QUARANTINE
Military life is having a plan. Then a new plan. Then another plan. Then the first plan. Then a brand new plan only to go back to the 2nd plan.

KEEP CALM AND STAY STRONG AS LONG AS WE HAVE EACH OTHER, WE’VE GOT THIS

SPREAD KINDNESS WITH GIFTS OF hope
WE’RE ALL IN THIS TOGETHER.
The 2019-2020 WPOSC Board of Governors

**Executive Committee**

President .................. Monica Lewis
1st Vice President .......... Jamika Mullen
2nd Vice President .......... Position Open
Secretary .................. Lynne Donahue
Admin Treasurer .......... Jing Lisanby
Welfare Treasurer ........ Lori Enochian
Parliamentarian .......... Casey Gallegos

**Standing Committees**

Activities .................. Cathy Long
AFIT Liaison .............. Karen Anderson ...... 423-946-8036
Child Care Coordinator .... Position Open
Historian .................. Robin Sowder
Hospitality/Newcomers ... Karen Anderson
Co-Chair .................. Position Open
Mah Jongg Book Sales .... Amy Jo Jones
Co-Chair .................. Marsha Hudson
Membership ............... Melissa Troxel
.................. membership@wrightpattersonosc.org
Programs .................. Position Open
Co-Chair .................. Position Open
Reservations Line - Answering Machine
Reservations Chair .......... Beth Newberry
ROWW ....................... Mary Weisert
Co-Chair .................. Pam Bergren
Scholarships ............... Lorraine Bonavita
Thrift Shop .................... Geraldine Traver
Co-Chair .................. Pam Woodard
Web Coordinator ............ Christi Brendlinger.
Co-Chair .................. Position Open

**Welfare** .................. Erik Oberg
The Wright Word Editor ... Melissa Garn

**Special Events**

Airmen’s Cookie Drive .... Lorraine Bonavita

**Special Volunteer Groups**

A.F. Museum Guides ........ Sue Craven
Co-Chair .................. Valerie Slover

**Special Interest Groups**

Int’l Spouses’ Group ....... Inma Kusnierek
Co-Chair .................. Misa Ford

**Activities**

Almost Gourmet ............ Position Open
Antiques Société .......... Elizabeth Clark
Co-Chair .................. Kathy Cohrs
Book Club .................. Rita Stupak
Co-Chair .................. Kristine Mangold
Brush & Palette ............ Leigh Whitehead
Co-Chair .................. Patty Spouse
Bunco ....................... Kim White
Coffee Group .............. Melissa Garn
Happy Hour Crafting ....... Monica Lewis
Co-Chair .................. Cathy Long
Lunch Bunch ............... Tamara Vanden Bos
Mah Jongg ................. Amy Jo Jones
Movie Goers ............... Melissa Garn
Photography Club .......... Adriana Eden
Play Group .................. Position Open
The Rock Group ............ Lori Enochian
Rubber Stamp Club ........ Lori Enochian
Skylarks .................. Ellen Ratti
Co-Chair .................. Heidi Cahoon
Spouses’ Night Out ........ Sarah Kiloer
Co-Chair .................. Nikki Chapman
Tea Group .................. Tamara Vanden Bos
Wine Group .................. Casey Gallegos
Wright Ringers ............ Cathy Gagnon

**Honorary Executive Committee**

Advisor
Laurie Sherman ............ Spouse of 88th ABW Commander

Honorary Advisor
De McMurry .................. Spouse of AFLCMC Commander

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Want to become a member of the Wright-Patt Officers’ Spouses’ Club?
Complete membership form from wrightpattersonosc.org and mail to: WPOSC Membership, P.O. Box 67, Fairborn, OH 45324

Need to make changes? Contact membership@wrightpattersonosc.org to change address, telephone number, email, rank, organization, or resignation.
May 1, 2020

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

... BUT IN NO WAY A SURPRISE

In alignment with the Ohio's extension of the "Stay at Home" mandate, the WPOSC will continue it's temporary suspension through May 31, 2020 for all events and activities that do not fall under social distancing guidelines.

The WPOSC continues to monitor State and WPAFB regulations closely. Updates on our operating status will be posted routinely on our website and Facebook page.

We look forward to making new and bright memories together real soon. Until then, stay safe and help look after one another.
Who could’ve predicted this year with its constant twists and turns? While it’s certainly not the way we wanted to end this board year, we must look for a silver lining in all of this. We are glad to know our WPOSC members remain healthy and safe.

