

October 2010

S P A C E L I N E S

From the President...

September was a whirl wind with vacations ending, schools beginning and newcomers unpacking! We had a great turn out at September's *Super Sign Up*. It was wonderful to see so many familiar faces and LOTS of new ones.

Thanks to our Socials Chair, Adina W. and her Executive Board mentor, Michelle M. I so appreciate your talents, energy and delegation abilities. It was truly a team effort. Kudos to our member-at-large chair, Nancy Hodgkiss for enticing some of the *Services* agencies to attend...I'm excited as my team and I continue to build stronger marketing relationships with agencies from LAAFB and the community. Special thanks to Tierra-Vista for donating some food for our event. It was a very kind gesture.

In last month's newsletter, we announced the re-opening of the thrift shop to be in September. Well, a small chemical known as asbestos delayed our opening to Wednesday, 13 October. Michelle N., together with LAAFB's Civil Engineering and loads of volunteers worked hard to create an asbestos-free, re-furnished thrift shop. The next time you're in El Segundo, please drop by and take a look!

Special Events Chair, Courtney and her Executive Board mentor, Kelly, continue to work with LAAFB and the community to organize our semi-annual yard sale on 2 October. You want to get there early with cash in your pockets to get first dibs from the Loverro's table, as well as all the other vendors'!

I met with our Scholarships Chair, Sue L. to get our application for high school seniors spruced up for next year. It will be available on our website by 1 November. I plan to meet with our Ways and Means Chair, Jean J soon to start the ball rolling for our March Charity Auction.

It hasn't been all business this month. We set a new record! We had 24 lovely and hungry ladies join us for Lunch Bunch at Neil's. It's always a treat to couple delicious food with great conversation. Thanks Michelle for organizing.

Our new South Bay Spouses' sub-club met for the first time. I forewarned Lola that lunch bunch started out with just 3-6 spouses attending...now look at the participation! A member asked, "Is *South Bay Spouses* only for those who live in the South Bay area?" This is a great opportunity to let you know that our members are invited to any and all of our club and sub-club activities. So, please join us!

To close out the month, and this letter, I want to remind folks not to miss our *Spooktacular* Potluck at Donna's house on 28 October. I'm sure Adina and Michelle will continue to impress with some tricks, and/or treats, up their sleeves. Have an over-the-top October!

Cheers! Katie

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Welcome New Publicity Chair

Please join me in welcoming our new Publicity Chair, [Kim Silvia](#) to the LAAFSC board. Kim's excited to use her public relations background to market our programs and events to the widest audience possible.

Are you interested in taking a more active role in our club? We still have 2nd VP open, as well as openings as co-chairs for Socials, Ways and Means, VA Hospital and Member-at-Large.

Of course, we're always ready to try out a new sub-club or field trip that you may be willing to coordinate.

Email me at President@laafsc.com so I may answer any questions you may have.

Take care,
Katie

The Executive Board consists of Honorary, Elected and Appointed positions.

Co-chairs, etc. need not attend board meetings unless they are standing in for the chairperson. They may vote only if standing in for the chairperson. Co-chairs are appointed by their chairperson.

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OCTOBER SOCIAL

Come Join us October 28th at 9:30am



Donna Sheridan's Home

for our

Spooktacular Potluck

Please bring your favorite dish to share!

You are welcome to Dress in a costume for our Costume Contest (there will be prizes)!

Please RSVP to reservations@laafsc.com by October 21st





Welcome LAAFSC Newcomers!

Below is a letter that was sent to our LAAFSC Board and Sub-Club Chairs...

Hi Folks! Words can't describe the feelings of pride, accomplishment and excitement I feel after the *September Super Sign Up*. We advertised that we would provide an evening of Fun, Food and Friendship and we delivered on our promise!

Such success is truly a team effort and I can't ask for a better team than who I have serving on my board and as chairs for our sub-clubs.

Special thanks need to go to our Socials Chair, Adina Williams and her executive board mentor, Michelle. What a great team they made!

