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FRIENDSHIPS, FUN AND CONNECTIONS!!!**  
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# President's Travel Brief



Happy Fall to all of our QSSC members and families!

First, I want to send a heartfelt "THANK YOU" to everyone who attended our Welcome Aboard on September 14th. I was completely in awe of how many wonderful people we had in attendance and loved seeing everyone taking the time to make new connections. With that being said, I hope your first connection on this "Passport to Adventure" made you feel welcomed and excited for the next stop on our itinerary.

Fall is by far my favorite time of the year and living in Virginia makes it extra special. Our immediate and surrounding areas have so much to offer at this time of the year. I encourage all of you to take time to explore your surroundings and venture out to somewhere you have never been before because I promise you Virginia is one of the most beautiful places in the autumn. To "fall" into autumn, QSSC took a trip to Great Country Farms on September 29th. From the apple and pumpkin picking, corn mazes, apple cider doughnuts, and the apple air cannons this farm never disappoints. If you were not able to join us, grab a friend or family member and head their way.

In October, we are inviting you to join us on a Haunted Pub Crawl and Ghost Tour in Occoquan on October 12th. Will you dare to make this connection and connect with some friendly spirits? There is still time to register, as we are "dying" to have you! Your next stop will be our Sip and Paint event on October 19th, where one of our lovely members will guide us through a beautiful fall painting to take home and display. You will be giving the "hub" address for this event after you register. Our Bookworms will also meet the last week of October and the book for the month is "Tomorrow, and Tomorrow, and Tomorrow." As we look further ahead into November, keep a look out for our Toys for Tots Luncheon registration, as our team is already hard at work planning.

Don't forget to bring your passports to each connection/event, we want to make sure you receive your official stamp. Enjoy your families, your friends, your adventures, and your time with QSSC. Our time together although brief, is priceless and we will make lifelong connections. "A journey is best measured in friends, rather in miles." - Tim Cahill

Falling into our next adventure,

--Sonserae Martinez  
2023-24 QSSC President



**MARK IT UP**  
*Here is your  
Travel Itinerary!*

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## OCCOQUAN SPIRITS HAUNTED PUB CRAWL & GHOST TOUR

To register for this event, go to <https://quanticossc.wildapricot.org/events>.

12 OCTOBER 2023

7PM (arrive at 6:45pm)

Meet at:

408 Mill Street

**RSVP & PAY BY 4 OCTOBER**

Member-Only Event

20 Spots only!

Our Haunts will be:

The Spot on Mill Street

The Tap Room

D'Rocco's Italian Rest.

Madigan's Waterfront

Each stop is 30-40 min,  
long enough to enjoy a  
spirited drink & convo with  
an actual spirit!

[www.quanticossc.org](http://www.quanticossc.org)

Have you booked your ticket yet?

*Bring a friend,  
everything is better  
with friends!*

October 12th  
Haunted Pub Crawl



MAKE SURE TO CATCH THIS CONNECTION

New Member?  
Returning Member?  
Join with a friend!  
Click [here](#) to register for your membership today!



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# The Crossroads of the Corps

THE QUANTICO SPOUSES' SOCIAL CLUB  
REQUESTS THE PLEASURE OF YOUR COMPANY  
FOR

*Toys for Tots Luncheon  
and*

*Toy Collection Event*

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2023  
THE CLUBS AT QUANTICO  
3017 RUSSELL ROAD  
QUANTICO, VA



ALL TOYS, PROCEEDS AND  
COLLECTIONS GO TO THE  
U.S MARINE CORPS RESERVE  
TOYS FOR TOTS FOUNDATION

QUESTIONS: [PROGRAMS@QUANTICOSSC.ORG](mailto:PROGRAMS@QUANTICOSSC.ORG)

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Have you  
booked your  
ticket yet?

Bring a  
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November  
13th  
Toys for Tots  
Luncheon



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## Sipping With Friends!

Click the image below or [HERE](#) to register!