I’d like to pass my sincerest gratitude to our 2019-2020 Board of Governors and wonderful Advisors for their teamwork throughout the year. Your dedication in seeing the club succeed was truly admirable. Rather than call “mercy” or “throwing in the towel” when the temporary closure hit, our board quickly adapted to change and finished the year strong. It’s been a pleasure to serve alongside you.

My appreciation to all of our WPOSC members for your understanding of the circumstances behind our shortened year and for being supportive along the way. We hope we made a positive impression, with the few opportunities we had, to see you return next year.

Self-isolation has kept us apart, but Facebook or Zoom has brought us together. Thank you for sharing your stories with us, I have had a great time learning more about all of you via daily posts. I hope these continue on in the future. Also, cheers to “Game Night on Zoom” for unknowingly saving Friday night shenanigans as well as my sanity. I can definitively say we are a unique and fun group.

Lastly, while we have the start of a strong and experienced board coming on next year, they can still use our help. There are plenty of board position still open (e.g. 2nd Vice being a crucial one). If you find yourself wanting to get involved, I encourage you to do so. Either by joining the board, being an activity lead, or volunteering at the thrift shop; you won’t regret it.

In closing, I’d like to thank you all for your trust and friendship. I’ll see you all at the annual welcome coffee. Till then, stay safe everyone.

Monica Lewis

Join the fun on Facebook:

Although we’re required to social distance for the time being, the WPOSC continues to be social on Facebook. Facebook serves as a great forum to safely interact and get to know one another. Feel free to ask questions, post a positive note, tell us a funny story or share useful information you come across. Social distancing has its downside, but it will not stop us from sharing laughs with one another. **FACT:** the Ohio “Stay Home” order will be easier to endure with friends so join our Facebook group today. Facebook search: WPOSC Members.
Together but apart:

It’s all fun and games on Zoom Game Night.

Quarantine Hair, don’t CARE.
Congratulations to our 2020-2021 Executive Board

President
Jamika Mullen

First Vice President
Leigh Ann Yerrick

Secretary
Melissa Troxel

Admin Treasurer
Jing Lisanby

Welfare Treasurer
Gretchen Holtzer Aurelio
How can we help you?

If anyone needs help obtaining groceries or other supplies, please contact Monica Lewis.

Volunteers are on standby.
Congratulations to the 2019-2020 WPOSC Scholarship Award Winners!

Thank you to all WPOSC members who volunteered at the Thrift Shop or helped with Mah Jongg book sales. Your hard work and dedication during the 2018-2019 WPOSC board year raised the $18,000 awarded this year.

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Pictured left: Scholarship Chair, Lorraine Bonavita, receiving all the scholarship applications last month.
Military spouses exemplify core values during the COVID-19 quarantine

Military spouses are as tough as they come, but they did not start out that way, nor did they achieve that easily or overnight. Some of us were born into it as military brats and continued that way of life as spouses, while others married into that way of life and learned to adjust to it. We have experienced frequent moves, deployments, disappointments as our military member is unable to attend family events, and as he or she misses out on their children’s games and activities. Uncertainty is our watchword, a frequently used saying among us “Semper Gumby” or “always flexible”, so it comes as no surprise that we are uniquely suited to the uncertainty and chaos of a crisis like the Coronavirus. While we have no perfect answers about how to survive it, our adaptability is our advantage, and we use it to satisfy one of the Air Force’s core values of “Service before Self.” Service before self means that we serve each other to the benefit of all, and we continue to do that with enthusiasm.

The WPOSC has served those in our organization by creating virtual game nights on Zoom to stay connected, creating threads on Facebook designed to get to know one another better by telling each other stories or answering questions about ourselves, picked up groceries and other supplies for our more vulnerable members while we were out picking up our own, made calls to check in on members, and crafted uplifting messages and crafts like De McMurry’s “Plant Hope” trees made from map pages on Facebook. However, our service does not stop at our own organization. We are ready to serve the community, through things like chalk walks and sharing hope through Dayton’s Rainbow Connection, sewing masks for anyone who might need them, and sending letters to healthcare providers and children in hospitals. The International Spouses’ Group has been collecting cans for St. Vincent’s homeless shelter. We do all of this while some of us find ourselves trying to navigate new situations, like working from home, some while caring for babies or toddlers, or trying to homeschool young children, but we are not unique in our willingness to be part of the solution.