Thank you Nancy for getting some of the services agencies to attend. It was a marketing win/win for all!

For folks who may not know...Tierra Vista donated food for the evening's event and AAFES Shopette offered to donate sodas...we couldn't accept the drinks at this time, but may be able to take advantage of the offer in the future.

Marketing 201: We've talked about the magic number of 7 in regards to marketing. When Michelle took a hand survey and asked how folks heard about the event: The Results:

#1 was word of mouth! The rest included the yellow flyers; the *Force Ad*; The Tierra Vista Sign at the gate; The August *Back to School* event; the website; and *Spacelines*. We need to continue to cross market, realizing that our #1 way of marketing our club is by word of mouth.

You all are my inspiration! Hats off to each and every one of you. I'm humbled to know you and to work and play with you. We're going to have a GREAT LAAFSC year.

Cheers!

Katie H.

Information from our committee chairs

L u n c h B u n c h



Hey all,

We had a wonderful turnout for our first lunch bunch of the year...24 people! Neil's provided a great table and good food and we stayed close to home. Jean has recommended a restaurant in Manhattan Beach called "***Back Home in Lahaina.***" Read the review Below: **Great food & lots of it...**

Hawaiian food junkies in the South Bay consistently argue about who serves up the best fare in the area. While I will reserve judgment on who is the best, one cannot go wrong with the menu and quality of food at ***Back Home in Lahaina.*** Delicious food, huge portions, all at a fair price. **WOW! I am hungry already.** Hope all of you can make it on:

Date: October 14th
Time: 11:30
Address: 916 N. Sepulveda Blvd.,
Manhattan Beach, CA 90266
Phone: (310)374 0111



RSVP to: Lunch.Bunch@laafsc.com. Bon Appetite! Michelle M.



WANTED

VOLUNTEERS TO SPREAD CHEER and HELP MAKE A VETS DAY!

BINGO-loving, laughing, service oriented persons willing to devote time to giving back to our Vets!

If you fit the above description please join us at our October VA Hospital Visit!

Date: Wednesday October 6

Time: 6-8 pm

Loc: Long Beach VA Hospital Spinal Cord Injury Ward

The first Wednesday of each month members of the Spouses' Club and the base visit the Long Beach VA Hospital Spinal Cord Injury Ward. We have a great time playing BINGO, serving snacks, and enjoying the company of our fellow Veterans.

Please join us; you'll be glad you did!

Please contact Pat G. at: va.hospital@laafsc.com

Play Group

Attention, all mothers of little ones! We have several playgroup opportunities in Spouses' Club.

- There is a weekly playgroup that meets on Thursday mornings at 10 at the Pacific Heights playground by the gate. All are welcome.
- We are currently organizing smaller playgroups to meet monthly in people's homes.
- There is a playgroup for babies that will meet at 11 on Thursdays.
- We have another for toddlers/preschoolers that will meet at 10 on Fridays.

If you would like to attend either group, contact Lorie at play.group@laafsc.com for dates and more information. This is a fun way to network with other moms while your children are having fun and making new friends too!



South Bay Spouses

We had three people for our first get together. We had dinner at *Cozymel's* and it was a very fun evening. Each said they would try and bring a friend to the social and I will start reaching out to current members.

October's event is scheduled for Saturday, 16 October. I thought it would be fun to go to the *Calabassas Pumpkin Festival*. Here is the link: www.calabassaspumpkinfestival.com

We'll meet in the parking lot of Bristol Farms on Rosecrans in Manhattan Beach at 10:00 a.m., and we'll caravan together.

This is a family event, so feel free to bring your family and enjoy a day of fun! If you know of anyone who would like to join us, please give them my name and email me at south.bay@laafsc.com. Lola V.





Book Club

The Book Club is meeting on Wednesday evening, October 13 at 7PM. We'll be discussing the book, *The Art of Racing in the Rain* by Garth Stein. Told from the point of view of Enzo, a lab terrier mix, this novel has humor, love, tragedy, and the thrill of the racing circuit. Enzo is a philosopher of sorts, with more wisdom than I expected from a dog. It's available from the library, and bookstores, and in paperback and audio as well.

