect from October 2014 through May 2015. Permanent reservations may be cancelled by e-mail notice to the MGOSC Reservations Chair.

Meal Choice (circle one): Main Course or Alternate Vegetarian Option

Name as it appears on your credit card _____

Credit Card #: _____ Expiration Date: ____/____ CID: _____

If you are a member of the Maxwell Club (USAF Services MasterCard), you will qualify for a meal discount.

Are you a Maxwell Club Member? YES or NO If yes, last 4 digits of your club card: _____

Monthly Reservations

With a monthly reservation, you must RSVP for each social you plan to attend by contacting the MGOSC Reservations Chair via e-mail or through the Celebrations site by 5pm on the Wednesday prior to the social. You may choose to pay for the social with your credit card number on file or with a cash/check payment, which will be accepted at the social.

If you make a reservation and are unable to attend the luncheon, you must cancel your reservation by the reservation deadline (5pm on the Wednesday prior to the social). ***If you fail to cancel your reservation by this date, you will be liable for the cost of the meal.***

For use when credit card is used for your payment:

Name as it appears on your credit card _____

Credit Card #: _____ Expiration Date: ____/____ CID: _____

If you are a member of the Maxwell Club (USAF Services MasterCard), you will qualify for a meal discount.

Are you a Maxwell Club Member? YES or NO If yes, last 4 digits of your club card: _____

I have read and understand the above policy for my selected reservation type – permanent or monthly. I understand that I will be responsible for payment if my reservation is not properly cancelled by 5pm on the Wednesday prior to the social. I understand that I may cancel my permanent reservation by e-mailing the MGOSC Reservations Chair.

Signature _____ Date _____

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OCTOBER Special Activities

Gourmet Club

POC: Valerie Cohen
vlcohen92@hotmail.com

Ladies, we will be going to the Goat Cheese farm in Millbrooke for our Oct meeting on Thursday Oct. 9th. We will meet at the home of Cindy Payne in Prattville at 9:30 am so we can carpool over to the farm. Please bring cash or check as the farm does not take credit cards. After the farm we will return to Cindy's home where she and a few of the members will be making some dishes with the cheeses from the farm. If you would like to help Cindy please let me know. Also we will need to chip in a few dollars to her for the cheese.

For Nov. we will visit all the different markets in town, Asian, Latino, Fresh Market to name a few. On Thurs Nov 13th.

Bunco!

POC: Summer Goodwin
southernbellept@gmail.com

Thank you to everyone who came out & played Bunco last month. We had a fabulous group & I am looking forward to October Bunco! Thursday, October 9th we will be at the home of Marcille Millet in Prattville.

Make sure to RSVP by October 2nd to me at southernbellept@gmail.com & come dressed for a ghoulish good time! Bring an appetizer, drink of choice & \$5 to play.

Hope to see you all here!

Antique/flea Market Club

POC: Valerie Cohen
vlcohen92@hotmail.com

Ladies, we will be going around Cloverdale to thrift and consignment shops on Tuesday October 28th. We will meet at the OSC thrift shop on base at 9 am.

See you then!

Gardening Club

POC: Linda Davis
linshine1@mindspring.com

October 3-13, Alabama State Fair in Montgomery. Garden club members be sure to stop at the Horticulture Barn to see the various entries.

October 21, Garden Club meets at Arrowhead Country Club, 50 Ocala Dr. Montgomery. Registration 9-10, Lunch at 11:30, speaker's topic is Horticulture and Landscaping. Ends at 1:30. Cost \$20. Reservations required by October 14 to Linda Davis, 28 Will Ridge, Wetumpka, AL 36093.

PH: 334-224-9929 or linshine1@mindspring.com



OCTOBER Special Activities

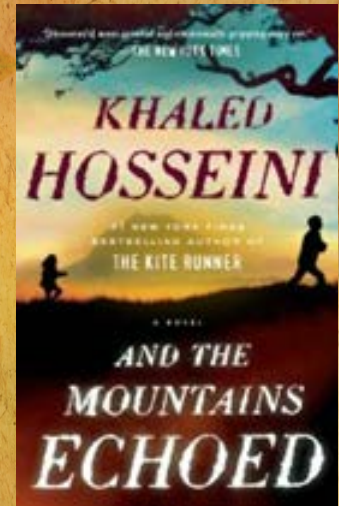
Book Club

POC: Jeanne Charbonneau
jmcarmy1@gmail.com

Start your month with an intellectually stimulating (and fun!) discussion of And The Mountains Echoed by Khaled Hosseini, the highly acclaimed author of The Kite Runner and A Thousand Splendid Suns. Book Group meets on Wednesday, 01 October at 10:00 a.m. in the Maxwell Community Library conference room. Light refreshments are provided; please bring the drink of your choice, and remember there is a coffee shop located inside the library!