We are part of something bigger than ourselves. Military spouses across the country are doing the same. One spouse at Nellis AFB delivers eggs from her chickens to those who are unable to find them or simply want to avoid the store. Her family has distributed nine dozen as of the writing of this article (https://www.nellis.af.mil/News/Article/2149417/covid-19-heroes-nellis-spouses-provide-support-from-a-distance/). In Buffalo, New York, one spouse and her husband, both of whom became sick, found that rather than ostracize them, their community rallied around them, making a dark time one of joy instead. In response, they both chose to give back in several ways, including by registering with the New York Blood Center, the American Red Cross, and running errands and shopping for vulnerable members of their community, the way their community had reached out to them. (https://www.military.com/spousebuzz/2020/04/09/inspired-love-community-rallies-around-military-family-covid-19.html).

For many of us, service is not just a way to help others. It’s a way to cope with the stress and uncertainty before us, a tool that has been used many times, such as during deployments, and by taking the focus off of ourselves and putting it on someone else, we are able to make it through. We are often called the silent ranks, but let us be out in front during this crisis, not for attention or accolades, but to set an example, for spreading joy and hope, and for coming out the other side of this in a positive way, perhaps showing those around us how adaptability can be our ally.

Pictured above: masks made and hung on a fence for anyone in need to take

By: Melissa Garn

Pictured left and right: Service before self extends to the entire family
The WPOSC Welfare Committee has distributed over $22,000 in donations this fiscal year. We're finishing strong with three especially impactful donations:

1) $2,000 to the WPAFB Dorm Council - last year, this newly-invigorated organization oversaw a number of events for our most junior airmen at WPAFB, including a sports day, ziplining trips, virtual reality experiences, holiday parties, and monthly meetings and burger burns. This coming year, they have proposed another fun and full agenda that also includes COVID-conscious programming.

2) $900 to the Air Force Enlisted Village - the WPOSC is sending a second donation this year to help keep the elderly residents of this facility safe during the COVID-19 pandemic. The AFEV reports that they are under severe financial strain due to increased, non-budgeted costs related to health screening and provision of necessities for their residents as well as stringent daily cleaning.

3) $1,100 to Dayton's Food Bank, Inc. which -- now, more than ever -- is working to distribute food to hungry people across the Miami Valley.

In addition to the three large donations listed above, we're proud to report that we sent additional donations this winter and spring to the EOD Warrior Foundation, United Through Reading, Feed the Creek, and Montgomery County CASA (thanks to all who helped raise funds for CASA at the Make It, Bake It, Fake It auction)! Here at WPAFB, we helped to cover the costs of the annual SMSgt Promotion Party and the 88th Air Base Wing Annual Awards, and in addition to supporting the Fisher House by helping sponsor the Wright-State AFROTC Red, White, and Run 5K and the incredible "basket" which our club assembled for the annual Fisher House silent auction (now postponed until August).

Overall, it's been a banner year for welfare giving in the WPOSC. Let's express our thanks to our Thrift Shop staff and volunteers, and our Mah Jongg book sales team, without whom we'd have no welfare money to distribute. Our donations next fiscal year are bound to be even more essential, as non-profit organizations around our local area and across the country cope with increased costs and decreased fundraising due to COVID-19. WPOSC members, take pride in the impact we're able to make!
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Web: wrightpattersonosc.org

Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Frequently Called Numbers
(All numbers are Area Code 937)

Base Operator............... 257-1110
Directory Assistance .......... 555-1212
Family Support Ctr.(Bldg 2) ... 257-3592

Safety & Legal
Fire Dept......................... 117
Security Desk (Bldg295)...... 257-6516
Pass/Registration (Bldg 286) 257-6506
Legal Assistance (Bldg 10).... 257-6142
Military IDs (Bldg 2) ........... 257-2547

Medical Services
(Hospital and Clinics are on Area A)
Medical Appointments........... 522-2778
Emergency Room............... 257-2274
Pediatrics......................... 257-6991
Women's Health................ 257-1160
Mental Health................... 257-6877

Medical -Pets
Veterinarian (Bldg 1435) ........ 257-6853

Hobby Complex (Bldg 1227)
Arts & Crafts................... 257-7025
Framing Shop.................... 257-7183
Info., Tickets, & Travel......... 257-7670

Fitness Centers
Dodge (Bldg 849)................. 257-4225
Jarvis (Bldg 1245).............. 257-4469
Wright Field (Bldg 571)........ 255-1961

Recreation
Base Theater (Bldg 1239)...... 257-4697
Bowling Alley (Bldg1221) ..... 257-7796
Outdoor Rec (Bldg 95)......... 257-9889
Wright-Patt Club (Bldg 800)... 257-9762

Shopping
Base Exchange
Main Store/Bldg 1250.......... 879-5730
Home & Garden/Class VI ..... 878-8831
Commissary....................... 257-2060
Military Clothing Sales....... 257-2800

For a more complete WPAFB phone directory, go to www.wpafb.af.mil and click on the red phone icon.

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