

# WESC News

February 2011

## President's Corner

20 Reasons I Love WESC!

20. The Thrift Store allows us to volunteer and to have fun at the same time!

19. Bunco Club, 'nuff said!

18. We have an amazing Facebook following!

17. Our General Membership Meetings are ALWAYS fun!!!

16. We have our own WESC coin!

15. Denise French is fascinating!

14. We celebrate, encourage and support one another.

13. We are drama free!

12. We award \$8000.00 in combined scholarships with the OSC. Go to: <http://www.orgsites.com/mo/whitemanesc/> to download your application today!

11. 80's Membership Drive! Good times!

10. There is something for everyone: Book Club, Playgroup, Secret Pal, Fit Club, you name it!

9. The Board really does care what membership thinks! Complete and return your mid-term survey today!

8. We are critter free.

7. Cheers for our Cheers Jar that recognizes

member's volunteer work.

6. Fancy dancy WESC T-shirts (only \$12.00) let us brag about our sisterhood!

5. We host Membership Incentive Contests! Bring your friend or neighbor to our next General Membership Meeting!

4. You get a super sweet piggy bank when you have a baby!

3. We love new people!

2. Feb 25th, Girl's Night Out Karaoke!

1. We HEART each other!

Happy Valentine's Day!

Cassie

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## Membership News

Congratulations to KARRA LANCIA!!!! Our winner for last quarters Membership Incentive Basket!

Starting this month, WESC members are eligible to win a NEW prize basket valued at \$50.00 for every friend they refer to join the

Whiteman Enlisted Spouses Club. The drawing for the winner of this membership incentive contest will take place at May's general membership meeting. The basket will be on display at this month's meeting so you can check out all the wonderful goodies!

Hope everyone has a wonderful Valentine's Day!

Gena Wynn  
WESC Membership Chairperson

**Newsletter submissions from any and all members are always welcome! Send your sub club news, community news, recipes and jokes to Erin Bill at [wescnewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:wescnewsletter@gmail.com) for inclusion in next month's issue!**

## Upcoming Events

**February's General Membership Meeting** will take place on Feb. 15th at 6 PM at Mission's End. RSVP's are required for child monitoring **in advance**; contact WESC-Membership @gmail.com. Please remember to bring a tip for the child care monitors. Look forward to a fun and very girly night of fondue and champagne! Also be ready to suggest members for nomination to positions within WESC. (The formal nomination ceremony will take place in March.)

### **Karaoke Girls' Night Out**

February 25th at 8 PM, join fellow

WESC members to rock the house at Mission's End! Come show off your vocal talents!

### **Secret Pal Program**

The last Secret Pal round wrapped up with a special Reveal Lunch on January 25th! Complete your survey today to participate in the next Secret Pal round, which will run from February to May. Surveys have been emailed out to membership. You'll be matched with a pal, and bring them a small gift (no more than \$15) to each meeting. Participants are also welcome to show appreciation for their pal in

other ways—baking cookies, sending a card, or whatever you think might make their day!

### **WESC Consignment Event**

During February, look around the house and see if you can find something you don't need anymore, valued around \$20 to \$25, to donate to the WESC consignment account at the Thrift Store. Proceeds will directly benefit WESC! Items may be dropped off at the Thrift Store or at the February meeting.

## Lending a Hand

### **Right Start**

WESC continues to need volunteers to hand out information and answer questions at Right Start events on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month. If you're interested in this opportunity to help inform new members of the Whiteman community of everything available through WESC, contact Cassie Belton to sign up!

### **Thrift Store**

New chairpersons are needed for the Thrift Store for the upcoming year. If you'd like to be involved, contact Lisa Minckler or Denise French. The Thrift Store continues to welcome volunteers on Mondays and Thursdays from 9-12 and on Tuesdays and Fridays from 10-2, as well as on the first Saturday of every month from 10-2.