For those who like to read ahead, our November title is The Madonnas of Leningrad, by Debra Dean. You do NOT have to be a "registered" member of the Book Group to enjoy and participate in the discussion.

Bring a friend!



Craft Club

POC: Amanda Schupbach
amandaschupbach@hotmail.com

Please contact POC for more information or if you are interested in joining the craft club. We are planning to meet once a month at the housing office.

Come on and join!

International Dance

POC: Vicki Dendis
vdendis.mail@gmail.com

Ladies let's DANCE on Tuesday October 28 at 9:00 a.m.
- 11:00 a.m. at Maxwell Fitness Center Aerobics Room.

See you there!



OCTOBER Special Activities

Running / Workout Group

POC: Angela Jacobson
amjvt00@yahoo.com

We set up a facebook page titled Maxwell AFB Girls Workout Group and post daily workouts there (mostly on base).

Join us to run the Centerpoint 10-miler downtown on 10 Oct.

Wine Club

POC: Lauren Pace
elpace0@gmail.com

Thank you for attending our first meeting last month. I am excited for our future wine adventures!! On Saturday, October 25th, will be headed to Ozan Winery for a tasting and a train ride. Grab a babysitter for the kids and bring your spouse to this fun event! Please RSVP to POC by October 18th.

Trips / Tours

POC: Joanne Peterson
jpeterson628@gmail.com

Last month we had a wonderful guided tour of the Alabama Shakespeare Festival by our very own Katie Perkowski. We had a "behind the scenes" look at what goes on to produce a play at ASF, and the rich history behind this amazing jewel of Montgomery.

If you would like to contribute to the ASF through the Combined Federal Campaign, the number is 16773. Additionally, use this link <http://www.asf.net/Plan-Your-Visit/Blue-Star-Theatre.aspx> to get the dates for Military Appreciation Nights where all tickets are only \$25.

In October, Trips and Tours has two events planned. For the first event, our group has been invited to the Governor's Mansion benefit where Jane Karotkin, former White House Christmas decorator and current Texas Governor's Mansion Christmas decorator, will tell about her experiences and share decorating tips. The event is \$30 and will be held October 4th at Trinity Presbyterian Church at 11:30 a.m. Price includes a catered lunch.

Our second event for October will be Monday, October 27th to pick apples at the Mountain View Apple and Peach Orchard followed by a lunch in Clanton, Alabama. We will leave Maxwell AFB at 9:30. Please RSVP to jpeterson628@gmail.com .

Mah Jongg

POC: Amy Rachal
rachalfam@aol.com

At the end of August, we had our first ever Mah-Jongg tournament! Lots of fun and we had two big winners and two winners tying for 3rd and 4th. We always have a blast! Looking forward to the next tournament!

This year's Mah-Jongg group has gotten off to a great start, with several new players. Some of them have never played before and are winning like pros!

We meet every Monday night at 6:00. Venue changes from week to week.

Tennis Club

POC: Joanne Peterson
jpeterson628@gmail.com

Our tennis group is now meeting every Tuesday morning from 8:30-10:30 at the Maxwell Club Tennis Courts. We drill to work on our tennis skills, and then end the morning playing games. Come out and join us! We are working on establishing a Maxwell Tennis Team to compete against other clubs in the area.

MGOSC INFORMATION

MGOSC THRIFT SHOP



Location

206 W Selfridge St. on Maxwell AFB, building 851
PH: (334) 953-6407

We're now on Facebook! Please 'like' our page at
<https://www.facebook.com/maxwellthriftshop>.

Shopping Hours

Tuesdays 9:00am to 2:00pm, 3:00pm to 6pm

Wednesdays 9:00am to 2:00pm

Fridays 9:00pm to 2:00pm

Donations

We accept donations 24 hours a day at our kiosk
located on the side of the Thrift Shop building

Volunteer

Want to make a difference? Our thrift shop relies
on volunteers. We'd love your help and there are
great benefits to volunteering. We also reimburse
for child care. For more information about volun-
teering, please contact our manager, Reeba, at the
number listed above.

Purpose

The Thrift Shop's purpose is to raise money for
college scholarships and other charitable giving.
Thanks to our shoppers, consignors and donors,
the Thrift Shop was able to give away \$68,966.08 in
2013-2014.

