The Tinker Officers’ Spouses’ Club proudly presents our kickoff social:

**Passport to a Year of Fun!**

Come see what fun is brewing at your Tinker OSC! Check out activities/hobbies to enjoy with others, such as Bunco, Book Club, Gourmet, Mah Jongg, Bridge, Lunch Bunch, and many more. See what the base organizations have to offer.

**Tuesday, September 13, 2011**
*6:30 pm - 8:00 pm*
**Tinker Club Ballroom**

- **Ice Cream Social**
  - Chocolate, Vanilla or Strawberry Ice Cream
  - Strawberry, Chocolate or Caramel Sauce
  - Butterfinger, Reese’s, M&Ms, Nuts, Sprinkles
  - Whipped Cream and Cherries
  - Cookies
  - Water and Coffee
  - Wine and Beer
  - Honor Bar ($3.00 per item)

**Wednesday, September 14, 2011**
*10:00 am - 11:30 am*
**Tinker Club Ballroom**

- **Continental Brunch**
  - Assorted Breads
  - Assorted Danish
  - Assorted Muffins
  - Bagels with Cream Cheese
  - Seasonal Sliced Fruit
  - Coffee, Orange Juice, and Water
  - Mimosa and Bloody Mary
  - Honor Bar ($4.00/ per glass)

This is a **FREE** event! Children are welcome! No RSVP needed! No obligation to join the TOSC!

Tinker OSC members with home based businesses may showcase them at this event.

Contact Linda Litchfield at 582-2115, or by e-mail at: bruce.litchfield@cox.net by August 31st to reserve a table spot at this function.
I am so looking forward to starting up with the OSC this year. Our kick-off program will actually take place over two days this year to allow working spouses to come and see what we are all about.

Another change is we are going to hold some evening functions to allow those same spouses a chance to participate in some of our monthly activities. I am looking for someone who loves to talk to people and would be willing to act as my business manager for the Smoke Signal. The job includes selling ads for the newsletter.

Although we were able to cut the budget way down by e-mailing many of the newsletters, we still have the expense of printing and postage for those who receive it by mail.

Instead of dipping into the OSC coffers every month, we would like to see the Smoke Signal become more self-sufficient. And that is where a business manager would come in.

Please think about it and contact me at smokesignal@tinkerosc.org.

I can’t wait to see you all at the kick-offs.

Vicki

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A Word From The President

I can’t believe that summer is practically over and the kids are back in school already. My daughter is even starting a Mother’s Day Out program, so our lazy unplanned days are over! I’m looking forward to my “free Wednesdays” and spending some of that time with my friends at the TOSC. We have a great year planned, starting with our “Passport to a Year of Fun” kickoff event on September 13 and 14. We’re hosting this function at two different times to try to accommodate as many busy schedules as possible. Come see what we have to offer this year, catch up with your friends or maybe make some new ones. Do you know someone who is considering joining the TOSC? Invite them to come with you. It’s always more fun to go to an event with a friend!

If you are considering ways to get more involved, why not volunteer to serve on the Board of Governors? We have a wonderful group of volunteers, but we still need to fill a few vacancies. Do you want to help decide how to spend the TOSC’s welfare funds? You could be our Welfare Chair! Do you like planning parties? Social / Programs Chair is the job for you! Do you like to meet and greet others at social events? Reservations Chair would be an ideal fit! Are you gifted at the art of re-purposing? Ways and Means or Hearts and Hands could be the fun you’re looking for! Do you want to speak for the membership at the board meetings? We need you for Member at Large! Do you like to seek out businesses who want to support the TOSC and the Smoke Signal? You could be our next Smoke Signal Business Manager! To volunteer or get more detailed information on these positions, contact me at 217-2180 or president@tinkerosc.org.

There are some wonderful spouses out there who have not heard about the TOSC. Can you help us find them? We are all ambassadors of this great organization, and I encourage all of you to help us spread the word. We have so much to offer new members, and now we have something to offer our current members as well. Our Membership Drive is going on from now until the December function and some lucky member who brings in a new member is going to win a $100 prize. You can find the rules in this issue of the Smoke Signal or on our website.

