COME ONE, COME ALL
Bring a date, bring a friend
for a fabulous evening of wine and cheese tasting

Join us as we sample fine wines from
2nd Street Wines
paired with a variety of cheeses
provided by local cheese monger
Leah Haskins
of Epicurean’s Pantry

Price is $25 per person
(cash or check only)
Please RSVP by October 31st
(Permanent Reservations do not apply)
Pat Cramer (301)404-0559
reservations@tinkerosc.org
or
Pam Kloiber 691-8841

Tuesday, November 8th, 2011
From 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm
at Epicurean’s Pantry
1333 North Santa Fe Avenue
(at Danforth) in Edmond
**Editor’s Note**

Our October Bunco event was so much fun. Of course, I can say that since I won most buncos. If you enjoyed the game, why not consider playing with us on the third Monday of every month? We have a lot of fun and fellowship.

I have to brag on my son-in-law, Tyler. He made Staff Sergeant on his first try. We are so proud of him — even if he is taking my child away to England for the next four years! I guess I will be spending a lot of time in Europe.

November is a great time to be thankful for many things and one thanks for me is Stacia Gillett. Her husband, Maj Gen David Gillett, will retire this month and while I know Stacia is happy, the Air Force will miss both of them. Stacia is a leader and a good friend. The Gillettes will be in the area for a while so we won’t lose them completely.

I’m also thankful for this awesome board we have. Please give them a pat on the back the next time you see a board member.

**Dick**

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A word from the President

BUNCO! Okay, I just wanted to yell that out since I didn’t get to at the October function. We had a lot of fun rolling the dice, and moving tables and switching partners provided wonderful opportunities to meet more fabulous TOSC members. Thank you, Chelsea and Teresa, for putting on a fabulous event with terrific prizes. The only sad moment that day was when we had to bid farewell to our Honorary President, Stacia Gillett. Stacia has been the TOSC Honorary President since January 2009, and soon she will be eligible for membership in the ROWG. Thank you, Stacia, for all your guidance, support, hospitality, insight and positive attitude over the past years. We will miss you!

Now we must turn our attention to the November event, about which I’m particularly excited. We are trying two new things this month: an evening function and hosting the event at an off-base venue. Please bring your spouse or a friend and join us for a Wine and Cheese Tasting at Epicurean’s Pantry. It will be a great way to sample some delicious pairings and learn something new. Cheese monger Leah Haskins will be educating us and delighting our palates at the same time. Please note that reservations are due early so she has time to order the appropriate amount of wine and cheese, and permanent reservations do not apply. Also, please be sure to bring cash or check to the function as credit cards will not be accepted that evening. I’m looking forward to seeing you there!

November is naturally the time of year that we think about being thankful. This year, I have an abundance of things for which I am thankful. I am thankful for my daughter, who just had her second birthday and amazes us every day, and my husband, who works so hard to provide for us and still finds time to be a wonderful, supportive husband to me and a loving father to Megan. I am thankful for being stationed at Tinker. (What? Did she really just say that?) This assignment is the best thing that could have happened for our family. Since Mike and I are both from Oklahoma and our parents are still here, we have the advantage of having grandparents in the local area to help us out at a moment’s notice. I am also thankful for my board. Lately I find myself pondering the good fortune of having the right people in the right positions. The board roster is filling up, but there are still a few vacancies: Social/Programs, Scholarships Co-Chair, Ways and Means, and Member-at-Large. I’d be thankful to you if you volunteered for one of these positions!

~Tracy

We need you!

As Tracy said, we have a few positions on the board left. And surely, one of them is just right for you. The positions are Social/Programs, Scholarships co-chair, Ways and Means and Member-at-Large. All these positions are committee positions. That does not mean you have to do all the work yourself. You can recruit other members to help you .

To fill one of these positions or to see a job description see Eric Hoden , our Parliamentarian, or Tracy Smith, our President.

We have a great board this year and some amazing things planned so now is your time to get in on the ground floor!
The Tinker OSC is hosting a membership drive from now until the December function. Current members who sponsor a new member will earn an entry into a drawing for a $100 Visa gift card.

