



SCSC NEWS

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Coming Together To Positively Impact Our Community

SCSC PRESIDENT

Happy New Year!

Welcome to 2017. It is hard to believe that we are already into 2017. As January starts, we look at this time of being a time of renewal, changing bad habits for good habits and looking into our future by setting goals or maybe even writing a bucket list. Being Germany, it is a little easier to reach some of our goals if they pertain to travel, learning to cook, learn a new sport, learning history or cultures and so many more. While living overseas, there are so many things to do and see to help you achieve those goals. I would love to hear some of your goals and bucket list items, please share on our Facebook page.

We have gone from the Christmas season to the Carnival/Faschning season here in Germany. Along with these festivals, we have a lot of upcoming events with our Spouse's Club.

All of our Special Interest Groups have started gearing up and starting off this New Year with a bang. If you have not joined one it is not too late. We have something for everyone.

Another event to keep on your radar is our annual bazaar. Our Bazaar chair, Jennie Baumbach and her committee have been working hard since last May. They are bringing in new vendors and I am super excited. I plan on setting aside some extra money every week just so I can make some good purchases. Not only is there great shopping, but there is great comradery. We work hard but we have a lot of fun! The volunteer site will be up by the end of the month so be on the lookout!

It is also that time of year when we start looking for people who might want to step up and take on an executive board position. If you are interested or would like to learn more, contact Cate Valentino or myself for more information. We all have a lot of great talents and I know we could use yours.

I look forward to hearing from you whether it is about your goals/bucket list or see you in the Special Interest Groups or even your interest in the upcoming board meeting. I love sharing and getting ideas from all of you.

Happy January!

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2016-17 SCSC CALENDAR

2016-17 SOCIAL EVENTS

January 24 | February 28 | April 18* | May 16

**Event at the Patch Community Club*

2016-17 CLUB EVENTS

March 17-19 Stuttgart Spring Bazaar

JANUARY

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2	3	4	5	6
9 Mah Jongg	10 Governing Board Meeting 9:30	11 Book Club 11am	12	13
16	17 Oh Snap! 10am Bunko 6:30pm	18 Let's Create 10am Mom & Tots 10:30am	19 Lunch Bunch	20
23 Shop On and Keep Calm	24 Out with the Old In with the New 5:30pm	25	26 SCSC DO it Write! 11am	27 Playful Pups 10am
30 Who Knew! Travel Talk 1pm	31 Wine Tasting Club 6:30pm			

FEBRUARY

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		1	2	3
6	7 Governing Board Meeting 9:30	8	9	10
13 Mah Jongg	14	15 Let's Create	16	17
20	21	22	23	24 Playful Pups
27 Who Knew! Travel Talk	28 Quarter Mania Beach Party 5:30pm			

PARLIAMENTARIAN

Happy New Year SCSC Members! It's hard to believe, but we are now gearing-up for our 2017-2018 SCSC year! Our election period is now OPEN for the executive board. I have each position listed with a brief description. Please feel free to nominate someone, or yourself for any of these positions. I will be accepting nominations through Feb. 4th, 2017 at scsc.parliamentarian@gmail.com. I look forward to hearing from you!