"Like" Us On Facebook!



Maxwell-Gunter
Officers' Spouses' Club
Want more information?

Check us out at www.mgosc.info

MGOSC MAILING ADDRESS

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2014-2015 MGOSC Charitable Donation

September

Alabama Shakespeare Festival

\$500

**Bring a
Friend**
to our October function



One complimentary lunch will be given away to a member who brings a friend to the
October 15th social (and that friend signs up for an Active membership in the MGOSC).

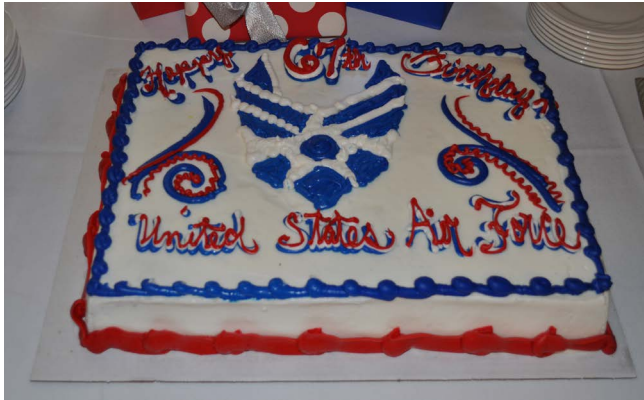
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67th Air Force Anniversary Event



September 2014



Thank you all for coming!



COOK & EAT

Stuffed Grape Leaves

1 16 oz jar grape leaves 1 1/2 cups extra virgin olive oil 3 large yellow onions, finely chopped
1 1/2 cups long grain white rice 2 cups water 1/2 cup pine nuts 1/2 cup chopped Italian parsley
1/2 cup chopped dill 1 tablespoon chopped mint 2 1/2 teaspoons sea salt, divided
1 1/2 teaspoons black pepper, divided 1 lemon freshly squeezed

Bring large pot of water to boil. Rinse leaves in colander and drain. Put leaves in boiling water for 3 minutes, strain in colander and rinse with cold water. Set aside.

Put 1/4 cup of olive oil in pan and heat on medium heat. Add onions and saute until translucent, about 5 minutes. Add rice and cook for 2 minutes until it becomes opaque, stirring constantly. Add water,

pine nuts, parsley, dill, mint, 2 teaspoons of salt and 1 teaspoon of pepper.

Reduce heat to simmer and cook until water is absorbed and rice is tender (stir constantly to keep it from sticking). Remove from heat and set aside.

Take a grape leaf, shiny side down. Place 1 tablespoon of rice mixture at one end of leaf. Fold in outer edges and roll up

like a cabbage roll. Set filled grape leaves on plate. Continue until used up all of filling.


Line the bottom of large pot with leftover grape leaves (just the leaves). Arrange the filled grape leaves in an even layer, seam side down, stacking multiple layers if necessary. Pour remaining 1 1/4 cup of olive oil over the leaves and season with remaining salt and pepper. Lay a heatproof plate on top of grape leaves inside the pot. Add enough warm water to cover the leaves and plate. Add lemon juice and put a lid on pot. Cook over low heat for 30 minutes or until liquid has evaporated completely. Serve warm or cold.



MGOSC

THRIFT SHOP

Top 10 Reasons to Volunteer at the Maxwell Thrift Shop:

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- A woman with blonde hair, wearing a long fur coat and jeans, is leaning over a table in a thrift shop, looking at various items. In the background, there are shelves with electronic equipment and a sign that says "Small Electronics \$0.49".
10. The opportunity to build friendships with a great group of people.
 9. You get first dibs on any cool items that come in to the store.
 8. Flexible hours. You can volunteer as little as two hours a month, but with all the fun you will be having you will want to be there more often.
 7. There is a job for everyone.
 6. After working 8 hours in a month, you can consign your items for free.
 5. The money earned at the Thrift Shop goes to help military families through college scholarships and our community at Maxwell AFB and in Montgomery.
 4. Snacks are provided by the MGOSC Board twice a month and the Thrift Shop Manager keeps the break area fully stocked with treats, soda and coffee.
 3. The Thrift Shop Manager makes each volunteer a special cake on their birthday. Her peanut butter cake is the best!
 2. The Thrift Shop has the best air conditioning on the base! In the heat and humidity it's the best place to keep cool.
 1. After working 4 hours in a month, you will be entered in a drawing to win a free lunch at the next MGOSC social. Who doesn't like free?

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