



SCSC NEWS

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Coming Together To Positively Impact Our Community

A MESSAGE FROM THE SCSC PRESIDENT

Merry Christmas to all. I hope that everyone has been enjoying their December. It has been a busy one. If you did not get to the Thrift Shop during Thriftmas market - you missed the Awesome merchandise and decorations. They still have a few items, so go by and say hello.

Just an added note that the Thrift Shop will be closed December 23 - January 5. They will re-open on the 6 of January.

I also want to say huge Thank you to Andrea and Elisa and their crew. The event was once again beautiful and successful. January looks to be just as fun with our *Out with the Old and In with the New*.

As we get into the New Year, you will need to be on the look out for information on our Spring Bazaar. Jennie Baumbach and Staci Boschert and committee have been working hard. They have found new vendors and have made improvements to the Bazaar. Be on the lookout for more information.

Lastly, from all of us on the SCSC board members - we wish you and your family a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy Prosperous New Year and for all who are traveling - Stay safe and we will see everyone in 2017.

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2016-17 SCSC CALENDAR

2016-17 Social Events

December 13 | January 24

February 28* | April 18* | May 16

**Event at the Patch Community Club*

2016-17 Club Events

March 17-19 Stuttgart Spring Bazaar

DECEMBER

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
			1 Thriftmas Market Cookie Kaserne Oh Snap!	2 Thriftmas Market Cookie Kaserne
5 Mom & Tots	6 Governing Board Meeting 9:30	7	8 Trips & Tours	9
12 Mah Jongg	13 Christmas PJ Party 5:30pm	14 Book Club	15 Lunch Bunch	16 Who Knew! Travel Talk
19 Wine Tasting Club	20	21 Let's Create	22 Playful Pups	23
26	27	28	29	30

JANUARY

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2	3	4	5	6
9 Mah Jongg	10 Governing Board Meeting 9:30	11 Book Club	12	13
16	17 Oh Snap!	18 Let's Create Mom & Tots	19 Lunch Bunch	20
23	24 Out with the Old In with the New 5:30pm	25	26	27 Playful Pups
30 Who Knew! Travel Talk	31			



The SCSC Board and the entire Stuttgart Military community would like to send a Shout Out to the amazing Patch Thrift Shop crew for the work they did with this year's Thriftmas Market! The halls were decked, the clothing were hung on the racks with care and there were definitely more than a few of our favorite things there. We know that a lot of hard work and long hours went into putting on another successful Thriftmas and we all just want to say Thank You.

BARRACKS CHEER

UPCOMING PROGRAMS:

FEBRUARY

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OPERATION SPREAD THE LOVE

Distribute Valentine's Day goodie bags filled with donated candy

MAY

ADOPT-A-BARRACKS

Community organizations who have volunteered to adopt-a-barracks will be given a specific barracks and will provide goodies and decoration to show their appreciation for our military.

KASERNE COOKIE KAPER

Single and unaccompanied service members on USAG Stuttgart were showered with cookies and sweet treats on the weekend of 2 December. Almost 600 bags that were beautifully decorated by numerous youth organizations on base carried up to 12 cookies each and were delivered by garrison youth organizations door to door to the barracks and BOQ's. The homemade cookies were donated by garrison families in order to help spread some Christmas cheer to service members who are here without their families. In addition to the treats, each bag contained letters to the troops (from the Daughters of the American Revolution) or handmade cards (from numerous youth organizations on base) and fun donated items that were provided by the base education center.

Thank you to all of the organizations and individuals that made this event such a huge success!



MEMBERSHIP/RESERVATIONS

Ho! Ho! Ho! or should we say, Wow! Wow! Wow!

Our Silent Auction event was a huge success! We just can't say thank you enough to all the New and Returning SCSC Members who attended the event! In addition, we also were thrilled with the number of guests who came out to the event! We honestly believe that the guests, this time, outnumbered the SCSC members at the event! We truly hope that everyone had a fun-filled and memorable evening!

On the subject of guests, we just want to send out a friendly reminder about our guest policy for events or SIG Meetings. Per our SCSC By-Laws, "Anyone eligible to be a member of SCSC may attend only one event or meeting of a special interest group prior to application and payment of annual dues."

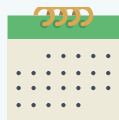
If your friends or family members haven't joined yet, please encourage them to join the SCSC! We want them to continue to attend our awesome future events, however, we must also make it fair to the existing members. The SCSC membership application and payment only takes a few minutes and can all be done online. Please visit www.stuttgartspousesclub.org and click on the Membership/By-Laws tab on the left hand side of the page.

Also, please remember that our membership is open to members of the U.S. Armed Forces and their family members, civilians of the U.S. Department of Defense, U.S. Forces contract employees, retirees and employees of other organizations granted status under the NATO Status of Forces Agreement and other civilians holding a valid U.S. passport and residing in the Stuttgart community.

If you have any questions regarding membership, please contact scsc.memberships@gmail.com.

If you have any questions, regarding reservations, please contact scsc.reservations@gmail.com.