### **Veterans' Home Outreach**

A committee is forming to plan efforts to benefit the Warrensburg veterans' home. Contact Mary Wilson to help out.

### **Relay for Life**

Gretchen Capogna is heading up the formation of a committee to participate in the annual Relay for Life in either Warrensburg or Sedalia. Contact Gretchen to join.

### **WESC Positions**

A Photographer/Historian is needed to document WESC's happenings and activities! Contact Cassie Belton to volunteer for this position. The nomination process for Executive Board and Committee Chairs also begins in February. If you're interested in serving in one of the many roles within WESC, please put your name forward for nomination.

### **Volunteer Hours**

Members are encouraged to continue to log your volunteer hours—within WESC and outside WESC—on your log sheets. This documentation helps to show the Whiteman community how much of a positive impact we have. This quarter runs from Jan. to March, so start record-

ing! For every WESC volunteer opportunity a member participates in, their name goes into the "Cheers Jar" for a prize drawing each quarter. The more you volunteer, the more likely you are to win!

### **First Sergeants' and Chiefs' Appreciation**

Contact Cassie Belton to float ideas or help out with this effort to show these hardworking members of the Whiteman community how much they're valued.

## Sub Club News

### Book Club

Book Club meets again on Feb. 17th at 6:30 PM at Denise French's home. The book under discussion will be French Women Don't Get Fat. Wear chef-inspired attire and bring a French dish! Contact Angie Franjul for more information.

### Bunco Group

The next Bunco night will be

Feb. 18th at 6 PM! Contact Angie Franjul to sign up. Cost is \$5 and members are encouraged to bring a dish to share.

### Fit Club

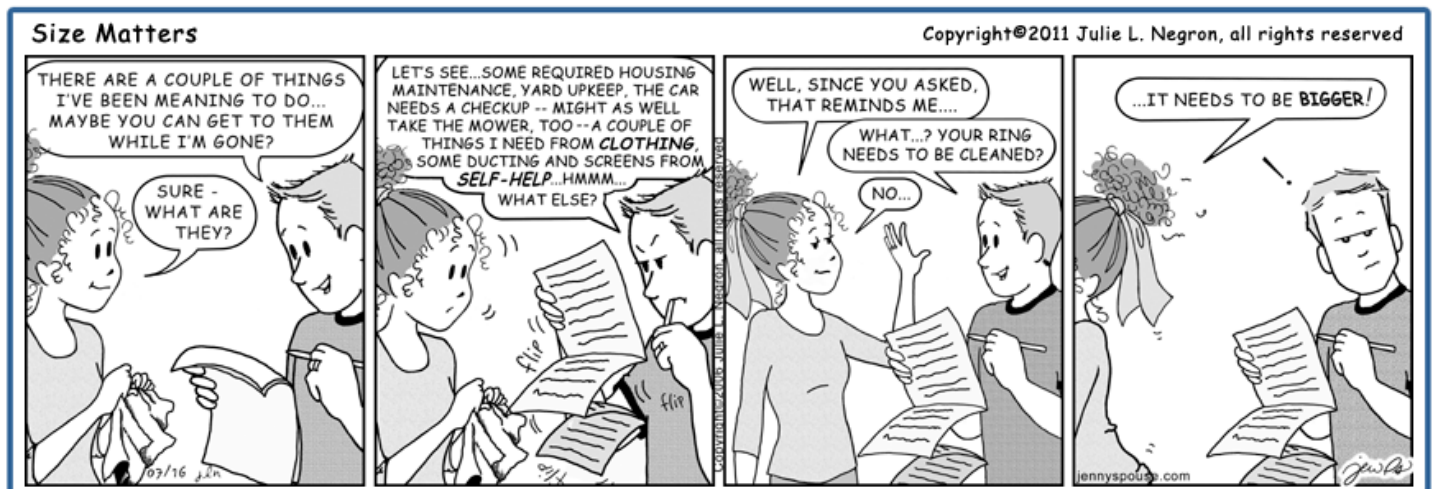
Lyndi Derheim is the coordinator for this club. Contact her and watch the WESC Facebook page for updates!

