



# Redstone Arsenal Military & Civilians' Club

Newsletter

## From the President



Hello!

Hello RSAMCC! I hope everyone has stayed dry and safe from the flood waters. I am certainly looking forward to some nicer weather and drying out.

I want to give a HUGE shout out to Brandie Ragin and Cherie Cain for their tireless efforts to put together an amazing gala! I was not able to attend this year due to a prior family commitment, but the pictures and the comments I have seen let me know it was an amazing night. It's always great when the military and civilian community can come together and celebrate our common goals for the Redstone area. This event takes a village to plan, and Brandie and Cherie led that village to an amazingly successful evening.

The year is winding down, and we only have 3 luncheons left. Hope to see you all at as many as you can make. We are looking for smiling positive personalities for next years board. Please consider being a part of the fun. If you have any questions about any of the positions, feel free to ask us at the luncheon!

See you all soon! ~ Sandrah

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The Redstone Arsenal Military & Civilians' Club Presents

# The Little Black Dress & Fashion Show

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Tuesday . March 12, 2019

10:30 a.m. ~ 1 p.m.

The Summit at Redstone Arsenal

**RSVP HERE**

By Friday, February 8th at Noon

# Reservations

Our monthly luncheons are held on the second Tuesday of each month at the Summit on Redstone Arsenal. Each month, you will enjoy a themed luncheon with wonderful vendors and giveaways, all for \$17! Bring a friend or invite a newcomer to join in the fellowship!

Please do not forget to R.S.V.P.! You may do so using one of the following options:



1. Reservations by Evite: Members will receive monthly invitations to our luncheons by Evite. You may enter your response on the site, and your reservation will be automatically sent to our Reservations Co-Chairs. You may pay with cash or check upon check-in on the day of the luncheon.



2. Follow the link at the bottom of the luncheon flyer on page 2 of this newsletter. The link will take you straight to the evite.



3. Go to [www.rsamcc.org](http://www.rsamcc.org) and click on the "Reservations" link. Then, on the right side of the Reservations page, click on the "Lunch Reservation" link. You will be redirected to PayPal. Please include your name, phone number, and the month for which you are paying in the "Note" section. Please note that there is a \$.70 fee for using PayPal, which is automatically added to your transaction.



4. To make a reservation by phone, please call Celinda Colavita, Reservations Co-Chair, at 253.651.8198. You may pay with cash or check upon check-in on the day of the luncheon.



5. To make a reservation by email, please email [rsamccreservation@gmail.com](mailto:rsamccreservation@gmail.com). You may pay with cash or check upon check-in on the day of the luncheon.

**The deadline for placing your reservation is noon on the Friday before the scheduled luncheon.** Also, if a reservation is not cancelled by the same deadline, you will be responsible for the cost of the luncheon. Refunds will only be granted for cancellations received prior to noon on the Friday before the scheduled luncheon.

We look forward to seeing you there! ~ Celinda & Kerrie



# Merit Scholarship Awards

**IMPORTANT!**

Donations to RSAMCC have exceeded our expectations!

Therefore we have the opportunity to provide additional scholarship funds for 2019. Note that the eligibility requirements are the same as the RSAMCC Merit Awards with one exception. Applicants do NOT need to be a member of the RSAMCC Club to be eligible.

1. RSAMCC Merit Award Application - For members of RSAMCC and their dependents **Deadline to Apply: Friday, March 1, 2019**

2. (New) RSAMCC Military Community Scholarship Application

The eligibility requirements are the same as the RSAMCC Merit Awards, with one exception. Applicants do NOT need to be a member of the RSAMCC Club to be eligible. **Deadline to Apply: Friday, March 22, 2019**

NOTE: Applicants eligible for the first scholarship for RSAMCC members (RSAMCC Merit Award Application) who apply prior to the March 1, 2019 deadline will automatically be considered for the second scholarship and do not need to submit two applications. All others and those applying after March 1, 2019 need to use the second application (RSAMCC Military Community Scholarship Application).

