



AFSA International Family Matters Trustee FRATERNALISM



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I know I've already done my report for this month, but this is a special report on **FRATERNALISM**, one of the 4 Pillars of AFSA. Below are some social event ideas on how to bring your Chapter and Family Members, and their families, together for some friendship-bonding.

Football Potluck Social – this was suggested by **Debby Oesterreich, Chapter 615**, and I think it's an awesome idea. With football season upon us, what a great way for Chapter and Family Members to bond over watching a football game. Yes, guys, us ladies love football, too! You could get together at someone's house or find another venue to watch the game and have snacks and drinks.

Fall Festival of Soup – gather your Chapter and Family Members and their families for your own Fall Festival. Have Chapter Members make crockpots of soup (with the help of their spouses, if necessary). Nothing feels more comforting on a fall day than a warm bowl of soup — especially when it's homemade. You could even have a Soup Cookoff and everyone in attendance would vote for their favorite soup. Prizes could be given to the top three winners -- or whatever you all decide. Family Members could bake up some Fall desserts. If you need ideas, here are some links to recipes for the soups and desserts.

<https://www.thekitchn.com/20-hearty-soup-recipes-for-fall-lunches-amp-dinners-225370>

<https://www.readyseteat.com/inspiration-and-tips/19-savory-easy-fall-soup-recipes-youll-just-have-make>

<http://dish.allrecipes.com/easy-fall-soups-ready-in-30-minutes/>

<https://www.browneyedbaker.com/fall-dessert-recipes/>

<https://www.tasteofhome.com/collection/fall-desserts/view-all/>

<https://www.allrecipes.com/recipes/17213/everyday-cooking/seasonal/fall/desserts/>

Football Tailgating – this, also, was suggested by **Debby Oesterreich** and something I think Charlie and I will try at our tailgating sessions. Any Chapter or Family Members who participate in tailgating at the football games could put an AFSA information table in their area. Anyone who passes by would be able to pick up some marketing materials and get AFSA information without any pressure. Great idea, Debby! I love this!

Family Halloween Party – it might be a little late to put this on, but I'm sure there are some Family Members in your Chapters who could put this together in a jiffy. Whether you're planning a Halloween party before children go door-to-door in the neighborhood or as an alternative to trick-or-treating altogether (<https://www.thespruce.com/safer-trick-or-treating-alternatives-31291260>), host a party that will show guests a howling good time. Check out this site <https://www.thespruce.com/kid-friendly-halloween-parties-3129138>.

Thanksgiving Potluck – this does not take the place of your traditional family Thanksgiving. Instead you can celebrate twice by having a Thanksgiving Potluck (on a different day, of course) with your Chapter and Family Members and their families. Poll your members to see who would be interested and then coordinate as to who brings what. Depending on the size of the group, you may need to find a place for this event. The Chapter could purchase the turkeys (there are always sales going on during this time of year) and the Family Members could whip up the side dishes and desserts. Assign a few members to purchase the paper plates, plasticware, napkins and cups.

Christmas Potluck – I know I've mentioned this before, but it's still another great way to celebrate with your Chapter and Family Members and their families. You will need to find a place to hold this event and coordinate the food. Have everyone dress up in their Christmas sweaters, sweatshirts, t-shirts, etc. Family Members can bake their favorite Christmas Cookies and you could have a contest to decide the top two favorite cookies to be voted on by everyone in attendance. Also, have each person purchase a little gift from the Dollar Store and someone could play Santa. Trust me, they have some awesome stuff at the Dollar Store! If you could get a count ahead of time of how many kids there will be, the Chapter could purchase some toys from the Dollar Store for them. You definitely do not want to leave the kids out of this. It's a family affair!

And how about some Christmas Party games? Here are a few links –

<https://www.thespruce.com/kid-friendly-halloween-parties-3129138>

<https://themilitarywifeandmom.com/christmas-games-for-families/>

<https://playtivities.com/christmas-games/>

<https://www.thedatingdivas.com/50-amazing-holiday-party-games/>

<http://postris.com/list/190/14-fun-christmas-games-to-play-with-family---friends/>

If you have any suggestions, ideas or comments, please let me know.

Until next month, thanks so much for all you do for our country and for AFSA!

Take care and God Bless!

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