

AOCSC GRAPEVINE

Newsletter of the Aviano Officers & Civilian Spouses



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News You Can Use:

This Little Light of Mine

By Jill Butterfield

This little light of mine... Well actually this article is about this little light of yours. How about letting it shine? In looking forward to a fun year of activities with the AOCSC I wondered just what little lights were out there.

Are you the kind of person who writes in all the margins of your books? Do you hesitate to loan your books to your friends as you might not be able to get them back and reread them? Have you sampled the cuisines of all the exotic locales where you have had the good fortune to live? Are your samosas to die for? Do you make the best moussaka this side of Athens? Is mezze your specialty or do you have some French cooking school experience under your belt?

Are you fascinated with the wines of Friuli? Do you know virtually every wine bar in Venice and have a favorite wine at each one? (Oh wait, that would be me!)

Are you a black belt? Marathoner? A tai chi master? Hiker? Biker? Butcher? Baker? Candlestick Maker?

The AOCSC offers lots of special activities throughout the year. It provides the opportunity to explore further the things that interest you or the chance to take off on new and exciting adventures. These small groups are **of** you and **for** you. Think about joining an existing group or starting a new one of your own.

The September luncheon will be your opportunity to learn more about the special activities and is a great way to get involved. If you have special talents that you'd love to share, don't hesitate to contact **Tiffeani James** at tiffeani@gmail.com

or aocscspecialactivities@gmail.com for more information.

Don't keep your little light under a bucket!



Wow...sure is hard to believe it is already August! June and July have flown by. It feels like it was just last week that I wrote my first 'President's Letter'. Then I stop and look at all that has transpired during these last two months and know it wasn't really just last week.

In June, I had the pleasure to attend the high school awards ceremony and help Carrie (our scholarship chair) pass out \$20,000 in scholarships. How amazing is that? Parents and students alike were very appreciative...wouldn't it be nice to be able to give more this coming year?

The Bazaar committee is moving right along preparing for the Bella Befana Bazaar in October (22nd thru the 24th). It is not too late to get involved. Remember this is our main fundraiser and we need every member's help whether it is on the committee, sitting at the BX signing up volunteers or volunteering the weekend of the bazaar. Your support will make a difference.

We have a few other places where you could also step up and make a difference. The board has a few openings. Let me know if you are the one to fill a spot !

We would like one or two folks to be on a **membership committee** with Corby. This would involve helping Corby sign up new members at the socials, introduce them to a few folks so they are not feeling like a fish out of water at the first few events and filling in when Corby is not available.

Maybe you would like to be the **Historian Co-Chair** with Megan (who will PCS in November). This position is perfect for the person who likes to take pictures and put together scrap books.

Special Projects is in need of a **chair person**. This person oversees Trunk or Treat, the Club decorating, Airmen's Cookie Drive, Christmas Cottage, Spouse It Up and any other such activities of AOCSC.

Maybe **party planning** is something you enjoy....if so Sharon and Cassy would be happy to have you join them on the **social committee** and help organize our monthly socials.

Do you have a bit of computer savvy and a creative side? Would you like to join Chelsey as a **web mistress**? Check out our redesigned website: www.aocsc.com Chelsey unfortunately will also be PCSing before the end of the board year so would love to have a co-chair that can step in and take over at that time.

The AOCSC is **our organization**...every member is important to our success...please do not hesitate to let us know if you have a concern, suggestion or idea. My door is open at all times.

