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**International Fellows' Spouses attend welcome tea on July 10 sponsored by the Carlisle Barracks Spouses' Club at Quarters 3.**

**Photo by Suzanne Reynolds**

French, Arabic, Spanish and English were just a few of the languages spoken in a welcome tea for International Fellows' spouses.

The Carlisle Barracks Spouses' Club sponsored the event at Quarters 3 on July 10.

Linda Markley, club president, used the welcome event to inform the spouses of club activities that will take place throughout the year, such as: a fashion show, bingo, holiday dessert auction, trips, and more.

"You add so much to our group each year," said Markley.

"We will grow and learn from each of you," said USAWC Commandant, Maj. Gen. Tony Cucolo's spouse, Ginger Cucolo, honorary club president, who also thanked the ladies for coming to the welcome tea and wished them a wonderful year.

While many of the spouses find Carlisle small, they are looking forward to their year here.

"I like it here very much because I like it quiet," said Kholoud Maaitah, from Jordan. "The people here are very kind," said Maaitah who is greeted by her neighbors during her daily walks.



Minna Hirvonen, from Finland, has a goal to achieve while she is living here—fox hunting, something they do not have in Finland.

“This will also be a great opportunity for me to learn how to ride and take care of my own horse when I return to Finland,” she said.



Iлона Nagle, from Latvia, said she was impressed with the architecture in Carlisle.

This will be her fourth year in the United States since they recently moved from Norfolk, where her husband was assigned as a national representative of NATO for three years.

“I remember when I first came to Virginia,” said Nagle. “I couldn’t speak any English and because of this I didn’t want to do anything on my own.”

She assured her fellow spouses, who were not confident of their English skills, that they would become more proficient during their year here.

The USAWC Class of 2013 will include 71 International Fellows and their families from 67 different countries who will live in the greater Carlisle community.

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