### Playgroup

Play dates will now take place at 11 AM on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of every month. Contact coordinator Kimberly Davis for more info and watch the WESC Facebook page for updates.

### Scrapbook Circle

Danielle Metzger is forming this group. Keep an eye on the WESC Facebook page for updates!



## Member Honors

### Volunteer of the of the Quarter

Presented at the January meeting, this award went to **Gena Wynn**, WESC membership chair, for her efforts that have resulted in a greatly increased membership. Currently WESC has 47 members in good standing. **Congratulations Gena!**

### Volunteer of the Year

**Denise French** received the WESC Volunteer of the Year Award at the January meeting for her extensive efforts on behalf of WESC and the

base community. Her involvement includes serving as a Thrift Store chair, chairing the Scholarship committee, serving on the Executive Board as Parliamentarian, and holding the position of Key Spouse for the 509th SFS. **Congratulations Denise!**

### Member of the Month

Cassie Belton was named Member of the Month for volunteering her home to host the December membership meeting when the base club

was unavailable. She welcomed in members, their spouses and children with a smile. **Congratulations Cassie!**

### Peer to Peer

Stephanie Dillon passed the WESC Peer to Peer gift to Cassie Belton at the January meeting.

## Whiteman Enlisted Spouses Club

We're on the  
Web! [http://  
www.orgsites  
.com/mo/  
whitemanesc/](http://www.orgsites.com/mo/whitemanesc/)

## Updates

- Final approval of the new WESC Constitution and By-laws by JAG is in the works!
- The Thrift Store is once again open to taking consignment items. Sellers may bring in seasonal clothes, household items, etc. and receive the majority of the proceeds when the item sells, with a portion going to cover the costs the Thrift Store incurs. Call ahead to ask if there is space to consign larger items, such as furniture.
- WESC welcomed nine guests at our January meeting! New faces are fantastic!
- Guest speakers from both the Airman and Family Readiness Center and the Fitness

Center were on hand at the January meeting. Be on the lookout for other informative guest speakers at future meetings.

- 2010-2011 Scholarship Applications are now posted at [www.orgsites.com/mo/whitemanesc/](http://www.orgsites.com/mo/whitemanesc/) Eligibility requirements and contact information are provided on the application.



## Love Stories

Just in time for Valentine's Day, enjoy these WESC members' engagement stories, collected by Vice President Mary Wilson!

*Cassandra was proposed to in front of the Trevi Fountain in Rome, Italy~molto romantico! For myself, Mary Wilson, I received my engagement in the form of a precious letter from basic training.. "I want to ask your parents but I must know, will you marry me?"...Hmm Was he that lonely? Of course Cassie and I said, "YES!" So what is your engagement story?*

Engaged..the first or second time with him!!!

The first phone call from basic was a "I love you and can't live without you..please marry me phone call!" Needless to say we lasted all basic and all tech school and on to his first base which was Nellis, in Las Vegas. We didn't last to long after that, then in 2004 we reconnected I moved to Cannon AFB with him. He proposed and we flew off to FL and got married beachside!! Hope you enjoyed my soap opera!!

-Kristina Pendleton

I was a freshman in college and Jesse was a senior in high school. I came home for Valentines weekend. Jesse met me at his house with dinner. We ate

and he gave me the sweetest card (which I still have) and gave me a ring in a box shaped like a rose :)

-Laura Phillips

One nice April day he came to get me for our "date night" and like usual I was not ready so as I finished getting ready he asked my dad if he could marry me and promised to take care of me and all that good stuff, so my parents said yes and he was so excited he couldn't wait so as I came down stairs he got down on one knee and asked me to marry him. I said yes after I stopped crying :) Then we went on with date night like planned :)

-Jenny Stennes