

May 2011

# WESC News!

## President's Corner

Hello Members,

I am so excited to start this journey! We have some wonderful, dedicated people on this year's board. I can't wait to see what they are going to bring to the table. If you are interested in signing up to help on a committee please let the chairperson know. We are going to start organizing soon for upcoming events and fundraising.

Let your voices be heard! The new board is ready to take action, I will be sending out a survey via email. Please take time to fill this out, this is your club. We are starting our planning committees for socials, fundraising, trips/tours and sub clubs. WE NEED YOUR INPUT!!!

Please take time to thank the outgoing board Cassie, Mary, Gretchen, Angela, Lisa, Lyndi, Jenny and advisors JC and Sheri. Their love and dedication has made WESC what it is today. I would like everyone to also thank Gena, Denise, Angie, Erin and advisor Carol for committing another year. I look forward to working with you.

—Holly Cousino

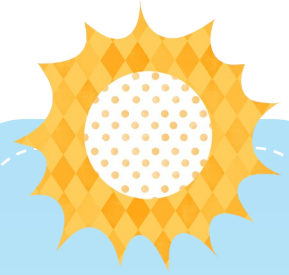
## Welcome New Members!

We are so excited to have the following people join our WESC family! For the month of April, please welcome Shannon Scott, Amanda De La Rosa, Shannon Miller, Kandi Moore, Karen Sligh, Leslee Shama, Diane Stonestreet, and Joy Turner!

## May Birthdays and Anniversaries

Happy Birthday to Gena Wynn (5/1), Stephanie Dillon (5/7), Amy Coleman (5/15), Stacy Mersky (5/7), Amy Proctor (5/28) and Mary Wilson (5/15)!

Happy Anniversary to Cassie Belton (5/10), Sheryl Gehringer (5/20), Jamie Himes (5/14), Pamela Hust (5/23), Ashley McCall (5/22), Diana Stonestreet (5/28) and Lori Taylor (5/9)!



Find us at <http://www.orgsites.com/mo/whitemanesc/> and on Facebook!

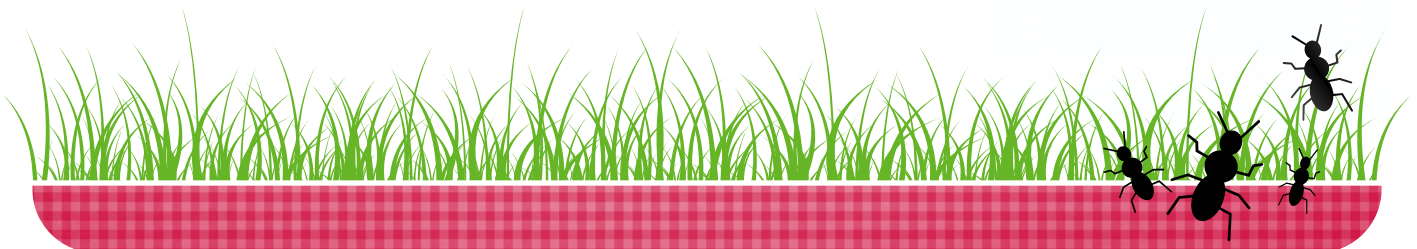
Send all submissions for the newsletter to [wescnewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:wescnewsletter@gmail.com). Recipes, local event information, base news are always welcome.

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### Important Dates

05/10	RSVP's due for the Installation Dinner
05/17	Black and White Night Celebration: Installation Dinner at Mission's End
06/10	Sedalia Relay for Life
06/9-6/12	Knob Noster Days



## Latest Happenings

At April's General Membership Meeting, WESC members elected the 2011-2012 WESC Executive Board. The new board is Holly Cousino, President; Gena Wynn, Vice President; Stephanie Dillon, Charitable Treasurer; and Paula Greene, General Treasurer. The position of Secretary was held open and ballots are currently in your email inbox to vote on the current nominees: Sarah Barnett, Sarah Christy and Lyndi Derheim. Ballots are due by midnight May 8th to Parliamentarian Denise French at wescparliament@gmail.com.

Next month's General Membership Meeting at 6:30 on May 17th at Mission's End will be the Installation Dinner formally recognizing the new WESC board and honoring this year's outgoing board with a meal and cocktail hour. Spouses are welcome and encouraged to attend. Limited child monitoring will be provided. RSVP to Cassie at itisjustcassie@yahoo.com by May 10th if you will be attending.

April's Member of the Month is...Mary Wilson! Mary also received a WESC coin for her efforts on behalf of WESC as vice president and in so many other capacities. Congratulations Mary!

