

MCCHORD AIRWAVES

February 2009

McChord Officers' Spouses Club, P.O. Box 4088, McChord AFB, WA 98438

www.mcchordosc.com

President's Pen

Erica McDonald

Ladies,

I am very excited about our upcoming event – our 3rd Annual Dessert Auction the evening of February 13th! Yes, that is Friday the 13th, but there is nothing unlucky about dessert!! Several of our board members have planned a wonderful evening for everyone to enjoy. This event, unlike most of our socials, is open to EVERYONE. Please bring a date and friends. All the money we raise goes to our Scholarship and Welfare program. There are so many military families who can use the help to pay for a child's or a spouse's tuition and this is a great way for us to take care of our immediate Air Force Family at McChord.

Also, coming up here quicker than I can believe are our elections for the new board year! We have a lot of people PCSing this summer, so we are in desperate need of volunteers to fill board positions. There are so many positions available; if you are willing to help we can find a spot that will fit you. As far as I am aware, we don't have any nominees to be President next year, so please contact me if you have any inclination to be president and I will be happy to guide you through the job description. The board meets the first Tuesday of each month at 0930, although there are a couple positions that don't absolutely have to be at all those meetings. You don't even have to be a member this year to be on the board next, so please bring a new person to the OSC and the board next year!

My three years on this board have been invaluable to me. I have seen the workings of the base and the Air Force from a perspective that I wouldn't have seen otherwise. I have learned about so many resources that the Air Force provides to its families and servicemen that I have been able to relay to people in need. And to top it off, I have been able to give back to Air Force families thorough our scholarship program that we all work so hard to support. It has been a great experience that has helped me through some of the challenges of being a military spouse and I encourage every one of you to think about helping the board, because I know you will benefit from the experience as well.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the Dessert Auction, it will be a great evening with wonderful desserts and auction items!!

Warmest Regards,
Erica



Annual Dessert Auction

A Romantic Evening in Black & White

Friday, February 13, 2009

Northwest Club Ballroom

1830 social, 1900 auction

\$15 a person (Heavy Hors d'oeuvres)

Dress: Black & White Cocktail

RSVP no later than 11 Feb to Heidi Tucker
@ 292-0191 or tuckerzoo3@comcast.net

Door Prizes & Surprises

All money raised used to support scholarships & charitable donations

Little Ways to Say "I Do" Everyday...

Celebrate a your anniversary monthly—think small & sweet

Give the gift of time—take over a chore your spouse usually handles

Pull the plug! Once kids are in bed, don't turn on the TV. Put on a music CD & snuggle together.

Walk the block together after dinner—be sure to hold hands!

Read to one another

Stop by the office for surprise lunch

Midweek dinner for two—feed the kids early, then cook together & enjoy a romantic dinner alone while the kids read in bed or watch a movie

Create a romantic space—make your bedroom "off limits" to kids' stuff; fill the room with photos of you as a couple before kids

Morning meeting—wake just a few minutes earlier to enjoy a quiet cup of coffee together

Love notes—slip a short note into a wallet or briefcase

Ask not what your OSC can do for you...

Are you returning as a member of the McChord OSC this fall? Do you want to learn something new? Do you want to practice some "rusty" skills? Then, we want to hear from you!

The Nominating Committee is accepting nominations until 27 February 2009 for elected and appointed positions for next year's Executive Board. There are a wide variety of positions with varying degrees of involvement. Most positions are currently available. I'm certain you will find one fits your lifestyle.

The Executive Board currently meets on the first Tuesday morning of each month in addition to the monthly socials. Just as with monthly Socials, childcare is available during the Executive Board meeting.

Positions we are recruiting:

ELECTED POSITIONS

President Presides over Board and General Membership meetings and sets the agenda. Appoints non-elected positions. Creates committees as needed and serves on all committees except the Nominating Committee. Emergency contact for the McChord Thrift shop. Represents the OSC at base events/meetings. Writes monthly message for *Airwaves*, welcoming letters, the Thrift Shop "Request to Operate" for the following year, and other documents as necessary.

Parliamentarian Maintains order and clarifies Parliamentary procedure at Board, General Membership, and Committee meetings. Coordinates the nomination and election of next year's board. Chairperson of Nominating and Constitution Committees.