Please see website for application and more details:

<https://rsamcc.org/rsamcc-merit-awards-application-2019-2/>

For questions, please email Lana Barshinger at [rsamccmeritawards@gmail.com](mailto:rsamccmeritawards@gmail.com)

~ Lana

# Fundraising

## Gala in the Garden

We are still pumped up from our Gala in the Garden!!!! It was a lovely evening and we could not have tackled such a feat without our membership! Thank you to everyone who donated wine/spirits and items for our auctions!!! Thank you to everyone who came out to planning meetings and offered your ideas, suggestions, and talents, and those who helped on gala day and evening. We have such an extraordinary group. Our setup volunteers came in ready to work and did such a phenomenal job!!!! Our evening volunteers fell right into place and everyone pitched in for the cause. It is truly impressive what this group can accomplish.

Many hands were directly involved with this event and there are too many names to mention, but I would be remiss if I did not call attention to one person in particular. Melody Mansker, our Treasurer and Newsletter Chair and go-to person for just about everything, has been an absolute Godsend! Melody had tickets, save the dates, and invites designed and ready to go before we could say "tickets". She designed our GORGEOUS program, bid sheets, table toppers, set up our slide show, assisted with checkout at the event, and offered advice and moral support all along the way. I'm certain I've missed some things, too!!! Melody played a integral role in the success of this event. For all that she contributed, we cannot thank her enough!!! Thank you, Melody, for all of your time and patience and keeping us focused toward the goal! We couldn't have done it without you! You are RSAMCC's own Superwoman and we are blessed to have been able to work with you. It is impossible to put into words the gravity of all you have done, but please know how truly grateful Cherie and I are for every little thing!!! RSAMCC is so, so lucky to have you!!!

### Gala Recap:

We got to enjoy the absolutely breathtaking saxophone playing by Living Legend Tommy Friend. The music flowed, like a summer breeze, from the conservatory and down the hall. It was amazing!!! You can often find this young man playing at Bridge Street. Keep an eye out for him next time you're there and enjoy a real treat!

We then moved on to a lovely dinner catered by Bubba's Silver Spoon. The food was delicious and the staff was friendly and accommodating.

Once our bellies were full, the fabulous "Free Fall" headed up our Buds and Blooms game and everyone had a blast! It's impossible to not have fun with that game! It's always hilarious to watch everyone freeze with their hands on their heads or their tails! We then proceeded to our live auction with our commanding auctioneer Col (R) Pat Sullivan hyping up the crowd. Free Fall brought the energy and kept everyone jamming & on their feet to close out our evening with a so-much-fun dance party!!!! We hope everyone enjoyed the evening. We all worked very hard and now the Gala Committee is going to hibernate for a week! Just kidding! We are currently working on tallying up all of our donations and will announce at the next luncheon how we did. Stay tuned...!

Check out Free Fall on Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/freefallbandhsv/>

~ Brandie & Cherie

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# *Gala in the Garden*

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# Gala in the Garden

**Thank you to Our Sponsors!**

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## Volunteer

### February Volunteer Of The Month: Vicky Prosser



In the New Testament, Hilaros is the Greek word translated to mean cheerful, joyous. But it also means a sense of readiness. It means to be ready to act at a moment's notice – to be prepared. What is different about our volunteer this month is that she is a member at large. Her readiness as a member has given way to her cheerful and joyous collaboration for each event since September and is currently serving a critical position on the Gala Committee. At one point in time, I had to request that she pump her brakes a little and maybe take time to safely deliver her child outside the boundaries of RSAMCC. Her cheer is contagious and she is serious in her commitment to our organization and serving the needs of community. Her readiness, consistent YES, and her cheerful, giving heart serve to build the foundation of RSAMCC. Please provide a warm congratulations for the February 2019 Volunteer of the Month, Vicky Prosser.

~ Mary Anne

## Outreach

Hello Members:



Our collection of new and gently used stuffed animals continued through the month of February w much appreciation from Thin Line Support. They will undoubtedly, bring smiles of hope to those children who face the hardships of loss during a disaster. Thanks to Stephanie for carrying the fur babies to Kathy and Mark Hooper.

