



# Redstone Arsenal Military & Civilians' Club Newsletter

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## From the President



Hello RSAMCC membership!

Happy spring! At least I think it's spring, I was led to believe that March in Alabama would be warm! That's ok, the flowers and trees are blooming so it must be on its way.

The club year is quickly coming to an end, and what a year it has been! I hope that some of you will look at this as a beginning and not an end. We have such a diverse and talented membership this year. It is my hope that you will all be back next year. I hope also that many of you will consider a spot on the general board. It takes a village, and a very diverse one at that to do what we do here for the Redstone community. We are sure to have a position that will benefit from your strength and passion. If you volunteer doing something you LOVE, it doesn't even feel like "work". Please see a board member to ask about how we can use YOU next year!

~ Sandrah



**RSAMCC**

**IMPORTANT!**

Don't forget to place your  
meal choice for lunch in the evite!

- Turkey Ciabatta Sandwich
- Java Club Sandwich
- Chef Salad

**BRIDGE STREET BINGO**

**Tuesday ~ April 9, 2019  
10:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.  
Challenger Bingo  
1500 Weeden Mountain Road  
Redstone Arsenal**

**RSVP HERE**  
By March 5th 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



# Parliamentarian

The Nominating Committee convened on March 5, 2019. In accordance with our Constitution and Bylaws, the committee selected the following individuals for nomination to our executive board:

**President: Michelle Nash**

**1<sup>st</sup> Vice President: Lana Barshinger**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President: Ana Lewis**

There were no applicants for the following positions:

Secretary

Treasurer

We will conduct our vote at the April Luncheon for the new RSAMCC Executive Board for the 2019-2020 year as defined in our Constitution and Bylaws, Article VII, Section C.

Below are the rules for voting. If you have any questions please email me at [rsamccparliamentarian@gmail.com](mailto:rsamccparliamentarian@gmail.com).

1. The nominated slate of 2019-2020 officers will be presented during the April luncheon. Nominations will be accepted from the floor, provided that the nominee has previously given their consent, is present at the luncheon meeting, and is a member in good standing.
2. In the event there is only one candidate for each office, voting may be by acclamation. Otherwise, voting shall proceed by written ballot. Two members at large will be selected from the floor to assist in the count that the Parliamentarian will oversee.
3. The right to vote is granted to members in good standing as defined in the RSAMCC Constitution and Bylaws, Article IV, Section C.
4. There will be no absentee or proxy voting.
5. The candidate for each office receiving the majority of votes from the voting members present shall be declared as elected. In the event of a tie, the RSAMCC President's vote shall break the tie.

*~Jerry*

# MICHELLE NASH

## PRESIDENT



Michelle Nash has been a military spouse for over 24 years and is married to Colonel Kevin M. Nash who is presently still active duty. A mother of 4 young adult children who live around the globe and now a PROUD ARMY MOM.

Motivation, passion and selflessness are characteristics that she will always aspire to work towards and believe are what describe to help make a great leader.

She is currently the President of the CWOC here at Redstone Arsenal where she plans and organizes monthly programs and guest speakers and retreats for the Bicentennial Catholic community since 2017.

She has been the acting First Vice President for the RSA MCC 2018-2019 year and 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President for 2017-2018 year.

She has been that Past President for Military Counsel of Catholic Women Worldwide of a board of 32 members and ran it globally that was responsible for 6 regional retreats and 1 major symposium 2016-2018 but stayed in leadership roles beginning in 2007.

Michelle is also the present Business Development Manager or PZI International and a facilitator for Corporate and Government leadership training workshops.

The Nash Family was the AUSA Redstone Family of the Year 2013 not only serving the Redstone Arsenal community but the Huntsville/Madison communities as well and has continued to do so up to now.

Michelle has always been involved with spouse and civilian clubs wherever she has been sent by the ARMY and has been a President and or Executive Board Member at the following installations, Kentucky, Colorado, Monterey, New Jersey, Germany, Carlisle and Redstone Arsenal. This is a military tradition that really has become like no other for me, one that builds community and encourages not just relationships but friendships! There is NO greater DUTY than to GIVE Thanks. Serving on the home front is how I do this.

# LANA BARSHINGER

## 1<sup>ST</sup> VICE PRESIDENT



Lana Barshinger is a leadership and talent development consultant who is passionate about empowering and equipping people to discover, develop, and use their God-given gifts to effectively serve in their workplaces and communities.