Jennifer Brennan passed the Peer to Peer gift to Christy Bates for being so welcoming as a fellow new member to WESC.

## Volunteer News

On April 6th, Cassie Belton, Holly Cousino and Mary Wilson handed out Applebee's gift cards to the First Sergeants in appreciation for all they do.

WESC's Relay for Life teams are participating in the Sedalia relay on June 10th! Contact coordinators Gretchen Capogna or Gena Wynn to get involved. Members can sign up to be part of WESC's team even if you are not able to participate in the actual race. You may also sign up or donate by going to relayforlife.org and searching for the Sedalia, Missouri race. The teams' motto is "Let hope soar high."

The Volunteer of the Quarter for January through March was announced at April's meeting. Congratulations to Denise French for your tireless efforts for WESC, as a Thrift Store volunteer and as a Key Spouse! Denise was also recently selected as the Whiteman Key Spouse of the Year.

In April, WESC along with the Whiteman Officers' Spouses Club awarded scholarships to two high school students and three WAFB spouses.

### Sub Club News

#### Book Club

Coordinator: Angie Franjul

This month, we'll be reading [The Girl With the Dragon Tattoo](#). Check Facebook for the next meeting time.

#### Fit Club

Coordinator: Lyndi Derheim

Fit Club had a meeting on May 2nd. See Lyndi to join the group's email list to stay up to date with upcoming events.

#### Bunco Circle

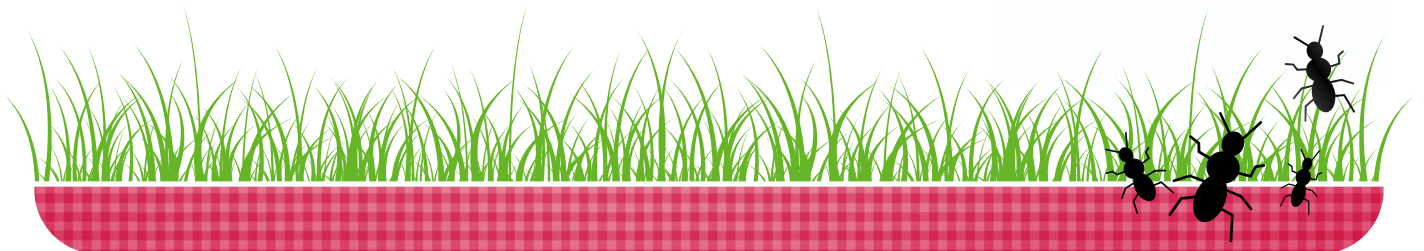
Coordinator: Angie Franjul

April's Bunco circle took place on the 29th. The next Bunco night will be on May 20th. Check your email and Facebook for information on the location and how to RSVP.

#### Secret Pal

Coordinator: Cassie Belton

This term's Secret Pal Reveal Lunch will take place May 25th at Mission's End. Please RSVP to Cassie at itisjustcassie@yahoo.com.

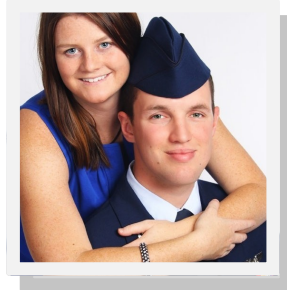


### Knob Noster Days

Knob Noster Days are coming June 9-12th! The theme this year is KINGS, QUEENS and KNOB NOSTER THINGS!!! We will be participating in the parade on Thursday June 9th at 7pm. We will also be selling glow sticks as fundraiser for our general account. If you are interested in volunteering please contact Christy Bates at wescwaysmeans@gmail.com.

## Getting to Know You: Activities Chair Katarina McCleary

My name is Katarina McCleary, I recently moved to Knob Noster (Jan 1st), but have lived in Missouri my entire life. My husband joined the Air Force one year ago, and Whiteman is our first base. My family right now consists of my husband and myself and our two pretty fat cats.