I look forward to seeing you this month and having fun with you throughout the year!
~Tracy

Special Activities has Something for Everyone

We have a variety of Special Activities currently offered. If you don't see an activity that interests you, contact our Special Activities Chair to start a group today!

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New Membership Dues Rules

You will notice that the 2011-2012 Membership Application on page 5 does not include a space for you to provide your Tinker Club Card as a method of dues payment. Due to increased concerns of identity theft and privacy protection, the Tinker OSC is transitioning to cash or check only to collect membership dues. Current members should notify the Tinker Club to discontinue collection of TOSC dues via the club card and provide the TOSC a check or cash for the remainder of their uncollected 2011-2012 dues. New members will be expected to pay dues by cash or check. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation as the Tinker OSC works to protect your privacy.

Meet Your Board Members

Diane Rauch is one of our three board advisors. Her husband, John, is the commander of the 552 Air Control Wing. They have two children, Jack, 17, and Kate, 15. The Rauchs came to Tinker in July 2010. They lived in many places before coming to Tinker including Mather AFB, CA, Offutt AFB, NE, the Pentagon, Randolph AFB, TX, Maxwell AFB, AL, and Rome, Italy. Diane grew up in Alamosa, CO.

When she is not advising the board or volunteering around base, Diane likes to play with her dog and watch NASCAR.

In the past, she served as an advisor and as the charitable chair at other OSCs. To her, OSC is about friendship and charity.

Did you know...

Our welfare committee donated $100 this summer to the Blazing Sun—Run for Freedom benefitting the HUGS Project, (http://www.thefreedomrun.org/). The Welfare Fund gets its money from proceeds from the Thrift Shop.

Organizations wishing to request donations can do so by filling out the form on our website, http://www.tinkerosc.org/library.html. If you know of worthy organizations, steer them in that direction.
New Membership Application Available

Tinker Officers’ Spouses’ Club
Membership Application - 2011-2012

Annual dues are $60. Previous year TOSC members will be expected to pay for the full year, regardless of when their membership is processed. Annual dues for new members only shall be prorated per month based on the TOSC fiscal year, which is June 1 to May 31.

Membership:  □ New Member □ Renewal □ Eligibility: □ Regular (sponsor is active duty) □ Associate (sponsor is retired)

Name: ___________________________ Home Phone: ___________________________
____________________   ___________________________   ___________________________
First       Last       MT
Address: ___________________________ Cell Phone: ___________________________
City: ___________________________ State: ______   Zip: ______   Birthday: __________
Email: ___________________________
Anniversary: ___________________________

Sponsor’s Name: ___________________________ Rank: ______   Branch/Organization: ___________________________
□ Active Duty   □ Air Logistics Center   □ Aerospace Sustainment Directorate
□ Civilian   □ 72nd Air Base Wing   □ 3rd Combat Communications Group
□ Retired   □ 76th Maintenance Wing   □ Navy Strategic Communication Wing One
□ Decreased   □ 53rd Air Control Wing   □ Other

Yes! I am interested in and/or would like to learn more about the following groups, clubs, and volunteer opportunities within TOSC (please check all that apply):
□ TOSC Board of Governors   □ Book Club   □ Bowling   □ Bunco   □ Golf
□ Thrift Shop Volunteer   □ Gourmet Club   □ Lunch Bunch   □ Mah Jongg   □ Moms & Tots
□ Party Bridge   □ Scrapbooking   □ Other

Previous OSC experience, offices held or special skills:

□ YES Send my newsletter via email □ YES send newsletter by mail □ I do consent to the publication of my address, phone number and email in the TOSC Membership Directory
□ NO □ I do NOT

How did you hear about the TOSC:
□ Returning TOSC member   □ Website   □ Friend (please name): ___________________________
□ Was OSC member elsewhere   □ Facebook/Twitter   □ Other (please specify): ___________________________

Please note the Reservation & Payment Policies:

• Reservations are required for all TOSC functions unless otherwise specified.
• Reservations and/or cancellations will be accepted until 5:00 pm on the Friday prior to the regularly scheduled event or as dictated by the Reservations Chair in the invitation.
• Social event fees are payable at the event by credit card, check or cash. Tinker Club members will receive $2 off the non-member rate for events held at the Tinker Club.
• If a reservation is not cancelled prior to the deadline, members will incur the cost of the function for themselves as well as any registered guests.