We ended the year of Community Outreach Guest Speakers w Cynthia Shea Hart from 'Serving Hope'. Cynthia gave a heartfelt and inspiring story of her organizations efforts in championing the down trodden and those who are marginalized thru physical abuse, mental and or educational difficulties. Cynthia explained how Serving Hope gave hope and opportunity in the hospitality industry, through its education and training program. Serving Hope is the 'First 501C3' organization in Huntsville. Cynthia has been serving on many boards for the advancement of 501C3 non profit organizations as well as running several successful restaurants.

For more information on what we are collecting in March, please email  
[rsamccoutreach@gmail.com](mailto:rsamccoutreach@gmail.com)

~ Mia



REDSTONE ARSENAL MILITARY  
& CIVILIANS CLUB

# NEEDS YOU!

Join our team today  
and become a volunteer  
inspired to make a  
difference!

**WE APPRECIATE EVERY  
HELPING HAND WE CAN GET!**

YOUR TIME, EFFORT, AND  
PRESENCE AS A VOLUNTEER WILL  
MAKE A WORLD OF A DIFFERENCE IN  
THE LIVES OF OUR COMMUNITY MEMBERS





# BE A PART OF A TEAM OF EXTRA ORDINARY!

**Send in your application!**

HERE ARE SOME OF THE VOLUNTEER  
ROLES WE NEED TO FILL:

- COMMUNITY EVENTS COORDINATORS
- SOCIAL MEDIA MANAGERS
- PROGRAM ASSISTANTS
- GRAPHIC DESIGNERS
- PHOTOGRAPHERS
- GROUP FACILITATORS
- MENTORS AND TUTORS

Want to know more? Contact Mary Anne Carleton  
(254) 780 - 6226 or at [rsamccvolunteers@gmail.com](mailto:rsamccvolunteers@gmail.com).



# Sub-Clubs

## Activities



### *International Women's Club*

Monday, March 4<sup>th</sup>

11 a.m.

Louise's Home

<http://www.keeganshuntsville.com/>

Join us for a Mardi Gras Pot Luck and friendship with new and old members. Bring your own favorite Mardi Gras dish or other dish that you would like to share. To RSVP and for more information on this meeting, and upcoming meetings please contact Sandra Smith at [Irishsandra.smith@gmail.com](mailto:Irishsandra.smith@gmail.com).

### *Daytrip Divas*



Wednesday, March 6<sup>th</sup>

10 a.m.

Top Golf!

6100 Topgolf Drive NW

Huntsville, AL 35806

[www.topgolf.com](http://www.topgolf.com)

Please RSVP by  
March 2<sup>nd</sup>

The Divas are hitting the greens so to speak! Join us for a morning and lunch at Topgolf! We will be renting some bays, having a blast hitting some balls and enjoying some delicious food there as well. Cost to play will vary but should be around \$10 per person for a 2 hour rental. Please RSVP via the evite, Facebook group or by email or text by 3/2.

International Women's Club please RSVP to Sandra Smith, [Irishsandra.smith@gmail.com](mailto:Irishsandra.smith@gmail.com)

All other clubs please RSVP via the evite, Facebook message Lyssa Barrow,  
email [rsamccactivitieschair@gmail.com](mailto:rsamccactivitieschair@gmail.com) or text 813-713-1402.





**Thursday, March 7<sup>th</sup>**

**6 – 9 p.m.**

**Splinters and Spirits**

**6945 University Drive**

**Huntsville, AL 35806**

**[www.splintersnspirits.com](http://www.splintersnspirits.com)**

The Craft Club will be creating personalized wood signs. The cost is between \$25 to \$45 depending on what you select as your project. You will need to go thru the link in your evite to register for the class and select your project. Please RSVP via the evite, Facebook group or by email or text. Bring your “picnic” dinner with you to eat while you craft and anything you wish to drink...spirits, etc....



**Wednesday, March 13<sup>th</sup>**

**11 a.m.**

**Phuket**

**475 Providence Main St, NW - Suite 102**

**Huntsville**

**[www.phuketexperience.com](http://www.phuketexperience.com)**

Join us in Providence as we dine at the Thai and Sushi restaurant Phuket. With a wide variety of Asian food that also includes Chinese and Japanese, everyone will find something delicious to have. Go online to check out the menu! We are dining off schedule this month due to the spring break holiday.