Lana has a unique mix of over 3+ decades of experience developing innovative and cost-effective programs that meet real needs. She has led a variety of volunteer teams of passionate people to implement these programs, while working with the military, college students, youth, and families.

Lana is a certified facilitator for several personality and behavioral assessments including Myers-Briggs, DISC, and EQi 2.0 (Emotional Intelligence). She holds a bachelor's degree in Psychology from University of Maryland and a master's degree in Nonprofit Management from Regis University.

Lana is a native Texan and has been married for 28 years to her wonderful husband Keith, who retired from the Army in 2010. Keith currently works as an Army civilian on Redstone Arsenal. Their daughter, Erin, is a senior at the University of Alabama. Lana's family has happily called Huntsville "home" since 2002.

# ANA LEWIS

## 2<sup>ND</sup> VICE PRESIDENT



Ana Lewis has been a military spouse for almost ten years and is grateful for the unique opportunity as a military spouse to being stationed in her hometown of Huntsville, Alabama!

Ana met her husband Zach at a very classy honky tonk in Nashville, TN while Zach was an aviator stationed at Fort Campbell. Shortly after they married, they spent a brief time at Fort Rucker followed by a two-year accompanied tour in South Korea where they enjoyed the delicious food and warm people. Next, they took a USAREC assignment at New Cumberland Army Depot and welcomed their first daughter Eleanor (6). After Pennsylvania they transitioned into the Acquisition Corps as Zach attended the Naval Postgraduate School and Ana enjoyed the mild temperatures of the beautiful Monterey Bay with their newest addition, Lucille (4). Their first acquisition assignment was at Aberdeen Proving Ground in Maryland. After 2.5 years and much hoping and praying, the Lewis family is soaking in their time at Redstone Arsenal near family.

Ana is the founder of Native or Not, a website designed to connect newcomers and natives in the community with their great local businesses. Her vision is to expand the site into cities all over the country and contract military spouses to develop Native or Not in their communities.

Ana's desire to serve on the RSAMCC comes from her eagerness to connect with the exceptional military spouse community at Redstone. Shortly after joining the RSAMCC Ana recognized the warmth, charisma, and strength of this group and is honored to be welcomed as a board member.

# Volunteer

I recently came across a quote from Howard Thurman. Mr. Thurman was an African American author, theologian, educator and civil rights leader. He said this:

**DO NOT ASK WHAT THE WORLD NEEDS. ASK WHAT MAKES YOU COME ALIVE; THEN GO AND DO THAT BECAUSE THE WORLD NEEDS PEOPLE WHO HAVE COME ALIVE.**

As the Volunteer Coordinator, it is my job to match skills with personalities...personalities with opportunities. Fortunately, that task has been remarkably simple when working with the Executive Board volunteers. It is sometimes hard to remember, that these very accomplished and outstanding women are simply....volunteers. They are individual remarkable leaders in their respective positions.

*Sandrah Fager* our President granted leadership to a number of outspoken women. She allowed the visionary ideas to foster into successful realities many times over.

Speaking of visionaries, *Michelle Nash*, our 1<sup>st</sup> VP is not only a tried and true military spouse, but one of blazing visionary ideals.

*Brandie Ragin*, 2<sup>nd</sup> VP successfully herded the Gala Committee cats through the largest fundraiser in recent years.

We would not be able to wrangle the cats or herald the visions if our secretary, *Stephanie Walburn* did not memorialize the tidal waves of ideas and keep us organized in sometimes a cacophony of women.

Seeing the black and the white, and keeping us in compliance with rules, rules and more rules can only be attributed to THE parliamentarian *Terry Drushal*, who can wield that gavel with authority!

Lastly, *Melody Mansker*, the treasurer. Her skillset is well beyond that of an account balancer or excel spreadsheet producer. She is multi-task extraordinaire! Our budget is balanced and the RSAMCC name is beautifully promoted through her keen, detailed-graphic-arts eye.

Although, not an executive board member, we will fondly remember the beauty, the fun and the sheer determination of *Cherie Cain*, Fundraiser Chair.