Signature: ___________________________ Date: ___________________________

Please complete and mail form and membership dues to:
Tinker Officers’ Spouses’ Club
Attn: Membership Chair
P.O. Box 45616
Tinker AFB, OK 73445

For TOSC Use Only

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Tinker Officers’ Spouses’ Club
Permanent Reservations Form - 2011-2012

Name: ____________________________
Home Phone: _______________ Cell Phone: _______________
Email Address: ____________________________

(PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY)

Are you/your spouse members of the Tinker Club? YES _____ NO _____
If you are a member, please provide your:
Club Card #: __________________ Exp. Date _______________

If you are NOT a member, please provide a credit card to be used in case of nonattendance.
Circle one
VISA  MASTERCARD
Card #: __________________ Exp. Date _______________

***REMEMBER: You may choose to pay cash at the function.

CIRCLE YOUR PERMANENT MENU CHOICE: You may change this choice up until 5:00 pm on the Friday before the function by contacting the Reservations Chair/Co-Chair via email/telephone

*ENTRÉE*
*CHEF SALAD*

I (print your name) ____________________________ request to be placed on the permanent reservations list. As a permanent reservations member, I am guaranteed a seat at all official TOSC monthly functions without having to make a separate monthly reservation. I agree to the following provisions:

• If I wish to cancel my reservation for a particular monthly function, I will notify the Reservations Chair/Co-Chair listed in the monthly newsletter, Smoke Signal, by 5:00 pm on the Friday prior to the function.
• If I fail to cancel my reservation by 5:00 pm on the Friday prior to the function, I will be charged on the credit card provided for the full amount of the cost of a ticket for the event.

Signature ____________________________

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2011-2012 Schedule of Events

September 13 (pm) & 14 (am) Passport to a Year of Fun!

October 12 (am) Hay Day Bunco

November 15 (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

Membership Drive Rules

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.
Now that the kids are back in school, maybe you have some spare time to volunteer at the Tinker Thrift Shop. We have all sorts of positions open from sorting donations, or working in the furniture room to manning the clothing room and taking consignments.

The work is easy and we always have a good time. If you have some time to spare, come and volunteer with our great organization. Proceeds go towards helping with OSC Scholarships.

Who knows, maybe you can be our next volunteer of the month!

Aug.-Sept. Volunteer of the Month

Bertha Becker is the Thrift Shop Volunteer of the Month. She has worked at the Tinker Thrift Shop for more than 35 years. Before Tinker, she worked at three other thrift shops. She has worked all positions at the Thrift Shop and has made many great friends. She likes that people are very grateful for the Thrift Shop and it makes her feel good.

Happy Birthday!!

We wish all our September babies a very happy birthday. Hope you all have a great one!

Julianne Dietz — Sept. 1
Jan Ellis — Sept. 8
Susan King — Sept. 8
Eric Hodeen — Sept. 9
Carolyn Hays — Sept. 12
Julie Johnston — Sept. 12
Vicki Terrinoni — Sept. 13
Joni Doolin — Sept. 17
Kay Rennell — Sept. 25
Sally Kletcher — Sept. 30
Our book club met in August to review what we read during the summer and choose some books for the upcoming reading season. We came up with four books that looked interesting to us and decided to start this year with *The Season of Second Chances* by Diane Meier.

The book is about how “coming of age can happen at any age. Joy Harkness had built a university career and a safe life in New York, protected and insulated from the intrusions and involvements of other people. When offered a position at Amherst College, she impulsively leaves the city, and along with generations of material belongings, she packs her equally heavy emotional baggage. A tumbledown Victorian house proves an unlikely choice for a woman whose family heirlooms have been boxed away for years. Nevertheless, this white elephant becomes the home that changes Joy forever. As the restoration begins to take shape, so does her outlook on life, and the choices she makes over paint chips, wallpaper samples, and floorboards are reflected in her connection to the co-workers who become friends and friendships that deepen.”