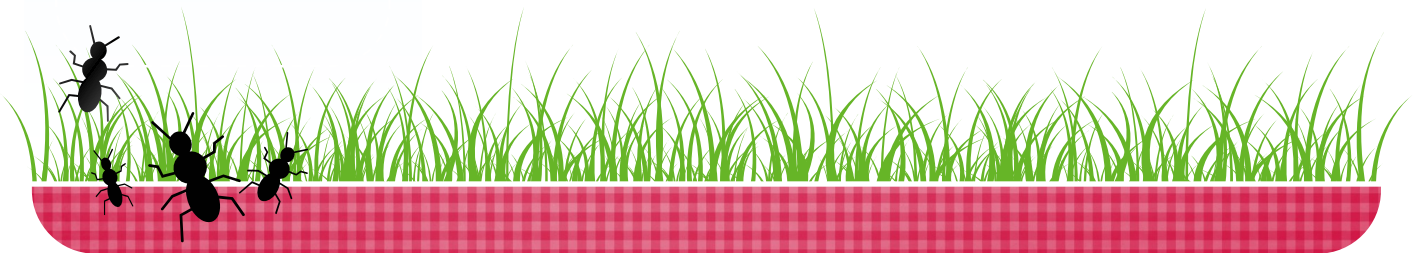
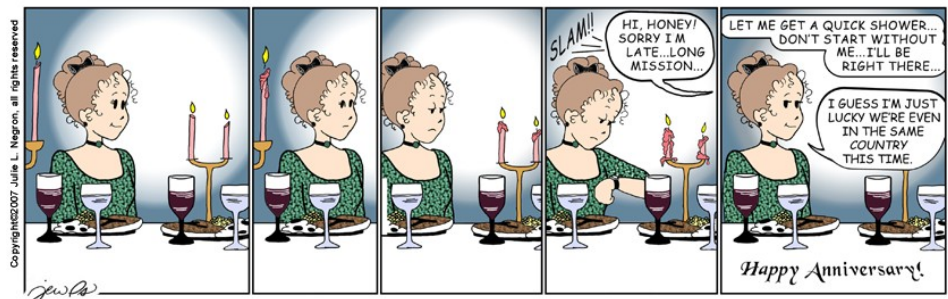


Before moving I was a K-12 Art teacher, therefore I love anything that has to do with art! My primary artistic interests right now include photography, scrapbooking, card making, and jewelry.

I joined WESC in February 2011, and love getting together with other spouses. I am excited about what this year has to offer, and really glad to be part of the WESC family.

## Getting to Know You: Membership Chair Kristina Pendleton

Hi everyone my name is Kristina Pendleton and I am a recent member to WESC, I joined in January at my first meeting and have loved it ever since. I am a Stay at Home Mom and a HUGE Razorback Fan. I am from Arkansas and am so glad to be finally close to home. We have been in the military for 13 years my husband works in the 509 AMXS and we have two children, Alexander who is 4 and Alexis who is 9. I love to Canoe and hike! I am looking forward to getting to know everyone better and excited about my position as your new Membership Chair!! Whoo Pig Sooiie!



## Warrensburg Summer Craft Fair

Saturday, June 25 · 9:00am - 4:00pm

Warrensburg Community Center

445 E Gay St , ABC Building, between pool and Grover Park

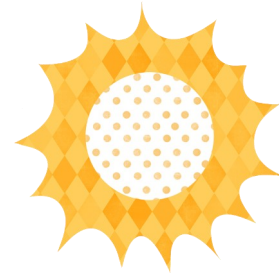
Warrensburg, MO

FREE, Huge Indoor/Outdoor Show, Rain/Shine. Over 30 vendors including local handmade artists, military spouse crafters, Scentsy, Pampered Chef, Tastefully Simple, Tupperware, Avon, Beijou Bags, Etsy.com shops, and tons more!

Baked Goods, Samples, Concessions Stand!

Stop in after a swim at the pool for popcicles and pizza, or let

the kids play in Grover Park and do some shopping! Something for every taste, age, and budget!



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## One of My Favorite Places

Holly asked me to write this month's article and immediately I agreed to take the challenge. My family and I have only been at Whiteman for 2 years and we have adventured and investigated locations to meet our needs.

Our choices have been more adventuresome than most because we have developed broad tastes for authentic food.

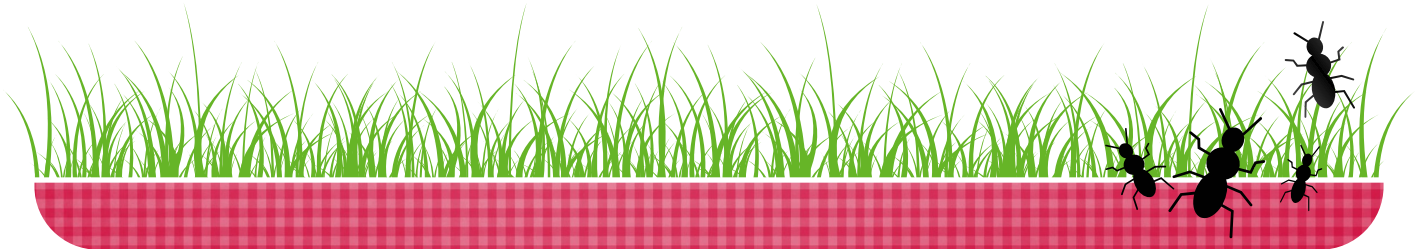
My family mostly likes to adventure to shopping areas because they have great wheelchair accessibility. Our son has been in a wheelchair since he was 10 and he is now 14. We have trained our expeditions to convenience and shopping is one of our favorites. While we are out shopping we usually stop for a meal and we have found many that are very likable.