Our October meeting will be at my house on Ft. Mac and I'll be providing light refreshments. Bring book titles and authors you'd like us to consider reading this year. Please RSVP by email (book.club@laafsc.com) or by phone so I'll know to expect you. Let me know if you need directions or more info.

Looking ahead to November, we'll plan on meeting on the second Wednesday, which is November 10. We'll decide on the book for discussion at our October meeting. I'll send out an email to everyone on the list after the October 13th meeting so even if you can't make the meeting, you'll know what's next. If you're not on the email list but would like to be, just send me a short email and I'll add you. Happy Reading! Donna (book.club@laafsc.com)



THE GOURMET CLUB

Come and join in the fun of the Gourmet Club. I will be hosting October's event and the theme will be "Fall's Favorite Dishes." Any dish or drink that are your favorite works We will be meeting **October 28th**, 7pm at my home, to share in the fun of trading new recipes, learning different food cultures and sharing yummy dishes. Please feel free to suggest any ideas and thoughts on themes or nights that are better for you.

Volunteers are needed to host our meetings; therefore, locations of the events will be at various members' homes. We love to meet new people, so bring a friend to join in. For more information, you may reach Cara at gourmet@laafsc.com. Hope to see you!



Bunco Babes



Calling all Wednesday Night Bunco Babes!! We will be meeting on October 27th, in building 37 (located on Ft. Mac, above the lodging office) at 7:00 p.m. Everyone brings \$5 (in small bills) to play, and something sweet or savory to share.

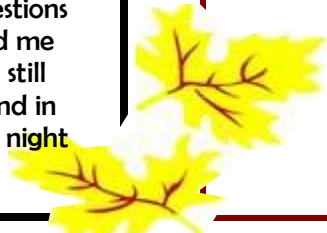
The more players we have, the bigger the prizes are and the more fun we have! If you have any questions or want to be added to our email list please send me an email at wednesday.bunco@laafsc.com. I am still looking for someone who would love to be "second in charge". I hope to see everyone this month for a night of fun! Jen



CARD SWAP

Join us to swap handmade cards every 3rd Thursday of the month at 9:30 a.m. We have lots of fun talking, eating, and swapping the cards we've made while the little ones play! For more details, please contact me at card.swap@laafsc.com.

Katy



FYI

Did You Know...

LA's Airman Family and Readiness (AF&R) is now on FACEBOOK. For more information, click on the link: <http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=133695663331460&v=info&ref=search> to subscribe. Please be aware that most of the opportunities and benefits AF&R offers are for all branches of service, including the Coast Guard.

Tierra Vista is also on FACEBOOK. To get up to date on all the happenings in your neighborhood, click on the link: <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Tierra-Vista-at-Los-Angeles-AFB/130575050322216?ref=ts&v=info> to subscribe.



October is Fire Safety Month...

It's always a good idea to change the batteries on your smoke alarms twice per year. An easy way to remember is to change them when you change your clocks in the spring and fall. It's good practice to test your smoke alarms once per week.

For more information on fire safety tips, visit the website: <http://www.cityofflint.com/fire/FPmonth.htm>



Flu Vaccine Now Available...

Flu Vaccines in the mist and in the shot were available in El Segundo and Fort Mac clinics for AD, Retired, DoD and dependents for all branches of service. The 2010-11 flu vaccine will protect against three different flu viruses: an H3N2 virus, an influenza B virus and the H1N1 virus that caused so much illness last season. No appointment is necessary, just your DoD ID.

You may want to call to ensure their replacement vaccine supply has arrived before stopping by.

Calendar of Events...

Check out our Calendar Tab on our website: www.laafsc.com to see what's going on in our community. We plan to keep it updated with base, housing, thrift shop and club activities.



AAFES Shoppette Tid-bits...

Did you know that the AAFES Shoppette will price match almost anything in the store?