Cate Valentino SCSC Parliamentarian 2016-2017

- ★ **PRESIDENT:** Will preside at all General Membership, Governing, and EC meetings of the SCSC. Will ensure that all requirements for operational policy, to include those necessary to maintain the club's status as a Private Organization within USAG-Stuttgart, are forwarded to the required approval authorities in a timely manner.
- ★ **1ST VICE PRESIDENT:** Will oversee all SCSC social activities, protocol, and logistics for all social events between the sponsoring organization and all other Chairs participating in that day's event.
- ★ **2ND VICE PRESIDENT:** Will coordinate with and oversee the duties of all fundraising and community support Committee Chairs: Bazaar, Scholarship, CE and Welfare, and the Thrift Shops Chair. Will serve on the CE and Welfare Budget Committee.
- ★ **RECORDING SECRETARY:** Will record and distribute a draft of the minutes of the SCSC GB meetings in a timely manner. At a minimum, Board minutes will be sent to all Board members one week before the next monthly board meeting. Minutes will have all attachments and reports listed in the body of the minutes.
- ★ **THE INFORMATION MANAGEMENT OFFICER:** Will coordinate with and oversee Information Management Committee Chairs: Historian, and Chairs of Newsletter, Webmaster and Publicity. Will serve as Volunteer Management Information Systems (VMIS) Organization Point of Contact (OPOC) for all committees.
- ★ **OPERATIONS TREASURER:** At SCSC GB meetings, will present a report of all receipts and operating account disbursements made since the last meeting, as well as a year-to-date budget analysis in said report. Will prepare an annual estimated Operating Budget for the Board Year (1 June to 31 May). The outgoing Operations Treasurer will present the proposed budget to the outgoing board no later than the April GB meeting.
- ★ **COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT AND WELFARE TREASURER 1:** Will serve as Primary Custodian of the SCSC CE and CE and Welfare Accounts which may include the Bazaar, and Thrift Shops accounts. Will serve on the Bazaar Finance Committee as Chair, also known as Bazaar Treasurer. The SCSC Operations Treasurer will serve as the Co-Chair to the Bazaar Treasurer.
- ★ **COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT AND WELFARE TREASURER 2:** Will serve as Primary Custodian of the SCSC CE and CE and Welfare Accounts which include the Welfare, and Scholarships accounts. At SCSC GB meetings, will present a report of receipts and disbursements made since the last meeting, to include the CE and Welfare and Scholarship Accounts, as well as a periodic year-to-date budget analysis.

BARRACKS CHEER

UPCOMING PROGRAMS:

FEBRUARY

11

OPERATION SPREAD THE LOVE

Distribute Valentine's Day goodie bags filled with donated candy

MAY

ADOPT-A-BARRACKS

Community organizations who have volunteered to adopt-a-barracks will be given a specific barracks and will provide goodies and decoration to show their appreciation for our military.

SOCIAL MEDIA



The SCSC has a secret Facebook group where we post upcoming events, announcements and other goodies. After the welcome event friend requests and emails were sent out to join the secret group. If you have not received an invitation to join, or became a member after the Welcome Event, please email Jackie at scsc.socialmedia@gmail.com so you can be added to our Facebook page.

HISTORIAN



Please snap candid shots at special events and email them to the SCSC Historian at scsc.historychair@gmail.com. Emailed photos have a better resolution than downloading photos from Facebook.

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS (SIG)



BOOK CLUB



BUNKO



DINING OUT



DO IT, WRITE



LETS CREATE



LUNCH BUNCH



MAH JONGG



MOM & TOTS



WHO KNEW! TRAVEL TALK



WINE TASTING CLUB



OH SNAP! PHOTOGRAPHY



PLAYFUL PUPS



SHOP ON



OH SNAP! PHOTOGRAPHY

COORDINATOR

Ivanka Patterson

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It's time to have fun again! This month meeting will be a day trip to Baiersbronn in the Black Forest. The location is about 1/1,5 hours away and is perfect for all genres of photography - landscape, architecture, portrait, you name it! It was chosen after suggestions given by the Oh Snap! members and voting. See more details about the place at <http://www.baiersbronn.de/startseite/1/en/startseite.html>

We will be carpooling (starting point to be determined) so make sure to respond to your Evite.



MOM & TOTS

COORDINATOR

Jackie Kocsis

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We will be meeting at the Patch Library for their Storytime on Wednesday, Jan 18, starting at 10:30am.

Please keep in mind that parking is sometimes limited, so plan accordingly. We will be joining in on the weekly storytime, so it won't be just our Mom & Tots group.



PLAYFUL PUPS

COORDINATOR

Linda Nemeth

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WHO IS READY TO WALK! 2017 has arrived and it's time to get these hounds out and about!