In conclusion, Membership and Reservations would like to wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



DECEMBER SCSC MEMBER BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

MeganKelhart	12/02	Beki Marshall	12/15
Patty Blaser	12/03	Cheri Gillen	12/16
Tandi Braa	12/04	Amy Gold	12/17
Beth Driver	12/04	Samantha Adams	12/18
Anne-Marie Chivers	12/05	Cindy Pugh	12/19
Kelly Kimball	12/05	Kelly Stanko	12/19
Elizabeth Morrow	12/05	Rebecca Baczewski	12/20
Mary Leigh Wilson	12/05	Mari Pohlhaus	12/22
Ginalyn Cowles	12/07	Robin Godlewski	12/24
Wanda Niles	12/07	Samantha Pabalan	12/24
Annick Salas	12/08	Piper Wagner	12/24
Jessica Wilson	12/09	Gerri Sylvester	12/25
Charity Harchar	12/10	Dawn Conley	12/26
Maple Smith	12/10	Kathleen Loeben	12/27
Rebecca Bayless	12/11	Calvin Fish	12/29
Natalie Stuber	12/11	Dixie Connolly	12/30
Michelle Eddy	12/13	Lynda Addington	12/31
Carole Dial	12/14	Martha Oppliger	12/31
Jordan Franken	12/15		

SCSC JANUARY LUNCHEONS & PROGRAMS

*The SCSC invites you to our
premier event of the new year*

Out **2017** *In*
with **HAPPY NEW YEAR** *with*
the **HAPPY NEW YEAR** *the*
Old! **HAPPY NEW YEAR** *new!*

*Tuesday, January 24th, 2017
Doors open at 5:30 p.m.
Swabian Special Events Center*

Branch out and try something new at our accessory swap. Bring up to three new or gently used items, including jewelry, scarves, purses, gloves, or hats.

For each item you bring, you will get to select something “new to you”.

We will have a guest speaker during dinner, and a few other special features you won't want to miss!

Please make your prepaid reservation via PayPal by Tuesday, January 17th.

\$18 per person

Donate a bag of candy to our Barracks Cheer Committee and you will be entered into a special drawing.

Would you like to try a new look in the New Year? Let the SCSC help! Contact Elisa at scsc.luncheons@gmail.com for more information.

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS (SIG)



BOOK CLUB



BUNCO



DINING OUT



DO IT, WRITE



LETS CREATE



LUNCH BUNCH



MAH JONGG



MOM & TOTS



**WHO KNEW!
TRAVEL TALK**



WINE TASTING CLUB



**OH SNAP!
PHOTOGRAPHY**



PLAYFUL PUPS



SHOP ON



OH SNAP!

COORDINATOR

Ivanka Patterson
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WHEN
Monthly

Lots of fun coming your way! are you passionate about photography? Want to meet other fellow photographers, exchange knowhow and get creative in company? then this sig is for you. We'll learn to know and use our cameras better while exploring different places and spaces according to the monthly topic of the group, in search of the "perfect" shot. imagination is our only limit. the group is open to everyone, whether a beginner, intermediate or a professional. you only have to meet two requirements: to love photography and a willingness to have fun. if you are working and have no free time during the day you can still sign up as we'll go shooting at night as well (long exposure to fun, is a lot of fun). the fun will continue in the closed Facebook group where we will share and comment the photos we've taken together.



MOM & TOTS

COORDINATOR

Jackie Kocsis
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WHEN
Monthly

Thanks to the Moms & Dads that came out to kick off the Holiday Season and decorate some cookies! We listened to some Holiday music, decorated and ate some cookies! The kids had a blast!
Our next meetup will be January 18th! Invites have gone out.



BUNCO

COORDINATOR

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WHEN
Monthly

I hope everyone had a Happy Thanksgiving, and I am sure that everyone is now getting ready for the December holidays and enjoying all the Christmas Markets! Our Bunco evening in November went great thanks to all the wonderful players and delicious food they brought to Bunco. Due to the December holidays and New Year events, the next Bunco will be in January and Andrea Barnes will be hosting our first Bunco of 2017 at her home on Patch Barracks. In the next few weeks, we will be sending out the invite with all the details for the January Bunco which will include the date and time. Finally, I wish everyone a Happy Holiday Season and look forward to seeing everyone in the New Year! Happy holidays, Bea



DINING OUT

Laura Davis and
Melissa Ransbottom,
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WHEN
Monthly, beginning in January 2017

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS (SIG)



LET'S CREATE

COORDINATOR

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WHEN

Monthly

Come meet both creative and those wishing to become creative people in the SCSC. The cost will depend on the supplies and may vary from month to month. Sign up now to join this fun SIG and receive monthly Evites.

DEC 21	FEB 15	APR 19
JAN 18	MAR 15	MAY 17



KEEP CALM AND SHOP ON

COORDINATOR

Dianne Schwarz
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WHEN

Monthly or bi-monthly,

Shop 'til you drop? Maybe! At least once per month, we'll spend a day visiting local or out of town antique shops, second hand shops, possibly a flea market, or other unique stops. Please sign up to receive our monthly Evite and let's get our shop on!