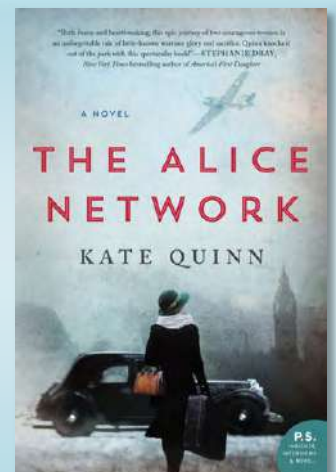
**Tuesday, March 26<sup>th</sup>**

**10 a.m.**

**Café 153 at Bridge Street**

**Huntsville**

We will be discussing this month's book (The Alice Network by Kate Quinn) as well as what other books we've all been reading that we love. Grab a bite to eat and some coffee or tea while we discuss.



**Please RSVP via the evite, Facebook message Lyssa Barrow,  
email [rsamccactivitieschair@gmail.com](mailto:rsamccactivitieschair@gmail.com) or text 813-713-1402.**



**Wednesday, March 27<sup>th</sup>**  
**10:30 a.m.**  
**Dawn Gilmour**  
**121 Huntsmen Lane**  
**Harvest, AL 35749**

Join us for our March Bunco! Bring \$10 to play Bunco and 3 \$1 bills to play LCR. A light lunch and refreshments will be served

## Hiking-Walking Club



**Friday, March 29<sup>th</sup>**  
**10:30 a.m.**

**Monte Sano Stone Cut Trail**  
**Madison, AL 35756**  
**[www.landdrustnal.org](http://www.landdrustnal.org)**



We are heading back to Monte Sano for a hike along some great trails with some wonderful rock formations. We will take Sink trail to Stone Cut trail and then Panther's Knob to Logan Point Trail and then back onto Sink trail to finish up on North Plateau trail. This is a 2.7 mile loop and should take us about 1 hr. 45min.

This is a moderate hike with some elevation changes up to 246 ft. We will park at the North plateau parking in the park which has an admission fee of \$5 per person.

Please RSVP to your invite, by Facebook group message or by email or text. If we need to reschedule for weather, we will plan for the following week on April 3rd so save that date too.

**Please RSVP via the invite, Facebook message Lyssa Barrow,  
email [rsamccactivitieschair@gmail.com](mailto:rsamccactivitieschair@gmail.com) or text 813-713-1402.**



# Let's Flamingle All Year!

## RSAMCC 2018 - 2019 Luncheon Schedule

August 14<sup>th</sup>



Super Sign Up Come Flamingle with Us

September 11<sup>th</sup>



Red, White & Blooming with Redstone

October 9<sup>th</sup>



BuncoWeen for a Wicked Good Time

November 13<sup>th</sup>



Remember ~ Honor ~ Celebrate

December 11<sup>th</sup>



Oh What Fun! Come Jingle and Mingle

January 8<sup>th</sup>



Cheers to YOU! Toastmaster Club

February 12<sup>th</sup>



When Pigs Fly? Chinese New Year

March 12<sup>th</sup>



Little Black Dress and Fashion Show

April 9<sup>th</sup>



Bridge Street Bingo

May 14<sup>th</sup>



Hats Off to Ascots and International High Tea





Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	International Women's Club 11 a.m. Louise's Home See page 10		Daytrip Divas 10 a.m. Top Golf See page 10	Craft Club 6 – 9 p.m. Splinters & Spirits See page 11		
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
			Lunch Bunch 11 a.m. Phuket (Providence) See page 11			
		RSAMCC Luncheon See page 2				
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
		Book Club 10 a.m. Café 153 (Bridge Street) See page 11	Bunco 10:30 a.m. See page 12		Hiking / Walking Club 10:30 a.m. Monte Sano Stone Cut Trail See page 12	

# Out & About

WHEN PIGS FLY!





# Out & About

## GALA IN THE GARDEN





# Out & About

## GALA IN THE GARDEN



See More Gala Pictures On Our Facebook And Website!

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*Executive Board*





Spring brings new growth,  
weeds out the bad and  
makes room for  
something beautiful.

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