

# The FKSCC Gold Leaf

## Gold Rush Special

The President's Corner:

Happy New Year!! 2013 was amazing and I know 2014 will be the same (or better). I wish you well in yours!!

We ended 2013 with a bang! I am constantly awed by the commitment of the board, and every other volunteer in the FKSCC. Thank you all for what you do!!

Gold Rush is coming up fast and it promises to be a fun evening. There are many people working very hard to make this night a great event. You may buy your tickets now from any board member (\$10) or at the door on March 15 for \$15. Tickets will be sold throughout post soon! Remember, all the money from our fund raisers goes to the grants and scholarships we give out to the community.

Thanks for being a part of the FKSCC.

Liz

Feeling Lucky????

Yee Haw!! Don your boots and blue jeans and come prepared for this year's Gold Rush. What is Gold Rush, you ask?? It's the best night of country fun – and the largest fundraiser for the Fort Knox Spouses & Community Club (FKSCC). This year the event will be held March 15, 2014 at the Saber & Quill on Fort Knox from 6 pm – midnight. Participants can cheer on their favorite steed in the horse races (each decorated by a command on post); bid on items at the live and silent auctions; and play in the blackjack, poker or bingo games. The Saloon Girls will be on hand as well to entertain the crowd. When you need to wet your whistle, a variety of adult beverage samplings will be available. The Saber & Quill will open at 5 pm to serve dinner if you prefer to fill up before the event starts.

Although the evening is all fun and games, the Sheriff will be on hand to “arrest” those unruly - and unlucky – cowboys and cowgirls. Arrest warrants can be purchased to have attendees thrown in jail. The only way out: supply a get out of jail garter purchased from a Saloon girl or pay the fine. Last year, even the Garrison Commander was behind bars!

All through the evening, you can trade your chips (or cold, hard cash) at the General Store for any variety of items. On hand last year were homemade buttermilk pancake mix, books, children's toys, candles, crafts, glassware and more. Items have been collected for months to provide a wide selection. You can also trade your chips for opportunity tickets.

Proceeds from the event go directly to the FKSCC Scholarship and Community Outreach Funds. Some recipients from the fall outreach program include Wreaths Across America, John Hardin Softball Booster Club, Fort Knox Track Boosters, and BSA Troop 155. Scholarships for high

school seniors and spouses will be awarded later this spring. The club horse will benefit the Hardin County Schools' Family Resource and Youth Services Centers and the Backpack Program. We will help fill bellies of children who may not otherwise have a meal over the weekend.

Tickets are \$10 in advance or \$15 at the door and include 20 chips to join the fun. It will be a rootin' tootin' good time!!



## **GOLD RUSH STORIES**

### **JIM LEVER, 2014 SHERIFF**

Gold Rush has been a fixture on the Fort Knox scene for at least 35 years. The origins of Gold Rush are obscure, but suffice it to say that by 1980 it was well entrenched as the biggest fundraiser of the then-named Officers Wives Club.

My mother-in-law, Mary-Lynn Sparks was a member of the OWC in 1980 and remembers Gold Rush well. She helped create the character "Bullion Burt" who was always looking for gold and telling everyone that Gold Rush was the place to find it. Gold Rush was LUCKY.

It was during this period that the jail and Sheriff was expanded. The Sheriff was elected in those days and anyone could be selected. While the Sheriff was usually a man, that was not always the case and Mary-Lynn remembers one of the ladies carrying a bull whip as the Sheriff!

In the intervening years, some things, like Bullion Burt and the election of the Sheriff (who no longer carries a bull whip) have changed, but many things are the same. Gold Rush is still the Fort Knox Spouses and Community Club's largest fundraiser and it is an evening of gaming, auctions, music and dancing. You still have to watch out for the Sheriff and his deputies who will lock you up for 5 bucks. And you never know what might happen on a night of chance.

Three years ago a soldier came to Gold Rush and "rediscovered" his motorcycle. His wife had just had a baby and they needed a family car, so he traded his motorcycle for the car. The dealer, Tim French, gave the motorcycle to the FKSCC as a donation and we used it as an opportunity prize at Gold Rush that year. The soldier bought tickets for it and won it back!

Two years ago, Tim gave us a beautiful classic VW Bug as a donation and we again used it as an opportunity prize. After the tickets had sold, one of our members realized she had not bought any and went to a friend to see if she could buy some of his. Since he had 20, he decided he would let her have 3. He was just going to randomly give her 3, but she wanted to pick them. Of course, one of the ones she picked was the winner. That's Gold Rush!

While there are several lessons that might be learned from all of this, the one I

learned is: Come to Gold Rush, the stories are great (and you can always make your own)! Gold Rush, March 15th at 6PM at the Saber and Quill. See you there!



## Not Gold Rush, But Still Important:



It is that time of year that we begin to accept nominations for the Executive Board (President, 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary). Nomination forms will be available at the January luncheon and on the FKSCC website. We look forward to receiving your nominations.

The FKSCC is accepting applications for High School & Continuing Education Scholarships! For guidelines and applications visit the "Forms" section of the FKSCC website <http://69.89.31.243/~fortknox/forms/> and be sure to email and post mark the application by the deadline. High School Scholarship Applications are due by 27 January 2014, and Spouse Continuing Education Scholarship Application Forms are due by 28 February 2014.




Are you a part of, or do you know of an organization that might benefit from a Community Grant from FKSCC? If so, the deadline for applications to be received is March 1st. The application can be found at the Forms Tab of the club's website. Contact Kathy Cornelius, Community Grants Chair, if you have any questions. This is the final meeting of the Community Grants Committee for this club year. The Community Grants Committee is looking for volunteers to attend the March grant screening meeting to determine which applications will be approved and how much each recipient will be awarded. This meeting should last no more than two hours and is tentatively scheduled for 10 am on Thursday, March 6th. This is a very important meeting since we work very hard all club year raising funds to give back to the community and want to make sure our limited resources are most effectively distributed. If you would like to volunteer, please call Kathy Cornelius at [\(270\) 300-3370](tel:2703003370) or send an e-mail to [kathcorn@aol.com](mailto:kathcorn@aol.com).

RSVPs: Remember, if you RSVP that you are coming to a luncheon and must cancel FOR WHATEVER REASON, we still need your payment. When you say yes, we make commitments to our caterer (Saber and Quill, etc.). We must honor our commitment. Please honor yours. Editor




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