Finally, I would be remiss not to mention *Mrs. Susan Perma* and *Mrs. Kelly Pardew*. These ladies lead fully active lives as spouses and mothers and serve the RSAMCC as our advisors. They continually add this organization to their list of importance, not because it is a high profile event, but because they genuinely want to make a difference in this community. What each of these ladies, the Executive Board and chair positions have in common is that each and every lady doesn't ask what the world needs – they simply go and do! Thank you ladies - it is indeed an honor to serve with you.



We would like to promote a special volunteer this month who has consistently provided support for many of the activities and events of the RSAMCC. She is a true credit to our organization and we are grateful for the generous amount of time, treasure and talent demonstrated by our Member at Large, *Amanda Illert*.

With over 35 volunteers unloading magnolia branches, spreading table cloths and organizing silent auction baskets, it was a flurry of activity in the days leading up to the gala. One volunteer, in particular, preferred to keep a low profile. However, that low profile soon developed into managing the registration desk, beautifying tablescapes and ironing, ironing, ironing. Her ability to jump in, lead a task to completion was a tremendous asset to the overall success of the Gala in the Garden 2019. Never was a task too big, Too complicated or too serious. Her laughter and can-do attitude are a testament to the power of women working together for a common cause. She knew what to do, how to do it and did not waste time getting it done. She is a self-starter, is truly ALIVE and now, the Volunteer of the Month for March, 2019, *Anne Pfeiffer*. ~ Mary Anne



# Fundraising

## Gala *in the* Garden

Happy Spring!

Thank you all again for your gala support this year. We made over \$21,000 for our scholarships and community grants!!! Team RSAMCC is going to help a lot of people this year. We also could not have done it without Kerrie and Kristina's hard work and dedication last year. They set the bar high and aligned us very well and hopefully we did the same for the 2020 crew. I will be passing on the reins to a new 2VP very soon, but I know next year will be even more spectacular than this year with Cherie heading up the fun once again!

I "suspect" the next gala date (pending future board approval) will be February 21, 2020, so make sure to save the date and hang around for the fun. You won't want to miss it!

~ Brandie & Cherie

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# Sub-Clubs Activities



## **International Women's Club**

**Monday, April 1<sup>st</sup>**

**11 a.m.**

**Dogwood Café at the Huntsville Botanical Gardens**

**[www.hsvbg.org](http://www.hsvbg.org)**

Join us for a lovely lunch at the Botanical Gardens restaurant and friendship with new and old members. Lunch will be followed by a walk down the Azalea Trail and around the gardens. 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, April 10<sup>th</sup>**

**7 p.m.**

**Chinese Lantern Festival at Botanical Gardens**

**4747 Bob Wallace Ave SW**

**Huntsville, AL 35805**

**<http://hsvbg.org/things-to-do/lanterns/>**

The Divas will have a beautiful night at the Botanical Gardens' Chinese Lantern Festival. Join us to see this magical festival in the moonlight! More than 1000 illuminated lanterns will be displayed. There will be live kung fu performances, Chinese shadow puppetry performances and a special marketplace with Chinese folk arts and crafts. If you would like to join us for dinner beforehand we will be meeting at Panera at Bridge Street at 5:30pm. You can pre-purchase tickets online for \$21 for non members of the garden or at the entrance for \$27 for non-members. Discounts for members of HSVBG.

**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.**



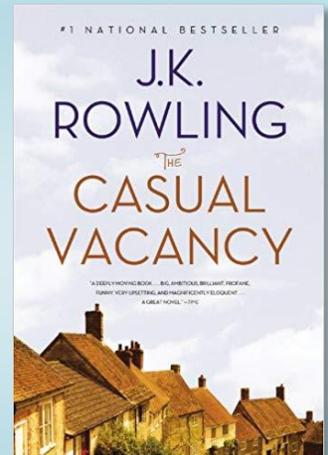
**Friday, April 12<sup>th</sup>**  
**12:30 – 3:30 p.m.**  
**University Pickers**  
**3024 University Dr NW**  
**Huntsville, AL 35806**  
**[www.universitpickers.com](http://www.universitpickers.com)**

The Craft Club will be creating canvas art for Easter. You can pick either the whimsical bunny or the beautifully southern cross. The cost is \$35 and you will need to go thru the link in your evite to register for the class and select your project. If you would like to join us for lunch beforehand we will be meeting at Newks Eatery on University Dr.. Please indicate on your evite comment if you wish to meet us for lunch beforehand.