This month's schedule walk is Friday, January 27 at 10:00. Let's head to Monbachtal!!! If you haven't been, plan to go so you can take the family back. It makes for a beautiful family day outing when you are needing a place to go this spring and summer with family and friends who are vacationing or if you are going a bit stir crazy with the husband one weekend and don't want to drive hours to get away. This is the place to go for a good day off.

Wag a tail and RSVP to your email invitation.

DEC 22	FEB 24	APR 21
JAN 27	MAR 31	MAY 19

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS (SIG)



LETS CREATE

COORDINATOR

Jen Clark

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Excited to start the New Year off by creating some wearable Art? On January 18th, we will be learning to make paper and mixed media beads and incorporating them into a set of earrings. The cost per set of earrings is roughly \$3. No need to prepay, just ensure that you come if you sign up so you are not taking a spot away from someone else. Please sign up through your Sign Up Genius email invitation.

JAN 18	MAR 15	MAY 17
FEB 15	APR 19	



LUNCH BUNCH

COORDINATOR

Trish Duncan

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In December, we traveled to Ludwigsburg's beautiful Baroque Christmas Market, enjoyed some shopping in the pedestrian areas, and then had a scrumptious Italian lunch at La Signora Moro restaurant at the edge of the Marktplatz. Fun was had by all, especially those collecting and trading the chestnut gluhwein mugs! Our next lunch will be 19 JAN, look for your Evite.

JAN 19	MAR 9	MAY 18
FEB 16	APR 13	



BOOK CLUB

COORDINATOR

Trish Duncan

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On January 11th, members enjoyed a lively book discussion on Paula McLain's Circling the Sun and a tasty lunch. Thank you Kathleen Loeben for opening your lovely home to our group! February 8th we will discuss American Passage by Vincent J. Cannato.

JAN 11	MAR 8	MAY 10
FEB 8	APR 12	



SHOP ON

COORDINATOR

Dianne Schwarz

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Shop 'til you drop? Maybe! At least once per month, we'll spend a day visiting local or out of town antique shops, second hand shops, possibly a flea market, or other unique stops. Please sign up to receive our monthly Evite and let's get our shop on!



BUNKO

COORDINATOR

Bea Donelson

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Our last Bunko evening in November went great thanks to all the wonderful players and delicious food brought to Bunko. Hope that everyone had a great Holiday Season and a good start to the New Year. Andrea Barnes is hosting the first Bunko of 2017 on January 17th at 6.30 pm. A Bunko email invitation has been sent out. If you are not on the email list and want to be added, please let me know at **scsc.bunko@gmail.com**. Looking forward to Bunko and hearing about your fun holiday stories!



WHO KNEW! TRAVEL TALK

COORDINATOR

Cheri Fish

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Meeting will be held on Monday, January 30, 2017. We will be meeting at the Panzer Chapel (located on Panzer next to the bowling alley) in the Fellowship Hall from 1:00 p.m. to 2:15 p.m. If you would like to bring a dish, it would greatly be appreciated, but is not necessary. Please RSVP to your Evite and include ideas that you would like to hear about. Some topics already asked for are Space A travel and cruises. Looking forward to a great year!

JAN 30	MAR 27	MAY 15
FEB 27	APR 17	

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS (SIG)



WINE TASTING CLUB

COORDINATOR

Rebecca Oldmixon
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Come join us in tasting 5 different reds from around the world recommended by Jacques Wine Depot. Thanks to Jen Cunningham for welcoming 20 people into her home for this event. The cost is \$ 20 per person. Please pay that evening and remember that a reservation made is a reservation paid. Evites have been sent, make sure to RSVP! Also, RSVP and payment is due for our February event, a bus trip to the Strasbourg Wine Expo.