Our Fort Mac Shoppette also offers teens an opportunity to earn community service hours. Simply stop by the Shoppette during the weekday and talk with Lee Lee for more details.

Lastly, the Shoppette offers a 10% discount when you purchase by the case. The discount also applies to special orders.



Postage Discount when Sending Care Packages to APO/FPO Addresses

The USPS will send you large Priority Mail Flat Rate Boxes for free. These special boxes ship for \$12.50 flat rate when mailing care packages to APO/FPO addresses. (\$2 less than the standard rate). They also have neat "America Supports You" logos - bonus!

You may drop by your post office to see if they have some in stock. Or, you may order your free supply of 10 or 25. To order, click on the link: https://shop.usps.com/webapp/wcs/stores/servlet/ProductDisplay?catalogId=10001&storeId=10052&productId=10001233&langId=1&parent_category_rn=10000002&categoryId=10000023&top_category=10000002



Attention Crafters and Home Business Entrepreneurs!

Services is hosting the **Arts and Crafts/Vendors Fair** on Wednesday, 20 October at the base in El Segundo. The sale will mirror the workforce's lunch hours. It's a flat rate of \$10 to participate. For more information, stop by and chat with Mel at the Community Center on Fort Mac; or call him at: 310-653-8225.

"Trade in" program that Lowe's offers on propane tanks.

Military members can turn in their propane tanks at the nearest Lowe's (prior to moving) and then they will be given a confirmation that they can pick up a new tank at their next duty assignment. The only hitch is the person turning in the tank *MUST KNOW* the address and/or phone number and location of the Lowe's they wish to pick up their new tank.



RESERVATIONS

Please read your *Spacelines* each month and mark the RSVP deadlines on your calendar. It is important that the Social Committee has an accurate number of attendees by the deadline as most events require an advance headcount for catering. Also, remember that if you RSVP for an event, a meal has been ordered for you. If for some reason you are unable to attend, please let the Reservations Chair know **BEFORE** the RSVP deadline. After that date, you have the option of :

- Finding another member who would like to attend in your place **AND NOTIFYING THE RESERVATIONS CHAIR OF YOUR REPLACEMENT**
- You may send the amount for the event to the Reservation Chair. Remember, if you RSVP for a guest, you are also responsible for that cost
- Reservations will be accepted at Reservations@laafsc.com. We look forward to seeing you at our social events. Cara.



Thrift Shop



A 'during' shot of the re-furbished thrift shop. Stop by Wednesday, 13 October between 9:30 - 1:30 to see the finished product! We'll be open for shopping as well as for consignments!

SOCIALS

Hi Everyone,

Thank you all for making our September Super Sign-up a fabulous event! We had a wonderful time and are welcoming many new members to our club!

There are wonderful socials planned and there is something for everyone....so come out and enjoy!

Sincerely,
Adina



Hospitality / Outreach Committee

Condolences to Kim R, AF spouse to Eric R, who lost her mother to cancer. A fruit basket and a condolence card were sent on behalf of the LAAFSC.

Congratulations to Laura and Geoffrey L who welcomed home twins, Aubrey and Tyler on 11 August, dinners were provided by club members.

On 25 September, the club provided lasagna dinners for the families of deployed military members. The dinner was arranged by Sgt Person at the Airman and Family Readiness Center.

Do you know someone in need that could use a helping hand? Whether the need is during a joyous time (arrival of a baby) or a difficult time (recovering from surgery) the Hospitality / Outreach Committee can help. Please notify me when you or someone in our military family could use our support. E-mail Wanda at hospitality@laafsc.com.

Are you someone that would like to lend a helping hand? If you would like to help out others in times of need please join the Hospitality / Outreach Committee by e-mailing hospitality@laafsc.com. A big thank you to all who signed up during our Super Sign Up Party!

Wanda

From the Editor

Hard to believe September has come and gone! I didn't get the opportunity to meet any of you at the *Super Sign Up Party*, (night school) but I hope to see many of you at the **Spook-tacular Potluck** on Oct 28th.
Happy Fall!

Brenda
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