**Tuesday, April 16<sup>th</sup>**  
**10 a.m.**  
**Alchemy at the Camp**  
**5909 University Drive**  
**Huntsville, AL 35806**  
**[www.alchemyhsv.com/alchemy-at-midcity](http://www.alchemyhsv.com/alchemy-at-midcity)**

We will be discussing this month's book (The Casual Vacancy by J.K. Rowling) 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.



**Wednesday, April 17<sup>th</sup>**  
**11 a.m.**  
**Another Broken Egg (Twickenham Square)**  
**2722 Carl T. Jones Drive**  
**Huntsville, AL 35802**  
**<https://anotherbrokeneegg.com/>**

Join us for some delicious Brunch at Twickenham's Another Broken Egg. City Grits, biscuit beignets, Omelettes, Benedicts, French Toast, Mango Kiwi Mimosas and more...YUM! Oh and they have "sensible selections" as well for those with will power!

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



**Wednesday, April 24<sup>th</sup>**  
**10:30 a.m.**  
**Home of Peggy Higgins**  
**105 Fontana Lane, NE**  
**Huntsville, AL**

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

## Hiking-Walking Club



**Thursday, April 25<sup>th</sup>**  
**10 a.m.**  
**North Alabama Canoe & Kayak**  
**1143 Moontown Road**  
**Huntsville, AL 35741**  
**<http://www.nacktrips.com/>**



We are giving our legs a rest this month and using those arms as we head down the Flint River by Kayak or Canoe. Nack will take us and our watercrafts and gear down to the river and transport us back at the end. Kayaks are \$45 per person and canoes or canoe-kayak hybrids are \$35 per person. Gear and shuttle is included. Shuttle service if you have your own craft is \$25 per person. Bring a packed lunch as we will picnic on the way down river. We will be doing the “3.5 hour trip” but as the river is usually faster this time of year I was told it might only take 2.5 hours. We should be back at our cars between 1 and 2. We can carpool there, so if you want to carpool from Target at Huntsville West location please let me know in your evite. We will meet at 9:20. Please keep the 29<sup>th</sup> open as our rain date.

**Please RSVP via the evite, 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
	1	2	3	4	5	6
	<p><b>International Women's Club</b> 11 a.m. Dogwood Café at HBG See page 11</p>					
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
		<p><b>RSAMCC Bridge Street Bingo!</b>  See page 2</p>	<p><b>Daytrip Divas</b> 7 p.m. <b>Chinese Lantern Festival at HBG</b> See page 11</p>		<p><b>Craft Club</b> 12:30 – 3:30 p.m. <b>University Pickers</b> See page 12</p>	
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
		<p><b>Book Club</b> 10 a.m. <b>Alchemy at the Camp</b> See page 12</p>	<p><b>Lunch Bunch</b> 11 a.m. <b>Another Broken Egg</b> (Carl T. Jones) See page 12</p>			
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
			<p><b>Bunco</b> 10:30 a.m. See page 13</p>	<p><b>Hiking / Walking Club</b> 10 a.m. <b>North Alabama Canoe &amp; Kayak</b> See page 13</p>		
28	29	30				

# Out & About

The Little Black Dress!



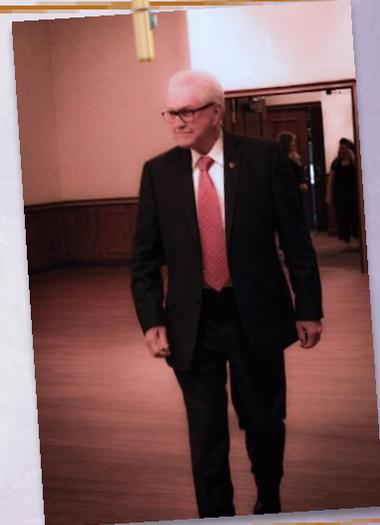
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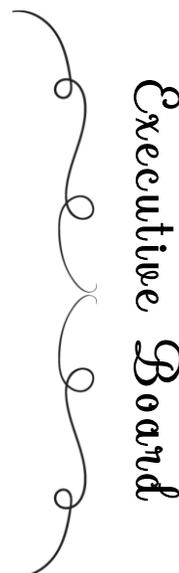
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