DINING OUT

COORDINATOR

Laura Davis &
 Melissa Ransbottom
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Dining Out's first gathering will be a soup and salad social to discuss what types of restaurants the group is interested in. This event will be the beginning of February and for 25 members so be on the lookout for your Evite and RSVP.



DO IT, WRITE

COORDINATOR

Mercedes Mackovjak
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Let's meet for coffee and/or brunch on January 26th. Nothing like a running start! Our writing prompt for our meeting will be Junk pile--Here are some words to use in your next "assignment": stapler, fork, deep despair, empty bottle of wine, loud metal band, herding cats, snow. Use some of these in your short story, poem, haiku or whatever. Be creative and try to use at least three. If anything, it should be lots of fun! *However, if you are not inspired, stop by anyway and get caffeinated! Details for meeting are in your Evite.



MAH JONGG

COORDINATOR

Jacquie Waskiewicz
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Enjoy exercising your brain and have fun at the same time! Come play Mah Jongg with us! We play, and follow up with lunch. Beginners welcome! Our next game day will be February 13th. Hope to see you there!

JAN 9	MAR 13	MAY 8
FEB 13	APR 10	

As the Special Interest Group Chair, I'm happy to answer any questions or suggestions you may have regarding SIGs. Please feel free to email me at scsc.specialinterest@gmail.com. If you're interested in a SIG but aren't receiving the group emails or Evites, make sure you let the Coordinator or myself know so we can add you to the SIG list. We have many months of super SIGs ahead!

Fondly, Kathy Argo

FUN WITH SIGS



MAH
JONGG

JANUARY 9

*Photo by
Shelly K. R. Worden*



OH SNAP!
PHOTOGRAPHY

JANUARY 17

*Photo by
Ivanka Patterson*



SCSC SCHOLARSHIPS

2017 SCSC SCHOLARSHIPS Applications Now Available!!

WHO: All HS, Continuing Ed Students, & Spouses who are military card ID holders sponsored by an active duty member, government civilian or contractor within the Stuttgart Military Community.

WHAT: SCSC Merit Based Scholarships

WHEN: Application packages available December 15, 2016.

**** Deadline for application is postmarked February 24, 2017**

WHERE: Download the application by clicking on the scholarship link from the SCSC homepage at www.stuttgartspousesclub.org.

The selection process for scholarship winners is based on a combination of GPA, test scores, extracurricular activities, leadership, volunteer hours, work experience, recommendations and an applicant essay.

Questions: Email us at scsc.scholarship@gmail.com

AWAG



Save the Date!

Americans Working Around the Globe's
61st Annual Leadership & Training Seminar

April 23-28, 2017

Edelweiss Lodge & Resort

Garmisch-Partenkirchen, Germany

January 3-February 24: Individual & Organization Registration

February 24: Payment Due

March 1-April 10: Late Registration (on space available basis)

April 10: Participant Registration Information Due

April 12-14: Class Registration

For more information on our Annual Seminar, contact your Area Representative or go to

www.awagleadership.org.

Americans Working Around the Globe (AWAG) is a nonprofit organization committed to building leaders to strengthen and connect communities around the globe.

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SPRING BAZAAR



BAZAAR TIME!! MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

The 2017 Spring Bazaar will be held March 17th-19th on Patch Barracks. Over 60 vendors will offer antiques, home décor, jewelry, artwork, cheese, wine, pottery, and more in the Patch Fitness Center, and tents in the surrounding parking lot. Several new vendors have been added to the mix this year bringing refurbished furniture from Italy, 3D Art, gourmet vinegars and mustards and Red Ceramics from Sicily.

HOURS FOR THE BAZAAR ARE:

Friday, March 17th: 10 am - 7 pm

Saturday, March 18th: 10 am - 8 pm

Sunday, March 19th: 10 am - 4 pm

The Bazaar is open to all valid Military ID cardholders, NATO Forces, civilians, and reservists with TDY orders. Shoppers may bring guests, but guests are not allowed to make purchases. Visa, MC, American Express, dollars, and euros are accepted. No pets allowed.