Sincerely,
Yvette



AOCSC End of Summer Garden Party

Aug. 12 11:00am
La Bella Vista Club

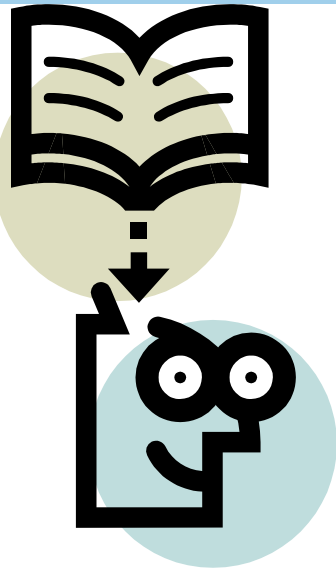
Grilled Chicken served on a
Fresh Garden Salad
Dinner Roll
Sorbet with Lemon Cookie

\$11.00 for club members / \$13.00 for non-club members

Be sure to bring your Garden Hat
(whether an old favorite, a newly purchased
or better yet newly created hat)
for entry into the "Garden Hat Parade"
and your chance to win a special prize!

Please RSVP to:
aocscpresident@gmail.com
by noon on August 9th

Save the Dates



Aug. 2	Aocsc Board Meeting 9:00 @ Club
Aug. 3, 17, 31	Bella Befana Bazaar meetings 9:00 at Club
Aug. 4	National Coast Guard Day
Aug. 5	Sister's Day
Aug. 6-15	Aviano International folklore Festival
Aug. 12	AOCSC Luncheon 11:00 at Club
Aug. 14	V-J Day
Aug. 15	Assumption Day (Italian holiday, watch for closures)
Aug. 16	Palio di Siene (the running of the horses in Siene)
Aug. 19	National Aviation Day
Aug. 24	SPOUSE IT UP
Aug. 30	School starts

SAVE THE DATE FOR THE BELLA BEFANA BAZAAR: OCTOBER 22-24

The next Bazaar Committee meetings will be held on Aug 3rd, 17th, and 31st ...all at 9 a.m. at the Bella Vista Club. We welcome anyone who would like to join and take part in the preparations.

The Committee is excited about returning vendors as well as many new vendors that have been selected. The Committee is made up of a very energetic group of volunteers that have taken on monumental tasks...and are having loads of fun in the process!!!

Come join us :)

Domenica Watkins



*******All AOCSC Members: Dues for the 2010-2011 year are due in AUGUST *******

Please put a check (\$36 to AOCSC) in the mail to:

**Corby Naylor
PSC 103 Box 1857**

OR

**Pay at the luncheon
Thanks :)**

(The only members this does not apply to are those who joined at the May Ciao de Brent function and paid through the 2011 year.) If you are a NEW member, be sure to get your "New Member Packet" from Corby at the luncheon sign in desk !!

MEMBER-AT-LARGE by Julianne Weiskircher

“A journey is like marriage. The certain way to be wrong is to think you control it.” John Steinbeck Words to keep in mind as you travel throughout Italy this summer. Many Italians take vacations in August, often to the seaside, so many of your favorite local establishments may be closed this month, and many of your favorite travel destinations may be crowded. Still, don't let this deter you from enjoying the bright sunshine, beautiful beaches and fantastic summer festivals Italy has to offer.

In this heat, make sure you channel your inner beach bum and hit the Friulian Adriatic beaches. Here in Aviano, we are fortunate to be only approximately one hour from the 'spiaggias' of Bibione, Lignano, Jesolo, and my personal favorite Caorle, with its old town center filled with colored houses, lovely 'calli' (alleys) and 'campielli' (squares). Weekday trips will help you avoid the August throngs.

If you are looking to truly cool off, head to the mountains. The Piancavallo alpine slide is now open on weekends. Call 0434.655191 to double check when the scivolo alpino is open, as times change.