PLAYFUL PUPS

COORDINATOR

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WHEN

You're extended a paw to join us monthly

Welcome to the Paw-tastic group of the SCSC, the Playful Pups SIG. It's going to be a "pawsome" year getting to sniff and walk with other dogs throughout the German countryside. Join this fun group to receive details of our upcoming excursions!

DEC 22	FEB 24	APR 21
JAN 27	MAR 31	MAY 19



LUNCH BUNCH

COORDINATOR

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WHEN

We meet the 2nd or 3rd Thursday of each month

Thank you to everyone who joined us in Waldenbuch this month! We had a wonderful lunch at Osteria da Maria and highly recommend it as well as the museum. The Museum der Alltagskultur was a big surprise and was very interesting. <http://www.museum-der-alltagskultur.de>

We hope you can join us Thursday, December 15th as we travel to the Ludwigsburg Baroque Christmas Market! Look for your Evite the first weekend of December for all the details!

DEC 15	FEB 16	APR 13
JAN 19	MAR 9	MAY 18



DO IT, WRITE

COORDINATOR

Mercedes Mackovjak
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WHEN

TBD

Do It, Write SIG is a new Special Interest Group coordinated by Mercedes Mackovjak. This SIG will focus on all types of creative writing, from Poetry to Prose, meeting with members to inspire and guide each other in their writing journey. Please contact Mercedes at scsc.Do.It.Write@gmail.com to join this creative new SIG.



MAH JONGG

COORDINATOR

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WHEN

Monthly

Enjoy exercising your brain and have fun at the same time! Come play Mah Jongg with us! We play, and follow up with lunch. Beginners welcome!

DEC 12	FEB 13	APR 10
JAN 9	MAR 13	MAY 8

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS (SIG)



BOOK CLUB

COORDINATOR

Trish Duncan

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WHEN

Meet the 2nd Wednesday of each month in the late morning.

Join us December 14th as we discuss *The Last Days of Night* and have our annual gift exchange! In December we wrap and swap a gently used book we'd like to pass on to someone else. Please look for detail in your Evite coming the first weekend in December.

The gatherings are casual and although there is a list of discussion questions, we usually just discuss the book and have enough to say without needing them. We range from some members bringing great insight to others just trying to remember what they've read long enough to join in! We choose our titles two months in advance so that there is time to order the book or rent it from the library. We discuss the book we've just completed and choose another that will be discussed two months later, having already chosen the "on deck" book. Titles are selected based on suggestions from members.

DEC 14	FEB 8	APR 12
JAN 11	MAR 8	MAY 10



WINE TASTING CLUB

COORDINATOR

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WHEN

Monthly

Our next event will be on Monday, December 19th at 7 P.M. Attendees are to bring their favorite holiday wine (white, red, sekt, and gluhwein are all welcome) and dress it up in holiday wrapping for blind tastings. Please watch for your Evite to RSVP. Make sure to join this SIG so you don't miss a tasting!

DEC 19



WHO KNEW! TRAVEL TALK

COORDINATOR

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WHEN

Monthly

How many times have you sat at a computer to start your European adventure and just didn't know where to start? Or perhaps you have started and thought, "If only I had known, I would or wouldn't have done X, Y, or Z!" Whether this is your first PCS to Europe or perhaps you have been here before, we all want to make the most of our European tour! Wouldn't it be nice to share a travel tip or tidbits with those who are just getting started or with those who have been there, done that! Each month, we will pick a different country! Come learn a thing or two, or better yet share your personal experience of visiting that country! Let's help each other with our bucket lists, and in the process get to know each other and have a little fun!

DEC 16	FEB 27	APR 17
JAN 30	MAR 27	MAY 15

Many SIG options are listed above so members will certainly find something that interests them! If you'd like to coordinate a new group not listed or have SIG questions, please send an email to Kathy Argo, Special Interest Groups Chair, scsc.specialinterest@gmail.com.

SCSC special Interest Groups are only open to current SCSC members. Please make sure that your membership is active in order to participate with these fun groups. You may join SCSC online by visiting <http://stuttgartspousesclub.org>.

FUN WITH SIGS!



MOM & TOTS

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SHOP ON

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Dianne Schwarz



SCHOLARSHIPS

2017 SCSC SCHOLARSHIPS Applications Now Available!!

WHO: All HS, Continuing Ed Students, & Spouses who are military card ID holders sponsored by an active duty member, government civilian or contractor within the Stuttgart Military Community.

WHAT: SCSC Merit Based Scholarships

WHEN: Application packages available December 15, 2016.

*** Deadline for application is postmarked*

February 24, 2017

WHERE: Download the application by clicking on the scholarship link from the SCSC homepage at www.stuttgartspousesclub.org.

The selection process for scholarship winners is based on a combination of GPA, test scores, extracurricular activities, leadership, volunteer hours, work experience, recommendations and an applicant essay.

Questions: **Email us at scsc.scholarship@gmail.com**

SOCIAL MEDIA



The SCSC has a secret Facebook group where we post upcoming events, announcements and other goodies. After the welcome event friend requests and emails were sent out to join the secret group. If you have not received an invitation to join, or became a member after the Welcome Event, please email Jackie at scsc.socialmedia@gmail.com so you can be added to our Facebook page.

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