Vice President Performs duties of President in her absence. Assumes Presidency upon resignation or departure of the president. Assists the President in all executive duties. Provides leadership for the social and welfare activities of the OSC. Acts as property Chairperson, maintaining inventory of the OSC belongings. Purchases end-of-year Board Member gifts and arranges luncheon. Serves as OSC representative to the annual Air Force Village Conference in San Antonio, TX. Researches written welfare requests and coordinates with Welfare treasurer to verify funds availability. With Welfare Treasurer, coordinates welfare requests from base organizations.

Recording Secretary Records and publishes minutes at all OSC activities. Maintains minutes and reports for a seven year period. Maintains OSC Membership Roster. posts minutes on Club bulletin board and at Thrift Shop. Copies and reads any absent board member reports. Performs duties of Corresponding Secretary in her absence.

Corresponding Secretary Prepares and mails all correspondence of the OSC, including cards and gifts, as appropriate. Collects mail from PO Box weekly. Performs duties of Recording Secretary in her absence.

Social Treasurer Disperses social funds as directed by Executive Board. Maintains financial records for seven year period. Prepares social budget and coordinates filing of all appropriate tax forms. Co-chairs the mid-year and end of year budget review meetings with Welfare Treasurer. This is a bonded position.

Welfare Treasurer Disperses welfare funds as directed by Executive Board. Maintains financial records for seven year period. Prepares budget and coordinates annual review of Thrift Shop bookkeeping. Co-chairs the mid-year and end of year budget review meetings with Social Treasurer. This is a bonded position.

If you or someone you know is interested in one or more positions, please complete the short nomination form on the McChord OSC website's forms page (www.mcchordosc.com/forms.htm) and forward it to Barb DeClerck (bldeclerck@aol.com). Elections are scheduled for the March Social.

Please consider nominating yourself for the Executive Board. Here's an opportunity to learn something new or polish some existing skills. We need your talent!

Barb DeClerck
Chairwoman, Nominating Committee

McChord OSC APPOINTED POSITION Openings

Airwaves Publishes the monthly OSC newsletter, *Airwaves*. Collects articles and information for publication, completes final layout, forwards final product to Webmaster for publication on the OSC website, oversees printing, and mails *Airwaves*. May be combined with Webmaster.

Associate Representative Liaison between Associate Spouses and OSC. Informs Corresponding Secretary of any health concerns of Associate Spouses. Chairperson of any OSC project or function delegated to the Associate Spouses.

Child Care Reserves space and caregiver for childcare during OSC functions. Coordinates childcare needs with Reservations. May be combined with Reservations.

Membership Provides monthly reports on membership totals. Collects new member information and dues. Provides new member information to 1st Vice President for voting roster. Publishes membership roster and provides printed membership roster on request. Coordinates with Welcoming Chair to order nametags. Consider organizing a new membership campaign.

Publicity Maintains accurate information on function details and disseminates information through various channels. These may include flyers, *Northwest Airlifter* and *Airwaves* articles, and other channels available.

Red Cross Liaison between McChord OSC and Red Cross. Attends the Red Cross monthly Advisory Council Meetings and keeps minutes on file with OSC. Writes an article on the Red Cross for publication in *Airwaves* during Red Cross month (March).

Reservations Point of contact for reservations for all OSC functions. Maintain a "Permanent Reservation" List and take all necessary information for reservations, including childcare needs of those attending. Coordinates childcare needs with Child Care. Coordinates type and numbers of entrée choices for monthly function to Socials/Programs. May be combined with Child Care.

Scholarships Organizes and disseminates information on OSC scholarship opportunities. Coordinates with base Education Liaison to form an application review committee. Plans and executes annual scholarship award banquet.

Socials/Programs Plans and executes monthly social functions of the OSC. Develops menus, budgets, and activities for the functions. Arranges for the purchase of supplies and door prizes. Coordinates with Ways and Means for the Make It Bake It Grow It Table. Writes Thank You notes to guests following functions. More than one person recommended.

Thrift Shop Representative Acts as the Thrift Shop Manager. Chairs the Thrift Shop council meetings. Prepares monthly reports for and attends the OSC Executive Board. Conducts Thrift Shop Constitution and By-Laws reviews annually. Conducts annual performance reviews of Bookkeeper and Janitor. Submits monthly Thrift Shop check to Welfare Treasurer.

Ways and Means Oversees and coordinates all fundraising activities. Develops fundraiser ideas, such as items to sell at craft shows. Deposits funds raised with Social Treasurer. Obtains permission to conduct fundraising activities through base channels. Oversees the Make It Bake It Grow It Table at monthly social functions.