One of our favorites is located right here in Warrensburg called Monetti's Italian Food & Pizza. It is a quaint little restaurant that makes homemade Italian food on

location. Our favorite is their Pizza, (who doesn't like pizza?!?!?) theirs is extraordinary with toppings like chicken alfredo & BBQ chicken, in addition to 28" diameter pizza. Their sizes range from personal 10", medium 12", large 14", xtra-large 16", colossal 18", and finally to giganda 28" - the biggest pizza in Johnson County. They have a homey atmosphere, where you can watch the cooking, drink beer or wine, eat the homemade Italian food, and/or select one of their yummy Italian deserts.

In conclusion, we love finding yummy places to eat, and we look forward to reading about new and interesting places to investigate. Thanks for the opportunity to share our favorite dining place. We hope you get an opportunity to try Monetti's, since they are owned and operated by a family associated with the Air Force.

—April Lindstedt



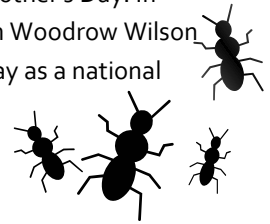
## Mother's Day: A Little History

In the United States, Mother's Day started nearly 150 years ago, when Anna Jarvis, an Appalachian homemaker, organized a day to raise awareness of poor health conditions in her community, a cause she believed would be best advocated by mothers. She called it "Mother's Work Day."

In 1905 when Anna Jarvis died, her daughter, also named Anna, began a campaign to memorialize the life work of her mother. Legend has it that young Anna remembered a Sunday school lesson that her mother gave in which she said, "I hope and pray that someone, sometime, will found a memorial mother's day. There are many days for men, but none for mothers."

Anna began to lobby prominent businessmen like John Wannamaker, and politicians including Presidents Taft and Roosevelt to support her campaign to create a special day to honor mothers. At one of the first services organized to celebrate Anna's mother in 1908, at her church in West Virginia, Anna handed out her mother's favorite flower, the white carnation. Five years later, the House of Representatives adopted a resolution calling for officials of the federal government to wear white carnations on Mother's Day. In 1914 Anna's hard work paid off when Woodrow Wilson signed a bill recognizing Mother's Day as a national holiday.

[www.mothers-day.123holiday.net](http://www.mothers-day.123holiday.net)



## Dear Denise

Dear Denise,

What are some ways to get rid of things we don't want anymore when we move? Should we just throw everything out for the garbage truck to pick up?

Sincerely,

Pigpen

Dear Pigpen,

That is a great question! REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE! All your unwanted treasures can be donated to the Airman's Attic or taken to the Thrift Store. You will be able to donate or consign your items at the Thrift Store. Just an easy way to make a couple bucks! We also have the annual Base Wide Yard Sale coming up on May 20th & 21st! Not to mention, the Whiteman Yard Sale page on Facebook. Or you can always call me, as I'm a hoarder and never turn down a treasure!

Dear Denise,

How do you write an advice column with no questions?

Confused Constance

Dear Constance,

Funny you should ask, as I'm currently having the same problem! While, I have a problem, it seems no one else does.

What to do? What to do?

Useless Trivia is always good! Try your hand at that & GOOD LUCK!

10 Useless Facts

1. On May 10, 1872 the first woman was nominated for President of the U.S.A. even though women could not vote. Her name was Virginia Woodhull.
2. Napoleon constructed his battle plans in a sandbox.
3. Virginia Woolf wrote all her books standing.
4. To "testify" was based on men in the Roman court swearing to a statement made by swearing on their testicles.
5. Charlie Brown's father was a barber.
6. Ingrown toenails are hereditary.
7. Donald Duck's middle name is Fauntleroy.
8. The muzzle of a lion is like a fingerprint - no two lions have the same pattern of whiskers.
9. Cranberries are sorted for ripeness by bouncing them; a fully ripened cranberry can be dribbled like a basketball.
10. There are 336 dimples on a regulation golf ball.

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