Your Next Connection Is Here



### PAINT AND SIP WITH FRIENDS

Thursday October 19

11:00 am - 1:30 pm

Address to be given upon registration

Presented by  
Shannon Seaberg



We will be painting a 16X20 canvas.

All materials included. Your own paint station will be prepped and ready upon arrival.

Delicious seasonal snacks, homemade appetizers and refreshing drinks will be served!



\*This is a member's only event!

\*Spots are limited

\*Prepay to reserve a seat.

**REG NOW!**

**YOUR Next Stop is  
Paint n' Sip!**

**Members Only Event**

**October 19th  
11:00 am**

**Limited Spots  
RSVP by 14 Oct**

**New Member?  
Returning Member?  
Join with a friend!  
Click here to register for  
your  
membership today!**





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## BOOKWORMS BOOK CLUB

HAVEN'T BEEN TO THE BOOKWORMS BOOK CLUB YET NOT A PROBLEM... MAKE THIS YOUR FIRST STOP ON THIS YEARS JOURNEY OF TRYING NEW THINGS!

Please join us for another page turning event on **THURSDAY, OCTOBER 26th: 7:00 - 8:30pm**. Please note the date change from when our club normally meets.

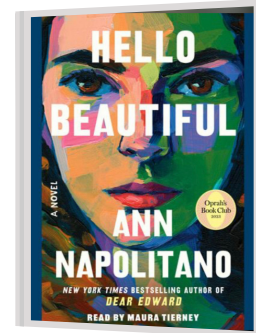
To register for this QSSC Bookworm event please go to our Events Page [HERE](#)

Depending on the location, there might not be LIMITED SPOTS for this event for October. The Book Club is trying to lock in the McHugh Community Center, but as of right now, it's TBD. We will keep you posted. Please do REGISTER EARLY though so we know how many are going to be attending!

### Save the Date!

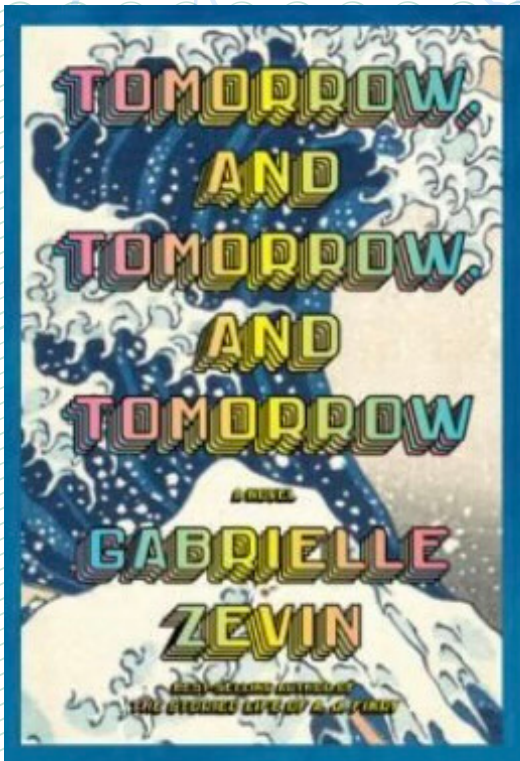
*YOUR Next Stop is Book Club!*

### November's Read



New Member?

Here's a list of the next books we are going to be reading



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## MEMBERSHIP'S MESSAGE

Can you believe that it is October already? We have so many exciting events planned for the year! Looking ahead be sure to mark your calendars for the **Toys for Tots** event in November! Plan to invite friends & family members as it's going to be a great event for a great charity!