Webmaster Maintains the OSC website. Knowledge of web-based publishing helpful.

Welcoming Welcomes officers' spouses to McChord with Welcoming Packets. Coordinates "Welcomes and Farewells" for monthly meetings. Purchases welcoming gifts and coordinates purchase of new members' nametags.

OTHER OPPORTUNITIES

Cookie Drop Committee Organize annual Christmas Cookie Drop. Work with First Sergeant's Council to determine numbers of unaccompanied Airmen living in dorms and delivery date. Advertise in various publications for cookie donations. Arrange drop-off dates and assembly dates with the Chapel Support Center.

Dessert Auction Committee Solicit donations for the annual Dessert Auction. Select theme. Coordinate with the Club on menu, set-up and linen choices. Invite a senior officer to be auctioneer. Arrange for MIBIGI, door prizes and other items for auction. Develop an auction catalog.

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2008-2009 OSC Social Calendar

“Discover Your Own Backyard!”

Explore & Uncover the AMAZING Pacific Northwest!

17 March	11am-1pm	Skagit Tulip Festival
14 April	6-9pm	Scholarship Awards Dinner
12 May	6-9pm	Bingo Night

The True Meaning of Love...sort of.

The question “What does love mean?” was posed to a group of 4-to 8-year olds. Their replies:

“Love is when you go out to eat and give somebody most of your fries without making them give you any of theirs.”
CHRISSEY, Age 6

“Love is what makes you smile when you’re tired.” TERRI,
Age 4

“Love is when Mommy sees Daddy smelly and sweaty and still says he is handsomer than Robert Redford.” CHRIS,
Age 7

“When you love somebody, your eyelashes go up and down and little stars come out of you.” KAREN, Age 7

“You really shouldn’t say ‘I love you’ unless you mean it. But if you mean it, you should say it a lot. People forget.”
JESSICA, Age 8

“We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give”

Discover Your Own Backyard

McChord & Ft Lewis

7 Feb Operation Care Fair (Wellness Fair)
American Lake Club, Ft Lewis
11AM - 5PM, FREE
Childcare available

Thru 14 Feb 2009 Ft Lewis Women's Conference
(Registration) Conference date: 13 Mar 2009,
7:15AM - 4:40PM
Stone Education Center, Ft Lewis
Cost: \$20, Childcare available
(must be registered with Ft Lewis CYS)
Information & Registration forms at:
www.lewisfamilyfocus.com

Pierce County

21 & 22 Feb 2009 Northwest Aviation Conference
& Trade Show
Western Washington Fairgrounds,
Puyallup
Hours: Sat 9AM - 5:30PM
Sun 10AM - 4PM
Tickets: \$5 for weekend,
17 & under FREE
www.washington-aviation.org

Further Afield

11 Feb to 15 Mar The Lion King www.theparamount.com/artists/?artist=857
The Paramount Theater, 911 Pine Street, Seattle, WA 98101
Performances: Sun 1PM and 6:30PM, Tue - Thu 7:30PM
1st Thu of month 1PM, Fri 8PM, Sat 2PM and 8PM
Tickets: \$19.50 - \$130.00

Thru 15 Feb Memphis www.5thavenue.org/show/Memphis0809/
The 5th Avenue Theater, 1308 5th Avenue Seattle, WA 98101
Performances: Sun 1:30PM and 7PM, Tue & Wed 7:30PM
Thu & Fri 8PM, Sat 2PM and 8PM
Tickets: \$22 - \$81

Thru 9 Mar Lucy's Legacy: The Hidden Treasures of Ethiopia
Pacific Science Center, 200 2nd Ave N, Seattle, WA 98109
Hours: Mon-Fri 10AM - 5PM, Sat-Sun-Holidays 10AM - 6PM
Prices: Adults \$20.75, Youth (6-12) \$16.25
Seniors (65+) \$18.25, Kids (3-5) FREE
IMAX films are extra
www.pacsci.org

Adventures Unlimited

7 Feb Seattle Premium Outlet Mall, 9AM - 6PM, \$20
8 & 14 Feb Red Wine & Chocolates Tour, 9AM - 7PM, \$60 (21 and older, please)
12 Feb Ladies Only Snowshoeing at Paradise, 9AM - 4PM, \$25

Ski Trips, too! See www.mcchordafb.us/adv_tours.html for additional trips and information.

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