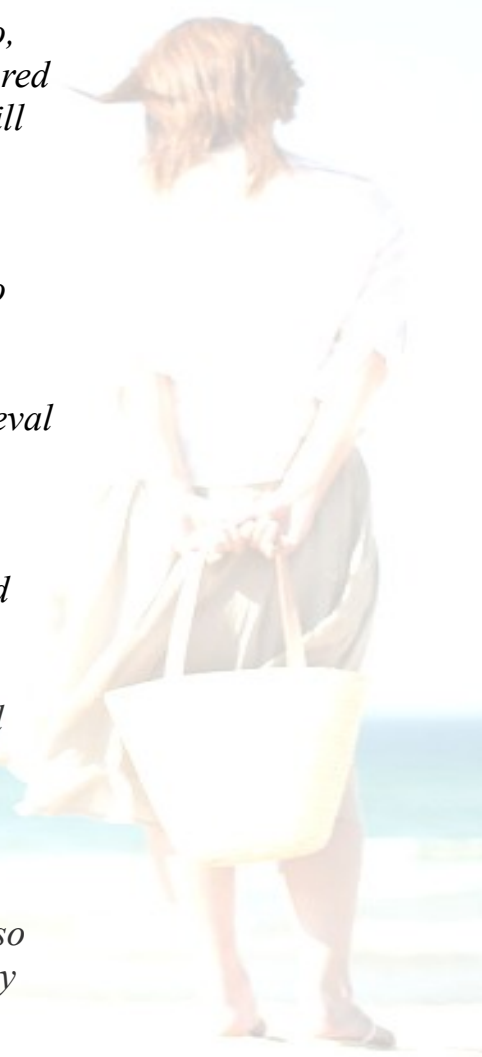
Another lovely day trip is to the town of Gorizia to visit its amazing medieval castle (closed Mondays). About 1.5 hours by car, Gorizia is located right next to Slovenia—you can have lunch in another country by driving 3 kilometers to the Slovenian border town of Nova Gorica. The imposing Castle of Gorizia looms over its charming village, and is a well-preserved stone structure both inside and out.

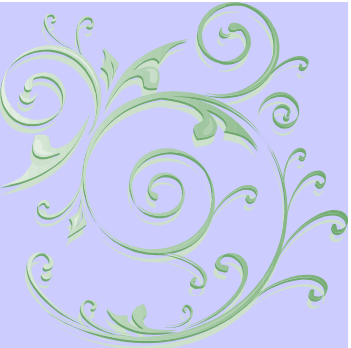
Prefer the new to the old? The Venice Film Festival, a huge international film festival on the Lido is from 1-11 September. Say “Ciao” to Brad and Angelina for me.

While you are traveling this month, don't forget that August 15 is Assumption Day. Known in Italian as Ferragosto, it's a national holiday so many businesses and shops will be closed. You'll find celebrations in many places in Italy on this day and the days before and after, often including music, food, and fireworks. In some big cities like Rome and Milan, however, the city will empty out as Italians leave the city for the beaches and mountains.

You may not be able to control everything about your journeys, but information will help make it smoother. Make sure to check opening/closing times and dates, and remember that it's not the destination but the journey that matters most.

Buon divertimento sulla vacanza la tua estate!





Special Activities

**Be sure to read page one's "This Little Light" article
We are looking for new POC's to fun activities !**

HOW TO FIND THAT SPECIAL ROMANTIC RESTAURANT? JOIN OTLB! BY GLENDA GREEN

IT'S AMAZING HOW MANY CHARMING, QUAIN, COZY, FABULOUS RESTAURANTS, TRATTORIAS, OSTERIAS, AGRITOURISMI THERE ARE IN OUR AREA. YOU CAN HEAR ABOUT THEM WORD-OF-MOUTH AND SEARCH THEM OUT ON YOUR OWN, OR YOU CAN DISCOVER THEM FOR YOURSELF THROUGH OTLB. THAT'S THE **OUT-TO-LUNCH BUNCH.**

OUR MISSION IS TO GATHER EACH THIRD THURSDAY OF THE MONTH FOR LUNCH AT A "REALLY NEAT" RESTAURANT. NOT ONLY DO WE SAMPLE GREAT FOOD, BUT WE GET THE CHANCE TO MEET NEW PEOPLE AND ENJOY ADULT CONVERSATIONS. THROUGH THE YEARS, OTLB HAS BROUGHT TOGETHER AOCSC MEMBERS, YOUNG AND OLD, AND ITALIAN FRIENDS. THE LUNCHEONS ARE ALWAYS A DIFFERENT MIX OF FOLKS, BUT THE GOAL IS ALWAYS THE SAME: TO PROVIDE A RELAXING ATMOSPHERE IN THE TYPE OF RESTAURANT YOU'D WANT TO REDISCOVER WITH YOUR SPOUSE.