The other books we chose are *Cutting for Stone* by Abraham Verghese, *Lit* by Mary Karr and *The Girl Who Stopped Swimming* by Joshilyn Jackson.

We have plenty of room for more titles so please join us. We meet at 10 a.m. the second Monday of the month.
— by Vicki Terrinoni

I would like to share with our readers an excerpt from one of the books I read this summer. It is from *Military Brats, Legacies of Childhood Inside the Fortress* by Mary Edwards Wertsch. While much of this book is dated there was one segment that caught my eye about what kind of temperament it takes to be a military “wife” (spouse now a days, please edit in your mind).

“The kind of woman best adapted to the role of warrior wife, both then and now—for some things about the Fortress never change—is conventional in values, taste, and behavior, and fully willing to play a support role in her husband’s career—but she is feisty enough to have a firm sense of self and her own set of interests. She is capable, confident, decisive, flexible. She has a good sense of humor. She likes change and adapts well to it. She’s outgoing and comfortable with the constant ebb and flow of people. She enjoys taking challenges in stride.” This sounded like a job description to me.

Becky Beierle
September will find our Lunch Bunch at Italian Jim’s and Bella Forte at 11 a.m. Friday, Sept. 23. According to Stacia Gillett, they blow glass while you enjoy your lunch. A sign up sheet and directions will be at the September functions. In the meantime, you can find more information at bellaforteglass.com/italianjims.

In August, the Lunch Bunch traveled to Chefs di Domani at Platt College Culinary College in Oklahoma City.

Please consider joining us for Lunch Bunch. We meet the fourth Friday of every month to discover new and different eateries in and around Oklahoma City.

The Out and About Club traveled to Noble on Friday, May 13. The group toured the Rose Rock Museum, and then had a wonderful lunch at Kendall’s Restaurant. After lunch the group traveled to the Canadian River Winery. They were treated to a tour and tasting of the various wines produced by the Winery. The outing was a total success as several bottles of wine returned with the group! This Winery does offer a military discount. Thanks to Kathryn Hayes for driving.

Out and About looks for interesting and fun things members can do as a couple or family. We do not meet every month, just when something comes up. If you wish to coordinate this club or have any ideas contact our Special Activities Coordinator (specialactivities@tinkerosc.org).
Warm Your Heart and Soul with TOSC Cookbook Recipes

As the temperatures cool off (we hope!), thoughts turn to a bowl of soup and homemade bread. Why not find tried and true recipes from your friends in the Tinker OSC Cookbook?

*Red, White and Blueberry — Serving Those Who Serve* has lots of recipes to warm your stomach, heart and soul.

To get your copy, come by the Tinker Thrift Shop or see Kristi Roberts.
## Community News

### Airman & Family Readiness Center Events

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For more information on any A&FRC event, or to sign up for ANY class, call: 739-2747, for Newcomers’ call MPF at 736-7912.

**ALL CLASSES ON THIS CALENDAR ARE IN BLDG 6001 UNLESS OTHERWISE SPECIFIED.**
Why We Serve... Proud American Airmen

Tinker Air Force Base

2011 Air Force Ball

Saturday, September 24

Embassy Suites Hotel
2501 Conference Drive, Norman, Oklahoma 73069

Guest Speaker—CMSAF #15 Rodney J. McKinley
Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force, #15

Entertainment—U.S. Air Force Band, Starlifter
Social Hour at 6 p.m.
Dinner at 7 p.m.
Menu choice of
Chicken Florentine,
Tenderloin with Red Wine Sauce,
or Pesto Crusted Salmon

Ticket Prices:
E1-E4/GS1-GS4 $30
E5-E9/ GS5-GS9 $35
E7-E9 $45
O1-O3/GS7-GS11 $45
O4/GS12 and above $50

Military: Mess Dress or Semi-Formal
Civilian: Black Tie or After Five

For ticket information, please contact your First Sergeant or unit POC
# Smoke Signal Deadline Sept. 15

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