# HAPPY *Birthday* OCTOBER



- Catherine Walker - 10/01**
- Annie Herrmann - 10/01**
- Rebekah Clenace - 10/07**
- Melanie Williams - 10/07**
- Jennifer Johnston - 10/09**
- Christina Carter - 10/13**
- Michelle Heckl - 10/15**
- Caroline Cheatham - 10/28**
- Sonserae Martinez - 10/31**

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## UPCOMING EVENTS:



**QSSC Exclusive!!!**

**Governor's Mansion**

**Holiday Tour**

**December 5th!!**

Progressive  
Ornament Exchange  
Date TBD



### Quantico Spouses' Garden Club

October 24th - Fall Flower Arranging

November 17th - Holiday Flower Arranging

December 1st Annual Christmas Tour of Homes



Click here for  
details on  
QSGC!

For details on all these events, look to our [events page](#)

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## What's New - Historian

Dear Friends,

We are making connections and making history together!

Do you enjoy looking at pictures from your childhood or old photos of your Grandparents? I love coming across scrapbooks and photos seeing how people gathered together to make something happen or celebrate an occasion (and see the fashion!).

Please help me create a "time capsule" of photographs of all the events you attend with QSSC. Help me document our time together. To think that some day Spouses will look back at the fun we had, just like I like to look back at all the Spouses that came before us to see what they did 'way back when' is a warm and delightful feeling!

As you attend events and take pictures, please send a few to me at:  
HISTORIAN@QuanticoSSC.org

Please include your name and who is in the picture. Each year, we produce a scrap book, and we submit that to the archives.

QSSC has already had some fun events and the year has barely started! We have some AH-MAZING events coming up and I would LOVE to see what you saw! Send me your pictures, friends.

Like I said, we are making history together!!

Best of Fall Y'all,  
Ruthie Ruppert







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## WHAT'S COOKIN'



### Pumpkin Spice (bread) and Everything Nice

Homemade pumpkin bread is a favorite fall recipe packed with cinnamon spice and (everything nice) I mean, a tons of pumpkin flavor.

I found the following recipe on a great site which I think you will all love. Because we don't have lot of space here I'll share the images and y'all can simply visit the site to download the recipe. Did I mention it has chocolate chips in it... ok, well, those are optional, for others like me, not so much so. I'm telling you this is good stuff.

The images below are those from the site and I think are helpful. They show the ingredients needed, what color the batter should look like and then what the final product should look like.

Good luck in your baking and please snap a few pictures of your finished products or as you move through the process, we would love to share in the next Newsletter. If you have a favorite recipe please share it with us and we can spotlight it in the next Newsletter! Enjoy!





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## THE HAPPENING - AROUND TOWN



Join Our Team!

Come See a Movie!

Calendar of Events



### CALLING ALL VENDORS!

Calling all Marine Corps Base Quantico (MCBQ) crafty individuals, and home-based businesses for the opportunity to bring your arts and crafts, wares, and other sell-able goods to the MCBQ Tree Lighting and Holiday Market Event.

Sign up by November 17



Scan QR Code to register or call 703.784.5803



### Columbus Day Bowling Special

Great for a date, family fun, or showing your buddies what you ~~are~~ are per person. Shoes Included.

October 9 | 1-5 PM | Leatherneck Lanes



Scan QR Code for more info or call 703.784.2210



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## The QSSC Apparel Store - A.K.A. - GRAB SOME GEAR!

**24 HRS A DAY 7 DAYS A WEEK!**

## GET YOUR GEAR

Remembering your time here with the Quantico Spouses' Social Club is great, but you can make it last a lifetime! Make QSSC gear your favorite most comfy "Go-To" weekend wear! All profits from all orders come back to help the club. Items are fully customizable!

BE COOL LIKE THE COOL KIDS,  
GRAB YOUR GEAR FOR THE  
NEW YEAR!

Grab some Gear today by clicking below to purchase:  
[Official QSSC Apparel Store](#)

### Share your wear

Take a pic of you or someone you know in your new QSSC gear and post it to one of our SM accounts! We want to see what you are creating! We would also love to see how far and wide our gear travels! Sort of like where's Waldo!

Looking forward to seeing everyone in their QSSC Gear!  
(We would love for you to send a pic of yourself in your gear. You can post them on our private FB site yourself or send the images right to our [Historian!](#))



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