Here are the rules:
1. The membership drive is open to all current TOSC members.
2. Current TOSC members will earn one drawing entry for each new member.
3. New member applications and dues payment must be received by the start of the December social function, scheduled for December 14, 2011.
4. Current members must be named in the “How did you hear about the TOSC?” section of the new member’s application.
5. New members become eligible for the membership drive as a “current member” upon payment of their dues.
6. The winning name will be drawn at the December social function and published in the February issue of the Smoke Signal.
7. The member does not have to be present to win the prize.

Linda Litchfield is our new Honorary President. Her husband, Maj Gen Bruce Litchfield, takes over as the OC-ALC Commander this month. They have two children, Matt and Jennifer, who both attend Carl Albert. Linda has been at Tinker for about 2 1/2 years.

For fun, Linda likes to walk, attend her children’s activities, read and cross stitch. She is also a Girl Scout Cadet Leader, secretary of the Carl Albert Band Boosters and a United Way Board member.

She has lots of previous experience with Officers’ Spouses’ Clubs including Special Activities Chair for two years at Tinker and one at Eielson, Social/Program Chair at Tinker and Scholarships at Hollomon.

The Litchfields have lived at Robins AFB, GA, twice, the Pentagon for two assignments over 8 years, (Linda said Bruce had the dubious distinction of serving at the Pentagon as a Captain, Major, Lt. Colonel and Colonel!), Newport, RI, Hollomon AFB, NM, Maxwell AFB, AL, Eielson AFB, AK, two assignments at Wright-Patterson AFB, OH, Hickam AFB, HI, and Tinker.

All this moving around was different for Linda. “I grew up on a dairy farm about 60 miles north of Albany, NY. I spent my childhood in one school system!”

For Linda, being in the OSC means “there is an opportunity to help with charitable causes, but also it is a place to meet new people and learn from others’ experiences.”
2011-2012 Schedule of Events

November 8 (pm) “Date Night” Wine Tasting

December 14 (am) Christmas Luncheon

January 10 (pm) “Date Night” Dinner Theater

February 8 (am) T-OSCars “Hooray for Hollywood”

March 13 (pm) Fashion Week

April 11 (am) Scholarship Awards Luncheon & Election

May 8 (pm) - Membership Bingo & Officer Installation

*** Dates, times and programs subject to change without notice

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Donation made to The Center for the Intrepid

The Tinker OSC made a $100 donation to The Center for the Intrepid in San Antonio, Texas, in the name of Stacia Gillett as part of her farewell from Tinker OSC. Her husband, Maj Gen David Gillett, will retire from active duty on Nov. 10.

The Center for the Intrepid is an advanced outpatient rehabilitation center. The goal of the center is to maximize the potential of wounded warriors, offering a full spectrum of outpatient care for amputees, burn patients, and limb salvage patients.

The 60,000-square-foot center provides space and facilities for the rehabilitation needs of the patients and their caregivers. The three missions of CFI include patient care, education and training, and research.

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VA Hospital visit planned

The board is looking for items to deliver to the VA Hospital at 10 a.m., Dec. 9. In addition to t-shirts, socks, toiletries, books and other items, they love handmade Christmas cards from the kids.

Items can be dropped off in the box at the Thrift Shop or at the November function.
For more information, contact Enesa at 606-4358.
Tinker OSC held a rousing round of Bunco during the October function at the Tinker Club. There were prizes, laughter and cowgirls everywhere!
We are now accepting Fall, Winter, Halloween, Thanksgiving, and Christmas items for consignment. We also take donations. Consignments change daily, so come in often. We have clothing, kitchen items, furniture, crafts, collectables and more! There’s something for everyone!

Also, if you have some time to spare, come and volunteer with our great organization. Proceeds go towards helping with OSC Scholarships. More information is available on our website: www.tinkerosc.org

November Volunteer of the Month

Lavern Carroll is our November Volunteer of the Month. Lavern has been a faithful volunteer at the Tinker Thrift Shop for 21 years. Thanks, Lavern for all you do!

Look for new Thanksgiving Recipes!

Are you looking for a new recipe for the Thanksgiving season? I'll bet you'll find something scrumptious in the Tinker OSC Cookbook, Red, White and Blueberry – Serving Those Who Serve. Why not just flip through the pages and see what you can come up with?

To get your copy, at only $5, come by the Tinker Thrift Shop or contact Kristi Roberts at 1stvicepresident@tinkerosc.org.

They also make great gifts so pick up your copy today!
We wish all our November members a very happy birthday. Hope you all have a great one!