Stuttgart Spring Bazaar – SCSC & MWR



scsc_bazaar

SPRING BAZAAR VOLUNTEER SIGN-UPS START JANUARY 24TH

From March 8th (set-up) through the 21st (tear-down) and every day in between, we need hundreds of volunteers to help the Bazaar run smoothly. This year people who volunteer will be eligible for “Red Carpet” shopping from 9 am-10 am on March 17th before the Bazaar opens to the public. Those helping with set-up and tear-down will be entered into a raffle for Bazaar Bucks. All others who work a shift will be entered into a “volunteer only” raffle. There is a lot of work to be done, please consider signing-up for one or more shifts. The Bazaar is a major source of funding for the SCSC scholarships and welfare grants so you will be helping give back to the community while participating in an awesome shopping experience. For questions email scsc.bazaarvolunteer@gmail.com.

SCSC FEBRUARY EVENT

*Who's ready for some fun in the sun?
Join the SCSC for*

Quarter Mania III

Beach Party

Tuesday, February 28th
Doors open at 5:30 pm
Swabian Special Events Center

\$18 per person. Make your prepaid reservation via PayPal at www.stuttgartspousesclub.org by February 21st.

**Quarter Mania is an auction type event. You will be provided one game paddle with entry and may purchase more to increase your chances of winning. Bring a roll of quarters if you'd like to be able to bid on items. Our amazing thrift shop has been collecting a variety of unique, useful, and popular items over the past year. You don't want to miss out on the fun!*

MEMBERSHIP

Happy New Year 2016-2017 SCSC Members!

Our membership committee would just like to say thank you so much to all of our wonderful members for their continued support of the SCSC and our mission.

Our membership this year has far exceeded our expectations – 376 SCSC Members! (New Members: 202; Returning Members: 174) We have really enjoyed meeting and getting to know each and every one of you at the events and/or on other occasions.

Does the start of this new year mean that membership is closed? Heck, no! SCSC membership applications will still be accepted till March 1, 2017! Don't forget that we still have lots of great events left this year: Quartermania, Spring Bazaar, Bingo and of course, our Volunteer Appreciation Tea Party! And let's not forget about all our awesome SIG groups: Mah Jongg, Book Club, Oh, Snap!, Let's Create! Mom and Tots, Lunch Bunch, Keep Calm and Shop On, Do it – Write!, Playful Pups, Wine Tasting Club and Who Knew! Travel Talk!

The website to join is: <http://www.stuttgartspousesclub.org/membershipbylaws.html>. If anyone has any questions about joining the SCSC, please have them contact scsc.memberships@gmail.com.

In closing, we all know by now that the change in weather has not only brought in the snow and cold, it has also brought in a lot of new faces to the community! On that note, let's all do two things to start the new year off right: 1) reach out and give a warm welcome to those who are new to the Stuttgart community and 2) tell them about the SCSC and all the wonderful things we do for the community! In case, you have forgotten, in 2015 - 2016, we distributed \$277,170 in community enhancement and welfare grants and we also distributed \$110,500 in scholarships! We couldn't make such a huge difference in the community, if it wasn't for the kindest of our members, so thank you again!

We hope you have a blessed New Year and look forward to seeing you all in 2017!



JANUARY

SCSC MEMBER BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

Susan Griffin	01/01	Laura Davis	01/11
Susan Miles	01/01	Alison Fullerton	01/13
Blair Rossignol	01/01	Christy Dickey	01/17
Lisa Welsh	01/02	Nan Lawless	01/19
Nicole Wing	01/06	Betsey Ruitter	01/19
Jen Long	01/08	Jackie Kocsis	01/21
Tamara Parsons	01/08	Monika Juergens	01/27
Tracey Stevenson	01/08	Sarie Leide	01/29
Laura Johnson	01/09	Michelle Raddatz	01/29
Jamey Hueston	01/10		