

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT



I am thrilled to present this year's impact report, showcasing our remarkable achievements. The dedication and passion of our incredible volunteers and Board members made these accomplishments possible. Your commitment has enriched the lives of countless individuals in our USAG Stuttgart community.

A heartfelt thank you to all our generous community members who donated items and the devoted shoppers at the SCSC Patch Thrift Shop. Your contributions have enabled us to fund grants and scholarships to so many in our community.

Throughout the year, we enjoyed organizing events, joining special interest group outings, and supporting one another at the SCSC Patch Thrift Shop. The collective efforts of the Board, Members, and Volunteers are evident in the following pages.

With your continued support, we will continue positively impacting the lives of those we serve.

Thank you, Tsoniki Crazy Bull

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MISSION & PURPOSE

MISSION <<<

The mission is to provide information and support to Americans living in the Stuttgart area through social venues and to give back to our military community through volunteering and financial contributions.

PURPOSE <<<

The purpose of the Stuttgart Community Spouses' Club is to promote charitable, educational, social, and recreational activities among its members and the USAG Stuttgart community. This is achieved through fundraisers, social functions, special interest groups, and travel opportunities for club members. Additionally, SCSC manages the Patch Thrift Shop to provide affordable, quality goods to the community and raise funds for grants and scholarships.



SOCIAL SIDE



370+ **Members**





9 15 Monthly Events Special Interest Groups









In 2022-23, the SCSC bounced back from COVID restrictions with pizzazz! The club welcomed over 370 returning and new members. With the "Add a Spouse" membership option and Half-Year Discount, the club saw huge growth from the previous year.

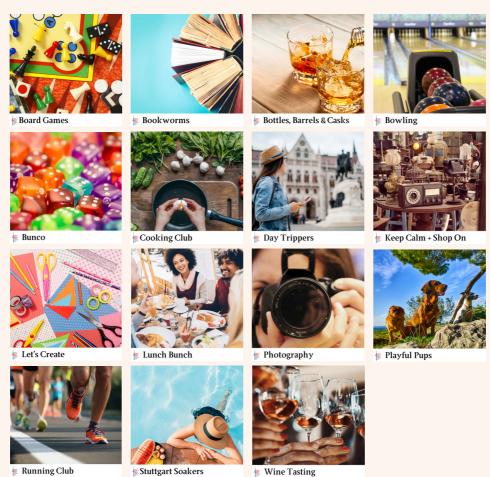
The Monthly Events committee put in hours of dedication to plan fabulous and interesting events for club members. The DIY group supported by crafting beautiful centerpieces for each month's program.

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS





SCSC Members had a record-number of **Special Interests Groups** to join with the opportunity to build closer friendships with likeminded individuals. The club welcomed back the *Stuttgart Soakers* group, saw *Bottles, Barrels & Casks* develop in its second year and added a brand new group--*Board Games*!



BASKET AUCTION













For this year's basket auction, SCSC celebrated with a Venetian Masquerade theme. With both in-person and virtual ticket options, the club was able to maximize participation. The *USAG Stuttgart* community supported SCSC full force with amazing baskets. The silent and live auction items brought in a grand total of \$5,470 that went right back out to our deserving community in grants and scholarships.

PATCH THRIFT SHOP







115 Volunteers



Over 2,600 Volunteer Hours Logged



\$313,310.90 Gross Sales

The Patch Thrift Shop employees and volunteers worked tirelessly this year to offer affordable, quality items for the USAG Stuttgart community.

The club made a few changes to better serve the community: adjusted our hours, hired a new Manager and additional Associates and introduced a New Volunteer Orientation to better equip our volunteers. Lastly, the club reduced the SCSC member discount from 30% to 15% to maximize the amount we can give away to the community. With the Volunteer Incentive Program, SCSC rewarded the hard-working volunteers with European treasurers and other prizes to show how valuable they are to the shop.

THRIFTMAS



\$14,600 raised



280 volunteer hours donated



57 volunteers







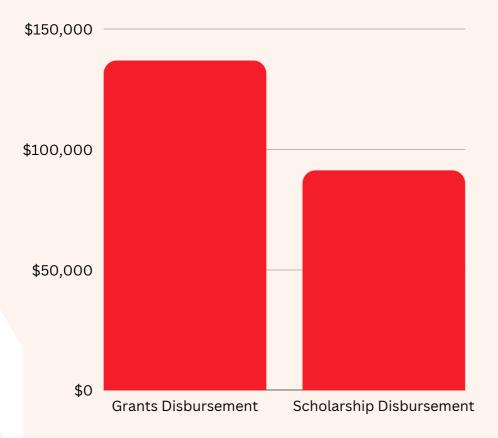


SCSC's annual Thriftmas event was held Thursday, December 1 through Saturday, December 3 and was a huge success! The club and volunteers were able to prep the store in record time and welcomed a line of customers on opening day with a store filled with holiday items of all kinds! Volunteers were integral to the success by providing assistance with setup, customer service on sales days and meal donations.

THRIFT SHOP BREAKDOWN



As a Private Organization affiliated with USAG Stuttgart, the SCSC follows Army regulations. One regulation states that our payroll cannot exceed 30% of our income. For the 2022-23 membership year, payroll percentage was 22.3%. Expenses were 5% for the year.



Thrift Shop proceeds are disbursed to the Grants and Scholarship funds with 60% going to Grants and 40% to Scholarships. Community Enhancement funds come from the Grants budget.

GRANTS













The club's Grants program exploded in 2022-23! SCSC received over \$182,000 in requests from the *USAG Stuttgart* community. The ability to fundraise while overseas is difficult and SCSC is thrilled to be able to give the proceeds from the *Patch Thrift Shop* to our community. This year SCSC was able to give away \$104,879.56 in grants. Additionally, the Grants program gave \$5,000 to SHS for graduation, \$8,300 to the Scholarship fund, and \$1,500 in end of year gifts. Thank you to all that donated to, volunteered at, and shopped at the *Patch Thrift Shop*.

COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT













SCSC's Community Enhancement's Kindness Krew team went to work right away with projects over the summer and let the good times roll throughout the rest of our board year. With projects like Teacher Appreciation, EUCOM picnic, Random Acts of Kindness and more, the club was able to spread kindness and cheer to make the USAG Stuttgart community say 'I am glad I live here!" In total, Community Enhancement poured \$11,294.37 back into the community.

SCHOLARSHIP





97 Recipients







SCSC's Scholarship program expanded to offer a **Revolving Scholarship** in 2022-23 to benefit those in an off-cycle education program.

The club's regular scholarship program saw a whopping **97 recipients** total. With proceeds from the *Patch Thrift Shop*, SCSC was able to award **\$90,500** total to deserving High School Seniors, Gap Year Students, Continuing Education Students and Spouses.

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Thank You







SCSC loves being a part of the USAG Stuttgart community! It is a pleasure to serve you with the club's social events, grants, community enhancement and scholarships. Seeing the Patch Thrift Shop volunteers and working with Governing Board members is a pleasure! SCSC looks forward to what the 2023-24 year will bring!