Stacia Gillett — 7
Shellie Boyles — 8
Christinia Schontz — 9
Theresa Canup — 14
Patricia Cramer — 20
Lisa Stickland — 22

Peter and Mary Mykytyn will celebrate an anniversary on Nov. 14.
Robert and Shellie Boyles will celebrate their anniversary on Nov. 19.

Happy anniversary and here’s wishing you many more!

CONGRATULATIONS TO THERESA CANUP AND STACIA GILLETT ON THE RETIREMENTS OF THEIR HUSBANDS.

CWO4 RICKY CANUP RETIRED ON OCT. 21 AND MAJ GEN. DAVID GILLETT WILL RETIRE NOV. 10.

NOW LADIES, DON’T LET THOSE MEN HANG AROUND THE HOUSE TOO MUCH WITHOUT A HONEYDO LIST!

Hail and Farewell

In October we welcomed one new member, Marie Knick. Welcome Marie. We’re glad to have you with us.

We also said goodbye to Stacia Gillett. Stacia we will miss you and we thank you for all your support these past few years.
In September, the Lunch Bunch met in Historic Downtown Edmond to eat at Italian Jim’s. Even though we were unable to witness firsthand the glass blowing by Bella Forte Glass Co; we still had a fabulous time. We had our very own room that held all 16 of us, which was quite cozy. The food was fantastic as well as the service, and YUMMY dessert!

Gourmet Club meets once a month

We meet once a month, and the hostess either arranges a lunch at a restaurant, perhaps with a demonstration from a chef, or arranges a luncheon in a home, usually with several others helping to host.

Sometimes the hostesses cook all the food and those attending are prorated the cost of food, or sometimes recipes are given out for members to cook-and-bring for the enjoyment of all. ~ Kay Rennell
The ROWG is a group of retired Officers’ wives who meet once a month for lunch, a program and fellowship. Many a tale of previous stations, children growing up overseas, and husband’s being TDY during moves and holidays pass among us around the table. It is always interesting to hear of someone else being at a base where you have been stationed, but it has a different twist from their perspective, maybe better, maybe worse...The Retired Officers’ Wives’ Group is a place to continue supporting the OSC and yet having a place to be a “special activities” group of similar circumstances, no longer active duty!

In September, Madeline Schooley opened her home for food and friendship renewal. Weather prevented us from enjoying her lovely back yard, but her comfortable dining room and long table accommodated the whole group. Salads and desserts were brought by members, and the hostesses prepared a brisket and drinkable refreshments. We learned of travels and visits from grandkids, moves, here and there an illness or surgery, but in all, we were happy to see one another after a long, hot summer.

October brought us to the Club for a Fall-themed luncheon of corned beef on rye and potato soup, topped off with carrot cake, followed by a presentation from Carann Sanderson of her trip to the Holy Lands. She showed pictures of her adventures and spoke of the souvenirs she had brought back. Most interesting to all and probably the closest we’ll ever get to that part of the country!

November will be a visit to Bertha Becker’s new home at Village on the Park, in South OKC. We are looking forward to seeing her lovely apartment and having lunch in the dining room, where we hear the food is “above par”. A tour of the lovely facility will follow and some might be impressed enough to take home a brochure...

The ROWG is always open to new membership and anyone interested in joining this friendly group can contact Gayle Mock, the chairperson, at 722-0434.

A great time was had by all at the October Bunco. Our gracious host, Bertha Becker, had us over to her new home where we got to play in the Tea Room. The facility provided delicious drinks and snacks.

We were able to have 4 tables of players since Bertha’s friends, Bernice and Maxine joined us! The winners were: Vicki with Most Wins, Bertha with Most Buncos, Irene with the Last Bunco, Sarah with Most Baby Buncos, Theresa with Most Losses, Meagan Harms with Most Snakes, Michelle with the Middle of the Road, and Bernice won the Random Draw.