SO THIS YEAR, THINK ABOUT JOINING IN THE FUN. IT'S AN UNINTIMIDATING WAY TO MEET NEW PEOPLE AND EXPLORE THE REGION. WE'LL HAVE THE SIGN-UP FOR NEW MEMBERS AT OUR SEPTEMBER AOCSC LUNCHEON, BUT IN THE MEANTIME, PLEASE SHARE THIS INFORMATION WITH THOSE WHO ARE PCS'ING IN.

WE'LL HAVE AN OTLB ACTIVITY IN AUGUST, I JUST HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO SCHEDULE IT IN TIME TO MEET THIS GRAPEVINE DEADLINE. IF YOU'RE ALREADY ON MY ADDRESS LIST FROM LAST YEAR, NO NEED TO SEND ME YOUR ADDRESS AGAIN. BUT IF YOU HAVEN'T JOINED YOU CAN DO SO NOW BY SENDING ME YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS TO ADD TO MY LIST. JUST CONTACT ME AT SCOTT.GLENDA@MAC.COM OR CALL 0434-66-1546. AND IN THE MEANTIME, BUON APPETITO.

Dear Wine Afficianados (WA's), I received this invite from Lucia at Paladin. I have stayed at the Borgo and it is delightful. They are offering 3 weekend options which include the room for 2 nights, breakfast, tasting, a bottle of their Prosecco, and a few other things for 130 PP. Hope you are all enjoying your summer and staying cool! A presto Patrizia

<http://www.vescine.it/>



HAPPY BIRTHDAY BELLA

Aug. 1.....	Katie Kreider
Aug. 7	Livia Norman
Aug. 13	Kristine Miller
Aug. 14	Courtney Epstein
Aug. 15	Jamie Faughn
Aug. 16	Julianne Weiskircher
Aug. 18	Lisa McClelland
Aug. 22	Shawn Stevens
Aug. 31	Corby Naylor

PHILANTHROPIC DONATIONS

Philanthropic Donations -May, June & July

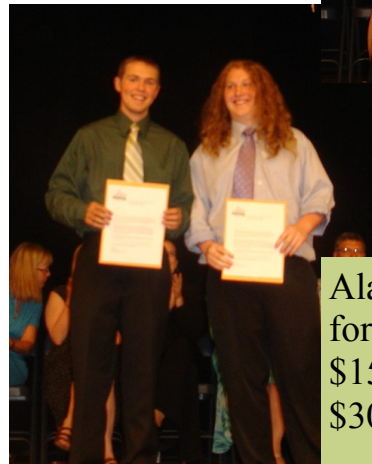
Memo	Amount
Aviano High School - Baccalareat	\$ 1,000.00
Aviano Middle School -7th grade garden	\$ 200.00
Fisher House - May Charity	\$ 536.39
Friends of Family Support - Spouse It Up	\$ 900.00
31st FSS - 4th of July	\$ 1,000.00
Aviano Sea Dragons Swim Team	\$ 1,000.00
EZ's Ranch - June Charity	\$ 297.75
Quarterly Awards - 2nd quarter	\$ 600.00
TOTAL	\$ 5,534.14



Way to go scholarship recipients !



Athletic Scholarship:
\$1000 Sarah Kunis
\$1000 Steven Reynolds
\$1000 Emily Cartwright
\$1000 Jacob Coakwell



Alan Parkinson Memorial Scholarship
for Outstanding Citizenship
\$1500 Jacob Coakwell
\$3000 Steven Reynolds



4 year Academic Merit:
\$1000 Amber Pritchard
\$1000 Steven Reynolds
\$1000 Janesca Barrara
\$1500 Marisa Henderson



2 year Academic Merit:
\$1000 James Ellison
\$2000 Dilobar Bakhriva



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