November Bunco will be on Monday, the 21st and will be hosted by Sarah Butler and Meagan Harms.
Book Club met for an evening of discussion on the book *Lit* by Mary Karr. If you read the published reviews of this book, they all rip and rave; we, however, found it to be otherwise. Only one person finished reading the whole book, not a ringing endorsement. It was a memoir of Mary’s adult life and the third one she has written. She considers herself a poet, yet we see none of her work in the pages. Most of us found the difficulty in not liking the author as a person or being able to relate to her choices. She falls into and pulls herself out of an alcoholic haze but the collateral damage to the others in her life doesn’t make this feel like a triumph over tragedy. Her first memoir however, *The Liars’ Club*, was a survival story of a young girl in West Texas growing up with alcoholic parents and a very worth while read.

So we move on to our next selection, *Cutting for Stone* by Abraham Verghese. “We are all fixing what is broken. It is the task of a lifetime.” It starts with the birth of twin boys to a nursing nun, Sister Mary Praise Joseph, in a small hospital on the outskirts of Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. “The everyday miracle of conception had taken place in the one place it should not have: in Sister Mary Praise Joseph’s womb.” The delivery is a debacle and the last minute arrival of an Indian obstetrician, Hema, saves the children, but their mother dies and their presumed father, surgeon Thomas Stone, disappears into the night. Let the drama begin!

Mark your calendar and join us at 7 p.m. on Nov. 14 to share in a lively critique.

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**TOSC Scholarships**

The Tinker Officers’ Spouses’ Club will have scholarship applications available in December for high school seniors who are dependents of active duty or civil service employees (DOD), and spouses who are dependents of U.S. Military members at Tinker Air Force Base. High school senior applicants must be graduating from high school in the greater Oklahoma City area. Spouse applicants must be pursuing their first undergraduate degree. All applicants must plan to enroll at an accredited college or university for the 2012-2013 academic year. Please see applications for specific eligibility and qualification requirements.

The applications may be found on the TOSC’s website: [www.tinkerosc.org](http://www.tinkerosc.org) after Dec. 1. Applications must be postmarked no later than Feb. 15, 2012.

For more information, please contact Beth Fisher, TOSC Scholarship Committee Chair, at scholarships@tinkerosc.org.
Hello Ladies and Gentleman! Well, it is that time again for a great year of fun and gatherings. Once again we are asking for any donations for each months Hearts and Hands table. Any little seasonal trinket you may have that is new or gently used that you may think would make a nice little gift is fine. Maybe you have a gift you never used laying around the house, or like me you thought you couldn't live without and then wondered what you were thinking!

Well we have the perfect spot for it AND it's for a great cause! You can bring your donations to the monthly board meeting or OSC event or drop them off at the Thrift Shop during business hours. Thanks again and see you all soon! ~ Enesa Kleiger

**Food Pantry needs**

Items most needed at the Tinker Food Pantry include:
- meats (canned chicken, Spam, tuna),
- peanut butter,
- jelly,
- crackers (saltines or graham)
- rice (plain or flavored).

Also remember to look out for requests for donations for the Thanksgiving baskets. The requests will be through the different organizations on base or groups/individuals can contact AFRC (MSgt Keith Scott on keith.scott@tinker.af.mil) to see what is most needed.

The food pantry, located in the Airmen and Family Readiness Center, is open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday, but donations can be made anytime the A&FRC is open.

**Tinker Bell’s Wardrobe open**

Tinker Bell’s Wardrobe is designed to provide enlisted spouses of active duty and reserved military members with an opportunity to borrow items to be worn to military events supporting their husband/wife. The military member must be ranked E-6 or lower.

**Hours of Operation:** By appointment only

**For Appointments please contact:**
- Michelle Saunders: 850-218-6202, fireycowgrl@att.net
- Suhaib Gabr: 405-301-5905, ssantiago10@yahoo.com
- Michelle Wilkes: 757-329-7513, michelle.wilkes@tinker.af.mil

**Loan Guidelines:** Customers may not borrow more than one outfit at a time and may not borrow more than twice in one month. TESN will not be held responsible or liable for the accepting condition of the loaned item(s).

**Return Policy:** Loaned items must be returned within 7 days of the event and clothing must be accompanied by a valid cleaner’s receipt. For items not returned by the due date, the borrower must pay the listed value, in full.

**Donation Guidelines:** All items donated intended for Tinker Bell’s Wardrobe must be received clean and ready for wear. Items that are stained or damaged will not be included in the wardrobe. Dresses in any size and any style, plus shoes and accessories (with the exception of earrings) will be accepted. Donations can be dropped off at the Tinker AFB Airman and Family Readiness Center during operating hours.
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